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Practicing patience

Green Knight athletes still hit the fields, courts and tracks this year, despite competition being suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Student-athletes continued participating in regular team activities, which included strength-and-conditioning workouts at Schneider Stadium. The facility marked its 10th anniversary this fall.

Mission radiance when it counts



President Brian Bruess '90 acknowledges the dedication of a campus community committed to maintaining a COVID-responsible student experience.

Respect

SNC's Respect Initiative, designed and authored by a thoughtful group of staff and faculty, challenges and inspires all of us to live by our values. This year, the team produced 800 sets of Respectful Discussion & Reflection cards, built around one of the five pillars of respect – inviting each member of our community to rediscover the power of authentic interpersonal relationships. Each card provided guidance and encouragement as we practiced our core values and their attending behaviors – listening deeply, understanding with empathy, seeking common ground and reconciliation, investing in the common good, owning our impact, and cultivating self-awareness.

What a year 2020 was: Twelve months marked by the unthinkable confluence of a global pandemic, national calls for racial justice, a historic presidential election and more. Here at St. Norbert College, grounded in our mission, we were able to gracefully and successfully face, one after another, each of these and other daunting challenges. And while the complex macro disruptions in our nation and world resulted in tremendous loss for so many – the results of societal and personal tensions, political polarization, human suffering and deaths – we remained hopeful for a better 2021. And now, here we are. I ask you to join me in asking God to grant us and every human a year ahead overflowing with abundance, peace, light and health.

As I reflect on the whole of 2020, as we experienced it here at the micro level at St. Norbert College, two themes emerge: each of them core values that served as light to guide the way. One of these was unwavering hope; the other was relentless gratitude. At the center of our hope and gratitude was our mission – the actualizing of our longest and most closely held SNC values. In the hours and months of our greatest need, we did what our founder, the Rev. Bernard Pennings, O.Praem., would have done: We returned to our roots. We leaned even more mindfully into our foundation, the 900-year-old tradition gifted to us in 1898 by the Norbertines and Abbot Pennings: our mission – the core that always has and always will guide everything we do as a Catholic, Norbertine and liberal arts college.

Our COVID-19 response plan was based on our commitment to deliver our mission by safely offering a holistic education to our students – nurturing and caring for mind, body, spirit – during a global pandemic. We believed so strongly in this moral responsibility that we re-engineered the entire student experience to be COVID-safe, yet still vibrant and engaging. We ensured our classrooms were physically distanced; we lowered the density of our residence halls; we even rebuilt our nationally recognized food service program which, no surprise to anyone who has enjoyed it, still ranks No. 4 in the nation and No. 1 in Wisconsin!

Our faculty rose to the occasion and spent their entire summer – when most are fully immersed in producing their scholarship – creating their courses in the “HyFlex” model: preparing to deliver their excellent instruction in person, while ready to move to hybrid teaching (part face-to-face/part virtual) or to fully online if circumstances required. Our campus community watched in awe as each faculty member adapted time and again, week after week of fall semester, delivering on our SNC promise of giving every student a profound and impactful educational experience.

Our grounds crew and housekeeping staffs kept a steady hand, ensuring our campus remained beautiful and safe. Our maintenance staff found innovative ways to keep the operations of the campus running smoothly and safely. Staff in every corner of campus leaned into our mission and revealed remarkable grit, perseverance and innovation as together we confronted – with a sterling Green Knight spirit – the worst pandemic in more than 100 years.

Our response was mission personified. Students, too, showed what it means to sacrifice, to act for the common good, to respect the dignity of others, and to live in *communio*: the ideal of a community united as one, grounded in the Christian understanding of God as Trinity. We have demonstrated *communio* by our individual and collective behavior and by showing mutual esteem, trust, sincerity, faith and responsibility in the face of enormous and sustained uncertainty and difficulty.

As we approached the most polarizing presidential election in modern times, the SNC community once again modeled for the world what mission radiance looks like on the ground, in our actions. In countless ways, during a year of what felt like endless challenges and hurdles, our St. Norbert College community once again became a model for higher education and the world. And while 2021 is now underway, I want to say congratulations, Green Knight nation, on navigating the historic year 2020 – a year none of us will soon forget – and doing so by keeping our shared faith front and center, and never wavering on what matters most: deep care for one other.

RESILIENT

THE NORBERTINE ORDER
 1121 **900** YEARS 2021



War, reformation, revolution and politics have claimed hundreds of Norbertine abbeys over the centuries. Though there have been between 600 and 700 Norbertine abbeys since the order's founding, there are only 35 today.

By 1835, the Norbertine order existed only in Austria, Hungary, Bohemia and Slovakia. Eventually the abbeys in Belgium reopened and many Norbertines went to Africa and Brazil. But by the end of the 19th century the most significant expansion of the order was happening in the U.S. In 1893, the **Rev. Bernard Henry Pennings** was sent from Holland as a missionary to help prevent the threatened religious defection of Belgian immigrants in the Green Bay area. And in 1898 he founded the priory of St. Norbert and St. Norbert College.



Norbertines mark 900 years

This year marks the 900th anniversary of the church-changing, world-changing order founded by Norbert of Xanten. St. Norbert established his first monastery, in Prémontré, France, in 1121.

The international jubilee began with a November conference in Budapest and will reach its culmination this Christmas, nine centuries to the day since those first Norbertines took their Solemn Vows.

That Norbertine life has been around 900 years “means we have been faithful to our charism,” says the **Rev. Chrysostom Baer**, prior of St. Michael's Abbey in Silverado, Calif. It means, says **Abbot Joel Garner '62** of Santa María de la Vid Abbey in Albuquerque, N.M., that “the order has been resilient during the many periods of deep turmoil over the centuries.”

It means that Norbertines have filled a need, says the **Rev. Brad Vanden Branden '09**, prior of the De Pere abbey. “To be part of something that's 900 years old – there's something about this way of life that can stand the test of time, especially in a time of hatred and sickness,” Vanden Branden says.

Against the backdrop of the multinational jubilee, U.S. Norbertines have plans to mark the anniversary in their individual communities, too, from opening a new abbey building – which is the plan at St. Michael's – to reviewing the life of Norbert.

“I've already started dusting off my primary-source documents, reading the vitae of Norbert, Vita A, Vita B,” Vanden Branden says.

Even the order's headstrong founder would have been amazed at the staying power of the Norbertine way of life, says the **Rev. Andrew Ciferni '64**. Ciferni, a priest of Daylesford Abbey in Paoli, Pa., is chair of SNC's board of trustees.

“The spiritual context of [Norbert's] time was apocalyptic,” Ciferni says. “There was an expectation that Christ would be returning, which meant we really needed to get everybody evangelized. So I don't think he thought that far ahead.”

Marking the anniversary, too, is Bayview Immaculate Conception Priory in Middleton, Del., where the **Rev. James Herring**, also a college trustee, is prior.

Transformative



Norbertines have made a lasting impact on education in the United States, says **Prior Emeritus Eugene Gries '62** of Santa María de la Vid Abbey – Albuquerque, N.M., campus for SNC's M.T.S. program. Indeed, Joe Biden was educated at the Norbertine prep school, Archmere Academy in Claymont, Del. (where the late **Rev. Sal Cuccia '63** taught before he returned to SNC).

 We share Norbertine reflections on our founding saint, with much more connected to this landmark event for our founding order, at snc.edu/magazine.

Sticker price



Squirrels, the Caf and “The Conversion” sculpture were a few of the subjects depicted in Green Knight TV’s annual sticker sale, held last spring. SNC students designed the decals, which the student-run TV station (GKTV) sold for \$2 apiece. Profits were donated to TRUE Skool Inc., a Milwaukee-based group that works on educating and empowering youth and communities through the creative arts and hip-hop culture.

Book of the Year



The Catholic Press Association has named “Man on Fire,” by **President Emeritus Tom Kunkel**, its 2020 Book of the Year by a Small Publisher. “Man on Fire,” the story of Norbert of Xanten, is published by the St. Norbert College Press in association with the Center for Norbertine Studies.

The biography also placed in the Best Front Cover Artwork and the Biography categories in the annual North American awards program.

“I am very gratified by this recognition,” says Kunkel. “We hope it will make even more people aware of the inspiring story of our founding saint, Norbert of Xanten.”

Hopeful

“Wisdom’s Friendly Heart: Augustinian Hope for Skeptics & Conspiracy Theorists” by **Jennifer Hockenbery** (Humanities) has been published by Cascade Books. Hockenbery discusses Augustine’s hope in the aftermath of the fall of Rome and Carthage – a hope that may inspire readers to research and communicate with each other about humanity, the world and the possibility of happiness.

Solvable

The International Electronic Journal of Algebra has published “Minimal Nonnilpotent Leibniz Algebras,” with **Jonathan Dunbar** (Math) and **Lindsey Bosko-Dunbar** (Math) among the co-authors.

Ground-breaking

Carrie Larson (History) edited “The Conquest of the Desert: Argentina’s Indigenous Peoples and the Battle for History” (University of New Mexico Press). The book takes an interdisciplinary look at the Argentine military’s conquest of the Patagonian Desert, inhabited mainly by indigenous peoples, exploring issues such as colonialism, genocide and land rights.

Cyclical

Jonathon Russel (Chemistry) recently published “Three-Membered Ring Systems” in the

Journal of Heterocyclic Chemistry.

Cinematic

The Journal of Popular Film & Television has published “Rebellion Without a Cause: Distorted Representations of Bebop in ‘The Wild One,’” by **Leah Toth** (English).

Innovative

Bola Delano-Oriaran (Education) has been selected as a fellow on the new Pre-Service Educator Preparation Consortium. The national consortium considers promising new approaches to preparing future educators for family engagement.

Collaborative

Cabrini Jablon ’97 (Admission) and **Ty Willingham** (formerly of the education faculty at SNC and now at Mary Baldwin University) co-presented on recruiting students of color for teacher-education programs at the Virginia Education Assessment Collaborative mini-conference on assessment and accreditation.

High-ranking

SNC’s communication and media studies major was ranked 14th best in the U.S. in 2020 by Learn.org. Learn.org studied the communication programs at hundreds of universities before selecting its top 50. Rankings were based on a school’s faculty, the quality of educa-



Changing the narrative

Erica Southworth (Education) is on a mission: to create teaching resources that include, and highlight, the significant roles played by women and people of color throughout history. Southworth has been analyzing the content of high-school world history and social studies textbooks to learn how women and people of color are portrayed. What she discovered is discouraging. Both groups receive minor accolades, often via small sidebars, and are typically depicted as helpers, not powerful forces. Not surprisingly, by and large it is white males who are portrayed as having a significant role in shaping history.

Southworth’s research also found religious figures like the Virgin Mary, Jesus, Moses and Muhammad overwhelmingly depicted as white despite their ethnic heritage. Such whitewashing isn’t merely annoying, she says, but harmful. If students don’t see themselves represented in history, they often can’t see or harness their own potential.

tion, and its academic and career resources, among other considerations. In its ranking of St. Norbert, the group highlighted the college’s partnership with the Washington Media Institute and its in-depth study abroad opportunities as some of the program’s strengths.

In other national recognitions, the accounting program at St. Norbert has been listed at No. 35 out of 272 colleges of similar size for its pass rate in the CPA exam.

And, while we’re crunching the numbers, SNC grads rank high in a significant indicator for future security: the rate at which they pay back their student loans. The latest data published by the United States Department of Education shows the nationwide federal student loan default rate is 9.7 percent. For private schools specifically, it’s 6.7 percent. And St. Norbert’s rate? Lowest among Wisconsin schools, at 1 percent.

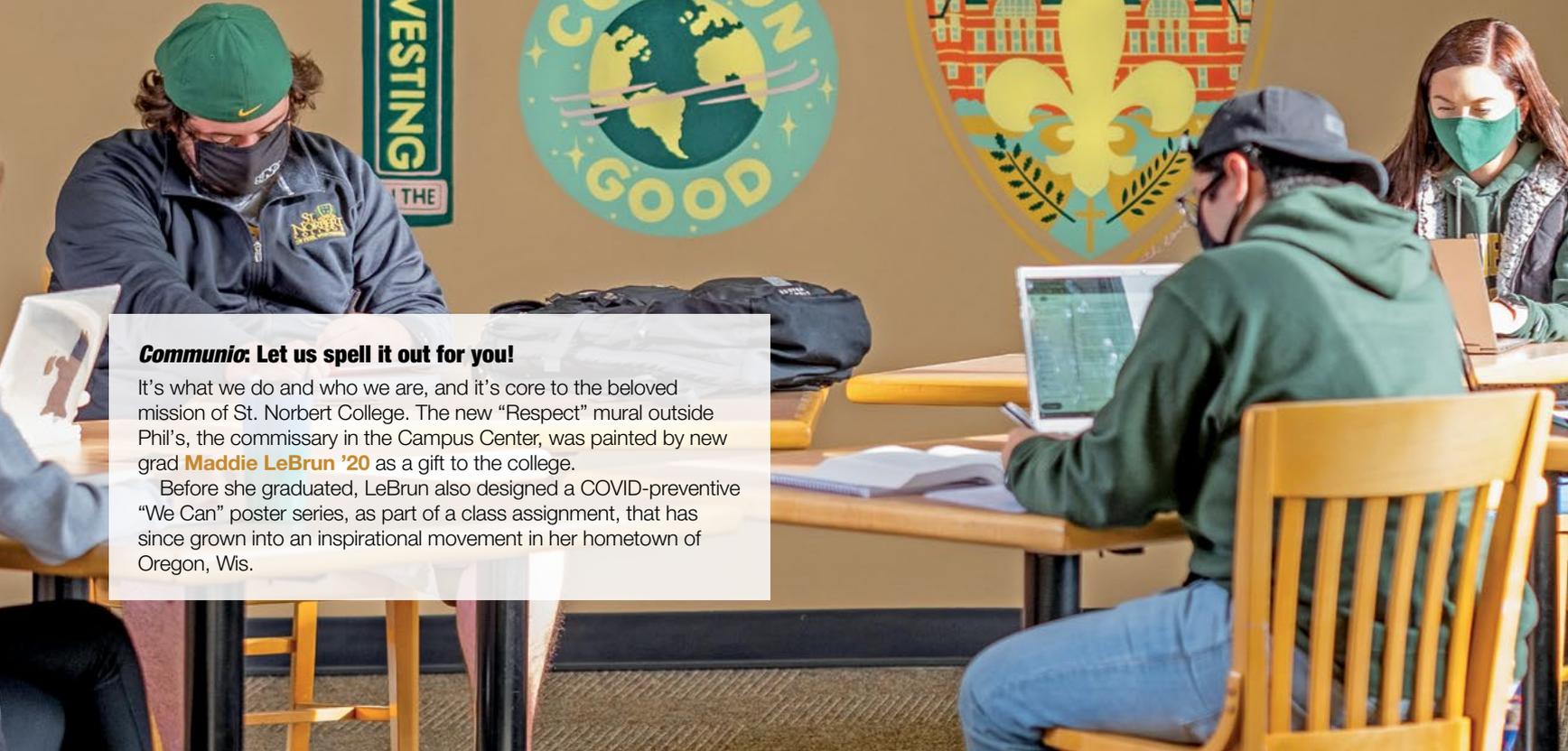
Respect at St. Norbert looks like...



