The Transforming Power of Engaged Mentorship
Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends of King’s College,

To paraphrase Pope Benedict’s Encyclical Letter on Christian Hope (Spe Salvi), life can be lived well, even if life is arduous and difficult, as long as you have a reason to live—that is, as long as your life has a goal and that goal is worthy of the difficulty of the journey. But how do you know or recognize that goal and whether it is sufficiently worthy to justify the efforts of the day? To answer those questions, we need mentors. Mentors are hope bearers—people who have faced challenges, who were able to reach a certain goal, and now give testimony that the goal was worthy of the journey.

With engaged mentorship, the mentor-mentee relationship works on many levels. At King’s, we have focused on the critical role mentorship plays in developing self-efficacy, which is the confidence students develop when they realize that they are as well prepared and as capable of success as even their mentors. With self-efficacy, students work on their goals for longer periods of time with more energy. Efficacy doesn’t increase your skillset, but it often increases the energy and persistence a student puts into a task. Self-efficacy is the driving force behind the McGowan School of Business Forum (the Forum): When you bring the hope bearers—the mentors—together with students in the act of engagement, you begin building efficacy.

The Forum now is part of a larger event that celebrates great student outcomes and how King’s channels the positive energy of those successes, reinvesting that energy to help the next generation of Monarchs. By combining the Forum with the Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C. Award for Achievement and Leadership and the Presidential Hope Fund, the impact of engaged mentorship on successful outcomes becomes resoundingly evident. I invite you to learn more about how this event encourages and supports mentorship at King’s in our cover story series (pg. 6).

You’ll find other examples of engaged mentorship in this issue, including the highly successful KWAC Career Day (pg. 29) and the DeCesaris Executive in Residence program (pg. 32). Also in this issue, we’re pleased to share with you highlights of the latest Report of the President of King’s College, summarizing the gifts and other contributions to King’s by generous alumni and friends over the course of the last year (pg. 38).

As an institution founded in the Holy Cross tradition, King’s is committed to the mission of transforming hearts and minds with zeal in communities of hope. As a vessel for bringing hope, engaged mentorship plays an important role in King’s College fulfilling that mission.

May God bless you and your family and may God continue to bless King’s College.

Rev. John J. Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D.
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Celebrating Engaged Mentorship: A Trio of Traditions Putting King’s Students First

By Patrick Farrell
At King’s College, engaged mentorship extends far beyond the classroom and the campus. In recent years, the commitment to mentorship has become a powerful presence at King’s thanks to dedicated faculty members and alumni who have launched exciting new traditions based on helping students and new graduates fully realize the benefits of a King’s education.

One of King’s most effective mentoring opportunities, The William G. McGowan School of Business Forum, recently became part of a larger evening of celebration that also includes the presentation dinner for The Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., Award for Achievement and Leadership, which in turn is the principal source of funding for the Presidential Hope Fund. The following stories demonstrate how, on a chilly evening last October, these three traditions unfolded seamlessly at the Union League of Philadelphia to put King’s students first in the spirit of engaged mentorship.
The William G. McGowan School of Business Forum (the Forum) offers King’s business students the unique opportunity to be mentored by successful business professionals, most of whom are King’s graduates. The Forum, a mentoring tour de force, started with the goal of matching business students with alumni and friends of the College who have achieved professional success. Since 2005, approximately 85 students a year have participated in the annual mentoring session. Now, as part of the Lackenmier award evening, Forum participants continue to take part in a networking reception and a formal dinner.

The Forum started as a career day for business students in the early 2000s under the guidance of President Fr. John Ryan, C.S.C., who at the time was the dean of the business school, along with Joan Blewitt, associate professor of management, and Mark Leffler, assistant technical professor of management and the Angelo P. DeCesaris Executive-in-Residence and chair of the McGowan School of Business Advisory Council, with support from the McGowan Charitable Fund.

“When we started our career day, alumni would come and tell their stories, and the students could see that in many ways they were similar to their mentors—they came from the same socioeconomic background, the same geographic region, and maybe had some of the same professors and the same courses,” said Fr. Ryan. “I noticed that a certain confidence would build in the students—the fancy word for this is efficacy. When your efficacy increases, two things happen: You will try for longer periods of time with more energy. When you bring the mentors—the hope bearers—together with students in the act of engagement, you’re building efficacy.”

To prepare for the event, students were taught etiquette, how to navigate a high-end event, and how to build a résumé. “Bringing the students to a formal event was important—the message is you belong here,” said Fr. Ryan. “This is where the hope bearers are going to meet you. This is part of your journey.”

“The Forum is designed to develop the students’ self-efficacy, as well as their ability to deal ethically and in a socially responsible manner when they graduate,” said Barry Williams, who succeeded Fr. Ryan as dean of the McGowan School of Business. What makes the Forum unique is that it involves distinct groups from across the King’s community. “We involve alumni and friends of the College, our career planning professionals and our faculty and administration,” said Williams. “What is special about the King’s approach is that all five groups work together with a common, shared focus—the student.” Williams noted that the Forum breaks down “silos,” and everyone involved works together to ensure successful student outcomes.

Over the years, the Forum has become a part of the student professional development program in the School of Business. As such, it goes beyond academics as it prepares students for successful outcomes upon graduation, covering...
all aspects of student and professional life, including mentorship, career exploration, internships, ethics and socially responsible behavior. “Those are the ideals in a student professional development program that complement academic success,” said Williams. “We’re looking at academic success and at the student as a successful and contributing member of society.”

The positive energy generated by the Forum’s mentoring session at the Union League was almost palpable as more than 100 King’s juniors and seniors paired off with their mentors to get acquainted, share interests and experiences, and talk about careers.

“Our goal has been to expose students to successful alumni who have interests similar to their own—people who also went to King’s and have made their way into satisfying and successful careers,” said Blewitt, adding that the emphasis of the Forum is not on getting a job, which would put pressure on both the student and the mentor, but instead on allowing alumni mentors to focus on reviewing the students’ résumés and discussing effective job search strategies.

“Each student’s experience is unique, and you never know where the contacts made at the Forum will lead,” said Blewitt. “It is truly satisfying to have alumni who were once protégés at the Forum now serving as mentors. It is their commitment to King’s that makes all the difference.”

“I believe the Forum was the best experience I’ve had so far at King’s College,” said Keith “K.C.” Wanamaker, a senior management and finance major and economics minor, and a King’s Admission Ambassador. “We often talk about community at King’s. This event exemplified the community fostered by King’s College. The alumni love this school.”

Wanamaker and his fellow students at the Forum were well prepared for this special opportunity. “We learned elevator pitches, presentation skills, and etiquette, which gave me the confidence to maximize my experience at the Forum.”

True to the spirit of engaged mentorship and the King’s College mission, the Forum contributes to educating the students as whole persons, preparing them academically and professionally, but also demonstrating how to live in an ethically and in a socially responsible manner.

“I think the Forum is extraordinarily important precisely because it brings students together with King’s supporters and alumni,” said Fr. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., King’s seventh president. “This allows the alumni to share their experiences and to be genuine mentors, giving the students the benefit of their example and their wisdom.”

“What was heartening for me was to see so many of our mentors who graduated only ten or so years ago—students I had in class and knew as students—who have advanced in
their careers and are now at Vanguard or Morgan Stanley. These are genuinely good people who are giving back,” said Fr. Ryan. “For some of them, it’s a stretch to come back because it’s early in their careers, but they come back to make significant investments of time and money on behalf of our students. The roles have flipped, and it gets you a little choked up to see these young women and men now giving back to something you saw them go through ten years ago.”

“The mentoring is invaluable for the students, and it’s wonderful to give back,” said Glenn Tyranski ’84, a member of the Lackenmier Award Dinner committee and the King’s College Board of Directors. “On the mentor side, we have some really talented, wonderful, and giving graduates who come back and lend a hand.”

“My hope for the program is that it continues to be successful and that we continue to be able to recruit alumni, and I have no doubt that we will,” said Fr. Lackenmier. “Alumni love the experience of coming into contact with these bright, fresh, enthusiastic, optimistic, hopeful young men and women who are just eager to get started—alumni love that, and they will support it with their time and with their gifts. King’s has struck upon a wonderful experience—wonderful for students and wonderful for developing the resources to help them.”
The 2015 Lackenmier Award honored Rich Pinola ’67. “I am extremely proud to be selected to receive this honor from my alma mater,” said Pinola. “It is especially gratifying to know that proceeds from this dinner will benefit future graduates of King’s College and supports my philanthropic interest in higher education.”

Pinola received a bachelor’s degree in accounting from King’s. A Certified Public Accountant (CPA), Pinola is a principal in GPS Investment Group, LLC, Investment Counselors, and the retired chief executive officer of Right Management Consultants, a career transition and organizational consulting business and a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange. He also serves on the King’s College Board of Directors.

Regarding the choice of Pinola as the 2015 honoree, Denise Goodwin Pace ’75 said, “We looked for a graduate who exemplified the spirit of King’s, and Rich fits that description exactly.”

