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From the President



Dear Alumni and Friends,

This is my last greeting to you through *King's Magazine* as president of King's College. We have experienced so much together during my tenure as president, which began in July 2011 and will conclude in June 2021. The last year of my presidency exists during an extraordinary time in our lives, a time filled with unforeseen challenges, enormous pain, too-prevalent discord and disconnection, and ongoing uncertainty. Negativity is all around us. But so is goodness. So is beauty. So is truth. We just need to look for the good, the beautiful, and the true. Look no further than this publication.

In this edition of *King's Magazine*, we bring to you examples of the best of humanity. King's women and men who champion the inherent dignity of every person and who use their skills and talents to serve the common good. Our College's vision calls for this work and these Monarchs – alumni, friends, students, employees – bring it to life.

Evidence can be found in the life stories of our 2020 Alumni Award winners. It is demonstrated through the vocation pursued by a young alumna in Massachusetts, the opening of hearts and home by a King's couple in Pennsylvania, and a board member's healing of those in need throughout the world. Examples can be seen through donors who helped revive a beautiful and historic house of worship, bring scholarships and job opportunities to deserving King's students, provide mentorship to aspiring young professionals, and give student-athletes a competitive advantage.

Acts of serving the common good by alumni and friends long after they have left our campus as graduates fill the pages that follow. So do the stories of our newest Monarchs' introduction to service to begin their King's careers, along with the campus members whose good work makes these high-impact – and often life-changing – experiences possible.

I appreciate that difficult days remain ahead for so many. I pray that the examples of goodness, beauty, and truth that we share here comfort you, inspire you, and fill you with appreciation for your relationship with the people of King's. They do for me.

As we move forward in each of our lives, we also move forward as an institution. In early January, the King's College Board of Directors selected Rev. Thomas P. Looney, C.S.C., Ph.D., as the next president of King's. Our beloved institution will be led by an extraordinary man – equal in talent and humility – who is deeply committed to the mission of King's, and who has selflessly served that very mission for more than 30 years. Fr. Tom knows King's and the people of King's, and the people of King's know him. Theologian and teacher, administrator and volunteer, counselor and friend, Holy Cross priest. Fr. Tom is many things to many people. During my presidency, he has been an invaluable confidant, sounding board, spiritual advisor, idea-generator, campus leader, emissary, and friend. Beginning in July 2021, he will be our president. My thanks to Fr. Tom Looney for agreeing to serve King's in this important role at this unique time. The future is bright for King's College with Fr. Tom at the helm.



I am grateful for all members of the King's family who believe in, invest in, and advance the King's College mission. I am grateful for you. Thank you for the love, goodwill, and support that you have shown to our school, to our students, and to me during my time as president. And thank you for continuing your generosity to our beloved school in the years ahead. I will continue to pray for you and your family.

Peace and blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Ryan, C.S.C.".

Rev. John J. Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D.

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King's Responds to COVID-19

By Robert Reese, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Marketing

“MANN TRACHT, UN GOTT LACHT” is an old Yiddish adage which translates to “Man plans, and God laughs.” King’s College started the 2019-2020 academic year like almost every previous year. There was an academic calendar that was on track. Some students were experiencing their first college year while others were experiencing their last; each with a particular set of emotions and expectations. Faculty and staff were moving through what has become for many a very predictable annual plan of events, tasks, and responsibilities. Administration was wrestling with familiar issues: budget, enrollment, staffing decisions, and future plans.

In December 2019, we heard of a mysterious new virus breaking out in China. In January 2020, we heard the word coronavirus (called novel coronavirus or nCoV), and the U.S. recorded the first domestic case on January 20th. Suddenly our world was turned upside-down as COVID-19 became daily news, cases escalated, and world governments responded to what was now a global pandemic. As the virus spread in the U.S., we were advised to keep our distance from one another, wear masks, wash our hands, and avoid public gatherings. And then, March happened.

They say, weather-wise, March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. This year, non-weather-wise, the lion never left and brought along some murder hornets to make things interesting. It was amazing how quickly things changed – often day by day. Guidance from the CDC, the state, and higher education agencies came in rapid succession and escalating severity. At the start of March, we were told to keep our distance. By the middle of March, we were limiting access to facilities, and by the end of March the students and staff were learning and working from home. We were suddenly in a whole new world along with the rest of the education world.

As much as we all enjoy our “comfort zone” and for the most part lean on the predictable patterns of daily life, as a species we can be very adaptable when hard pressed. I look back at March and remember what I had read in *Who Moved My Cheese* by Dr. Spencer Johnson. I think we saw each of the book’s characters represented in that month. That said, I was very impressed by how quickly the staff and faculty adapted to a new and changing reality. Classes moved to an online format, and everyone learned to use Zoom as a tool. Faculty brought classroom learning to a digital environment in record time and by all accounts very successfully.

List-servs, news from colleagues at other institutions, professional journals, and information on websites dedicated to higher education became even more critical reading than usual as faculty and staff looked for new ways to operate in the new environment while continuing the necessary work of educating and engaging with our students.

An old term within higher education is “coop-etition,” and it is one of the things that differentiates higher ed from the for-profit sector. We realize we compete for students and market space; however, we also realize that we serve the students and our missions best when we cooperate with each other and share best practices. Across the region, faculty, staff, and administration from all colleges and

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With a sense of loss and empathy for those about to graduate, we realized that we wouldn't be able to hold an in-person ceremony in May. Graduation is an important celebration that allows students to share their achievement with those who supported them along the way: fellow students, family, friends, significant others, and the faculty and staff of King's College. However, just as classes were successfully shifted to a virtual environment, King's also held a virtual graduation ceremony on August 16, 2020. We hoped that this event at least partially made up for the loss of the in-person event and created a memory for our 2020 graduates.

Of course, as we held (what we pray is) a one-time virtual graduation, the campus community has already welcomed the returning students and the newly enrolled students to campus. Classes were held both in-person and online for the fall semester of 2020 and students filled the residence halls once again. Certainly, things have been different this time around. Masks are worn. People are encouraged to keep their distance from one another. The smell of hand sanitizer lingers in the hallways.

While faculty have done an amazing job of modifying their curricula and course outlines to achieve the important outcomes of classes while adapting to the changing classroom environment this year, the staff of King's has also done an amazing job of preparing the campus. Classroom spaces have been reconfigured to accommodate social-distancing mandates, and computer labs have



been rearranged. Areas in the fitness center now have extra space between machines to allow students to work out safely.


Another significant difference last fall was the lack of athletic contests. Obviously not having sports changed the flavor of the semester. Coaches and athletics staff planned ways to engage with athletes to keep them motivated. Student Life staff thought up social ways that students could stay active and remain engaged without sports. Everyone is hoping that athletics will return in the spring and that we'll see stands fill with fans to cheer on our teams.

While the world with COVID-19 is new in many ways, what isn't new is the dedication of the faculty and staff to provide a quality education for our students, and the commitment and hard work of our students. The spring and fall semesters were different than any that has come before. What won't be different is the special experience students find at King's and their love for it that will endure long after they graduate. ■

What is the Point of
Science Lab?

RE-IMAGINING EDUCATION FOR THE LONG TERM AFTER COVID-19

By Michael Little, Ph.D., Associate Professor of English



“Let me tell you about some specific students.”

I'd asked Alex Szatmary, Ph.D., an assistant professor of mechanical engineering, what we should all be thinking about as we approached the fall semester. “In the spring,” he said, “when COVID-19 hit us, one student lost their job in a restaurant and instead had to work the graveyard shift in a grocery store at a lower wage; that student couldn't make it to synchronous classes without being sleep-deprived. Another student had to watch their younger sibling who was also studying for school. A student athlete was unable to compete; this student's life at King's is entirely devoted to their studies and their athletics. A student with a learning difference, who had done fine in person, could not keep track of when class met or when assignments were due.”

When King's College closed on March 11, faculty were given one week to transition their courses to online delivery. Many faculty already used Moodle, our learning management system, to some degree. According to Pete Philips '05 in Information and Instructional Technology Service (IITS), about 80% of classes already used Moodle in some way to support in-person classes. Other faculty had taught entire

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courses online as King's regularly offers online summer courses. Still, the transition last spring moved quickly, and the central question for most was this: how do we make our in-class plans work in an online environment?

An interesting thing happened, though, as professors worked through the transition and began meeting with their students online. Questions about technology—how do I make a video lecture that includes PowerPoint slides? —gave way to questions about care—how do I make sure my classes aren't contributing to the unknowable stresses my students are facing? Questions about our needs as educators gave way to questions about their needs as young adults with confusions, fears, and griefs we were glimpsing more and more. Re-imagining our classes in response to short-term challenges turned into re-imagining our classes for the long term. As Corine Coniglio, Ph.D. '92 associate technical professor of English, notes, "Thinking through a course to meet the needs of students taking the course online is an opportunity for faculty to bring some of those lessons and materials back to traditional classes."

This is not to say that the short-term and practical concerns of teaching online were trivial, and many persisted into the fall semester. The classroom is ideal for students in any discipline to huddle in groups, working through problems together. This is difficult to replicate online. Science labs, clinical rotations, student teaching—all of these benefit from or even require in-person practice and guidance. Some adjustments can be made: "Normally, students share equipment in lab and clinical settings but we are working to make sure they have individual supplies to reduce the risk of disease transmission and, in the worst case scenario, have at home with them to practice," notes Jeremy Simington, director of the athletic training program. But some requirements, such as clinical rotations, cannot be replicated at home and cannot be dropped from the curriculum. "The worst possible scenario is that our senior students would not be able to graduate on time

because they would not get the minimum clinical experiences required by our national accreditor," Simington says.

Other in-class practices can be replicated online, even if they're not quite the same. "I always want my classes to be dynamic," says Coniglio, "and when I facilitate discussion during in-person classes, the better I get to know students, including who has a thought but might be reluctant to offer it. I read their facial expressions and body language pretty well, getting a sense of when I can bring them into discussion with the right timing." Leading an effective class discussion is a skill that requires improvisation, focus, and an ability to read your participants so that you know when to push, when to hold back, and how to offer correction without curbing enthusiasm. "Zoom enables some of this interaction, but it is different and more challenging in some ways," she says.

Zoom also provided some of the first hints that teaching online during a pandemic is not the same as teaching a regularly scheduled online class. We assume that students taking an online class under normal circumstances will be comfortable online—they'll have the right technology, they'll be comfortable using the technology, they'll be able to motivate themselves, manage their time, ask questions frequently, and stay on top of their assignments. But last spring, students were forced into an online environment whether or not they were ready for it. And just because Zoom does a decent job of allowing full-class discussions, students often have reasons for not wanting strangers to look into their homes. I admit that this had not occurred to me. I've taught online before, and my assumption was that I would need to do a lot of fast and furious work, but ultimately, I could restructure my classes for online delivery, and we'd proceed as normal.

As those assumptions fell away—and quickly—I began to reconceive everything I am doing in the classroom. I'm not alone in this. Ron Supkowski, Ph.D. '94 chair of the chemistry and physics department,



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says, "We have been debating for years: 'What is the point of science lab?' This planning [for the fall] gives us a reason to break down the class into its most important pedagogical goals which may allow us to build a stronger course on that foundation in the future."

Simington notes a similar re-focusing. "One thing I have learned to do is focus instruction on the essentials. With teaching as it was before the pandemic, we had the luxury of time. We could cover the essentials and have time left-over so non-essential information creeps in to fill that space." A good illustration of this is the use of video lectures, which must be focused and must be kept short. And if a six-minute

lecture is pushing the limits of students' attention online, perhaps hour-long lectures in person aren't as mesmerizing or informative as we'd like to imagine.

"Use of videos for online teaching is something I will absolutely continue long-term. One reason is that it gives students material that they can watch and study outside of class, which may be especially useful for students with different learning abilities. The other reason is that it will allow me to use more in-person class time to work on helping students apply information that can easily be taught through a video lecture." Regardless, Simington says, "There will be much, much less of me lecturing in class."

Many students find it difficult to pay close attention to long lectures, while others spend more time than professors intended watching video lectures. Diana Easton '86, director of the physician assistant program, was surprised to learn that some students were spending hours trying to transcribe video lectures, rather than taking notes on them as they would during a live lecture. But the PA program also discovered an invaluable way to use videos. Typically, students are taught skills and concepts in person, and then immediately practice hands-on application, one skill at a time. During lockdown, students watched videos reviewing multiple skills and concepts.

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When they finally were able to meet to review them all in person, Easton notes that students were typically much more accomplished than they would have been under the old methods, which then freed professors to spend more time helping the students who were struggling. The result is a paradigm shift for education in PA that will continue post-pandemic.

As professors re-imagine their classes for both the immediate semester and into the future, our campus tech support (IITS) and the Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching (CELT) have provided invaluable support. Bill Keating '85, managing director of academic and instructional technology services, has overseen a robust response that includes early work to make sure all instructors had an online platform. "Once that happened, we developed online training videos to assist faculty with transitioning to the online environment."



As Keating and his team, instructional designers Pete Phillips and Bonnie Scutch, addressed questions and problems, they built a library of "training materials to share with the community in hopes of avoiding that same issue in the future." Beyond that, he sees faculty being more ready "to utilize some of these technologies in their traditional, face-to-face courses." Phillips concurs: "Many faculty have said that the things they learned now will stay with them when things get back to 'normal.' We hope it results in more hybrid and online scenarios to work with students' changing needs and schedules."

Robin Field Ph.D., professor of English and CELT director, has likewise been busy facilitating a community of faculty sharing their concerns, questions, and innovations. She has provided copies of the book *Small Teaching Online* to faculty and is curating a library of online articles. "I've collected any information that I think would be helpful, from news updates on COVID to practical tips. I've tagged all posts from the last 18 months so people can search a particular topic more easily."

More than anything, for me the experience of the last few months has led me to focus on my students in a way I simply haven't before. Our graduating seniors are mourning the loss of their final year in college, while our incoming freshmen face a first semester unlike anything they've ever imagined college would be like. Jeremy Simington notes that our students' physical health is our number one concern, but "a close second is the mental and emotional health of our students. The two most important words this fall are 'understanding' and 'flexibility.'"

