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Building on our success

New construction projects change how we look, teach

A welcoming entrance

On the cover: After years of planning, the University dedicated its new, more inviting entrance to the McNichols Campus. Construction began in October and was finished in early February.

In addition to a new gatehouse, designed to match the Spanish style of the McNichols Campus' original buildings, a graceful arch proclaims the name of the University.

The design helps traffic flow and improves security with license plate and University ID card readers. Landscaping of the new entrance will be completed later this spring.

The office of the Assistant to the President for Mission & Identity John Staudenmaier, S.J., overlooks the new entrance. Shortly after the Feb. 17 dedication, he wrote: "I have yet to tire watching University people driving through our lovely new gate. ... I like the way the gate's soft-curve arch frames the University's clock tower and makes ordinary automobiles look gracious."



An engineering marvel

Demolition began in early February in a section of the College of Engineering & Science's High Bay to make way for the innovative new Center for Automotive Systems Engineering Education.

Known as CASEE, the facility is designed to better reflect the College's philosophy of educating industry-ready engineers and leaders.

The University worked with representatives in the engineering community to determine what type of equipment would best suit teaching the engineers of tomorrow.

For example, Professor of Mechanical Engineering Mark Schumack received a \$50,000 grant from Denso North America Foundation for an Automotive Thermal System Test Bench to incorporate in the new CASEE laboratory. The test bench provides students a real-world, hands-on system to design and test the principles of thermodynamics, fluid mechanics, heat transfer and "noise, vibration and harshness." More than \$1.1 million has been raised for the new center from alumni and other sources.

The new facility is expected to be available for classes later this year.

If you're interested in donating to this project, contact Dennis Carlesso '90, '97, director of Development for the College of Engineering & Science, at carlesdm@udmercy.edu.





iNSPIRED to learn

"The world desperately needs leadership in science, engineering and mathematics."

That's what College of Engineering & Science Dean Gary Kuleck said when construction of the iNSPIRE Laboratory began in the Engineering Building late last year. It is a major upgrade of University lab facilities and will be used by all students.

The lab's name is an acronym for Innovative Space for Research and Exploration; it opened in March. Its design makes it a space for collaboration and strengthening bonds between students and their instructors.

The project is funded, in part, by the \$21-million ReBUILDetroit grant from the National Institutes of Health, awarded to a consortium of four Detroit schools, led by UDM. Other funding has come from alumni who have donated more than \$900,000 for the lab.

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A healthy expansion

Construction is expected to begin in April on the multi-million-dollar expansion of the Health Professions Building.

The ground level will include two new labs, each with 13 beds for practical lab work, four private exam rooms, a control room for the exam rooms and flexible classroom space for up to 50 students.

Renovations to the first floor will include a new, larger collaboration classroom, study area, gathering space and a vestibule in addition to storage space and new restrooms.

The project also will include software and hardware to allow for the latest technology for teaching and learning the health professions.

The entire project will add nearly 10,000 net square feet of space, allowing for expansion of all the Health Professions programs, many of which are at capacity.

"This expansion is an extraordinary investment in the very strong academic programs that we offer in CHP," said Dean of the College of Health Professions Christine Pacini '70, '74. "As such, it represents an opportunity to engage in further growth, especially for those programs that require substantive clinical laboratory instruction and simulated learning experiences."

If you're interested in donating to this project, contact Lauren Paton '09, '10, director of Development for the College of Health Professions, at lauren.paton@udmercy.edu.

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entrance from McNichols Road.

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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.

Please visit UDM on the web: udmercy.edu

A message from the president



Dear Alumni and Friends of UDM:

Over the past several months, I have had the pleasure of meeting with alumni individually and at receptions across the country and locally. As I listened to these successful graduates from the 1940s through the 1970s particularly, as well as the more recent 1990s through 2010s, from University of Detroit, Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy, they each expressed their deep affection for the University and the Jesuit and Mercy missions and sincere appreciation for the rewarding educational experience they received.

As I shared with them the latest news about our students, the University, and collaborative activities with the city of Detroit to hasten its revitalization and strengthen nearby neighborhoods, the facial and emotional reactions of our alumni demonstrated that they were still connected to their alma mater and they wanted to know more about the places where they had classes and studied.

