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A photograph of three diverse students smiling and posing outdoors. On the left, a young woman with short, curly brown hair is wearing a blue and red letterman-style jacket with a large 'D' on the chest. In the center, a young man with dark hair is wearing a maroon jacket over a dark shirt. On the right, a young woman with long dark hair is wearing a grey jacket over a maroon top. They are all looking towards the camera.

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# A message from the president

In my letter in the Spring issue of *Spiritus*, I told you about the momentum building from our intense recruiting efforts in local, suburban and out-of-state high schools, from the new UDM Catholic Education University Grant and the National Institutes of Health REBUILD Detroit grant. You will be pleased to know that those initiatives have yielded positive results.

The number of applications received for this year's freshman class was the University's highest total in 15 years. This fall's freshman class has 522 students, which is 11 percent higher than last year. Among the freshmen are 87 Archdiocese of Detroit Catholic high school graduates, 26 more than last year, and a 43-percent increase. In total, more than 22 percent of the full-time freshmen graduated from a Catholic high school in Michigan or other states compared with only 16 percent last year. The new UDM Catholic Education University Grant almost doubled the number of applicants from Catholic schools.

The Admissions Office is already working to increase our applications and enrollment numbers for the next several years. The time many of us have invested in strengthening UDM's relationships with local and suburban parochial, public and other independent schools over the last four years has generated stronger interest in UDM's academic programs from prospective students. We are appreciative of those alumni who have assisted in the recruitment of students by sharing their positive college experiences and professional success with aspiring UDM students. If you would like to become involved, contact the Alumni Relations office at 313-993-1540.

Early in the new school year, *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Colleges 2016" ranked University of Detroit Mercy in several categories, including No. 23 in the top tier of Midwest Best Regional Universities. UDM was also recognized among the "A+ Schools for B Students" list of Regional Midwest Universities. The Business Management Program in the College of Business Administration was nationally ranked No. 10 and our undergraduate Engineering Program was nationally ranked No. 98, up from 104 in 2015. *U.S. News & World Report* also put UDM No. 21 on its list of "Best Colleges for Veterans" among Regional Midwest Universities; and, as noted in this issue of *Spiritus*, the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency designated UDM as a Gold-certified Michigan Veteran-Friendly School. The agency recognizes academic institutions of higher learning committed to supporting the needs of student veterans and dependents. These rankings reaffirm UDM's quality academic programs, outstanding students and dedicated faculty and staff.

Because the University recruits and educates students from varied backgrounds, UDM received its first-ever Student Support Services grant from the U.S. Department of Education in August. This five-year, \$1.1-million grant, which was awarded from a highly competitive field of more than 1,900 institutions, will be used to increase the retention and academic success of UDM students who are first-generation, economically disadvantaged or have disabilities. We are particularly proud to receive this grant



because at least one-fifth of our first-year students over the last few years are from one or more of those groups, essential criteria for institutions that wished to apply. Our service to students like these, as well as others, is a strong indicator that the University is still fulfilling its original mission and purpose.

A significant press conference occurred on the McNichols Campus on Aug. 31 when a new organization, Live6 Alliance, was announced. Live6 Alliance, which is the result of four years of neighborhood-focused efforts I initiated in summer 2011, will promote revitalization and economic development efforts on and around Livernois Avenue and McNichols Road and the campus. The beautification of the medians on Livernois Avenue from the Lodge Freeway to Eight Mile is the most obvious example of what can occur from a streetscape partnership with the state, The Kresge Foundation and the University. "Live" is the abbreviation for "Livernois" and "6" is for "Six Mile," also known as McNichols Road, which was named after Fr. John P. McNichols, S.J., University of Detroit's president from 1921 to 1932 and when the McNichols Campus was built in the 1920s. The Kresge Foundation and University of Detroit Mercy are initial financial supporters of the alliance. The video from the press conference and more information on Live6 Alliance are available at [udmercy.edu/live6](http://udmercy.edu/live6). A full story is on Page 4.

Over the next several months, you will learn much more about the University's comprehensive fundraising campaign. The Campaign for UDM has been in the "quiet" phase over the last four years. Currently, we are in the pre-public phase of this major fundraising effort, which will be used to support student scholarships, academic programs and faculty, facilities improvements, and the endowment. We have made excellent progress thus far, and I appreciate the support of so many alumni and friends. Some of your names are included in the donors list enclosed in this magazine, and others of you have made recent gifts that will be recognized later. We hope that many more of you will contribute as the campaign goal becomes public. And please join me at one of the receptions we are hosting in Michigan and other parts of the country.

I hope you enjoy this edition of *Spiritus*, and thank you for your generous support of the University.

*Antoine M. Garibaldi*

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.  
President

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### UDM Mission Statement

University of Detroit Mercy, a Catholic University in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, exists to provide excellent student-centered undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context. A UDM education seeks to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of students.

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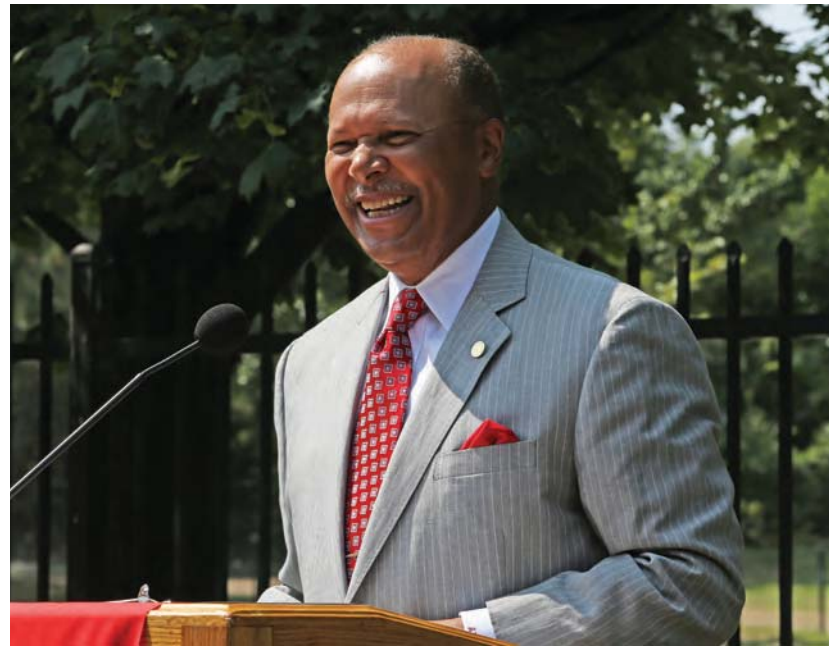
# LATEST NEWS

## Live6 Alliance

Organization formed to help revitalize local neighborhoods



Rip Rapson, president and CEO of The Kresge Foundation; community members Gaston Nash III and Alicia Biggers-Gaddies; Michael Forsyth, retail business development manager for the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation and UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi.



University of Detroit Mercy has combined forces with other community partners to promote revitalization efforts in the neighborhoods around the McNichols Campus at Livernois and Six Mile.

With initial support of \$700,000, the Live6 Alliance will harness the combined talents of UDM, The Kresge Foundation and the Detroit Economic Growth Corporation to build on efforts already begun in the Livernois corridor.

“Success here will provide inspiration and lessons for promoting district stewards to guide revitalization across the city,” said Rip Rapson, president and CEO of The Kresge Foundation.

The Live6 Alliance will work with community input to facilitate new efforts and build on current initiatives in the corridor. Its goals are:

- Placemaking—Activating the Livernois and McNichols corridor by asking those who live in these neighborhoods what they want.
- Neighborhood stabilization—Working with block clubs and neighborhood groups to determine shared needs and address them with shared resources.
- Business attraction and retention—Ensuring that existing businesses receive the support they need, and neighborhood services such as food, retail and other amenities can establish themselves in the corridor.
- Safety and security—Working with local law enforcement and with each other to boost efforts to make the area a safe, appealing destination.

“The urban commitment of the University is part of our mission statement and has remained constant since 1877,” said UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi. “The University can serve as the catalyst for community partners to accomplish shared goals.”

Live6 Alliance is seeking nonprofit status. Kresge Foundation Deputy Director Benjamin S. Kennedy and Detroit Economic Growth Corporation Business Development Manager Michael Forsyth will join Garibaldi as the alliance’s initial board. Lauren Hood ’03, ’12 has been named acting director.



Stakeholders in the project were asked to write their vision for the neighborhood at Livernois and McNichols on a board as a way to begin discussion.



# This is UDM

University of Detroit Mercy is the sum of its stories.  
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# Explaining the world through poetry

**R**ebecca Burnett Journigan's Facebook post read: "John Staudenmaier, S.J., often says just the right thing to me. This was in his regular UDM email today and I love it." The former UDM employee and alumna re-posted a poem from Fr. Staudenmaier by Mother Teresa that urges people to do the right thing even when surrounded by people who don't.

Journigan '08 is one of more than 1,700 students, alumni, employees, former employees, friends and colleagues to whom Fr. Staudenmaier regularly sends posts from "A Work Day in Hard Times," a blog that offers encouragement in an otherwise tough world.

As UDM's Assistant to the President for Mission & Identity, Fr. Staudenmaier started this project in September 2013 when Congress was "locked in venom and contempt for those with whom one must negotiate," when Detroit was mired in uncertainties as it headed into its historic bankruptcy and when the University was in the midst of tense union negotiations.

"I was very worried about the morale of the city and the University," he said. So he wrote his first post, which today serves as the blog's mission. "Then I showed it to people whose opinions I respected and asked if I should go forward with this. They all said 'yes.' " His goal was, and remains, to encourage people to think about what they say and how they say it.

That's the reason for the poems. Poets, he says, choose their words with great care. "The poem is the heart of the

matter," he said. "If I settle for a weak poem, then it doesn't do what it's supposed to."

The blog was a hit from the beginning. As of this writing, more than 1,100 e-comments show it is having an impact. "It was a big surprise to me that it works," he said. "But it makes me very happy."

Three days a week, Fr. Staudenmaier wakes and quietly takes stock of what is running through his mind. "I try to notice what wants to be noticed," and when he does, he reflects on it in a few sentences. Then he rummages through the poems he has been collecting since he first fell in love with the form as a 21-year-old. "I'm looking at the world through the lens of this University," he said.

This is why his readers tell him he so often says the right thing at the right time.

More than 250 posts later, Fr. Staudenmaier considers spreading these thoughtful messages through poetry "one of the most important things I do."

Many of his readers would agree. As UDM Trustee Angelo Vitale '80 recently wrote to Fr. Staudenmaier: "This two-minute read sets the tone for my entire day, serving as a very powerful reminder to me personally that 'we bring our souls to work along with our skill sets.' "

*Find "A Work Day in Hard Times" at [blogs.udmercy.edu](http://blogs.udmercy.edu). To receive his posts by email, write [staudejm@udmercy.edu](mailto:staudejm@udmercy.edu).*

John Staudenmaier, S.J., in South Dakota, where he spends time each summer reconnecting with the natural world.





## Lab is an asset for business students

**A** former computer lab on the lower level of the Commerce & Finance Building is providing business students with an exciting new opportunity for hands-on learning.

Students in the new Financial Markets Lab are immersed in a dynamic environment reminiscent of a Wall Street trading floor. Stock prices stream continuously on a 34-foot, color electronic ticker. Bond prices and other national and international market information are displayed in real time on two 75-inch interactive LED video walls. Students use the same software found in financial markets around the world, helping them put the theories they learn in class into action, which leads to deeper understanding.

The new teaching space has been the dream of College of Business Administration Dean Joseph Eisenhauer for several years. He sees it as a physical manifestation of the high quality of the College, and he expects to use it as a recruitment tool.

Associate Professor of Finance Omid Sabbaghi was in charge of carrying out the dean's vision, choosing the lab's equipment and software. "I am proud to be part of this growth," he said.

"There are 16,000 business schools in the world," Eisenhauer said. "But fewer than 800 are accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB)," he added. "Only the top five percent have that accreditation, and we've had it for 65 years. This is a world-class business school, and we want our physical facilities to reflect that."

Investment, accounting and other business classes will use the lab extensively, as will members of the Student Investment Club.

The lab was set up through donations, and Eisenhauer knows that technology-based programming means hardware and software that is in regular need of upgrading, so fundraising will be ongoing.

