

## Fall Semester

**FOR THE FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR**, King's was placed on an exclusive list of "Best American Colleges" compiled for Forbes magazine by The Center for College Affordability and Productivity based on multiple factors related to affordability and student and faculty achievement.

According to the magazine, "The Forbes list of 650 schools distinguishes itself from competitors by our belief in 'output' over 'input.' We're not all that interested in what gets a student into college, like our peers who focus heavily on selectivity metrics such as high school class rank, SAT scores and the like. Our sights are set directly on Return on Investment: What are students getting out of college?"

King's ranking improved from 489th to 447th of 650 institutions in the annual rankings. Less than 15 percent of the nearly 4,400 colleges and universities nationwide are included in Forbes' fourth annual ranking

According to Forbes, selection to the list is based on post-graduate success, which evaluates alumni pay and prominence; student satisfaction, which includes professor evaluations and freshman to sophomore year retention rates; debt, which penalizes schools for high student debt loads and default rates; four-year graduation rate; and competitive awards, which rewards schools whose students win prestigious scholarships and fellowships like the Rhodes, the Marshall, and the Fulbright or go on to earn a doctorate.

Two members of the Class of 2012, Michael Deegan and Christine Guarino, were awarded prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to teach English for 10-months in a European country.



**BERNIE HEALEY AND MARC MARCHESE**, faculty members of the Health Care Administration and Human Resources Management department, respectively, co-authored a book, *Foundations of Health Care Management: Principles and Methods*. The book is available in 20 countries.



**FOR THE THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR**, King's was recognized as among the best master's degree granting institutions in the country in a national ranking which recognizes higher learning institutions for service to the community and social mobility of the student body.

The rankings appeared in the September/October 2012 issue of *Washington Monthly* magazine as part of a cover story titled "2012 College Rankings: A Different Kind of College Ranking." The rankings were based on three evenly weighted selection criteria; social mobility, service, and research.

King's ranked in the top fifth (138<sup>th</sup>) of almost 700 "master's universities" in the United States in the rankings and placed seventh in Pennsylvania.

King's ranked 11<sup>th</sup> nationally from among 682 institutions in the master's degree category for community service participation and hours served, one of five areas that comprise the service to the community aspect of the survey.



**ELAINE ZAVADA**, who retired in 2012 after 55 years of service to King's, was named one of eight recipients of

the 2012 Spirit of Holy Cross Award. The award is given annually to lay collaborators who faithfully serve the Holy Cross Province in the United States and abroad. The Spirit of Holy Cross Award acknowledges the critical importance lay collaborators play in living out the vision and mission of Holy Cross founder Blessed Basil Moreau to make God known, loved, and served through education, parish and mission settings.



**THE INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONAL** Technology Services Department, in conjunction with three of the college's vendors, donated almost \$10,000 in computer equipment to the Computer Maintenance Technology Program at the West Side Career and Technology Center in Kingston.

The value of the equipment is almost twice the annual budget for the computer maintenance technology program. The donated desktop computers almost doubled the number available to the approximately 35 students in the program.



**THE FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE** co-op engineering degree program between King's and the University of Notre Dame was made by Father John Ryan, C.S.C., president. The program, which began in August 2013, allows students to earn a bachelor's degree in one of three academic disciplines from King's and a bachelor's degree in one of six engineering disciplines from the University of Notre Dame after five years of study.

Students will spend three years at King's College taking mathematics, science, pre-engineering and liberal arts courses, and then transfer to Notre Dame for two years to complete engineering courses in their chosen field. Upon successful completion of the five-year program, students will receive both a Bachelor of Science from King's (in Physics,

Chemistry, or Computer Science) and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from Notre Dame (in Aerospace, Chemical, Civil, Computer, Electrical, or Mechanical Engineering). Since some of the courses taken at Notre Dame will fulfill King's degree requirements, students will be conferred their degree from King's upon successful completion of the program at Notre Dame.



**FATHER PATRICK SULLIVAN, C.S.C.**, a former sociology faculty member and noted labor historian, was named to the 2012 Labor 50 List published by *The Irish Echo* newspaper. The list is an annual effort to honor 50 leading Irish American men and women active in the labor movement and a reflection on the work of those who paved the way to labor's central role in contemporary American life. Those named to the list were honored at a ceremony held in New York City.



**SUPERSTORM SANDY CAUSED MINIMAL DAMAGE** to campus facilities, none of which impaired the operation of the College. The College did close for two days to allow students safe passage to their homes.



**FORMER U. S. POET LAUREATE BILLY COLLINS** was the College's Visiting Writer, a program co-sponsored by the College's English Department and "Experiencing the Arts" Program. In addition to a public reading of his poems, Collins also worked with English students on their creative writing as part of a two-day campus residency.

