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### Body of Knowledge

A St. Norbert education makes for a healthy world. Across campus, work in our labs and classrooms is contributing to better care, better diagnoses, better treatment options for all that ails us. We're training better health professionals, too, formed in the context of a mission that addresses the needs of the whole person.

**On our cover:** At the heart of the matter lies a very Norbertine focus on body, mind and spirit.



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### Best Friends

With their grading behind them and Commencement taken care of, our professors came back to campus for a summer evening romp and photo shoot with their canine companions. We thought it would be like herding cats (oops), but in fact everyone behaved beautifully.



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### Tell Me a Story

A story-spinning initiative on campus this year adds St. Norbert narratives to the nation's largest oral-history archive.

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**In silence:** **Colleen Mandell '18 (page 8)** recalls the silent retreat that she and her classmates made at St. Norbert Abbey as part of their Christian Mysticism course.



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**Incomparable:** "The Class of 2018 is inimitable: so good, it could never be copied. We are originals!" – **Maggie McConnaha '18**.

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**Color Me Crazy**

In 2013, Delta Phi Epsilon sister **Courtney Hiers '16**, wanted to do something big on campus to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and to spread awareness of the condition. The sorority hosted its first Color the Campus Run/Walk for Cystic Fibrosis that year, raising a total of \$1,000 for the CF Foundation. The women of Delta Phi have continued to increase their donation and this year once again sponsored the 5K event.

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## Value proposition for the whole world



The enduring mission of SNC, with its beautiful intersection of the Catholic, Norbertine and liberal arts traditions, allows us to approach learning as a relational endeavor. It's a philosophy that not only elevates the learning experience at St. Norbert College but makes for meaningful outcomes, too. Our study of the macro market and workforce trends underscores the real-world value of our focus on creating an engaging student experience – one that fosters personal, intellectual and spiritual growth for every student.

When you walk across the Commencement stage and accept a diploma, it's a thrilling moment. Back on May 13, 1990, Carol and I were exhilarated to have such a moment along with our classmates. Each one of us shook the hand of President Thomas Manion, then moved our tassels from right to left and entered into our new responsibilities as proud alumni of St. Norbert College. And each of us looked optimistically at our next chapter of life, if a bit unsure of how it would be written. At the time, I had no way of fully appreciating the enduring, lifelong value of my St. Norbert education and all it had given me.

Luckily, this May 13 – exactly 28 years later – I would have the chance to revisit that stage and experience Commencement from an entirely new perspective. This time, for sure, I was fully appreciative of the profound value St. Norbert College gives its graduates and the communities in which they will live, work and serve. As I looked out from the podium, the thrilling sense of joy and optimism we all could see and feel among the 470 graduates and their families was unmistakable. Four hundred and seventy Green Knights, each one adding their gifts to the good work our 22,000-plus alums have done to make the world a more radically hospitable place. Let that soak in for a moment.

One of the assignments I gave myself this past year was to talk to as many members of the SNC family as my schedule would allow. I'm naturally curious and, truth be told, I love a fact-finding mission almost as much as I love finding a great fishing spot. So Carol and I traveled coast-to-coast, from classroom to conference, meeting with alumni and friends. We listened. Learned. Laughed. And the most common question posed to us was about the value of attending SNC today: What makes St. Norbert a special place among the hundreds of liberal arts colleges and public universities out there?

It's my favorite question. And here's the simple, honest answer: We stay true to our Catholic, Norbertine and liberal arts traditions. We offer – and we embody – a vibrant learning environment that:

- provides students with broad knowledge of the world they live in, a deeper understanding of

themselves, and an appreciation for lifelong learning.

- combines in-depth study with essential, highly transferable skills like communication, critical thinking, decision-making and problem-solving.
- offers students lived experiences, each one preparing them for the complexity, diversity and rapid pace of change they will encounter in their vocations.
- leads students toward becoming citizens who hold themselves accountable for seeking truth, acting for justice, and working for the betterment of society.

It's no surprise that our graduates are in high demand in today's job market. In fact, a recent survey of SNC grads found that 96 percent of respondents are either employed or attending graduate school within nine months of their graduation. A recent study by the Association of American Colleges & Universities found that employers are setting a premium on broad-based intellectual and interpersonal skills, and innovative thinking. Ninety-five percent of employers say that a candidate's demonstrated capacity to think critically, communicate clearly and solve major problems is more important than their undergraduate major. Essentially, a broad-based liberal arts education provides exceptional value in today's job market, one which puts a premium on those who thrive in cognitive, nonroutine work. Further, the workforce dynamic in the United States continues to change rapidly. Consider this fact: One-third of those in the national labor force will change jobs every year. By the time our 470 grads are 40 years old, most of them will have changed jobs six or more times. Let that soak in: an average of six or more career changes in the 15 years since they moved tassel from right to left.

Yes, we are preparing our students for a world that is profoundly different from when Carol and I shook Dr. Manion's hand on that stage in Schuldes on a warm May afternoon in 1990. And, yes, the college will continue to evolve. But our focus at SNC is a venerable and valuable asset because we will never waiver from the uniquely engaging, highly relational, Norbertine-centered learning experience we have pledged to offer. It's an education preparing our students for the dynamic lives of good work that they and the world need and deserve.

### OUTSTANDING

St. Norbert's 11 Midwest Conference Elite 20s for 2017-18 came out of 18 possible opportunities, since the college will not offer swimming until next year.

Eligibility is limited to athletes who compete at the conference championship level or have their team advance to the final four in a team sport.

### Elite 90

#### Clay Van Diest '19

had to restart his academic engine when he arrived at SNC to play hockey. Van Diest had spent five years pursuing his hockey dream in the Canadian junior leagues.

Carrying a 3.95 GPA while majoring in English education with a theology minor, Van Diest staked his claim as one of the nation's top student-athletes by earning the NCAA's Elite 90 Award for Division III men's hockey. The award goes to the Frozen Four competitor with the highest GPA. "I took some online classes before coming to St. Norbert, and that helped me get into the swing of things," Van Diest says.

## Green Knights dominate the Elites field

Eleven SNC student-athletes earned an Elite 20 Award from the Midwest Conference this year, shattering the program's previous mark for one season and more than doubling St. Norbert's five awards for 2016-17. Green Knights have received 18 MWC Elite 20 Awards in the three-year history of the award – 10 more than the next closest school.

The Elite 20 awards represent academic and athletics excellence combined and are reserved for just one athlete per sport. The Green Knight MWC Elites represent between them eleven sports – by far the best representation of any school in the conference. To top off this bounty, **Clay Van Diest '19** garnered the NCAA Elite 90 Award for Division III men's ice hockey.

"We tell prospective student-athletes that we'll challenge them when they come here," says **Tim Bald**, director of athletics. "People who have more on their plate get the most done. Almost 30 percent of our athletes work, too. These awards prove that we want our athletes to be successful in the classroom as well as their field of play."

Like many student athletes, Elite 20 tennis-player **Maddie Uhlenbrauck '20** takes a heavier credit load during her sport's offseason to offset what typically is a lighter load during the fall tennis season. "You have to work out a system every day to know what time to do homework or you will eventually run out of time. In college, you have classes, do homework, have dinner, and then go to practice," she says. "You're trying to maximize what you get accomplished during the daytime so you can go to bed at a decent time."

Learning how much effort is needed to keep up with college coursework compared with high school is a challenge that soccer-player **Josh Koleske '20** expects to escalate even further when he



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enters medical school.

"It's a time-management issue," Koleske says, noting he has added a part-time job that he will need to balance with soccer commitments in the fall. "You do have enough time, but you have to make sure when you say you're going to study or work out for your sport that you actually do it during that time."

**Megan Lau '19**, a music major who has to work in practice time on her instruments as well as on the golf course, says: "One thing I had to learn was, I can't just waste time. I'll try and get things done in small chunks of time like an hour. If I can even read a couple of pages, that's something I won't have to do later. Doing something is better than doing nothing."

Left to right: **Josh Koleske '20, soccer; Megan Lau '19, golf; Graceanne Tarsa '19, cross-country; Clay Van Diest '19, hockey; Ellie Lochner '20, soccer; Maddie Uhlenbrauck '20, tennis; Samuel Staehling '20, football.** Not pictured: **David Jensen '18, golf; Taylor Penn '19, basketball; Kelly Heniff '19, outdoor track and field; Alex Vandenberg '19, tennis; Jack Maastricht '20, baseball.**

Liquid assets



**Tyler Butts '18** has received a significant National Science Foundation fellowship for his doctoral education at Iowa State. The award will provide a \$34,000 annual stipend plus a \$12,000 cost-of-education allowance to his graduate institution. Butts also received an ISU fellowship for his first year plus a graduate scholarship of \$3,000 per year.

Butts has worked in the aquatic ecology lab of **Carrie Kissman** (Biology) since his first year at St. Norbert: "We look at lakes, rivers, the food web and how disturbances affect those. It's been fun presenting at conferences and getting grants funded. The interest really grew by being taught how to do everything in the lab and moving on to reading journal articles and starting to come up with questions of my own."

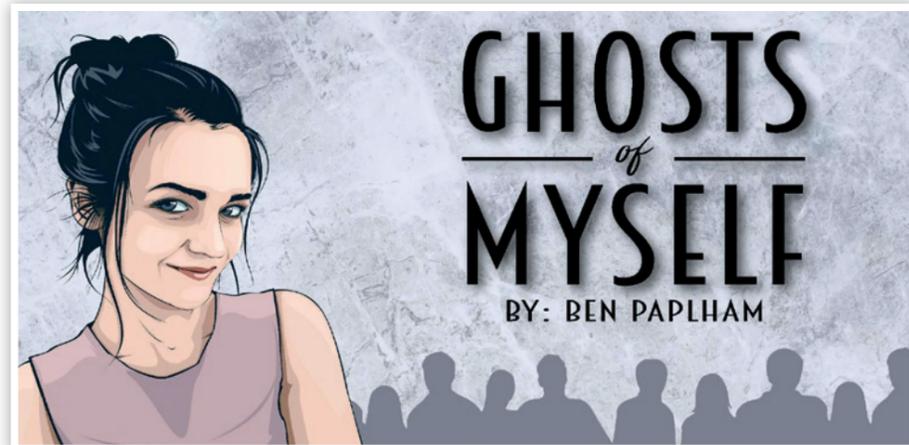
From the editor's inbox

**Colleen Mandell '18** March 21, 2018

I am a senior taking Dr. Park's course in mysticism. On March 6, as a class we spent a night in the St. Norbert Abbey without any electronics, homework or other everyday distractions. We brought one reading of about 10 pages with us and spent the night in quiet contemplation with just that one text. I chose to go for a run in the dark through a snowstorm that night and attended the morning prayer the next day.

I would like to write about my experience for the St. Norbert magazine. Most of my time as an undergraduate I have been very disconnected from my faith. Being Catholic is so much a part of who I am, but I have often felt at odds with it. During the retreat, and in my time in the class, I have been able to cohesively tie both aspects of my identity together.

Mandell recalls her silent retreat. [snc.edu/magazine](http://snc.edu/magazine)



Student-authored play premieres

A St. Norbert original capped the theatre studies season for the five seniors who debuted "Ghosts of Myself" for its six-performance run in April. The Webb Theatre production showcased the skills of playwright **Ben Paplham '18** with **Lindsey Bosetski '18**, **Sarah Conard '18**, **Katherine de Guia '18** and **Alyssa Schinner '18**. "Ghosts" follows a young woman named Zel, who coexists in two different worlds: reality, and a world created by her imagination that she calls "Oblivion." Throughout the play, Zel must determine a way to balance both worlds or risk losing both. The production was the senior capstone project for the five-student team.

Appointed

**Marc von der Ruhr** (Economics) is serving as associate editor of the International Journal of Social Economics and **Jim Neuliep** (Communication) as associate editor for the International Journal of Intercultural Relations.

Selected

**Stacey Wanta** (Honors Program) recently received the National Honors Council's 2018 Award for Administrative Excellence. **Marcie Paul** (MLL) nominated Wanta for the award; Paul, the program director, says Wanta is her "right and left hands." Wanta is "the honors students' beloved and loving guide through the Honors Program,

college and, often, life," Paul says. "She somehow knows all of the 274 honors students by name. Her mission is to make each of them feel known and special." Paul notes that Wanta "brought the program into the present moment" by creating social media accounts for the program as well as a digital newsletter, and says Wanta was an integral part in the development of the program's global seminars.