Eisenhauer says the time is right for the Financial Markets Lab because it will help bring in the best students and help them graduate with practical knowledge that will make them attractive to employers.

*To support the Financial Markets Lab, contact David Gumbel '13, director of Development at 313-993-1250 or [david.gumbel@udmercy.edu](mailto:david.gumbel@udmercy.edu).*

## SERVICE

# Grants get dental health on the streets

**T**hanks to two grants from the Delta Dental Foundation, University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry will now bring comprehensive dental care into the community for thousands of children in Detroit.

The funding totals \$584,000, which the School used to purchase a bus and four portable dental chairs to create a dental services program for schools in Wayne County. The

special bus allows students and faculty from the School of Dentistry to perform dental exams, cleanings, X-rays, sealants, restorative care, extractions and emergency services.

"Not only will this mobile unit provide a unique experience for University of Detroit Mercy dental students, it also will address the important access-to-care issue by facilitating dental treatment to a population that likely would not otherwise receive it," said Mert Aksu, dean of the School of Dentistry.

The program began in August and is expected to log 1,600 patient visits in its first year.

*For more information about community outreach or to support this important work at the School of Dentistry, contact Tom Sklut, director of Development at 313-494-6624 or [thomas.sklut@udmercy.edu](mailto:thomas.sklut@udmercy.edu).*



## ENTERTAINING

# Theatre Company has new partners

**T**he 45th season of The Theatre Company includes a new artistic partnership and a final bow for UDM's legendary faculty member David L. Regal.

The season begins in October with Samuel D. Hunter's award-winning play, "The Whale," performed at the Ringwald Theatre in Ferndale, Mich. Confined to his home due to a physical malady, Charlie must find a way to come to terms with grief over a loss, and repair his relationships with people from his past.

Last year's well-received holiday production of the radio play, "It's a Wonderful Life," returns in December for a two-weekend run at the Boll Family Y.M.C.A. Theatre in downtown Detroit.

The Michigan premiere of Robin Bradford's "Low Hanging Fruit" continues the season at the Boll Family Y.M.C.A. Theatre. The drama of homeless female veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars is presented in partnership with The Matrix Theatre Company. Funding is being sought for post-show



discussions and other events in conjunction with the theme of the work.

The season ends with the conclusion of the storied UDM career of Regal, assistant professor of Theatre, who announced his retirement earlier this year. "An Evening with David L. Regal" is scheduled for Saturday, April 9, 2016, at the Marygrove Theatre and will include a special performance by Regal followed by a strolling dinner reception. All ticket sales will benefit a scholarship fund for The Theatre Company.

*For more information on tickets, show dates and times, call 313-993-3270 or visit [liberalarts.udmercy.edu](http://liberalarts.udmercy.edu). To provide support contact Teri Carroll, director of Development at 313-993-1429 or [teri.carroll@udmercy.edu](mailto:teri.carroll@udmercy.edu).*



## PEOPLE



From her earliest days with the EMC, which provided educational tools for elementary and secondary teachers, Auer has been committed to providing access to UDM assets for all. In 2011, when UDM honored her for her 30th year as a dean, 50th year as an employee and her 70th birthday, the list of her accomplishments with the UDM library system ran to nearly 10 pages, all of them showing a commitment to creating easier access to information. An impish smile crosses her face when she tells what's available and points out some of her favorites, including a video of a musical written in honor of the 75th anniversary of the University.

**T**he boxes of records on the floor of Margaret Auer's office in the McNichols Library hold decades of information about the people and events that made University of Detroit Mercy what it is today.

Auer '65, dean of University Libraries and Instructional Technology, is working to preserve these files, which she fears will be lost without a concerted effort to save them. She has made that commitment.

One might expect that from Auer, who has worked for UDM since 1961, when she took a job in the Educational Materials Center (EMC) after her father was laid off and unable to help her pay tuition.

"I typed library cards eight hours a day, five days a week," she said with the raising of an eyebrow that winks to how things have changed over the years. Typewriters and library cards — which patrons had to fill out to check out a book — aren't in use and many argue printed books, too, are headed the way of the dinosaurs.

But Auer, who's retiring after 54 years at UDM, is determined that University records, collections, histories and more do not follow that same path.

Many of those records and documents, including thousands of undergraduate theses, an archive of black abolitionist writing, more than 100 years of undergraduate class catalogs and a collection that explores the influence of the controversial Fr. Charles Coughlin, are available to all at [research.udmercy.edu](http://research.udmercy.edu).

"I love the work we've done to make this unique material available to everyone," Auer said. "It's important to celebrate what we do at this University. We have a vast amount of information and history that needs to be preserved and available to everybody."

Auer's retirement plans are simple: "I don't want to have to be at a set place at a set time every week," she said. She plans to visit every presidential library and cheer on her beloved Detroit Tigers in every major league park in which they play.

And then there are those boxes on her office floor that she'll get to between books and baseball, on her own schedule, continuing her legacy of preserving information and making it available to all.

## Meet Anita Klueg

**"A**s Director of University Ministry, my vision is to foster an environment that allows students, faculty and staff to explore authentic relationships with each other and God. I embrace the challenge of cultivating a community where all faith traditions are appreciated, respected and celebrated. As we integrate the Jesuit and Mercy charisms, my hope is that these values translate into awareness and action in the broader community."

— *New Director of University Ministry Anita Gicana Klueg comes to UDM with 18 years of diverse missionary and ministry experience in various cities and countries, most recently as director of an education project for orphaned youth and coordinator of the Kenya Region for the Maryknoll Lay Missioners in Mombasa, Kenya.*



## RESEARCH



Left: Sister Mare Ellen Bossong, RSM. Right: Sister Mary Delora Smith, RSM.

## Giving credit where credit is overdue

**T**here's an important reason Mary Kelly, RSM, '68 and Maureen Anthony are looking into the significant contributions made by women religious to healthcare nationally: No one else seems willing to acknowledge it.

The work of women religious as nurses is well-known and documented, but look at these facts of note about the sisters in executive positions:

- In 1917, hospitals operated by women religious accounted for half of the American health care system.
- In 1968, nuns served as chief executives of 770 of the country's 796 Catholic hospitals, according to the Catholic Health Association.

And yet, says Anthony, an associate professor of Nursing, "if you look at a standard textbook on health services administration, chances are that the role of the sisters in building the nation's hospitals will not be mentioned. We'd like to see that change."

The researchers interviewed 70 women religious from 15 orders in 23 states who were the last religious administrator at a Catholic hospital. These women ranged in age from 64 to 94 and all had stories to tell.

"The way I entered health care," one former administrator told the two, "was when I picked up my little envelope with the assignment for the coming year. It said: 'Study Health Administration at Mt. St. Joseph College in Ohio.' So that was how I made the decision."

Most of the women interviewed earned master's degrees in hospital administration or MBAs many years before other

women entered those fields. Opportunities to serve as CEOs of multi-million dollar health systems were generally not available to women outside of religious orders in the 19th and early 20th centuries. However, the sisters don't often get credit for their significant role in building and managing these nonprofit hospital systems.

"Part of that is because of convent behavioral norms," said Sr. Kelly, associate professor of Health Services Administration. That is, many sisters will say that the importance lies in doing the ministry, not in who receives credit for it.

*American Catholic Studies*, the oldest continuously published Catholic journal in the U.S., printed the findings in its Fall 2014 publication and wrote they were significant not just for health care administration, but also for Catholic history in the United States.

Among the next steps, the researchers will present their findings to textbook companies and urge them to give these women religious their due.

One other goal of the research was to have Mother Carmelita Manning, RSM (1888-1962), who managed 25 Mercy hospitals and founded Mercy College of Detroit and Mercy High School, inducted into the Michigan Women's Hall of Fame. She was one of 11 women honored in October 2014.

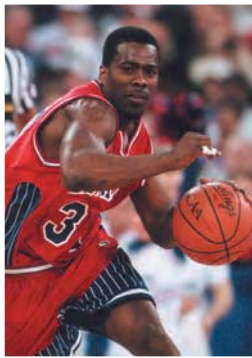
*Sr. Kelly and Anthony were awarded first place for best feature article in a scholarly magazine by the Catholic Press Association in June. Find it on the Internet by searching Kelly, M., & Anthony, M. "The Last Generation of Sister Administrators: Insights about the Transition of Catholic Hospital Leadership," American Catholic Studies, 125 (3) 33-51.*

## Videoboard installed

The Department of Athletics will finish installing a four-sided, center-hung videoboard/scoreboard at historic Calihan Hall in time for the 2015-16 basketball season. The centerpiece of the project is a four-sided, high-definition main videoboard that will hang directly above Dick Vitale Court, with full LED video capabilities, including video and instant replay. The display will be used for highlights, graphics, game presentation and other animation to enhance the game for fans.



## Titan great back at Calihan



The University of Detroit Mercy men's basketball coaching staff is now complete as Head Coach Ray McCallum announced the hiring of former Titan standout and professional basketball player Jermaine Jackson '99 in June.

"I feel great about Jermaine joining our staff," McCallum said. Jackson will be assistant basketball coach.

A 2010 Detroit Titan Hall of Fame inductee and two-time All-Horizon League standout, Jackson earned four letters at the University from 1995-99 and is 20th all-time in scoring with 1,341 career points. He is also fifth in school history with 509 assists and, with 142, ranks ninth in steals.

Born and raised in Detroit, the product of Finney High School went on to play in the NBA for five seasons before taking his career overseas.

In 2012, he opened the Jermaine Jackson-Cairns Community Center in Mount Clemens. The center has after-school tutoring, fitness classes and food assistance programs.

## Briefly



Top photo:  
Matt Ybarra

Bottom Photo:  
Kylie Birney.



**Bernard Scott has been named the head women's basketball coach.** A 15-year collegiate coaching veteran, he has tutored eight players who have earned All-League honors, and three who were named to their respective Freshman All-League team. Scott was the assistant coach at Horizon League member Cleveland State for the last five years and was promoted to associate head coach prior to the 2013-14 campaign. He helped the program win 79 games, make two trips to the Horizon League Championship Semifinals and earned two postseason bids, reaching the quarterfinals of the Women's Basketball Invitational in 2011 and the first round of the Women's National Invitation Tournament in 2015.

**Men's soccer's Matt Ybarra received the 2014-15 Horizon League's Cecil N. Coleman Medal of Honor.** The Horizon League's highest honor, the Coleman Award is presented annually to the League's top student-athletes who

best exemplify the dignity and high purpose of the league and its membership.

**Junior Kylie Birney was named the Atlantic Sun Women's Lacrosse Scholar-Athlete of the Year** and selected for the A-Sun Academic All-Conference Team.

**Former Detroit Titans men's basketball star Spencer Haywood '69 was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame** in April. He joins fellow Titan Dave DeBusschere '62, who was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1983.

**For the second straight season, lacrosse goalie Jason Weber led the nation in saves per game.** Weber topped the country with a 14.43 mark as he posted a school-record 202 stops on the year. He also had the Division I single game high in 2015 as he made 28 saves against Mercer University on March 4.

*For more Detroit Titans news, visit [detroittitans.com](http://detroittitans.com). To support Titans athletics, contact Michael Miller, Assistant Athletic Director for Development, at 313-993-1755 or [Michael.L.Miller@udmercy.edu](mailto:Michael.L.Miller@udmercy.edu).*

# FAMILY

## Like father, like son

**W**hen Stephen Kirby Sr. was choosing law schools in the 1980s, he was drawn to University of Detroit School of Law's Canadian and American Dual J.D. Program for a couple reasons.

The Canadian resident wanted to learn the laws of another country and was interested in the possibility of working in the United States. He graduated in 1986 in the groundbreaking program's second class and has not regretted the commitment and work the demanding program requires.

"It's probably been more important to me in terms of opening doors," said Kirby, who works for IBM Canada.

In May, Kirby attended the program's 30th commencement to watch another Stephen Kirby graduate. "I was attracted to the program because it shows a lot of commitment, and I thought it would be a way to stand out," Stephen Kirby Jr. said. That has proved to be true: "The first question I am asked whenever I have an interview is about the program."

The father hooded his son at the commencement. The two hugged, and the son lifted his father off the ground in joy.

"You just can't imagine how proud I was," Stephen Kirby Sr. said. "It was pretty special." Stephen Kirby Jr. works as a judicial clerk in Ontario.