You will notice in this issue that we have been making some construction and renovation investments to a few of those 90-year-old facilities on the McNichols Campus. In addition to our students benefitting academically from these state-of-the-art improvements, our faculty and the University will be able to expand specific academic programs and increase enrollment, which is trending very positively for the Fall 2016 freshman class.

After returning from some of the alumni meetings and receptions, I held my annual luncheon with a diverse group of 16 freshman students to hear about their first-year experiences, reasons for selecting the University and recommendations for improvement. It was remarkable to hear how similar the students' comments paralleled the positive messages from alumni. Alumni were effusive about their favorite classes and professors and the freshmen were animated as they spoke about their professors

"who are there for you," "easy to approach and contact," "know your first name" and "treat you like a human being." One student summarized it well: "I stopped by my professor's office and spent an hour with him one-on-one. You can only have that at a small university."

Our freshmen also echoed the alumni's deep affection for the mission of the University. A student who has already done two mission trips said: "I love the mission of the school. It is an oasis inside the city of Detroit and I want to be involved and improve the city. You cannot get out of doing community service here." The students also commented on the beauty and safety of the campus, which they believe is underestimated; how this is "home away from home" for some of the local students who live on or near the campus; and, most especially, that high-quality academic programming was the main reason for selecting UDM.

Despite generations apart, there is much similarity between you and our future alumni of the Classes of 2020 and 2021. They had many more enlightening comments that I look forward to sharing when I see you at receptions locally and in Boston, San Francisco and New York City. I will also give you a progress report on *The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy*, which many of you have already contributed to and whose goal is to keep the mission of UDM alive by providing financial assistance to more inspiring students like the freshmen mentioned in this letter and those you will read about in this edition of *Spiritus*. Thank you for your generous support of the University!

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.
President

This is UDM

University of Detroit Mercy is the sum of its stories. Here are just a few. For more, visit udmercy.edu.

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School of Architecture

Steven '74, '76 and Beth '74 Pagnotta have made a major donation to the SOA that will have long lasting effects on the School and its students.

The donation will be used to complete renovations to the facilities within the Warren Loranger Architecture Building on the McNichols Campus, adding state-of-the-art technology and creating a functional space for educating students. It is the culmination of a 20-year project to revamp the interior of the building. The Pagnottas have given \$570,000 in total to the project.

"This renovation project is a follow-up to a previous project we did on the second floor," said Dean of the School of Architecture Will Wittig, AIA, LEED, AP. "We want to do the same thing to the studio areas in the basement, allowing for more natural light, shared space for collaboration and small-group meetings and improvements to our workshop and lab areas."

Steven Pagnotta founded Bradford Real Estate Companies and develops properties primarily in the Chicago area and Beth Pagnotta had an impressive career in finance, and was the first female to become partner in the Chicago office of Peat Marwick.

As interim director of the Live6 Alliance, Lauren Hood '03, '12 is helping to make a difference in the area around the McNichols Campus. The alliance, supported by University of Detroit Mercy, The Kresge Foundation, the Detroit Corridor Initiative and the Detroit Economic Growth Corp., is working with residents and business owners in the district to model new ways to revitalize neighborhoods.

Hood, a graduate of the Master of Community Development program, grew up in Detroit and says her work with Live6 combines her love for Detroit with her passion to help it. For more information on the program and its future projects, visit live6detroit.org.

For more about the School of Architecture, visit architecture.udmercy.edu.

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Spreading the UDM mission, in small, but meaningful ways

On a chilly February day, members of University of Detroit Mercy's Chemistry Club were heating things up for a group of elementary students at Shrine Elementary in Royal Oak.

The UDM students brought chemicals, balloons, liquid nitrogen and pickles to demonstrate the joys of chemistry as part of the Catholic school's STEM Day, designed to excite Shrine students about studying science, technology, engineering and math.

Chem Club members made a huge foamy mess, showed students what happens when fresh flowers are immersed in liquid nitrogen and used electricity to light up a pickle, all to the kids' delight.

UDM's participation in the event was made possible by a unique program that provides funding in amounts of up to \$200 to allow faculty, staff and students to plan or participate in events—like Shrine's STEM Day—that help spread the University's mission as a Catholic, Mercy, Jesuit, urban and student-centered institution.

Associate Professor of English Rosemary Weatherston came up with the idea about

a decade ago, inspired by work being done by colleagues.

"Everywhere I looked I saw people doing extraordinary things," she said. "And I wanted to see if the University could do anything to help." Working with John Staudenmaier, S.J., assistant to the president for Mission & Identity, they developed the UDM Mission Micro Grant program.