Communio: Let us spell it out for you!

It's what we do and who we are, and it's core to the beloved mission of St. Norbert College. The new "Respect" mural outside Phil's, the commissary in the Campus Center, was painted by new grad **Maddie LeBrun '20** as a gift to the college.

Before she graduated, LeBrun also designed a COVID-preventive "We Can" poster series, as part of a class assignment, that has since grown into an inspirational movement in her hometown of Oregon, Wis.



A life pilgrimage to Spain

My love affair with Spain began when I was 11 years old. Since then, the country has continued to woo me. The romance has colored my life as scholar, teacher and friend of the Norbertines.

My father's company was planning to temporarily transfer him to Madrid and the first thought was that we would all accompany him. That plan changed, but still the spark had been ignited: Somehow or other, I was going to get to Spain. And I did, via a whirlwind high-school trip over spring break. It was love at first sight: I adored the country, the culture and the people.

In college I would double-major in Spanish and Italian, and, faithless for a while, I admit it, go on to pursue my M.A. in Italian literature. I focused primarily on Italian for the next 15 years. But Spanish would win me back when St. Norbert asked me to cover a section of Spanish 102 for a professor on sabbatical. The next semester, I was offered two additional courses, and there we were.

In due course I was appointed director of study abroad. In that role, I proposed programs in Madrid and Valencia, both of which continue to attract large numbers of SNC students. And all the while, I missed teaching; so much so that I enrolled in the Spanish School at Middlebury College to earn an M.A. and a doctorate in Spanish. While continuing as director of study abroad at SNC, I attended Middlebury over the course of many, many summers before earning my doctorate in 2013. It was the perfect program for me, and the love affair only deepened when I discovered Spanish history and politics.

I was preparing for my very first Norbertine Heritage Tour in 2008 when I found out that, although there used to be nearly 40 Norbertine abbeys in Spain, by 2008 only two convents of cloistered nuns remained. What happened to the rest of the houses? When I asked Father Ted Antry of Daylesford Abbey about the demise of the male branch of Norbertines in Spain, he responded, "That's a very good question. No one has ever published anything in English about it." And thus I had landed on the perfect topic for my dissertation, one which would blend my love of Spanish language, history and politics with my newfound interest in Norbertine history.

The spring semester of 2011 found me in Madrid where, for four months, my days were spent doing research in the National History Archive and my evenings in the National Public Library. I also spent several days with the "Sofías," the Norbertine nuns in Toro. This community of cloistered nuns was founded in 1305, and they have lived in the same monastery continuously since 1316. (How's that for *stabilitas loci*?) I visited other former abbeys too, like Santa María de Retuerta. This was the very first Norbertine abbey in Spain, in existence 1143-1835, and now a winery and a five-star hotel. (The former refectory is now a Michelin-starred restaurant.)



Rosemary Sands, director of the Center for Norbertine Studies, retires this year after 28 years of service to St. Norbert College.

Although my goal had been to teach Spanish full time, my research on Spanish Norbertines would lead to another unexpected gift. In 2015, I was tapped by Father Andrew Ciferni, then-director of the Center for Norbertine Studies, to serve as his assistant director. When Father Andrew returned to his home abbey of Daylesford in 2018, I would assume the role of director. And along the way, I would end up back in the classroom too. For the past six semesters, I've been teaching a course on Norbertine history – where I'm always planting seeds for one of my students to become a Norbertine scholar.

I have returned to Spain multiple times – to conduct research at the Monastery of Santa María de la Vid, to lead a trustee heritage tour, to attend a conference at the former Norbertine abbey in Aguilar de Campóo, and for frequent vacations thrown in for good measure. And, in 2019, with the co-directors of the Emmaus Center, I led a group of students on a portion of the Camino de Santiago, a medieval pilgrimage route. We walked nearly 270 km over the course of 12 days. As I continue to tell my students, keep your hearts and minds open as you pursue your passions, for you never know what life and God have in store for you.

My love affair continues. This past summer, much to my delight, I was invited back to Middlebury's Spanish School to teach. I had come full circle from being a timid grad student in 1999, who hadn't taken a Spanish class in 25 years, to being a part of the Spanish School faculty.

Spain continues to call out to me as I make plans to retire. As soon as travel is once again permitted, I'll be setting down roots in Madrid. Living there means I will be able to easily enjoy the many programs and exhibits throughout Europe in honor of the 900th anniversary of the Order of Prémontré. And I've already offered my services to the Norbertine nuns in Toro to help them organize their archives and assist in writing a history of their storied 700-year existence.

Dan Lukes

Assistant Athletics Director/Athletics Communications

The knight is in storage at the moment but he used to stand in the lobby of the old Schuldes Sports Center. It always looked as if he was standing sentry there. He was a fighter, and athletics has long been associated with the image of a charging knight. It was always nice to have that tie-in.

Father Anselm Keefe purchased the suit, which had been piecemealed together over time. The label specifies: "Early 17th-century Flemish close helmet of good form and condition; a breastplate formed from an early 17th-century backplate of European origin; a pair of 19th-century reproduction tassels; a good early 17th-century backplate with associated culet; a fine pair of Italian arm defenses dating from the last quarter of the 16th century, together with their original gauntlets and complete leg defenses en suite."



Cover story



A business idea that began with a family chat has garnered **Olivia Smidel '22** first place – and prizes worth \$25,000 – in a local business-pitch contest.

Smidel used her experience growing up on a dairy farm to identify a problem that farmers have with safely and securely covering silage in a bunker silo.

Her business idea, Eco-Cover, sprang from conversation with her father and was developed in an entrepreneurship class taught by **Joy Pahl** (IBLAS) last fall.

“Thousands of pounds of plastic and hundreds of hours of labor are associated with the current method,” says Pahl. “Olivia’s business idea is to develop a biodegradable covering for these silos as a solution to this problem.”

Smidel, a double-major in integrative studies and communication and media studies, hopes to develop her Eco-Cover concept even further. “My plan is to use a natural and organic material that is also nutritionally beneficial to the animals,” Smidel says. “I am currently exploring a potential route through a sprayable soybean-base that is being used for insulating homes.”

Students from six northeast Wisconsin colleges entered the fourth annual Fox Connection Business Pitch Contest.

Putting in the hard yards



Green Knight athletes continue to pursue excellence as they wait to learn from conference leaders when competition in their respective sports can resume. “My message to the kids is, whoever wins the COVID period is going to win and dominate when we do get to play,” states **Davin Roach**, who interacts with a cross-section of athletes in his role as strength and performance coach. “Overall, we have a pretty dedicated group. We’re still competing – just not competing right now.”

Fall activities evolved as athletes progressed through a 14-day gating period and into various levels of restricted interaction.

Swimming and diving have been able to get back to normal training relatively quickly by virtue of the natural physical distancing that occurs in the pool. The same cannot be said for the cheer squad, led by **McKenna Kaminski '19**, which relies on lifts and stunts that require close personal contact. Instead, team members focused on strength workouts and cardio sessions. Their first 14 practices featured a limit of 10 individuals at a time. “We’re preparing for basketball in case it happens, just like we prepared for football in case that happened,” Kaminski says. Mental health is a significant focus for

a squad tasked with bringing energy to sporting events. “I commend them for the appreciation they have for just practicing,” Kaminski says. “They’re coming in with their best effort and best attitude. They’re laughing and having fun. Cheer is the best distraction to decompress from what’s going on.”

Likewise, dance coach **Natalie Wheeler '15** has focused on individual skill development rather than refining competition routines. A different team member each week choreographs an eight-count dance routine, including less-common styles such as jazz.

Track and cross-country coach **Don Augustine** held intrasquad meets for both sports. “The kids are in really good shape, and I feel badly about them not being able to see what that would look like in a competition,” Augustine says.

The women’s golf team, coached by **John Sabo '07**, was able to practice regularly thanks to the natural physical distancing of the sport. They, too, kept sharp with intrasquad tournaments – with full uniforms – that included a Ryder Cup-style event between split squads. “We would still rather be competing, but we made the best of it,” Sabo says.

Facing the music

Music majors and their professors have unique challenges to meet as they comply with the campus-wide mandate on mask-wearing. Woodwinds require specially designed masks; maestros must make sure their expressions can still be read; choristers can't be too close to one another but they still need to sing in close harmony. Whether in physically distanced practice rooms or livestreamed performances, SNC musicians are demonstrating their adaptability without changing their tune.



A mission charged with beauty



The **Rev. James Neilson '88 (Art)** has accepted the new position of special assistant to the president for mission integration.

Neilson's vocation as an artist priest will continue to inform his sense of the college's mission. He says: "It's Augustinian spirituality: beauty ever ancient, beauty ever new. It's this constant pursuit in nature and in the library, the scriptorium, to discern beauty. ... God outpresses his color; the Divine outpresses his color; the Divine outpresses his fragrance. To be acutely aware of that, that's a litany, that's a canticle."

Announcing the appointment – the first of its kind on campus – **President Brian Bruess '90** said, "I am excited to announce that a member of the Norbertines, and a familiar face to many ... has accepted this special charge to keep our mission alive in the hearts of our campus community."



Commitment to a job well done

Our 2020 retiring educators yield a combined 325 years of service to St. Norbert College. We applaud their decades of commitment to our student experience and academic reputation.

David Pankratz (Computer Science) began his 46-year career on the math faculty. He developed interdisciplinary majors in business and math with the emerging field of computer science, later proposing the computer science discipline. He and his students produced the college's first web server.

Courses that **Wayne Patterson** (History) taught in his 42 years at SNC range from international relations to Asian and Asian-American history, a field in which he published prolifically. Patterson (above) begins his retirement as a visiting professor in Hong Kong.

Larry Thorsen (Mathematics) brought innovative pedagogies to his discipline for 41 years. Thorsen was vital to curricular development at the college, and he served as director of the honors program for more than two decades.

The 35-year legacy of **Stuart Korshavn** (Psychology) is hallmarked by good teaching and the use of assessment measures to evaluate learning. He served as committee member, leader, role model and mentor for colleagues throughout the college.

With 35 years of leadership to his name, the contributions of **Jim Neuliep** (Communication & Media Studies) made a significant impact on his field. An internationally respected expert in the communication field, his best-selling textbook

serves as evidence of his far-reaching influence.

Retiring after 32 years, **Nick Humphrey** (Modern Languages & Literatures) served with grace as a one-person German department. A Fulbrighter himself, Humphrey mentored SNC students on their own Fulbright journeys.

Cheryl Kalny (History) is remembered by 30 years of students for teaching Vietnam in the *Western Imagination*. Her research interests range from women's studies to critical food issues.

For 24 years, **Laura Neary** (English) demonstrated her commitment to helping students elevate their voices through writing. As director of the Writing Center, she trained and mentored student tutors, reorganized administration, and collaborated with faculty and staff.

Initially serving as director of computer services at the college, **Kathy Molnar** (Business Administration) was instrumental in teaching technology and computing for 23 years. Her research focused primarily on the pedagogy of teaching and classroom ethics.

Susan Landt (Education) served as the literacy course cornerstone for pre-service teachers for 17 years. An active researcher, committee member and collegial citizen, Landt published on multi-cultural literature.

 More on the remarkable careers of these professors, with tributes from their colleagues, at snc.edu/magazine.

Remembering their legacies



In a season of loss, the college community mourns seven educators whose influence will endure far beyond their years.

The **Rev. Rowland De Peaux '48** (French, Emeritus) died Sept. 16, 2020, at the age of 94. The campus's longest continuous resident, De Peaux came to SNC after graduating high school in 1944. He lived at SNC as student, professor and priest through eight decades. His service to the college continued into his later years, when he served as chaplain to the alumni board. **President Bruess '90** says: "Father De Peaux was known and beloved across the generations. He took great pride in having worked with all eight presidents of St. Norbert College, and it was an even greater privilege to those who knew and worked with him, myself included. He was equally graceful at offering a deep listening ear, sharing an inspiring prayer, or performing a spontaneous and beautiful song." An endowed scholarship in his name ensures De Peaux's memory endures. De Peaux, pictured, is survived by his Norbertine confrères, a sister and a brother.

The **Rev. Brendan McKeough '47** (Economics, Emeritus) died Nov. 11, 2020, at the age of 98. A long-serving member of the faculty who kept his connection with the college alive throughout his retirement, McKeough's long career

included service at Abbot Pennings High School; in Lima, Peru; and in some of Mexico's poorest regions. McKeough is survived by his Norbertine confrères and nieces and nephews.

Ray Zurawski (Psychology, OIE) died Nov. 3, 2020, at the age of 66. Since joining SNC in 1986, Zurawski made a profound impact on the college community as a faculty member and most recently as associate vice president for institutional effectiveness. He is survived by his wife, Susan, and a daughter.

Bob Horn (English, Emeritus) died Sept. 28, 2020, at the age of 82. He joined the faculty in 1968, later serving as academic dean, receiving an honorary degree and continuing to teach until 2002. Horn is survived by his wife, **Jean '87**, and two children. His late son is remembered through the Bobby Horn Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Dan Giovannini (Communications, Emeritus) died Sept. 15, 2020, at the age of 89. He taught for 30 years. He met his late wife, **Kathleen (Kerrigan) '63**, while both worked on Music Theatre's first summer production. Their children became Green Knights: **Peter '88, Dorothy Kazik '89** and **Anthony '92 MBA '18**.

Maria Teresa Mallet (Spanish, Emeritus), wife of **Donald LeMense '55** and mother of **Teresa LeMense '83, Montserrat LeMense Mallat '84** and **Diana LeMense '90**, died July 26, 2020. She served on the faculty 1964-98, founding the international studies program at St. Norbert.