Alex Szatmary agrees, noting that his experiences raising a toddler without access to daycare while still working full-time remind him that everyone faces a mighty struggle. "Students don't always tell me about all of the difficulties they face, which makes it hard for me to accommodate them. I'm working with the assumption that everyone I interact with is dealing with an obstacle at least as difficult as needing to work and take care of a toddler at the same time. It's time to show as much grace as we can." ■



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A CHURCH BUILT IN 1872 AND A LIVESTREAM:

RESPONDING TO THE PANDEMIC

By Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C., Ph.D., Director of Campus Ministry

On September 15, 2019, the Most Reverend Joseph Bambera consecrated the former Memorial Presbyterian Church to serve as the Chapel of Christ the King for the King's College community. It was a day of great celebration and a profound affirmation of the Catholic identity and mission of King's and its relationship to the local church. The Chapel's beauty is a mix of unique architecture. A free-standing stone steeple, the emblematic coal altar, amazing stained-glass, which was once thought to be Tiffany, as well as the original altar table, sanctuary seating, and ambo drew much admiration and liturgical participation from community members, staff, faculty, and students. In a moment, or so it seemed, the steady growth in attendance at worship, came to a screeching halt. A church built in loving memory of three children who died due to a pandemic sat empty due to a worldwide pandemic.

High in a crossbeam, which was mounted in 1872, rests a small camera barely visible, even to those who know its location. It had been set in place for unspecified future use. As King's College responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by restricting all in-person operations, its use became immediately apparent to the campus-ministry team and the Holy Cross religious. The camera, named for Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., would be used to livestream prayer services and Mass.

Fr. Peyton, who frequented the King's campus during the Holy Cross priests and brothers annual winter meetings, was a pioneer in Catholic radio and television broadcast. His calling card phrase, "the family that prays together, stays together," was to be nuanced, "the King's College family that prays together, stays together."

While prayer, “the lifting up of the mind and heart to God,” is a rather simple concept, praying across the miles with the use of technology requires significant planning and constant watchfulness. Thanks to the collaboration of Fr. Jarrod Waugh, C.S.C., associate director of campus ministry, and Ray Pryor and Adam Sebolka, members of the IITS department, the College livestreamed daily Mass and a Holy Hour for over three months and continues to broadcast weekday and Sunday masses. In addition, Fr. Waugh livestreamed and posted the services on social media, gaining King’s College a large audience nationwide, especially in Kansas, Fr. Waugh’s home state. Minor technology glitches were quickly overcome as faithful viewers emailed and texted when the sound was turned off or voice and video were not in harmony.

The choice to broadcast services seemed self-evident. For Catholics, the Mass, a celebration of the Eucharist, is the source and summit of worship and the heart of Catholic life. As we unite ourselves with the once for all sacrifice of Christ, we offer to God the highest praise possible. Holy Hour, which included exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, periods of silent prayer, and the recitation of the rosary reminded Catholics that the Lord, who gave us his body to eat and his blood to drink remains with us, especially in times of trial. During quarantine, we wanted to proclaim that we weren’t alone, that Christ was with us, the Christ who bore suffering even unto death.

Holy Hour provided members of our King’s College family with an opportunity for quiet from the chaos and anxiety unleashed by the pandemic. An alumna stated that Holy Hour was an oasis of peace for her. “At a few minutes before 7 each evening, my family knew where I would be. It was sacred time, a time to refresh my spirit.”

“It was a grace and privilege to participate as a lector in the livestreaming of the Masses and participate in the Holy Hours,” Brother Stephen LaMendola, C.S.C., who participated in person, commented. “It was an opportunity to join with other segments of the King’s College family during these times when we all needed to hold on to our faith and place our trust in God.”

Fr. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C., expressed a similar experience. “Especially during evening adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the praying of the Holy Rosary, I felt a strong sense of keeping vigil, that is, of keeping the home fires burning as students, faculty, staff had to leave campus. I hoped that livestreaming those beautiful prayers might provide a sense of stability and consolation

during such tumultuous weeks,” he said.

Several Holy Cross priests delivered passionate and thought-provoking homilies. At Easter Sunday Mass, Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C. drew an analogy between the Memorial Church, built so the good works that the Wadham children who died in a pandemic would never perform, would be taken up by the church’s members, and the call of the King’s community in the present pandemic to place their talents and energies at the service of the common good. As the Wadham family lived in hope, based on their faith in the resurrection, so we, too, should live in hope that new life will come. In the days immediately following the murder of George Floyd and major social protest and unrest, Fr. Michael Wurtz, commenting on the Feast of Pentecost, called upon the Holy Spirit, who appeared on Pentecost as tongues of fire, to enflame the hearts of believers everywhere to be active proponents of racial justice and equality.

These and other homilies led alumni and friends to voice words of appreciation. One alumnus wrote, “Sitting at home in front of my computer was certainly a different experience of church for me. I was surprised that I paid better attention to the homilies.”

Another noted, “I found the homilies thought-provoking, challenging, and encouraging. I enjoyed the variety of

preachers with differing perspectives.”

At times, alumni felt challenged by the preached word. One emailed, “Father, thanks for your homily today. Well maybe not. It hit me right between the eyes. I’m going to have to take a good close look at some of my attitudes.”

When the College’s music minister, Rob Yenkowski, proposed a livestreaming capability for the new Chapel of Christ the King, no one could have anticipated that in less than a year’s time it would enable us to reach out in solidarity to so many, offering the comfort of prayer, though at a distance, from the heart of a community they have called home.

As we move forward, beyond the confines of the pandemic, the College anticipates livestreaming weddings, concerts, Taizé Prayer, and other services from the Chapel of Christ the King. Please continue to join with us and pray with us remembering that the “King’s family that prays together, stays together.” ■



“THE KING’S COLLEGE FAMILY THAT PRAYS TOGETHER, STAYS TOGETHER.”

Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C.



You can access the Chapel livestream at www.kings.edu/chapel-stream.

ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS



KING'S COLLEGE HONORS 2020 ALUMNI AWARD WINNERS

2020

By Wendy Hinton, Director of Advancement Communications

On Thursday, August 13, 2020, King's College President Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D. conferred Alumni Awards upon six distinguished alumni who have demonstrated remarkable contributions to their professional fields, to the communities in which they live, and to King's College. A committee comprised of members of the faculty, staff, administration, and alumni assisted the president in the selection process from among nominees submitted by alumni and friends of the College. Alumni Awards are typically presented annually during the College's Commencement Weekend. Due to the global pandemic, both the King's 2020 Commencement Ceremony and the 2020 Alumni Awards ceremony were held in a virtual environment.

The 2020 Alumni Award Recipients are:

- James Post, M.D. '92 - *Outstanding Professional Achievement Award (Arts & Sciences)*
- Gary Neilson '75 - *Outstanding Professional Achievement Award (Business)*
- Paul Psak, Jr. '07 - *Robert J. Ell Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater*
- Thomas Brady, M.D. '68 - *Service to Society*
- Edward Nardell, M.D. '68 - *Service to Society*
- Amy Gravino '05 - *The Leo Award*

The Awards for Outstanding Professional Achievement (Arts and Sciences and Business) honor alumni who have distinguished themselves through exceptional professional achievement.



Dr. James Post '92 is a physician whose path to medicine was greatly influenced by a life-altering injury to his spinal cord which left him paralyzed at the age of 14. Post pursued

his education at King's and graduated summa cum laude with his bachelor of science degree and attended Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, graduating in the top 10% of his class. He completed residencies in internal medicine and nephrology at Lenox Hill Hospital.

Currently, he works as a kidney specialist and is the chief of internal medicine at James J. Peters VA Medical Center in Bronx, N.Y. In addition to his medical practice, Post is an assistant professor of medicine in Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons as well as the Nephrology Division of Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, N.Y. Post and his wife Saretha have two children and reside in New York City.



Gary Neilson '75 is an advisor, strategist, and author who has spent decades working with Fortune 500 companies and executives to address their operating

model transformation challenges. He worked as a principal with Strategy&, the

global strategy consulting team at PwC US. Originally from Mountain Top, PA, Neilson graduated from King's in 1975 at the top of his class, earning a bachelor of science in accounting and the S. Idris Ley Memorial Award for Highest Academic Achievement.

Following his graduation from King's, Neilson spent three years at Arthur Young & Company in Philadelphia and then went on to earn a master of business administration at Columbia Business School in New York, where he received the Wall Street Journal Award for Highest Academic Achievement in Finance. He then joined Booz Allen Hamilton as a strategy consultant and spent the final five years of his career with PwC US in consulting. Neilson and his wife Trudy have two children and split their time between Chicago, Ill. and Lake Geneva, Wis.

The Robert J. Ell Alumni Award for Outstanding Service to Alma Mater is named for Robert J. Ell '50, the first director of alumni relations at King's College, and is conferred upon an alumnus or alumna for extraordinary service, dedication, and commitment to King's College.

Paul Psak, Jr. '07 graduated in 2007 with



his bachelor of science in accounting. He currently serves as the managing director of Vatera Capital Management, a health-care focused venture capital adviser. He has been

an integral participant in the McGowan School of Business Forums as both a student

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Nominate a deserving alumna or alumnus for the 2021 Awards! Contact us at awardnominations@kings.edu. Nominations are due by March 15, 2021.

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and as an alumnus, attending each year's mentoring event and acting as a co-chair for the 2017 Forum held in New York City. While living in the city, Psak was a member of the Executive Committee of the King's College New York City Alumni Club. In this role, he worked with the other members of the club to plan and execute a number of events and initiatives, helping King's alumni stay in touch with their classmates and alma mater. Psak resides in West Palm Beach Florida with his wife Courtney and sons, Paul and Andrew.



The Award for Service to Society is presented to an alumnus or alumna who has distinguished himself or herself through selfless and caring

personal commitment to benefit others.

Dr. Thomas Brady '68 is a pioneer in the field of magnetic resonance and positron imaging at Massachusetts General Hospital, where he holds a named chair in radiology. Brady served as the founding director of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Center (now the Martinos Center), which was the site of many significant scientific discoveries surrounding angiography, functional magnetic resonance imaging, and tractography and high angular diffusion imaging.

Throughout his career, he has served as a mentor to more than 200 medical and graduate students, residents, and postdoctoral fellows, as well as radiology,

cardiology, neurology, and surgery staff members. In recognition of his extensive mentorship, Brady received the 2011 William Silen Lifetime Achievement Award in Mentoring from Harvard Medical School, and he was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from King's College in 1992. Brady and his wife, Lynn, reside in Cambridge, Massachusetts.



Dr. Edward Nardell '68

is professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School based at Brigham & Women's Hospital with a primary

appointment in Dr. Paul Farmer's Division of Global Health Equity and a secondary clinical appointment in the Division of Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine. He is also appointed in the departments of Environmental Health and Immunology and Infectious diseases at the Harvard School of Public Health. Nardell has devoted many years to tuberculosis transmission control research through Partners In Health, a Boston-based nonprofit health care organization that works to provide improved health care for the poor in countries such as Haiti, Peru, Russia, and Rwanda.

For 10 years, he has been a principal investigator for the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), the Gates Foundation, and USAID. At the intersection of medicine and engineering, Nardell is the founder and co-director of a unique, two-week course for health professionals, architects, and engineers that focuses on the construction of safer health-care facilities in Africa, Asia, and other high-risk settings. He resides in Brookline, Massachusetts.

The Leo Award is presented to an alumnus or alumna within 15 years of his

or her graduation who has demonstrated outstanding achievement in his or her professional or community activities. Named for the King's College mascot, it suggests the energy, pride, and sense of purpose that the recipient personifies.



Amy Gravino '05

is an educator, advocate, writer, and speaker who specializes in issues affecting adults with autism spectrum disorders. In

1994, at the age of 11, Gravino was diagnosed with Asperger's Syndrome. While a student at King's, she thrived and graduated with her bachelor of arts in English in 2005. Shortly thereafter, she earned her master of arts in applied behavior analysis from Caldwell College. She has used her gifts for writing and research to create a professional life that involves speaking engagements and publications in a wide variety of media. She also works as an educator specializing in issues that affect people with autism, specifically those that center around dating and intimacy. In addition to her speaking engagements, Gravino was featured in the 2006 documentary film "Normal People Scare Me," and in 2017, she was featured in an online segment for CBS News as one of 20 "Inspiring People on the Autism Spectrum," alongside Temple Grandin and Susan Boyle. Gravino also conducts workshops and presentations for organizations, schools, and parents of individuals on the autism spectrum, as well as consults with organizations regarding the hiring and training of individuals on the spectrum. Gravino currently resides in Fairfield, New Jersey.

The Awards presentation ceremony was recorded via Zoom and can be viewed in its entirety on the King's College, PA - Alumni & Friends YouTube channel. ■



THE IMPACT OF THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: Taking Life's Unexpected Outcomes and Turning Them into Triumph and Joy

By Jake Sarwar '20

Wednesday March 11, 2020 started like any other normal day for me. I made my way to the Student Government office where I served as president to get some work done. I then stopped by Residence Life where I served as a resident assistant (RA) before heading to class to say hi to everyone. Classes that day were a little different; most professors were already talking about their own contingency plans if we were to go online. My last memory of any in-person class was Senior Seminar with Dr. Joseph Rish. After we discussed our papers and presentations, we decided to take a walk by the Susquehanna River since it was a nice day. That has become one of my favorite memories about classes at King's, the way professors really want to get to know their students outside of the classroom. But little did I know, it would be my last time as an undergraduate.

Fast forward a few hours, and we received notice from Fr. Ryan that the College would move to online classes and that students were asked to vacate their residence halls. My heart sank because I could not believe what I had just read. As I left the Student Government Association office, I witnessed a mixture of emotions from the student body. Some were excited, some were angry, and many were upset, especially the members of the senior class. Students were lined up and down Main Street calling loved ones and telling them the news.

Serving both as the student government president and an RA, I wanted to be strong for our campus community, and I really did not give myself time to process fully all that was happening. I continued the following days as normal working on contingency plans for student government and packing some items. When it was time to go home, I stopped back in the office one last time, turned, and saw what a joyful and energetic room it was once, and said thank you. Even though the College was re-evaluating around Easter, I knew deep down that our area was going to get much worse before it became better.

When I arrived back home, it finally hit, and it hit hard. Many years of memories flowed through my mind, bringing so much joy. But it also made me realize that there may never be one last final to hand in, an in-person thank you to professors, or even getting to fulfill those plans that were made with friends before the pandemic hit. It also left me to wonder, what will happen with all that I was involved with and worked so hard to get to on campus? A week into living back at home began distance learning.