#MeToo

**Haley Robertson '19**, a business administration major with a focus on human resources, was a winner of the fourth annual WorkHuman Fellowship Essay contest. She traveled to Austin, Texas, in

April to attend the WorkHuman conference, where she learned about making the workplace better and more inclusive. She attended keynote lectures by Brené Brown, Amal Clooney, Simon Sinek and Salma Hayek Pinault, as well as a #MeToo panel with Tarana Burke, Ronan Farrow and Ashley Judd.

WorkHuman is a movement pioneered by Globoforce that empowers leaders to tap into the transformative power of the people they employ.

Invited

**Christina Mirisis** (MLL) presented on "L2 Acquisition of the Italian Voiced Singleton/Geminate Stop Contrast: Is Accurate Perception Necessary for Accurate Production?" at the American

Association for Applied Linguistics conference and **Katie Ginsbach** (MLL) on "Present Past: Cultural Memory and the Use of Media in El Ministerio del Tiempo" at the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference.

Honored

This year's Leonard Ledvina Awards for Excellence in Teaching went to **Rebecca McKean** (Geology) and **Anna Herrman** (Communication & Media Studies). The Bishop Morneau Community Service Award went to **Marc Schaffer** (Economics). The Donald B. King Scholarship Award went to **Yi-Lan Niu** (Music), and the Rev. Dennis Burke Leadership Award went to **John Neary** (English).



12 appearances

St. Norbert's appearance in this year's NCAA Division III Frozen Four matched Norwich University for the **most in Division III history**. Both schools have competed 12 times in the storied playoffs.

"For this class: national title game as sophomore; semifinal game as junior; and now a national championship for the senior class that moves out the door. Pretty good stuff. Every St. Norbert hockey player enrolled since 2003 has graduated with at least one national title to their credit." – **Coach Tim Coghlin**

Goaltender **T.J. Black '19**, defenseman **Sean Campbell '18** and forward **Tanner Froese '18**: this year's picks.

3 first-team All-Americans

St. Norbert has had a first-team AHCA All-America choice for **21 consecutive seasons** – a Division III record.

"We're getting emails, text messages from everyone around. The support we got from our alumni was amazing, and it gave us that much more confidence in ourselves, that much more motivation." – **Tanner Froese '18**, forward and captain, and tournament MVP

8 Years ending in "8" have been big

- 1988: varsity hockey debuts
- 1998: first NCHA championship win
- 2008: first NCAA championship title
- 2018: fifth national title

Our cameras were there when St. Norbert clinched its fifth national title in Lake Placid this spring. [snc.edu/magazine](http://snc.edu/magazine)

# Jumping in one more time

Our new Little Brother is learning how to swim. We are learning to see the world once more through the eyes of an 11-year-old. Reminded of what life is like on that brink, on that edge of leaving the Garden. When jumping in a cold swimming pool is still fun and the cold spray of newly fallen snow is again surprising, refreshing and delightful to me as I find myself gliding down the sledding hill, picking up speed over paths already made.

It has been more than 20 years since Bill and I met our first Little Brother. We were newly married, living in a new city, eager to make new friends and try out our future parenting skills. Getting our first Little Brother through the Big Brothers Big Sisters organization was the perfect opportunity to do both. What great adventures we had! From annual traditions like the Soul Food Dinner, to basketball and bowling tournaments, to fishing and exploring the Nicolet Forest from the old Camp 2 and to trips as far as St. Louis and San Diego. But the most important journey was into each other's worlds. Our Little Brother was learning how to find more mushrooms in spring, how to hook a bass in a weedy lake, how to cook dinner over an open fire and how to save money to buy his first new bike. We were learning about the multiple facets of poverty. About our privilege and how much we take for granted. And about how extraordinary is the ordinary: a stable job, a safe neighborhood, owning a house – a house with a small garden and fresh green beans we can munch on right from our back deck.

After our Little Brother left high school, he disappeared from our lives for many years. Bill filled that empty space by mentoring boys in the foster-care system and volunteering with young men incarcerated. I dove deeper into my work – helping students in their turn connect with children they would learn from. We continued to “wake up”: to injustice, through an encounter with a poor Mexican boy and his dad; to our faith, calling us to “opt for the poor” by putting the needs of the vulnerable first in our daily decisions; to the joy of community with the first Habitat for Humanity House that De Pere built. There were so many needs and opportunities, we could not do enough.

My dear colleague Karina O'Malley's wisdom would guide us: It is our discomfort (or is it the Holy Spirit at work) that calls us to take

action. We don't act until inaction becomes more troubling – more costly to our moral conscience, contradicting our deepest values – than the cost of the action itself.

So the boys grew up, and we found ourselves focused inward. Fully immersed in our own work and family, it seemed like this more ordinary service might be enough. But there was still a missing piece for me that only became clear when we carved out a bit of time in our busyness and accepted an invitation to join a Just Faith group. It offered an opportunity to go deeper. We realized that, as good as our service to work and family was, our faith invited us to a richer, deeper call by engaging in the “two feet of service” – direct service and advocacy. That the one informs the other. And that being part of a community matters. Throughout the 21 weeks of Just Faith's curriculum of prayer and study, we were also asked to meet regularly with someone living on the margins of our community, to see the world through their eyes. That this is where the heart softens, love takes over, and transformation and new insight begin.

So a few months ago, as the demands of family lessened, that old discomfort began to surface again – that dissatisfaction with the injustices of the world; that desire to fix something, to make a difference, to become some small antidote, to not be too distracted, too comfortable in our cozy bubble of privilege and artificial sense of security. And then, out of the blue, we got a phone call. It was our long-lost, first Little Brother. He is now a dad who goes to his son's basketball tournaments, sends his daughter to GLAD Camp, and takes his family on vacation up north each summer for a week of making memories. And not long after that, we were back in the office of Big Brothers Big Sisters, answering interview questions about why we wanted to be a Big Couple again. And the best answer I could think of – because it's fun!

So the other day, after practicing his newly learned swimming skills, we and our new Little Brother were sitting around the table eating lunch. He says to us, “You know what? I have more friends on PlayStation than I do in real life!” What!?!? And our next adventure is off and running.

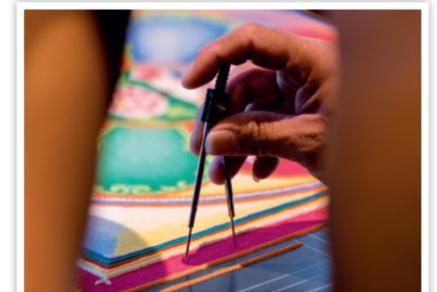
**As the director of the Sturzl Center for Community Service & Learning, Nancy Mathias assists staff, faculty, students and community organizations to develop and strengthen their campus-community partnerships, especially those serving low-income youth.**

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The abbey and college embraced the weeklong presence of Tibetan monks visiting from the Drepung Loseling Monastery in India. The monks were on campus in April to present traditional dance and to construct a sand mandala – a sacred cosmogram used as an object of contemplation. Through the creation of such a beautiful yet ephemeral work of art, Buddhists believe we bring the creative energy of that dimension into our lives and attune ourselves to this natural perfection.

Five days in six minutes: Our timelapse video captures the work of devotion. [snc.edu/magazine](http://snc.edu/magazine)



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Acting on a hunch



Knight Theatre's recent in-the-round production of "The Hunchback of Notre Dame" featured an open two-story set, a cast and crew numbering some 70 students and the Academy Award-nominated score from the Disney movie. Based on Victor Hugo's 1831 novel, the musical, set in Paris in 1482, also presents new songs.

**Sarah Hibbard '17** served as artistic director and **Emma Ferguson '18** as technical director. **Austin Walls '19**, president of the student troupe, produced the show. **Nick Surprise '20** starred as Quasimodo, **Savanna Meo '19** as Esmeralda and **Alex Gruber '18** as Dom Claude Frollo.

The dynamic production was captured by photographer Corey Wilson. [snc.edu/magazine](http://snc.edu/magazine)

Passing the baton

**Kent Paulsen** (Music) has been named the artistic director of the Dudley Birder Chorale. He takes up the position from the chorale's founder, **Dudley Birder**, who retired in June.

"Having worked closely with the chorale in different capacities for more than 20 years, I am excited to pursue many areas where the chorale can grow, evolve and explore," Paulsen says.

Paulsen is the founder and director of the high-energy student show troupe Knights on Broadway and has been the music director for Summer Music Theatre for the past 16 seasons.

Learning that saves lives

School shootings across the country have created a need to prepare for nightmarish situations where appropriate action can save lives. St. Norbert College has already taken steps to ensure that its aspiring teachers know how to react should they find themselves in such deadly scenarios.

The education discipline offers active-shooter response training to its pre-service teachers and has introduced several new training programs designed to prepare pre-service teachers for nonacademic issues that may spring up in the classroom.

There are no guarantees in these frightening situations, but undergoing training and having an established plan increases survival chances. St. Norbert follows ALICE protocol, which stands for Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter and Evacuate.

Additional new training sessions in the teacher-education program include classes built around suicide prevention, bullying, verbal defense, CPR and campus safety. The training segments are taught by willing resident experts already employed in SNC's Campus Safety and Health & Wellness departments.

"The active shooter program was kind of the brainchild," says **Erica Southworth** (Education). "That started a domino effect where we were able to offer additional trainings."

The program was introduced to the teacher-education program in the spring of 2017.

Marking the years

SNC's education program turns 45 years old this coming academic year – and that's not the only excuse for treats in the teachers' lounge.

The discipline also celebrates 35 years of the Mock Interview Relay for Teachers (MIRT) program

and 25 years of the Sophomore Block.

MIRT is an opportunity for teacher candidates to gain confidence by interviewing and networking with school principals and other administrators. Students sign up for 30-minute mock interviews. During the last 10 minutes, they hear feedback on their interview skills and have the opportunity to ask questions.



MIRT not only provides a valuable experience for senior teacher education candidates, but also gives administrators the chance to meet the newest members of the professional teaching community.

Sophomore Block, a pre-student-teaching program, features 10 weeks of intensive training in a classroom setting at partner schools with cooperating teachers.

Big kid on the block

Education alum **Cathy Jacobs '56** has offered ongoing support of the Sophomore Block program that mirrors the opportunities she herself experienced as student. One of the first women to graduate from SNC and, in due course, one of the first cooperating teachers in Sopho-

more Block, Jacobs continues to oversee the Jacobs Award.

The scholarship, presented each semester to outstanding students in the program, was founded by Jacobs and her late husband.

Sophomore Block, a signature element of the SNC teacher-education program, gives students legitimate classroom experience before they declare their major. "The students get a sense of classroom management and classroom culture, and learn the value of building authentic relationships with students," says **Tynisha Meidl** (Education). "Block is a turning point for students to say, 'Yes, this is where my passion lies.' Or, 'Maybe it's time to consider another pathway.'"

The component was initiated in the early 1970s by **Sister Sally Ann Brickner, O.S.F., '67** and **Mural Adams**, then members of the education faculty.

Jacobs says, "When I was in education, student teachers wouldn't get into the classroom for student-teaching until they were seniors. It's important for students to get an indoctrination into what the classroom is like. They get that as a sophomore and don't have to wait until they are a senior and getting ready to graduate."



Phil Oswald

Vice President of College Advancement 2008-18

This was all my vision, to be able to have a ship's telegraph as sort of the mascot for Campaign St. Norbert: Full Ahead. I'd had these old World War II Navy movies rolling round in my head, where the thing goes "Clang, clang" and they go full ahead. It was always about moving forward: "Boom, let's go."

It never really got to that spot but all the same I would be scouting the internet . . . This one's too small, this one's too expensive . . . And then I found it. It arrived one day, shipped in a crate and everybody thought, "What the heck did Phil order, because it's huge!" This one is authentic, it's about 60 lbs.

Now, it's a reminder of a really, really successful campaign. I have an affection for it. When I look at it, I think of all the donors who made that campaign happen. This college has great friends! The beauty around here is so outstanding. Guidance, blessings, open-handedness! To share in that kind of sacrament is inspiring, certainly. It's empowering.

Phil Oswald retires this summer after a 10-year career helping connect friends of the college with their philanthropic passions. He spearheaded Campaign St. Norbert: Full Ahead, which raised \$106 million for the college.

**About the abbot**

The **Rev. Dane Radecki '72** had built a solid reputation throughout north-eastern Wisconsin as a respected leader capable of making difficult decisions, prior to his election as abbot.