Each year in October, Weatherston puts out the call to those who have an idea and might need a bit of funding to make it happen. She generally receives about 40 requests, of which 30 to 35 are funded. The requests are evaluated through a blind submission process by a committee that considers how the proposals further the University's mission.

"The grants I find most exciting are the ones that lead to unanticipated results and connections," Weatherston said. For example, Lara Wasner, the director of Language & Cultural Training, received a grant to conduct English as a Second Language training for the University's Writing and Tutoring Center's student tutors. Wasner



Chemistry Club members Roby Wong and Forrest Hosea delight students at Shrine Elementary in Royal Oak with chemistry experiments.



developed this training into a curriculum project with the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays program. Today, Train the Tutor: ESL workshops are available to educators across the United States on the website of the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations.

Associate Professors of Chemistry and Biochemistry Matthew Mio '97 and Kendra Evans received the micro grant to purchase the materials to take their chemistry road show to Shrine. The Chemistry Club tries to bring the excitement of chemistry to as many students in the community as it can, and the grant helps defray the cost of chemicals, equipment and travel.

The grant program has inspired not just faculty, but at least one other university, which has duplicated it on its campus.

Mio believes the program works because it is so individual: "We all know the mission of the school, but everyone interprets it differently. That's what makes a program like this so exciting and successful: There is not just one way to carry out our mission. There are many, and this program makes them all possible."

Other grants

"One of the joys is the sheer variety of the projects that have requested funding," says Weatherston, who facilitates the micro grant program. "It allows for experimentation and helps people do things that they're already committed to doing."

Since 2008, more than 180 micro grants have been given to faculty and staff for projects that exemplify the University's mission. Here are a few examples of proposals that were funded:

- The purchase of kits for UDM nursing students to offer foot care to poor and homeless people.
- Material support for a nutrition project serving homeless people.
- Honorarium support for speakers.
- The purchase of children's books for pediatric dental clinic patients.
- Social and career development events for students.
- Support for the Women's Prayer Group.
- Recycling bins and supplies for the campuses.

College of Business Administration

Planning is under way on several events to celebrate the centennial of the College

of Business Administration. Founded in 1916, the College is regarded as one of the top business schools in the Midwest and its undergraduate business management program is currently ranked No. 10 nationally by *U.S. News & World Report's Best Colleges 2016*.

Planning has begun for a gala celebration on Friday, Oct. 28, at the Westin Book Cadillac in Detroit. The celebration will also be the official grand opening of CBA's new initiative, the Center for Social Entrepreneurship. Two days later, on Sunday, Oct. 30, the College will present its Business Leadership Awards at the Detroit Golf Club. The College will also sponsor the annual Celebrate Spirit Mass in September and a UDM vs. Oakland University basketball game in 2017.

Look for more centennial events and information on the website, business.udmercy.edu.

More than 30 alumni returned for the CBA Alumni Week in March to speak with

undergraduate and MBA students in the classrooms, sharing expertise and insight about the business community. At the March 15 keynote event, students heard a discussion on social entrepreneurship by Lenora Hardy-Foster '88, '96, CEO & president of the Judson Center in Royal Oak, Mich. and Gabriella Santiago-Romero '15, founder of Livernois SOUP, an organization that helps support neighborhood projects. The event was moderated by Phil Cooke, S.J., director of the UDM Center for Social Entrepreneurship.

For more about the College of Business Administration, visit business.udmercy.edu.

College of Engineering & Science

The 84th Annual Slide Rule Dinner, the highlight of the year for College of Engineering & Science students, faculty and alumni, was also a celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Michigan Delta Chapter of Tau Beta Pi, the engineering honor society. Over the years, more than 1,800 UDM students were inducted into the chapter. Keynote speaker at the March event was Katelyn (McCutcheon) Shelley '10, '11, engine assembly process engineer for Ford Motor, who was named to *Forbes Magazine's* 30 Under 30 list for 2016. Honored as Engineering & Science All-Stars at the event were Zachary Bolton '07, Scott Douglass '06, '14, Amy Hamlin '09, Brandon Herzog '12, Mark Ottenbriet '70 and Thomas Stoltz '03.