Barb Siegel (German) died Jan. 30, 2019, at the age of 73. She founded the German student-exchange program during her 12 years at the college.

 Tributes from their friends with obituaries for those we mourn are at snc.edu/magazine.

A chance from Chicago



The Willibrord initiative represents a coming-full-circle of sorts for the **Rev. Jim Baraniak '88**. Baraniak's first ministry as a young seminarian was at St. Willibrord Parish. That parish is no longer active but the Norbertine mission in the area has continued as its priests and fraters at the Holy Spirit House of Studies serve the archdiocese. "When we go to the neighborhoods of great need, you always find students who stand out," says Baraniak. "They're active, they're present, they have gifts and talents." He and his confrères are able to identify students who would thrive in the rather different culture of northeast Wisconsin and benefit from a St. Norbert education.

"They're just going to light up the college in all kinds of ways. And my hope always is that after four years, they're going to plug back into their homeland and make a difference there."

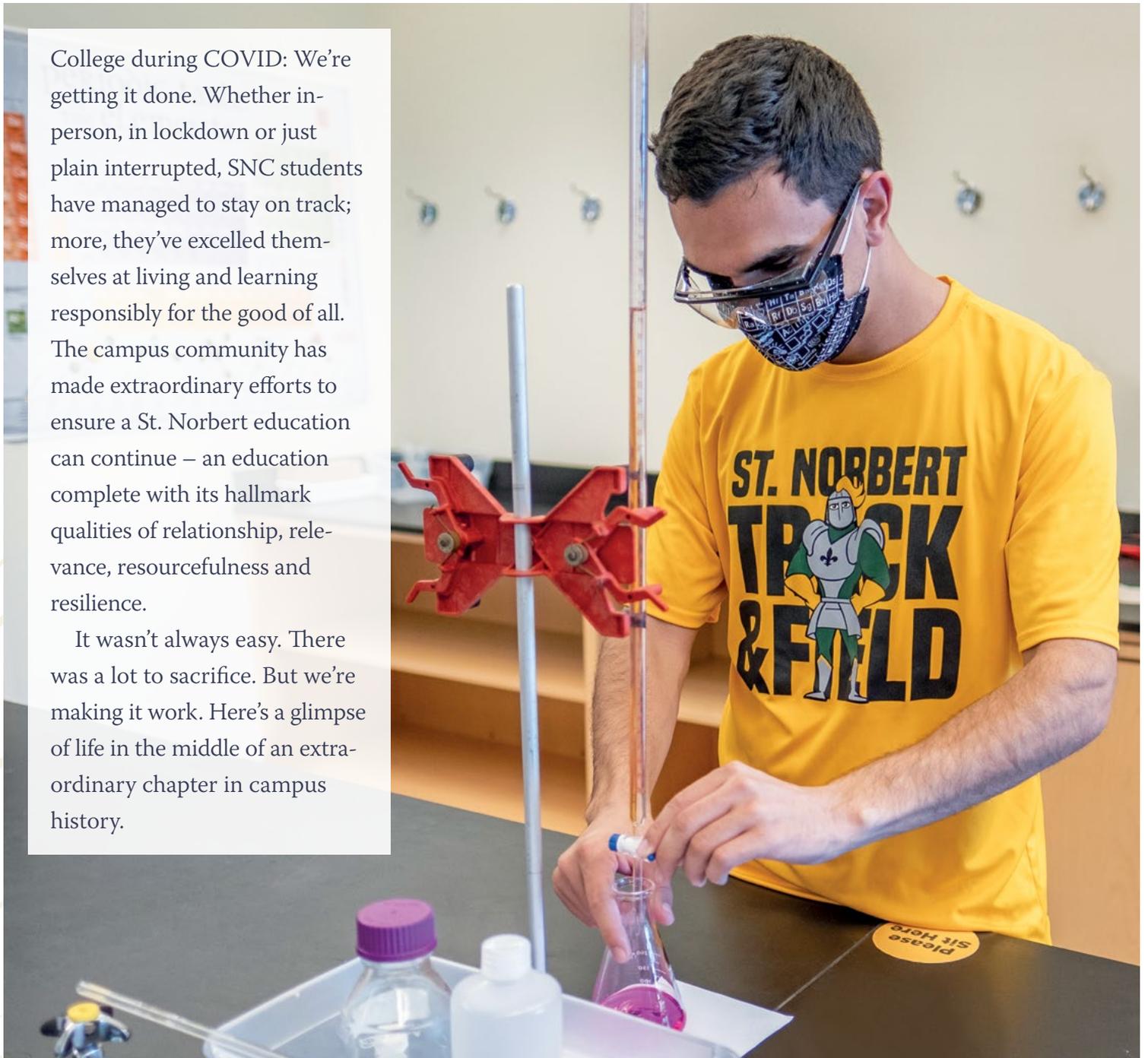
The Willibrord Scholarships are funded entirely by private donations. "Willibrord students have shown remarkable determination in the face of adversity – determination to make better lives for themselves and to make a difference in their communities. Supporting them is one of the most impactful things we can do," says **Jon Enslin**, vice president for college advancement.

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TIME *of* COVID

College during COVID: We're getting it done. Whether in-person, in lockdown or just plain interrupted, SNC students have managed to stay on track; more, they've excelled themselves at living and learning responsibly for the good of all. The campus community has made extraordinary efforts to ensure a St. Norbert education can continue – an education complete with its hallmark qualities of relationship, relevance, resourcefulness and resilience.

It wasn't always easy. There was a lot to sacrifice. But we're making it work. Here's a glimpse of life in the middle of an extraordinary chapter in campus history.



Ma(s)king *the BEST OF IT* — — — —

Among the myriad changes people notice on campus – from physical-distancing signage and well-separated seating areas to an abundance of hand-sanitizing stations – are some that remind us we’re not alone in all this. Norbert of Xanten, Abbot Pennings and Austin Cofrin (of Cofrin Hall) join students, staff and faculty in dutifully wearing their own masks.

The statues’ display of solidarity, courtesy of mask-makers **Lauren Gaecke** (Registrar) and **Shelly Mumma** (LSE), is indicative of how the college has approached the pandemic: masking up and making the best of the situation.

Creative solutions have been the order of the day. When the campus went remote for the second half of the spring semester, athletes needed to find ways to continue their training at home. Volleyball player **Colleen DeLisle ’23** turned to her dogs, Rex and Mojo. Rex, a 3-year-old Anatolian shepherd weighing in at about 100 pounds, became DeLisle’s squatting partner. “The entire time I was lifting them, they had big smiles on their faces and were wagging their tails,” she says.

Back on campus in the fall, many student organizations met online, and those that could not adapted to the new safety guidelines. The Ballroom Dancing Club found members could practice in person if they mirrored partners at 10 feet apart and wore masks. “Once orgs realized they could hold events or practices with COVID guidelines in place, they started to thrive,” says **John Seckel** (Campus Center). LSE offered naturally distanced sports like badminton, ping-pong and even cornhole. Women’s Golf was one of many varsity teams also thinking outside the tee box. The team participated in a floral-arrangement workshop at Green Bay Floral & Greenhouse, owned by **Tyler Arkens ’07**. “We plan to do this every year [going forward] because the team really enjoyed it,” says **Coach John Sabo ’07** (College Advancement).



And, as the world embraces digital connectivity, SNC continues to find more ways to bring its friends together virtually. Thanks to help from volunteer **Tom Tengowski ’94** and communications provider Nsight, the parish fast-tracked the installation of a camera system donated by **Rob and Cathy (Block) ’81 Riordan**. The parish was able to live-stream Mass from the first Sunday that Wisconsin’s safer-at-home order was in effect. Old St. Joe’s continues to broadcast its services, which now reach new alumni regulars as well as the on-campus, in-person congregation.

Two Czech Norbertines working on their English through virtual classes at SNC have been joined by their superior, **Abbot Daniel Peter Janáček**. (Janáček presides at Strahov



At home with alumni

The global health crisis forced in-person gatherings and reunions to cancel this year, but St. Norbert alumni have been finding ways to stay connected.

SNC track-and-field and cross-country alumni gathered for a virtual reunion to reminisce as well as honor team members in the 2020 graduating class. **Jenny Scherer ’10** shared photos of the Zoom gathering on Facebook, writing, “So glad we could honor & toast this year’s seniors, who didn’t get to end things the way they deserve, but who are going to continue to go on & do GREAT things!”

Other alumni leaned on art to connect with their alma mater. **Travis Vanden Heuvel ’09** and his daughter Faith turned their love for St. Norbert College Parish into a papier-mâché model of Old St. Joe’s. The office of alumni and parent relations gave everyone a chance to channel their inner artists, offering printable Norby coloring sheets and activity pages designed by **Nick Patton ’03** (Communications). Patton, author and illustrator of “Norby the College Mascot,” and his children bring Norby to life in a video reading of the children’s book.

Find Norby activities – and more ways to connect with each other and the college – at snc.edu/alumni/homeresources.



“We are asked to keep a very small amount of people within our ‘circle’ in the event that one of us becomes infected. While this is very challenging ... it has led to more meaningful connections as we must limit ourselves, giving us more time with those we truly care about. ...

“While none of us had any idea this is how 2020 would go, it is very possible that we will learn some of the best lessons in creativity and flexibility.”

– **Emilie Larsen '22**,
reflecting on her fall semester



Want to know how SNC is faring, week by week? Our snc.edu/covid19 website includes pandemic announcements and protocols, along with a dashboard indicating active cases on campus (zero by semester-end).

Abbey in Prague, where the body of St. Norbert himself rests.) The Norman Miller Center saw new possibilities, too, and has offered presentations and Q&As with high-profile speakers including Nobel Peace Laureate Leymah Gbowee and former white supremacist Arno Michaelis. Even the fall Career & Internship Fair cast its net wider: Students were able to meet virtually with representatives from organizations with corporate headquarters beyond the region.

Because of safety concerns, the only large-scale gathering the college has hosted is its Halloween party. A number of student groups pitched in to help organize a COVID-cautious bash – the most well-attended in the annual event’s eight-year history, says **Tom Doughman** (Counseling). Other gatherings, including SNC Day, were forced into a hiatus, but Commencement 2020 was one event that couldn’t go uncelebrated. The ceremony, postponed to August, became a virtual gathering that was streamed via YouTube. It’s been viewed more than 2,500 times.

Wanting to counter the challenges students are facing, the college has offered a tuition-free ninth semester: 120 students took up the Norbert’s Ninth promise, which offers them the chance to round out their athletics career post-COVID, accommodate an international experience, or extend their engagement on campus.

Even incoming SNC students are taking the challenges in stride: 1,867 students enrolled for fall semester 2020, and by early December, 3,406 students had already applied to SNC for the academic year 2021-22 – a 23 percent increase over last year.

Supporting these current and future students, generous friends of the college are boosting SNC’s ability to offer scholarship aid. The college was cautiously optimistic ahead of its Giving Day in May, aware of the financial hardships many are experiencing. But the community not only rallied, it raised \$595,882 for student aid – breaking all previous records for Giving Day.



The research shows ...

When **Laura Krull** (Sociology) moved her teaching online during Wisconsin’s safer-at-home order in March, her first step was to ask her students how they were coping at home – with caring responsibilities, anxiety, technology failures and all – so she could work around their needs. Doing so, she says, led to more effective teaching.

Just as Krull arrived at SNC this semester, she and her co-researcher Alanna Gillis published their findings about students’ experiences of that anxiety-ridden time in Spring 2020 in the journal *Teaching Sociology*.

Krull’s first student survey found that the standard model of Zoom lectures was impossible for many because of limited technology

resources and lack of privacy. She responded with a shift toward flexible and asynchronous learning, which has fed into her current hybrid model of teaching at St. Norbert. Her students satisfy participatory requirements through an online forum and do assignments in small groups or individually. She encourages them to ask for penalty-free extensions.

“I give the student the responsibility of setting their deadline, about being clear about how much time they need to do their best work. ... We also saw the importance in the research in being extremely clear and consistent about expectations of the student and clear about their teachers’ commitment to them. You need the structure in order to have the flexibility.”



Virtually there

When St. Norbert switched to fully online instruction last March, Information Technology Services (ITS) and Academic Technology were crucial in helping faculty prepare to teach virtually. Over the summer, **Krissy Lukens** (Academic Technology) collaborated with her team, comprised of **Susan Ashley** and **Taylor Jadin '14**, and members of ITS to create a hybrid mix of in-person and virtual instruction expected of faculty in the fall.

"It was important to provide as much flexibility as possible, while retaining the quality, rigor and care that are so important to the SNC experience," she says. "Many people worked hard to create classrooms that were safe, socially distanced and up-to-date tech-wise."

While her team had more time to plan for fall semester, faculty required a HyFlex approach so ITS had to determine how to best support professors in different scenarios. Ensuring students could see professor notes on the whiteboard remotely was a top concern. Lukens' team solved it by having faculty use the iPevo document camera on the whiteboard and record with Zoom. Her team also suggested the Kaltura Video Cloud platform, which allowed faculty to pre-record lectures or record classes with Zoom and automatically upload them to Moodle, the college's learning-management system, for students in quarantine.

Postcards from a pandemic

There's more from this unprecedented time in the college's history at snc.edu/magazine.



The fall semester was like no other, but SNC is still the place you know and love.



Cara Orbell '22 says studying abroad in Spain wasn't easy, but it was worth it.



President and **Mrs. Bruess '90** remind us of proper mask etiquette.



Faculty, Flapjacks & Finals took a different form, but faculty still served up healthy portions of encouragement.



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“Hello! For my printmaking class, we had to distribute our prints as part of this assignment, and I chose you!

“This design has bird of paradise flowers, which can symbolize joyfulness and magnificence. It can indicate exciting and wonderful anticipation. Before starting this project we read Anne Lamott’s ‘Traveling Mercies,’ where she says, ‘When everything in your life goes wrong at once, something big and lovely is about to get born.’ I’d like to think that is what is happening now. Everything in the world seems to be falling apart and out of control, and just when you think it can’t get any worse – it does. But maybe something big and lovely is about to get born.”