The third annual presentation of the Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., Award for Achievement and Leadership will be held on Thursday, October 20, at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre. This year’s honoree will be Allan M. Kluger, Esq., a noted attorney, a recognized public servant, and a long-time member of the King’s College Board of Directors. For more information about this event, contact Tish McCarthy Last, Event Coordinator, at (570) 208-6069 (email patricialast@kings.edu) or visit www.kings.edu/giving-to-kings/lackenmier.
The King’s College Presidential Hope Fund provides support for deserving undergraduate students in any major who require additional financial assistance in order to continue or complete their undergraduate studies at King’s. The fund is designed for students who have demonstrated a commitment to their academic studies and have proven themselves to be productive members of the King’s community. The Lackenmier Award Dinner has become an important source of funding for the Hope Fund. Celebrating the Hope Fund recipients at the dinner underscores the strength of community at King’s.

“I think bringing these events together makes people more inclined to contribute,” said James Schneider ’92, member of the Board of Directors and the Lackenmier Committee. “It’s not, hey, we need another new building. The focus is students, and you can’t help but be moved by the stories you hear at the event, about people who come from really humble or tragic circumstances who are able to turn their lives around and turn around the lives of their families. It’s really a wonderful event, and the way the community comes together to make it happen is great.”

With the Hope Fund at the center of the Lackenmier event, Schneider expects its popularity will continue to grow. “As I talked to the people that evening, the donors and people attending the dinner were so impressed with the quality of the event and the cause. It’s not about just filling the coffer; it’s about making a difference in people’s lives. That’s what King’s is all about.”

As part of the presentation, several of this year’s Presidential Hope Fund students were invited to the podium to thank donors.

“I was so proud to be a King’s grad and be involved and to see these young people get up and speak about what the Hope Fund has meant to them,” said Denise Goodwin.
Pace ‘75. “It’s great because we all come from the same place. I’ve had a long career, and there are many successful graduates, but we all started at King’s, so it’s great to remember that. For those of us who went to King’s, giving back through education and helping others get the same education or better than we had—what’s better than that? What’s better than helping people get educated?”

The impact of the Presidential Hope Fund can be immediate and life changing. Just since October, another twelve King’s students have received assistance from the Fund, making it possible for them to continue at King’s and to keep their career dreams alive. To date, more than 40 students have been given second chances thanks to the Hope Fund.

Crystal Seashock, a junior accounting major, exemplifies the kind of student the Hope Fund was designed to help. “The Hope Fund bridges the gap between the loans I already have out and what I have left to pay on my tuition,” said Seashock.

Her challenge to meet college costs increased dramatically during her first year following the death of her father. Even while working multiple jobs and with support from her mother, paying for college was difficult. Seashock continues to work three jobs, but the Hope Fund grant has been a lifeline. “The Hope Fund has relieved the financial pressure and bridged the gap I wasn’t able to cover.”

Seashock was given an opportunity to address King’s alumni and friends during the Lackenmier Award Dinner, an opportunity that became an important turning point in her young career. “After I gave my speech at the dinner in Philadelphia, my professors told me that two people at KPMG wanted to connect with me.” Those two people, Frank Mattei ‘84, a managing director of KPMG’s Philadelphia office, and Bette Kozlowski, a national recruiter for the firm, arranged for Seashock to be interviewed. As a result of that connection, Seashock will begin an internship at KPMG’s New York office this summer.

“King’s College has always tried to meet the financial needs of students and particularly students who have serious or unexpected needs,” said Fr. Lackenmier. “There are many stories over the years of somebody coming in who’s had a problem, and of someone in King’s College financial aid or business office coming to the rescue. What Fr. Ryan has done in establishing the Presidential Hope Fund is to give this a focus and a place of high importance in order to make it work. He’s had to find the money to do it, and I think the fund raising that goes with this dinner is extraordinary.”

“What I like about the Hope Fund is that it targets students who have already proven their success,” said Mike O’Connor ‘71. “They have already proven that they’re hard workers who are financially engaged in getting themselves through college, so it’s more like a bootstrap.”

“The Hope Fund helps the students complete their education and achieve successful outcomes, which is what King’s College is trying to do for all students,” said Barry Williams, dean of the McGowan School of Business. “That’s the way all of these elements link together.”

“The Hope Fund meets a very real need for our students and their families,” said Frederick Pettit ’96, vice president for institutional advancement. “When you meet these students, hear their stories and feel their genuine appreciation for the support, it’s incredibly invigorating and motivating. Our alumni and friends truly make lives better.”
Many years ago, a man with deep Irish roots and a vision wanted to start a program at King’s College involving Irish teachers. The program, which marked its 41st and final year last summer, might never have begun if the man with the vision didn’t also have a son who could fix cars.

John McKeown was a King’s administrator and an active participant in Irish cultural organizations in the early 70s. He heard about a program at the University of Delaware that brought teachers from Ireland to the United States for an intensive multi-week program of educational, cultural, and social activities.

McKeown approached the director of the University of Delaware program about including the Wyoming Valley in the itinerary of the Irish Teachers given the area’s rich Irish and coal mining history. The request was initially denied.

In 1973, the same woman who denied McKeown’s request was in Wilkes-Barre visiting her son. Her car broke down, and the only contact she had in the area was McKeown. He brought the woman to his house and his son fixed her vehicle. Shortly after her return to Delaware, she called McKeown to inform him the Irish teachers would begin visiting the Wyoming Valley in the summer of 1974.

For the first two years, the teachers spent several days on campus as part of their longer stay in the country. Beginning in 1976, the program was centered at King’s and it grew to a three-week program.

One of the 24 teachers in the 1975 program was Harry Knox, a then 24-year old teacher. “I counted my blessings that I had been accepted on the Irish Teachers Project not just because of the low cost of the trip, which I understood was being underwritten by grants from the Department of Education in Ireland and in the United States, but the opportunity it was going to give me to study the American education system and to experience the American way of life and to stay with host families,” Knox wrote almost three decades later. “I can still recall the palpitations I felt on that Thursday morning about what I was going to experience, but I had no clue that this was the commencement of a 35-year relationship with people in Wilkes-Barre.”

The elementary and secondary school teachers from Ireland, many who, like Knox, were in America for the first time, typically attended educational seminars at King’s, met with local educators as well as elected officials (in Wilkes-Barre and Washington, D.C.) and were entertained by local ethnic organizations (Ladies Ancient
Order of Hibernians and Friendly Sons of St. Patrick). In addition to touring local sites of interest, including Eckley Miners Village, the Lackawanna Coal Mine and Harveys Lake, they travelled to Philadelphia, Lancaster, Gettysburg, New York City and Washington, D.C.

The teachers formed life-long relationships with area people during their visits. While the program passed the 1,000 participant mark in 2010, many teachers returned time after time. The 2010 delegation included participants from the first three decades of the program, including Knox, who was the Ireland coordinator for the trip since 2002.

The teachers often hosted friends they made in the local area when those people visited Ireland.

McKeown’s wife, Peg, worked as hard on the program and took as much joy in it as John. When she died in 2008, Harry Knox came to the United States for her services. The 2008 visit of the teachers was dedicated to Peg, and a Mass in her memory was held.

As McKeown entered his late 80s, he knew it was time to hand the reins of the program to someone else. Bill Behm ’74, former director for alumni relations at King’s, and his wife, Jean, managed the program starting in 2007. The continuing poor economy in Ireland resulted in a declining number of teachers each year, and the decision to end the program was reached in early 2015. The last delegation included 23 teachers, many returning for one last July visit to King’s College and the Wyoming Valley.

Four decades of learning and relationship building between the people of Ireland and Northeastern Pennsylvania will forever remain a special part of the King’s story.

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- Harry Knox, Irish teacher
In October 2012, a phone rang at the Office of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. A Vatican representative was calling to ask a pivotal question: “Would Philadelphia be interested in hosting the World Meeting of Families?”

Held every three years and sponsored by the Holy See’s Pontifical Council for the Family, the World Meeting of Families is the world’s largest Catholic gathering of families. Humbled by the news that Philadelphia was selected to host an international event over which Pope Francis would preside, the archdiocese and the city now faced the monumental task of planning for a papal visit in September 2015. The theme of the four-day World Meeting of Families – Philadelphia 2015 was “Love Is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive,” emphasizing the impact of the love and life of families on our society.

The historic papal visit was organized by dedicated leaders, including Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, Archbishop of Philadelphia; co-chairs former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Corbett and current Governor Tom Wolf; and Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter. The financial acumen of Robert J. “Bob” Ciaruffoli, Jr., CPA ’75, a 39-year veteran of the accounting profession and a senior executive of one of the world’s largest accounting and advisory firms, made him a worthy candidate to serve as president of the World Meeting of Families - Philadelphia 2015 team of 29 devoted volunteers who would manage the visit of Pope Francis to the City of Brotherly Love.

As CEO of Baker Tilly, Bob could look out his office window to a constant reminder of the daunting challenge that awaited him: the Benjamin Franklin Parkway, where Pope Francis would host a Mass attended by nearly two million people.