The 1967 graduate of Premontre High School in Green Bay became the first principal of Notre Dame Academy, which in 1990 combined the three Catholic high schools in the metro area. He was named president in 1993.

Radecki joined St. Norbert College in 1999 as assistant to the president of the college for mission and heritage, and in 2001 was appointed vice president of mission and heritage, and pastor of SNC Parish. He returned to Notre Dame Academy as president in 2005, then was appointed pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Green Bay in 2010, and in 2012 was named president of the Green Bay Area Catholic Education system (GRACE).

He was named temporary administrator of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception Parish in Greenville, Wis., in 2016, and most recently became pastor of Holy Cross Parish in Green Bay in 2017.



## A community moves forward

*The Rev. Dane Radecki '72 had to resolve his own reservations before agreeing to become the seventh abbot of the Norbertine Community of St. Norbert Abbey, he tells Mike Dauplaise '84. As election discussions progressed, the veteran administrator recognized that the community valued his skills in organizational troubleshooting, and that soon his short tenure as pastor of Holy Cross Parish would make way for new service.*

**Was becoming abbot ever part of your plan?**

This is not something you plan for. This was simply the outcome of a community of men who came together in three meetings to discern what our mission would be going forward; to identify the strengths and weaknesses we have as a community; and finally to discuss the qualities of what we're looking for in the next abbot.

**How did that process play out?**

My ears were open. A small number of people, one by one, would talk to me about this. You can't dismiss it as much as listen and come to your own discernment whether to say yes or no. Those sessions made a difference in being able to say yes. I had self-doubt. I recognized that bringing a skill set to an organization is one thing, but bringing it home is entirely different. This is very different because you live with the people; you don't just work with the people.

**And when your election was confirmed?** I was very humbled, because I really thought when I came [to Holy Cross], that this was it. I thought this was where I would have a place to exercise my pastoral skills in a focused way, unlike most of my other leadership roles. But as the abbot, I am a pastor in a sense. I am pastor of the community.

**What issues are on your plate with regard to the community's mission?**

We will look at three things: What are we doing, how are we doing it, and who can do it? Looking at the future means preparing some of our young men to fill critical positions because some of our members are near retirement. Vocation emphasis is one of the things we'll be working on. We are discussing implementing a policy we already have to provide a live-in experience. We see this as a good discernment experience for those not ready to make a full commitment.

**As we visit today, you are holding dual roles as pastor of Holy Cross as well as abbot.**

Right now it's overwhelming, but it's not a bad overwhelm. I'm starting to realize what the guys want done while also being enthusiastic about the things we have going on [at Holy Cross]. I'm also dealing with issues within my own family. We have transitioned my dad to assisted living, and my mother is now living at the abbey as we look for a longer-term solution. I have a brother and sister who are immensely helpful, but this is another piece to the present busyness.

**Holy Cross is in the midst of a major fund-raising effort. Is it difficult to separate from that?**

I am a person who likes to be engaged in the future, in planning, and then seeing those plans fulfilled even when there are challenges. What makes the transition easier is I sensed the guys want to move our community forward and not just settle in. That connects with who I am and what I can contribute. Had it been the other way around, I don't know what I would have done. But then I would not have been who they were looking for.

## Newly honored as emeriti



With the close of the 2018 academic year, St. Norbert College celebrates the long and impactful careers of cherished faculty members retiring this year:

**Sandra Odorzynski** (Economics), the first woman at SNC to achieve the rank of full professor, has served for 40 years. Her experience conducting economic impact analyses prefigured the Center for Business & Economic Analysis. Odorzynski (above) served on more than 30 college committees. "We will indeed miss Sandy's presence on campus," says **Dave Wegge** (Schneider School).

**Marcie Paul** (Modern Languages & Literatures) joined the college in 1984, teaching Spanish language, literature and culture courses. As well as directing the Honors Program, Paul has been a dedicated supporter of the study-abroad program. "Her work with students and colleagues embodies qualities that lie at the heart of the St. Norbert mission," says **Paul Johnson** (Philosophy), associate dean of humanities.

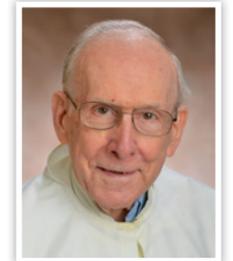
**John Neary** (English) served SNC for 33 years, creating the Freshman Seminar program and establishing Bergstrom Hall as a living-learning community. Neary has been "a powerful force in the resurgence of our Catholic heritage and identity," Johnson says.

**David Duquette** (Philosophy) showed exemplary leadership during his 33 years on the faculty, says Johnson – including formal roles as associate dean for the humanities and fine arts for seven years, and as associate dean for the visual and performing arts disciplines as this new division was formed. Duquette taught courses in political science as well as philosophy. "David represents what is best in the academic discipline of philosophy generally: a deep and thorough knowledge of the history of philosophy combined with a passion for showing how that history relates to contemporary issues," Johnson says.

**Marti Lamar** (History) joined the college in 1993. Johnson says, "In all of her courses she has sustained a level of excellence in teaching." Committed to the cause of general education, Lamar helped create the Core Curriculum program.

**Linda Cook** (Music) came to SNC in 1993 after working as a freelance trumpeter soloist in New York City. She conducted the Handbell Choir and led the SNC Pep Band. Twice nominated as educator of the year, she served on multiple committees at the college. "Linda has been the heart of the music department for many years now, and will be very much missed," says **Stephen Rupsch** (Theatre Studies).

**THE REV. XAVIER COLAVECHIO 1931-2018**



The college community mourns the loss of the **Rev. Xavier Colavechio '52**, who died March 22 at the age of 86. Colavechio entered St. Norbert Abbey and was vested as a novice in 1948. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1955. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from St. Norbert College in 1952, and earned graduate degrees in theology from Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome in 1957 and from The Catholic University of America in 1959.

Colavechio returned to St. Norbert College to serve in a variety of ways. Known to his students as "Rocky," he taught for 15 years, serving as chairman of the humanities division for much of his tenure. He was a member of the college's board of trustees from 1999-2005. He also served as director of the Norbertine Center for Spirituality at St. Norbert Abbey.

"Father Xave had a remarkably fine mind and a sharp wit to match," says **Ken Zahorski** (English, Emeritus). "I remember clearly his meticulously reasoned arguments on the floor of the Faculty Assembly (he rarely lost), but just as well his wonderfully told stories and anecdotes at social occasions, which he loved. He was like a magnet at parties; you just had to follow the laughter and you'd find Father Xave."

Colavechio was one of the original members of the Norbertine Priory of St. Moses the Black in Mississippi. He also was rector of the Norbertine Generalate in Rome. Back in De Pere, he returned to parish ministry, assisting at St. Agnes Parish in Green Bay and serving at the Quad Parishes of Green Bay. He worked on internal ministry while living at St. Norbert Abbey in his later years.

He is survived by the Norbertine community of St. Norbert Abbey and a sister, Sister Regina Fidelis, I.H.M.

**JON CURTIS 1940-2018**

St. Norbert College remembers **Jon Curtis**, who died March 25 at the age of 78. Curtis began working in the office of admission in 1970 and was later promoted to registrar, serving in that role until his retirement in 2000. He also taught courses in political and military history during his three decades at the college. "Jon was a really forthright person. He was quite the raconteur," remembers **Donald Taylor '67** (Emeritus, Galleries). "Watching him tell a story, it just got better and better."

He is survived by his partner Priscilla; son, Joshua; and daughter, Megan.



Pray tell me, sir, whose dog are you?

1. **Wayne Patterson** (History)
2. **Carrie Kissman** (Biology)
3. **AnaMaria Seglie** (English)
4. **Bill Van Ess '85** (Business Administration)
5. **Jim Harris** (Business Administration)
6. **Kristee Boehm** (Modern Languages & Literatures)

- A. Bruiser
- B. Lulu
- C. Snowflake, Max and Klink
- D. Roman
- E. C. Finley
- F. Spencer

Answers on page 34 and online – where we share more faculty friends! [snc.edu/magazine](http://snc.edu/magazine)

# Best friends

With their grading behind them and Commencement taken care of, we invited our professors back to campus for a summer evening romp and photo shoot with their canine companions. We thought it would be like herding cats (oops), but in fact everyone behaved beautifully. The only problem is, we seem to have lost track of who belongs to whom. Can you help us match prof to pup? ♣



# Body of knowledge

By Melanie Radzicki McManus '83, Emilie Smith '20, Mariah Doughman '18 and Hannah O'Brien



St. Norbert education makes for a healthy world. Across campus, work in our labs and classrooms is contributing to better diagnoses, better care and better treatment options for all that ails us. We're training better health professionals, as well, formed in the context of a mission that address the needs of the whole person. And we host a medical college on our campus, too!

## Recent studies suggest ...

St. Norbert faculty members, often collaborating with students, are investigating a wide range of issues relating to health and wellness. Their findings have the potential for great benefit.

Biologist **Ryan King** (at right, standing) has been studying regeneration for a decade, hoping to learn more about the possibility of regrowing human organs. King's work focuses on planarians – flatworms living in streams and ponds. Planarians can be diced into hundreds of pieces, and each of those slivers will regrow into a new worm. King is specifically intrigued by the worm's nephridium, a waste-removing organ similar to human kidneys: "We hope by studying these [nephridium] genes we will gain new insights into kidney biology and perhaps kidney regeneration," he says. King is also studying the parasitic flatworms that infect approximately 200 million people worldwide, hoping to identify genes key to their existence that could then be targeted by drugs.

Chemists **Jon Russel** and **Cyndi Ochsner** are carrying out pharmaceutical

research on narcolepsy, a sleep disorder. Ochsner is studying the transport of dopamine, which regulates alertness, along with the pharmaceutical modafinil, currently used to treat narcolepsy. Russel and student researchers are creating synthetic molecules resembling dopamine and serotonin for use in her studies. And biologist **Russ Feirer** has been digging into the role of polyamines and their related enzymes for more than 20 years, zeroing in on cellular proliferation and metabolism. Information unearthed may potentially be useful in the development of cancer-fighting drugs.

Psychologists **Raquel Cowell** and **Michelle Schoenleber** are focusing their attention on mental-health issues that often strike college-age students: risk-taking and addiction vulnerability, and self-injury. A few years ago, Cowell and student **Briana Scott '19** began digging into whether those who take more risks are also more likely to use drugs and alcohol. They also wanted to determine whether people who grew up in a stressful environment, such as a home with a lot of fighting, were more likely to be risk-takers. Current thinking says students who were exposed to stress are more likely to make poor choices than those who weren't. And students in their first and second years of college are more vulnerable to risk-taking, as their brains are still maturing. Cowell's research may ultimately help mental-health providers offer more targeted services to those who need to improve their self-control and coping skills.

Schoenleber first delved into self-injury research in graduate school, where she looked at whether this behavior was motivated by shame. Prominent theories say people self-injure to rid themselves of unpleasant emotions, or because they believe they're bad and deserve punishment. But Schoenleber's work shows self-injury is also linked to actual shame. In fact, she found people with no history of self-injury reported less feelings of shame after experiencing physical pain. "This might help explain how initial



"Inspiration can be found anywhere."

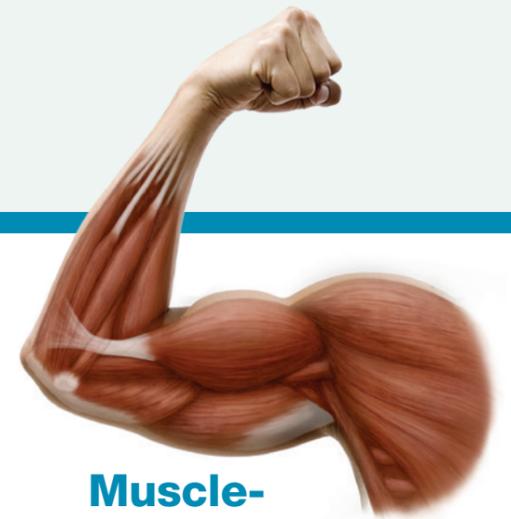
– Jill Yashinsky-Wortman '05

experiments with self-injury lead to a pattern," she says. More importantly, her work indicates that intervention methods for those injuring themselves should focus more on alleviating shame rather than targeting specific associated disorders, such as PTSD or drug abuse.