*The Canadian and American Dual J.D. program, in partnership with the University of Windsor, allows students to study at the two universities and earn both American and Canadian law degrees in three years. To date, 620 people have graduated from the program. This year, 40 percent of the School of Law's incoming class is enrolled in this program. For more information, visit [law.udmercy.edu](http://law.udmercy.edu).*



Stephen Kirby Jr. '15  
and his proud father,  
Stephen Kirby Sr. '86

# IN Brief

**Among the best:** *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges 2016 ranking lists UDM at No. 23 in the Midwest. It is the 15th year in a row the University has been among the top tier in the Midwest. UDM was also named one of the "Best Colleges for Veterans" and "A+ Schools for B students." The magazine ranked our Business Management program No. 10 in the United States and our undergraduate engineering program at No. 98 in the country, putting it among the country's 100 best engineering programs.

The College Choice 2015 ranking of Best Catholic Colleges and Universities in the country puts UDM at No. 17 because of our "more than 100 quality academic programs, accessible and supportive faculty, vibrant co-op and internship programs ... and active network of successful alumni."

**Tops for veterans:** The Michigan Veterans Affairs



Agency gave UDM a gold rating as a Veteran-Friendly School. The agency based its decision on several factors, including our commitment to recruiting, training and retaining veterans and our on-campus veterans programming.

**Aid to students:** A five-year, \$1.1-million Student Support Services grant from the U.S. Department of Education will be used to help first-generation, economically disadvantaged and students with disabilities. The University will create a program focusing on increasing student retention and success.

**Grant for engineers:** UDM recently received a five-year, \$593,500 grant from the National Science Foundation to support scholarships for robotics and mechatronic systems engineering. The grant is under the direction of Professor of Mechanical Engineering Shuvra Das and Professor of Electrical Engineering Mark J. Paulik.

**On the web:** "For me, it was about re-imagining how our society could be and how architecture can make that happen." That's what School of Architecture student Nicole Fricke said about the summer semester she spent in Volterra, Italy as part of the SOA's study abroad program. Read a full story, including exciting plans for the program, at [udmercy.edu/volterra](http://udmercy.edu/volterra).

**Did you know?:** December 2015 marks the 25th anniversary of the consolidation of Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit into University of Detroit Mercy. The consolidation was hailed as a creative response to the challenges that were facing the two institutions in the late 1980s.

# So They Said

A collection of recent quotes heard at and around University of Detroit Mercy.

*“You don’t want to have a teaching experience like this, but when you do, to be able to utilize it is outstanding. The gentleman lived. This is a wonderful, wonderful thing.”*

Colleen Kuxhaus '73, '84, '10, professor, UDM School of Dentistry, on WDIV-TV newscast, April 14, 2015, in a story about dentistry students and faculty who performed CPR on a patient who passed out in the clinic’s waiting room.

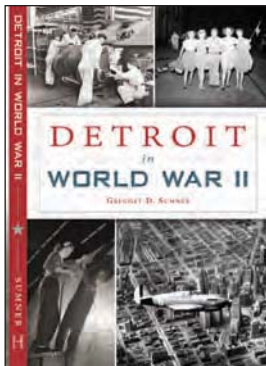
*“This is a transformational gift for the law school that represents a significant long-term commitment to and belief in the excellent education students receive here.”*

School of Law Dean Phyllis L. Crocker, in announcing a \$1-million Hon. Lawrence Paul Zatkoff Endowed Scholarship made possible by the Zatkoff family in memory of the late jurist. This is the first million-dollar scholarship the law school has ever received.

## *“That’s me.”*



Leonard Johnson, to the Detroit Free Press, of the statue titled “Homeless Jesus” that was installed in front of the Ss. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in downtown Detroit. The piece, by artist Timothy Schmalz, depicts a figure sleeping on a bench, covered by a blanket except for his feet, which show the scars of crucifixion. The church houses a warming center for homeless people where UDM School of Law students and faculty regularly volunteer.



*“On May 8, 1945, revelers bathed in the fountain on Cadillac Square upon learning of the Nazis’ surrender. Three months later, Japan surrendered, and the bell atop the University of Detroit clock tower tolled 137 times to mark the occasion, once for each student who would not be coming back in the fall.”*

Gregory Sumner, professor of American history, in his book, “Detroit in World War II,” coming in November from the History Press.



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# REBUILD Detroit: Campus feels excitement of new program's first class

By Ron Bernas

**T**alk to faculty from the College of Engineering & Science about the steps they took this summer to welcome the first students into the REBUILD Detroit program this fall and you can feel their excitement.

"This grant provides us a beautiful foundation for increasing diversity in the biomedical sciences," said College of Engineering & Science Dean Gary Kuleck in June. "What we are working out now is how we build the rest of the house."

REBUILD Detroit is the name of the \$21.2-million grant the National Institutes of Health awarded to a consortium of four Detroit schools led by University of Detroit Mercy. The goal is to increase diversity in the biomedical research workforce by providing opportunities, funding and specially designed programs for populations that are underrepresented in these fields.

UDM President Antoine M. Garibaldi says this grant is

a gamechanger for the consortium schools. "This transformative grant will significantly advance several academic disciplines at UDM and our local partner institutions," he said. He also complimented the collaborative efforts of Wayne State University President M. Roy Wilson, with whom he spoke several months before the proposal was written and submitted.

While much of the heavy lifting is being done by the College of Engineering & Science with Kuleck as the primary investigator, the impact of this largest-ever grant to UDM will be felt across the University. It will impact the curricula in biology, chemistry, pre-med engineering, psychology, sociology, nursing and allied health. Indeed, across the consortium, which also includes Marygrove College, Wayne State University and Wayne County Community College District, more than 150 faculty and 50 administrators are involved in getting the project up and running and keeping it going over the five-year term of the grant — and, Kuleck hopes, beyond.

"We need to understand what the hurdles are for students who are underrepresented in these fields and design ways to ensure they succeed," he said. "The NIH is trying to create models of best practices that will be used nationwide."

Those practices include mentoring from professionals in biomedical research, training in study skills, creating a four-campus supportive learning community, networking and providing the students with faculty-mentored, paid research positions. The project also includes mentoring faculty and preparing them to work with a very diverse population and encouraging collaboration among members of the consortium.

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BUILD scholars tested the effects of flame on balloons filled with different gases and learned how to perform experiments in a four-week summer session.



# I ❤️ ReBUILD Detroit

The first UDM cohort of 20 students — or BUILD Scholars, as they are being called — was on campus in July to take part in a four-week program to prepare them with the tools they need to succeed at the university level when they started this fall. The summer program was designed by Assistant Professor of Biology Steven Chang, who is also the consortium-wide director of Student Training Core leader for REBUILD Detroit.

“Students in these fields tend to struggle a little more, but it’s not because of academics,” Chang said. “It’s the other things they need to get them through.”

The five-day-a-week program was designed to be a half day of academics, introducing students to college-level work

in biology, chemistry, physics, math and other topics, and a half day of academic skills like goal setting, team building, time management, study skills, even how to engage with the faculty.

“This way, when they run into problems, and they will, they will know where they can turn to get the problem solved,” Chang said.

The students say they enjoyed the program and believe the special attention gave them an advantage when classes started in the fall.

“In high school, I didn’t know how to effectively study,” said REBUILD scholar Relicious Eboh, who plans to major in biology with her eyes on dentistry. While the academic skills helped, she also believes there is a value in networking with the students from other consortium colleges. “I think it will help as we go on and become mentors to next year’s BUILD scholars.”

Rivonda Hirmiz said REBUILD is an exciting program and thinks it will help round out how others view the Detroit area.

Clockwise from top left: Associate Professor of Biology Jacob Kagey works with students in the lab. BUILD scholars, watched carefully by Associate Chemistry Professor Kendra Evans, explore the effects of different chemical compounds on flame. Students also learned about the UDM campus and how to work within their new surroundings. Students wrote a huge thank-you card to the program. The BUILD scholars from the four institutions in the consortium. Associate Chemistry Professor Matt Mio '97, left, Assistant Professor of Biology Steven Chang, Kagey, Chemistry Professor Elizabeth Roberts-Kirchhoff and Evans meet to evaluate the summer curriculum.





"Detroit is known for its culture, but the point of REBUILD is to bring people into biomedical research fields," she said. "That will give people another positive reason to think about Detroit."

Chang said this first session was a learning experience for the faculty, too, and he is already working on improvements for next time.

"This really does transform how we deliver undergraduate education," he said.

Later this school year, the students will be working in the new iNSPIRE (Innovative Space for Research and Exploration) Lab, renovated with NIH funds and generous alumni support for UDM's BUILD Scholars and non-REBUILD students. Associate Professor of Chemistry Elizabeth Roberts-Kirchhoff is overseeing plans for the lab space, expected to be completed early in 2016.

"This grant is going to have a huge impact down the road," Kuleck said. "We are putting all the dynamic elements into place to create an exciting place to engage students in authentic research experiences and preparing them for careers in the biomedical disciplines."

## Tiny creatures, big opportunity

"Phage" is shorthand for "bacteriophage," or bacterial virus, the most abundant and perhaps least understood biological entities on the planet.

University of Detroit Mercy is hoping to change that, and a few other things as well.

The University was selected to join more than 80 other colleges and universities in the Science Education Alliance Phage Hunters Advancing Genomics and Evolutionary Science, a program designed to excite students about scientific research and encourage them to become researchers while contributing to the scientific understanding of bacteriophage evolution.

The program, SEA-PHAGES for short, is funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute's Science Education Alliance and puts students right in the thick of the scientific research community.

"For these students, it's almost like an apprenticeship," said Gary Kuleck, dean of the College of Engineering & Science. "Our students will be part of a team from across the country that will be isolating bacterial viruses, characterizing them, and analyzing their DNA. This contributes to the work being done by scientists and our students are able to participate."

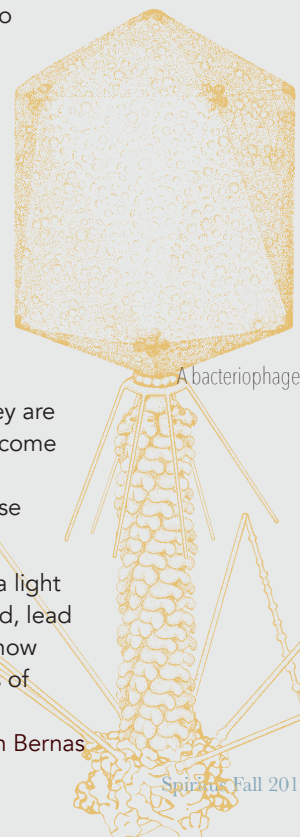
The two-term program has students isolating, characterizing and even naming the nanoscopic viruses in the first semester. In the second, students analyze their phage's DNA to decipher its genetic makeup. This is crucial to understanding phage evolution and relates to all of biological evolution. The work, overseen by UDM Associate Professor of Biology Stephanie Conant and Associate Professor of Biology Jacob Kagey, will be published in an international database for further study by scientists globally.

While one goal of the program is to gather information about phage evolution, there is a second, equally important goal: exposing students to the world of scientific research, which in turn may encourage students to pursue research careers.

"These students work under guidance, but they are working independently," said Kuleck, who has been involved with the program at other universities. "They are doing important work and truly become a part of the scientific community. It's transformational for a lot of these students."

The research is expected to shine a light on phage evolution and, it is hoped, lead toward a better understanding of how evolution works and potential uses of phages in medicine.

By Ron Bernas







# *Working to meet the nation's healthcare needs*

Physician assistants are big part of the future

By Ron Bernas

**P**hysician assistants will play a major role in the future of the healthcare industry in the United States, which may be why University of Detroit Mercy's program is bursting at the seams.

PAs, as they are called, work in hospitals, physicians' offices and clinics, and are trained and licensed to diagnose and treat illness and diseases. They perform physical examinations and prescribe medications. Though they have a great deal of independence in patient care, they must, by law, work in tandem with a physician.

PAs are in high demand and the title is usually found on national lists of best careers in America; with the national need, high job-satisfaction rate, an average starting salary of \$90,000 and the flexibility to move into many areas of healthcare, it's no surprise. The Bureau of Labor Statistics predicts a 38 percent growth rate for the profession by 2022.

UDM, which began Michigan's first PA program in 1972, also sees the need. The College of Health Professions' PA Program is accredited for 100 students, but receives between 500 and 700 applications annually, said Amy Dereczyk '02, assistant professor and chair of the PA program. Each year, just 40 students are accepted.