Professor of Biology R. Gerard Albright, S.J., was honored

April 3 at a Mass and Open House in celebration of his 90th birthday. Fr. Albright became a full-time faculty member in 1960 and still serves the University after 55 years. Visit community.udmercy.edu for more about the event.

Students from Detroit Cristo Rey High School are participating in a dual enrollment program with the College of Engineering & Science. The 12 students are taking Fundamentals of Engineering Design and Computer Aided Design, earning UDM credit for their work. Assistant Dean Nassif Rayess, who teaches one of the two classes, said the goal of the partnership with the Catholic high school is driven by the mission to be connected with the city and its residents, to promote STEM education and to attract students to the University.

For more about the College of Engineering & Science, visit eng-sci.udmercy.edu.

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Helping first-generation students get the most out of college

The stories are eye-opening.

One student was surprised to discover, after she arrived on campus, that she was supposed to buy her textbooks. Another realized, once he started, that his high school didn't prepare him properly and he was worried he didn't belong at a university. Others talked of trouble navigating financial aid, approaching professors, developing studying habits or even decorating their dorm rooms.

What these students have in common is they all are first-generation college students, defined as students whose parents do not have a four-year college degree. While that may have been common several decades ago, today's first-generation college students face unique hurdles.

Mary-Catherine Harrison, associate professor of English and director of the Academic Exploration Program, heard a lot of these stories through her work as the chair of the University's Undergraduate Retention Committee.

"In my conversations with students, I found a lot of first-generation students experienced self-doubt or 'imposter syndrome,'" Harrison said. In hearing the stories, she found that it wasn't always simply the cost of an education that caused their stress. "Students often feel like they are all alone, but in fact, they are surrounded by other students who are also the first in their family to navigate the path to college. They are part of an incredibly strong community."

Harrison thought if she brought these students together with each other and with faculty and staff at the University who are first-gen college grads, they wouldn't feel so alone. So 1stGen@UDM was formed. Twice a month, the group holds lunches and coffee hours at which students discuss their concerns about the educational process, share tips on handling issues and listen to the stories of others.

Mirroring the national trend, one third of University of Detroit Mercy's freshman class are first-generation students. National figures also show that first-generation



students

students and faculty talk about their experiences. The advice was simple: If you need something, ask; the University has programming and resources for just about any issue that may arise. But the students who gave that advice also noted how scared they were to ask that first question.

At another 1stGen@UDM event, students noted how helpful it was to see faculty and staff at their events. "It makes the professors much less intimidating." One noted, "In high school, all I ever heard was, 'Your college professors aren't going to care...'" After her first semester she realized that, at least at UDM, that advice is not true.

The group also directs students to other programs on campus, including the Student Success Center and the TRiO Student Support Services program, which recently received a five-year, \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. These programs offer mentoring, tutoring, leadership development and more to increase graduation rates among first-gen students, low-income students and students with disabilities.

"What's good about this group," said nursing student Marco Iniguez, "is to know there are other people like me here."

To see videos of first-generation students and faculty and staff, visit udmercy.edu/firstgen.

students are more likely to be from low-income families and are more likely to leave college before they graduate.

At a recent lunch, 1stGen students watched videos in which UDM first-gen

Above: First Gen students Barbara Fama and Jamari Rowland listen to other students' advice at a meeting of 1stGen@UDM. Below: Associate Professor of English Mary-Catherine Harrison, second from left, chats with students.



College of Health Professions

A team of students and faculty from the Physician Assistant Program, the UDM School of Dentistry and Wayne State School of Medicine implemented a new program they created as part of the 2015 Interprofessional Leadership Program sponsored by the Physician Assistant Education Association.

The program is designed to help students in the health professions strengthen their knowledge, skills and attitudes toward health equity, advocacy and change management to promote interprofessional leadership on campuses and in communities. The focus was on oral health and students learned how to perform an interdisciplinary patient history and the proper techniques for head and neck exams and administer fluoride varnish to teeth. "Primary health is related to oral health," said PA Program Chair Amy Dereczyk, who helped spearhead the effort. Eventually, Dereczyk says all students in the UDM PA and Dentistry programs and the WSU School of Medicine will be trained in this technique.

Vanessa de la Cruz received the 2016 Martina Kuechle Nursing Scholarship, named for a longtime director of academic affairs for the College of Health Professions.