**Jamie Lynch** is a medical sociologist whose most recent research examines the causes and consequences of the education-health gradient in self-rated health and obesity. And, one floor below his office in Boyle Hall, **Anna Herrman '07**, on the communication faculty, studies eating disorders and body image from a communication perspective.

"Families, especially parents, are the primary socialization factor for children," Herrman says. "So the messages they send their kids about eating, exercise, and what 'healthy' looks like are important."

It can be tricky. If a child loses a few pounds and family members say she looks great, that can create the notion that she should shed even more. The child may also feel her self-worth is determined by her exterior image. Parents can help by talking about how people come in different shapes and sizes, Herrman says, and by explaining that media images are unrealistic and often false.



## Muscle-bound

At medical agency HDMZ, work by **Lindsey Pionek Mattucci '08** may illustrate basic anatomy or complex ideas, such as how genome editing can be used to design therapeutics.



## Brains trust

The petite zebra finch, a striped avian whose brain is similar to ours, may be key in helping us better understand Alzheimer's disease, thanks to the work of **David Bailey** (Biology). Bailey has spent years studying the songbird's memory. His focus is how estrogen produced in its brain – specifically the hippocampus – affects learning and memory function. The results of one study conducted by Bailey, with students and other collaborators, were the first on any vertebrate to suggest brain-derived estrogens are important to learning and memory, and were highlighted in “An Introduction to Behavioral Endocrinology.”



Bailey's work points to reasonable speculation about dementia and Alzheimer's. “We have shown that inhibiting the ability of the hippocampus to produce estrogen, or blocking the action of estrogen in the region, has an effect on memory function similar to destruction of hippocampal tissue,” he says. “It is tempting to speculate that loss of estrogen production and action may be associated with age-associated and sex-specific memory decline.”



## Ask your doctor if this is right for you: pre-med at SNC

The college's health sciences majors offer students the chance to work closely with advisors to ensure their undergraduate studies prepare them for admission to the post-graduate school of their choice. Most students aiming to enter the health sciences pursue majors in biology, chemistry, natural sciences or psychology.

A St. Norbert education also offers opportunities for students to collaborate with faculty on research projects as early as their first year, giving them an edge in the competition for post-graduate school admission. Students showcase their research projects each spring during the Undergraduate Research Forum, and some have gone on to present at academic conferences and to co-author scientific papers.

Pre-professional programs offered at St. Norbert College include:

- **Pre-Medical:** One of the largest areas of focus for incoming students. The pre-med track also prepares students for post-graduate work in the fields of physical therapy, chiropractic, occupational therapy and physician assistance.
- **Pre-Dental:** Depending on the prospective dental school, students complete a minimum of three years of science-focused courses.
- **Pre-Veterinary:** Pre-veterinary students' hands-on experience with animals includes the chance to care for campus dog Abbey!
- **Pre-Pharmacy:** A new partnership between St. Norbert College and the Medical College of Wisconsin allows students to reduce their time to a pharmacy degree by a full year.
- **Nursing:** St. Norbert's partnership with Bellin College allows students to earn a nursing degree with a liberal arts foundation. Students start on the SNC campus, then transition into a 15- or 24-month program at Bellin College.

## If applied correctly ...

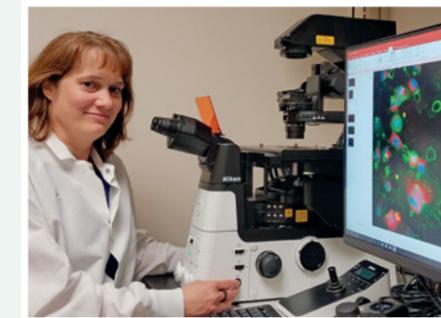
St. Norbert alums are helping to make the world a happier, healthier place.

Take **Brian Hoffmann '05**, now in the joint department of biomedical engineering at the Medical College of Wisconsin and Marquette University.



Hoffmann's independent lab uncovered evidence that sugar and artificial sweeteners negatively alter our metabolism and energy, potentially leading to metabolic syndrome, obesity, cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Or, take **Ryan Fiorini '00** at blinkbi. The business, which he cofounded, purchased the technology to detect concussions within 20 seconds via puffs of air to the eye, then enclosed it within a 4.5-pound, handheld device expected to be FDA-approved this fall.

Veterans are benefiting from the work of **Jessica (Thull) Brundage '03**, a psychologist at Milwaukee's Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center. Brundage works with vets coping with spinal cord injuries and disorders, plus their families. Her work includes those newly diagnosed and participating in rehabilitation as well as vets coming in for yearly checkups or acute medical care.



A trio of alums works at the BloodCenter of Wisconsin: **Bonnie Atkinson '89**, **Daniel Bougie '87** and **Julie Peterson-Bougie '86** (above). Atkinson, a 27-year employee, initially worked in the lab performing testing for organ and bone marrow transplants.

Over time she segued into blood manufacturing; today, she's a senior quality analyst working with information services to build and validate its computer systems. Daniel Bougie, a senior research scientist, spends some of his time investigating why immune systems may go haywire after a person receives a blood transfusion. Wife Julie, also a research scientist, examines the function of tissue factor pathway inhibitor (TFPI), one of several proteins in blood vessels that prevent the formation of blood clots. A better understanding of how TFPI works may shed insight into serious bleeding and blood-clot disorders such as hemophilia, heart attack and stroke.

Out in the wider world, **Jill Yashinsky-Wortman '05** is director of Gonzaga University's Center for Cura Personalis, (Latin for “care for the whole person.”) The center focuses on educating its students about alcohol and other drugs, mental and emotional well-being, and healthy relationships. It also offers treatment and support.

Although **Katie Wickman '03** once worked as a clinical nurse and infection preventionist, she is now a sustainability manager with Advocate Health Care, where she works to lessen the organization's environmental impact. In 2016, she traveled to Ghana with Project C.U.R.E., a partner organization that uses excess supplies and decommissioned equipment donated by Advocate to help global citizens.

**Ted Dugas '72** is a licensed acupuncturist serving New York's Broadway community – an interesting fit given his specialization in treating soft-tissue injuries through both Japanese and trigger-point methods. “It's thrilling and exhilarating to work on these talented athletes, actors, dancers, comedienne and stagehands,” he says.

“Go into whatever you decide to do with an open mind and be willing to diversify your interests.”

– Brian Hoffmann '05



## Family practice

In what may be an SNC first, three brother alums all subsequently earned M.D.s from the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine: left to right, **Matthew Szadkowski '06**, **Michael '09** and **Adam '05**. Adam is currently completing a fellowship in pediatric cardiac critical care in Melbourne, Australia, then plans to return to work in an academic pediatric intensive-care unit. Matthew is on the faculty at Primary Children's Hospital in Salt Lake City and spends his nonclinical time training others on the use of ultrasound in the emergency department. Michael works at Journey Mental Health Center in Madison, Wis.



## Individual results may vary

A strange thing happened one day in Washington State University's chemistry lab: an occurrence that netted **Jacob Day '13** more than \$100,000 in the form of a prestigious National Institutes of Health (NIH) research fellowship.

In 2017, the chemistry Ph.D. student was attempting to create benzothiazole sulfonate (BTS), an organic compound. But his experiment took a surprising twist when, after creating the BTS, he found it released sulfur dioxide in a predictable manner.

This finding was fortuitous. While sulfur dioxide is an environmental pollutant, it's also produced naturally in our bodies. Scientists believe it helps protect against heart ailments, but don't know how. Day's discovery means researchers can now use BTS to study human sulfur dioxide. "What BTS could allow us to do is understand sulfur dioxide's role in ameliorating oxidative effects, or how it acts as an antioxidant," Day says. "It could help us understand high blood pressure and heart disease."

After his discovery, Day applied for the highly selective NIH fellowship awarded to the nation's top graduate students in

health-related fields. Day was selected as the first person to have verifiably made and isolated BTS, and for his subsequent efforts at its development.



**"Knowledge inspires me. I have learned a lot, now that I realize I know next to nothing!"**

– Daniel Bougie '87

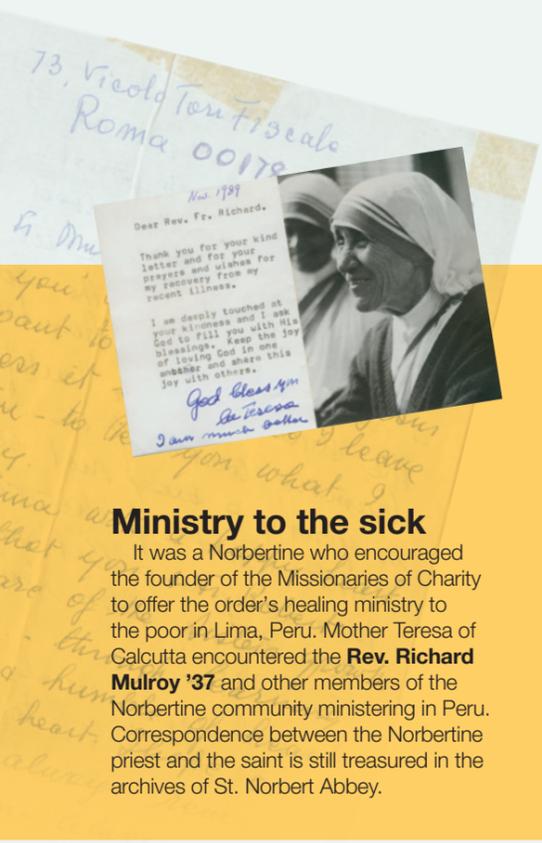
## O Hippocrates ... if that is your real name

"Hippocrates, as we imagine him, never existed. All we know about him with relative certainty is that he was a doctor of some renown who opened a medical school – probably the very first such medical school in recorded history – in the middle part of the fifth century B.C. He is not the author of all the ancient Greek medical books (well over 60) attributed to him; he is probably not the author of any of them. The celebrated "Oath" is not his personal work. "Hippocrates" is really a collection of ancient medical texts by a variety of different (and often disputatious) authors who illuminate with their debates that seminal moment at which human beings dared to claim to know the internal workings of the human body and to be able to manipulate them for the betterment of the human condition. Along the way, of course, they were at pains to explain exactly how it was they knew these things, and what exactly it was that they knew. The "Hippocratic" held forth on psychology, anthropology, physics, chemistry, rhetoric and a host of other disciplines. They were, in short, the first liberally educated physicians, and even if their quirky ideas on health and disease have gone extinct, the Hippocratic spirit is alive and well, at St. Norbert College and elsewhere."

– Joel Mann (Philosophy), author of "Hippocrates, On the Art of Medicine" (2012)

### Ministry to the sick

It was a Norbertine who encouraged the founder of the Missionaries of Charity to offer the order's healing ministry to the poor in Lima, Peru. Mother Teresa of Calcutta encountered the **Rev. Richard Mulroy '37** and other members of the Norbertine community ministering in Peru. Correspondence between the Norbertine priest and the saint is still treasured in the archives of St. Norbert Abbey.



## Doctor, doctor, give me the news

■ The newest addition to St. Norbert's summer-camp schedule is a Summer Academy of Medicine, undertaken in partnership with MCW-Green Bay. High-schoolers exploring careers in medicine and the biomedical sciences will get hands-on experiences in the educational fields they may require to follow their vocation.



■ Before entering religious life, the Norbertine bishop of Sarepta (1297-c.1378) had worked as a physician in northern Italy and probably in Spain. Even after his episcopal consecration, **Thomas of Wroclaw** continued to be well known both as a priest and physician. He was the author of several treatises on medical subjects that included hygiene, medical practice, phlebotomy, blood and urine. His most important work included a directory of medicines. The **Rev. Ted Antry '62** – a renowned scholar of things Norbertine – produced a critical edition of Wroclaw's "Practica medicinalis" while still in grad school at the University of Notre Dame.

■ A \$30,000 grant from the NCAA is supporting efforts at St. Norbert to

continue shifting the campus culture toward responsible attitudes and behaviors regarding alcohol consumption. The grant, which will also help fund fun, safe, alcohol-free recreational alternatives on campus, is specifically targeted to athletes and first-year students.

■ Some 15 million Americans have food allergies! The Caf debuted its allergen-friendly station this year to provide a necessary space where those with restricted diets can customize and receive their food while avoiding contamination.



■ St. Norbert is one of the few private liberal arts colleges in the United States that has an anatomy lab with cadavers available to undergraduates. Local surgeons can also make use of the lab for training purposes.