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Professor Debra Knight, right, talks with first-year PA students, from left, Leo Antrassian, Rachel Belsky and Kendall Bonot at the White Coat Ceremony in August marking the beginning of their program.



New PA students Hilary Smith and Joanna Soltis in the back row and Shivani Radia and Brandon Redoute are welcomed into the program after receiving their white coats marking them as PA students.

*“What we focus on is being student centered in a curriculum that’s quite rigorous.”*

Students are trained in primary care and are practice ready when they graduate. UDM’s physician assistant students will have received at least 2,000 hours of clinical instruction by graduation.

“Students in the PA Program are trained in the medical model,” Dereczyk said. “The first year is like the first two years of medical school and the second year is like the third year of med school.”

A major benefit of students in UDM’s program is that the small class size allows faculty to get to know its students well. “What we focus on is being student centered in a curriculum that’s quite rigorous.”

Another important aspect, said Christine Pacini ’70, ’74, dean of the CHP, is that UDM’s program remains true to its Jesuit and Mercy missions to bring healthcare to underserved populations. “Our interest is to meet the community demands,” she said. “We want them in the areas that need them most. Our students live that mission, so when they enter the field, they become leaders in healthcare.”

Marc Moote ’01 is the chief physician assistant for the University of Michigan Health System in Ann Arbor, an administrative role in which he oversees 270 PAs. In addition to serving on state and national

committees representing the PA profession and serving on state and national committees to improve quality and patient care, he has also published on various aspects of the PA profession.

He says PAs help the healthcare industry meet the needs of patients and are a part of a multi-faceted approach to addressing the shortage of physicians in the United States.

“There is a healthcare provider shortage,” he said. “PAs will be a significant part of the future of healthcare, but not the only part.” What’s needed is a team approach in which PAs, physicians, nurse

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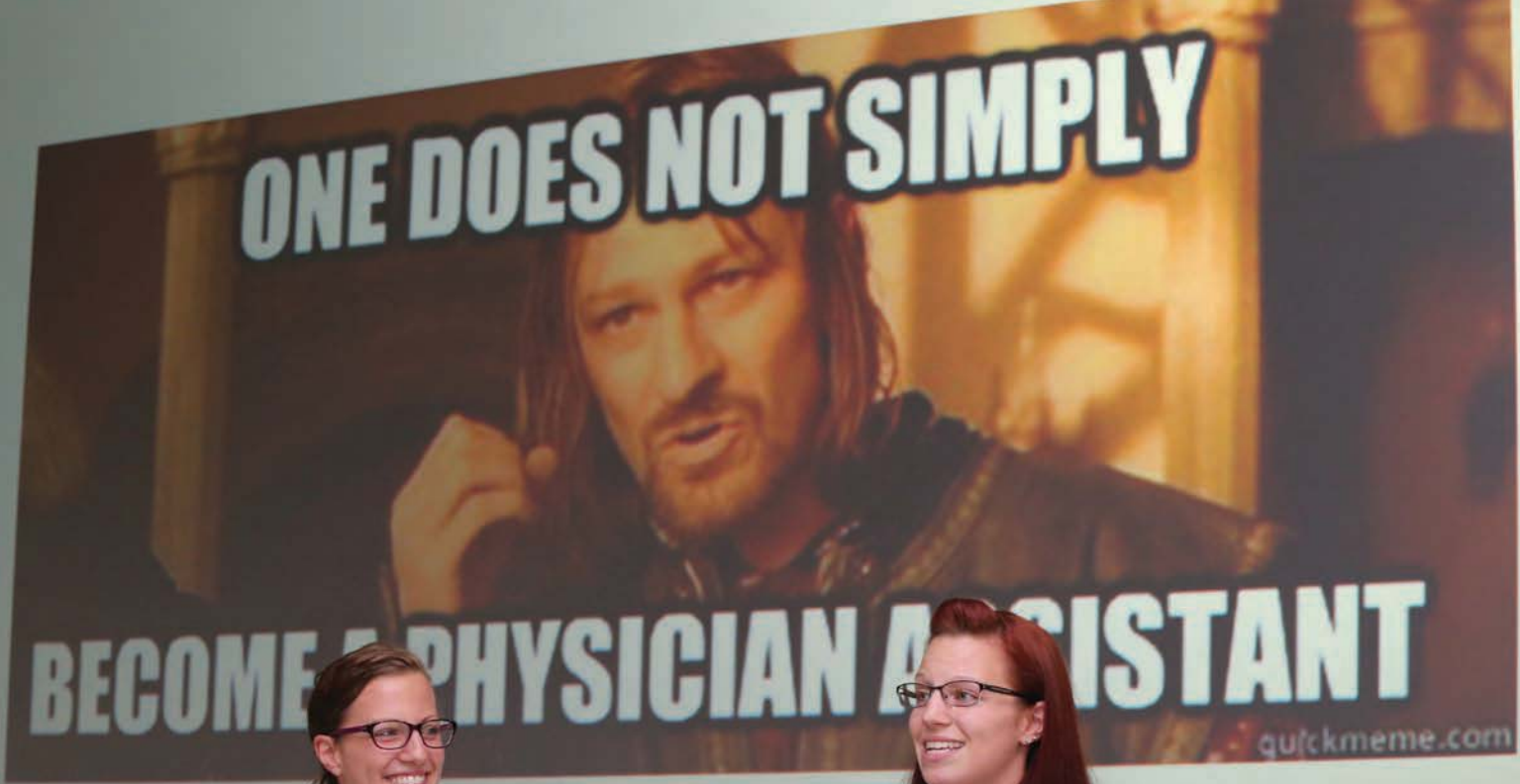
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PA students Jessica Wallace, left, and Sarah Wallace inspire the incoming class with a little bit of humor.



Amy Dereczyk, chair of the PA Department, congratulates Soham Trivedi, a PA student who graduated in August.

practitioners and other healthcare providers' training and skills are maximized to increase access to healthcare and improve patient outcomes.

"I'm proud to be an alumnus of UDM," he said. "I chose the program because at the time I considered it the best in the state and it still has a very strong reputation."

Though there's always room for more PAs, Moote says, PA programs across the country are finding it difficult to get placement for clinical rotations for their students, and "we don't want to sacrifice quality for quantity."

Pacini knows that discussion well and is working to address it. She is also exploring new models for those necessary clinical placements.

"The good news is, we are using our space more effectively," she said. "But our facilities are inadequate in terms of square footage and we need to create learning spaces with more flexibility for the kind of instruction the program needs."

"These highly trained and caring PAs are needed," Pacini said. "And we will do whatever we can to meet that need."

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The Institute for Leadership & Service  
celebrates **20** years of

# SHAPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

By Ron Bernas

**W**hen the University of Detroit Mercy community gathered in September at the annual Celebrate Spirit! event that officially begins the school year, they were also commemorating an anniversary and beginning a year of reflection on the importance of leadership and service.

This year, the Institute for Leadership and Service turns 20. Over the past two decades, what began under another name as a way to provide service opportunities for students has become, in the words of one of its staff members, “a mission-delivery system” woven into the fabric of University of Detroit Mercy.

That mission is exhibited in many ways. It is found in the 81 service learning courses taught to more than 1,450 students who logged more than 11,000 service hours last academic year alone. It is seen in the student-led projects that help the communities that surround UDM’s three campuses. It is celebrated in the many awards students receive for exhibiting leadership and service on and off campus. It is experienced in the field by executives who hire UDM students as interns and employees. It is an investment in tomorrow that pays dividends all along the way.



Kathleen Zimmerman-Oster '84 is the Institute's director of research, evaluation and leadership development and Tim Hipskind, S.J., co-chair, organizes service opportunities.

## How it began

The Institute was founded in 1995 with a concept conceived by late Professor of Philosophy and Rector of the Jesuit Community Arthur McGovern, S.J. and a faculty task force.

"The whole idea of leadership based on civic responsibility was, at that time, very popular," said John Daniels '68, '72, who ran the institute for several years. The project was funded by a five-year grant from the W. K. Kellogg Foundation with the goal of UDM intentionally developing leadership programming for students and creating opportunities for students to participate in community service and service learning. Daniels took the helm after the grant ended and the University began funding the work.

"The energy of the students in service was inspiring," he said. "But from the very beginning, we were discussing

how we continue this work in a sustainable way after the grant's gone. We reflected on what we were doing and realized that our Ignatian and Mercy missions called us to do something more."

As Daniels was about to retire, Kathleen Zimmerman-Oster '84, director of research, evaluation and leadership development since the Institute began, wanted to help sustain the legacy of the focus on leadership and service. Though the work was

beneficial to the community, Daniels said, the Institute needed to use evidence-based ways of developing leaders for the common good. The Institute renamed itself the Institute for Leadership and Service and focused on a more intentional integration of the principles of the Jesuit and Mercy traditions. It's an approach that guides all of the Institute's programs today, evidenced in its theme, "Transforming Lives to Lead and Serve."

*"The energy of the students in service was inspiring..."*

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## Leading by serving

One of the Institute's signature programs is the Service Learning component of many courses across the curriculum. Service learning is distinct from volunteering because it integrates service with coursework in a relevant way.

Classes across the University and especially in the core curriculum promote service learning, introducing students to the values so important to a Jesuit and Mercy education while amplifying and reinforcing the curriculum.

"Students get credit for the learning, not just for the service," said Zimmerman-Oster, co-director of the Institute with Fr. Tim Hipkind, S.J.

For example, instead of simply reading how it's done, engineering students have built a rainwater retention system for an urban garden. "They put into practice the theories they have learned, which brings students a deeper understanding," Fr. Hipkind said. "In addition, the resulting project is of lasting value to the community."

In other examples, students enrolled in an energy and science course completed energy audits to help people who were struggling to pay their utility bills, students in an African-American studies course helped develop a curriculum for an after-school program for African-American youth, and students in Leadership courses practiced servant leadership by mentoring high school students and assisting them with their transition to college.

## Serving up leadership lessons

A key component of the ILS is the Campus Kitchen.

Student volunteers working through Campus Kitchen collect surplus food from the University cafeteria and local retailers and team with neighborhood organizations to deliver the food to those who need it. While there are chapters of the organization on college campuses across the country, UDM has the only program in Michigan.

Through this work, students gain a new perspective on hunger and poverty issues and develop their leadership skills.

"It's designed to make students think of service in a different way while developing their leadership capacity," said Fr. Hipkind, who is advisor for Campus Kitchen. Students must apply and interview for paid and volunteer leadership positions at many different responsibility levels. As they take on more responsibility, students get real-life experience running a nonprofit organization. In 2014, 23 student leaders organized 225 volunteers to deliver 1,400 meals throughout the local community. It is an opportunity students find valuable when they graduate and search for jobs.



Latasha Spencer volunteers with Campus Kitchen as she works toward a counseling degree.

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## In the field

Teresa Thiele '96, '98 is a senior manager within the product development purchasing organization of Fiat Chrysler Automobiles and a professional who knows the kind of young leaders shaped by the Institute for Leadership and Service. She is one herself.

As a first-generation Chaldean American whose parents had limited educational opportunities, Thiele relied on the faculty at UDM to guide and develop her leadership skills. She held various student leadership roles and felt fortunate to have mentors like former Institute Director John Daniels. Today, she serves as a mentor to UDM students and, in her position at FCA, helps hire many students as interns.

"When I think of the UDM students we've hired as interns, they exemplify the philosophy of servant leadership," Thiele said. "They are humble, they want to help others, and they have a sense of responsibility. They, in turn, join our recruiting teams to help us recruit others like them. When we hire them permanently, as we often do, they prove to be great leaders."

## Emerging Leaders

The Emerging Leaders Program recognizes students for their work with a hard-earned Leadership Pin and a Medallion they wear at graduation. "These awards represent hundreds of hours of service and dedication to the Jesuit and Mercy missions," said Zimmerman-Oster.

ReShawn Wilder '14 participated in the program because it was something that had been part of his life for years. "I'd been helping young adults in general for 10 years," he said. "It's what I love to do, so when I came to UDM, I was glad I was able to continue that." He started with participating in Alternative Spring Breaks all four years at UDM and earned his Leadership Pin and Medallion.

"I didn't want the Medallion because it looks good," he said. "It's because it represents the fact that I pushed myself hard. I wanted to make my mom proud and show her that all her hard work paid off and that I was going to make a difference."