Kuechle began her career at the University in Undergraduate Admissions and served in several positions over 25 years at the University. Her last position was with the College of Health Professions, where she was recognized for her exceptional assistance to prospective students and her dedication to students and colleagues. She passed away in 2008. The scholarship was set up by her family and friends.

To contribute to the Martina Kuechle Nursing Scholarship, contact CHP Director of Development Lauren Paton '09, '10 at lauren.paton@udmercy.edu.

For more about the College of Health Professions, visit healthprofessions.udmercy.edu.

School of Dentistry

A day of learning and networking for School of Dentistry alumni

is planned for the annual Alumni Day and Class Reunions Friday, April 29, at The Townsend Hotel in Birmingham, Mich. Susan Calderbank, D.M.D., is the featured speaker, and will discuss the area of oral health and how it relates to cancer therapies. Caldwell is an associate professor of Oral Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine and operates a private practice in Pennsylvania.

After a day of continuing education on the topic of treating cancer patients, alumni from graduation years ending in 1 or 6 will have reunions beginning at 5:30 p.m.

To register, please visit dental.udmercy.edu/alumniday.

School of Dentistry is seeking alumni willing to mentor students for a program started in January. The intent of the new program is to connect students with someone already in the field as they pursue their career goals. To date, more than 40 students have been matched with alumni mentors. Demand is high, and more mentors are needed. Those interested in helping guide students can contact Director of Alumni Relations Kimberly Mercier at kimberly.mercier@udmercy.edu or 313-494-6694.

Continuing education classes are held year-round to provide innovative and timely continuing dental education. All courses are taught by UDMSOD faculty and other credentialed health-care professionals. For a list of upcoming courses, visit dental.udmercy.edu/ce.

For more about the School of Dentistry, visit dental.udmercy.edu.

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Deputy Detroit Mayor Isaiah McKinnon '75, '78 speaks at the recent *Law Review* symposium.

Law Review celebrates 100

In March, the legal community gathered at UDM's Riverfront Campus to discuss past, present and future issues of law facing the city of Detroit. It was a fitting theme for a symposium that was also created as a celebration of the 100th year of the University's student-run *Law Review*.

The *Monthly Law Review* was created in 1916 to fill a gap created when the *Detroit Legal News*—an important case law resource of the era—fell on hard times. The *Review* quickly became a vital vehicle, and not just because it was the only one, for making legal information widely available.

The *Review* was published under various names and at different frequencies of publication ever since, with the exception of a six-year gap during the depths of the Great Depression. Since 1966, when it was called the *Journal of Urban Law*, the *Review's* stated mission was to be "exploring the myriad problems that cities must contend with today and in the future." The editors sought to "investigate, expose,

propose and thereby improve" urban areas.

Today the *Review* has an online edition and its print editions come out four times a year, often in conjunction with symposiums on issues of interest not only to the legal community, but also the greater public.

Law student Katherine Ross was director and editor of the March 4 symposium that had as its keynote speaker Deputy Detroit Mayor Isaiah McKinnon '75, '78, with talks by UDM Board member Eugene A. Gargaro Jr. '67 and Hon. Gerald E. Rosen, former chief judge of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, who helped steer the city of Detroit through the largest municipal bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Ross follows in the footsteps of her parents, Bert '83 and the late Joanne (Fitzgerald) Ross '83, who met while working on the *Law Review*. Her father was editor in chief. She says the *Review's* role is to educate the public on legal debates

and controversies, while providing the law community and students the opportunity to become part of the national conversation on them.

"We try and foster a curiosity about the law," she said. "Aside from doing in-depth research about a topic of their choosing, *Law Review* members have to do the research necessary to learn about the three

or four articles they are going to be editing during the course of the year."

Students work closely with faculty members, to ensure that the quality and the reputation of the *Review* remain high. Working on the *Review* also provides leadership and learning opportunities for the students as they continue their journey toward becoming complete lawyers.



Other student publications

Dichotomy, a publication of the School of Architecture, "strives to be the critical link to the discourse on design, architecture, urbanism and community development." This hefty journal has been around on and off since 1979. It was revived in 2007 and is under the direction of Associate Professor of Architecture Noah Resnick and Assistant Professor of Architecture Tadd Heidgerken. While some students take the *Dichotomy* workshop as a course for credit, it is primarily the product of a volunteer staff. Each edition, and there have been 21, has a theme and solicits scholarly essays, artwork, poetry, photography, anything that has to do with the theme. Student editors select and edit what goes in each edition, as well as the themes, which have included "ugly" (probing the taboo sides of aesthetics), "odds" (finding critical links in places no one has looked before), and "rumspringa" (named for the year young Amish adults are allowed to explore the world before joining the faith permanently).