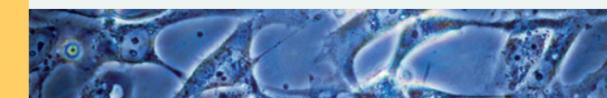
■ When **Colton Wiesner '16** led his TRIPS team on a return visit to Nicaragua, his luggage included 40 new stethoscopes and 40 blood-pressure cuffs to donate to the under-supplied clinics where they served. The team raised more than \$5,000 to purchase the medical supplies.

■ St. Norbert College faculty are among those who teach MCW students on campus. **Deb Anderson** (Biology) teaches anatomy; **Russ Feirer** (Biology) and **Cyndi Ochsner** (Chemistry) teach sessions in the Molecules to Cells course; **David Hunnicutt** (Biology) teaches sessions in Infectious Agents & Host Immunity; **David Bailey** (Biology) teaches medical neuroscience, reproduction and endocrinology. Feirer and Bailey also teach MCW students in Milwaukee.

■ Ancient herbals dating back to the 16th century that belonged to the **Rev. Anselm Keefe, Class of 1916**, can still be consulted in the college archives, along with other volumes from the significant collection of the renowned St. Norbert biologist. ♣

### Medical residency

The Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) makes its home at St. Norbert College in a partnership – perhaps unique for a liberal arts campus of this size – that provides opportunities for both communities. The expansion of MCW into the Green Bay area took place in response to projections of a significant physician shortage in Wisconsin.



# Tell me a story



*Leader, friend, inspiration*

**Jasmine Babineaux '19 and Hannah VandeWalle '18**

One friend interviews another about her passions, her interests and why she feels listening to people talk about their own lives is so important. She also talks about how her friends and mentors at St. Norbert College helped her find a calling to support causes for marginalized and oppressed groups who don't always have a voice. [snc.edu/go/storycorps](http://snc.edu/go/storycorps)

A story-spinning initiative this year adds St. Norbert narratives to the nation's largest oral-history archive.

By Rachel Mueller '14

What would happen if you were given the chance to sit down with a friend, a coworker, a professor, a classmate or an alum and just share stories for an hour?

- No distractions.
- No expectations.
- No divisive discourse.

Just a simple way for you to listen to a piece of someone's history, or recount a piece of your own.

Sure, talking is something we do all the time. We talk to our parents on the phone or to our family at get-togethers. We talk to our friends by tagging them on Facebook or snapping a funny filter on Snapchat. We even talk about deeper topics with our professors and classmates in Boyle Hall. But those conversations can include a glance at our phone to answer a quick text, being distracted by Netflix on the nearest device or just thinking about how we'll respond when there's a moment of dead air.

We crave meaningful conversation, but it tends to sit outside of our regular routine more often than not.

But, it's making a resurgence at St. Norbert College through a partnership with StoryCorps, the oral history project that has touched hearts through the NPR podcast series – as well as through the treasure house of interviews available at its own [storycorps.org](http://storycorps.org) site.

### Understanding through empathy

- Students talking with other students about friendship and growth.
- Faculty reflecting on their time teaching together and meaningful moments in the classroom.
- Staff and students discussing experiences in service and how we thrive by helping others.
- Students from varying backgrounds revealing the hardships and challenges

they face while transitioning into and out of college.

- Sharing the importance of *communio*, finding love in unexpected places and connecting to those around us.
- A college president, Class of 1990, reflecting on his journey home to St. Norbert after more than 25 years.

These are just some of the stories that have been recorded by St. Norbert friends so far with the help of the Cassandra Voss Center (CVC) and the StoryCorps organization.

### Listening as an act of love

When the CVC first launched its Spinning Stories campaign last fall, there was an initial and understandable hesitancy on the part of students, faculty, staff and others to provide personal tidbits and stories connected to their relationship with St. Norbert College.

Will I be recorded?

What do I even talk about?

Why me? I don't have anything important to say.

But those questions didn't prevent stories from being told.

"So many participants felt like they didn't have a story to share, but when they start recording they have these amazing, beautiful, poignant conversations," says **Lauren March '17**, this year's AmeriCorps staffer at the CVC.

She says that this is the best part about these conversations. They are completely natural and give an everyday insight into the thoughts and experiences of a wide variety of people. And sometimes they uncover a path to a stronger relationship, or give a way for two people to connect more fully or find common ground on a subject that hasn't been touched before:

**Julie Massey '87** (Mission & Student Affairs) still considers herself a student of **Karina O'Malley** (Sociology) even though decades have passed since her undergraduate years: "It was like putting puzzle pieces together. How we looked back on our experiences during that time, from different perspectives was amazing."

**Paige Bonner '19** and **Janie Janczakowski '21** didn't realize how

connected they would feel discussing their time away from campus until they sat down together and unpacked each of their journeys in different parts of the world.

**Daniel Webster '17** revealed that you still have a lot to learn about someone despite being friends for 20 years when he reflected on his conversations with **Terrell Brantley '20**.

And **Hannah VandeWalle '18** responded in a similar way: "I felt so full coming out of that conversation [with **Jasmine Babineaux '19**]. I learned so much about Jas and felt like something was lifted between us. It deepened our friendship."

That's the power of storytelling at work. While listening to these interviews and the many others that have already been recorded, you feel the innate value of a conversation that isn't forced. In these moments, listening is an act of love and all of the attention is solely focused on the story being told or being heard, maybe for the very first time. "We wanted people to tell stories that made sense to them," says March. "We worked to make sure we were bringing people from every area of our community in this shared experience. Everyone's story matters."

### Stories for the whole world

Every story is worth sharing in some way – that's the central part of the StoryCorps mission.

A not-for-profit founded by radio producer Dave Isay, StoryCorps is well-known among oral-preservation projects. Its work promotes the value of listening and uses one-on-one conversation to help build a shared human experience. Through its efforts, the initiative hopes to create a more just and compassionate world by preserving and sharing stories of everyday people, one exchange at a time.

"Our goals were getting people to listen to each other, have human conversations, which is what the StoryCorps mission is and what they wanted to achieve, too," says **Jaime Gonzalez**, assistant director of the CVC. "So it was the perfect fit."

You've likely heard a few of StoryCorps' interviews featured on PBS as StoryCorps Shorts through the station's POV series.



*Love, faith and legacy*

**Kurt Voss and Bridget Burke Ravizza (Theology & RS)**

A father talks about his relationship with his daughter **Cassandra '08** – a relationship founded on love, respect, and dialogue across differences. The friends also discuss how the Cassandra Voss Center came to be and bring up a few of the little miracles that happened along the way that helped it become a key part of St. Norbert College. [snc.edu/go/storycorps](http://snc.edu/go/storycorps)

Opposite, top, **Maria Sauer '17** and **Shannon Salter '18** archived their conversation about building a community through service.

These animated snippets highlight only a few of the thousands of stories the organization has gathered from people around the world since 2003.

The Storycorps archive comprises one of the most extensive digital collections of recorded human voices. More than 75,000 interviews – including the growing collection of St. Norbert stories – can be found in the online archive. Those stories are also preserved at the American Folklife Center at the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

**Bridget Burke Ravizza** (Theology & Religious Studies), who stepped in as interim director of the Cassandra Voss Center this year – the center’s director, **Karlyn Crowley** (English), just recently came back from a year-long sabbatical – particularly liked the idea of stories as a way to respond to some of the divisiveness we see pop up in our own circles, both in person or online.

She explains that, when we understand differences and see commonalities, we humanize. And when we humanize one another instead of seeing labels, we increase our empathy and positive dialogue with others from diverse backgrounds and cultures.

She also believes tools like StoryCorps are crucial in bringing back more thoughtful conversation and inspiring people of all kinds to share their stories in an unfiltered way.

“Something has been lost in our culture

... . We have lost the skill of conversation and how important it is for our own sense of self,” she says. “It deepens our reflection to be in conversation and helps us understand ourselves. It helps us build relationships of all kinds when you listen and get to know someone from their perspective.”

And this storytelling effort culminated in a year-end showcase that highlighted the participants, their experiences and the impact of their stories, specifically through four different themes: friendship and community; hope and faith; solidarity and justice; and transformative education.

“We wanted to spread a culture of dialogue on campus,” says Gonzalez. “Instead of just a ‘hey, how’s it going?’ kind of conversation, we wanted people to take the time to sit down ... to learn more than just their viewpoints, the backstory of their beliefs. There’s something that happens when you’re in that space with another person for an hour and that’s why I encourage it. You come out of it with a new sense of something new. It’s magical and powerful and cool.”

March agrees wholeheartedly and adds that the way we think about conversations should change, too: “It’s so simple that we forget how important these conversations are. We think we have conversations all the time, but we never actually take time to just listen to other people just for the sake of hearing them and not for anything else.” ♣



### Life lessons

**Frank Cushman '18 and Logan Kostos '18**

Two SNC friends share thoughtful conversation about studying philosophy, and how a knowledge of ethics connects not only to an examined life, but to career aspirations in the business of sustainable agriculture. [snc.edu/go/storycorps](http://snc.edu/go/storycorps)

# Alumni

OF ST. NORBERT COLLEGE



## Networking in a new light

It’s a recipe for empowerment and fun: intriguing events plus inspiring women who share a common alma mater – St. Norbert College.

Knight Lights, the college’s new women’s network, launched in April with a colorful inaugural event at Au Naturale, a Green Bay-based makeup business run by **Ashley Prange '05**. Prange leads a team of 22 employees in manufacturing, packaging and selling the high-end “clean beauty” brand, available in 176 locations this fall with global distribution.

Attendees from a wide range of ages and business backgrounds enjoyed cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, sampled cosmetics and traded stories about their lives, including their college days. “You feel like you know people already because you share a common experience,” says Prange. “It’s more like you’re meeting a family member you already know and trust.”

The student-led organization Women in Business played an integral role in organizing the event, bridging the gap between students and alumnae. “Ashley let the students ask her questions, and their eyes were just huge,” says Knight Lights co-organizer **Chris Betcher** (Alumni & Parent Relations). She says this kick-off event went beautifully, with an energy and buzz that were palpable. “Our purpose is to bring our women alumnae together for empowerment,

to lift each other up, and to showcase what some of our alumni are doing in a fun and intimate, engaging setting. We want it to feel like a girls’ night out, but we’re also learning and networking.”

Prange adds: “*Communio* is such a focus in the last 10 years at SNC. Taking that a step further, where you’re just focusing on women, I think it helps bolster us to more of an equal threshold. We can come together to network, find solutions and lean on each other, and that is made easier because of this like-mindedness that St. Norbert College brings together.”

Prange’s message to the women in attendance focused on taking opportunities and maximizing one’s network. When she needed to find talented employees to expand her business, SNC mentors helped her recruit **Paige Peerenboom '14**. Peerenboom says she was glad to have an opportunity to show fellow alumnae the Au Naturale operations.

Organizers hope to hold a Knight Lights event twice each year.

“I’m thrilled I went!” says **Sarah Paulson '11**, who expressed interest in hosting future events. “I work in finance, which is a male-dominated industry, so any time I can make a connection with other professional women, I’m all about it. To the powers that be: We need to keep this going!”

### Color-coded

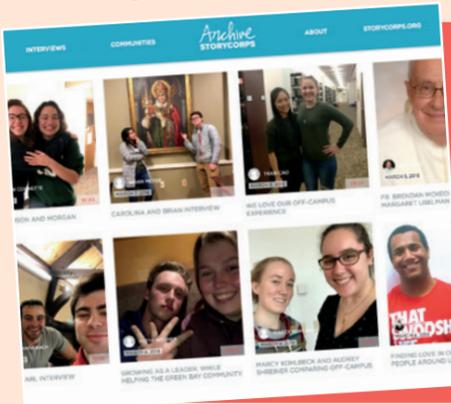


Each guest at the Knight Lights launch event went home with an Au Naturale lip gloss called Tickled Pink, “a sheer, light-pink with a little sparkle and a universally flattering appeal.”

Employee **Paige Peerenboom '14** explains the art and science of color selection in the makeup business: “With each season there are a lot of colors, finishes, ingredients, textures, smells that go into making a product. I go through all runway trends, look at what colors would fit into the season for all of our products, and look at our big wall of color in our pigment room. Then I start blending and having our ladies in the lab test the samples.”

What are this season’s big trends? Peerenboom says pinks, oranges and monochlor are hot, which is why Au Naturale is marketing a multistick that can be used on lips, cheeks and eyes.