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Top: Teresa Thiele '96, '98, developed her leadership skills through the ILS and works with current UDM students to improve theirs. Photo by FCA. Above: ReShawn Wilder '14 worked at a Jamaican orphanage during an Alternative Spring Break one year.



Marianne Grima '15 says she never considered herself a leader, but today she's organizing a group to raise awareness and promote prevention of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Wilder said he uses these leadership skills every day in his position as a gate agent for Spirit Airlines.

"I learned how to work with people of different cultures and how to adapt to different situations," he said. "I take a leadership role whenever I can and listen to the ideas and opinions of others to help make decisions every day."

Wilder, who is also a photographer, videographer and independent film producer, created a video promoting the Emerging Leaders Program that can be found on the University's website at [udmercy.edu/institute](http://udmercy.edu/institute). That video has led to other work with UDM and elsewhere.

## Together in leadership

The Institute also works with General Motors and Ford Motor Co. to provide opportunities for students to explore and expand their leadership skills.

The GM Student Corps is a paid, 10-week summer internship in which UDM students work with high school students alongside GM retirees on large scale community service projects. "The opportunity to mentor younger students while they are themselves mentored by professionals is unique," said Zimmerman-Oster.

The internship ends with each student making a presentation on how their team worked to bring about social change in the community. In addition, students not only gain practical experience, but also develop important networking connections with other interns and GM managers and executives, she said.

The Ford Community Corps Partnership works differently. Students provide the community engagement ideas and are funded by a grant from the Ford Motor Co. Fund. To date, FCCP partnered with 40 faculty and 50 student leaders on 43 projects and 721 students from 41 service-learning courses and has directly served nearly 2,000 people, Fr. Hipskind said.

Under this program in the past year, law students provided legal assistance to low-income immigrants; nursing students interviewed homeless guests at the St. Peter and Paul Warming Shelter in Detroit to learn about their health issues and then created pamphlets that educate and empower the shelter's visitors; and students in the Institute's Step-up, Be a Leader Program mentored children from Detroit-area high schools to prepare them to be tomorrow's leaders.

Marianne Grima '15 started working on her Ford Community Corps Partnerships project near the end of her junior year. The criminal justice major, who expects to complete her master's degree in intelligence analysis in May 2016, said that's when she saw a presentation by Fr. Hipskind about service learning.

"I knew I wanted to do something," she said, "but I had no idea what to do." As Fr. Hipskind says he has heard many times before, Grima added: "I never really considered myself a leader."

With the help of the ILS, Grima reached out to various agencies and discovered ways she could help HAVEN, an Oakland County agency that serves victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Fr. Hipskind and others at the ILS helped Grima focus her project and gain confidence in her leadership abilities. "They gave me so much guidance," she said. "Even if I just dropped in, they always put everything aside for me to listen and to help me as I planned and implemented my project."

That project is twofold. She created Detroit Prevention and Awareness in the Community, the first organization on campus created to address the issue of sexual assault and domestic abuse. She is developing an education and awareness program aimed at students to help them understand what constitutes abuse and its long-lasting effects. She has created partnerships with four local agencies to pave the way for students to do service work opportunities.

She's excited about the success she's had so far: A two-week push at the end of the 2014-15 school year recruited 27 members to the group and the new school year brought more student volunteers.

"I love the idea of servant leadership," she said. "At the Institute, they help students take it to another level and it's so natural. It's more than just getting something done. It makes you realize the importance of making a positive difference during the process.

"This experience has changed me," she said.

## Continuing to evolve

The Institute adds programming to keep current and even ahead of the changing times. In 2012, UDM added an academic minor in Leadership that can be combined with any major.

It includes courses that develop individual leadership skills, group skills, organizational management and human relation skills, and community engagement skills.

With more than 200 students enrolled, the Leadership Minor is the largest minor on campus.

In an effort to ensure quantifiable outcomes for its student programming, the Institute uses course evaluations, task forces, steering committees, advisory boards and a survey of students. The results have yielded significant evidence that students are building their leadership capacity and truly living the UDM mission.

*Look for additional events dedicated to leadership and service all year and read our student service blog at [udmercy.edu/institute](http://udmercy.edu/institute).*

Right: Incoming freshmen like Shan Octain are introduced to service leadership at orientation; Octain stocks the refrigerator at Capuchin Ministries' Soup Kitchen.

Below: UDM students have been active with service projects all over metropolitan Detroit, including this urban garden.



# CLASSNOTES

## 1940s

**R.J. Reilly '49, '51**, former UDM professor of English, has published two works of fiction, "The Prevalence of Love: Glimpses of the Human Condition" and "Over There."

## 1950s

**William J. Giovan '58**, former chief judge of the Wayne County Circuit Court, has been named a Leading Lawyer for alternative dispute resolution by [LeadingLawyers.com](http://LeadingLawyers.com).

## 1960s

UDM Trustee **Eugene Gargaro Jr. '67** and his wife Mary Anne received lifetime service awards from the Detroit Institute of Arts. The couple has been museum members for more than 30 years and have served on various boards and committees. Eugene Gargaro has been a member of the DIA board for more than 20 years, 12 as its chairman.

**Henry Mistele '66** has joined the Troy, Mich., law firm Dean & Fulkerson in a senior/of counsel position.

**Patrick H. O'Leary '63** received the 2014 Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver Award. It is the highest honor a local Boy Scout council can give to a Scouting volunteer.

## 1970s

**Mike Gaski '73** published the novel "Magicians and Brothers," a story of a young philosopher whose beliefs are tested on an international adventure.

**Thomas A. Golej '71** retired this year after 26 years as a pilot with United Airlines. He also spent 10 years in the Air Force and practiced civil and criminal law.

**Carole A. Hohl '71** was inducted into Carroll High School's (Dayton, Ohio) Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame.

**Beverly Ingram '79** was named a supervising planner in the Baltimore, Md., office of Parsons Brinckerhoff, where she provides program management support to the Anne Arundel County Department of Public Works' capital improvement program.

**Kurt Kazanowski '76** published a book called "A Son's Journey: Taking Care of Mom and Dad," a book of advice on how to care for aging loved ones.

**Bruce Maters '77** has joined the Okemos, Mich., law firm Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes PLC, specializing in public regulatory, energy and environmental law.

Merrill Lynch wealth management advisor **Frank Migliazzo '79** was recognized on the 2015 *Financial Times* Top 400 Financial Advisors list.

**John D. Pirich '73**, a partner at the Michigan firm of Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP, was named one of 30 Leaders

in the Law for 2015 by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly*.

**Harriet (Band) Rotter '71, '75** has opened a law firm in Franklin, Mich., with her niece, Nancy (Komer) Stone '94, specializing in matrimonial law.

**Michael F. Schmidt '71, '75**, president of Harvey Kruse, P.C., a Michigan firm with offices in Troy, Grand Rapids and Flint, has been named a Best Lawyer in America, Super Lawyer, Leading Lawyer and is a member of the Leading Lawyers Advisory Board.

**Sr. Rosine Sobczak, OSF, '75** celebrated her Golden Jubilee in the Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania, Ohio, in June 27. ▶

## Michigan Chronicle names Women of Excellence

**T**he *Michigan Chronicle* named the following alumni and current and former faculty members the 2015 Women of Excellence for the way they "exemplify the stature, poise and grace that characterize the essence of womanhood, all while maintaining the delicate balance of filling the roles of helpmate, mother, teacher and professional."

**Nadine Cook '88**, community relations consultant at St. John Providence

**Dr. Shawny DeBerry '96, '98**, deputy chief operating officer of the Wayne County Department of Public Service



**Deneen (Felton) Whitaker '94**, assistant director at UAW-Ford Benefits Department

**U. Renee' Hall '14**, deputy chief, Detroit Police Department

Former Professor of Sociology **Lyn Lewis**, chief executive officer and president of Lyn Lewis & Associates

**Dr. Cheryl (Casselberry) Munday**, UDM associate professor of Psychology and director of the Psychology Clinic



GET TO KNOW

## Zachary Bolton '07



Zachary Bolton creates a pen; woodworking is one of his many interests.

**F**rom running in the Boston Marathon to developing patent-worthy automotive inventions to visiting art museums, Zack Bolton '07 is a young man of diverse interests, skills and talents.

Raised in Belding, Mich., a town of 5,000 near Grand Rapids, Bolton chose to attend University of Detroit Mercy for several specific reasons—its athletic program, the reputation of its College of Engineering & Science, the size of the student body and its strong Catholic tradition.

"I ran track and cross country in high school and was looking for a university where I could compete in Division I athletics," he said. "At UDM, I continued racing as a 4-year letterman for track and field and cross country teams."

Bolton credits UDM with providing him an outstanding engineering education, but even more important, giving him the opportunity for a co-op assignment with Continental Automotive Systems, which led to his permanent position. Continental is an international company known for its research, development, production and

sales of automotive components ranging from door locks to tires to radar and camera sensors.

"As a co-op student with Continental for three years, I gained a wide variety of valuable experience and was fortunate enough to be one of the first co-op students to be sent on an international assignment at the firm's facility in Berlin," he said. "It was a huge benefit to me, working in a foreign language and problem-solving with multi-national teams."

Upon graduation with a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering, Continental hired Bolton as a mechanical designer for electric vehicle components. He then moved to software engineering for automated driving systems. Now, he works on advanced engineering focusing on autonomous driving and connectivity between

the car and the cloud. He is the proud recipient of a patent for his invention, REACT (Rear End Advanced Collision Technology), which is designed to increase safety and help prepare a driver for the impact of a rear-end collision.

When he's not on the job, Bolton enjoys woodworking, basketball, visiting art museums and spending time with his family and friends. He recently completed the Boston Marathon in under three hours. Bolton remains strongly committed to UDM, racing as an alumnus in steeple chase, serving on the Titan Athletic Club Board and the Alumni Board for the College of Engineering & Science, as well as attending numerous University events and providing financial support.

"You've got to be true to your school," Bolton explained. In his speech to the Class of 2015 at this year's commencement ceremony, he encouraged graduates to "mentor the youth, reach out on LinkedIn, give back to your respective colleges. Doing this will ensure the sustainable value of the product you and I all now have — a University of Detroit Mercy degree."

— By Rackeline Hoff

## GET TO KNOW

# Meredith (Lyons) Phillips '94, '97

**M**eredith Phillips '94, '97 believes education is one of the building blocks to prosperity. Her parents and grandparents — all college graduates — inspired her and her brother, William Lyons IV '01, '05, to seek higher education.

Phillips earned her bachelor's degree in software production and management then, to better understand the healthcare industry for which she worked, pursued a master's degree in health services administration. Being on the road frequently for her position as consultant for MedStat meant earning that master's degree was a little tricky. As program chair at the time, Associate Professor of Health Services Administration Mary Kelly, RSM, helped Phillips carve out a plan.

"Sr. Kelly would Fed-Ex lectures to me and allowed me to take exams on Saturday," Phillips said. "She is the reason that I was able to graduate."

To command greater knowledge of health care information technology and laws that govern it, Phillips is now pursuing a master's in jurisprudence in health care regulations, a prerequisite for the doctorate of law.

From her early years as a consultant, she advanced in jobs that took her across the country. She returned to Michigan in 2002 after working in health IT for eight years, managing projects related to HIPAA compliance.

In 2003, she was tapped by Henry Ford Health System to become its first chief privacy officer and in 2012, she was named chief information security officer. She is the only African-American woman in the United States to serve in both chief roles.

She leads five teams dedicated to a "culture of confidentiality" for HFHS and its affiliates. She also encourages her teams to give back to their communities.

"My mission is to help people. Even though I don't work directly with patients, I take care of them every day," she said. "By making electronic medical records safe from cyber attacks, I have a job that can save lives. If a record is hacked, that patient's health is in danger because the doctor or nurse could give the wrong treatment — that's what we safeguard against."

She also speaks to the public about cyber security and mentors young women interested in science, technology, engineering and math. She is passionate about providing opportunities for all students, especially women and minorities who are under-represented in STEM careers. Toward that end, she supports the Henry Ford Early College Learning Program as well as the Michigan Council of Women in Technology. She wants to ensure that children and teens have the mentors, programs and education to create a better future for themselves and their communities — it's just another way she is creating building blocks to prosperity for the next generation.