We are the generation of technology, so online courses seemed second nature. What was hard was to hear of the hardships some students faced, but it was great to know that the College was there to help them every step of the way. During some online classes,

there were poor connections, background noises, or lagging video quality, which sometimes made it difficult to understand the lesson. It was very hard not to just pop in a professor's office with a question, or even to catch up and say hi! Another difficulty was not being able to show up to class a few minutes early just to talk to your best friend. Losing that strong individual bond with faculty, staff, administrators, and even our peers that we pride ourselves on made this time very difficult.

Just before Easter, Fr. Ryan stated that we would continue distance learning through the end of the semester. In the weeks leading up to this announcement, many students were feeling that this would happen and accepted it as the new reality. Yes, it was heartbreaking to read, but it was to protect the well-being of the campus community. I am forever grateful to Fr. Ryan and all Senior Staff members who had to make these extremely unusual and difficult decisions to allow us to be safe with our families.

May 17 was supposed to be graduation day but due to the pandemic and social distancing guidelines, our commencement was held virtually. But that didn't stop Monarchs from celebrating all their accomplishments. Personally, my family held our own celebration at home, as I know so many others have. Looking back, I realize that my immediate and King's family are the reason I have been able to get through this tough time. The love, compassion, and support I have received over these past few months is unparalleled and I will always be grateful to all who have walked with me during this new journey.

As Monarchs, we found ourselves in an unprecedented time, filled with uncertainty. But it is because of our strength and determination that we were able to overcome this challenge and successfully complete the 2019-2020 academic year. We have been able to support one another and help raise each other up, even if it has to be at a distance for the time being, proving time and time again that we are not just a community, but a family. My wish is that all who make up this great College are able to heal from the effects of this pandemic and that once again, we will be able to embrace one another and reminisce about the good old days. We will once again find joy in our lives and use our love for King's to help future generations of Monarchs. ■

Jake Sarwar, Class of 2020, is a native of Saylorsburg, Pa. He majored in political science and minored in professional writing and political economics. He was involved in a variety of activities on campus including working at 88.5 WRKC as a news anchor, as a resident assistant, and as a work study in IITS and academic advisement. Jake also served as Student Government executive board president from 2018-2020. He currently works at King's as an admission counselor.



A Return to King's through Mentorship, Service, and Philanthropy: **ED KEARNEY '74**

By Wendy Hinton, Director of Advancement Communications

For someone whose professional life working in the federal financial market is serious business, Edward Kearney '74 has an infectious laugh that can fill a room, is a lover of golf and world travel, and he also happens to own his own wine label, Addax Wines. He's no stranger to fun, but his lifetime of hard work is evident.

Kearney is the president and CEO of Kearney & Company, an Alexandria, Virginia-based certified public accounting firm that focuses exclusively on the federal government, providing an array of services across the financial-management spectrum. His smile and happy demeanor, however, is most apparent while he's talking about his family: Anne, his wife of nearly 47 years, their three grown children: Brian, Carolyn, and Brendan, and their five grandchildren. He also lights up when he talks about his experience as a student at King's and the education that led him to his tremendously successful accounting career. Forty-six years after he graduated, he now serves on the board of directors, a role which has allowed him to help shape the path of the College and influence the lives of Monarchs for years to come.

A native of Dallas, Pennsylvania, Kearney attended Gate of Heaven primary school and West Side Central Catholic High School, where he met Anne. He decided to continue the tradition of Catholic education by attending King's. Kearney wasn't immediately attracted to accounting as a course of study, and in fact, very nearly chose carpentry as a career.

"It was Sister Sylvia, a nun at Central Catholic High School, that told me I would make a great accountant in my 11th grade math class," he said. "Candidly, I did not know what an accountant did, but when I chose my major at King's, it sounded like it was worth a shot."

An entrepreneur at heart, Kearney had his own carpentry business and did remodeling work to support himself while earning his degree at King's. Ultimately, he chose accounting as his path and graduated with a bachelor of science degree in 1974.

As a student, Kearney honed his work ethic and recognized the personal attention that is the hallmark of a King's education as a contributor to his success. He was particularly influenced by John Davis, a professor in the accounting department.

"My Accounting 101 class with the department chair, John Davis, taught me that I had to work to get a grade and could not negotiate my way through accounting," he said. "My first exam grade that semester was a 60, and when I completed the semester, I had a 93.4 GPA in the class, but needed a 94 for an A. Davis told me when I went to see him, 'I would love to give you an A, but you just don't have it,'" Kearney remembered fondly.

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First row, L to R: Brooke, Harrison, Ed, Isabelle, Anne, Ben, Emily
Second row, L to R: Brian, Angie, Jen, Zoe the dog, Brendan, Carolyn, and Mike

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“I look back and recall the patience and willingness of the faculty and administration to work with me as a student, and respect me as an individual,” he said. “They always made time to meet with me and work through my learning. The accounting department taught me how to work for my grades, and that accounting is a science first.”

After graduating from King’s, Kearney headed to Washington, D.C. where he worked as an auditor for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development from 1974 to 1977, and then for Arthur Young & Co. until 1981. During this time, he continued his education at George Washington University, earning a master of business administration in 1978 and his CPA in 1979.

After a stint as an assistant vice president of loan administration at Sallie Mae, Kearney was recruited to work at 1st Boston Capital Group in Washington, D.C. as a vice president of finance.

Remaining true to his entrepreneurial spirit, Kearney began his own consulting firm in 1981 as a side pursuit. Wanting more time

with his growing family, he decided to leave 1st Boston in 1986 and turn his side pursuit into his full-time job. In 2000, Kearney & Company sold the commercial division of its business and became dedicated exclusively to working in the federal market. It’s now the 31st largest CPA firm in the country and is consistently voted one of the best places to work by its employees.

Even in the throes of a global pandemic, Kearney & Company is fortunate to experience financial stability and currently employs approximately 1,000 people. Thanks to a people-first culture, the company is currently operating under a maximum telework strategy with CDC guidelines in place for those employees who need to report to work physically. The company is still hiring and still winning work, despite a nationwide economic downturn.

In addition to his service on the King’s board of directors since 2017, Kearney also gives back to his alma mater through his involvement with current students. He truly understands that the networking experiences students have with alumni can be invaluable as they pursue careers in the financial industry. Kearney & Company actively recruits King’s accounting students each year.

WHAT KING'S RECIPIENTS OF THE KEARNEY & COMPANY SCHOLARSHIP SAY

"We have hired about 60 King's grads over the years. King's graduates represent a great body of students to recruit from," Kearney remarked. "King's is an easy school to recruit at, and the faculty and administration are truly committed to seeing the graduates get a good job after they leave."

Anthony Varrone '13 works for Kearney & Company, and he credits his education at King's with preparing him for the transition to the working world. Varrone also feels that he has experienced professional growth thanks to his time at Kearney & Company and the leadership exhibited by Kearney.

"Kearney & Company has given me more opportunities to grow in my career than I ever thought possible. We are not only a team, but we are also a part of the Kearney family," Varrone said. "King's not only gave me a foundation in accounting but also taught me many soft skills which further enhanced my ability to relate and effectively communicate with my colleagues and clients. It is a skill and knowledge set that I will be forever grateful for as I progress in my career."

He continued, "Ed Kearney's leadership is more than what is actioned across the firm, but it is also a felt emotion that exudes from his stance to always take care of his people. Repeatedly, I have heard him say that his people are the greatest asset to the firm. He lives by this, and Kearney & Company continues to be successful because of it."

Fellow Kearney & Company employee and King's graduate Rebecca Kinzinger '19 agreed, saying, "Working at Kearney has been amazing. From the first time I came in as an intern, I knew that there was something special about the company. Every employee I met had nothing but positivity within them. Both as an intern and a new hire, I have had really supportive and caring teammates who are always making sure that you are okay and that you are understanding the roles you are assigned."

Kinzinger is inspired by Kearney and the care he exhibits for his employees. "He has never lost sight of or compromised his family values and the culture he established for the firm. He has had this business for 35 years now, starting in the same spot I am in being fresh out of King's College," she said. "Through those 35 years, he has had to fight through the ups and downs of running a business but has come out stronger on the other side - so much stronger that we have grown significantly as a company, competing with some big name firms, and yet have kept our culture identity in the forefront of what we do."

"I remember graduating from King's and the local opportunities for accounting graduates were not as abundant," Kearney recalled, "So adding King's to the schools we recruit from was an easy decision. The work ethic of the graduates is strong, and many of the students have had to overcome financial challenges and other hardships to graduate, which I think makes for better employees."

Not only does Kearney recruit King's students work for his company, but he also invests his time mentoring them while they are still on their educational journeys. Kearney has been

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Jenny Chi '17

"As a first generation college student and child of immigrants, my parents worked tirelessly to alleviate the burden of student loans associated with the path to a successful future that college provides. Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Kearney, his family, and Kearney & Company, I was able to graduate from King's College debt free. Coincidentally, my first job out of college was at Kearney & Company, where I worked on teams who taught me the fundamentals of public accounting. Kearney & Company instilled in me skills and a strong work ethic that I value to this day. It has led me to further my career within the industry, especially in regard to providing financial statement audit and audit readiness services to the federal government."



Michael Karycinski '21

"This scholarship means a lot for my family and me because it helps relieve some of our stress about paying for school. I am also grateful for the opportunity provided with this scholarship because I will be taking a step closer to my future. I cannot thank the Kearney family enough for what they have done for me."



Sophia Sacknievich '20

"I will forever be grateful for the Kearney Scholarship giving me the opportunity to continue and finish out my academic and athletic college career at King's. This scholarship was a tremendous honor demonstrating that hard work and focus pays off."



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actively involved with the King's Washington Area Alumni Club (KWAC), having served as an alumni speaker at the first Washington Area Career Day in 2009, and having sponsored and provided speakers at each Career Day thereafter. For his mentorship and generosity, he was named KWAC Man of the Year in 2012. He also holds dinners and information sessions for King's College students during recruitment season and performs mock interviews with students to help prepare them to enter the workforce.

But Kearney's generosity to King's has gone far beyond the donation of his time, talent, and wisdom. Established in 2015, the Kearney & Company Scholarship provides a scholarship annually to one rising senior accounting major who is involved in extracurricular activities. The Kearney organization has also supported other organizations such as the Special Olympics, AFFIRM Scholarship Foundation, Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Tiger Woods Foundation, the March of Dimes, and other national organizations. They encourage their employees to participate in events that support community-focused groups. As the leader of his company, Kearney models the behavior of philanthropy for his employees and colleagues, and King's is incredibly fortunate to be included on the list of worthy organizations that he supports.

Most recently, Kearney and his wife made an extremely generous leadership gift in support of the College. Their seven-figure commitment will ensure access to education for so many deserving King's students. This gift will provide two full-tuition scholarships annually for accounting majors (one for a junior, which includes a summer internship following their junior year, and one for a senior) and will name the College's well-respected accounting department as the Kearney & Company Department of Accounting.

"We are extraordinarily grateful for the Kearney family's generous support of our students and our school," Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D., King's president, stated. "Ed, Anne, Brian and all of the Kearney family have been wonderful investors in and supporters of our students for many years. This incredible commitment will improve the King's experience for our students in the McGowan School of Business and will publicly enhance the special relationship that King's enjoys with Kearney & Company and the Kearney family."

Kearney is admired and respected by his family, his employees, his fellow board members, students and alumni, and the entire King's community. He's a living example of a Monarch who used his education to help build a life worthy of recognition and celebration. ■

Mark Michno '18

"Being a Kearney & Company Scholarship recipient changed my life in more ways than one. First, the scholarship allowed me to focus on much more than actual work. During my time as a college student, I was financially independent which means I supported myself financially in all aspects. Not only was this extremely difficult for a 19-21 year-old young adult to do, but I was an accounting major, on the track to finish 150 credits in 4 years at one of the most rigorous AACSB accredited business schools in the state of Pennsylvania, the McGowan School of Business at King's College. Being awarded this scholarship allowed me to obtain all of the academic benchmarks both the College itself (ex. minimum requirements) and I set."



Maribel Vergara '21

"[T]his award is extremely meaningful, not only financially, but emotionally As the recipient of this remarkable opportunity, I assure you that I will not only make my daughter, my mother, and my family proud, but you as well."



Rebecca Battista '19

"Even a year after graduation, I still feel truly blessed to have received the Kearney & Company Scholarship. It made my senior year that much more special and allowed me to focus on my studies without the heavy burden of tuition looming overhead. As a first-generation college student, the impact of receiving this scholarship was felt far beyond just me. My parents were also so grateful I wouldn't have to work as much as I did to support myself during school terms, and they knew I would be able to get the most out of my senior year because of it. I have to thank Mr. Kearney for giving me the resources I needed to become a great student and eventually a great worker in my accounting career at Baker Tilly. I am truly grateful!"





Monarchs are Entering the GAMING ARENA

By Jamie Chagnon, Director of Sports Information/Esports Head Coach

Over the last decade, the fastest growing sport in the world features bright lights, big personalities, sponsorships, and exposure, but that sport might not be what you are thinking. The esports gaming community has burst into the mainstream in recent years, transforming what was once a niche culture into a worldwide empire worth billions of dollars. In the collegiate setting, colleges and universities all over the world have taken this opportunity to try to make their mark in the gaming world. King's College is no different, as it has recently formed its 28th varsity program this fall: an esports team that allows its players to compete in three gaming titles: *League of Legends*, *Rocket League*, and *Hearthstone*.

Nationally, roster sizes range from 20 to 30 students. Given the international exposure of gaming, the College believes the esports team will provide an exceptional opportunity for recruiting students. Currently, the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) has eight schools that sponsor esports teams. Those schools include Albright College, DeSales University, Hood College, Lebanon Valley College, Misericordia University, Stevenson University, Widener University, and Arcadia University.

King's has already shown a huge investment in the program,

demonstrated by the state-of-the-art King's esports Arena that was unveiled in October. Featuring a gaming space unparalleled in northeastern Pennsylvania, it provides team members with a dedicated space to compete and one that facilitates fellowship between student-athletes, coaching and mentoring opportunities, academic support, and Monarch pride.

As esports head coach, along with director Adam Sebolka, we will foster structure and bring expertise to the program as it continues to grow and flourish. The returns so far have been more than encouraging, as the inaugural esports team at King's features nearly 30 student-athletes with a full competitive schedule slated for Spring 2021. The ultimate goal of the team is to provide a welcoming and cohesive environment for gamers, while also providing opportunities for other components of esports ecosystem.