– **Rachel Stover '23**,

intern in College Advancement who shared her prints with her (virtual) colleagues

Academically *excellent*, PEDAGOGICALLY VERSATILE



They met in new and unusual spaces, like the conference rooms in Bemis or the gym in the Pennings Activity Center. They washed their hands, masked up, kept their distances and sanitized their desks. They met in person and sometimes online – perhaps from their homes, even perhaps from their quarantine quarters. And, as faculty and students found new ways to use tech tools, they looked, too, to maintain the relationship they’ve always cherished: a rich connection of teaching and learning.

- **Katie Ginsbach** (Spanish) used Microsoft Teams to organize a virtual language exchange between her students and those attending the University of San Pablo in Spain. They regularly chatted about the pandemic, current events and other topics.
- Students in Introduction to Peace & Justice gave a virtual presentation to an imagined audience of their choice using Zoom. **Craig Ford** (Theology & Religious Studies) was impressed with the issues his students addressed in his online class, from how certain campus activities could be problematic for students of color to how COVID-19 changes in local schools affect families.
- **The Rev. Jim Neilson '88** is grateful to students who have helped him through technology issues as he taught art classes remotely. “I don’t know what I would have done without the kind and gracious assistance of our tech-savvy students,” he says. “I couldn’t even program my own VCR back in the ’80s, so there’s been a significant learning curve for me to effectively Zoom through the three art classes.”
- **Michael Olson** (Physics) had to transform a traditional student-run activity into a COVID-safe version. Using a Go-Pro camera installed by ITS on the ceiling of the Gehl-Mulva Science Center lobby, Olson and a few student assistants recorded hover-puck collisions so his class could analyze the videos to investigate the conservation of movement and kinetic energy in collisions.
- Lillian Medville spoke to students of **Erica Southworth** (Education). Medville is the creator of the game “Your Privilege is Showing,” which helps players develop skills for challenging conversations around inclusion, equity and diversity.

- Concerts and productions were livestreamed and recorded, so music and theatre studies students and professors learned new skills, like video and audio editing, alongside one another. Says **Stephen Rupsch** (Theatre Studies): “No one has dropped what we love to do. ... They’ve had to be clever about what they’re doing.”
- **Nick Mauro** (Physics) worked remotely with students on a 10-week summer research project sponsored by the National Science Foundation. **Leah Zimmer ’22**, **Peader McGrath ’22** and **Sarah Bertrand ’23** studied how metallic liquids can transform into exotic states of matter. The inability to perform experiments made the process cumbersome at first, but the students pressed on; they collaborated remotely and were successful in moving the needle on their research. “I’ve never been more impressed with my students than I was this past summer,” Mauro says. “When confronted with challenging circumstances, they excelled.”
- **Chris Bradford** (Education) says future educators are proving valuable to their teacher-mentors in area schools. They’re stepping up – and they’re also getting firsthand virtual teaching experience. Students, too, are tutoring the children of health care workers online in partnership with Prevea Health. And, with the help of undergraduate research assistants, **Stephanie Shedrow** (Education) is conducting research to determine the effectiveness of digital read-alouds for elementary school pupils.
- **Emily Thornton ’20** took classes and did a virtual internship through the Washington Semester Program at American University in D.C. this fall. In Spring 2021, **Clay Larson ’21** and **Venice Ramos ’21** will participate in a virtual program through Universidad San Francisco de Quito in Ecuador.

Throughout, students and faculty found numerous ways to excel in the face of difficult circumstances. “At the center of teaching at SNC is the relationship between faculty and students,” says **Reid Riggle** (Education). “This giant, unplanned experiment with technology will help us know how to use technology better to facilitate learning.” ♣

Researching COVID

Before heading off to medical school, **Jaclyn Schneider ’20** is working as a contracted research associate with the Marshfield Clinic Research Institute’s Integrated Research and Development Laboratory. As part of a \$22.4 million COVID-19 research grant, she runs clinical tests, processes samples from around the country and extracts DNA from those samples to send to the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) for a number of its studies. Her work will help develop and test vaccines and monitor the spread of the virus and comorbidity during the flu season. Although the experience hasn’t been without its challenges, Schneider says she’s gained crucial skills needed in the clinical research field and continues to be inspired by her team, which has worked tirelessly to support the CDC’s efforts to learn more about COVID-19’s transmission.

In it to the finish

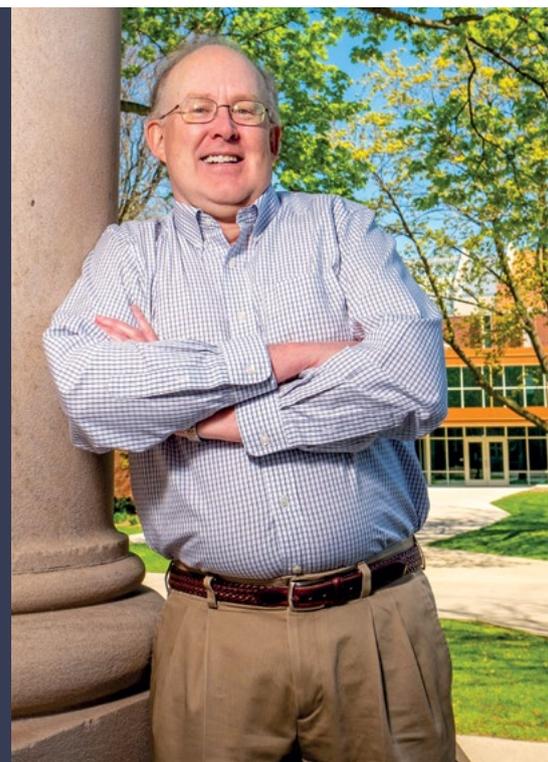
Stuart Korshavn (Psychology) retired last spring after 35 years of teaching at St. Norbert College. He wrapped up his final semester not at the front of a classroom full of students, as may have been expected, but in front of a computer. It didn’t keep him from staying connected. He made sure to check in on his students’ progress on a more personal level, too. “His professionalism is remarkable,” says **John Dose** (Social Sciences). “What a way to end a career ... [from] having never taught an online course to executing his courses online with precision and the utmost care for his students.”

Korshavn (right) was one of many forced to adjust course delivery mid-semester when the campus closed in March. He took the challenge in stride, working with Information Technology Services (ITS) and colleague **Lisa VanWormer** (Faculty Development) to record his lectures using PowerPoint and voiceovers. “I tried to imagine a

classroom full of students even though I was staring at and talking to a beige wall,” Korshavn says.

David Duquette (Philosophy, Emeritus), who came out of retirement to instruct classes last spring, found himself in similar circumstances: “I cannot be grateful enough for the individualized assistance I received from Taylor Jadin. We had several one-on-one sessions, one of them on a Saturday. I don’t know how I could have managed the transition without his expertise.”

As the semester carried on, Duquette says seeing first-year students do well in the face of such change was heartening, as was the way the community banded together. “The encouraging and supportive comments by President Bruss in his updates also helped with my motivation to step up,” says Duquette. “Even if he wasn’t speaking to me directly, I think it helped with morale and kept the spirit of *communio* at the forefront.”



Listening in

By Melanie Radzicki
McManus '83



CHANGING THE STATION

There's more to hear from our interviewees – and from five more profs and others – at snc.edu/magazine. We hope these soundbites will tempt you to tune in!

Debi Faase (Education): “I sing in the car. My favorite Pandora music is St. Louis Jesuit music, Colbie Caillat, Neil Diamond and dinner-party music.”

Joy Pahl (IBLAS): “Can’t live without something to listen to in the car – audio-book, podcast, music or talk radio. Also, I cannot resist blasting any song by Journey while in the car.”

Leah Hutchison Toth (English): “For playing music, these days I really like the shruti box, a drone instrument with origins in India – similar to a harmonium. It’s fun to play and figure into all sorts of musical contexts. Every shruti box is a little different, so it has a unique resonance in recordings.”

We tapped SNC professors for their favorite sounds, and their answers ranged from amusing to insightful to instructive. Enjoy listening in, here and at snc.edu/magazine.

Elaine Moss (Music)

Although music instructor Moss clearly loves tunes, she uses silence to center herself on her way to and from St. Norbert. And Moss’ favorite music? The sounds of nature.

First live concert: My mom took a neighbor girl and me to a piano duet recital at the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in Milwaukee. I knew then and there that piano was my calling, especially working with others in an ensemble situation.

Can’t live without: The many sounds of nature. City noise annoys me.

Birds singing or wind in the trees? Tough call. Birdsong is beautiful, but the wind tells many more stories.

You’d never guess: How much I love my surroundings. I live on 10 acres in a county forest. Every day is a new listening adventure.

On my wish list: Going to Alaska, or somewhere far north, to see and *hear* the northern lights. Did you know that if you listen closely, the sound of the lights – because of the electricity and ions in the atmosphere – is like clapping? Can you imagine?

Also love: Hearing the ice go out (breaking up) on a large body of water, such as a big lake or Lake Superior.

Bob Kramer (History)

Kramer, a guitarist, says music is what keeps him sane and reasonably happy.

Sing in the shower or car? I sing in the shower and car, and in elevators and hallways, and in my office and while taking walks in my neighborhood. Singing is like breathing, only better, because it celebrates being alive.

Favorite instrument: Guitar, of course. I have four and play three of them constantly.

Foghorn or church bells? Foghorns are so atmospheric, one just has to love them. But we live close to the St. Norbert Abbey, and I love hearing their bells ring late in the day. They seem a perfect antidote to the craziness of modern life, as if they are saying, “Stop and listen and be in the moment.” I’m no theologian, but isn’t that what prayer is supposed to be about?

Kindle or Audible? I have no idea what that means.

Aural event that changed your life: In 1972, I went to a music store and bought two record albums on a whim: “Robert Johnson, King of the Delta Blues Singers, Vol. 1” and Mississippi Fred McDowell’s self-titled album. It was an absolutely transformative moment for me, introducing me to some of the most powerful, honest and beautiful music ever made: the blues, which is the taproot of American music. Closely related to that is the old African-American gospel music of the 1930s and ’40s – people like Mahalia Jackson, the Dixie Hummingbirds and, later, the Staples Singers. It is a powerful medicine, that music, and there is no posing. It’s straight from the heart. It is what I (almost) always listen to.

Bonnie McVey (Computer Science)

McVey’s favorite instrument is a well-played guitar or piano. She says that when the computer science lab is too quiet, she threatens to start singing to break the silence.

Sing in the shower or car? I sing in the shower, the car and on my Harley. I am never quite sure if anyone can hear me singing while I am riding my Harley – I hope not. While riding on Sunday mornings, the songs are usually hymns I remember my parents singing. Other times, anything goes!

First live concert: The Doobie Brothers, followed by Chicago. Both were in 1978 at the Brown County Arena. The best live concert I attended featured Garth Brooks – great energy. Currently I attend performances by Bent Grass, a local bluegrass band in which my brother, John, sings. I enjoyed hearing and dancing to Groove Knight at our wedding reception – the leader of this band from Austin, Texas, is Dave Pankratz Jr. [*McVey and Dave Pankratz Sr. (Computer Science) wed in June. More on page 35.*]

Can’t live without: Sirius XM radio, turntable, CD player. When home, most of my music is on LPs, 45s and CDs. Thank goodness turntables made a comeback.

Birds singing or wind in the trees? Every sound Mother Nature makes for us is awesome.

You’d never guess: How many things you really hear when you go to a quiet place. ♣



READERS’ CHOICE

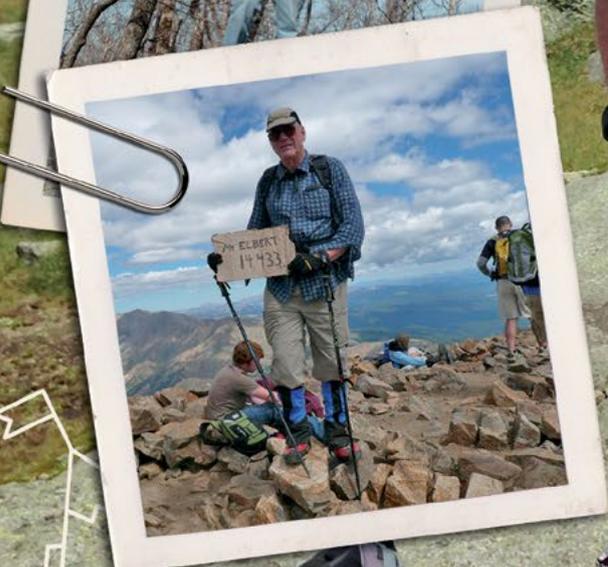
We’d love to know more about the soundtrack of our readers’ lives. If you’d like to let us know what you enjoy at magazine@snc.edu, we’re listening! And, if you’d care to respond using any of the same prompts we gave our featured faculty members, we’d love to be able to offer a “Listening In, Part 2: Readers’ Choice.”



CHANGE

OF PLANS

By Rachel Mueller '14



At a time when many of us are feeling that our lives have been derailed, we touch base with four alumni who have already experienced life events that stopped them in their tracks.

KEEP KLIMBIN'

No, that's not a typo. It's the motto of the Highpointers Club, people who pride themselves on climbing the highest points in each of the United States. **Jim Sutton '68**, past president of the club and current member, has been doing just that for almost 40 years. His first true high-point experience was in 1981 at Mount Davis (3,213 ft.) in Pennsylvania while on a road trip to visit family, and he's been hooked ever since.

While Sutton's other climbs (47 high points to date) have gone as planned, his attempts on Granite Peak in Montana have not. While experiencing chest pains during his last attempt in 2017, Sutton pulled aside a fellow high-pointer and retired ER doctor for advice.

"He told me, 'You have angina and you're basically on your way to a heart attack,'" says Sutton. "So a few hours later, I got my first helicopter ride." Three ambulances and two hospitals later, Sutton underwent a triple bypass.

Following his heart surgery, Sutton has since reclimbed Michigan and Iowa in 2019, and is hoping he'll tackle Montana's Granite Peak (12,799 ft.) and Idaho's Borah Peak (12,662 ft.) in 2021.

With those climbs completed, he will officially be able to

say he's gotten 49 out of 50 high points in the U.S., leaving only Alaska, which has a "world-class" mountain.

While Sutton at 74 is on the older side in mountaineering circles, he hasn't let that stop him. He's completed Timm's Hill (1,951 ft.) in Wisconsin several times and Humphrey's Peak (12,633 ft.) in Arizona three times, among other repeat climbs. Arizona even included an impromptu stop in pitch-black wilderness, an experience he'll never forget.

"I realized I'd left all three of my flashlights in the car," he says. "You have to be ready for anything so I stopped and started a fire. Luckily, a few hours later I saw a light coming down the trail, hooked up with another peaker and we made our way back.