Dichotomy 22 will come out later this year; its theme is "creep." All editions are available online at dichotomy.arch.udmercy.edu.

[sic], the student arts journal, is a publication of the English Department and the

Dudley Randall Center for Print Culture since 1992. Its mission is to give "voice and vision to UDM's exceptionally creative student body." Students contribute to, edit, and design the publication, which features photography, fine art, poetry, fiction and prose. Contributors often work with peer editors and faculty advisors to revise their work, and the professional-level journal looks good in portfolios shown at job interviews and in applications for graduate school.

Back issues of *[sic]* are available online under Special Collections at research.udmercy.edu.

The Varsity News, the student-run newspaper, comes out every other week during the school year in a tabloid format. Now in its 97th year, the newspaper covers University-wide news, but with a primary focus on the McNichols Campus, where most of the undergraduates who work for it, attend classes. It also includes student viewpoints on national and international news, reviews and strong coverage of UDM sports teams. It is under the guidance of Tom Stanton, associate professor of Communication Studies.

It, too, is available online under Special Collections at research.udmercy.edu.

School of Law

The School of Law strengthened its brand identity with the name — Detroit Mercy Law — and a new brandline to go with it — Educating the Complete Lawyer. The change makes an important statement about the School's place in and connection to the city of Detroit. In addition, the new brandline stresses how the law school educates its law students. Dean Phyllis L. Crocker explains: "Educating the complete lawyer has many interrelated parts: mastering doctrine, hands-on learning from day one, international perspectives, ethics, professionalism and service to others. Our model of legal education encompasses the Jesuit and Mercy focus on rigorous intellectual inquiry and service to others."

James Dick '14, '15 was the first recipient of the Robert A. Warchuck Memorial Scholarship earlier this year. The scholarship is named for Detroit Mercy Law alumnus Robert A. Warchuck '15, who died unexpectedly last August, just a month after he graduated. Family, friends and professors created the scholarship as a tribute to the former U.S. Marine. Warchuck was remembered for his poise, his dedication and his skill. "When a graduate dies so recently after graduating, it is devastating for the law school community. We saw Robert grow and we knew his great potential to be a passionate lawyer," said School of Law Dean Phyllis L. Crocker.

Dick, a first-year law student, served with the U.S. Coast Guard, where he was given the Coast Guard Achievement Medal for outstanding leadership. To contribute to the scholarship, contact Chief Development Officer Tina Mangalick at mangalitm@udmercy.edu.

For more about the School of Law, visit law.udmercy.edu.

College of Liberal Arts & Education

In July, seven Detroit-area K-12 educators will travel to South America with six UDM professors and administrative personnel on a month-long trip to explore African contributions and contemporary issues in northeast Brazil. The trip is funded by a first-time grant of nearly \$85,000 from the U.S. Department of Education's Fulbright-Hays Group Project Abroad.

The collaborative learning experience includes reporting on scholarly research and obtaining information about historical and current practices and beliefs relating to Africans in Brazil. It is meant to shape perspectives and add new depth to classes and programs at the University and beyond, as participants use their experience to better educate students and others.

Grants totaling \$1.5 million were awarded to the counseling programming in CLAE. The U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration gave a \$780,000, three-year grant to teach students about substance addiction, how to assess for drug and alcohol abuse and how to coordinate treatment for those in need, said Professor of Counseling Nancy Calleja, project director. In addition, a \$703,000 grant from the U.S. Health Services and Resources Administration will be used to expand the number of professional counselors who work with at-risk and high-risk adolescents up to age 24. Finally, a \$50,000 grant from the Ethel and James Flinn Foundation will help build an evaluation tool for the Emotional Skills Building curriculum developed by Associate Professor of Counseling Sheri Pickover.

For more about the College of Liberal Arts & Education, visit liberalarts.udmercy.edu.

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Curtain call for David L. Regal



In 2013, UDM Professor of Performing Arts David L. Regal was watching the Tony Awards, the annual award ceremony honoring the best in the year of theatre. He was happy to see former student David Patrick Kelly '77 performing in a number from the blockbuster musical "Once." A little bit later, he saw another former student, Marcus Neville, performing with the cast of "Kinky Boots," which would go on to win the Best Musical Tony that evening.