An Experience of a Lifetime

For Bob Ciaruffoli, one element that helped him prepare for his successful business career was his liberal arts education at King’s. However, the road to King’s and what lay ahead was anything but direct.

The oldest of 10 children, Bob grew up in the nearby town of Swoyersville. During summers, Bob painted houses with his neighbors, including Russ Singer, who was in graduate school at the time and later became an economics professor at King’s. Bob attended the former West Side Central Catholic School, later known as Bishop O’Reilly High School and now known as Good Shepherd Academy, and was the type of student who took pride in never missing a day of school. He followed his friends to Bloomsburg University, where he would meet his wife Kathy. But higher education didn’t click. After the fall semester, Bob quit college and joined the United States Marine Corps.

“I had fun in college. I wasn’t a good student, and I quit before they threw me out,” Bob said. “The toughest thing I had to do was tell my father I had to quit school. That didn’t go over too well.”
Bob enlisted in 1970 as an M-60 machine gunner, and then became a radio operator who deployed from Camp Lejune, N.C., to Cuba, Panama, Italy, Greece, Turkey and Spain. “The Marines was the best education I ever had. I learned about people, teamwork, culture,” Bob said. “I visited different countries around the world. That gave me a tremendous respect for the United States and our way of life.”

The veteran returned home and enrolled at King’s. “I studied my brains out for once in my life,” Bob said. The small class-sizes afforded him an opportunity to form study groups with classmates, and his professors were approachable. One professor, John Davis, aware that Bob was a veteran and newlywed, helped him land a job at Master Garment Cleaners in Kingston.

“You don’t realize it at first. You realize it when reflecting back on life. I don’t think anyone received a better education than we did,” Bob said. “It was a tough program. John Davis expected everyone to study. You had to work. All the professors at King’s were cut out of the same mold. Everyone wanted to see you succeed.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree in accounting, fellow accounting graduate and high school classmate Bob Bustin ’73 helped Bob secure an internship at Touche Ross in Newark, N.J., where he worked for two years. In 1979, he moved back to the Pennsylvania with his wife, Kathy, and their son, Robert. He was interviewed by Frank Orlando ’65, Chuck Parente ’62 and John Randolph ’63 at the

“Pope Francis greets Robert Ciaruffoli ’75 during his visit to Philadelphia last fall.”
accounting firm Parente, Randolph, Orlando, Carey and Associates at their Wilkes-Barre office. Hired as the company’s forty-seventh employee, Bob was a major contributor to the organization becoming an international powerhouse. “In order to grow, we needed to be recognized as a metropolitan-known firm,” Bob said.

Bob went on to success in finance, advancing in 1990 to President and Chief Operating Officer of Parente Randolph. He led the merger of the firm into ParenteBeard, and served as CEO and Chairman of the Board from 2000-2014. During his tenure as CEO, the firm grew from $32 million to $170 million in annual revenues. In 2014, Ciaruffoli led ParenteBeard’s merger with Chicago-based Baker Tilly Virchow Krause to form one of the top 12 accounting and advisory firms in the country.

“What I learned at King’s is life is full of tough questions. It was not unusual for me to make a decision not in my best interest but in the best interest of the firm,” Bob said. “I had a responsibility not just to employees, but families. And that’s a tremendous responsibility on anyone’s shoulders. It made it easy to make a decision.”

A true business professional, Bob has an insatiable appetite to learn more about the profession. As a student, he wished he could trade his liberal arts courses for more business courses. But over the course of his career, Bob realized the value of a liberal arts education: “Now I would trade my business courses for more liberal arts. It sounds crazy. Many people in my position are so focused on business, but so much of what we do is working with people. In hindsight, my time in liberal arts gave me a jump start on what I needed to learn, and it started at King’s.”

One liberal arts class that became critical to his business career was Jewish theology taught by Rabbi Arnold Shovlin of Temple B’nai B’rith.

“That course broadened my horizons,” Bob said. “What I learned in that class has been helpful throughout my career. It’s important to understand differences. It gives us additional tools to maneuver in the business world. The more I know about people, the less mistakes I’ll make.”

What he learned in that class was helpful when Bob worked with leaders of various religious orders to prepare for the World Meeting of Families. The position required him to travel to the Vatican to prepare for the pontiff’s visit to the United States. These visits centered around logistics meetings with Pope Francis’s security detail, program planners, and liturgical team, as well as arranging for media coverage of the event. Among the dozens of dignitaries Bob met was one of the Pope’s best friends, Rabbi Abraham Skorka of Buenos Aires, who co-authored a best-selling book with Pope Francis about their interfaith dialogues. Bob recalled one awe-inspiring moment when he and his team exited St. Peter’s Basilica to attend the Pope’s weekly Mass and were overwhelmed by the sea of the thousands in attendance. Following Mass, the group was invited onto the stage to meet Pope Francis.

“It was a special moment in my life. I was so nervous, my knees were knocking. You think: ‘I can’t believe this is happening.’ It’s was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

During the weeks leading up to the Pope’s visit to Philadelphia, Bob was inundated with ticket requests for the Papal Mass. The Pope’s security team constantly changed the setup outside the Philadelphia Art Museum, which altered the ticket allotment. One request from a rabbi in Kentucky was for tickets for his congregation. “We got lucky and some seats opened up,” Bob said. “I called the rabbi and told him I had tickets for his synagogue. It was like he won the Powerball lottery. There are so many individual stories like that. They still put a smile on my face.”

Regarding the papal motorcade, what impressed Bob the most were the encounters with people along the way. Some of the most memorable images include Pope Francis kissing babies, but Bob had the opportunity to see the babies handed back to their parents. “I could see the emotion on the parents’ faces. That made it all worth it.”

The mile-long stretch of the Benjamin Franklin Parkway was populated with millions to hear Pope Francis’s liturgy, including a group from King’s Campus Ministry. The blessing was the concluding ceremony of the Pope’s visit to America, signaling a triumphant end to all the hard work of devoted volunteers who made possible memories that will last a lifetime for millions of people around the globe.

While it was the crowning event, the papal visit wasn’t the only milestone for Bob in 2015. On the last day of the year, he retired from Baker Tilly, ending his 39-year tenure. “I’ve enjoyed the profession immensely. Accounting provided a great growth opportunity for me and my family,” Bob said. As for retirement, he said he expects to continue to put in 40-hour workweeks devoting his time to family, community with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, and interviewing for various board positions.

While Bob Ciaruffoli spent most of his successful business career in Philadelphia, turning a local company into an international success, he has never forgotten his
hometown. Throughout his career, Bob returned home to serve in a leadership capacity for various organizations, including as chairman at the F.M. Kirby Center and United Way of Wyoming Valley General Campaign. He’s been loyal to his alma mater, serving as a driving force behind the development of the Family Business Forum and involvement in the Business Advisory Council and the Board of Directors. Bob returned to campus to give the keynote address to the Class of 2016 during the Commencement ceremony in May.

This year’s graduates are fortunate to have Bob Ciaruffoli as a role model and influential executive in today’s marketplace—a devoted family man who never forgot the Northeastern Pennsylvania community and College that shaped him into a highly effective leader and mentor.

King’s College is committed to excellence in its educational programs and preparation for life’s challenges. Your experiences at King’s changed your life. Now, please consider investing in the lives of future King’s students. Your decision to leave an estate gift to King’s College would not only help future students receive the benefits you enjoyed, but substantially benefit you as well.

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King’s has jump-started its commitment to sustainable energy with two unique solar power projects at no initial cost to the College.

More than 500 solar panels have been installed on two recent building additions to the extended campus. More than 200 panels were installed on the roof of King’s on the Square in late 2014 and almost 350 panels have graced the roof of the Scandlon Gym annex since last October.

Panzitta Enterprises, Inc., the local company that served as general contractor for the King’s on the Square project, donated a total of 214 solar panels and paid for the installation. The company will maintain ownership of the panels and is donating the generated power to the College.

The installation marked the first known commercial application of solar energy in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

“We chose to fund this project for several reasons,” said John Panzitta ’84, president of Panzitta Enterprises, Inc., and one of seven members of the Panzitta family to graduate from King’s. “It will allow King’s to use money that would have gone to utility payments to educate students, reduce its carbon footprint, and advance the College’s sustainability efforts.”

The energy collected by the solar panels will subsidize the existing electric utility consumption for the building. The solar panels produced almost 40,000 kWh in the first year of use. During the approximately 25-year life of the panels, the College will save an estimated $500,000 on energy costs and reduce the carbon footprint of the building by 2.6 million pounds of carbon dioxide, according to projections from Endless Mountains Solar Services, LLC, the Wilkes-Barre-based contractor that installed the panels.

Endless Mountain Solar partnered with King’s for the installation of solar panels on the roof of the Scandlon Gymnasium complex. King’s will purchase its power through Endless Mountain Solar.

“As a life-long resident of the Wyoming Valley, I have always respected King’s College and its mission to provide access to higher education at a reasonable cost,” said Mike Pitcavage, owner and chief executive officer at Endless Mountain Solar. “Collaborating with King’s College is a win-win situation; the College is able to lock in its energy rates for 25 years and Endless Mountain continues to foster a great relationship with an ecologically-minded institution.”