— By Liz Cezat



**Rosalie (Bidinger) Wood '72** recently published a children's book, "Monsters and Angels (Monsters in My Closet and Snow Angel)," through which she attempts to teach children that they can take their fears and questions to God and that God is always present.

## 1980s

**Renay (Hartway) Gagleard '88, '90, '09, '10** was named chief nursing officer of the Detroit Medical Center's Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital.

**Timothy Heller '80**, received his Master of Arts in Pastoral Theology from St. Meinrad School of Theology. He works

as a hospice and home health social worker and bereavement coordinator.

**Beth (Fisk) Gotthelf '85**, attorney, shareholder and director of innovation and external relations at Butzel Long, co-chaired the Gleaners Women's Power Breakfast in March.

**Sharon (Jamison) Griffin '87** was named a mortgage loan officer for the Vinings and Smyrna (Ga.) Financial Centers for Fifth-Third Bank.

UDM Trustee **Jim Holland '89** was named Ford Motor Company's vice president for Vehicle Component and Systems Engineering. ▶

**James E. LoCascio, D.D.S. '81** was selected by the National Consumer Advisory Board to be included on the America's Best Dentists registry for 2015.

**Larry Luteran '83** left his position as senior vice president of group sales and industry relations for Hilton Worldwide. He had been with the company for 31 years.

**Doug Maibach '88** is now chairman of the board of Barton Malow Enterprises. He also serves as executive vice president of Southfield (Mich.)-based Barton Malow Co.

**Ann (Weingarten) Rock '81** was appointed vice president of institutional advancement for the Grosse Pointe (Mich.) War Memorial Association.

**Michael Stevenson '86** retired from Headquarters, Naval Criminal Investigative Service after 23 years of service, which included case management across the country, including Washington, D.C., where he was assigned to the Counterterrorism Directorate.

**Eric Taylor '87** has rejoined the Atlanta, Ga. law firm Hunton & Williams LLP specializing in consumer and financial services class action litigation.

**Suzanne Wilhelm '86** was named dean of the Huether School of Business at the College of Saint Rose in Albany, NY.

## 1990s

**Jerry Attia '95** joined the Detroit-based architectural design and planning firm Rossetti.

**Mike Brosseau '96** was named president of Brose Group, an Auburn Hills-based Tier 1 global automotive supplier.

The Hon. **Suzanne Faunce '98** was elected Michigan's 37th District Court Judge. She was previously an assistant prosecuting attorney in Macomb County.

The Hon. **David Feichtner Jr. '94, '96** was named Springfield Township, Mich., fire chief. He was previously director of operations for Clinical Services at Medstar Ambulance.

**Raymond Kostrzewa '91** was appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to the 60th District Court bench in Muskegon County.

**Marci (Townes) Mason '95** recently released the book "Beyond the Pain: 10 Life Lessons on Love, Life & Letting Go," which takes readers on a journey of her changes in the hope that her life experiences can be an inspiration to others.

**Timothy McCabe S.J. '93** was ordained to the priesthood in June in the U.S. and Canadian Jesuits' largest ordination in 15 years.

**Curtis Mistele '93** has joined the Troy, Mich., law firm Dean & Fulkerson as a partner.

**Jennifer Masengarb '96**, director of Interpretation and Research for the Chicago Architecture Foundation, was named the 2015 Distinguished Alumni from the University of Virginia's School of Architecture.

**Christopher J. May '96** was named vice president and chief financial officer of Michigan-based automotive supplier American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings Inc.

**Stephen Meraw, D.D.S. '95** was recently elected president of the Michigan Periodontal Association. He recently completed his term as president of the Detroit District Dental Society.

**John Michrina '93, '00** was named deputy city administrator in Southfield, Mich.

The Hon. **Christopher M. Murray '90** has been named president of the Michigan

Board of Law Examiners by the Michigan Supreme Court. He was chief judge pro tem on the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Certified public accountant **Ramona Pearson '98** opened a firm called Health Wealthy Wise in Huntington Woods, Mich.

**Meredith Phillips '94, '97**, chief information privacy and security officer for Henry Ford Health System, has been elected the 2015-16 vice chair for the Michigan Healthcare CyberSecurity Council.

**Meghan (Kennedy) Riordan '90** joined Dean & Fulkerson in Troy, Mich., as a shareholder. Previously, she was at Kerr Russell in Detroit.

**David Rock '95** joined the accounting and consulting firm Grant Thornton as principal for its corporate advisory & restructuring services.

**Ericka Roberts '98** received the University of Georgia's President's Fulfilling the Dream Award for her work that promotes equality for the LGBT ▶

**A new online look**

Have you heard? Our Alumni Online Community is now more user friendly. The website is home to the alumni event calendar, event registration, an alumni directory, a comprehensive benefit listing and much more.

This month, we debut our new site, designed to work better with your tablets and mobile phones. You'll find a fresh look and feel and a responsive template, which allows mobile and tablet visitors to view the site easier and with the same functionality as a standard desktop visitor. The new design allows the University to better communicate University and alumni news to alumni, parents and friends. Visit [community.udmercy.edu](http://community.udmercy.edu) and join the Community today!

# CLASS NOTES

community. She is an academic adviser in the university's honors program.

**Nancy (Komer) Stone '94** has opened a law firm in Franklin, Mich., with her aunt, Harriet (Band) Rotter '71, '75, specializing in matrimonial law.

**Ed Tolentino '97** has been named an assistant volleyball coach at the University of Connecticut.

## 2000s

**Kevin DeGroot '04** opened the North Center Brewing Company in Northville, Mich., which features its own brand of craft beers.

**Meagan (Villerot) Hill '08** has joined the transaction management team of PlanteMoran CRESA, a real estate consulting firm in Southfield, Mich.

**Steven Jacobs '05** joined the Michigan real estate law firm of Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. as a litigation manager.

**Kevin Kijewski '03** was appointed superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Denver.

**Robert Lindsay '03**, an algebra teacher at Sterling Heights High School, was named one of three Teachers of the Year by the Warren (Mich.) Consolidated School District.

**Matthew Lonier D.D.S. '08** has joined the team at North Central Family Dentistry in Phoenix, Ariz.

**Laura (Westphal) Matter '03** has been named a principal at the Michigan architecture, engineering and planning firm SmithGroupJJR.

**Sam McCrimmon '08** was named vice president of advancement at the University of Toledo.

**Megan Messmer '04** appeared in an episode of the FX Network's comedy series "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."

**Brett Miller '05** has joined the Detroit office of Butzel Long.

**Martha Moline '03, '07** has opened Phoenix Therapy Services, a private practice offering mental health services in Novi.

**Taleen Najarian '04, '07** joined Integrated Health Systems, a medical clinic in Birmingham, Mich., to lead the physical therapy and performance body composition practice.

**Lana Panagoulia '05**, owner of Lana Panagoulia Law PLLC in Ann Arbor, Mich., was named president of the Washtenaw Association of Justice, formerly the Washtenaw Association of Trial Lawyers.

**Paul Poles '09** joined the Michigan law firm of Fabrizio & Brook.

**Sara (Stasys) Rubino '08** joined Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss in Southfield, Mich., as an associate in the firm's estate planning and probate practice group.

**Bradley Shepler '00** has been named an associate at the Bloomfield Hills, Mich., firm of Hubbell, Roth & Clark Inc.

**Lionel Sims '00** was appointed director of the Office of Labor Relations and Collective Bargaining in Washington, D.C.

## 2010s

Class of '15 graduates **Taylor McNeill, Alyssa Gietl, Danielle Frederick** and **Chelsea Meyers** received an honorable mention at the American Dental Hygienists Association's annual meeting for their research poster titled, "How to Diagnose Diabetes Through IL-8 and Glucose Levels Found in Saliva." ▶



## Travel to Ireland

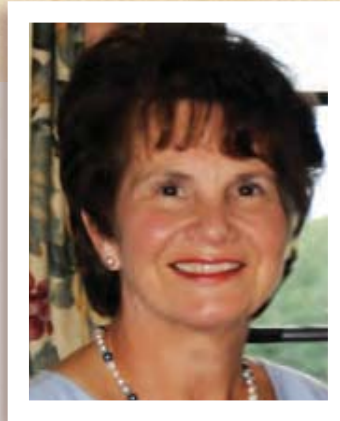
All alumni are invited to participate in the McAuley School of Nursing's 75th Anniversary with a trip to Mercy sites in London and Ireland that highlight the significant role of the Religious Sisters of Mercy in health care and nursing education.

The trip is scheduled May 23-31, 2016. For more information, contact Sr. Charlotte Young, RSM '67 at [cyoung@mercywmw.org](mailto:cyoung@mercywmw.org).

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin, Ireland, founded by the Sisters of Mercy.

## Working with Kenya's poorest

*Cathy (Koski) Schmitt '71, '76 was in Kenya recently, helping the Jesuits who work with the poorest residents there. She writes:*



Our journey has focused on three scourges in Africa: the plight of AIDS orphans and HIV-positive children, the stigma of being from Kibera (the largest slum in the world) and the fact that orphans from Kibera and those who are HIV-positive have no access to education.

Several entities in Nairobi addressing these issues have been started and run by or supported by the Jesuits.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School (350 students) is exclusively for AIDS orphans from Kibera, although the students themselves are not HIV positive. The school was physically located in Kibera when it first opened but now has a new facility about two miles away. The students we spoke to all feel an incredible degree of gratitude for the opportunity to be in a safe place with a chance of getting not only a high school education but college. We walked all through Kibera. An impactful experience but not one I long to repeat.

Many of the students have no family to take them in, so the Jesuits are paying the rent for them in Kibera. This is problematic in many ways as the girls become targets for abuse and violence. The students are a bigger target if they live together. If they live separately, they face isolation. The Jesuits have put a deposit on a piece of property where they are hoping to start building dorms later this year.

The AIDS orphanage is for children who are HIV positive. When it first opened they were losing one child per month. Now they have gone five years without a death.

The campus has a brand new lab for doing all the medical testing necessary for the children. They have also made it a social enterprise doing lab work for doctors and hospitals in the area, which helps support the orphanage.



**Christopher Boloven '12** joined Strobl & Sharp law firm in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

**Sydney Booth '14** opened Rushing Law PLC in Detroit, specializing in criminal defense and family, civil and real estate law.

**Brett Bullard, D.D.S. '13** has joined Goldstein Dental Group, PLLC in Novi, Mich.

**Daniel Conrad '15** received Canada's 2015 Governor General's Silver Medal, given to an outstanding graduating honors student on the basis of academic performance. Conrad graduated from the Canadian & American Dual Juris Doctor Program, a joint program of the University of Windsor and UDM.

**Rachel Edgett '13**, a nurse in the intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, was named a Rising Star in StarMedia's 2015 Salute to Nurses.

The American Institute of Architects named **Elizabeth Grabowski '14** a recipient of a 2015 Jason Pettigrew Memorial ARE Scholarship. She is a Challenge Detroit Fellow with Mosher Dolan, Inc., a boutique construction management firm based in Royal Oak, Mich.

**Daniel Hurlbert '10**, manager of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Veterans Program, received a 2014 Leadership Recognition Award from Ohio's 20 Under 40 Program, which recognizes the top 20 young, dynamic leaders in northwest Ohio and southwest Michigan.

**Roshene Kemp '11** joined the New York City law firm of McGlinchey Stafford PLLC, where her practice includes consumer finance, lender liability and creditors' rights. ▶

**Christina Nasser '10** has joined the Detroit law office of Butzel Long focusing on automotive-litigation and insurance defense litigation.

**Maj. Steve Power '12**, a U.S. Army Operational Test Command's Maneuver Support and Sustainment Test Directorate, has been selected as the 2015 Military Tester of the Year by the National Defense Industrial Association.

**Shannon (Snee) Sacca '10** recently joined the Pittsburgh law firm of Strassburger McKenna Gutnick and Gefsky as an associate.

**Lise (Surya) Spresser '10** has joined the Birmingham, Mich. law offices of Lippitt O'Keefe Gornbein PLLC in the firm's family practice group.

**Michael Smith '13** was named a Wayne State University Revitalization Fellow, a cohort of mid-level career leaders stimulating progress within Detroit's civic, community and economic development landscape. He will be part of a rigorous two-year leadership development program while serving at organizations working to further key programs and projects in and around Detroit.

**Benjamin Underwood, D.D.S. '15** was honored by the Delta Dental Foundation with its prestigious Student Leadership Award.