Not long after that, the award for Best Revival of a Play was presented to "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf;" the show's producer Angelina Fiordilisi '81 accepted the statue.

"I see my former students on the Tonys regularly," Regal said. "But three in one night—I'm telling you, I was smiling the whole week after that."

In his 44-year career at UDM, Regal set many young people on a career path in

New to the University

Arnold D'Ambrosio has been named Vice President for University Advancement.

In this position, D'Ambrosio will be responsible for leading the University's development, alumni relations and communications programs.

He most recently held the position of vice president for Alumni Relations and Advancement at Northwood University in Midland, Mich. Prior to this position, he served as a development administrator at several health care institutions including The Beaumont Foundation in Royal Oak, Mich., Geisenger Health System Foundation in Dansville, Pa., and with the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

A native of Detroit, D'Ambrosio received a B.A. in Philosophy and History from Gannon University in Erie, Pa., and a B.A. in English with a secondary teaching certificate from Madonna University.

Jennifer L. Dean has been named dean of University Libraries and Instructional Technology.

Dean was most recently library director at Siena Heights University in Adrian, Mich. Her experience as a librarian and administrator spans more than 20 years, with positions at Saginaw Valley State University; Northland Library Cooperative, Alpena, Mich.; Harrison Community Library, Harrison, Mich.; Central Michigan University, Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; and Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. Her teaching experience includes graduate instruction in research methods utilizing a blended online/face-to-face format.

Dean earned a Bachelor of Music from Central Michigan University, a Master of Music and Performance Certificate in bassoon from Northwestern University and a Master of Library and Information Science from Wayne State University. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in higher, adult and lifelong education at Michigan State University.

Active in national and state professional organizations, Dean's research interests

the theatre onstage, backstage and in the front office. But he joined UDM almost by accident.

Regal came to Detroit from San Francisco in the mid 1960s after he was accepted in the master's program at Wayne State University's Hilberry Theatre Company. In 1968, when Detroit was wrestling with racial troubles, Regal directed a production of Eugene O'Neill's legendary "Emperor Jones," a play that explores racial issues as seen through the eyes of a former Pullman Porter who has named himself the leader of a small Caribbean island.

"I was asked if I could present it at the University of Detroit as a way we might start addressing some racial rifts," he said.

University officials liked him and his production so much they asked him to teach theatre under noted actor Sheppard Strudwick at the theatre at Marygrove. A few years later, Regal was offered the role of chair of the theatre department. "I accepted and 44 years after that, I retired."

In between there were highs and lows. The high points included an era when

The Theatre Company was the darling of Detroit-area theatre critics and twice won the American College Theatre Festival.

"I know this sounds arrogant, but we stopped entering after a couple of years," Regal said. The logistics of storing and transporting an entire production to a national competition could be daunting.

A second Golden Era was a decade or so when productions were done on the top floor of the Warren Loranger Architecture Building on the McNichols Campus. "We were doing solid work and selling out every night," he remembered. Later, the space was reclaimed for the School of Architecture and The Theatre Company has had a variety of locations for its productions ever since.

Today, the group embraces its collaboration with local theatres and this season has produced shows at venues in Ferndale and Detroit.

During his tenure at UDM, Regal also built a career as an actor and director at most of the professional theatres in southeast Michigan. At one point, he was simulta-

neously chair of the UDM theatre department and artistic director of Meadow Brook Theatre. He's also had a career in film that he jokes is most notable for being left on the cutting room floor. His latest role to be cut from a high-profile film was in the highly anticipated "Batman vs. Superman."

Today, the 72-year-old Regal is taking on the challenge of bringing to life legendary actor John Barrymore, which he will perform at a fundraiser to close out his UDM career: "I guess you could say it's my swan song," he said.

How would he like to be remembered? "I would hope that my students felt I made some contribution to what they're doing," he said. "In the big picture, I'd like the balance to be on the positive side."

Theatre lovers had a final opportunity to see David L. Regal perform the one-man show "Barrymore" by William Luce at a special event April 9. The event was a fundraiser for The Theatre Program Fund. To support this fund, contact Greg Grobis at gregory.grobis@udmercy.edu or 313-993-3269.

include organizational theory, leadership and communications.