“As Pope Francis wrote in his encyclical, Laudato Si, it is the responsibility of all of us to be stewards of the earth,” said Father John Ryan, C.S.C. “We are excited about the opportunity to partner with two local companies to continue the efforts outlined in our latest strategic plan to make King’s more sustainable, efficient, and attractive.”
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The Holy Cross Difference: Engaged Mentorship

By Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C.

King’s College, founded and sponsored by the Congregation of Holy Cross, is deeply marked by the spiritual vision and educational philosophy of Blessed Basil Moreau, who founded the congregation in 1837. In this regular column, *The Holy Cross Difference*, we hope to share with you various aspects of that spiritual vision and educational philosophy.

The education that students receive at King’s is not a matter of happenstance, but the fruit of Blessed Moreau’s vision that the “mind will not be cultivated at the expense of the heart.” By exploring this vision with you, we hope that alumni will not only reflect upon their past experience at King’s, but will also reflect upon the ways that Moreau’s vision can continue to nurture their ongoing growth in the transformation of mind and heart.

At the heart of Blessed Moreau’s vision of education was a commitment to a personal knowledge of the students entrusted to the care of the Congregation’s schools. Students were never to be reduced to a number or to a statistic. Each student was to be engaged in the uniqueness of his or her personality, and academic ability. Moreau authored a short treatise, *Christian Education*, which outlined strategies for engaging students with differing temperaments and styles of engagement. Moreau believed that a good working knowledge of the individual student enabled educators to provide an education that could be truly transformative. The present King’s College Mission Statement speaks of this aspect of Moreau’s vision as “engaged mentorship.”

Here at King’s we take great care to ensure that there are multiple and varied ways for engaged mentorship to take place on our campus. Small class sizes, dedicated faculty, resident counselors in the residence halls, and trained professional staff in career services, student affairs, athletics, academic advisement, academic skills and counseling are just some of the ways that King’s is committed to being present to our students.

In my work in Campus Ministry, I am often privileged to hear students tell of a faculty or staff member, who took extra time to work with them on a project, counsel them through a personal crisis, or who inspired them to reach a goal that the student deemed nearly impossible. Last year, at the Senior Dinner with the President, Sophia Pannacione, for example, spoke about Dr. Joan Coffin, who inspired Sophia to pursue a career in medicine. Sophia also spoke about a volunteer experience at Ruth’s Place through a service-learning course that challenged her to grow in her commitment to those in need. Sophia’s experience...
reveals what happens when a faculty member takes personal interest in a student’s academic development and when courses are designed to tap the transformation of the heart as well as the mind.

Moreau’s vision of education as engaged mentorship had deep roots in his spiritual worldview. Moreau believed that one of the most important reasons that God became human in Jesus Christ was to teach us by his every word and deed how we are to live. God had spoken through the prophets, but in choosing to become one with us, God sought to teach not from a distance, but by drawing near. Presence, if you will, is a powerful complement to spoken words of truth and wisdom. We learn and grow as persons in the context of relationships. We learn best when we know that our mentors have our best interests at heart and are seeking to aid us in the discovery of our true selves and our deepest passions. Blessed Moreau knew, in faith, that God had drawn near to him in Christ, and that the presence of the Lord in his daily life made all the difference. Moreau believed that educators, who deeply cared for and reverenced the uniqueness of each student, could also make all the difference in a student’s life. Moreau’s philosophy of engaged mentorship, enlivened by a deep care to develop the mind and heart of the individual student, is the King’s philosophy.

I hope that at King’s you were blessed with a powerful experience of engaged mentorship and that it has made a positive impact on your life. I hope that you can recall a moment when someone at King’s reached out to you in the classroom, residence hall, cafeteria, playing field or chapel in a way that made a difference. And I hope that experience has inspired you to pay it forward by becoming an engaged mentor in the lives of others.
Building upon the long tradition of choral arts at King’s College, including the “Men in Red” and “Les Chanteuse,” Cantores Christi Regis (CCR) was formed in the fall of 2001 and presented its first concert in April 2002. As the premiere choral ensemble at King’s, Cantores Christi Regis is an audition-only ensemble that has grown from twelve members at its founding to thirty current members. The students who make up the ensemble come from a wide variety of majors and are involved in many other co-curricular activities, from athletics to campus activities and many others. The students give their time willingly—they rehearse for approximately three hours a week, but this can vary depending on their upcoming performances.

At its founding, the choir had limited performance opportunities, primarily singing for its Christmas and spring concerts and a few on-campus events, such as the Christmas Tree Lighting and the Patron’s Day Mass. Today, the ensemble sings for several events throughout the year, including the Homecoming Football Game, Honors Convocation, Silver Century Club Christmas Party, and the President’s Dinner. It also performs for many off-campus events, such as the Luzerne County Courthouse Christmas Tree Lighting, various concerts at local venues, and the group travels to Baltimore to perform a concert for St. Bernardine’s Catholic Church each spring.

The choir sings a wide variety of music, from chant and polyphonic works of the Renaissance, to contemporary choral repertoire including many a cappella pieces, jazz standards, and popular selections. They sing both secular and sacred genres as well as gospel music. As founder and current director of the ensemble, it has always been my vision that this ensemble would perform a wide repertoire of music and would expose students to the great choral works from the standard repertoire as well as newer selections. Cantores Christi Regis builds on its customary repertoire sung throughout the year by learning approximately sixteen new pieces each semester.

The choir seeks to be a professional, inspirational and enjoyable experience for our students, while also seeking to educate them in the long tradition of the choral arts. Although King’s does not have a music major, we have been blessed over the years with some very talented students. That means I can expose them to the great choral repertoire and challenge them with some very difficult pieces. The success and joy of tackling these pieces is often very rewarding, even if we have to struggle a little while learning them. I think what matters most is the exposure and the discipline of learning these selections.

Mary Evans, who graduated in May, said, “My favorite part of CCR is the music and the sound of all of the
harmonies together. It is almost magical the way the sound echoes in a given space. We get to sing gorgeous classical pieces and powerful pop and gospel pieces. There is such a variance of style of the music that I am never tired of doing certain kinds of music. My favorite part is putting the harmonies together for the first time. Hearing the full choral sound can give me goose bumps because it is so incredible.”

Learning to sing or play a musical instrument takes a lot of dedication, time, frustration, and sometimes tears. However, learning music teaches many valuable life lessons, such as time management, respect, trust, teamwork, development of fine motor skills, and multi-tasking, which helps students to become well-rounded people. The choir gets to be present at some of the most joyful and sorrowful times at the College, proving that not only does music teach all of the above, but it gives so much to others as well. The choir is able to sing the emotions that people are feeling at celebratory events at the College, such as the inauguration of a new president, as well as singing the sorrow we feel at times of tragedy, like the funeral service for a student or long time employee. We attempt, through music, to help the college community celebrate or grieve and start the healing process. Music can speak to people where words fail; it has the power to touch the soul.

A Community of Friends

For many of the participants, Cantores Christi Regis is like a family. The members of the ensemble become very close friends; a few even get married! They support each other through the fun times as well as the difficult ones. Matt Kropp, a May 2016 graduate, said, “We are a family that comes together to have fun and do what we love—sing. We work hard as a unit to produce excellent concerts, but we also enjoy each other’s company outside of choir, like at our annual Christmas party. Without this second family, my college experience would not be half as good as it has been with the CCR family.”

Abby Cooke, who also graduated in May, echoed this sentiment: “CCR has made my King’s experience so much better. I met most of my friends in CCR, and I couldn’t imagine not having them in my life. Singing also helps me relax from my busy academic life and gives me a break from my hectic days. It usually is my favorite part of the day and I always look forward to it.”

Cantores Christi Regis has become an integral part of the life of King’s College. It provides a creative outlet for its members, helps students grow as individuals, teaches them many life lessons, and in the words of our founding president, Fr. Connerton, “…it teaches students not only how to make a living, but how to live.”
Thanks to a pair of young, hardworking, energetic coaches, King’s men’s and women’s soccer teams are hot, turning heads and making a name for themselves both on campus and off.

Men’s head coach Mark Bassett and women’s head coach Frank Carrozzi have worked painstakingly during their careers to build their respective programs into highly-respected teams in the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC).

The first step in the evolution of King’s soccer came following the 2005 campaign, when the men’s head coaching position opened and the College decided to elevate the position from part-time to full-time. Previously, King’s did not have a full-time coach who could put in the time and effort that the many full-time MAC rival coaches were afforded. That changed when King’s hired Mark Bassett as the first full-time coach in program history.

Bassett had enjoyed a highly successful collegiate career at national powerhouse Messiah College and even scored the game-winning goal in the 2000 NCAA Division III national championship contest.

With Bassett at the helm, King’s men’s soccer has rapidly ascended the MAC ranks. Within a year of Bassett’s arrival, a hint of what was to come materialized when the Monarchs qualified for the Freedom Conference Tournament, finishing in second place. In Bassett’s third year in 2007, King’s finished 16-1-5 and won the Eastern College Athletic Conference Southeast Region championship, garnering the first post-season title in program history.