Collins has been awarded fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation, and was the inaugural recipient of the Poetry Foundation's

Mark Twain Prize for Humor in Poetry. A former New York Public Library "Literary Lion," he is a distinguished professor of English at Lehman College of the City University of New York.



**AS A RESULT OF A GIFT TO KING'S** from area natives Carmen '56 and Sandra Maffei, the theatre at the College was named in honor of their late son, George P. Maffei, II, a 1979 graduate of King's, and an endowment was established in his name to provide a student scholarship.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a "student interested in participating in theatre productions."

Maffei graduated from King's with a bachelor's degree in English. He was very active in the theatre his junior and senior years at King's, participating in six productions between September 1977 and April 1979.

"As a student, George was happiest when he was participating in a theatre production," his parents said. "The passion, joy and satisfaction that he derived was obvious. Both of us feel, and at times George agreed, that he was sorry he had not pursued theatre as his vocation. We are extremely happy and proud that other students will have the opportunity to experience the same passion and joy from the theatre that George cherished."



**THE KING'S JUVENILE JUSTICE** College Mentoring Program of Luzerne County received a Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency Byrne Justice Assistance Grant of almost \$145,000 to fund the second and third years of the program.

The program was announced in October 2011 and involves trained King's student volunteers mentoring first-time,

non-violent juvenile offenders from Luzerne County. The juvenile offenders meet with their mentors on-campus for two supervised two-hour sessions a week for six weeks. As part of the grant, each session will culminate in a field trip to an educational site and community service project.



**THE KING'S COLLEGE EARLY LEARNING CENTER**, managed by Hildebrandt Learning Centers and located in Thomas J. O'Hara Hall, received a maximum 4 STAR rating as part of the Keystone STARS Program administered by Pennsylvania's Office of Child Development and Early Learning.



**KING'S SENIOR SARAH SCINTO** returned to her hometown of Monroe, Conn., for semester break and immediately went to work at *The Newtown Bee*, the site of her internship and the location of the Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting.



## Spring Semester

**THE CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL** and Community Service named King's to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for the seventh consecutive year based on exemplary service efforts during the 2011-12 academic year, during which King's students dedicated more than 180,000 hours to service activities.



**KING'S INTRODUCED A FOUR-COURSE PROGRAM**

in Autism Spectrum Disorder that was endorsed by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE). The courses are offered in an accelerated weekend format and the cost per credit is discounted through the King's Scholarship Incentive Program.



**GREG JANIK, ATC, CLINICAL PROFESSOR** in sports medicine and head athletic trainer at King's, was named the National Athletic Trainers' Association College/University Athletic Trainers' Committee's (CUATC) Head Athletic Trainer of the Year Award for Division III.

Janik was selected from athletic trainers nominated from among the 442 NCAA Division III colleges and universities. To qualify for the award, nominees must be employed as a full-time Head Athletic Trainer (or equivalent) in a collegiate setting, have at least 15 years professional experience in a collegiate setting including a minimum of five years' experience as Head Athletic Trainer (or equivalent).

Later in the semester, Janik was appointed to the Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Advisory Board for the Pennsylvania Department of Health.



**THOMAS MACKAMAN AND DANIEL CLASBY** led a class of students who conducted significant historical research concerning the Baltimore Mine Disaster in Wilkes-Barre. Their work included preparing an extensive application for a state historical marker. The project was one of 14 state-wide from among 50 applications that was approved.



**AFFORDABLECOLLEGESONLINE.ORG** (AC Online), a San Francisco-based resource for college affordability and

financial aid information, identified King's among the Pennsylvania colleges and universities with the greatest lifetime return on investment, the earnings gap between graduates and non-degree holders over 30 years.

Only 81 of 402 Pennsylvania public and private, four-year accredited institutions were placed on the list; King's College ranked 33<sup>rd</sup>. Data used for the rankings was acquired directly from the National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Post-Secondary Education Data System, the Carnegie Foundation, and PayScale.com.



**THREE STUDENT STAFF MEMBERS OF WRKC 88.5 FM**, the King's College radio station, won four first place awards in a national college radio station competition conducted the Intercollegiate Broadcasting System (IBS).

Students won first place awards for best public affairs program, best campus news coverage, best news feature, and best community news.

In addition to the four first place awards, WRKC received seven finalist awards.



**THE KING'S COLLEGE EARLY LEARNING CENTER**, managed by Hildebrandt Learning Centers, was approved by the state to participate in the free Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts early childhood education program. The center's Pre-K Counts certification by Pennsylvania is for a period of five years.

Pre-K Counts is a state-funded initiative that enables selected school districts, Head Start providers, child care centers and nursery schools to deliver high-quality pre-kindergarten to three- and four-year-old children. The Center is also accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation's leading organization of early childhood professionals.