## Share your St. Norbert story through StoryCorps



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This isn’t the end of the Spinning Stories campaign.

“[StoryCorps] was something that we could initiate this year, but not something that would stop at the end of this year,” says **Bridget Burke Ravizza** (CVC, Theology & RS). “We can continue to archive stories from our community, from students, from Norbertines, from anyone, anywhere, really.”

Anyone from St. Norbert College’s wider community is invited to encourage others to sit down for a conversation. Readers, your stories have value!

**Births/  
Adoptions**

**2001 Kristy (Harr) and Joe Krautkramer '01**, Green Bay, a son, Lathan, Dec. 21, 2017. Lathan joins brothers Lincoln, 7, Liam, 5, and Leyton, 3.

**2003 Dan and Laura Sundberg**, Colorado Springs, Colo., a daughter, Abigail, Jan. 18, 2018. Abigail joins sister Maggie, 4, and brother Gavin, 3.

**2004 Michaela (Crawford) and Tyler Wickman '05**, Ashland, Wis., a son, Price Patrick, March 5, 2018. Price joins brother Lincoln, 8, and sisters Sawyer, 7, Sloan, 5, and Elin, 1.

**2004 Jeffrey and Carrie Krol**, Chicago, a daughter, Edith, March 26, 2018. Edith joins brother Harvey, 3.

**2005 Cindy (Geiser) and Justin Dodge**, Mequon, Wis., a son, Oscar, Feb. 5, 2018. Oscar joins sister Cora, 3.

**2005 Megan (Kirchoffner) and Steve Krase '05**, Erie, Colo., a son, Bennett Andrew, March 18, 2018. Bennett joins sister Marin, 3.

**2006 Bill and Keri Harrison**, Marquette, Mich., a daughter, Rowan, Nov. 7, 2017.

**2007 Edward "Teddy" and Annabelle Fleming**, Sartell, Minn., a son, Henry Hugo, Aug. 20, 2017. Henry joins sister Clara, 6, and brother Edward, 2.

**2007 Meghan (Smith) and Kevin Geary**, Palos Heights, Ill., a daughter, Grace, Aug. 20, 2017.

**2007 Sandi (Fagan) and Jason Delvaux**, De Pere, a son, Teddy,

Sept. 11, 2017. Teddy joins brothers Owen, 3, and Bennett, 2.

**2008 Sarah (Schultz) and Dan Holland**, Wauwatosa, Wis., a son, Westley Manuel, Nov. 17, 2017. Westley joins sister Ainsley, 2.

**2008 Jenna (Miller) and Brett Yost '08**, De Pere, a son, James Joseph, Jan. 5, 2018. James joins brother Zachary, 2.

**2008 Alyson (Rezin) and Ian McCann '08**, St. Paul, Minn., a son, Sterling Patrick, Jan. 19, 2018. Sterling joins sister Isla Joy, 2.

**2009 Angie (Currie) and Mike Biancalana**, Palatine, Ill., a daughter, Vivian, Sept. 20, 2017. Vivian joins sister Adele, 1.

**2010 Kristin (Brandt) and Nathaniel Redig '10**, Saukville, Wis., a son, Liam Nathaniel, Sept. 27, 2017.

**2011 Jody (Kolter) and Aaron Benson '11**, Menomonee Falls, Wis., a son, Jude William, Sept. 30, 2017.

**2011 Bridget (Zach) and Brian Finnel**, Verona, Wis., a daughter, Ellowyn, Nov. 1, 2017.

**2011 Sarah (Fagan) and Ryan Villeneuve**, Green Bay, a son, Henry, Nov. 1, 2017. Henry joins brother Vincent, 2.

**2011 Katie (Latz) and Sam Froelich '09**, Phoenix, a daughter, Marcela Julia, Jan. 29, 2018. Marcela joins brothers Norbert, 2, and Vincent, 1.

**2012 Greg and Katrina Simkowski**, Wausau, Wis., a son, Connor Tyler, March 4, 2018.

**2013 Anna (Vanden Hogen) and Tim Van Eperen '13**, Little Chute, Wis., a daughter,

Everly, Sept. 9, 2017.

**2014 Philip Ohlinger**, Hobart, Wis., a daughter, Juniper Jade, Sept. 4, 2017.

**Marriages**

**2003 Scott Zegers and Carly Carmody**, Aug. 19, 2017. They live in New York City.

**2006 Virginia Hansen and Brian Conti**, Sept. 24, 2017. They live in Chicago.

**2008 Felicia Harazin and Zachary White**, Sept. 9, 2017. They live in Chicago.

**2011 John Riemer and Stephanie Mervyn**, Sept. 23, 2017. They live in De Pere.

**2013 Yerzhan Naurubayev and Altyнай Kassymzhanova**, Aug. 26, 2017. They live in Green Bay.

**2013 Erin Mulleady and Ryan Hallberg '13**, Aug. 26, 2017. They live in Green Bay.

**2013 Mary Spies and Christopher Gusman '12**, Sept. 2, 2017. They live in Green Bay.

**2013 Mollie Nelson and Paul Strickler '09**, Sept. 23, 2017. They live in Menasha, Wis.

**2013 Kelsey Smith and Tyler Hahn**, Sept. 29, 2017. They live in Milwaukee.

**2014 Travis Mason and Courtney Hansen**, July 29, 2017. They live in De Pere.

**Deaths**

**1948 Edward Rollman**, of Denver, died Dec. 3, 2016, at the age of 93. He served as a member of the Signal Corps in the Pacific during World War II and later began a career at

A.B. Hirschfeld Press. He is survived by seven children.

**1950 Gerald Gibbons**, of Gurnee, Ill., died Jan. 12, 2018, at the age of 88. He served as a member of the U.S. Air Force, assigned to strategic air command during the Korean War. He continued service in the Air Force Reserve, achieving the rank of captain. He later worked on spacecraft systems at Grumman Aerospace. He is survived by six children.

**1951 Charles Beilke**, of De Pere, died Dec. 26, 2017, at the age of 88. He served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany. He worked for Shade Business Forms before purchasing Herman Office Supplies, which he renamed Desk Supplies & Systems. He is survived by his wife, Jewell, and three children.

**1951 Milton Parins**, of Green Bay, died Dec. 31, 2017, at the age of 93. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean War. He was a lifetime member of the Elks Club in Green Bay, and was a charter member of the Crooked Lake/Mountain Lions Club. He spent 43 years with Farmers Insurance Group, retiring as a district manager. He is survived by his wife, Dianne, and four children.

**1952 Dr. Vincent Winter**, of Shorewood, Minn., died Nov. 7, 2017, at the age of 87. He served as a commissioned officer in the Corps of Engineers for the U.S. Army. He later graduated dental school and began work as an orthodontist. He is survived by five children.

**1952 Henry Klysen**, of Green Bay, died Dec.

9, 2017, at the age of 90. He served in the U.S. Army in Italy. He later taught at Central Catholic High School before beginning a 31-year career at IBM. He is survived by four sons.

**1952 Edith Sabo**, of Green Bay, died Jan. 7, 2018, at the age of 95. She spent her career teaching in Allouez, Wis., and Green Bay schools, and she was the first principal at Webster Elementary School while also teaching first grade. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

**1953 Donald Quinette**, of Green Bay, died Dec. 2, 2017, at the age of 89. He served as a member of the U.S. Navy 1946-48, then reenlisted in 1950 to serve during the Korean War. He later worked as an officer at the Brown County Sheriff's Department, and was eventually promoted to captain. He is survived by his wife, Genevieve, and five children.

**1953 Ronald Nelson**, of River Forest, Ill., died Dec. 17, 2017, at the age of 86. He served as an officer in the U.S. Army. He later pursued a career in the insurance business at R.T. Nelson and Associates Ltd. He is survived by his wife, Eileen, and 11 children.

**1954 Clarence Baierl**, of Suamico, Wis., died Oct. 12, 2017, at the age of 75. He served as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps before beginning a career as a field-service technician. He is survived by his wife, Kathy, and three children.

**1954 Dr. Roger Zehren**, of Winona, Minn., died Dec. 24, 2017, at the age of 85. He practiced dentistry for more than 50 years. He served as president of the dental society and worked on the implementation of water

fluoridation. He also served on the leadership committee at the Rochester (Minn.) Vocation & Technical School. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and six children.

**1955 Dr. Henry Rahr**, of Green Bay, died Dec. 26, 2017, at the age of 84. He enjoyed years of medical practice at the Luxemburg (Wis.) Clinic, and was awarded the Luxemburg Community Service award for his dedication. He also served on the medical staff of St. Vincent and Bellin Memorial hospitals. He served as president and was an active member of the University of Wisconsin Medical School Alumni Association and the Brown County Medical Society. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and four children, including **Melissa Wiggins-Lemkuil '92** and **Wendy Lemkuil '89**.

**1956 Richard Niesen**, of Cottage Grove, Wis., died Dec. 4, 2017, at the age of 87. He served as a member of the U.S. Army in Korea, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He later was employed by General Motors Co., where he fueled his love of automobiles. He is survived by five children.

**1956 Richard Quinlan**, of Wabeno, Wis., died Jan. 1, 2018, at the age of 88. He served as a member of the U.S. Navy before receiving his master's degree and beginning a career in the Green Bay recreation department. He also worked as an English and history teacher and as a school counselor at various schools. He is survived by three children.

**1956 Wayne DeLorme**, of Green Bay, died Jan. 21, 2018, at the age of 83. He served as a member of the U.S. Army during

the Korean War. Later, he began his career in the banking industry, working as president of Community Bank. He is survived by his wife, Lee, and son, **Mark '89**.

**1957 Detz Hecker**, of Green Bay, died Dec. 28, 2017, at the age of 86. He served as a member of the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and worked in the U.S. Department of the Treasury as a corporate auditor. He also taught accounting at the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, St. Norbert College and Northeast Wisconsin Technical College. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and three sons.

**1958 William Flynn**, of Kaukauna, Wis., died Oct. 13, 2017, at the age of 86. He served as a member of the U.S. Naval Air Force during the Korean War. Later, he worked as a science teacher at Quinry Middle School and Kaukauna High School. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, and three children.

**1958 David Delahaut**, of Green Bay, died Jan. 22, 2018, at the age of 81. He served as a member of the U.S. Army before beginning a career in beer distributing, eventually retiring from Dean Distributing. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie, and three children.

**1959 Dr. Ronald Strebel**, of Neenah, Wis., died Dec. 15, 2017, at the age of 81. He served in the U.S. Army as general medical officer and as company commander. After his service, he practiced at Ob-Gyn Associates. He is survived by his wife, Joan, and five children.

**1961 Malcolm Koehn**, of Appleton, Wis., died Dec. 24, 2017, at the age of 80. He served as

a member of the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and was the honor graduate of his company at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. He worked at Wisconsin Tissue until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Bette, and three children.

**1962 John Herbstritt**, of Naples, Fla., died Nov. 22, 2017, at the age of 76. He is survived by his wife, Lynne, and four children.

**1962 William Martens**, of Green Bay, died Dec. 10, 2017, at the age of 74. He served as a captain in the U.S. Army before beginning a career with Fort Howard Paper, retiring as the director of purchasing. He is survived by his wife, Joanne, and two children.

**1963 Thomas Merrion Hickman**, of River Forest, Ill., died March 27, 2017, at the age of 75. He is survived by his nieces and nephews.

**1963 Roger Glennon**, of Schererville, Ind., died Nov. 16, 2017, at the age of 76. He served as president of the St. Thomas More School Board, and later spent time singing in the chorale and funeral choirs and working with the garden club. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and four children.

**1964 William Symons**, of Appleton, Wis., died Dec. 31, 2017, at the age of 77. He worked as an elementary school teacher and bus driver. Driving a bus was his passion, as it allowed him to travel across much of the United States. He is survived by three children.

**1968 Richard Farley**, of Honolulu, died Nov. 13, 2017, at the age of 71. He served as a member of the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam

**Chris Hess '02**



**Spreads goodwill**

*Chris Hess '02 took the helm of Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin as president and CEO in March.*

**Share the wealth** A lot of people experience Goodwill from the trunk of their car, either dropping off a donation or making a purchase in one of the stores. But I've been able to really dive in and see the work that goes on behind the scenes and the programs and services that our retail operation funds. We touched 72,000 lives last year through our 24 programs.