"Coupled with the College's other men and women sports, esports represents a significant growth potential in attracting and retaining students," said Cheryl Ish, associate vice president and executive director of intercollegiate athletics and recreation. "Esports will add another dimension to the landscape of extracurricular offerings for our students. We hope to get out in front of the esports movement that's evolving on scholastic and college campuses nationwide." ■

AN INVITATION TO *Worship*

*By Wendy Hinton,
Director of Advancement Communications*





“WHOSOEVER WILL, LET THEM COME.”

THOSE ARE THE WORDS THAT ARE ETCHED ABOVE THE EXTERIOR DOOR OF THE FORMER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ON NORTH STREET, THE NEW HOME TO THE CHAPEL OF CHRIST THE KING AT THE GEORGE AND GIOVITA MAFFEI FAMILY COMMONS. IT IS AN INVITATION TO WORSHIP: A DEMONSTRATIVE SIGN THAT ANYONE WHO WISHES TO TAKE PART IN THE CEREMONY IS WELCOME.

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On September 15, 2019, more than 200 members of the King's College community departed the former Chapel on Jackson Street and processed up the steep hill on Franklin Street to the new Chapel of Christ the King at the George and Giovita Maffei Family Commons on North Street to accept that invitation. It was a pilgrimage made up of Holy Cross Religious, Diocesan Clergy, students, alumni, faculty, staff, and friends of the institution who were invited to take part in the consecration of the new Chapel. The student voices of the Cantores Christi Regis singers filled the air as the procession made its way up the

hill led by the Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., bishop of the Diocese of Scranton and Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D., president of King's College.

This addition to the King's College facilities provides a new worship and gathering space, but more than that, it acts as a beacon of the College's Catholic identity, shining over the rest of the campus footprint. Long before it was part of the King's family, however, this Memorial Church had a rich history of serving the residents of the north end of Wilkes-Barre.



Calvin and Fanny D. Lynde Wadhams were prominent residents of Wilkes-Barre and members of First Presbyterian Church. They were actively engaged in serving their community and originally had intentions of building a Sabbath school. Their plans changed, however, following an outbreak of scarlet fever in 1871 that tragically claimed the lives of their three young children over the span of 30 days: Mary Catlin, age 8; Lynde Henderson, age 6; and Frank Cleveland, age 2.

The Wadhams altered their plans and embarked on the construction of a Memorial Church dedicated to the memory of their children, who are commemorated by three stained-glass

windows in the alcove that originally housed the baptistry of the Memorial Church.

The Church was designed in the Gothic style by Edward Kendall, a prominent New York architect who also served as the president of the American Institute of Architects. It was constructed of sandstone obtained from Campbell's Ledge near Pittston, Pa., which was floated down the Susquehanna River and cut on site and placed in a custom pattern. The beautiful building also features a free-standing bell tower constructed from the same quarried sandstone that houses a 2,555 pound bell. The interior ceiling of the church displays massive timbers in the form of an inverted ship's hull, a design that pays homage to the scriptures that speak of Noah's Ark as an instrument of salvation carrying God's people to safety.

The Memorial Church was dedicated on April 8, 1874, and at the ceremony, the Wadhams presented its trustees with the building's keys as well as the deed to the property. At the dedication in September 2019, a similar ritual of "handing the church over" to Bishop Bambara was observed. The procession halted outside the front doors as the Rite of Dedication began with the transfer of the building's keys

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1. Most Reverend Joseph Bambara ceremonially opens the doors to the Chapel as Tom Butchko looks on.
2. Rev. Bambara anoints the walls of the Chapel with sacred chrism.
3. The celebrants perform the Liturgy of the Eucharist during the Mass of the Dedication.
4. Mrs. Dona Maffei and Atty. Carmen J. Maffei '56





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and architectural plans created by those who worked on the restoration including Tom Butchko, Josh Conklin, Dave Hohol, Sharon Nice, John Panzitta '84, and Joseph Panzitta. Fr. Ryan offered remarks to the participants waiting to enter the Chapel, and then Bishop Bambera opened the doors proclaiming, "Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving, his courts with songs of praise."

Following in the footsteps of generous benefactors before them, many King's alumni and friends supported the restoration of the Memorial Church and the creation of the building annex that serves as a community space for meetings, lectures, and is also the home of the Office of Graduate Admissions. No strangers to King's, Carmen '56 and Dona Maffei committed key support for the project that evolved into the naming of the George and Giovita Maffei Family Commons. The Maffei family name is well-represented at King's, and this project was especially

meaningful for Carmen as it is named for his mother and father, George and Giovita Maffei, whose presence can be experienced in the entrance way to the Commons facility.

Another significant ritual in the dedication ceremony offered the blessing and sprinkling of holy water on the people, the altar, and the walls of the Chapel as a way of cleansing and purifying the space in preparation for its dedication.

The altar within the Chapel is one of great significance to the history of the College. Rev. Leo Flood, C.S.C., the third president of King's College, was responsible for commissioning two iconic elements of the campus that remain today: the statue of Christ the King atop the Administration Building, and the coal altar, sculpted by world-famous artist Charles Edgar Patience. Made from two tons of anthracite coal sourced from the Top Red Ash Vein of the Corgan Mines at Wanamie and gifted by the Corgan family, the altar has been a fixture of worship at the College since 1956. Engraved with the seal of the Congregation of the Holy Cross on the front, it served as the altar of sacrifice in the Administration Building's chapel for more than 20 years.

Over the years, the original altar deteriorated due to environmental factors. It was refurbished to its current glorious state by local artist Frank Magdalinski '66, who encased the original altar in one constructed of treated anthracite coal to preserve this important symbol and give it new life in the renovated Chapel as the main altar of sacrifice in the center of the sanctuary.

Every Catholic altar contains the relic of a saint. As part of the dedication ceremony, the relics of Saint Andre Bessette, C.S.C., and Blessed Basil Moreau, C.S.C., were interred in our coal altar by Fr. Ryan and Bishop Bambera. The Bishop

then anointed the altar and special locations on the walls of the Chapel with sacred chrism. These locations are marked with a cross and a candle, which will be lit each year on the anniversary of the dedication and on other solemn occasions.

After the anointing of the walls, the celebrants burned incense on the altar to signify the dedication of this holy space as a house of prayer, dispersing the fragrance of God as the Gospel of Christ was proclaimed to the assembly. The altar was then covered with cloth and its candles were lit, each act with its own ceremony and significance in preparation for the celebration of the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

Following the rite of Communion and the singing of the King's College Alma Mater, the Bishop blessed the congregation and sent them forth. The ceremony of dedication was completed in just over two hours, and those who were present for the event remarked that they truly felt as though they were in the presence of God that day.

"Whosoever will, let them come." As the original etching remains, King's College welcomes the community to experience the Chapel as a new space of worship for many years to come. ■



DAILY MASSES are observed at 12:05 p.m. on weekdays in the Chapel of Christ the King. During the global pandemic, the College began livestreaming the Masses so that members of the community can attend from the safety and comfort of home. Visit www.kings.edu/chapel-stream to view daily Mass via the Fr. Patrick Peyton, C.S.C. camera.

Pictured below, Front Row: Rev. Thomas Looney, C.S.C.; Rev. Michael Wurtz, C.S.C.; Rev. Jarrod Waugh, C.S.C.; Rev. Walter Jenkins, C.S.C.; Most Rev. Joseph Bambera, D.D., J.C.L.; Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C.; Rev. Daniel Issing, C.S.C., Rev. Joseph Long, C.S.C.; Brother Stephen J. LaMendola, C.S.C.

Second Row: Rev. Stephen Koeth, C.S.C.; Rev. Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C. '71; Rev. Anthony Grasso, C.S.C.; Rev. Charles Kocielek, C.S.C.; Rev. Brendan McAleer, C.S.C.



A HEALER IN THE WORLD

MAKES HIS MARK ON KING'S COLLEGE

By Wendy Hinton, Director of Advancement Communications





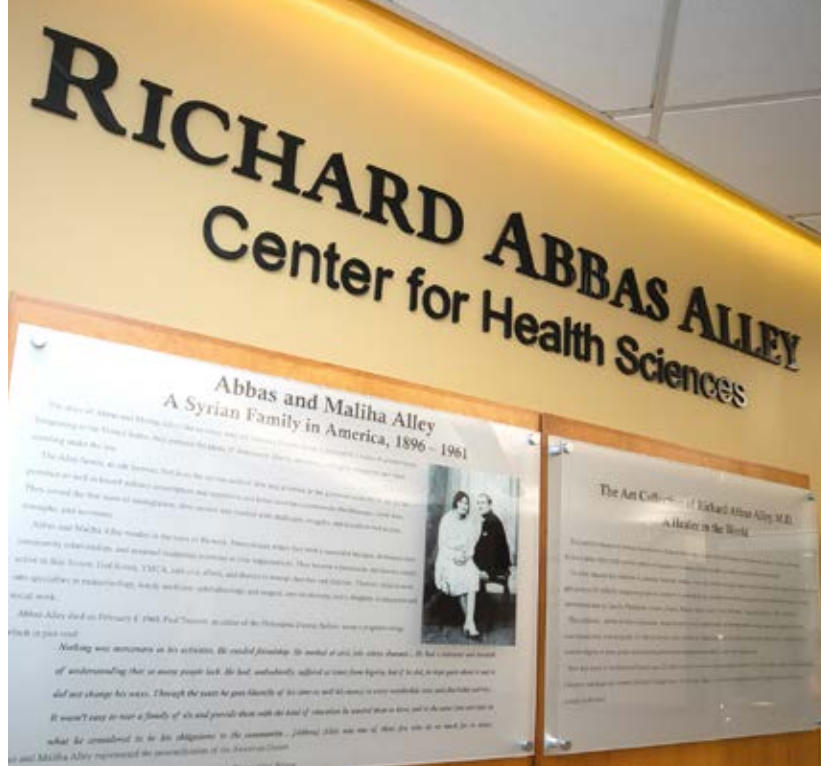
Dr. Richard Abbas Alley

On December 17, 2019, friends of Dr. Richard Abbas Alley and of the College gathered to celebrate the renaming of the King's on the Square building to the Richard Abbas Alley Center for Health Sciences. The renaming was done in recognition of Alley's generous \$1,000,000 donation to the College and to honor his numerous intangible gifts of his time, wisdom, and friendship over the years.

Having dedicated his life to the medical care of others, Alley has aptly lent his name to a facility that houses many of King's Health Sciences programs including Physician Assistant, Athletic Training, Exercise Science, and Nursing, as well as the Health and Wellness at King's Program (HAWK), which provides comprehensive health, cardiovascular, muscular, and orthopedic screenings at no cost to the public.

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Two large panels displayed in the Alley Center tell stories that are personal, yet universal. One details Alley's travels around the world serving on medical missions. The other is a dedication to his parents, Abbas and Maliha Alley, who immigrated to the United States in pursuit of the ideals of democracy: liberty, education, civil rights, enterprise, and equal standing under the law. Both demonstrate a tenacity of spirit, a strong moral center, and a desire to make people's lives better.

The Alley Center is at the intersection of science and art. It exemplifies the dual benefit of building revitalization in downtown Wilkes-Barre: a repurposed structure that meets the needs of King's academic programming and its students while improving the local community. Located on Public Square in Downtown Wilkes-Barre in the former Ramada Hotel, the Center provides state-of-the-art learning facilities that prepare King's students for in-demand and well-paid careers in the health sciences as well as modern living space. It also houses two art collections and a permanent memorial to anthracite coal miners for the King's community and the general public to enjoy.

In addition to Alley's many years of practicing medicine in northeastern Pennsylvania, he has traveled the world using his medical expertise to heal people in countries like Uganda, Philippines, Guyana, Nigeria, India, Brazil, and Mexico. He donated an art collection including paintings, cultural artifacts, and sculptures, many of which were given to him by indigenous peoples as a measure of gratitude for his contributions to their communities.

Alley's art collection joins the "Anthracite Miners and Their Hollowed Ground" exhibit by local artist Sue Hand. This collection, which is comprised of artistic depictions about the daily life of an anthracite coal miner, has been housed in the lobby of the Center since 2014. The addition of Alley's collection adds a global flair to a space that was already celebrating and honoring northeastern Pennsylvania's heritage.

Located directly outside the Alley Center, the Miners Memorial, a permanent outdoor exhibit detailing the lives of anthracite miners during the 19th and early 20th centuries, serves as a learning center for King's students and visitors to Public Square. The exhibit was a gift from James Burke '50, a Wilkes-Barre native and member of King's first graduating class, and his family.



Atty. John Moses '68, Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D., Dr. Richard Abbas Alley, David Shipula '77, and Patrick J. Solano



"It has been an honor and a privilege to be associated with King's, and I know that my parents would feel the same way. I am happy to support the school and its students in the form of this wonderful center for learning focused on health sciences," Alley explained.

"The King's community is grateful for Dr. Alley's years of service to King's, to the Wyoming Valley, and to people in need of medical care near and far," King's College president, Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D., remarked. "His generosity is extraordinary, and it is an honor to recognize him, his service, and his family name at the home of King's exceptional health sciences programs."

In addition to being a generous benefactor to and a member of the King's board of directors since 2006, Alley has led a life of service, volunteering with and serving on countless boards of directors for organizations including St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, Northeastern Pennsylvania Boy Scouts of America, Rotary Club, Interfaith Council of Wyoming Valley, Salvation Army of Northeastern Pennsylvania, St. Joseph Center, Wilkes-Barre YMCA, and many more. ■



Artwork and artifacts donated by Dr. Richard Abbas Alley as part of this collection located in the main lobby of the Alley Center.



Nicole Buckman '13
and Faith Greenfield

Since its founding in 1946, King's has been dedicated to the Holy Cross ideal of transforming minds and hearts with zeal in communities of hope. The College's commitment to students is expressed both in the curriculum and in co-curricular programs encouraging service, fostering reflection, and cultivating leadership skills. Inspired by the teaching and example of its namesake, Christ the King, who taught by example and ruled by love, King's forms graduates who will champion the inherent dignity of every person and will mobilize their talents and professional skills to serve the common good. In the words of its founding president, "King's teaches its students not only how to make a living, but how to live."