King’s would return to the post-season in 2012, reaching the Freedom Conference semi-finals and finishing 10-6-2. In 2013, history would again be made as King’s finished 11-5-5, won its first-ever Freedom Conference title and qualified for the NCAA Division III National Tournament. In 2014, the Monarchs won their second straight conference title and made a repeat trip back to nationals, concluding the year with a 15-5-2 mark. In fall 2015, King’s clinched the top-seed in the Freedom Conference Tournament for the first-time ever, ending with a second-place finish in the league tournament.

When asked what were the keys to the growing success of King’s men’s soccer, Monarch head coach Mark Bassett pointed to four critical factors. “The first is the work ethic of the players, their dedication, determination, and desire to be successful. The second is the closeness of the players and them having a similar mindset on and off the field. The third is buying into the expectations and goals we have as a team. Fourth, I expect their best at all times.”

The results of this approach cannot be disputed as...
Bassett has already earned his 100th win in just his 10th season. He currently owns a 113-64-15 career record at King’s, averaging 11.3 wins per-season, easily the most of any previous coach in program history. Bassett has also led the Monarchs to seven post-season tournament berths, one ECAC championship, two Freedom Conference titles, and two NCAA national tournament berths. Academically, the team has also flourished as 64 players have been named to the MAC Academic Honor Roll in the previous nine seasons. Senior Kevin Hagmeier was also named a 2015 Academic Second-Team All-American Team.

Lady Monarchs Make a Strong Showing

The fortunes of King’s women began to change in 2010 when Carrozza was named the head coach of the Lady Monarchs. With very little time to recruit, King’s suffered through a 1-17-1 season in Carrozza’s first year. The 2011 team saw slight improvement, finishing 4-15, but now as a full-time coach Carrozza was beginning to establish himself in recruiting.

His 2012 recruiting class consisted of 20 freshmen on the 24-player roster. Although the team comprised many newcomers and the squad finished with a 4-12-1 mark, the foundation for the future was clearly set. In the 2013 season, the team qualified for the post-season for the first time since the program’s beginning in 1993. The Lady Monarchs knocked off a higher-seeded Wilkes team in penalty kicks in the semi-finals before falling to top-seeded Misericordia in the program’s first-ever conference championship game appearance. In 2014 and 2015, King’s also earned berths in the Freedom Conference Tournament, reaching the semi-final both years. Now, with a streak of three straight years in the post-season, the Lady Monarchs are looking to remain a consistent contender.

And what will it take for King’s women’s soccer to get to the next level? “Our goal is to continue to grow from a player development standpoint,” said Carrozza. “We still have a little ways to go to get to the point of having no drop-off in play when you substitute throughout the 90 minutes of a game. We are getting there but still have work to do. We also want to increase our awareness of where we pull kids from. We recruit mostly in the tri-state area, but we really want to branch out to other areas and be able to find quality kids, as well as that diamond-in-the-rough we can develop.”

Bassett and Carrozza agree that the secret behind the success of their programs is their being available as full-time coaches.
Carrozza also has the time to closely monitor his players’ academic progress and has implemented a study hall program, which he personally oversees. The results have been outstanding, as King’s has been a recipient of the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Academic Award four of the past five years. Since his first season at King’s in 2010, the women’s soccer team has placed 30 players on the MAC Academic Honor Roll for posting an overall grade point average of 3.20 or better.

“Parents do not pay all that money for soccer, they pay it for their children to get an education,” he stated. “We have study hall to provide the players with structure and to keep them away from distractions that they may have in the dorms or other areas on campus. I always tell them that their families come first, their education is second, and soccer is third. I think it has paid off when we look at the success we have had.”

Both on and off the field, the King’s College soccer teams have reached a level of success never achieved before the arrivals of head coaches Mark Bassett and Frank Carrozza. Expect the success to continue under their watch. Both preach hard work and dedication, and the results make it crystal clear that both practice what they preach.
Every year for the last seven years on a Wednesday afternoon in the fall, a group of fifty-two King’s students, mostly juniors and seniors, pile onto a Martz Trailways bus and head south on a journey of personal and professional discovery. Their destination is Washington, D.C., where they will be the guests of honor of a special group of talented, generous and successful King College graduates—members of the King’s Washington Area Alumni Club, better known around campus as KWAC.

While KWAC hosts a number of programs, Career Day has emerged as one of the group’s biggest events. “KWAC was formed just over a decade ago,” said Cathy Serafin ’83. “The first few months we talked about what kinds of things we wanted to do to engage alumni and people who wanted to stay in touch with the school. We came up with a list of events, including the concept of a career day. The idea was to have a program for students who were involved not only in the business school, but in any of the liberal arts majors.”

A Washington, D.C.-focused career event would be something new for King’s. “When I was a student at King’s, the idea of being able to move to Washington to have a life and a career never occurred to me,” said Serafin. A career day in the nation’s capital would also introduce King’s students to the idea of building careers in that city.

The KWAC Career Day concept is pretty straightforward. “We would invite a busload of students,” said Serafin. “We wanted them to be dressed in appropriate business attire and have a résumé. We wanted to give them the experience of a real workday—you have to do a commute, you have to get up, you have to get dressed for work and hit a meeting on time. We knew we had to rely on the kindness of friends, as it were, and everyone basically volunteered facilities and time.”
Over the last seven years, a career day itinerary has emerged. Arriving Wednesday evening, the first stop is a reception in the law offices of Jones Day.

“The students come down and go right to Jones Day for a reception Wednesday evening. There, the students meet their alumni mentors and hosts,” said Serafin. “We put them all together and they hear some speeches—we’ve had some incredible talks by alumni and by people from the Hill—and then everybody goes home. (The Jones Day location has been available to Career Day thanks to Jim O’Hara ’58, who practices corporate tax law there.)

The main Career Day event takes place the next day at the offices of Lowenstein Sandler, LLP, where Serafin is a partner.

Career Day features speakers from both the public and private sectors. “In the afternoon, we have what we call roundtables with speakers,” said Serafin. “We have two different sessions and try to get people from a mix of backgrounds, such as law or lobbying or accounting—you name it. They give a thirty-second elevator speech explaining how they established their careers.”

Tables in the room where the session is held are labeled with flags according to profession. “My table would have a little flag on it that says ‘law’, for instance, and the students would float from table to table as their interests’ dictated,” said Serafin. “Then we’d break and do it again with a whole bunch of different professions.”

In addition to discussing careers, the sessions also include an opportunity for mentors to review the students’ job-search material. “We thought it was important for someone to review the students’ résumés, mark them up and give them back,” said Serafin. “We also give them interviewing and cover letter tips. At the end of Thursday’s program, they get on the bus and return to King’s.”

A Collaborative Undertaking

Seemingly simple in its execution, Career Day is the result of considerable coordination and collaboration.

“The Career Day event is really a collaborative effort between three entities,” says Chris Sutzko, director of career planning and placement at King’s. “Those entities are career planning, alumni relations and KWAC.”

The Office of Career Planning drives student participation by making students aware of this unique opportunity. “We promote Career Day to the student body. We train the students and walk them through an orientation,” said Sutzko. “They fill out applications, then we review their résumés and prepare them for the event before they go.”

The Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving handles the logistics of getting the students to and from the event, overseeing transportation, financial and administrative details. Once the students are in D.C., KWAC takes care of the rest, including preparing the curriculum and content for the programs that take place in D.C. They use their professional network to solicit speakers for the event and to encourage alumni in the Washington, D.C., area to serve as overnight hosts for the students. Last fall, the program enlisted 25 hosts who welcomed students into their homes for the night. Other alumni in the area contributed to the program through sponsorship opportunities established by the Office of Alumni Relations and Annual Giving to help offset the cost of the event.

While Career Day is an invaluable source of job-related information, Serafin is careful to point out that it is not a job fair. “This is a place where you come to network with alumni and talk to them about how they made their
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way in the world,” she said. “It’s also a chance to get an overview of career opportunities in Washington.”

Over the years, Career Day has had a big impact on students and alumni—it’s also made King’s some influential new friends. One such friend is Heidi Gerding, the CEO of HeiTech Services, Inc., a federal programs and technology solutions provider, and mother of Patrick Gerding ’11.

“I signed up to be a Career Day sponsor. When I went to the Jones Day session the night before Career Day, I fell in love with everybody. They were just delightful people, and I said, wow, I really like this. That’s when I decided to provide whatever support KWAC Career Day needed.”

The next year, Gerding volunteered the services of her human resources team to go through the students’ résumés in advance of Career Day to provide them feedback about what employers are looking for in a résumé. “I started referring to them as ‘students on steroids.’ These kids had jobs already. Most were in internship programs, and some had started their own businesses. It was quite impressive.”

The unique impact of Career Day shows up in the students’ evaluations, many of which say it was life changing in terms of their experience and their exposure to opportunities in Washington and, more broadly, to being mentored by the Career Day participants. Said O’Hara, “It makes us proud ourselves and even more passionate to broaden our base and get more alumni involved in mentoring for Career Day and other KWAC activities.”