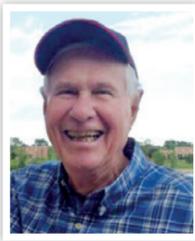
**People power** There's no better feeling than to come into work every day knowing that all of the effort we're putting forth is really aimed at improving the community through elevating people. I believe that our communities don't change – people change and they change the community.

**In with the new** We recently launched a site called Restitch.com where we're selling donated high-end women's apparel. That's the next evolution in our retail operation. We narrowed it down to women's apparel because that's our biggest demographic. (And, you know, men wear their clothes until they fall apart.)

**Give it your all** I spend a lot of time outside with my kids, chasing them around. Anna (8) is starting to play basketball; Christian (5) has got his t-ball season. When we're not doing that, we're outside boating or fishing, trying to enjoy the two months of summer that we get.

**It takes a village** Which is harder: raising a family or running a nonprofit? That's tough. They're both challenging and rewarding, let's put it that way.

ALUMNI OF ST. NORBERT



**A man of words, good to his word**

His was a life of service, and St. Norbert College was one of many organizations to benefit from the cheerful generosity of **Harry Maier '51**. Harry, a former newspaper editor, retired to a second career as tireless giver of his time: a career that included hundreds of hours of service to his alma mater, whether manning the grill or contributing to this magazine. **Brother Steve Herro '85**, who

worked alongside Harry out in the community, came to appreciate his extreme love for people: "young, old; rich, poor; churched, unchurched; highly educated, less educated. When volunteering, he could be found in the boardroom, chairing a government meeting, washing dishes, or interviewing a distraught client at St. Vincent de Paul. He wore many hats and appealed to everyone. He was truly representative of the Great Generation."

Harry is survived by his wife, Marian, four children and nine grandchildren including **Kathryn '09**, **Allie '16** and **Nicole '18**.

War before working at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He later worked in airport maintenance for the Department of Transportation until retirement. He is survived by his wife, Gail, two daughters and a stepdaughter.

**1968 Laura (Gloss) DuPont**, of St. Louis, died Dec. 17, 2017, at the age of 72. She spent her career as a teacher, working at schools abroad for many years before settling in St. Louis. After receiving her graduate degree, she moved into the position of principal at Claymont Elementary and, later, Glenridge Elementary. She is survived by her husband, **Bob '68**, and two children.

**1972 Thomas McInerney**, of Milwaukee, died Dec. 23, 2017, at the age of 68. He worked in sales at Gareth Stevens Inc. He is survived by four siblings.

**1977 Michael Dessart**, of Green Bay, died Dec. 19, 2017, at the age of 65. He was president of Healthy Dynamics. A talented basketball player in high school, he still holds the Fox Valley Conference single-

scoring record with 59 points. He is survived by three brothers.

**1978 Edwin McNichols**, of San Diego, died Oct. 18, 2017, at the age of 61. He received a juris doctor degree and spent years practicing law in multiple states. He was most recently employed at GE Financial. He is survived by two children.

**1978 Nancy (Toppins) Shannon**, from New Berlin, Wis., died Jan. 9, 2018, at the age of 62. She spent years working with autistic children and volunteering at her children's schools. She is survived by her husband, Bob, and two children.

**1979 Mark Schulte**, of Elmhurst, Ill., died Nov. 1, 2017, at the age of 60. He began his career as a member and trader with the Chicago Mercantile Exchange before working for CME Group. He is survived by two children.

**1980 Lorrie (Dolan) Huber**, of Mt. Prospect, Ill., died March 20, 2018, at the age of 59. She was assistant to the office of the clerk at Wheeling Township, Ill., and worked as a travel agent and a flight attendant. She is

survived by her husband, Mike, two children, and siblings **Larry Dolan '78** and **Linda (Dolan) Cunningham '74**.

**1992 Alyce Bourjaily**, of Westchester, Ill., died June 9, 2015, at the age of 44. She is remembered for her infectious smile and honest outlook on life. She is survived by her parents and six siblings.

**2010 Sarah (Birr) Rust**, of Pulaski, Wis., died Jan. 28, 2018, at the age of 29. She worked for the Village of Pulaski Police Department for years. She also spent time selling for LuLaRoe and Papparazzi Jewelry. She is survived by her husband, Michael.

**Class Notes**

**1950 Richard Schwaller** and his wife, Jonella, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 29.

**1969 George Meyer** has been inducted into the Wisconsin Conservation Hall of Fame this year for his 30 years of work with the Department of Natural Resources and for his service as executive director of the Wisconsin Wildlife Federation.

**1978 Ralph Tease Jr.** has been recognized as a top-10 lawyer in Wisconsin by Super Lawyers, a rating service of lawyers from more than 70 practice areas. A senior managing partner of Habush Habush & Rottier S.C., Tease has dedicated his practice to exclusively representing people who are injured in accidents due to the fault of others. His selection as a top-10 Wisconsin lawyer reflects the high level of respect he has earned from his peers, as well as his professional achievement and dedication to helping others.

**1980 John Rappel** has been named a Most Valuable Professional in technology by Sitecore, an experience management software developer.

**1981 Andy Wallendal** has been presented with the Agri-Communicator Award for excellence in communication and dedicated service in presenting a positive message about the agriculture industry.

**1982 Karen (Albers) and Todd Borman '82** have retired and relocated to Corvallis, Mont.

**1988 Dean Stewart** has been named executive director of the Center for Exceptional Leadership (CEL) at St. Norbert. *Stewart and the CEL were included in the spring 2018 issue of St. Norbert College Magazine, available online at [snc.edu/magazine/2018spring](http://snc.edu/magazine/2018spring).*

**1990 Lynie Vincent** has been added to the board of directors at the Bank of Luxemburg, Wis.

**1991 Christine Battist** has joined real estate services firm Avison Young as a principal and chief financial officer.

**1991 Craig Barrett** has been selected as the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Disposition Services deputy commander for Afghanistan to lead a Department of Defense-contracted workforce consisting of civilians and members of the U.S. military who are dispersed over four sites in Bagram, Kandahar and Jalalabad. The group's mission is to responsibly reuse, recycle or dispose of all excess Department of Defense property in support of Operation Resolute Support, the NATO-led mission to train, advise and assist Afghan security forces and institutions that launched in January 2015.

**1998 Matthew Gonnering** has been featured in Forbes magazine for his leadership tactics focusing on happiness, health and prosperity for all. *Gonnering was featured in the May 2018 issue of @St. Norbert, available online at [snc.edu/news/enews](http://snc.edu/news/enews).*

**1999 Ann (Dickinson) Degenhard** is the author of "Celebrating the Lectionary for Preschool and Kindergarten," which was published in 2018.

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**1997 Erika L. (Reick) Mielke** has recently joined Arbor Investment

Advisors as an investment advisor and principal. In her new capacity, she will provide wealth-management guidance to private clients and join the firm's management team. Prior to joining Arbor, she spent 10 years in the Winston-Salem, N.C., office of Wells Fargo Private Bank, most recently as senior vice president and wealth advisor.

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**SPACE ODYSSEY**



**Jenny (Piontek) Matzel '95** hasn't left the great beyond behind her just yet. Though she completed her work on NASA's Stardust mission in 2010, she's hoping to continue working in cosmochemistry.

Recently, Matzel worked with a group that developed a plan to fly a spacecraft to another comet, but it didn't make it through NASA's competitive selection process.

"It was an eye-opening experience to see what it takes to get one of those missions approved and to actually receive samples," she says.

"Between getting approved, getting through the engineering phase, the launch – I think I would have been really close to retirement before there were any samples that were returned."

That hasn't turned her off the idea, though. She says she's going to keep looking for ways to work with NASA while she continues her work on nuclear materials.

Vetrovec worked with a sponsor to design "Hipster Bucky," a Bucky Badger that features a beard, hair and beaded necklace made of carved expanding-spray-foam insulation.

"I worked on Bucky in cold weather in my garage for about 5½ weeks. ... My family has enjoyed documenting the process with pictures to make a photo book in the future," she says.

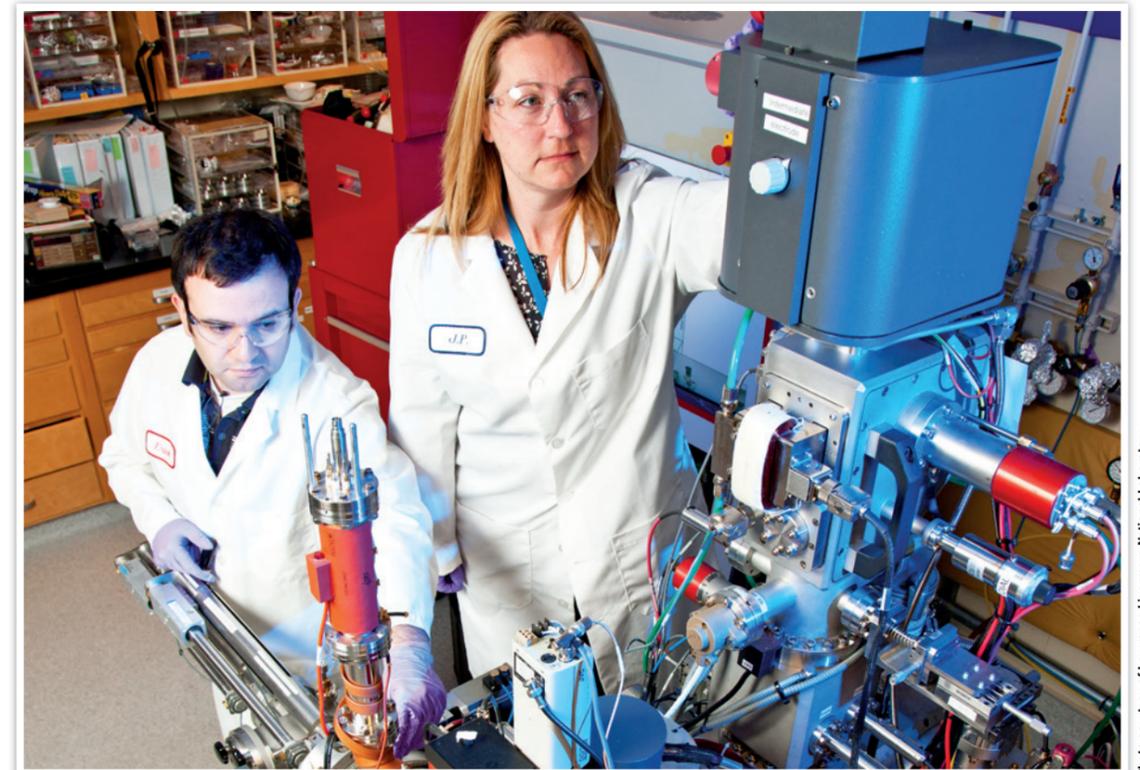


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**To infinity and beyond**

It's a small number of people who can claim they've seen the depths of the earth as well as the outer reaches of space. **Jenny (Piontek) Matzel '95** is one of them.

Matzel (above, with colleague Ben Jacobsen), a researcher in the Nuclear & Chemical Sciences Division at the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, uses radioactive elements to determine the age of materials and trace their origins. From magma chambers to comet dust to nuclear fuel materials, her research is the common thread that ties the specializations together.

"I wouldn't have predicted I would end up here," she says. "But the research just kind of flowed from one thing to the next."

While earning her Ph.D., Matzel researched magma chambers in Washington, using uranium and other radioactive elements to determine how those chambers formed. That research led her to post-doctoral work at the Berkeley Geochronology Center and then to Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, where she worked on NASA's Stardust space mission. Matzel studied dust particles from a comet and determined their ages.

"It was a pretty exciting mission. NASA hadn't done sample-return missions in a long time. So, to have these particles back on Earth ... it was really interesting," she says.

In 2011, Matzel shifted her focus to nuclear materials. "It's all in trying to understand the origin of materials," she says. "In the early solar system, we've got processes of condensation and evaporation and irradiation from the sun, and some of those same types of processes are going on [in] a nuclear reactor."

Matzel and her team of researchers focus on developing tools to help United States organizations like the International Atomic Energy Agency monitor nuclear facilities worldwide.

"I was one of the first group of geologists to graduate from St. Norbert," she says. "All those tools and techniques I developed in my geology classes, applying those to new and different materials, that's been really fun. ... It's been fun being able to apply that to magma chambers in the cascades of Washington state, and then go to looking at this cosmochemistry, this comet dust, and now applying those same things to nuclear materials to try and track their origins. It's been really fun and exciting."

"Art is more of a hobby for me," she says. "I enjoy making things."