An Extraordinary Time for PHILANTHROPY

By Desiree Voitek, Director of Annual Giving

What a unique time it is for all of us! Together, as we navigate uncertain circumstances, our primary goal remains the same: providing our students with an exceptional education. Our mission is the focal point of every strategic planning conversation. It is our hope that the King's experience will provide tomorrow's workforce with the tools necessary to truly mobilize their talents and professional skills to serve the common good.

As you can imagine, this year is very challenging, and students are faced with unprecedented hardships in pursuing their degrees. Family incomes have been diminished. Healthcare bills have skyrocketed. Businesses have experienced tremendous setbacks. Livelihoods have been lost. And students continue to be affected. Every week since March, we have heard from students who are struggling to pay their tuition and stay at King's, and we have relied on the generosity of donors to assist them.

Now, more than ever, students need your help! Many donors have come forth in contributing to King's College and it has made all the difference thus far. We realize that not everyone will be able to give at this time, and we understand. If you are able, we hope you will consider investing in our students this year. At this time, you can make an extraordinary impact with your philanthropic gift. Know that any gift that is significant to you is significant to King's and will be put to immediate use. ■

Thank you for supporting our extraordinary students!



To make a gift in support of King's students, please visit www.kings.edu/giving.



"I support King's because I know that my donation is being used for a very good cause. It will either support a student who needs financial assistance or maintain/grow the programs and facilities. The

board and administration are prudent stewards of their resources as we've seen by the expansion and diversity of programs over the years. And, of course, it's the best college ever!"

— Claire DeFazio '77



"I would not be where I am today without the support of donors like you. Thanks to your generosity, I was able to stay at King's after my father's passing and be the first in my family to

graduate from college. It gave me the financial stability I needed to complete my education, which helped me get to where I am now. I am currently a licensed broker and the youngest on my team. Thank you very much to the donors who help students like me complete their degrees and have better lives."

— Meghan Brennan '17, Information Center Communication Administrator



Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., Ph.D;
David Selingo, Esq. '89,
Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D

King's College Celebrates Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., Award for Achievement and Leadership; McGowan School of Business Forum

PROCEEDS SUPPORT PRESIDENTIAL HOPE FUND

By Wendy Hinton, Director of Advancement Communications

On October 17, 2019, King's College celebrated the Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., Award for Achievement and Leadership, honoring local attorney and philanthropist **David Selingo, Esq. '89** at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre. More than 300 alumni, current students, faculty, and friends of the College attended the evening celebration, and proceeds from the event totaled \$330,675 in support of the Presidential Hope Fund.

Established in 2014, the Presidential Hope Fund is a critical retention tool that provides additional financial support for King's students in need. Depending on a student's unique circumstances,

resources in this fund help to cover the cost of tuition, room, board, and/or books. To date, approximately \$1 million has been allocated directly to more than 400 financially at-risk students.

The Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., Award for Achievement and Leadership was established in honor of King's seventh president, Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., in recognition of his 18 years of leadership. It honors a member of the King's community who has achieved excellence in his or her field, who has demonstrated exceptional philanthropy and high ethical standards, and who embodies the spirit of King's. Past recipients of the award include Timothy Morris '64; Richard J. Pinola '67;

Allan M. Kluger, Esq.; Glenn Tyranski '84; and Thomas R. Smith '77.

Selingo was chosen as the 2019 recipient of the Lackenmier Award in recognition of his tireless service to King's College. After graduating with his bachelor of arts degree in government in 1989, he went on to earn his J.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. He is admitted in Pennsylvania, the U.S. District Court for the Middle and Eastern Districts of Pennsylvania, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.

In addition to being the founding and managing member of Kingston-based law firm Selingo Guagliardo, LLC, Selingo lends his time and talents to a host of community organizations as a board member and advocate.

He is a member of the Wilkes-Barre Law and Library Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and Northeastern Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. In 2012, Selingo was elected to the King's board of directors, where he continues to serve. He was appointed chair of the enrollment management and marketing committee in 2018. Between 2004 and 2012 he was a member of the president's council and served as its chair from 2006 through 2010.

Since 2006, Selingo has served as a founding board member and chair of Kinship Square, a Wilkes-Barre based non-profit community development corporation that among other projects, developed the building now known as O'Hara Hall on King's College's campus.

The McGowan School of Business Forum preceded the Award Dinner. Now celebrating its 15th year of connecting students with leaders in the business field, most of whom are King's graduates, the Forum provides valuable mentoring sessions and networking opportunities for King's students. Since 2005, approximately 85 students a year have participated in the mentoring session followed by a networking reception and formal dinner. The Forum rotates annually between New York, Philadelphia, and Wilkes-Barre. ■

ENGINEERING PROGRAM BUILDS FUTURE LEADERS

By Jessica Mulligan Koch '17

King's College proudly forms graduates who will go on to serve the common good, leading by example in their communities and beyond. Our growing engineering program is doing just that. Led by Dr. Paul Lamore, Ph.D. the program was established five years ago. The College offers tracks in civil engineering and mechanical engineering as well as a 3+2 program, which enables students to study their first three years at King's and then finish their last two academic years with Notre Dame and Washington University in St. Louis.

Victoria Zawacki '19 earned a chemistry degree with a minor in mathematics from King's and a chemical engineering degree from Notre Dame. Not only is she currently employed as a fire protection engineer with Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, she is also pursuing a master's degree in fire protection engineering from California Polytechnic State University online.

"I chose King's because of the 3+2 program with Notre Dame," Zawacki said. "King's surpassed my expectations in that there were opportunities for me in research, and it provided a good foundation for my experience at Notre Dame."

Engineers are in high-demand in today's job market because they are the people who design our future. Different areas of the country have different engineering needs, and those can be easily filled by King's graduates because of the way the programs were carefully curated by Lamore and his department.

The mechanical and civil engineering tracks have a universal appeal and will consistently be in demand. Further, King's graduates are particularly attractive to the industry due to the rigor of the program and the strong focus on liberal arts. Our engineers graduate with expertise not only in their field but also with expanded written and communication skills. They learn soft skills and the ability to sell ideas and get hired.

Nicholas Bennie '18 was a member of the first graduating class of engineers and has already added a few types of industry experience to his resume. He's been a mechanical/

technical support engineer with Itoh Denki, worked as a contractor with Lockheed Martin as a manufacturing engineer in their missiles and fire controls division, and is now starting a new role as a tool design engineer at Piling Solutions. This new position will allow him to be involved in design and manufacturing, the two major disciplines he focused on during his education. He credits the soft skills he gained in college.

"King's prepared me for a lot of situations that people don't often consider when working in engineering positions, like public speaking and writing," Bennie explained. "When it comes to daily meetings and presentations, a firm grasp of public-speaking skills are key. The number one thing that I took away from King's is that you should always look to improve yourself and to not be afraid of change or to try something new."

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The professors carefully instruct their students about the technical aspects of their degrees, but they also study ethics and other key principles, which are skills that lead them to be effective team players post-graduation.

"I can see the evolution of our students over the last four years of them just being more confident and comfortable in different types of settings," said Lamore.

The program also enlists the help of an engineering advisory board with professionals who represent a variety of industries. The department relies on them to give advice about what courses to offer, how to better meet market demands, as well as what qualifications an engineer should have by graduation so that the professors can apply those principles to the program.

"If you ask hiring managers, rarely do they say they want just straight A's in all math and sciences," said Lamore. "They want people who can manage projects, can work within the context of a project, and who are hardworking and conscientious."

Zawacki agreed. "King's has equipped me with the ability to create strong relationships with my colleagues and mentors," she confirmed. "It has greatly aided me in being unafraid to ask questions and accomplish tasks outside of my experience level."

One of the most recent graduates of the program Natalie Coffee, '20 is now attending the University of Hawaii to pursue a graduate certification in ocean policy. While at King's, Natalie was able to study both engineering and political science while playing on the tennis team.

"The best part of the program is the small class sizes, which has allowed me to form close relationships and life-long friendships with my classmates, while learning in a comfortable environment," she said. "King's has equipped me to contribute positively in my field because I have learned to not fear challenges and how to overcome them."

When the program began, the students and faculty had access to one classroom, one lab, and one computer lab. Recently, the engineering program moved into the new Mulligan Center for Engineering in the historic Spring Brook Water Supply Company building. This new facility has four large multi-use classrooms, student study areas, faculty offices, and six fully equipped laboratories. The center will provide many more amenities to the future engineers and demonstrates the College's financial commitment to once again bolster and cultivate successful science programs to increase enrollment. Currently, the program has about 80 students, but with time the numbers are intended to double as King's works to grow the already blossoming program to produce more bright young engineers to shape our future. ■

Dr. Tabitha Sprau Coulter, Ph.D. engages an engineering student in the classroom.



Jessica Mulligan Koch, Class of 2017, earned a Bachelor of Arts in professional writing with minors in literature, theatre, and mass communications. Since graduating, she worked on the newsdesk at a local TV station WFMZ and then at Coordinated Health as a communications specialist. She began her journey with PPL Electric Utilities in January of 2019 doing communications and marketing and is still employed there while earning her Master of Arts in strategic communications from the University of Delaware, with an anticipated graduation of May 2021.





FOUR DECADES OF SERVICE TO KING'S: Janet Mercincavage Announces Retirement

By Robert Reese, Vice President for Enrollment Management & Marketing

Janet Mercincavage, vice president for student affairs, attributes her four-decade long career path at King's to a divine intermediary. "I truly believe my life's career assignment came from the patron of our College, Christ the King, communicated through his servant, the late Fr. David Sheerer, C.S.C., president of King's in 1980. While working as an accountant in Reading, Pa. I sat next to Fr. Sheerer at a business dinner there and five months later I was a member of our accounting department faculty. For 40 years, it has never been a 'job.' It is who I am and I have loved my assignment," she remarked.

In October 2020, Mercincavage announced her intention to retire from King's College, effective on December 31, 2020. She has served King's in several different capacities, and always in positions that would allow her to make an impact on students.

Mercincavage's career at King's began in August 1980 as a faculty member in the accounting department, where she served for 19 years and became a tenured faculty member. She was appointed as the chairperson of the accounting department in July 1990 and served in that capacity until 1995.

While her first love has always been teaching students in the classroom, Mercincavage was asked to serve students in a different capacity when then President Rev. Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C., Ph.D. '71 appointed her vice president for student affairs in 1999.

In this capacity, she continued to have an impact on the lives of King's students. As the vice president for student affairs, she was responsible for the departments of Athletics, Campus Activities/Orientation/Commuter Life, Counseling Center, Student Health Services, Multicultural and International Student Programs, Residence Life, and the student judicial system.

In total, her service to the College spans 40 ½ years, with 19 years as a faculty member and 21 ½ years as a part of Senior Administration.

Because of her dedication and service to King's, and particularly the students of King's, Mercincavage has been recognized numerous times both internally and externally. She received the All College Award for Faculty in 1986 for her leadership, service, and dedication. In 1989 she was the inaugural recipient of the Sears Roebuck Teaching Excellence

and Campus Leadership Award, which recognized leaders in higher education. In 1993, she was selected for the PICPA Outstanding Educator Award as the Accounting Professor of the Year among Pennsylvania colleges and universities. In 2010, she received the All College Award for Administration for her dedication, leadership, and service.

Mercincavage holds a B.S. in business administration and Spanish (Magna Cum Laude) from Juniata College, an M.B.A. in accounting (Magna Cum Laude) from Temple University, and she maintains a CPA license in Pennsylvania.

It is evident that Mercincavage has cherished her time at King's for many reasons, but primarily for the numerous students with whom she has had the opportunity to teach and develop lasting relationships. "I thank the Holy Cross Community and our board of directors for their investment in me. I am most grateful to my past accounting department faculty colleagues and my current student affairs division staff for their hard work and mutual care for 'our kids'. But most of all, I thank my classroom students for the cherished memories of helping them to 'get a life' and reminding them to 'keep all the balls in the air' on a daily basis," she said.

"I told my family that whenever I pass to make sure they include in my obituary that I had too many children to count and list in the notice, but I was certain they were all doing well," Mercincavage continued. "I retire from King's College satisfied that I could not have tried or worked harder in the name of its mission. What a privileged, great ride!"

In the announcement to the King's Community regarding Mercincavage's retirement, Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D. said this of her commitment to the College, "Throughout her long tenure at King's and her distinguished career, Janet has always put the students of King's College first. She has been their instructor, their advocate, and their greatest cheerleader. She has also been an exemplary colleague and administrator who applied the same nurturing spirit to the institution that she did with the students. Janet has been to me a trusted colleague and good friend. Please join me in wishing Janet God's Blessings as she transitions to the next stage of her life journey." ■

CITYSERVE:

One Day that Lasts a Lifetime

By Anthony Melf '12

Over 20 years ago, CitySERVE, a one-day, large-scale service project during which incoming freshmen and faculty volunteer together throughout the Wyoming Valley, was founded in honor of Rev. Thomas O'Hara, C.S.C., a Hazleton native, the eighth president of King's, and the first alumnus ('71) to serve as president.



Anthony Melf is a 2012 graduate of King's College, who earned his bachelor's degree in professional writing and communications. He currently works as a project coordinator with EDSI Solutions at the PA CareerLink® of Luzerne County, where he manages special projects serving young adults. Anthony also serves as the vice chair of the Young Professionals Council with the Greater Wyoming Valley Chamber of Commerce and the chair of the board of directors for the NEPA Rainbow Alliance. He has also published pieces in DiscoverNEPA as a guest contributor.

It's part of the Holy Cross Experience (HCE) course, required of all first-year and transfer students. Along with participating in CitySERVE, students must also complete additional community service hours as part of the course.

Kelly Gibbons, community outreach and social justice programs coordinator at the Shoval Center, who also coordinates CitySERVE for King's, said its current goals are the same as when it began: to demonstrate the College's commitment to service-learning and volunteerism, serve as an introduction to the local community, build solidarity among first-year students through shared service experiences, spark student's interest in seeking out additional service opportunities, and to provide an informal setting for students to get to know one another, faculty, and staff.

It's this informal setting that provides an opportunity for new students to meet each other and develop life-long friendships. In the Fall of 2008, Alexandra Shinert '12 recalls having many conversations with her fellow freshmen, "learning about where they were from, why they came to King's, and what they hoped their future studies would involve."