"One of the best things about high-pointing is that it takes you to places you'd never go to otherwise," he says.

His interest in high points sparked from reading the Rand McNally Road Atlas, Sutton says. "I read atlases like most people read books. So I used to pedal around on my bike to the gas station when you could get free road maps, and I'd collect them." He connected with the official Highpointers Club in 1991.

The terrain of the U.S. varies wildly from state to state. Britton Hill, Fla. (345 ft.) is the lowest high point while Mt. McKinley, Alaska, is the tallest at 20,320 ft. Some points are easier to climb than others, but the joy of the trek keeps Sutton revisiting his favorites.

"It's interesting to see that, with the exception of Minnesota, which I still am trying to get back to re-climb, I have done all of them at least once after the age of 55, and 33 of them at or older than 60," Sutton remarks. "Most folks do them at a much earlier age."

PUSH PAUSE

As she entered her sixth year of graduate school at the University of Michigan, **Severina Scott '14** realized she couldn't do it anymore. She was disconnected from her work, felt unfulfilled and no longer believed in the path she had set in 2014.

Scott intended to do her dissertation on 20th-century women of color activism in the Milwaukee area, and eventually teach at a small university or community college.

That vision no longer seemed true to what she imagined for herself. "I was fatigued and just going through the motions," Scott says. "I lost myself. ... I was really struggling."

As her mental health continued to deteriorate, she battled sleeplessness, anxiety, depression and panic attacks daily. When August 2019 arrived, she knew another year of grad school as things were would cause serious damage.

It wasn't easy, but she decided to take a year off. Fortunately, her program allowed for medical leave.

"I continued therapy, found a good balance of medication, and focused on smaller things like tackling my inbox, and built up from there," she says. She's also grateful for her support system – her partner, parents and friends, as well as her housecat, WinniePat.

As she's now back working on her Ph.D., Scott has revised her end-goal. She hopes to co-create a nonprofit that will provide assistance to students as they transition out of high school. Inspired by St. Norbert's focus on vocation, the organization will help students and their families make college decisions through a lifelong lens.





LIFE CHANGES IN A FLASH

A clear, sunny day.

That's what comes to mind for **Jim Counter '81** when asked about that fateful day in April 2018. After an outing at the Mas Tacos restaurant in East Nashville while visiting friends, the musician was the victim of a near-fatal armed robbery attempt.

A 23-year-old tapped her gun on his car window and asked for Counter's wallet. He got out and handed over his money. She pulled the trigger. The bullet went through his lower chest and back, missing his spine, and causing massive damage to his liver and internal organs.

"I'll never forget the metallic clang of that bullet," says Counter. "Life changes in a flash. I'm lucky to come out the other end of it."

That flash turned into three extensive surgeries, two weeks in the Vanderbilt University Medical Center ICU and 15 days at a specialty wound-care hospital in Nashville.

Dr. Raymond Georgen, general surgeon, took over Counter's recovery at ThedaCare in Neenah, Wis.

"He was kind and brave enough to take on my case," he says. "I recovered pretty quickly without needing much rehab." Praying, reading, walking and songwriting were crucial for his healing process.

It's been almost three years since and there are no lingering physical effects, although Counter admits he does appreciate all aspects of his life a bit more. "I'm happy to be breathing and living life again," he says.

His turning point was a small one-hour music show at a retirement home in De Pere, three months after the shooting.

"I asked the lady who booked me, 'That wasn't very good, was it?'" He was simply happy to be in front of a mic again and is grateful for the support from his nurses, his parents, his family and friends, and his fans.

"I lost the calluses on my fingers, too, had to build those up," he says. "Some local fans thought my voice sounded richer, with more depth."

Counter performs a variety of genres, including country, R&B, Motown, pop and rock. While the COVID-19 pandemic hasn't been kind to the music industry, Counter keeps busy. He had to cancel 63 shows last year but he's excited to get back on stage when he can.

TAKING THE LONG WAY ROUND

The **Rev. Michael Brennan '99** had always considered the priesthood, and initially planned to enter the seminary after attending St. Norbert College.

His path shifted during an American College of Education program through the University of Notre Dame, where he served under-resourced schools and found a passion for teaching.

"I never thought about being a teacher, but ended up really enjoying it," he says.

Nine years later, Brennan was nudged back toward the priesthood: It happened out of the blue and, in fact, during a conversation with his longtime girlfriend. She made a simple and honest observation: "You need to do this." Says Brennan, "Do what?" "She said, 'You're the kind of priest we need.'"

That truth bomb fell on Jan. 6, 2010, the Feast of the Epiphany, and quite an epiphany it was.

"I'm convinced it was the Holy Spirit speaking through her," Brennan says.

A month later, he reached out to several religious orders to discern further: the Augustinians, the Congregation of the Holy



Cross at Notre Dame and the Norbertines at SNC.

"Much like my first visit to the campus, spending a weekend at the abbey made me realize that God was calling me back home."

"It's not like I wasn't happy teaching," he says. "But I saw this as an invitation to be true to God's will."

Brennan currently serves as vocations director for St. Norbert Abbey and as a parish chaplain at Old St. Joe's. ♣



FAMILY TREES

Green Knight unions run in the Maher family. Following in the footsteps of their parents **Lori (Van Sistine) '80** and **Tripp Maher '80** (College Advancement), **Annie '08** married **Matt Gajewski '07**, and **Molly '12** wed **Ben Lucareli '12** (pictured).

A similar trend made **Katie (Wieszcholek) '95** wary when she met **Jim Culotta '95**. "My parents (**Bob Wieszcholek '71** and **Nancy Gibbons Wieszcholek '71**) and aunts and uncles had all met early in their days at SNC and eventually married. I joked that it was the family curse," Katie says. "As much as I tried to avoid it, we fell in love, dated all four years of college and were married in 1996 by Father James Baraniak."

Looking for love?

The **Rev. Jim Neilson '88** will talk about love during the February installment of the "Behind the Arch" series presented by Alumni & Parent Relations. Learn more at snc.edu/alumni/event.

Where the heart is



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"Look around. You just might be looking at your future husband or wife."

For many alumni, those words from the **Rev. Jim Neilson '88** were among the first they heard as students at St. Norbert College, spoken during ceremonies welcoming them to campus. And those words became true for quite a few of those young, fresh-faced Green Knights.

We're not sure if it's the breathtaking riverfront views, the beautiful tree-lined campus or long hours in the computer science lab. But these alumni say an SNC spot was integral to their happily-ever-afters.

Sarah (Nohr) '97 and **Brian Began '97** met during freshmen year at an 8 a.m. philosophy class. Brian says: "Things didn't get serious until we became computer science lab partners the following year. (Nothing says romance like computer science!)"

Shared values brought **Tara (Marcell) '09** and **Garrett Lancelle '10** together as they participated in a program that combined education with community service. "Early on in our relationship, my sister was visiting campus," Garrett says. "A group of us were walking back from the cafeteria when my sister stopped us all (just by Old St. Joe's) and proceeded

to 'marry' Tara and me in the middle of campus." When Garrett decided to make it official, he couldn't leave out St. Norbert. "I proposed to Tara by tape-recording a scavenger hunt that ran throughout the campus and ended in front of Room 222 at Mad/Lor (Tara's freshman dorm room)."

For others, being at the right place at the right time was all it took to create a spark. Take **Carol (Sessler) '90** and **President Brian Bruess '90**, who recently celebrated 29 years of marriage. They met at freshmen orientation, where they were assigned to the same group. Carol (who just so happens to be a relationship expert) credits St. Norbert College for the couple's "foundation for family, faith and service."

When **Liz (Newgent) '09** and **Steve Gale '09** relay their own love story, they don't leave out Neilson's prediction. "We always say we clearly remember Father Jim saying ... 'Look around. You might be looking at your future husband or wife.' We are so lucky he was right!"



Find more SNC love stories at snc.edu/alumni/SNCvalentine.html.



When life gives you chili beans ...

Nothing brings people together like good food. But what do you do when a pandemic prevents you from gathering with old friends over a hearty meal? You share the recipe.

To kick off what would have been Homecoming Weekend, **Chef Dan Froelich** and his wife, Mary Ann, invited alumni into their kitchen – virtually – to watch and learn from the master. Live via Facebook, Froelich demonstrated how to make his much-loved and oft-requested chili, a staple of St. Norbert College dining.

“When I started at St. Norbert about 31 years ago, I hadn’t created this recipe yet. I liked chili, but I really didn’t have a chili of my own. One of the chefs I worked with when I started there – her name was **Jean Fowler** – her and her husband were big into chili. ... She prompted me to [create my own] recipe,” Froelich says. “So a lot of testing it on the family and testing it on my wife, and finally I think I came up with a pretty good recipe that meets a lot of different taste buds. You don’t want it to be too spicy, but it packs a lot of flavor.”

The event was the first installment of Behind the Arch, a new series hosted by the office of alumni and parent relations. The series shines a spotlight on the college’s talented faculty and staff, who share information and demonstrations on what they know and love: topics from their academic disciplines and professions but also from their hobbies, pastimes and adventures in lifelong learning.

Best of all: The events will be virtual, allowing alumni to join in from wherever they are, says **Chris Betcher** (Alumni & Parent Relations). Find upcoming Behind the Arch events – and the recipe for Chef Dan’s Chili – at snc.edu/go/behindtheearch.

Births/ Adoptions

2000 Travis and **Amanda Dodge**, Germantown, Wis., a daughter, Melody Marie, Nov. 3, 2019. Melody joins sister Alexandria.

2001 Kristin Lindbloom and **Steve Warden**, Suamico, Wis., a daughter, Brianna Marie, Jan. 6, 2020. Brianna joins sisters Madison, 12; Isabelle, 7; Allison, 5; Makenna, 3; and Alayna, 1.

2001 Erin (Hassing) and **Chip Gabriel '02**, Highlands Ranch, Colo., a son, Alexander, Feb. 29, 2020.

2003 Stacy (Ritter) and **Aaron Shaske**, Erin, Wis., a girl, Ada Ney, Sept. 20, 2019.

2005 Erica (Gilson) and **David Winkler '00**, De Pere, a daughter, Sophia, March 9, 2020. Sophia joins sister Cynthia, 16.

2006 Crystal (McClure) and **Jon Keddie**, Franklin, Wis., a son, Tanner Paul. Tanner joins brother Jackson, 2.

2006 Lindsay (Draeger) and **Ted Krueger**, Pewaukee, Wis., a daughter, Eldora Kathleen, July 6, 2020. She joins Dakota, 5, and Theo, 2.

2007 Melissa (Rodgers) and **Jonathan Karabowicz**, Bolingbrook, Ill., a son, Maxwell, May 28, 2019.

2007 Kelly (Dugan) and **Shannon Smith '16**, Milwaukee, a son, Oliver Michael, Sept. 16, 2019. Oliver joins brother Sam, 2.

2007 Nick and **Addie Bonifas**, San Jose, Calif., a daughter,

Palmer Abrams, Sept. 28, 2019.

2007 Allison Barr and **Blake Bercany**, Elgin, Ill., a son, Garrett Martin, Oct. 13, 2019.

2007 Brianne (Fick) and **Justin Wright**, Suamico, Wis., twin girls, Teagan and Scarlett, Oct. 15, 2019. They join brother Clayton and sister Elsa.

2009 Kristen (Gloude-mans) and **Christopher Heaver**, North Augusta, S.C., a daughter, Molly, Aug. 8, 2019. Molly joins brother Theodore.

2009 Trish (Orrico) and **Mike Pater**, Sycamore, Ill., a son, Myles Lincoln, Sept. 16, 2019.

2009 Abby (Cefalu) and **Charles Fry**, Wauwatosa, Wis., a daughter, Sylvia Rae, Oct. 4, 2019.

2009 Erin (Thorson) and **Bill Piggott**, Chicago, a son, William “Liam” Thomas, Nov. 12, 2019.

2009 Angie (Currie) and **Mike Biancalana**, Palatine, Ill., a daughter, Grace Anne, Nov. 20, 2019. Grace joins sisters Adele, 3, and Vivian, 2.

2010 Autumn Tapley and **Adam Solakiewicz '10**, Aurora, Ill., a daughter, Hailey Faith, July 26, 2019.

2010 Kristin Brandt and **Nate Redig '10**, Saukville, Wis., a daughter, Harper Ann, Oct. 11, 2019. Harper joins brother Liam, 2.

2010 Amanda Cleven and **Mitchell Vincent**, Allouez, Wis., a daughter, Olivia Winter, March 3, 2020. Olivia joins sister Josephine, 3.

2010 Andrea Liebelt and **Ryan Schmitz**,

Sheboygan, Wis., a daughter, Elizabeth Marie, on March 11, 2020.

2010 Alicia (Brinkman) and **Doug Obermann '10**, Waukesha, Wis., a daughter, Jane Dianne, April 9, 2020. She joins sisters Penelope, 3, and Lucy, 2.

2011 Jaime Maly and **Tyler Liptack '11**, De Pere, a son, Camden Peter, Sept. 30, 2019. Camden joins brother Simon, 2.

2011 Renee Wenig and **Robert Vickman '09**, Chicago, a son, Theodore Francis, Dec. 4, 2019. Theodore joins brother Edward.

2011 Nicole Harp and **Brian Pietsch '11**, Appleton, Wis., a daughter, Olivia Grace, Dec. 27, 2019. Olivia joins brother Lucas, 2.

2011 Katie Adams and **William Hansinger '09**, Waukesha, Wis., a son, Charles William, March 6, 2020.

2012 Carrie (Roberts) and **James Schnell '12**, Volo, Ill., a daughter, Charlotte Eleanor, Oct. 15, 2019.

2012 Vanessa (Ashwood-Sessions) and **Ian Klein '10**, Ventura, Calif., a daughter, Maci Elizabeth, Oct. 21, 2019. She joins brother Finn, 3.

2012 Susan Pfitzinger and **Henry Vosters**, Appleton, Wis., a daughter, Eleanor Mayla, Oct. 30, 2019.

2013 Olivia Sievert and **Kort Koppmann '13**, Chicago, a boy, Henry Wells, Sept. 13, 2019. Henry joins brother William, 2.

2013 Brittany (Mazemke) and

Christian Schnobrich, Suamico, Wis., a son, Finnegan Lee, Oct. 24, 2019.