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“Hope bearer.” That’s how King’s College President, Fr. Jack Ryan, C.S.C. describes a mentor.

“When you see before you someone who has successfully traveled the path you are traveling, that person has hope to bring,” Ryan said. “Though the reason for the journey may be a professional one, the hope-bearer did it and you can see that they are like you.”

Bearing hope is certainly one way to describe the King’s McGowan School of Business’ long-standing tradition of engaged mentorship programs. From annual programs that bring alumni and students together such as the MSB Forum to the addition of a fully endowed faculty position, the Angelo P. DeCesaris Executive in Residence, students meet and interact with people who are working in careers they aspire to one day. Mentoring is a key part of a strong and focused student professional development program in McGowan, and it begins freshmen year.

“The student professional development initiative is really the merger of three core programs at King’s: the MSB curriculum, the Career Planning Office and the DeCesaris Executive in Residence program,” said Barry Williams, dean of the business school. “It is through the intersection...
of the three that we are able to engage alumni, faculty, and friends of the College to work together with the goal of creating successful outcomes to a student’s college experience.”

May graduate Jeremy Evanko has certainly benefitted from King’s focus on mentoring. The finance major met his mentor two years ago during the annual McGowan School of Business Forum. He said after their initial conversation at the Forum, they kept in touch. “After time and lots of conversation, we figured out who I am as a person and what was important to me,” he said. “We were able to match my values to the values of a prospective employer and make sure it was the right fit.”

Williams believes engaged mentoring enhances the school’s curriculum and the student educational experience because it builds upon the theory of self-efficacy. A student engages with a professional who is successful and begins to gain the confidence that they can also be successful. This concept was one of the reasons the business school created the DeCesaris Executive in Residence position.

Mark Leffler, a former businessman and member of the class of 1975, was named to the position in 2010. As the executive in residence, he spends his time focused on student interaction, mentoring and defining the relationship between business, community and academic instruction.

“I’m all about a purpose driven life,” Leffler said. “I was purposely driven to build successful companies. I was purposeful in my desire to be a good husband and raise my family. Fortune and work ethic allowed me to retire early. I returned to King’s at age 53, to become a professor of management. It was time again for me to repurpose. I saw that what was happening in the business school was innovative, and I was drawn to the mission which focused on critical success factors students need to learn before they graduate. I knew I could have a positive effect here.

“Meeting with successful alumni has an important impact on students,” he said. “An alumnus can say ‘I was like you. I sat in your seat. I had an education like yours, and look at what was possible for me.’

“The DeCesaris position is where the rubber hits the road,” said Christopher Sutzko, director of career planning at King’s. “Mark comes from the world of business. Instead of just reading about theory, when students are challenged he can help them apply real world solutions to problems.”

Alyssa Connor, a junior majoring in accounting and management, has found that meeting alumni through programs like King’s Career Day in Washington, D.C., helped her find the right career path for her and pushed her to work harder. Leffler was her instructor in MSB100 (Intro to Business). “He made me raise my personal bar on how successful I needed to be,” she said. “For an emerging business professional, it’s extremely important for me to have someone like Mr. Leffler to believe in me and what I want to achieve during my business career.”

Both Williams and Leffler agree that King’s is on the leading edge of colleges and universities in preparing students for the real world of business and a successful outcome to their King’s education. “What we are doing here is innovative,” Williams said. “We are fulfilling the demands of employers in the workplace by making a required and substantial part of our curriculum focus on building communication skills, focus on problem solving, focus on understanding who they are and what they want to do with their lives. It means a student can walk into an internship or job interview the day after they graduate and clearly explain what they bring to the position and why they should be selected for the position. Not everyone can do that.”

The DeCesaris Executive in Residence program was established to honor Angelo P. DeCesaris, a 1953 graduate of King’s and a member of the College’s faculty for 38 years.
Since joining the Political Science faculty in 2004, Beth Admiraal has literally expanded her teaching from the classroom to the world.

Admiraal’s academic pursuit of political science in general and Russia in particular was cultivated in part by the historic dismantling of the former Soviet Union in the early 1990s. She double majored in English and Political Science at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan. At Calvin, a professor of Russian literature fostered her interest by appointing her his research assistant and encouraging Beth to attend graduate school.

“I was sold on the literature and politics of Russia after reading Solzhenitsyn’s The Gulag Archipelago, a book I think most people find very depressing,” said Admiraal.

Her globetrotting also began during her time at Calvin. She studied in Costa Rica and Nicaragua and spent a summer working in Hungary.

Admiraal earned her master’s degree and doctorate from the University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana. While at the University of Illinois, she was an editorial assistant for Slavic Review, the official publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies and did research in Russia during her graduate studies.

Admiraal had a constant companion through her graduate studies. She met her husband, Regan Reitsma, in a Russian literature class on Dostoyevsky at Calvin. He earned his doctorate from The Ohio State University and now teaches in the King’s Philosophy Department.

Before joining King’s, Beth and Regan were visiting professors at Lynchburg College in Virginia, where Beth became acquainted with the Model United Nations program that would become a linchpin of her activities at King’s.

“When I was interviewing for a job at King’s, part of the process was to meet with students in the department. I was impressed with their positive attitude, engagement, and sense of respect.”

Admiraal was promoted to professor earlier this year and currently serves as the Political Science department chair. In 2011, she spent part of her sabbatical semester in Romania, researching minority religious groups in the region of Transylvania.

“I was able to promote the idea of the Model United Nations my first year as a faculty member. The funding to allow us to participate came through the following year when we shared a team with Lynchburg College. Since that first year, King’s has sent its own delegation every year.”

A group of about 15 King’s students travel to New York for the week-long event every spring and are assigned a country to represent. Their activities usually involve a briefing at the embassy of their assigned country. “One thing I find especially interesting is that only about half of the participants are political science majors. This year also had majors from economics, international business, biology, environmental science, criminal justice, mass communications, and history as part of our team.”

Admiraal has also become very involved with the Study Abroad Office at King’s. She has worked with other faculty members to develop a three-week “short-term” study abroad program to Slovakia, Czech Republic, and Poland and has also organized programs in Mexico and Peru. She currently serves on the Study Abroad Advisory Committee.

Admiraal also helped organize and host a Political Science Alumni-Student Career Night last September, an event she hopes becomes an annual effort.

Six recent graduates from the political science program came back to campus to share their experiences with current students.

“Getting away from campus and participating in these types of programs is just more intense than classroom learning,” said Admiraal. “I find that the students and I just start sharing an energy that is indescribable. When you’re not only dealing with material, but also dealing with hectic travel schedules and sometimes less than ideal lodging, there is a connection that transcends teacher-student. I believe we truly learn from one another.”
Opening Career Doors
Mentors offer King’s graduates an opportunity for success at Vanguard
By Joseph Giomboni

When Dan Jenkins ’14 prepared for his interview with representatives from Vanguard, the second largest investment company in the world, he took comfort in the fact that he would not have to go through the employment process alone. A native of Audubon, Dan came to King’s because of the intimate class-size, purpose-driven faculty, and the College’s dedicated staff. He knew he would benefit from having a team from the King’s community who would guide him through a seamless transition from college to an international powerhouse in the financial marketplace.

What makes King’s a special place is the community atmosphere and relationships that do not end when a student earns a degree at Commencement. Those relationships extend to a network of prestigious alumni in various industries. For Dan, standing on the other side of his transition to the corporate world was an army of alumni who were eager for Dan to join his new community on Vanguard’s sprawling campus in Malvern, a suburban market located 25 miles west of Philadelphia.

Dan learned about Vanguard through one of the College’s “Employer Spotlight” events, a forum sponsored by the Office of Career Planning to connect students of all majors to prospective employers. Dan was mentored by Theresa Kinney, Employer/Corporate Relations Coordinator in the Office of Career Planning, throughout the employment process. “She was deeply committed to my success, and to helping me find the right fit,” Dan said. “I’ll never forget how excited she was when Vanguard reached out with an offer. Theresa and faculty like her are King’s greatest assets.”
Dan recalls a rapid interview process: After the initial resume screening, he had a phone interview within a week and an “on-campus” interview at Vanguard’s headquarters shortly thereafter. “I truly believe Vanguard’s environment does not exist at other firms in our industry,” Dan said. “Culturally, our people make Vanguard a collaborative, friendly environment. I have best friends at work, and a team that pushes me to be my absolute best.”

Nearly 10 years before Dan entered Vanguard’s corporate headquarters, Mark Sciabacucchi ’05, a Pittston Twp. native and co-valedictorian of his class, was the original trailblazer whose affinity for the college helped forge the partnership with Vanguard.

“When I arrived at Vanguard I met alumni who had a tremendous pride in their alma mater,” Mark said. “We’d talk about the school and the conversation often ended with each person saying ‘wouldn’t it be great if more King’s people knew about Vanguard -- Vanguard should recruit at King’s.’”

Mark returned to campus and his grassroots recruiting efforts began at Finance Association meetings. He met with current students and built relationships. He told stories of how King’s and Vanguard shared a similar culture and values, a focus on the individual, whether it was a student or a client. Vanguard and King’s share similar mottos:

“King’s College taught me not only how to make a living, but how to live.”