Shinert explained, "I felt an instant sense of connection when I heard my own anxieties and hopes about my future studies in the voices of my classmates, including one in particular, Anthony Melf (the author of this article), who I am still very close with today. Anthony and I would go on to be in each other's classes, have conversations that would last for hours about our future paths, and feel supported in knowing we weren't in any of this alone."

For her CitySERVE experience, Madison Miller '20 volunteered at Creating Unlimited Possibilities, an organization that provides individuals with learning disabilities support to achieve goals in their everyday lives. "We talked with guests, played board games with them and did crafts. It was a great introduction into my service at King's," she said. "I chose to continue volunteering after CitySERVE because I wanted to surround myself with people who loved service as much as I do."

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Gibbons said the College likes to select sites close to campus in the Wilkes-Barre area so that students can easily return to these same sites for additional service hours. When that's not possible, they have expanded to surrounding communities such as the Catherine McCauley House in Plymouth and the CEO/Weinberg Northeast Regional Food Bank in Pittston.

Each year, Gibbons sends out an invite to community partners to serve as direct and indirect service opportunities, such as the Manna House, Ruth's Place Women's Shelter, an affiliate of Volunteers of America, and clean-ups at the Riverfront Parks.

Due to COVID-19, there was no CitySERVE during the fall semester. However, Gibbons innovated ways to capture the program's spirit to inspire first-year students to get involved in their community. These efforts included the Shoval Center staff speaking to classes, creating a video presentation about service at King's to be shown in HCE, offering smaller scale community and neighborhood clean-ups, as well as other virtual or socially distant service options.

After being sent home early in spring 2020 due to COVID-19, Miller missed volunteering and reached out to Gibbons about virtual opportunities. Gibbons referred her to Al Beech Westside Food Pantry. "I knew that it was not safe to continue volunteering in person and a lot of organizations suspended in-person volunteering," she said. "She got me in

contact with Clancy Harrison who was overwhelmed with the number of people experiencing food insecurity in light of the pandemic. Many people lost their jobs and could not afford food for their families."

Miller created and maintained a spreadsheet to keep track of all the addresses of people in need, the number of people in each household, and any special instructions for delivery. Then she organized the addresses to map the most effective routes for the pantry's delivery drivers. She also created an online sign-up sheet for volunteers using volunteersignup.org.

Miller's experience of being called to serve is not unique. Shinert believes the sense of community she found during her first week at King's shaped how she approached her education and career, including serving in leadership positions as an undergrad in the Student Government Association and Commuter Life Association, as well as participating in a SERVE trip to Andre House in Phoenix, AZ during her senior year.

"Since graduating, I have worked to foster relationships and make connections through communication. I've done this in my own life and work by taking the time to learn about someone's story, understand the differences in our perspectives and experiences, and through human connection, acknowledge what we have in common," she said. "The value of community and serving others around me has continued to be central to my foundation as I navigate my personal and professional life and strive to make connections with people and the greater communities I am a part of."

My freshman year, our CitySERVE shirts had a Maya Angelou quote on the back which read, "If you find it in your heart to care for someone else, you will have succeeded." King's fosters this compassion for others through service knowing that an education goes beyond a textbook. CitySERVE inspires first-year and transfer students to open their hearts toward others but also calls them to be good stewards of the communities in which they live. For a day of service becomes a day that serves the whole person as alumni leave King's ready to build not only their careers but their communities. ■

Meet the Shoval Center Team

By Anthony Melf '12

Whether they are coordinating volunteer opportunities, a SERVE trip, or a community-based work study for King's students or assisting faculty in developing a service-learning course, the Shoval Center team is always working to advance the needs of the community and the educational mission of King's College. Learn more about the individuals behind the work:





Bill Bolan, Ph.D.

Shoval Center Director

What You Do: “Coordinate King’s service-learning courses, the Communities of Hope Student Leadership Program, and oversee the Shoval Center.”

Favorite Volunteer Day/Activity at King’s: International Holy Cross SERVE Trip to Uganda

The Shoval Center Taught Me: “There is an unbelievable amount of talent and commitment in our student body. No one is aware of how much good students do on their own and out of the limelight!”

My Hope for Alumni is: “Whether we realize it or not, we all have gifts that are needed by those around us. It doesn’t matter if it’s a small act or something bigger. I hope we all find a place to come alive.”



Maura M. Modrovsky

SERVE (Students Engaged in Reflective Volunteer Experiences) and CBWS (Community-Based Work Study) Coordinator

What You Do: “I recruit and coordinate all aspects of SERVE (alternative break) trips throughout the year. King’s typically offers one for fall, four for winter, two for spring, and an international trip over the summer. I also coordinate the CBWS Program. Students that are eligible for federal work study can work at a local non-profit and get paid through work-study dollars. There is a great network of community partners with which we work, and students can be placed with an opportunity to give them practical work experience related to their major if desired.”

Favorite Volunteer Day/Activity at King’s: “The SERVE trips! I enjoy sharing my love and excitement for them with the students and faculty/staff.”

The Shoval Center Taught Me: “One person can make a difference. The volunteering our students do is so important, even if it is a one-time service activity. The impact goes so much further than they can imagine.”

My Hope for Alumni is: “Continue to volunteer and do good in whatever way you can throughout your life. Make time to continue the King’s tradition of service – donate goods, time, money, your voice. Call or email the Shoval Center if you need more information regardless of where you are now! We’d love to help!”



Kelly Gibbons '11

Community Outreach and Social Justice Programs Coordinator

What You Do: “I help to connect students to volunteer opportunities in the community, trying my best to match them with their interests and skill sets so they are inspired to volunteer and help as much as possible. I stay in close contact with community partners to stay on top of their need for volunteers. I provide students with programs to raise their awareness of social justice issues, such as Hunger for Justice week in November to raise awareness of homelessness and food insecurity.”

Favorite Volunteer Day/Activity: “The Shoval Center has taught me that every one of us can make a difference in the community and in people’s lives through service, and that we all have so many unique skills, talents, and opportunities that we can use for the good of humanity. Every day, my work shows me how I can be a better person.”

My Hope for Alumni is: “I hope that King’s alumni can use the knowledge and life lessons they have learned at King’s to do all the good they can for others. I see examples of this all the time, and it makes me so proud to be part of a community that puts such high value on service and doing good for others and the greater good.”

Heroes

APRIL '03 AND RUBIN '04 DOSTER

AMONG US

By Sarah Scinto '13

“Rubin was leaving for work one day and both the girls said, ‘Bye Daddy, I love you,’” she said. “They had become a part of our family.”



There are no normal nights in a hospital's emergency room, but one particular shift in December 2016 would change April and Rubin Doster's life. April, a nurse at the Penn State Milton Hershey Medical Center, was working a night shift when three small children arrived.

"I was there when the police brought them in," she said. "They were severely malnourished, they were beaten."

Hailey, Savannah and J.T. had been abused by their caretakers and parents. Law enforcement and social workers brought them to the hospital the evening of December 16, 2016.

Children and Youth Services documents provided by April indicated Hailey, Savannah and J.T. had endured "significant physical and emotional neglect and abuse," including starvation, lice-infestation, bruises and abrasions while their parents kept them secluded in a single bedroom with no heat. When they arrived at the hospital, all three were severely underweight for their age.

April cared for them that night, then returned home to Rubin and their busy household of four adopted and two biological children. The hospital began looking for a foster home for the siblings, but when she got back to work on Monday, they were still in the hospital. No one had "stepped up" to take them in.

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She contacted their caseworker and sent a text to Rubin, asking if he would mind if she brought the kids home for Christmas. Rubin responded immediately. “Just make sure to get them presents,” he said.

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April and Rubin were no strangers to the foster care system and adoption process. The pair met at King’s College on the first day of orientation and married soon after graduation in 2004. As newlyweds they became foster parents for their nieces and nephews. They officially adopted the four siblings in 2008.

“That was our first four kids,” April said. At that time, their children were 5, 10, 11 and 12. They welcomed their first biological daughter in June of 2008 followed by another son in 2014.

But even with six children already at home, she couldn’t leave Hailey, Savannah and J.T.

“I was their nurse again and I remember thinking, ‘you always take kids.’” she said. “And the boy reminded me of my son.”

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So, Hailey came home with April. Then Savannah arrived at the Doster household, with J.T. not far behind - he had stayed in the hospital longer to address his “refeeding syndrome,” a common condition in malnourished children.

At first, April thought they would only foster the siblings. But after a few weeks, it was clear that their stay would become permanent.

“Rubin was leaving for work one day and both the girls said, ‘Bye Daddy, I love you,’” she said. “They had become a part of our family.”

The three siblings officially became Dosters in 2018. April and Rubin have spent the last two year helping the children work through the abuse they suffered so they can grow into active, happy children.

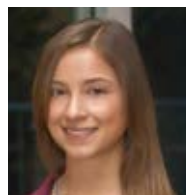
“It has definitely been a learning experience,” April said. “It took some time.”

These days, shutdowns due to the pandemic have meant a break from Hailey, Savannah and J.T.’s busy sports schedules. April calls Hailey “the athletic one,” even though when she arrived at the hospital, she struggled to walk. Savannah plays soccer, but prefers being in the goal because it’s less running. J.T. wrestles, plays football, and runs track.

April still works at the hospital and will never stop being grateful she had been there that winter night in 2016.

“I couldn’t imagine anyone else with them,” she said. ■

Photos courtesy of Penn State Health.



Sarah Scinto is a 2013 graduate of the professional writing program and has worked in print, radio and television journalism. She is a Connecticut native residing in Wilkes-Barre and is a skater and communications coordinator for the Wilkes-Barre Scranton Roller Derby league.

SASHA LOPEZ '16:

Serving with Love and Hope

By Jill Patton '19

Sasha Lopez, a 2016 graduate with degrees in psychology and sociology, describes herself as the kind of person who always wants to do more to help. As a student at King's, she traveled throughout the country on service trips. After graduation, she decided to continue pursuing her passion for service at My Brother's Keeper, a Christian ministry that delivers food and furniture to those in need. Sasha recently served as the direct service associate at their facility in Easton, Massachusetts, where she led and supervised volunteers during deliveries.

When Lopez first arrived at King's, she viewed service as "a big question mark." Growing up in a difficult situation, she knew what it was like to be on the receiving end of service, and she doubted whether she could be helpful. However, her mentors, Bill Bolan and Maura Modrovsky, at the Shoval Center reminded her that anyone can lend a hand to those in need.

It didn't take long for Lopez to dive right in. She joined Sisters of Service and participated in the Students Engaged in Reflective Volunteer Experiences (SERVE) program, which allows students to take service trips over class breaks. Her experiences ranged from long weekends helping the Wilkes-Barre community to trips as far away as Maryland, Alabama, and Texas.

Lopez attended two spring break trips to My Brother's Keeper, which is located on-campus at Stonehill College. She loved the

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welcoming community and truly connected with their mission to bring the love and hope of Jesus Christ to those in need. She enjoyed seeing people of all generations and backgrounds coming together for the common good.

As graduation approached, Lopez knew that she wanted to complete a year of service, so she applied to My Brother's Keeper since she already felt like a part of the family.

"I was the first person in my family to go to college and to see it all the way through. I knew I was in a place of privilege. I knew that it [a year of service] was a way for me to give back and to truly understand that I could come full circle," she said.

Lopez worked at My Brother's Keeper, even after her year of service. Her role was deeply rewarding because it allowed her to go into the community and directly help those in need. She realized that her job went beyond providing food and beds to families — it was also about

spreading love and hope, which are just as essential.

"I know that after every delivery, no matter what— because we go in with smiles, we go in with a positive attitude, we go in with a kind heart—that we've left doing the right thing," she said.

Lopez left My Brother's Keeper this summer to return home to Pennsylvania to be closer to her family. As she began this new chapter in her life, she recalled a bit of advice from Beth Doherty, who she met through the Student Alumni Association.

"She always talked about going outside of your comfort zone, and then being able to come back home with all the new experiences that you've learned." ■



Jill Patton graduated from King's College in 2019 with majors in professional writing and English and a minor in Spanish. She currently lives in Tunkhannock and works as a writer at DiscoverNEPA. In her free time, Jill enjoys hiking, trying new restaurants, and reading.



MONARCH MAYHEM

Incredible Victory

By Jamie Chagnon, Director of Sports Information/Esports Head Coach

The week of Homecoming at King's College in recent years has been one of excitement, camaraderie, reunion, and pride as many returned to campus to enjoy time with past classmates, friends, and family. Athletics traditionally plays a big part during Homecoming week, as many fall matches including field hockey, soccer, volleyball, and of course, football have been popular events for alumni returning to campus.

In 2019, Homecoming/Reunion week included a new, fun, and important crowdfunding campaign called Monarch Mayhem: The Drive for 555. The challenge covered only 24 hours during Homecoming Week and allowed fans the opportunity to compete against each other to support current King's student-athletes. It was the first time that the College had used a crowdfunding platform, allowing the competition for donors to exist in a digital space.

**THE CHALLENGE WAS
HEARD LOUD AND
CLEAR FROM FAR AND
WIDE, AS THE GOAL
OF 555 DONORS WAS
MET IN THE FIRST
90 MINUTES OF THE
CHALLENGE.**

Beginning at 12 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25, and continuing for 24 hours until noon on Thursday, September 26, the goal for this campaign was for each of King's 555 student-athletes to help the College earn 555 total donors. Upon reaching the goal, the entire athletics department and the Monarch Athletic Fund stood to earn an additional prize of \$1,000. Also, the three teams with the highest number of donors in the three categories of men's, women's, and coed teams would win an additional \$1,000.

"The uniqueness of Monarch Mayhem was that it was over just 24 hours and brought an element of excitement that we've never had before in fundraising," said Cheryl Ish, associate vice president and executive director of intercollegiate athletics and recreation at King's College.

The teams participated throughout the 24 hours with videos and team challenges among themselves, while donor-issued challenges allowed for prize monies to be awarded to the teams with the most donors in the men's, women's, and coed divisions. In the closing hours, Ish surprised the



Student-athletes whose teams benefitted from Monarch Mayhem participated in check presentations during the halftime ceremony at Homecoming/Reunion 2019.

Monarch teams by announcing that the second-place teams in each bracket would take home \$500 in addition to the already announced \$1,000 for the top-performing teams.