**2002 Nicholas Bongers** received his Ph.D. in educational leadership in higher education from Oakland University in Rochester, Mich.

**2003 Michael Demerath** has been named partner of the law firm Hager, Dewick & Zuengler S.C. in Green Bay. In his role he advises and assists clients with business-planning matters, contracts, creditor rights, business acquisitions and sales, construction lien law and estate-planning matters.

**2003 Meghan (Umphres) Leatherman** and her family relocated from Phoenix to Madison, Wis., in October 2017 for an opportunity with American Family Insurance corporate communications.

**2006 Rachel Sonnentag** has been promoted to strategic communications consultant at O'Connor Connective. In her new position, she will partner with clients to hone strategy and develop marketing communications. She has worked with O'Connor Connective for five years.

**2006 Sarah (Rozmarenoski) St. Martin** has become a national board-certified teacher/early childhood generalist from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards. She is employed as a second-grade teacher at Canterbury Elementary School in the Greendale (Wis.) School District.

**2007 Jacqueline Szczepanski**, financial advisor at Wealth Advisory Partners in

Green Bay, earned the retirement-income-certified professional (RICP) designation on Jan. 1, 2018, from The American College of Financial Services.

**2008 Carl Wepking** has been awarded the Roundtable Make A Difference scholarship for graduate study in the Virginia Tech College of Science.

**2009 Matthew Fox** became division project manager with Speedway LLC in October 2017. He relocated from Ohio to Illinois.

**2009 Dustin Gresen** has been hired as Green Bay Preble High School's new football coach. He moves into this position after four seasons as the team's defensive coordinator.

**2010 Bradleigh Schafer** has joined Madison Emergency Physicians. She will primarily work at SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital – Madison and Reedsburg Area Medical Center.

**2010 Katie Spadoni** has been named associate principal of Asa Clark Middle School in Pewaukee, Wis. She begins her new role in July.

**2011 John Weninger** has joined Endowment Wealth Management Inc., Appleton, Wis., as a wealth advisor.

**2012 Leah Lemke** has joined ThedaCare Physicians – New London (Wis.), providing family medicine to patients.

**2012 Brandon Guile** has been accepted into the Carlson Executive MBA program at the University of Minnesota. Additionally, he was recognized as a 2017 Service Conference winner at Wells Fargo

for demonstrating performance excellence through providing customer feedback, demonstrating leadership, enabling teamwork, and promoting diversity and inclusion.

**2013 Mary Kate Manion** was crowned the 2018 Chicago St. Patrick's Day Parade queen in mid-January. *Manion discussed her journey to the crown in the March 2018 issue of @St. Norbert, available online at [snc.edu/news/enews](http://snc.edu/news/enews).*

**2014 Cody Lipke** and his team from Chicago-Kent College of Law advanced to the final rounds of the Ian Fletcher International Insolvency Law Moot, which brings national and international groups together to compete and experience real-world court proceedings.

The competition began in 2017 and is designed to encourage the best and brightest students around the globe to learn about international insolvency law and international commercial litigation.

**2015 Anna Miller** received a position in the department of Institutional Advancement at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in March 2016. By July, she was promoted to a key development position, receiving and processing gifts for the whole department.

**2016 Rachel Schulteis** has accepted a position at Lawrence University in Appleton, Wis., as admissions event coordinator.

Members of the Kappa Chi fraternity gathered last summer to reminisce and reconnect. **Jim Hermans '69, Jeff Degner '69, Joe Schaefer '69, Dave**

**Van Lanen '70, Quentin Below '70, Mike Conron '70, Tom Layde '70, Doug Chirafisi '70, Jim Kolstad '70, Bob "Rush" Rushkewicz '70, Ron Sevcik '71, Greg Bray '71, Dave Kitowski '72, Dr. Tom DeNamur '72, Jim Smithwick '72, Larry Hettinger '72, John Mahalek '72, Dave Retzke '72, Bob Lendosky '72, Tom Kielbasa '72, Dale Paczkowski '73, Mark Kellerman '73, John Blaul '73 and Jim Walt '73** were among the 50 people to attend the reunion. The fraternity was established in 1967.

**April White '89 and Michelle Loewenhagen '05** each have received a 2018 Golden Apple Award for their work as elementary school teachers. White is a third-grade teacher at Suamico (Wis.) Elementary School, and Loewenhagen has worked as a second-grade teacher in Ashwaubenon, Wis., for 11 years.

The Golden Apple Awards annually recognize seven teachers in the Greater Green Bay area for high standards of professionalism, leadership and innovation in teaching. Award criteria is based on National Board of Professional Teaching standards, which identify the knowledge, skills and dispositions expected of quality educators.

Ten alumni became dual-degree holders this spring after graduating from St. Norbert's master's degree programs. **Tiffany (Stuth) O'Day '92, Anthony Giovannini '92, Kristin (Pecor) Lindgren '01, Colleen (Cantwell) Mangless '02, Dana Bald '08, Guy Allen '13 and Josephine Dobson Mann '14** completed



**Top of the class**

Community involvement and success in their careers have earned not one but two SNC accountants **Heather (Olm) Dunn '01** and **Jill Boyle '03** spots in the Milwaukee Business Journal's 40 Under 40 class for 2018.

Dunn (above, left) was promoted in July 2017 to vice president and chief financial officer at West Bend (Wis.) Mutual Insurance Co. She was recently added to the board of directors for the United Performing Arts Fund and the Museum of Wisconsin Art. She also serves as president of TEMPO Washington County, and she works with the United Way of Washington County and the Milwaukee Rescue Mission.

Those who nominated Dunn for 40 Under 40 say she's known for being the "fun" finance officer – and for her singing voice. She says if she were to try another profession, it would be "singing in a cover band, with an opera company, or as a backup singer for Harry Connick Jr.!"

Boyle (above, right), senior manager in the not-for-profit tax area of Sikich LLP, serves as board chair for Running Rebels Community Organization. She also works with Impact100 Greater Milwaukee and is a founding member of Momentum Milwaukee. In her 40 Under 40 profile, Boyle revealed something that would surprise people: "I have a Nike swoosh tattoo on my ankle." She also admits she's not a Twitter-user: "I'm an accountant. # will forever be the number sign to me."

the Master of Business Administration program in 2017-18, and **Maria (Kopecky) Scherer '83, Andrew Reimer '89 and Tammy (Cyr) Basten '91** each graduated with a Master of Theological Studies.

**Sarah Beckman MBA '19 and Ben Braun MBA '18** recently were recognized by the Current Young Professionals Network as Future 15 Young Professionals. Beckman

was named Young Professional of the Year at the awards ceremony.

Future 15 annually profiles 15 area young professionals who are growing and excelling in their respective fields and influencing the quality of life in Brown County. Beckman is the executive director at Habitat for Humanity Lakeside and Braun serves as the associate director of finance at Associated Bank.

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That's in dog years

Pretty much the last touch to this issue was to make sure we had indeed included the period in C. Finley's name. (Truth be told, each issue – already well-scrutinized – goes to print in a flurry of random second-round fact-checking driven by little more than editorial anxiety attacks.) C. Finley is a dog. As a retriever/chow/husky mix, she has her own delightful doggy identity issues, with no need to see her name misspelled in our magazine. C. Finley belongs to biology prof Carrie Kissman (two "s's," one "n") and you can find her in our "Best Friends" feature (pages 16-17). That was a fun photo shoot! One of many that might have turned into chaos, but did not; that might have been rained out, but was not; that might have been a bust, but was not. Amazingly, it all worked out. As a former colleague used to say, we must be living right. And it's now just the latest entry under the mental heading "Reasons Why College Editors May Have the Best Job in the Whole World." It's a good long list by this time – I just checked, and this is my 50th issue as editor. I'm already getting excited to work on issue No. 51!

*Susan Allen*

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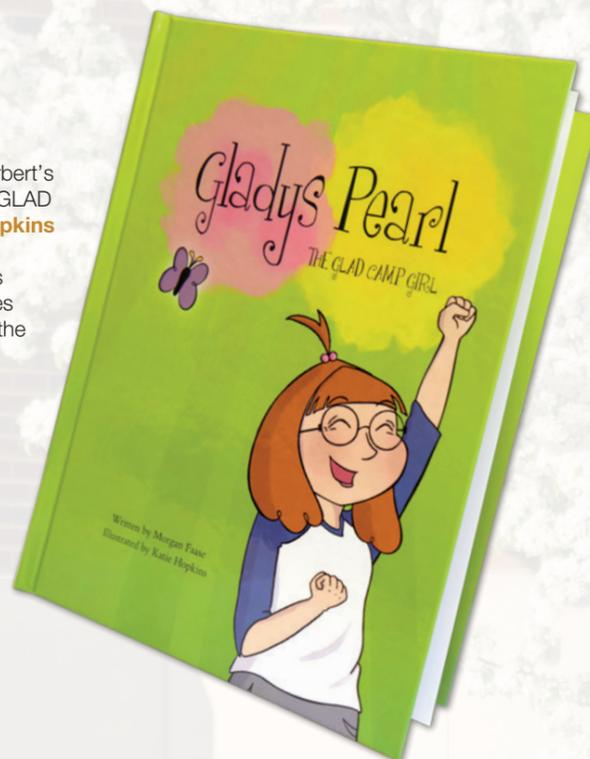
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From Chile to the Czech Republic, Sweden to South Africa, Austria to Australia, St. Norbert students traverse the world. Students are able to choose from study-abroad programs or global seminars in 29 countries around the globe. Italy, Spain and the United Kingdom tied for the top semester-long destination for 2017-18.

GLAD to help

The 10th anniversary of St. Norbert's leadership camp for girls gave GLAD mentor and art major **Katie Hopkins '18** an early chance to fulfill her dream of illustrating a children's book. Hopkins' charming images help bring to life "Gladys Pearl, the GLAD Camp Girl." The book is authored by **Morgan Faase**, daughter of **Debbie** (Education) and the late **Tom** (Sociology), and sister of GLAD director **Chelsea Faase**.



Research shows

Muscle recovery in college athletes; Le Guide Michelin and how it began; racialized coverage of Green Bay Packers running back Eddie Lacy; DNA diversity among elephants: Visitors could get a college education in any or all of these from the student presenters, reporting on their collaborative work with their professors, at this year's Undergraduate Research Forum.



ALUMNI WEEKEND

JULY 20-22

Get ready for some fun in the sun! Alumni Weekend is moving to the summer this year, and the docket is packed with activities for everyone – even the kids! Check out the lineup at [snc.edu/alumni/weekend](http://snc.edu/alumni/weekend).

For details of these events and more, visit [snc.edu/calendar](http://snc.edu/calendar).

## Calendar

### July

10-Aug. 7 12-22 Knights on the Fox  
 Summer Music Theatre presents "Mary Poppins"  
 Alumni Weekend  
 Reunion: Sports at SNC in the 1960s

### August

8-12 12 26 Next Stage presents "Jekyll & Hyde"  
 AbbeyFest 2018 at St. Norbert Abbey  
 Convocation

### September

6 21-23 22 SNC Knight Out  
 Family Weekend  
 SNC Day

### October

1-31 10 12 27 27 Heritage Month  
 Founder's Day  
 Alumni Awards Dinner  
 Heritage Ball  
 Homecoming



Recommended viewing

Before he returned to his Daylesford Abbey home in June, the **Rev. Andrew Ciferni '64** took time to look back on the five years for which he was "on loan" to SNC. In myriad roles, from CNS director to advisor of the spikeball club, Ciferni impacted many. "They don't care what you know; they want to know that you care," he says. [youtube.com/stnorbertcollege](http://youtube.com/stnorbertcollege)

Nevertheless, they persisted

Madcaps were the order of the day as the Class of 2018 wrought its creative genius on their newly acquired mortarboards. This was the year the trend broke into three dimensions as flowers, eagle feathers and other natural materials were added to the by-now conventional sequins and sayings, penmanship and puns.

Prepared for every good work, the new grads who crossed the stage included 432 with baccalaureate degrees and 38 with master's degrees. The student speakers were **Ben Papham '18** and **Janet Servais MBA '18**.

Honorary degrees were awarded to Commencement speaker Dr. John Raymond Sr., president of the Medical College of Wisconsin, and **Dudley Birder**, northeastern Wisconsin's "Mr. Music."





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## Parting Shot / The End-of-the-Year Celebration

Life stands before me like an eternal spring with new and brilliant clothes. – *Carl Friedrich Gauss*