**Abril Valdes '13** joined the Troy, Mich., law firm Clement and Hurst, PLC as an associate attorney. Valdes focuses her practice in the areas of immigration, family law and criminal defense. ♦

## Find us on social media

The Alumni Association manages two social media accounts: Facebook (University of Detroit Mercy Alumni Association) and LinkedIn (University of Detroit Mercy Alumni Association). We post event updates, networking tips, University news, etc. In addition, in collaboration with the Career Education Center, Admissions and Marketing, the Office of Alumni Relations leads the University page on LinkedIn. We create the calendar and post news regularly throughout the year. Several other ways to connect with the University on social media are listed below. Follow us on the one that best suits your interests.

### Facebook

- UDM (main): [facebook.com/udmercy](https://facebook.com/udmercy)
- School of Dentistry: [facebook.com/UDMDental](https://facebook.com/UDMDental)
- CLAE: [facebook.com/udmclae](https://facebook.com/udmclae)
- CHP: [facebook.com/udmchp](https://facebook.com/udmchp)
- Alumni Association: [facebook.com/udmalum](https://facebook.com/udmalum)
- School of Law: [facebook.com/udmlawschool](https://facebook.com/udmlawschool)
- Institute for Leadership and Service: [facebook.com/udminstitute](https://facebook.com/udminstitute)
- Freshmen: [facebook.com/UDMFresh](https://facebook.com/UDMFresh)
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- HIM: [facebook.com/UDM.HIM](https://facebook.com/UDM.HIM)
- Fitness Center: [facebook.com/UDMFitnessCenter](https://facebook.com/UDMFitnessCenter)
- Master of Community Development: [facebook.com/MCD.UDM](https://facebook.com/MCD.UDM)
- Detroit Titans Athletics: [facebook.com/UDMTitans](https://facebook.com/UDMTitans)

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- UDM (main): @UDMDetroit
- Career Center: @UDMCEC
- ITS: @udm\_its
- CLAE: @UDMCLAE
- Track & Field: @DetroitTitanTnF
- Titans (Athletics): @detroittitans
- Coach Bernard Scott (women's b-ball coach): @UDMCoachScott
- School of Law: @UDMLaw
- University Ministry: @UDMMinistry
- Men's Basketball: @DetroitMBB
- Fitness Center: UDMFitnessCenter
- Philosophy Program: @udmphilosophy
- UDM Libraries: @UDM\_Libraries
- Admissions: @Titans\_Tweet
- REBUILD program: @reBUILD313
- Chem Club: @UDMChemClub
- School of Dentistry: @UDMDental

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Class 2015  
"University of  
Detroit Mercy  
here I come!"

# CLASS NOTES



## You're invited!

Connect with other alumni and friends of University of Detroit Mercy at alumni events all year long.



1. In August, alumni went out to the ball game and saw the Detroit Tigers beat the Texas Rangers.
2. William Lyons IV '01, '05, left and Christian Williams '13 attend the reception for African-American alumni in February.
3. From left, Linda Small, Marylol Karbowski '53 and Bridget Johnson RSM at the Spirit of UDM honors in April.
4. Young alumni, from left, Emily (Cochran) Kontos '09, Shannon Owens '12, Natalie (Cochran) Klinkhammer '12 and Stacy Johnson '09, '12 at the Titan 10 event in June.
5. Mark '84 and Bridget '07 Bealin with Daniel Dixon S.J., at the Oakland County alumni gathering in July.



See more photographs and sign up for alumni events at [community.udmercy.edu](http://community.udmercy.edu). We hope to see you soon!

# In MEMORIAM

## 1930s

Eugene R. Andrie '36  
Richard E. Heizmann '39

## 1940s

Eleanor (Giffin) Ceru '40  
Clifford Cronin '49  
James M. Crowner '48  
Lois K. (Kastner) Diehl '48  
The Hon. Charles S. Farmer '47  
James E. Hampton '49  
Patricia (Powers) Harrig '48  
Robert B. Jones '47, '52  
Eileen M. (Ennest) King '46  
Frank R. Kruse '49  
Ruth E. (Romer) Kuk '46  
George M. Kurajian '48, '63  
Alphonse G. Lebert '48  
Paul W. McCurdy '49  
Shirley (Schaefer) Merlo '47  
Mary (Hanley) Offer '48  
Mary V. Pastotnik, RSM '49  
James F. Peters, Sr. '42  
Gerald S. Redoutey '49  
Robert L. Roeser, D.D.S. '46  
Nathan J. Rubin, D.D.S. '47  
Dolores R. (Marinkiewicz) Ryan '44  
Emily (Schneider) Saracino '42  
Bernard A. Schlaff '44  
Raymond E. Schmoke '40, '46  
Calvin J. Worrel '48

## 1950s

Lillian (Kaltz) Altermatt '57  
Paul A. Archer '58  
Frank B. Audette '50  
Robert J. Berry '58  
Augusto E. Bini '54  
Janis A. Blackburn '55  
Olga (Karpinka) Bocanewich '52  
John H. Bonnell '55  
Donald J. Broderick '56, '59  
James G. Brown '51, '57  
Patricia (Davis) Brown '50  
David F. Byrne '55  
Michael R. Capo '51, '55  
Charles J. Cerutti '55  
Walter E. Chapelle '59  
Richard J. Cunningham '50  
William P. Daniel '58  
Edward G. Dawson Jr. '52  
Leonard H. Demaght '59  
Rita (Romanski) Ellis '54  
William J. English '58  
Roy A. Eugenio, D.D.S. '56  
Robert J. Flavin '57

S. Gerald Gorcyca '56, '59  
Terese M. Gostomski '57  
Joan (Stack) Griffis '57  
Marilyn A. Gruber '50  
James E. Haas '51, '53  
Frank G. Heidenfelder '51  
Bernard J. Henehan '53, '63  
Norris A. Host '52  
Mary (Walsh) James '51  
Elaine (Kirchner) Johnson '52  
Norman M. Kadow '58, '63  
William J. Kasip '55  
Joseph L. Kaskon '52  
Maryl (Mahar) Karbowski '53  
Michael J. Keegan '51  
Kenneth S. Keith '52  
Patricia (Connors) Kinville '58  
Robert F. Kolhoff '52  
Paul C. Lamarre '51  
Barbara (Mitchell) Lanahan '56  
Donald R. Lapworth '51  
Rosemary E. Latchney '52  
John R. Levee '58  
Robert J. Light '51  
Arthur S. Ludwig, Jr. '57  
Francis J. Markey '51  
Charles R. McClear '51  
John W. McGraw '58  
Jere E. McDonald '57  
Philip P. Minko '54  
Stephanie J. Mueller, IHM '55  
Albin J. Niemiec '52  
Bruce E. Otto '51  
Alfred M. Paoletti '57  
Robert J. Price '58, '63  
Willard M. Reagan '52  
Frederick M. Reetz '58  
John R. Regis '56, '62  
James E. Robb D.D.S. '53, '59  
Israel Saginaw, D.D.S. '50  
Charles P. Shaughnessy '56  
Eugene A. Sikora '55, '64  
Joan M. (Miney) Silvera '51  
Maj. John H. Slewin '54  
Elizabeth H. Steltenpohl '52, '55  
Marjorie (Petit) Sullivan '53  
Robert F. Testin '58  
Phyllis A. Thiede '54  
John V. Toter '54  
Robert J. Totte '50  
Geneale J. Turner Jr. '56, '62  
Gerald F. Weber '56  
Edward R. Wendt Jr. '51  
Aloysius G. Weimer Jr. '58  
Thomas R. Williams '50  
Hugh K. Wolf '53  
Frank W. Worrell '51

Norman Zemke '56

Mary R. Zitka '55

## 1960s

James S. Albensi '66  
John E. Benecki '60  
John T. Berent '61  
Anthony V. Bertolino '61  
Christine B. Brown '69  
J. Thomas Carroll Jr. '67  
The Hon. Harland R. Caswell '61, '62  
Mary (Barnes) Corcoran '65  
Thomas K. Coyne '66, '79  
Charles A. DeBeau '62, '65  
Victoria A. Dixon, O.S.F. '67  
Richard L. Balent '60  
Frank P. DeBenedictus '63  
William E. Drake '66  
Joan (Davidovicz) Faber '62  
Mary Evarista Golen, FSSJ '65  
John D. Grant '68  
Patrick J. Haley '67  
Donald B. Hawes, D.D.S. '66  
Robert J. Kaysen '67  
Rev. Lawrence A. Kelleher '61  
Terence K. Kilbride '63  
Dennis W. Kohloff '69  
Al F. Laethem '60, '63  
Mary (Navarre) Lawrence '65  
John E. Lobbia '64  
Pamela L. Manteuffel '67  
James M. Marks '60  
Mary E. (Schulte) Marzolf '62  
Gary E. McClellan '64  
Loretta Mellon, OP '68  
John J. Ment '67  
David S. Moyes '60  
Joseph J. Opron, D.D.S. '60  
Martin F. Piccinni, D.D.S. '60  
Robert E. Quinnan '62  
Maurice G. Sauriol '68  
John D. Scanlon '62  
Anton F. Schreiner '61, '63  
G. Diane (Kuecken) Shafer '65  
John C. Stackpoole '61  
Gordon L. Stewart '69  
Kenneth P. Waichunas '65  
L. Julia (Moodrey) Woodbury '62  
Dorinda E. Young '65  
Joseph D. Zeleznik '66

## 1970s

Charlyn (Spindler) Agnew '77  
James J. Belanger '75  
Nancy (Swiderski) Cole '78  
Geraldine Dvonch '76  
Elaine P. (Jensen) Ebner '77



Melvin A Farr Sr. '73  
 James A. Flavin '70  
 Clarence J. Ganheart '72  
 Irene A. Gough '74  
 Egbert C. Henry '72  
 Pauline (Martin) Headley '79  
 Br. David L. Henderson, S.J. '75  
 John D. Hromi, '71  
 Lucia T. Huczek '74  
 Michael J. Hunyady '73  
 Donald W. Jensen '70  
 Sonya (Lewis) Johnson '78  
 Margaret W. Killough '79  
 Thaddeus J. Kuszmar '77  
 Rosalee (Adams) Livingston '73  
 Anthony M. Mockalski '75  
 Vincent D. Mulroy '71  
 Frederick A. Nagher '70  
 Charlotte Pozniak '79  
 Sharron Rowe '74  
 Capt. Joseph L. Scorsona '73  
 John P. Shannon Jr., '70  
 Robert L. Sheldon '75  
 Thomas C. Shumaker '72  
 Kenneth A. Stumpf '73  
 David F. Thompson '74  
 Kathleen A. (Fisher) Williams '71  
 Roy A. Williams '77

### 1980s

Robbie (Tate) Amos '84  
 Gertrude Babcock '82  
 Charles O. Borrusch '87  
 Wanda (Smithhart) Cady '83  
 Jeffrey A. Case '82  
 John J. Dooley '80  
 Lula (Bennett) Hunt '88  
 Barbara A. Johns, IHM '80  
 Lauri J. Lentovich '85  
 Juanita M. (Mackie) McKinney '84  
 Alonzo Mitchell Jr. '81  
 Angela D. Odom '81  
 Emmanuel Raphael '84  
 Barbara (Kent) Ross '86

Raymond Shannon '83  
 Brian V. Sullivan '82, '86  
 David J. Szymanski '87  
 Daniel E. Warren '73  
 Patricia R. Williams '89, '02

### 1990s

Jonathan F. Corchis '93  
 Evor D. Dammar '90  
 Margaret DeGuvara '93  
 Steven N. Garmo '90  
 Yvonne M. Gastovigh '94  
 Eileen H. Hetu-O'Brien '91  
 Demetrius Moutzalias '93  
 Gabriel Orzame Jr. '94  
 Virginia R. Pitts '98  
 Lydia (Zalewski) Sanders '99  
 Leonard J. Schmitt '97  
 Everett Wilson III '93  
 Patricia O. Young '92

### 2000s

John H. Allison '02  
 Girish Babu '03  
 Brad Bowman '00  
 Carolyn Clark '01  
 Elaine Frinkley '09, '14  
 Derrick R. Nelson '07, '08  
 Jacqueline Y. Sullivan '00  
 Angela M. White '03

### 2010s

Dana R. (Bowman) Carter '11  
 Andrew M. Fisher '11, '14  
 Andrea D. Miller '11

### Faculty and Friends

**Nancy J. Bow '56, '59**, retired associate professor Physics at University of Detroit, passed away on Feb. 14, 2015.  
**Mary Canice Johnson, RSM '56**, former Board of Trustees member, passed away on May 12, 2015.  
**John E. Lobbia '64**, former Board of Trustees member and chair, died July 24, 2015.