Held in conjunction with the Office of Institutional Advancement, the success was overwhelming. The challenge was heard loud and clear from far and wide, as the goal of 555 donors was met in the first 90 minutes of the challenge. The Monarch nation helped eclipse three donor goals of 555, 1110 (double initial goal), and 1946 (founding year of the College). A total of 2,218 donations rolled in over the 24 hours, contributing over \$30,000 total to help King's College student-athletes.

King's College's volleyball programs earned the coed title with 492 donations and over \$4,000 raised while the men's and women's swimming teams finished second with 408 donors and \$3,355 in donations. The women's division contest was close throughout the 24 hours with field hockey, women's lacrosse, and women's ice hockey battling the entire way.

In the end, the women's lacrosse team earned the \$1,000 top prize with 209 donors and \$2,033 donated, while the women's ice hockey team took home \$500 with 167 donations and \$2,060. The men's contest was dominated by two teams, as men's lacrosse outlasted men's ice hockey to take the top prize with 446 donors and \$3,744. Men's ice hockey finished with 213 donors and \$3,642. Each of the six teams were honored at halftime of the Homecoming 2020 football game.

"Monarch nation came out in full force to support our student athletes and coaches," said Ish. "The generosity of our donors will go a long way in providing some needed benefits for all of our student-athletes. I am so grateful to the whole King's community that rallied around this event and made it an overwhelming success. Our student-athletes and coaches represent King's exceptionally well, and this event was a tribute to what they mean to our community."

"This is such an exciting time at King's College, and Monarch Mayhem 2019 was a resounding victory," Frederick Pettit, vice president for institutional advancement said. "Its success proved yet again that when the King's community rallies together, our students, alumni, faculty, staff, parents, Holy Cross members, and friends accomplish extraordinary things. Our generous supporters not only provided valuable resources for the King's athletics programs, but they demonstrated quite clearly how much they care for our young Monarchs. We are so grateful for every member of Monarch Nation who participated." ■

BY THE NUMBERS

2,218

Total number of donations

\$30,461

Total amount donated

\$4,046

Team Donation winner
COED VOLLEYBALL

\$2,033

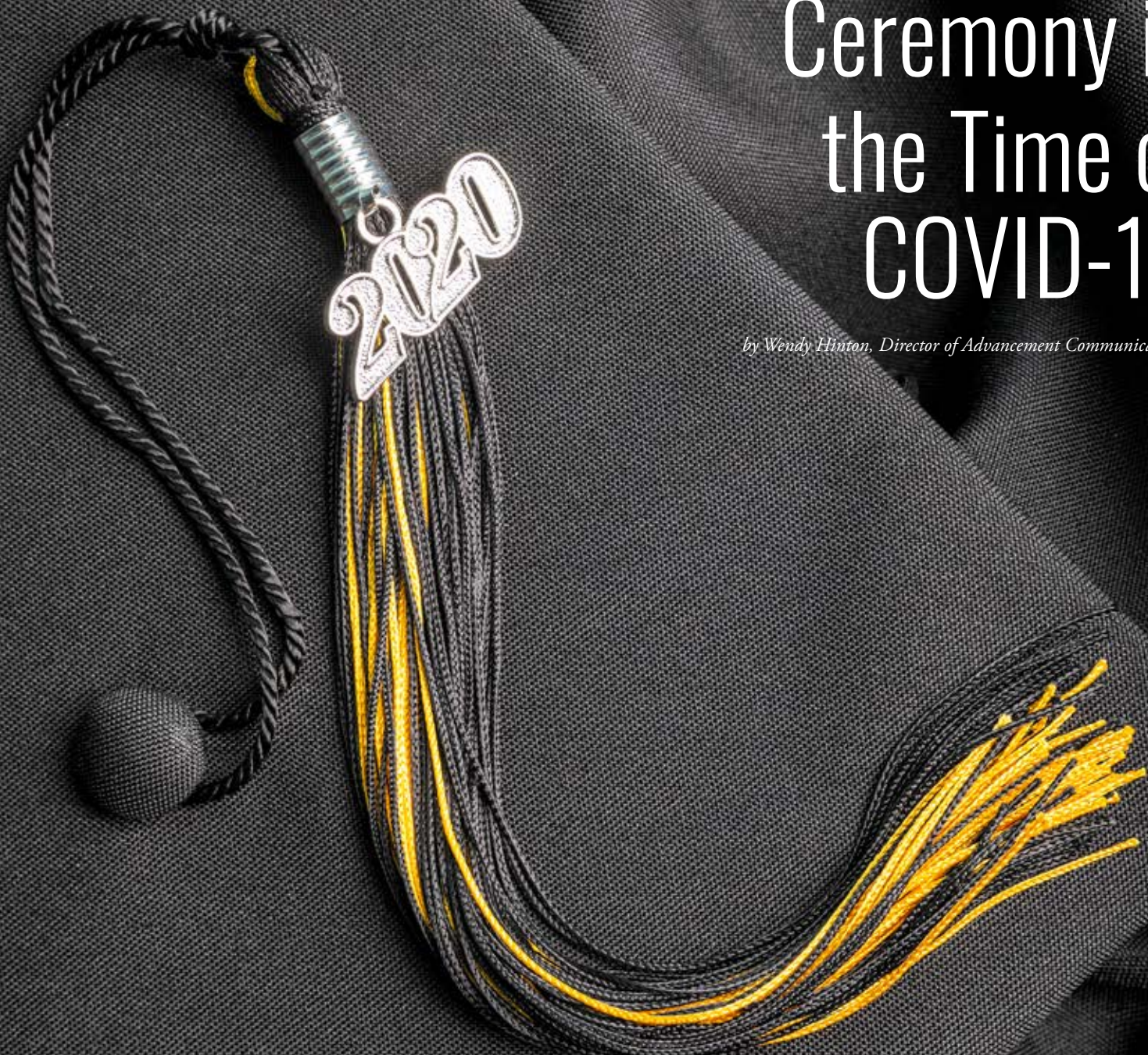
Team Donation winner
WOMEN'S LACROSSE

\$3,744

Team Donation winner
MEN'S LACROSSE

A Commencement Ceremony in the Time of COVID-19

by Wendy Hinton, Director of Advancement Communications





There are so many memorable moments that make up a commencement ceremony. Gathering with your classmates to experience the official conferral of your degree. Walking across the stage to receive your hard-earned diploma. The hugs, handshakes, and high fives from your family, friends, and members of faculty and staff who helped you to get to the end of your undergraduate or graduate journey. One of the most memorable elements of any King's College Commencement is the tunnel of faculty, staff, and Holy Cross religious who line the walkways into the ceremony to congratulate the graduates on one of the most satisfying days of their academic careers. As the 2020 academic year began, our seniors were no doubt looking forward to their last semesters on campus and perhaps to the day that they would receive their diplomas in May.

Then came COVID-19.

The Class of 2020 showed incredible fortitude and adaptability as they were sent home from campus in March to continue their studies online, and they finished the semester in spite of those challenges – their last semester. Rites of passage that occur during that last semester of senior year were slowly being stripped away – either optimistically postponed or sadly canceled altogether – as the novel coronavirus spread throughout the world, across the country, and in northeastern Pennsylvania.

Although King's initially held out hope that an in-person commencement would be possible, after several months of waiting, watching, and adhering to guidelines recommended by Governor Wolf and

the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the College eventually announced plans to conduct the ceremony in a virtual environment. Preparations began to host it through a premiere video on YouTube on August 16, 2020. Administrators and faculty worked diligently to find a way to honor those King's traditions, including the tunnel of congratulations, that make commencement so special in whatever ways they could.

On a humid July morning, members of the faculty, staff, and Holy Cross religious assembled on campus in either academic regalia or in King's-branded clothing to create a socially distanced tunnel leading through campus to the Scandlon Gymnasium. Applause, shouts of congratulations, and signs were on display as these members of the King's community tried to recreate the experience for the videographer to capture on film for the video premiere event. A formal stage was set up in Scandlon to accommodate administrators and honored guests who would speak to the Class of 2020 prior to the name and photo of each graduate being displayed one by one on the video. While this process could not replicate the thrill of that in-person walk across the stage to receive their diploma, College officials hoped that the graduates would feel recognized for their accomplishments in that moment.

The virtual ceremony celebrated 549 graduates, conferring 412 undergraduate degrees and 137 master's degrees. The students, now alumni, included those who finished their programs in December of 2019

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through those who finished this past summer.

Senior class vice president Tara Johnson '20 opened the ceremony with brief remarks of thanks and appreciation on behalf of the Class of 2020 for all of the family, faculty, coaches, staff, and peers who helped the graduates complete their challenging journeys.

"When we were first greeted on campus

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Board Chair Thomas R. Smith '77 and King's College President Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D., present an honorary degree to 2020 Commencement speaker Rabbi Larry Kaplan.

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and separated into our first-year experience groups to parade to our President's welcome, we shared the feelings of excitement and nervousness. But also thinking ahead to how in our future in four years we would be following in a similar fashion while wearing our black gowns, hoods, and our uniquely decorated caps," Johnson said. "Who would have thought on this day we would be parading through our living rooms and watching it on a screen instead?"

Of course, Johnson spoke about having to leave campus in March to continue her last semester online. "While it's more than upsetting to have a wrench thrown into our plan of finishing our senior year on campus and forcing us to say our goodbyes earlier than expected, we were also forced to really slow down and think about life in our time at King's," she said. "It was truly a blessing in disguise because we were all able to spend more time with our families before we began the next steps in our lives." At the conclusion of her remarks, Johnson led the stage party in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Most Reverend Joseph C. Bambera, D.D., J.C.L., bishop of the Diocese of

Scranton, pre-recorded the invocation. The stage party included King's president, Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D., honorary degree recipient, Rabbi Larry Kaplan, Mr. Thomas R. Smith '77, board chair, and members of the College's senior leadership team. The stage party was spaced more than six feet apart and wore masks unless they were speaking at the podium. Fr. Ryan and Rabbi Kaplan offered words of wisdom and encouragement to the graduates and family members who were watching in homes around the world.

Rabbi Kaplan filled his remarks with advice for the graduates that was adapted from the teachings of the Bible, encouraging everyone to love their neighbors and treat every person with respect, giving them the benefit of the doubt, and admonishing those wrongs we observe in the world. His words addressed the chaotic nature of the year 2020: a global pandemic, economic uncertainty, and civil unrest. In the presence of hate, Rabbi Kaplan cited the Bible's command to "set straight the person who is doing wrong, or even thinking wrong in your estimation, but don't bring about further wrongdoing because of it." Kaplan blessed the graduates, saying, "May this crazy way of graduating, which in a way is also a blessing of course, bring about

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healing of all kinds, both physical and emotional from virus to injustice."

Following Rabbi Kaplan's remarks, Joseph Evan, Ph.D. '95, King's College provost and vice president for academic affairs, conferred master's and bachelor's degrees upon the approved candidates. He also conferred honorary doctoral degrees upon Rabbi Kaplan, James Gilmartin '62, and John Moses, Esq. '68.

The presentation of the graduates showcased each student's name, photo, degree, and any additional accolades or awards that they earned. Faculty awards were presented to: Beth Admiraal, Ph.D., professor of political science, Hevre A. LeBlanc Distinguished Service Professorship; Todd Gutekunst, Ph.D., associate professor of mathematics, Max and Tillie Rosenn Award for Teaching Excellence; Gregory Janik, Ph.D., clinical professor of sports medicine, The Father Frank J. O'Hara Distinguished Service Professorship; and Marc Marchese, Ph.D., professor of human resources management, The Rev. Donald J. Grimes, C.S.C. Award for Service-Learning Teaching Excellence.

The 2020 Alumni Awards were given to six people. The honorees included: James B. Post, M.D. '92, Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement in Arts & Sciences; Gary L. Neilson '75, Alumni Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement in Business; Paul Psak '07, The

Robert J. Ell Alumni Award for Outstanding service to Alma Mater; Thomas Brady, M.D. '68, Alumni Award for Service to Society; Edward Nardell, M.D. '68, Alumni Award for Service to Society; and Amy Gravino '05, The Leo Award.

Thomas R. Smith '77, chairman of the board of directors, addressed the graduates and welcomed them to the alumni community. He remarked, "In some ways, it may seem as if your relationship with King's is ending now that you have earned your degree, but your relationship with King's has only just begun."

Smith noted the gratifying experiences he has had in his interactions with King's students and alumni since he graduated and how much they have inspired him. He encouraged the Class of 2020 to remain engaged with their fellow alumni, professors, and mentors. "Stay engaged, be involved, remain a loyal Monarch, because at King's College, it's not about four years, it's about the rest of your life," he said.

Before he offered the Benediction, Fr. Ryan returned to the podium to share some final words with the graduates. He cited the statistic that out of the 7.6 billion people in the world today, only 7% of those people earn a college degree, having achieved this unique status through not only their hard work and talent but also the love and support of those who helped them to persist in their educational pursuits, including their parents, siblings, spouses, grandparents, and close friends.

He said, "I would ask this class to remember and give thanks for all these quiet heroes in your life and to take up the challenge to emulate and to follow their examples by your own lives."

One benefit to having the ceremony presented in a virtual environment was that the family and friends of the students could watch from anywhere in the world, as long as they had an internet connection. In addition, if loved ones were unable to watch the premiere on August 16, they can still view the ceremony in its entirety by visiting the office of admission's YouTube page. This first-ever virtual commencement ceremony proved that the College is able to adapt no matter what challenges it faces and will work tirelessly to honor its students, while putting the health and safety of its community first. ■

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Bernard Leo Remakus, M.D. '70



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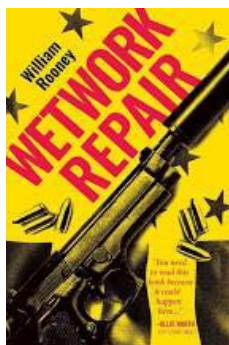
Maureen M. McBride '82



Tom Ninestine '83

60s

William Rooney '64, wrote *Network Repair*, which was published by Permuted Press (New York & Tenn) and is now available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and Apple. The novel is a timely and troubling tale that addresses a number of issues being debated in today's political arena. The book has received the endorsement of U.S. Marines Lt. Col. (Ret.), and former president of the NRA, Oliver North, and also of U.S. Army Lt. Gen. (Ret) Jerry Boykin, who served as commander of Delta Force, and later as the Pentagon's Assistant Secretary for Intelligence. **Editors note - We are sorry to announce the passing of William in December 2020*



70s

Christopher C. Fallon, Jr. '70, an attorney with Cozen O'Connor was selected by Super Lawyers to the 2020 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers and Rising Stars lists.