Matthew Kotch ’11, a finance and economics major from Pittston, was among the students who benefited from Mark’s guidance; they met during a Finance Association meeting when Matthew was a freshman. When Matthew became a senior and president of the Finance Association, he invited Mark back to campus to speak to current students. After the meeting, Mark encouraged Matthew to consider a career at Vanguard. Christopher Sutzko, director of Career Planning, helped Matthew prepare for Vanguard’s visit through mock interviews and offered tips to revise his résumé.

“The culture of King’s College is unmatched in my opinion,” Matthew said. “The second I stepped on campus for the first time to attend an open house as a senior in high school back in the fall of 2006, I felt the faith and community based culture of higher learning the college exudes. It’s a feeling that has never left me since.”

Matthew enrolled in Vanguard’s College to Corporate Internship Program and was offered a full-time position as a Fund Financial Associate. He was promoted the following year, completed rotations on the trading floor and mutual fund accounting, and currently serves in a management position in the Fund Financial Services Department.

“King’s College prepared me for my career in two ways: First, it helped hone and further develop my understanding of ethics and my responsibility to community. Secondly, the faculty taught me the hard subject matter and technical skills required to succeed in the financial industry,” Matthew said. “The statement I heard a thousand times at King’s College never rang more true than it does today – ‘King’s College taught me not only how to make a living, but how to live.’”

Shortly after he was hired, Matthew, Mark and a few fellow alumni organized the first annual Vanguard recruiting trip to campus in the fall of 2012. To start the formalized process of accepting resumes and delivering corporate approved presentations, the alumni team worked with representatives at Vanguard’s University Relations, developing procedures to identify top candidates to meet Human Resources recruiters. They have since created events to invite students to Vanguard’s corporate campus.

“Many of the King’s alumni working at Vanguard attribute part of their success to alumni that lent them a hand in some way during college,” Mark said. “Their desire to ‘pay it forward’ and help the next classes of students at King’s find positions at a great employer like Vanguard is what drove the establishment of a formal recruiting
relationship that has increased the number of King’s alumni at Vanguard.”

For current students, it is never too early to get your résumés in shape for potential career opportunities. Alumni representatives from Vanguard visit campus nearly every semester for information sessions held in the McGowan School of Business. The opportunity is available to students of all majors, as many alumni credited their career advancement to the versatility of a liberal arts education.

Wilkes-Barre native Jennifer Ritsick-Hart ‘03 graduated from King’s with a bachelor’s degree in English and French with a minor in secondary education. She taught English for one year at Coughlin High School in Wilkes-Barre before she moved to Philadelphia to work as a contractor at Vanguard. She currently serves as a Competitive Intelligence Administrator, where she is responsible for researching and analyzing market conditions related to Vanguard’s defined contribution business.

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As distinguished King’s alumni continue to recruit and mentor current students, the partnership between our special institution and one of the world’s most respected investment institutions grows stronger.
The President’s Report

Building on a Tradition of Giving

The Office of Institutional Advancement Reports a *Banner Year* of Giving to the College:

**Gifts to the College**
Cash gifts to the College increased to $3,526,256 (an improvement of $816,255 over prior year without estates and $739,203 including estates)

**Number of Donors**
The number of alumni donors increased for a third straight year (after a six-year continual decline) to 2,753

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**Fundraising**
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Signature Fundraising Event

The creation and implementation of the Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C, Award for Achievement and Leadership has become an important new King’s College tradition and principal source of funding for the Presidential Hope Fund. This event is held in conjunction with the McGowan School of Business Forum.

Alumni and Student Engagement

Continued success of Homecoming and Reunion – This fun, popular event has seen attendance grow from 50 alumni and friends in 2012 to more than 1,000 in 2015.

New Alumni Clubs - Creation and implementation of Philadelphia Area Alumni Club. Next, New York City Alumni Club is on the way!

Student Alumni Association - This exciting and impactful club has become one of the most popular student clubs on campus. The SAA helps educate current students about philanthropy and what it means to be a King’s College alumnus, and provides networking opportunities with King’s alumni.

Major Gifts

The College received a number of major gifts during Fiscal 2014-2015, including these highlights:

King’s on the Square

- $3,000,000 RACP Grant
- $250,000 LSA Grant
- $200,000 naming right secured
- $100,000 to create the Rev. Josef Murgas Room
- $251,027 to create and support the Miners Memorial Park and Anthracite Artwork

Creation of the Presidential Hope Fund (a critical retention tool)

- 24 students supported through the end of 2015
- $317,671 has been raised in gifts and pledges through the end of 2015

Successful completion of the Angelo P. DeCesaris Executive in Residence Campaign

- $1,000,000 goal achieved
- $260,000 gift secured to exceed the goal
- $100,000 gift to renovate and recreate the Sandra Dyczewski Maffei Gold Room

Renovation of the Gold Room

- $100,000 gift
- Refreshed and repurposed the Sandra Dyczewski Maffei Gold Room

Planned Giving Successes

- $3.68 million secured in new estate commitments
- $10.9 million in total documented estate commitments

See the Full Report - The full President’s/Donor Report is available on line at kings.edu/president’sreport.
Class Points of Pride: Spring 2016

'50s

Tom Curley '54 was honored by having the game cup named after him at the 53rd Annual Thanksgiving Day football game between high school rivals, Audubon and Haddon Township in New Jersey. The “Curley Cup” was named for the highly respected King’s alumnus who coached for 11 successful seasons at both schools. Photo credit: Curt Hudson, The Inquirer.

Edward Moran '71 was married to Hector Aniceto Pérez in a small private ceremony on the Brooklyn, N.Y. waterfront. Officiant was Rev. Imre Kővacs, a UCC minister and graduate of Yale Divinity School.

Mark Albosta ’72 retired ten years ago from United Airlines and now works as a substitute teacher for Fairfax County schools in Virginia. He enjoys working with students with special needs, especially because of his own experience raising a son with special needs. He has lived in the D.C. area since 1972 and still likes coming home to visit the “valley with a heart” to see family and friends.

Frank McAndrew ’74, a psychology professor at Knox College in Illinois is also a blogger for Psychology Today magazine. His blog, “Out of the Ooze: Navigating the 21st Century with a Stone-Age Mind,” can be read on the magazine’s website.

'T60s

Michael Murphy, D.O. '69 was reelected to the Board of Trustees of the American Osteopathic Association. He serves on that board with Ernest Gelb, D.O. '74 and he noted how remarkable it was that two King’s graduates serve on the board of this prestigious national association.

Thomas McNelis ’74 was appointed president/CEO of Threshold Rehabilitation Services, Inc, Reading, Pa. Thomas most recently served as vice president of program operations for the company, which provides behavioral health residential and vocational rehabilitation programs.

'T70s

Dr. Bernard Remakus '70 is completing his 35th year as the only practicing physician in Great Bend Twp., Pa. During that time, his three children have also become physicians. He recently published his seventh book, “The Lame Duck,” a medical suspense novel that takes place in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

Very Rev. Daniel Donlick ’71 celebrated his 50th Anniversary since ordination to the holy priesthood in the Orthodox Church in America. Fr. Donlick was awarded an honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters Honoris Causa, during commencement exercises at St. Tikhon’s Theological Seminary in South Canaan, Pa., in recognition of his many years of service as faculty member, dean and trustee.

Rick Goralewicz ’79 delivered a keynote address at the 2015 Canadian Conference on Elder Law, an international conference of lawyers, judges, and legal scholars focused on elder abuse and other legal issues facing senior citizens worldwide. Rick is the senior law project attorney for the Oklahoma City office of Legal Aid Services of Oklahoma, and an associate supreme court justice for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.
David Askin ’88 became assistant chief attorney at XTO Energy Inc., in Ft. Worth, Texas. XTO is ExxonMobil’s domestic oil and gas production subsidiary.

Dan Balutis ’89 was appointed as a federal administrative law judge for the Social Security Administration. His first post is in Fort Wayne, Ind. He previously worked for MAXIMUS Federal for 14 years as a Medicare hearing officer and later as a senior appeals specialist/subject matter expert creating an eligibility appeals program for the Affordable Care Act.

Judy Martini ’90 and Gayle Voytush ’90 of GMV Productions have written a screenplay on the life of Donna Garze, one of the top amputee golfers in the United States. Their promo, “Challenge from the Heart: The Donna Garze Story,” can be found on YouTube.

Dr. Christopher Kowalski ’93 has joined the medical staff of St. Mary Medical Center in Langhorne, Pa., as a surgeon with the St. Mary Physicians Group.

Renee (Vilgos) Mundy, Esq., SPHR, ’93 was selected as a faculty member for the Pennsylvania Bar Institute’s 21st Employment Law Institute in Philadelphia, where she co-facilitated a workshop on “How an HR Audit Can Benefit and Protect Your Company.”

John P. Murphy ’93 has published a memoir, “Time Capsule of a Costa Rican Kidnapping.”
Kristen (Deibert) Garcia ’96 was named director of human resources at the Village, a child service and trauma-informed care provider in Rosemont, Pa.