2013 Anna (Vanden Hogen) and **Tim Van Eperen '13**, Little Chute, Wis., a son, Lincoln Michael, Nov. 6, 2019. Lincoln joins sister Everly, 2.

2013 Luanne Spence and **Danny Wojciechowski**, Ixonia, Wis., a son, Duke Michael. Duke joins sister Haddey, 2.

2014 Shaina (Beckers) and **Guy Allen '13 MBA '18**, Green Bay, a son, Atlas John Digby, March 31, 2020.

2014 Kelsey (Boettcher) and **Brad LaPierre '18**, De Pere, a daughter, Hadley Marie, Oct. 1, 2019. Hadley joins brother Grayson, 1.

2014 Jenessa Krull and **Andrew Schwoerer '15**, Hortonville, Wis., a son, Henry James, Oct. 21, 2019.

2015 Katie (Vanden Avond) and **Kory Guns**, Green Bay, Wis., a son, Porter Robert, July 13, 2020.

Marriages

2005 Tim Nitka and **Gabrielle Triplette**, Aug. 11, 2018. They live in Chicago.

2007 Lynn Koves and **Matthew Girsch**, April 6, 2019. They live in Denver.

2008 Andy Marx and **Bailee McClintock**, Oct. 5, 2019. They live in Milwaukee.

2010 Kathryn Botsford and **Alysha Scholz**, Oct. 12, 2019. They live in Milwaukee.

2011 Ryan Hurst and **Kathleen Tardella**,

Oct. 26, 2019. They live in Wauwatosa, Wis.

2012 Meghan Martell and Kyle **Geary**, Sept. 28, 2019. They live in Chicago.

2012 Tara Sullivan and **Ryan Winter '13**, Sept. 28, 2019. They live in Chicago.

2012 Jared Dean and Kirsten Simon, Nov. 5, 2019. They live in Kansas City, Mo.

2013 Joe Stawicki and Tim Gaus, Sept. 2, 2019. They live in Grafton, Wis.

2013 Maria Dzurik and Alexander **Selling**, Sept. 28, 2019. They live in Stockholm, Sweden.

2014 Katelyn Richards and **Andy Pini '14**, Sept. 7, 2019. They live in Henderson, Nev.

2014 Kari Braatz and **Jake Day '13**, Sept. 28, 2019. They live in Chicago.

2015 Sarah Czarnik-Neimeyer and **Daniel King '15**, Sept. 1, 2019. They live in Hendersonville, Tenn.

2015 Stephanie Brandt and **Sean Fuss '15**, Sept. 7, 2019. They live in Madison, Wis.

2015 Steven Hofacker and Angela DeMars, Sept. 7, 2019. They live in La Crosse, Wis.

2015 Connor Fox and **Jonathan Haines '14**, Sept. 28, 2019, Janesville, Wis.

2015 Kathleen Dawn Hartwig and Alec **Bernander**, Sept. 28, 2019. They live in Waldo, Wis.

2015 Stephanie Thomson and Trevor **Ostrowski**, Oct. 5, 2019. They live in Wausau, Wis.

2015 Travis Buechel and Molly Jahn, Nov. 13, 2019. They live in Green Bay.

2016 Brenna Rathsack and Alex **Van Rooy**, Oct. 5, 2019. They live in Menasha, Wis.

2016 Brittney Stanford and Jorgie **Lindberg**, Oct. 5, 2019. They live in Chicago.

2016 Abby Jansen and Ryan **Fritze**, Oct. 19, 2019. They live in Green Bay.

2016 Katie Wagner and Adam **Steege**, Oct. 26, 2019. They live in Green Bay.

2017 Davey Holzer and Hanna Wienke, June 29, 2019. They live in Wauwatosa, Wis.

2020 Molly Jahn and **Travis Buechel '15**, Nov. 13, 2019. They live in Green Bay.

Deaths

1949 Edward Bertz, of Homewood, Ill., died Dec. 5, 2019, at the age of 93. He served in the Navy and became a Catholic priest serving the diocese of La Crosse, Wis. He was editor of the Register Times-Review and served as vice president of the American Hospital Association. He is survived by two sons.

1949 Ronald "Jim" Smits, of Green Bay, died Dec. 22, 2019, at the age of 92. He served in the U.S. Army 1950-52. He worked for Green Bay Packaging. He is survived by four children, including **Mary Davidson '70** and **Jim '68**.

1950 John "Jack" Bertz, of Madison, Wis., died Nov. 19, 2019, at the age of 90.

He worked in the soils and survey section of the USDA in Clark and Dane counties, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Jane, and five children.

1950 Raymond Sauvey, of Green Bay, died Feb. 16, 2020, at the age of 91. He was in the U.S. Army Reserves and served in the Korean War earning the Combat Infantry Badge and Korean War Medal. He taught high school Latin and English and later went into the insurance business. He is survived by seven children, including **Raymond '78**, **Susan Hahn '80** and **Ann Breitenbach '89**.

1950 John "Jack" Sylvester, of Oconto, Wis., died Feb. 18, 2020, at the age of 91. He served in the U.S. Navy and Army. He taught at St. Norbert College and in Green Bay public schools. He is survived by his wife, Julie, and six children.

1951 William Stumpf, of Colgate, Wis., died Dec. 27, 2019, at the age of 93. He served in WWII and worked as a real estate broker. He is survived by four children.

1951 John "Jack" Delvoe, of De Pere, died Jan. 8, 2020, at the age of 90. He was a teacher in Mill Center, Wis., – at a one-room school house – and at Cormier School in Ashwaubenon, Wis. He later served as principal of Pioneer Elementary School in Ashwaubenon. He is survived by five children.

1951 Earl Herbert, of Waupaca, Wis., died Jan. 28, 2020, at the age of 91. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He later taught and coached at high schools in Coleman, Sauk-Prairie and

Manitowoc, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Janet, and five children.

1952 Donald Tremel, of Kimberly, Wis., died Nov. 23, 2019, at the age of 89. He served in the U.S. Army. He worked at Smith, Ellingson and Schuldes Public Accounting in Green Bay as well as at the Institute of Paper Chemistry in Appleton, Wis., and the Institute of Paper Science & Technology in Atlanta, Ga. He is survived by his wife, Marian, and five children.

1952 The Rev. Samuel Jadin, of De Pere, died Feb. 2, 2020, at the age of 89. A Norbertine priest, he served as the house superior at St. Michael Priory in Green Bay. A faculty member at several colleges including St. Norbert College, he served as chaplain at Holy Family Convent in Manitowoc, Wis., for 21 years. He is survived by the Norbertine community.

1952 Bill Schinderle, of Algoma, Wis., died May 19, 2020, at the age of 90. He served as a licensed funeral director for 62 years, operating Haucke Funeral Home in Algoma for 25 years. He is survived by four children.

1953 Lt. Col. Richard Hoerning, of New London, Wis., died May 12, 2020, at the age of 88. He served 21 years in the U.S. Army, touring Korea, Japan, Vietnam and Germany. He is survived by his wife, Marlene, and four children.

1954 George Schultz, of Warminster, Pa., died Dec. 27, 2019, at the age of 87. He served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant and was assigned to the National Security

Nicole Micolichek '11



Is a flamingo in a flock of pigeons

An inside joke has grown into a lifestyle for Nicole Micolichek '11, who proves flamingos aren't just ornaments for your lawn.

Mingle with flamingos Birds generally freak me out, but not flamingos. They're unique and vibrant. I once mingled with real flamingos at the Indianapolis Zoo and saw them do their signature stance up close.

A nest egg My love for flamingos stemmed from a project in high school on the post-WWII housing boom and making cookie-cutter houses stand out. It was this inside joke, but my mom got the ball rolling when she bought me a lawn flamingo. It became a perpetual thing: People started bringing me more stuff. Now that my niece is into them, we have competitions to see who can wear the most flamingo things. I usually let her win.

In full feather Most of what I have are gifts. The first was a candle holder from a friend. My best friend painted a flamingo art piece that hangs in my house. The lawn flamingo from my mom came with me to SNC and hung in my room in Sensenbrenner Hall; it even has a name: Rinaldo!

Birds of a feather flock together Flamingos help me make connections. My love for these birds may seem a little out there, but when people see all of the flamingo things – pens, earrings, shirts, water bottles – it gives us a chance to talk and open up to each other.

Agency headquarters in Washington, D.C. He had a career in writing, editing and reporting for the Green Bay Gazette, and worked for the Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., and New York City. He is survived by three children.

1956 Daniel Rukamp, of Catonsville, Md., died April 29, 2019, at the age of 85. He is survived by four children.

1956 The Rev. John Morales, J.C.D., of Gary, Ind., died Jan. 14, 2020, at the age of 85. He worked at morning sessions of the Second Vatican Council and served the Diocese of Gary.

1956 Roy Sternard, of Excelsior, Minn., died Feb. 25, 2020, at the age of 86. He served in the U.S. Navy. He was a salesperson for American Hospital Supply/Scientific Products and later started Tek Products, where he worked until his retirement. He is survived by three children.

1957 Thomas Kiedinger, of De Pere, died Nov. 11, 2019, at the age of 85. He was a captain in the ROTC. He worked at WBAY-TV for many years and later worked in sales for McKenna Ad Agency. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, and five children including **David '87** and **Joe '92**.

1957 Robert Heyrman, of Green Bay, died Dec. 13, 2019, at the age of 84. He served in the Army and owned and operated Heyrman Printing in Ashwaubenton, Wis. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and five children, including **Cathy Tilot '95** and **Jenny Breault '05**.

1957 Vivian (Vande Voort) Brunette, of Grayslake, Ill., and Marco Island, Fla., died Jan. 31, 2020, at the age of 84. She had a passion for baking, sewing, embroidery, needlework and painting. She is survived by four children.

1958 Larry Zastrow, of De Pere, died Oct. 20, 2019, at the age of 85. He worked at Nicolet Paper Co. in De Pere for more than 40 years. After retiring, he worked for Lamers Bus Lines. He is survived by three children.

1958 Clarice "Boots" (Krawczyk) Jarock, of De Pere, died Oct. 31, 2019, at the age of 83. While living in South Korea, she taught English to children and adults. She is survived by five children, including **David '96**.

1958 Charles Walsh, of Gaithersburg, Md., died March 6, 2020, at the age of 86. He served in the Korean War, then practiced as a certified public accountant with a career in business. He is survived by his wife, Helene, and seven children.

1958 Anne (Cook) Teletzke, of Fond du Lac, Wis., died May 27, 2020, at the age of 84. She worked at American National Bank in Beaver Dam, Wis., before working for the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. She is survived by four children, including **Michael '87**.

1959 Mary "Sue" Fiss, of Madison, Wis., died Nov. 3, 2019, at the age of 82. She taught at Edgewood Campus School in Madison. She is survived by three children, including **Charlie '82**.

1959 The Rev. Lawrence Gerend,

of Appleton, Wis., died Jan. 4, 2020, at the age of 92. He served in the U.S. Navy before dedicating 12 years to King of Martyrs Priory in Fifield, Wis., and 21 years to active ministry as a priest, serving parishes in Goodman, Wabeno and Norman, Wis., before retiring to senior priest status.

1960 Albert Lodi, of Palos Heights, Ill., died March 18, 2020, at the age of 81. He taught at St. Francis de Sales High School in Chicago for 40 years. He is survived by two children.

1960 Donald Stepniak, of Appleton, Wis., died May 20, 2020, at the age of 86. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for 29 years at Appleton Mills, retiring as manager of human resources. He is survived by his wife, Dolores, and two children.

1961 Robert Fronsee, of Ashwaubenton, Wis., died Jan. 29, 2020, at the age of 85. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard and was employed as a field representative with the Social Security Administration. He later established Luke's Country Crafts. He is survived by his wife, Lorraine, and four children, including **Mary See '85**.

1961 Richard Friedel, of Rock Island, Ill., died Feb. 10, 2020, at the age of 81. He served in the U.S. Army and was a pharmaceutical sales representative for SmithKline & French Laboratories. He later worked as a driver for Hot Shots Nuclear Medicine in Davenport, Iowa. He is survived by two children.

1963 Joanne (Schaefer) Vandebusch, of Milwaukee, Wis., died

July 2, 2019, at the age of 77. She worked as a sign-language interpreter and later trained interpreters at UW-Milwaukee. In retirement, she continued her own work as an interpreter. She is survived by her husband, **Robert Vandebusch '63**, and two daughters.

1963 Paul Schwemin, of Appleton, Wis., died Feb. 1, 2020, at the age of 78. He served in the U.S. Army for two years and in the Army Reserves for six years. He worked in the Flexible Packaging Industry. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, and two children.

1963 Daniel Grosse, of Fransville, Wis., died Feb. 2, 2020, at the age of 80. He served in the National Guard. He was hired by SC Johnson Wax and spent 30 years as a research chemist. He is survived by his wife, **Nora (Sawyer) '64**, and three children.

1963 James Koleske, of Appleton, Wis., died Feb. 3, 2020, at the age of 79. He served in the U.S. Army and later worked at Wisconsin Tissue. He is survived by his wife, **Audrey '64**, and four children, including **Paul '90** and **Sarah Simon '94**.

1963 Thomas Krautkramer, of Suamico, Wis., died Feb. 29, 2020 at the age of 79. He served in the U.S. Army. He was the president and chief operating officer of Schreiber Foods. He is survived by his wife, Jan, and three children.

1963 John VanDrise, of Luxemburg, Wis., died May 16, 2020, at the age of 79. He served in the U.S. Army and worked at VanDrise Insurance. He is survived by four children.

1964 William Lally, of LaGrange, Ill., died Jan. 28, 2020, at the age of 78. He taught at Lyons Township High School in LaGrange. He is survived by a brother.

1967 Richard Farrell, of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., died Jan. 19, 2020, at the age of 74. He worked in the admission offices of St. Norbert College and SUNY Albany, and later worked as an assistant to the president at SUNY Albany. He is survived by his wife, Pam, and two children.

1968 Jim Thomas, of Greendale, Wis., died Aug. 13, 2019,

at the age of 73. He is survived by two children.

1969 Timothy Majchrowitz, of Racine, Wis., died Oct. 21, 2019, at the age of 74. He worked at McGraw-Edison as a traffic manager and later worked at Western Publishing as a supervisor of receiving and shipping. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and two daughters.