Bernard Leo Remakus, M.D. '70, is a 2020 recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from the Marquis Publication Board. Remakus was honored for "achieving career longevity and demonstrating unwavering excellence" in the fields of medicine, writing and education.

Former King's College president **Rev. Thomas J. O'Hara, C.S.C. '71**, received an honorary degree from Stonehill College, a Holy Cross Congregation school, during its 2019 Commencement ceremony. After his presidency at King's and his service as Provincial Superior for the U.S. Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, he spent his sabbatical to assist the Congregation of Holy Cross in Chile and in Rome, as well as in Lourdes as Chaplain to English speaking pilgrims. He now is back at King's as the academic advisor to student athletes

Alan Siegfried '73, has been awarded the Bradford Cadmus Memorial Award from the Global Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA). This award honors the individual's professional accomplishments and how they have contributed to the advancement of the global internal audit profession. The IIA is a 150,000+ member professional organization with members in over 200 countries.

Thomas Rossi '74, was awarded the Virgil Crisafulli Distinguished Teaching Award at Utica College, where he is a professor of management. The Crisafulli Award is considered Utica College's finest tribute to a faculty member.

John A. Bednarz, Jr. '75, was selected a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for 2020. In addition, Philadelphia Magazine has, for 10 consecutive years from 2009-2020, named him a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in the field of workers' compensation law. Attorney Bednarz's Office is located in Wilkes-Barre.

James P. Valentine '77, is serving a three-year term on the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA) Board of Governors. One of 12 zone governors who serve on the PBA board, James represents Bradford, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Pike, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne and Wyoming County lawyers. Since 2009, James has been a member of the PBA House of Delegates, the association's policymaking body. He is a past chair of the PBA Labor and Employment Law Section and for over 20 years he has served on the section's council.

80s

Hank Fila '80, was ordained as a permanent deacon for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia on June 13, 2020. He also welcomed his first grandson, Luke Christopher Fila, this year.

Joseph Duffy '81, is proud to announce that his daughter, Cadet Brigit A. Duffy, graduated from the U.S. Military Academy in June and earned a Superintendent's Award for Achievement as well as the Distinguished Cadet Award.

Maureen M. McBride '82, a partner and executive committee member at Lamb McErlane PC, has been appointed as a member of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania Civil Procedural Rules Committee. The committee assists the Supreme Court in the preparation, revision, publication and administration of the rules of civil procedure. At Lamb McErlane, Maureen is co-chair of the Appellate Department, a member of the Litigation Department and the Firm's Executive Committee. She

concentrates her practice on appellate law and commercial litigation in state and federal courts and provides counseling and advice to a wide array of corporate clients and individuals.

Tom Ninestine '83, joined WUWF, a radio station based in Pensacola on the campus of the University of West Florida, as the radio station's managing editor. The station is the National Public Radio station serving Northwest Florida. Previously, he worked nearly 30 years in newspapers in his hometown of Geneva, NY, Sunbury, Pa., and the Pensacola News Journal.

Donald P. Cavanaugh, C.P.A., M.B.A., C.G.M.A., '84, joined the team at American Guild of Musical Artists as its director of Finance and Administration and CFO.

Nichola D. Gutgold, '85, co-authored a children's book titled *Growing Up Supremely: The Women of the Supreme Court* (Eifrig Publishing), which won first place from the Purple Dragonfly Book Awards in the biography/autobiography category.

90s

Lisa M. Miller '94, wrote a young adult thriller called *My Skull Possession*. It is available in bookstores and a video book trailer is on YouTube and also on her website lisamiller.com

Julianne E. Steinbacher '94, received the third Pennsylvania Bar Association C. Dale McClain Quality of Life/Balance Award at Committee/Section Day in Harrisburg last fall. Julianne, who is a founding shareholder practicing elder law at Steinbacher, Goodall & Yurchak, is recognized for her dedication to rejuvenating the Quality of Life/Balance Committee and presentation on life/balance challenges, issues, guidelines and skills at many professional seminars and events. A member of the Quality of Life/Balance Committee since 2008, she re-energized the committee with her dedication to, and enthusiasm for, effecting balance between lawyers' personal and professional lives serving as chair and co-chair from 2012 to 2016.

Travis Sparks '97, recently earned the accreditation of Internal Revenue Service Enrolled Agent (EA) by passing all necessary exams. Travis is employed at Stambaugh Ness, Inc. as a client services assistant and accountant.



'75

Classmates, **Michael Liscovitz '75**, **Paul Psak '75**, and **Mark Leffler '75** were at Notre Dame in fall of 2019 to catch a football game. Before the game they visited with **Brother James Miller, C.S.C. '74** and the late **Fr. Tom Carten, C.S.C. '75**



'80, '82

Joe Ferrara '80 and **Pete Tomaselli '82** at Orioles Park Camden Yards during a Yankee's game, meeting up after 39 years!



'17

LT Keegan Fees '17, **LT Danielle Lisnock '17**, and **LT Paul Boyer '17** graduated from Naval Flight Surgery training and became designated aerospace physician assistants in June. They were designated as the 9th, 10th, and 11th aerospace physician assistants in the Navy. Naval flight surgeons and aerospace physician assistants serve the role as primary care providers for naval aviators, ensuring medical readiness for those in-flight status.

CLASS NOTES



Nina Cinti '02



Blake Roberts '04



Dan Johnson '09



Dawn Ide '06

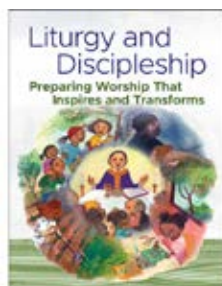


Katharine A. Fina '10

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Danielle A. (Knott) Noe '98, continues to be an editor for the Archdiocese of Chicago at Liturgy Training Publications (www.LTP.org).

Her work has been focused on Catholic social teaching through the lens of the liturgy. Her recent contributions to this field include the product development and editing of *Liturgy and Discipleship: Preparing Worship that Inspires and Transforms*, *Liturgy and Ministry in Times of Need*, and *Glorify the Lord By Your Life: Catholic Social Teaching and the Liturgy*.



00s

Under her penname, Nina Bocci, **Nina Cinti '00**, is a USA Today bestselling author and her latest book series, The Hopeless Romantics were published by Gallery Books, a division of Simon & Schuster, in 2019-2020. Nina has been busy promoting the series, as well as the final book in the series *From Hope Lake, With Love*. After that release, she has an Audible Original debut just in time for Valentine's Day 2021. All of the books can be summed up by this Booklist review, "A contemporary novel that is essentially a Hallmark Movie on paper." She also recently sold a rom/com short film script to Passionflix.

Joseph Giomboni '03, M.S. '07, assistant professor of communications at Keystone College, was awarded top student paper in the Public Relations Division of the National Communication Association. He presented his research, titled "Constructing the Ideal Public Relations Employee: Ambiguity and Identity in the Digital Economy," at NCA's 105th national convention in November. In addition, he was awarded a summer grant from the University Fellowship Committee of the Graduate Board of Temple University. He used this funding to complete research for his doctoral dissertation, entitled "Between Opportunity and Exploitation: Labor Expectations and Institutional Practices in the Public Relations Internship." As a participant of the grant program, he presented his research at the university's Graduate Fellows Research Symposium in fall 2020. Prior to his tenure-track position, Giomboni served as the assistant director of public relations for over 14 years at King's College.

Erica Andruscavage '04, earned an Education Specialist (Ed.S.) degree in E-learning from Northcentral University, La Jolla, California.

Blake Roberts, CPA '04, made partner at the accounting firm where he works, BDO USA, LLP.

Landon Gabriel '05, was hired as head coach of the Lackawanna Colleges men's basketball team.

Dan Johnson '09, was selected to serve on Urban Land Institute Northern New Jersey's Advisory Board as Public Relations Chair for 2020 and 2021. Dan currently works at R&J Strategic Communication and heads the commercial real estate practice.

Dawn Ide '06, M.S. '11, graduated from Walden University with a doctorate in healthcare administration. Dawn works at South University in Virginia Beach, Va., where she is the program director for bachelor and master programs in Healthcare Management. She also is an adjunct professor at both Thomas Nelson Community College and Rasmussen University. She serves on the American Heart Association Eastern States Subcommittee and as a development board member of the National Science Teachers Association. She and her husband, **Brent Ide '14**, live in Poquoson, Va.

10s

Katharine A. Fina '10, was named a partner in the Phillipsburg N.J., office of Florio Perrucci Steinhardt Cappelli Tipton & Taylor where she focuses her practice on construction litigation, public procurement, and municipal and county law. Prior to joining Florio Perrucci, Fina clerked for the Honorable Emil Giordano of the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, Pennsylvania. She is a member of the Warren County Bar Association, New Jersey State Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the Northampton County

Bar Association. She currently serves as a member of the Forks Township Zoning Hearing Board. Fina has been recognized by New Jersey Super Lawyers as a Rising Star in Government Contracts for 2020.

Nicole T. Buckman, CPA '13, served as president of the Northeastern Chapter of the Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public Accountants (PICPA) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Nicole is a senior tax accountant at Kohanski & Company PC in Moosic, Pa., specializing in bookkeeping, taxation, and forensic accounting. She is secretary of the Northeast Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) and chair of the finance council committee of St. Monica's Parish, West Wyoming.

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Nathan Morgan '20, has committed to attend the Masters of Nonprofit Administration at the University of Notre Dame's business school.

USING PSYCHOLOGY TO COPE WITH EVERYDAY STRESS



CHARLES BROOKS; MICHAEL CHURCH

Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Charlie Brooks, and current department chair of Psychology and Neuroscience, Mike Church co-wrote a book, *Using Psychology to Cope with Everyday Stress*. The book includes contributions, either in the form of a chapter or chapter entries, from four former students: **Brian Cook '04**, director of the King's College Counseling Center; **Dr. Carlea Alfieri Dries '02**, Nationally Certified Counselor and School Psychologist; **Dr. David Jenkins '80**, Licensed Specialist in School Psychology and Lead for Psychological Services at Lubbock (Texas) Independent School District; and **Michael Mariano '09**, Psychotherapist, Addiction Specialist, Clinical Supervisor.



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MARRIAGES



Alex Peslak '14 married **Bianca Di Paolo '13** on July 20, 2019.



Jay Flakker '12 married **Chelsy Nicole Marszalek '12** on October 11, 2019. College friends in attendance at the wedding included **Trevor Marszalek '15**, **Daniel Niedzielski '12**, **PJ Skellington '12**, **Jimmy Martin '12**, **Jason Witts '12**, **Dan Heuser '12**, **Samantha Skellington '12**, **Terrance Wagner '12**, **Paul Muzzio '12**, and **Brendan James Rennwanz '13**.



Thomas Meluskey '12 married **Christine Mackin** on May 18, 2019.



TJ Ferguson '16 and **Kallista Meyers '16** were married on July 13, 2019.



Eric Grego '14 married **Katie Perlowski '14 & '17** on June 22, 2019. King's alumni and friends at the wedding included: (Bottom left) **Shawn Loyack; Krystal Szerszen '17, M.S. '19; Katie (Moran) Tigue '18; Justin DeRenzis '16; Gianna (Cordasco) Moulton '14, M.S.- PAS '15; Kallista (Myers) Ferguson '16;** (Holding the flag): **Brent Lewandowski '14; Bride Katie (Perlowski) Grego '14, M.Ed. '17; Groom Eric Grego '14; Santina Marseco '15.** (2nd row left): **Kim (Keiper) Cardone '85; Marlene Knaub; Kathy James '11; Madison Hindmarsh '19; Gareth Henderson '11; Brittany (Cilento) Kopycienski '14; Kaitlyn (Globosits) Gebert '15; Morgan Santayana '18; Robert Jordan '09, M.S. '10; Jamie (Donahue) Jordan '11; Amanda Gallagher; Rev. Ryan Glenn '11; Jared Menghini '10; Robert Kopycienski '13; Brian Zingaretti '15; Chet Mozloom '95.** 3rd row left: **Mark Cardone '87, Laurie Ayre; Justin Barnett '17, M.S.-PAS '18; Kelly Gibbons '11; Maria (DeRojas) Moulton '81; Nicole (Lawler) Henry '15; Lee Evans; Maggie Farrell '12, M.Ed. '18; Michelle Weidman; Julia Sutherland; Chris Fazzini '18, M.S. '19; Thomas Drazdowski; Kevin Moulton '11; Nick Jallat '14.** (Back Row): **Michelle Oliva '06, M.S. '15; Dr. Thomas Landon, M.S. '20; TJ Ferguson '16, M.S.-PAS '17, Robert Moulton '14, M.Ed. '20, Michael Kolinovsky '00; Jessica (Manzollilo) Kolinovsky '01, M.S.-PAS '02.**



Jeff Kegolis '99 married **Ariane (Sechrist) Kegolis '04** on October 25, 2019.



Ryan Evans '12 and **Anna Scutt '13** were married on February 5, 2020.

KING'S CUBS: BIRTHS AND ADOPTIONS



Brittany (Motko) '07 and **Trevor Riccobon '06** welcomed their daughter, Vienna Rose, on March 29, 2019. She joins big sister Charlotte.



J.C. Blewitt '07 (King's faculty member) and **Meghan (Ball) Blewitt '07** welcomed their son, Luke Cameron, on November 12, 2019. Luke is also the first grandson for faculty member Dr. Joan M. Blewitt and Dr. Charles Blewitt.

Colin and Stephanie (Gawlas) Walsh '11 announce the birth of their daughter, Sloane Marie, born on May 6, 2020.



Annaleigh Brace Fusco '08 welcomed daughter Evangeline Catherine Fusco on December 9, 2019.



Sara (Potteiger) Rozny '14 and her husband Mark welcomed their daughter, Adeline Elizabeth, on April 5, 2019.



Paul Psak '07 and his wife Courtney welcomed their son, Andrew James, June 18, 2020.



Cynthia (Darby) and Michael Pierce '12 welcomed their son, Matthew Karl, on August 9, 2019.



Rich Lanahan '10 and his wife, Alissa, welcomed their son, Declan James, on July 31, 2020. Declan joins big sister Brynne.

IN MEMORIAM

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the families of the following alumni and friends who passed away recently.



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