Patrick Murphy ’96 was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as Under Secretary of the United States Army. As undersecretary, which is the second-ranking civilian post in the Army, Patrick manages the business side of army affairs, including staffing, training and purchasing. A former congressman, he was the first veteran of the second Iraq war when he was elected to represent Pennsylvania’s 8th Congressional District.

Adam Baumgardner ’97 and his wife, Colleen ’97, were delighted by their trip to see the Pope when he was in Philadelphia last year. Adam wrote “the experience of seeing and hearing Pope Francis in person truly warmed and touched the soul. The moment was not lost on our young children, as they unbelievably sprang out of bed and got themselves ready for mass the next day, with no parental persuasion, after getting home at 2 a.m.!”

Rhonda Waskiewicz, OTR, Ed.D. ’97 was named dean of the College of Health and Education at Husson University in Bangor, Maine.

Jennifer (Dominick) Mantini ’98 was honored last year by “M&A Advisor” as a 40 under 40 Emerging Leader. The Advisor recognizes leaders in mergers and acquisitions, financing and turnaround professionals under the age of 40 for their contributions to their firms, their industry, and clients. Jennifer is a partner at PwC in Philadelphia with over 15 years of experience in M&A consulting.

Mark A. Macek ’99 attained a juris doctor degree from the University of Baltimore School of Law last year.

Keri (Pluck) Ebeck ’00 was selected as a member of the American Legal & Financial Network Bankruptcy and Collections Committee. Keri is a partner in the Pittsburgh office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA.

Drew Wilson ’00 has been named the University of Colorado’s director of football strength and conditioning. Previously, Drew worked for the football programs at the University of Maryland, and earlier at University of Connecticut.

Joseph Jamison ’01 is working for Pencils of Promise, an organization that builds schools and creates programs for children in developing countries. Last fall, the organization sent him to Ghana to set up a SOLE (self-organized learning environment), an experience he describes as amazing.

Scott Speed ’01 launched his company’s mobile app “5 For Friends” on the IPhone App Store last year, and it launches on Android this year.
Joseph Giampapa ’02 was appointed a partner at the accounting firm Mark Paneth, LLP in Manhattan. Joseph provides high-net-worth individuals, partnerships, corporations, estates, trusts and private foundations with tax planning and consulting services.

Edili Lopez ’09 was awarded the Cesar Chavez Community Service Award at Eastern Connecticut State University. The award recognizes distinguished service in promoting the spirit of human rights of activist Cesar Chavez. Deputy director of the White House Office of Public Engagement and Chavez’s granddaughter, Julie Rodriguez, attended the ceremony and gave the keynote address. Seen in the picture are Edili (second from right) posing with fellow award recipients and ESU President Dr. Nunez and Julie Chavez Rodriguez, center.

’10s

Zach Hammond ’10, comedian, took first place at the NEPA Scene’s “Got Talent Finals Showcase.” Zach took home the grand prize, a vacation package to Cleveland, Ohio, that included cash, baseball tickets, tours and a free recording session at TwentyFiveEight Studios.

Alicia (Schroeder) Mayfield ’12 joined the Davenport, Iowa, police department last year. She lives in Davenport with her daughter, Ava, and husband Austin.

Kevin Barry ’14 was selected Onslow County, N.C. Schools Beginning Teacher of the Year last June. Kevin is a third grade teacher at Jacksonville Commons Elementary School.

Evan Higgins ’14 published a memoir describing his life-threatening traumatic brain injury in 2009 and how he overcame many obstacles associated with the subsequent disabilities. “Reboot: Journey of a Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor” is available online at Amazon and Create Space.

Emily Snyder ’14 is working with the Peace Corps teaching English in Ethiopia. Her service began in June 2015 and will continue for two years.
ALUMNI MARRIAGES

Tiesha Feimster ’96 to Richard Brunson on June 17, 2015.

Angela Kobilinski ’00 AS ’02 BS to Thor Roempagel on May 22, 2015.

William Ostroski ’06, MA ’11 to Tiffany Baker ’06, MPA ’07 on September 27, 2014.

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Nicholas Sorino ’06 to Holly Beth Bray ’07 on December 4, 2015.

Dennis Grimes ’07 to Molly Sexton on July 18, 2015.

Daniel Horn ’11 to Jackie Wheatley on August 29, 2015.

Carissa Cook ’13 to Daniel McGuigan.

Nicole Pierson ’13 to Brian Reese on November 7, 2015.
Jim Britt ’04 and his wife Erin on the birth of their son, Benjamin Warner, on November 9, 2015.

Karen James Blaum ’05 on the birth of her daughter, Kerry, on April 14, 2015.

Danielle Kishbaugh ’01 to Michael Castanaro in 2015

Sara Broski ’06 to Ryan Murphy on May 30, 2015

Ashley Martin ’08 to Marc Chillingsworth on October 9, 2015

Shannon Lushefski ’12 to Dean Alger on September 5, 2015.

Kristi Juskiewicz ’15 to Scott Clarke on June 20, 2015

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**KING’S CUBS: BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS**

**Congratulations to:**

- Jesse Teitelbaum ’95 and his wife Stephanie on the birth of their son, Simon Andrew, on April 15, 2015.

- Rob Super ’06 and Abigail Wasserott Super ’07 on the birth of their son, Tyler Michael, on May 11, 2015.


- 2010 graduates Jared Menghini and Alyssa Kramer Menghini (MPS ’11) on the birth of their daughter, Paige, on October 4, 2015.

- Kelly Anne Matulewicz Hudak ’98 and her family upon welcoming their seventh baby, Oliver Anchor, on March 31, 2015.
In Memoriam

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the families of the following alumni and friends who passed away in the last year:

Gerald F. Andes ’67
John W. Baur ’58
Gerald J. Bavero ’73
John “Jack” Bergan ’61
F. John Brislin ’70
Daniel Bucknavage ’73
James J. Burke ’50
Robert Callahan ’56
Angelo P. DeCesaris ’53
Kevin Dommermuth ’76
Thomas J. Finley ’53
Joseph G. Fitzsimmons ’71
Thomas J. Flynn ’56
Edward Thomas Fry ’68
Chester Giacomi ’84
John Growhowski ’59
William Joseph Heston ’71
Kevin J. Holehan ’74
Ronald Edward Hontz ’68
William H. Johnson ’51
John Louis Kachurick, Sr. ’75
Joseph P. Kochuba, Jr. ’72
John Kmiczek ’55
Joseph Peter Kuzminski ’59
Brian T. Langan ’83
Marie T. Lendacky ’11

Joseph Francis Luksic ’62
Mark Jerome Malinauskas ’61
Fred Ross McFadden ’52
John McGowan ’61
Thomas John McMenamy ’69
Richard E. Miller, Jr. ’57
Walter Joseph Nestorick ’77
Gerald V. Quinn ’77
Cathy Riccetti ’84
Harry Sawchak III ’77
Anthony Joseph Shilcoski III ’74
Harvey Snook ’89
George Spohrer ’50
Anthony Student ’77
William F. Wallo ’50
Paul Yanik ’75

Faculty, Staff and Students:

Robert E. McGoff, Jr.
Frances T. Nialetz
Sterling Petersun
Lottie Pierkowski
Frank J. Vacante
King’s College mourns the passing of James J. Burke. Burke was a member of the College’s inaugural graduating class and a longtime friend and benefactor, honored for his vision and steadfast support.

Burke was born and educated in Wilkes-Barre, and, after completing his education at King’s, embarked on an impressive career in business.

His early corporate career included positions at E.I. Du Pont, Air Products and Chemicals, and Litton Industries. He joined Paramount Pictures in 1966 as its chief administrative and financial officer; in 1969, he joined IU International as executive vice president and chief strategic officer. In 1980, Burke joined Colonial Penn Group as executive vice president and chief strategic officer. In 1983, he founded American Homestead Mortgage Corp., which pioneered the world’s first reverse mortgage program. He later founded Chapel Mortgage Corp., a national traditional mortgage lender.

He served on many corporate and nonprofit boards of directors, including King’s, Visiting Nurses, and the Philadelphia Opera. He also was a founding member and former president of the Anthracite Heritage Foundation. In addition to those philanthropic endeavors, he produced The Molly Maguires musical, the more recent operetta Tales of the Molly Maguires and the documentary Coal is King.

Burke and his wife, Kathleen, served as lay missionaries to the poor in Uganda, Haiti and Jamaica. He was a member of St. John Neumann Parish, Mount Laurel, N.J., and St. Elizabeth’s Church in Bear Creek.

James Burke will be fondly remembered by the King’s community for his dedication, leadership. The Miners Memorial and the Anthracite Miners and Their Hollowed Ground exhibit at King’s on the Square endure as reminders of his generosity to the College and the community.
Homecoming/Reunion 2016

Come home to King’s for three days of fun with friends and the King’s College Community!

All alumni are welcome.

September 23-25

Register Now!
Visit kings.edu/homecoming-reunion, call 570-208-5879, or email alumni@kings.edu by September 16th.