# Keep up with your alma mater

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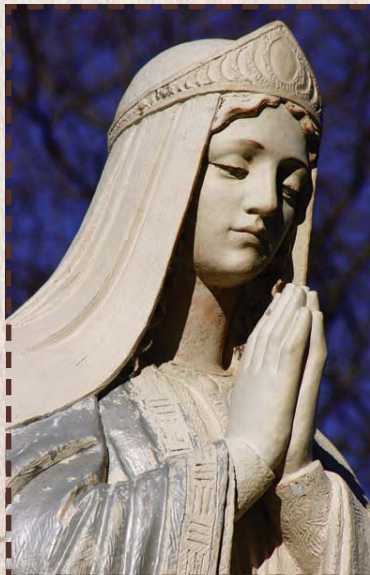
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You can also contact the Alumni Relations office at 888-UDM-GRAD (836-4723).



**The Feasts of All Souls and All Saints** call to mind our deceased family and friends. As members of a faith community, we invite you to submit the names of your departed loved ones so that we might join you in prayerful remembrance of them during our Masses throughout November. Please email the list of names to [UDMgrad@udmercy.edu](mailto:UDMgrad@udmercy.edu) or mail this form to: Alumni Relations, University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, Mich. 48221-3038.

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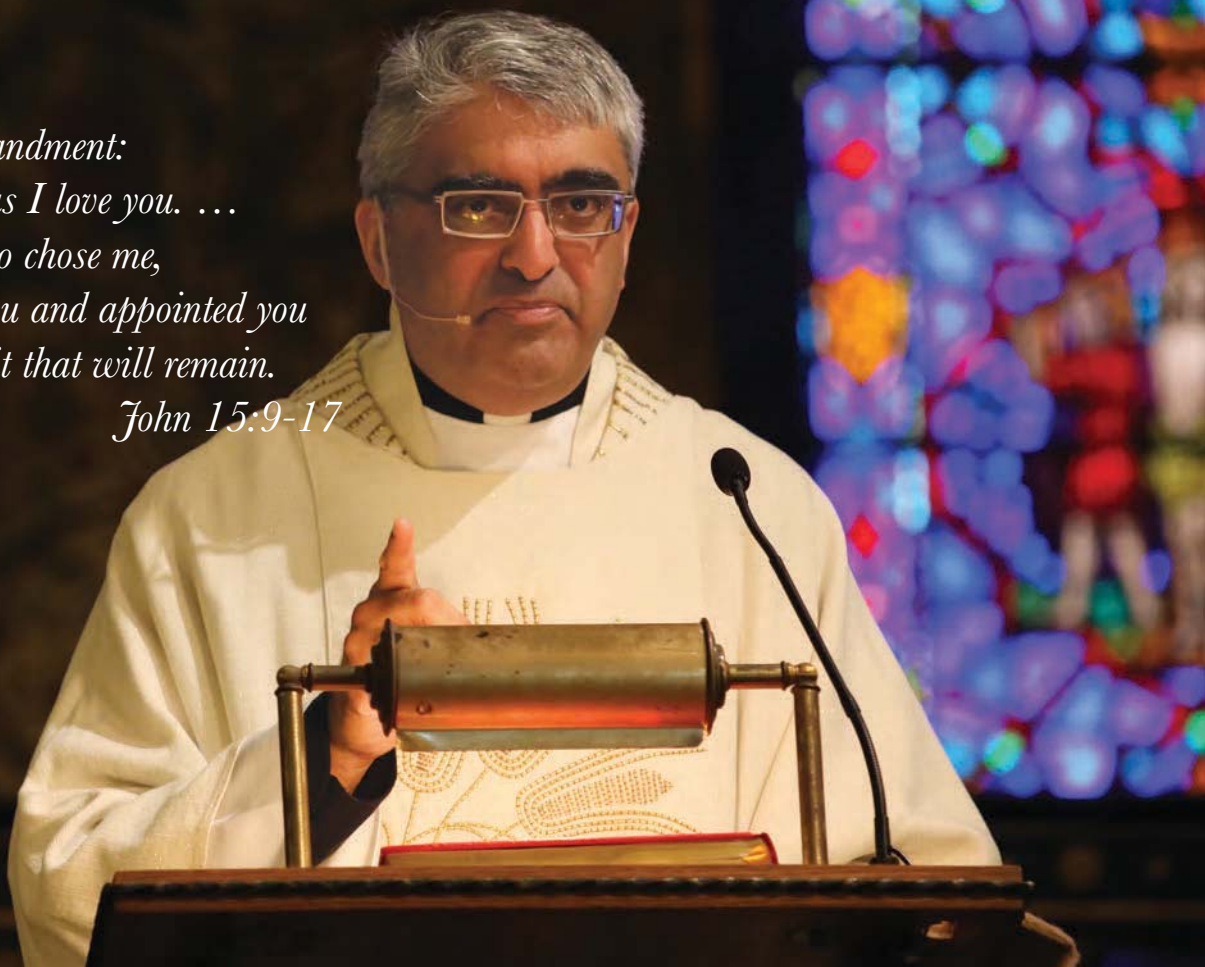
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*This is my commandment:  
Love one another as I love you. ...  
It was not you who chose me,  
but I who chose you and appointed you  
to go and bear fruit that will remain.*

*John 15:9-17*



## Love has everything to do with it

*This is an excerpt of the homily given by Associate Professor of Architecture Gilbert Sunghera, S.J., at the University of Detroit Mercy Baccalaureate Mass on May 9. To read the full homily, visit [udmercy.edu/spiritus/homily](http://udmercy.edu/spiritus/homily).*

### **W**hat does love have to do with it?

This must have been a question on the mind of Jesus' disciples; after all they had found the Messiah. Soon the bonds of oppression would be lifted; freedom was coming soon and very soon. This should sound familiar to you graduating students. No more exams, reports, projects or classes. For the disciples, the oppression of sin and Roman occupation were to be lifted, but Jesus keeps reminding his disciples to love as He loved. What does love have to do with it?

I am not purposefully trying to make a connection to the Tina Turner 1984 Billboard classic of the same name, but in it, she raises a provocative question: "Who needs a heart if a heart can be broken?" That is what I think concerns Jesus regarding his disciples. The world that they have known will drastically change. The One whom they love would soon be hanging on a cross. Without this active sense of love Jesus espouses, his disciples will not make it; they will remain locked in the upper room for fear of what will happen to them. He is telling his disciples to love, an active verb that requires practice, and when learned, leads one from despair to great things. With this active sense of love, their world and ours changes radically.

A few weeks ago, I gathered a group of graduating seniors and asked them what they thought these readings had to do with

their experience at UDM. One student noted that most of the students at UDM, including herself, have come from areas of conflict. A number of students and their families have escaped warring nations in the Middle East, the Balkans, Africa or Asia. Many have come from once-stable communities now ravaged by drug and human trafficking, cities and areas where urban or rural poverty have become systemic, families where addictive behaviors have wreaked havoc with normal familial relationships. She was struck that in the midst of this reality, students, faculty and staff still came together to help one another in profound ways. They did not lock themselves away; they did not hold back. That is what Jesus was hoping for his disciples and for us in the Gospel passage.

St. Ignatius always wanted his institutions to be in the heart of great cities, crossroads of great joys and sorrows. In the midst of civitas, the art of living as community, great things happen and, especially for Ignatius, one finds God.

The notion that the heart is separated from the head, found in much of modern education is a foreign duality for Jesuit and Mercy education: *Cura Personalis* — the care of the whole person — is at the root of Jesuit-Mercy Education.

What does love have to do with education? For the Religious Sisters of Mercy and the Jesuits, everything!

# HOMECOMING

FEBRUARY 13, 2016



## Calendar of Events

- Oct. 8**  
25th anniversary celebration for Sigma Theta Tau  
5 p.m., Detroit Golf Club
- Oct. 16**  
Law Review Fall Symposium  
9:30 a.m., Riverfront Campus
- Oct. 24**  
School of Law Alumni Reunion  
6 p.m., Riverfront Campus
- Nov. 6**  
American Dental Association Alumni Reception  
6 p.m.  
Marriott Marquis Hotel, Washington D.C.
- Nov. 19\***  
Titan 10 Networking Reception  
Detroit Golf Club
- Feb. 13, 2016\***  
Homecoming  
McNichols Campus
- Feb. 25**  
Dental Alumni and Pierre Fauchard Academy Reception  
5 p.m. Chicago Cultural Center, Chicago, Ill.
- March 16**  
McElroy Lecture on Law and Religion  
5 p.m., Riverfront Campus
- April 9\***  
School of Law  
Voice for Justice Auction
- April 13-16\***  
Michigan Dental Association Alumni Luncheon
- April 22**  
Spirit of UDM: Alumni Achievement Awards  
6 p.m., McNichols Campus
- April 29**  
School of Dentistry Alumni Day and Reunions  
7:30 a.m.  
Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, Mich.
- April 30**  
Alumni Association Board Service Activity  
8:30 a.m.  
McNichols Campus Area
- May 12**  
School of Law New Alumni Reception  
6:30 p.m.  
Detroit Yacht Club, Detroit
- May 13**  
School of Dentistry Commencement  
9:30 a.m., Calihan Hall  
School of Law Commencement  
5 p.m., Calihan Hall
- May 14**  
McNichols Campus Commencement  
1:30 p.m., Calihan Hall  
Class of 1966 Reunion  
4:30 p.m., McNichols Campus

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## 2015-16 Titans Basketball Home Schedule

### MEN'S

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 16	CENTRAL STATE	7 p.m.
Nov. 23	MICHIGAN-DEARBORN	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	NORTHEASTERN (DH)	3 p.m.
Dec. 9	TOLEDO (DH)	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 12	BOWLING GREEN	1 p.m.
Dec. 19	CENTRAL FLORIDA	1 p.m.
Jan. 2	YOUNGSTOWN STATE (DH)	3 p.m.
Jan. 4	CLEVELAND STATE (DH)	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 8	UIC	7 or 9 p.m.
Jan. 10	VALPARAISO	3 p.m.
Jan. 16	OAKLAND (DH)	3 p.m.
Jan. 29	NORTHERN KENTUCKY	7 p.m.
Jan. 31	WRIGHT STATE	1 p.m.
Feb. 11	GREEN BAY (DH)	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	MILWAUKEE (DH)	3 p.m.
March 5	HL Championship 1st Round	TBA
March 6	HL Championship Quarterfinals	TBA
March 7	HL Championship Semifinals	TBA
March 8	HL Championship	TBA

### WOMEN'S

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 5	LAWRENCE TECH (EXH)	7 p.m.
Nov. 13	BRADLEY	7 p.m.
Nov. 15	MICHIGAN	2 p.m.
Nov. 29	NIAGARA	Noon
Dec. 2	CINCINNATI	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	SALEM INTERNATIONAL (DH)	Noon
Dec. 9	IPFW (DH)	5 p.m.
Dec. 30	EASTERN MICHIGAN	7 p.m.
Jan. 2	YOUNGSTOWN STATE (DH)	Noon
Jan. 4	CLEVELAND STATE (DH)	5 p.m.
Jan. 14	WRIGHT STATE	7 p.m.
Jan. 16	NORTHERN KENTUCKY (DH)	Noon
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Feb. 11	UIC (DH)	5 p.m.
Feb. 13	VALPARAISO (DH)	Noon
March 3	GREEN BAY	7 p.m.
March 5	MILWAUKEE	1 p.m.

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# Welcome, Class of 2019



The 522 freshmen who entered University of Detroit Mercy this year were selected from an applicant pool of 4,456, the largest in recent history. The class is 61 percent female and its members come from 17 states and four countries. Catholic school graduates number 113, a jump of 47 percent over last year; 62 are athletes who have been recruited, and 52 have parents or grandparents who are UDM alumni. Their average GPA is 3.5 and average ACT score is 24; 11 were named valedictorians or salutatorians of their high schools. The most popular areas of study are accelerated programs in science, engineering, business and nursing, and the College of Liberal Arts & Education saw a significant increase over last year in new freshmen.