1970 Audrey (Reistad) Olson, of Green Bay, died Jan. 19, 2020, at the age of 91. During WWII, she worked at the Soo Line Depot in



Stumping for the state

As a swing state, Wisconsin is no stranger to the limelight during presidential election years. This year, the light shone a little brighter on the state as Milwaukee was chosen to host the Democratic National Convention (DNC), thanks in part to **Melanie Fonder Kaye '99** (third from left, standing). Wooing party officials with a Friday-night fish fry, brandy old-fashioned and a speech by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Fonder Kaye and the Milwaukee team beat out Houston and Miami Beach for the event that was expected to bring thousands of visitors and millions of dollars to the area.

Fonder Kaye, who previously worked at the White House during the Obama administration overseeing Jill Biden's communications strategy, said the effort to bring the DNC to Milwaukee was nonpartisan.

"It wasn't a blue thing, it wasn't red – it was green," Fonder Kaye told the Press Times. "It was wonderful for Milwaukee, to shine the spotlight, a real international spotlight that would be put upon the city and was great for every Milwaukeean."

The COVID-19 pandemic forced organizers to make the convention a virtual one, so Milwaukee didn't end up seeing the economic impact it had expected. But it still offered a chance for the city to shine, Fonder Kaye said.

Making herstory



Lannan is the first alumna to earn the rank of general in SNC history. She joins an esteemed group of alumni – a total of 14 – who have achieved the rank.

Brig. Gen. Mathias F. Breitenbach '38

Maj. Gen. James J. Lison Jr. '42

Maj. Gen. Lawrence J. Flemming '45

Brig. Gen. Francis G. Linsmeier '50

Maj. Gen. William O'Lecky '54

Brig. Gen. Carl L. Newhouse '55

Brig. Gen. Marvin O'Connell '55

Maj. Gen. Joseph C. Lutz '55

Maj. Gen. Raphael J. Hallada '58

Lt. Gen. Alfred J. Mallette '61

Lt. Gen. William H. Campbell '62

Brig. Gen. Bruce T. Miketinac '63

Brig. Gen. John C. Hanley '79

Brig. Gen. Jill A. Lannan '85



General concludes 35-year career

She's the first female SNC graduate to earn the rank of general, but **Brig. Gen. Jill Lannan '85** originally had no intention of joining the military.

During her sophomore year, she enrolled in a free ROTC course. Following that, she signed up for a six-week camp at Fort Knox, Ky. "I was told I had leadership potential and was offered a two-year ROTC scholarship," she says. "I thought it would bug me forever if I didn't do it."

Thirty-five years later, she has retired as brigadier general, a senior ranking.

Her rise through the ranks wasn't always as expected. When she was encouraged to apply for a detachment commander position in the Air National Guard of Washington state, she needed to get two waivers approved by higher-ups: one because she wasn't a pilot; the other because she was a woman.

"That was my first experience where the process really didn't make sense to me," she says. "I ended up getting the position." Following, she was promoted to squadron commander and then to wing commander – and she began to see how her journey could inspire others.

"I realized what a responsibility I had to other young soldiers and airwomen," Lannan says. "It was such an honor to earn the rank of general. If you had told

the 17-year-old that she would become a general, she never would've dreamed it."

Living up to the leadership potential she was told about when she was younger, Lannan learned being a leader isn't always about discipline or giving orders. For her, it was more about the in-between moments.

"Male airmen, at least in my experience, felt far more comfortable being vulnerable with me than had I been a male," she explains. "Sometimes people need you to be human. Be tough when you have to, and compassionate when it's needed of you."

As she enters retirement, it was leading men and women that she found most rewarding. "Thirty-five years was a long, wonderful journey," she says. "I wouldn't change a thing."

Lannan, pictured above with Brig. Gen. (Ret.) John Tuohy, former assistant adjutant general for Air, Washington National Guard, plans to walk the Camino de Santiago (Way of St. James), a pilgrimage to the shrine of the apostle St. James in Galicia, Spain. She also hopes to use her French and Spanish expertise to substitute teach. For now, she's happy getting outdoors in Washington state hiking, biking and running, and cuddling her miniature pinscher, Roxie, and her new golden retriever puppy, Tootsie.

COMING HOME



Brig. Gen. Jill A. Lannan '85 shared words of wisdom with the Class of 2020 as Commencement speaker. She wasn't able to address the graduates in person because the ceremony was streamed virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, Lannan felt it was an honor to be selected to speak at her alma mater.

"It really was a full-circle culmination of my adult life," she says. "The fact that I started at St. Norbert when I was 17, joined the Army when I was 21, retired 35 years later and then ended up on that campus where it all began. It really was like divine intervention."

Rib Lake, Wis., and later worked at the Rib Lake State Bank of Medford, Wis. She also worked at the Wisconsin State Capital and was later an elementary school music teacher for Green Bay public schools. She is survived by three children.

1972 Ronald Carpenter, of Mayville, Wis., died on Oct. 17, 2019, at the age of 69. He was a software engineer and worked for many years at Mercury Marine in Fond du Lac, Wis. He is survived by two daughters, including **Julie Carpenter Foss '91**.

1973 Bruce Brenner, of Reedsburg, Wis., died on Oct. 17, 2019, at the age of 68. He spent his career in social work with Lutheran Social Services. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and two sons.

1974 Sr. Jeanne Kempen, of Combined Locks, Wis., died on Feb. 6, 2020, at the age of 68. She taught in the Diocese of Green Bay for 17 years and later worked for Lutheran Social Services. She also worked for IRIS House and NAMJ of the Fox Valley. She is survived by her mother and six siblings.

1976 Joseph Bidwill, of Williams Bay, Wis., died Feb. 12, 2020, at the age of 65. He coached youth football and hockey. He is survived by his wife, Karol, and four children, including **Connor '06**.

1979 Donald Drewiske, of De Pere, died on Oct. 16, 2019, at the age of 63. He was a teacher for 34 years, beginning his career at Abbott Pennings High School. He later taught biology and math for the Oneida Nation and the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. He is survived by his wife, Lynn, and two children.

1981 Sr. Mary Ellen Lowney, of Green Bay, died on Jan. 30, 2020, at the age of 97. She celebrated her 80th anniversary as a sister of St. Francis of the Holy Cross in 2019. She worked as an educator in Mishicot and Combined Locks, Wis., and in a variety of roles at the House of Prayer at the Chapel in Champion, Wis. At the time of her death, she was St. Norbert College's second oldest living alum and its second oldest graduate, having graduated in 1981 at 58 years old. She is survived by the Sisters of St. Francis of the Holy Cross.

1981 Laurie Caine-Fick, of Amberg, Wis., died Feb. 3, 2020, at the age of 60. She worked as a teacher in Coleman and Wausaukee, Wis., school districts. She is survived by her husband, Paul, and four daughters, including **Brianne Wright '07** and **Charleen '17**.

1982 Joseph Andreas, of Annandale, N.J., died Aug. 20, 2019, at the age of 59. He is survived by his wife, Mari, and two children.

1982 Julie (Voegtli) Zahn, of De Pere, died Nov. 12, 2019, at the age of 83. She founded Zahn Counseling Services. She is survived by three children.

1982 Kevin Hermans, of Green Bay, died Feb. 7, 2020, at the age of 59. He was an accountant for his family's business, Hermans & Associates, and later became owner. He is survived by his wife, Sue, and two daughters, including **Kailyn '19**.

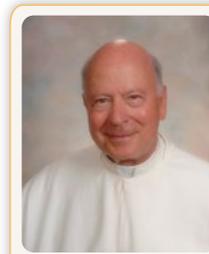
1983 Paul Anders, of Moscow, Idaho, died Jan. 25, 2020, at the age of 58. He is survived by his wife, Janet, and three children.

1983 Donna (Van Lanen) Casey, of Monee, Ill., died March 8, 2020, at the age of 58. She is survived by her husband, **Greg '83**, and a daughter.

1986 Todd Kornely, of Plano, Texas, died March 15, 2020, at the age of 56. He worked as vice president of sales, food service and convenience for consumer-packaged goods. He is survived by his wife, Stacey, and two daughters.

1989 Summer Quimby, of Muskego, Wis., died Dec. 1, 2019, at the age of 52. She worked at Bayer Laboratories and at Indiana University Health Proton Center, where she wrote software. She is survived by three children.

1990 Lynn (Strojny) Miller, of Green Bay, died Jan. 25, 2020, at the age of 51. She worked for Foth Inc. and Kreuger International and later at St. Mary of the Angels Parish as an accountant. She



The **Rev. Al McBride '50**, of St. Norbert Abbey, died Oct. 23 at the age of 91. McBride lectured and wrote widely, publishing 68 books in all. A professor of homiletics and a former president of the University of Albuquerque, he was listed as a Most Influential Educator among the Christian Educators of the 20th Century. He served the college as trustee, scholar and longtime resident of the priory. He is survived by his Norbertine confrères.

is survived by his wife, Cristy, and three children.

2016 (M.T.S.) Michael Pitchford, of Albuquerque, N.M., died Feb. 5, 2020, at the age of 61. He worked for Intel Corp. for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, and two sons.

2017 Jessica Drexler, of Wausau, Wis., died Aug. 15, 2020, at the age of 26. She published her own poetry and wrote songs. She is survived by her parents and a brother.

2019 Amanda Mengel, of Wausau, Wis., died Nov. 16, 2019, at the age of 22. She was an assistant teacher in the Wausau Area School District and worked at the Wausau Area Boys & Girls Club. She is survived by her parents and four siblings.

Class Notes

1957 Glendon Bogdon has received the 2019 Pyramid of Pride Community Outreach Award from the Wisconsin Dental Association. In 2017, he was given the Special Services Award by the Wisconsin Alzheimer's Association.

1970 John Schneider recently shared with the Shepherd Express a story about his miraculous recovery from polio as a child and finding himself in the world of dance. Diagnosed with polio at age 3, Schneider was paralyzed from the waist down and hospitalized for a month. A doctor suggested dance as a way to rebuild strength and agility in his legs.

"My story begins with another epidemic, that of polio in 1951," he wrote. "My life's course was born from that epidemic."

is survived by her husband, Edward, and two children.

1991 Paul Caldie, of Roseburg, Ore., died on Dec. 18, 2019, at the age of 53. He was a teacher, owned an adult foster home and worked at FFC Furniture before becoming a crane operator and laborer for The Steel Recyclers and a dump-truck driver for Cradar Enterprises. He is survived by his wife, Karen.

1994 Anna Vosters Donnermeyer, of Appleton, Wis., died May 6, 2020, at the age of 47. She worked for more than 20 years in young adult and youth ministry. She is survived by her husband, Brad, and three children.

1997 Josh Weber, of Wesley Chapel, Fla., died Dec. 21, 2018, at the age of 43. He



Emily Schutte MBA '17 speaks at St. Norbert College's 2017 Commencement ceremony.

Goals and gains

The Schneider School of Business & Economics MBA program was a career turning point for both **Emily Schutte MBA '17** and **Jason Shanda MBA '18**. Schutte and Shanda share the goals they had in mind as they began the program as well as the career changes they've experienced since graduation, in videos recently produced by St. Norbert College.

"My goal and what I actually got out of it were very different," Schutte says. "My goal was truly to learn and get those letters behind my name and move on. What I gained from it obviously was both of those things, but even more so were the connections with my fellow classmates ... and coming away with a greater appreciation and connection to my community. All of those things obviously worked into what I do as a business owner as well."

Schutte is the owner of Emily Writes LLC and Shanda is an account executive for M3 Insurance. Watch their video interviews at [youtube.com/user/stnorbertcollege](https://www.youtube.com/user/stnorbertcollege).

Schneider began dance lessons at age 5. He carried on to study theatre at SNC and, upon graduation, joined Theatre X, a Milwaukee theatre company. Later, he began teaching theatre and dance classes at Marquette University; founded Project Non-Violence, a program that helps high school students create and present original performances; and became an entertainment critic for the Shepherd Express.

“One effect of the current pandemic ... is the re-emergence of widespread polio. But who knows what miracles are possible? Whatever paths performing artists take, my task will be to find words to help illuminate them.”

1971 Patricia (Sieren) Frederick was awarded the Wisconsin Visual Art Achievement Award in the Educator (K-12) category. The awards are presented biennially to honor individuals and organizations that are enriching the visual arts of the state. Frederick teaches at Pius XI High School in Milwaukee.

1980 Betsy (Olk) Borchardt earned the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award, presented by Marquis Who’s Who, a publisher of biographical profiles. Factors such as position, noteworthy accomplishments, visibility and prominence in a field are considered during the selection process. Borchardt also received the Kenneth & Mary Kuemmerlein Award in 1992 and the Obermiller Education Award in 1996.

1981 Ann Ganzer is a 2019 recipient of the Presidential Rank Award, Meritorious Executive, for her work at the U.S. State Department in preventing the spread

of weapons of mass destruction and their delivery systems and destabilizing advanced conventional weapons. The award recognizes a sustained record of exceptional professional achievement and is limited to the top 5 percent of career senior executive service members.

1985 Joseph Kools transitioned from his position as director of executive and organizational development to serve as a senior international representative for the Western Hemisphere in the FAA.

1987 Richard Tengowski was named north central division president of the National Association for Music Education.

1990 Brenda (Kruse) Mikell received the University of Chicago’s Outstanding Educator Award, an award given to just 400 educators around the country. She has worked for Rufus King International High School in Milwaukee for 19 years. The Milwaukee Public School District says Mikell was nominated by a former student, who wrote, “I would like to let you know how much I appreciate all you have done for me. As I said before, you are my superwoman. I plan to go help change the world now. Thanks for being a big supporter.”

1991 Craig Koeller started a new job with CAMRIS to support research to benefit active-duty forces and improve medical treatment of trauma. He retired from the U.S. Army on Nov. 1, 2019, after serving 20 years.

1991 Tracey Hayes joined Gonzaga University as an assistant professor of communication and

leadership studies. She also was one of 12 scholars who received a fellowship in 2018 to attend KairosCamp, an institute for advanced topics in the digital humanities, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Her fellowship project involved developing a prototype for interactive data visualization in order to understand how an online protest can garner, mobilize and sustain interest through data analysis.

1992 Tom Tengowski was selected as recipient of the 2020 Faith That Works Award, presented by The Compass, the newspaper of the Diocese of Green Bay. He works as an enterprise account manager at Rockwell Automation and volunteers with St. Norbert Parish and St. John’s Homeless Shelter in Green Bay.

Tengowski told The Compass that sharing coffee and talking with the homeless shelter’s guests is valuable outreach. “Sometimes that’s one of the best things you can do,” he said. “The population we are serving is very marginalized. People are dealing with dependency issues and mental health issues. A couple of bad things happen and that safety net could be gone for many. Nobody grows up and wants to be homeless. Nobody says, ‘I want to grow up and sleep on a four-inch foam mattress on a gym floor.’”

1996 Jessica Grandt Turke has graduated with a Doctorate of Education from Edge-wood College. The title of her dissertation was “The Influence of Principal Behaviors and Working Conditions on Elementary Teacher Mobility.” She is an elementary school principal in Janesville, Wis.

1997 Katy Loversky Clark has been named principal of Madison Meadows Middle School in Phoenix. She served as a high school International Baccalaureate (IB) biology teacher and IB coordinator for 12 years.

1999 Andy McKee accepted a position as athletic director of Ozaukee (Wis.) High School.

2001 Kathleen Crowley Marien was selected as the 2020 Irish Rose by the South Central Shamrock Club of Wisconsin.

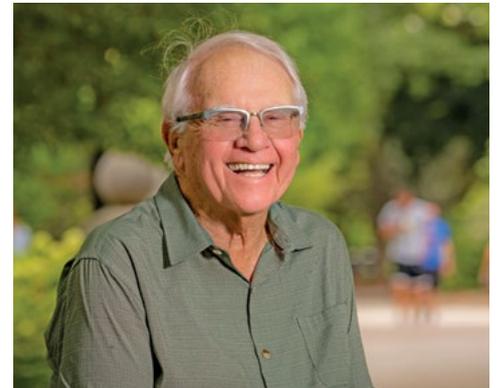
2002 Amber Vlasnik was promoted to dean of student affairs for University of California San Diego’s Thurgood Marshall College.

2002 Jenny Washic Steffens has been promoted to vice president of credit policy and analytics for Mortgage Guaranty Insurance Corp. (MGIC), where she has worked since 2002.

2002 (M.S.E.) Sarah Bennin has been named superintendent of Sheboygan Falls (Wis.) School District. She previously worked as assistant superintendent of Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District in Wisconsin.

2005 Nick Olsen has joined Cornerstone International Alliance as managing director. He previously worked for Aurora BayCare Medical Center as a business development specialist.

2006 Maj. Alyssa Wood has received a commendation for excellence from the chief of staff of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe in recognition of her work with Ukraine, one of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization’s partners.



A lifelong connection

Longest consecutive giver to the college: It’s a designation **John Bayer ’57** earned without even realizing he was working toward it. Starting with a gift of \$25, Bayer has donated to the college every year for 56 years straight.

“I didn’t realize that, but you give a little bit at a time and it all adds up,” Bayer told us during a visit to campus in August. His propensity to give back to his alma mater stems from a loyalty he feels to the college, he says.

“I wasn’t the greatest student, so I got a lot of breaks from the different priests,” Bayer recalls. “Like the accounting priest, Father [Brendan] McKeough [’47]: He told me if I promised not to take any more accounting classes, he would give me my A or B ... and I could go on my way.” Bayer says he was asking other students to do some of his accounting homework in exchange for tutoring. “They went along with it, but toward the end of the year, Father McKeough caught on. ... He said, ‘Don’t take any more accounting courses because you know enough to be in business.’ ... I was a pretty good talker I guess.”

That wasn’t the only time he was pardoned. Bayer and a friend were responsible for a strike against cafeteria food that caused a fair amount of disruption. “For two days, we went to breakfast, lunch and dinner and we just ate peanut-butter sandwiches and drank milk. We wouldn’t eat any other food.” Their antics included pounding tables and chanting the slogan of a food dog brand that was popular at the time. “After two days ... we got a whole new crew coming in to cook for us. It worked out very well. But the dean of men ... brought me into his office,” Bayer recalls. “He’s another one that let me off the hook.”

Bayer says the camaraderie he experienced as a student is something he’ll always remember. “It didn’t make any difference if you were a freshman, sophomore, junior, senior. We were all together,” he says. “It was one solid group.”

2006 Kyle Thays was inducted into the Southern Door (Wis.) High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He had earned 11 varsity letters in football, basketball and baseball, and he earned All-Packerland Conference honors twice in baseball and once in football and basketball. Thays, who played football while attending SNC, is an English and language arts teacher and math interventionist in the Luxemburg-Casco (Wis.) School District.

"When I work with students and athletes at Luxemburg-Casco [L-C], one of the biggest things I try to model is the importance of taking care of one another – a feeling of family," Thays told the Door County Pulse. "The time I spent as a student-athlete at Southern Door taught me how important it is to be surrounded by people who support you. That feeling gave me the confidence to go out and try to achieve my goals. I want the students I work with at L-C to feel like they can take on any challenge, and that our community and family at L-C will be there to celebrate their wins and catch them if they fall."

2006 (M.S.E.) Allison Space has been named superintendent of the Pulaski (Wis.) School District. She previously served as superintendent of the Goodman-Armstrong Creek (Wis.) School District.

2008 Bret Grasse was featured in a CBS News item titled "Studying the Creativity and Intelligence of the Octopus." He works at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, Mass., where he cares for and feeds the lab's octopuses. He is considered the world's go-to expert in culturing

generations of cuttlefish, including the rare flamboyant cuttlefish.

"I was an especially huge shark and fish nerd growing up," Grasse told St. Norbert College Magazine in 2013. "I tell people to follow their dream and do what you want to do. I like fish, and I'm going for it." *Read more from "Not Your Everyday Story of Cuttlefish" at snc.edu/magazine/2013/summer.*

2008 Maya Zahn Rhine has been elected as a shareholder at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C. She is a shareholder in Reinhart's real estate practice, where she focuses on leasing, commercial acquisitions and sales, financing, and energy law. She also is a member of the firm's institutional investor services group.

2009 Wendy (Morrison) Crosby, assistant professor of religious studies at Siena Heights University, has published an assessment of the Amazon/BBC series "Good Omens" in America: The Jesuit Review magazine. It's titled "The Good Theology in 'Good Omens.'"

2009 Paul Utterback has received the J.D. Miller Young Activist Award from the Indiana State Teachers Association for his local and state leadership and advocacy on behalf of teachers and students in Indiana.

2009 Larisa Ryan Hovannisian was featured on Forbes.com in November 2019 for founding Teach for Armenia, an organization affiliated with Teach for All, a global network of independent organizations in 53 countries whose shared

Inspiring change

Zach Broberg '15 was featured in an NFL Inspire Change video for his work with Big Brothers Big Sisters of America (BBSA). In the video, which aired during the 2019-20 NFL season, Broberg and his little brother Devonte share how their lives have been impacted by one another.

"I feel like my life has changed quite a bit since being matched with Devonte," Broberg says. "It's just given me a ton of perspective on where Devonte has come from, where his family has come from. I just want to be there to support him in any way that I can."

BBSA is one of the organizations that received a grant from the NFL Inspire Change

mission is to ensure all children have the education, support and opportunity to fulfill their potential. She also recently co-hosted the Teach for All Global Conference in Armenia.

Hovannisian told Forbes.com about her childhood as an Armenian in Russia, attending college in the U.S. and founding Teach for Armenia shortly after college.

The columnist writes: "She wrote a business plan, started assembling a board of trustees and looking for money – at the ripe age of 23. It turns out this was even more audacious than it sounds. 'Back in 2013, not a lot of young women started companies in Armenia,' [Hovannisian] tells me. 'The idea of a young entrepreneur and underdog is an American thing. ... [Armenia] is very patriarchal and ageist.' But her own childhood adversity, college and teaching experience gave her confidence, drive and leadership skills."

Hovannisian was featured in the April 2019 issue of @St. Norbert. Find it at snc.edu/magazine/2019/spring.

2009 Brian Lueth has accepted a position at the City of Clermont,

Fla., as the deputy city clerk and records administrator. He previously worked as town clerk for the Town of Dundee, Fla.

2010 Anthony Grossman has accepted a position as state area manager with The Wine Group, based in California and one of the world's largest wine companies. He previously worked for Badger Liquor Co. for 10 years.

2011 John Hakari has accepted a position coaching women's soccer at Southeast Community College in Beatrice, Neb. "Coaching college soccer has always been a dream of mine," Hakari said in a press release. "I'm excited to get the program going, to recruit, get a team and start developing an identity."

2012 Austin McGuine is attending the Armor Basic Officer Leaders Course at Fort Benning, Ga. Upon completion, he will be stationed at Fort Knox, Ky.

2012 Scott Fitzgerald has been named athletics director at Newman Catholic School in Wausau, Wis. Previously, he worked at St. Anne's Belfield School in Charlottesville, Va.



initiative, created to showcase collaborative efforts of players, owners and the National Football League to create positive change in communities across the country.

Watch the video at youtube.com/user/BBSofAmerica.

2013 Jared Heyn has accepted a position as administrator for the City of Algoma, Wis.

2019 Emilie Smith is attending the University of Marquette Law. *As a student intern in the office of communications at St. Norbert College, Smith served as Alumni Notes editor. We are delighted to note her own very first appearance in these pages.*

2020 Jaclyn Schneider has begun work at Marshfield (Wis.) Clinic Research Institute as a research associate. Working under a \$22.4 million COVID-19 research grant, Schneider will run both clinical tests and DNA extractions to help the CDC develop and test vaccines as well as monitor the spread of the virus and comorbidity during the flu season.

2020 Jed Galutira has accepted a position as head coach of De Pere High School girl's swimming. He previously served as assistant coach for the team.

■ The St. Norbert College education discipline was well represented at the 2020 Golden Apple Awards, presented by the Greater Green

Bay Chamber. **Joan Brylski '06**, a teacher at Pulaski (Wis.) High School, and **Nicky Van Laanen '19**, a teacher at Ashwaubenon (Wis.) High School, were recognized for high standards of professionalism, leadership and innovation in teaching.

■ New hires at SNC include **Nick Plank '14**, learning technologies specialist; and **Kyle Diederich '09**, assistant professor of computer science.

CORRECTIONS
In our Spring 2020 issue, we misspelled the names of alumni **Louise (Endres) Moore '75**, who recently published "Alfred: The Quiet History of a World War II Infantryman" (AlfredtheBook.com), and **Luke Frommelt '14**, who accepted a social studies teaching position at St. Francis Xavier High School in Appleton, Wis. Additionally, we misidentified **Joe Jones '12**, who married Allyson Aderman on July 20, 2019.

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Nut your everyday fall forage

Even the squirrels at St. Norbert College rate our meal plan high. **Jessica Ney '21** made sure this little guy's dining experience exceeded expectations. Hey, it's a challenging time in the world: We're all looking out for one another.



Do as I say, not as ... I do!

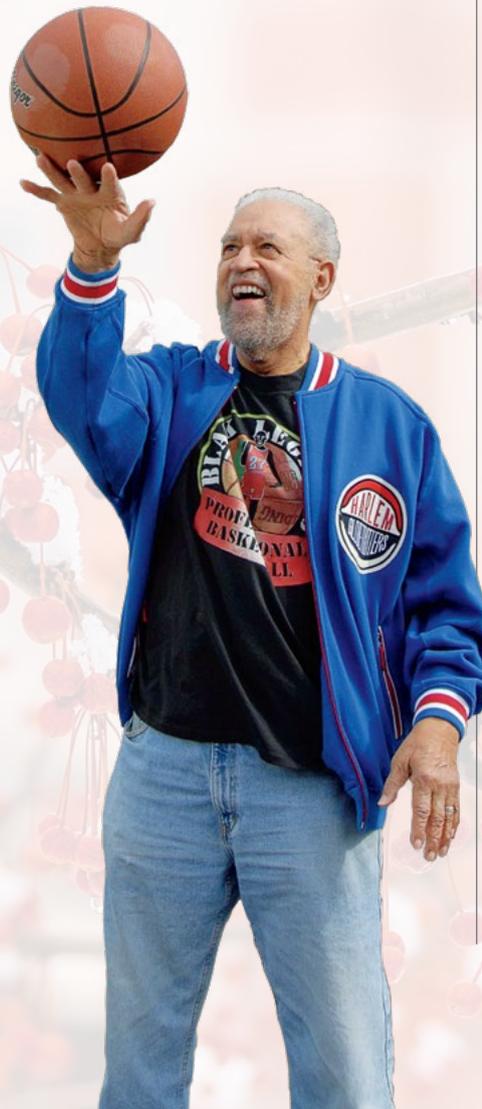


In a flagrant violation of their own "no team dating" rule, track-and-field and cross-country coaches **Don Augustine** and **Elizabeth Krug** embarked on life's race together in an August wedding. (It was already a case of "one word from coach and the team does as it likes": Augustine attended no fewer than 12 weddings between former teammates in 2019 alone. Augustine told the magazine he'd decided to amend the rule: "No team dating unless it is guaranteed to end in a marriage!")

And, in wedding news from the computer science faculty, profs **Bonnie McVey** and **Dave Pankratz** linked to a new page: They wed this summer after Pankratz's proposal in front of a supportive audience of students and colleagues the previous April.

Nothin' but net

The Harlem Globetrotters are proud of him and so are we: **Chuck Holton '52** learned recently that he is now the oldest living member of the storied team. The history-maker – Holton was the first Black man to graduate from St. Norbert – joined the team during its glory years (below) and he remains on its list of all-time basketball greats.



900 years say, we've got this

Dear readers, it's been a while since we spoke! Due to the various uncertainties we're all facing, our scheduled Summer 2020 magazine morphed into our first online-only issue. (You can still enjoy it at snc.edu/magazine/2020summer.) In fact, we've been toggling happily between simultaneous web (*More stories! Weekly updates! Video!!*) and print (*You can hold it in your hand!*) issues for more than a decade. That said, we remain committed to leading with our print magazine, and look forward to showing up again in your mailboxes this summer.

While we were working on the pandemic-focused cover story for this issue, one phrase kept coming up: "What's it like at SNC these days?" We hope this issue, newsy as it is, shows you that it's fine at SNC. It's not what we're used to and not what we wish for. It's challenging. It's certainly different. Just as we join in fellow-feeling for you all in the various difficulties that you're meeting during these tough times, so our Norbertine *communio* right here in De Pere is helping see us through. We stand squarely in a 900-year history, and it's hard to move us off our center.

Let us know how you're all doing – and, we hope you enjoy reading our news!

Susan Allen

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"How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and the gate of heaven." – *Genesis 28:16-17*