UDM's Board of Trustees welcomes **Joseph G. Mueller, S.J.**, associate professor of Theology, Marquette University and **David Williams II '79, '82**, vice chancellor for University Affairs and Athletics, athletics director and professor of law, Vanderbilt University.

Fr. Mueller plays an essential role in Marquette University's mission, teaching ecclesiology and early Christian theology. Since 2008, he has worked as a member of the team representing the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops on the Faith and Order Commission of the National Council of Churches of Christ.

Williams, a native of Detroit, joins the board after receiving two degrees from the institution and teaching at the School of Law. In his position at Vanderbilt University, he guides all of the Athletics, Recreation, Intramural and Club Sports programs.



In 1957, University of Detroit senior LaSalle Mayes '58 presented portraits of the first 14 University presidents to the University. "Mayes reconstructed the faces and personalities from photographs, some of which were old and of poor quality," *The Varsity News* reported in its May 10 edition that year. The University called on Mayes over the next several decades whenever it needed a portrait of a new Jesuit president and in the end, he created 18 portraits in all. He died in 2004. In March, his six children, including his son Thomas, in the foreground, and their families gathered from across the country and visited the University to see the work, most of which they had never seen. The portraits hang in the Presidents Dining Room on the second floor of the Student Center on the McNichols Campus. Marie Henderson, RSM, has taken over the work and drawn portraits of all Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy presidents, in Mayes' original style.

ATHLETICS

Titans retire hoops legend Spencer Haywood's jersey

It was a special night at Calihan Hall on Friday, Jan. 29, as the Titans honored one of the greatest college players and NBA Hall of Famer Spencer Haywood by retiring his jersey.

Haywood's No. 45 will now hang from the rafters in historic Calihan Hall. He joins Bob Calihan '41, Dave DeBusschere '62, John Long '59, Rashad Phillips '00 and Terry Tyler '78 in this honor.

Haywood is a member of the Titan Hall of Fame and was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2015. His only year as a Titan, the 1968-69 season, is generally considered one of the greatest single-seasons ever in Titan basketball history. He still ranks first in scoring average (32.1), second in total points (771), rebounds (530) and free throws (195) and tied for second in total field goals (288).



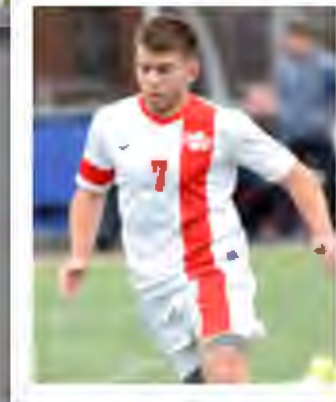
Women's Basketball's Pink Game raises \$3,000

The Titan women's basketball program hosted its annual Pink Game in February and raised more than \$3,000 to support the fight against cancer. It was the largest total raised for a Pink Game in the program's history.

Proceeds from the contest were donated to Gilda's Club Metro Detroit, a local organization based in Royal Oak that

offers support for everyone afflicted with cancer.

"The support for this year's Pink Game was overwhelming and we are very thankful to all who supported the Pink Game efforts," Associate Athletic Director Teri Kromrei '03 said. "We look forward to continuing our support of the Pink Game initiative in the future."



Briefly

It was a great start to the academic year for the UDM student-athletes.

The Titans posted a collective GPA of 3.21 during the first semester, with an impressive 243 student-athletes making the Athletic Director's Honor Roll by recording at least a 3.0 GPA during the fall semester. There were 115 Titans with a GPA of 3.5 or better and 25 posting a perfect 4.0.

Also, 16 of the Titans' 19 varsity teams registered a GPA of 3.0 or better, with men's golf leading the way with a 3.607 mark. Women's golf was right behind with a 3.550, while women's soccer tallied a 3.481.

For the second-straight season, sophomore forward Spiro Pliakos was voted National Soccer Coaches Association of America's All-Region, as he was named to the All-Great Lakes Region Third Team.

Pliakos' honor marks the fourth year in the past six seasons a Titan player has been named All-Region by the NSCAA. He was one of eight Horizon League men's soccer players named NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region this season.

Cross country runner Ben Kendell was named Co-Horizon League Fall Scholar Athlete of the Year. It is the first time the Horizon League named a fall scholar athlete of the season.

He holds a 4.0 GPA in Electrical Engineering and is a two-time member of the UDM Athletic Director's Honor Roll. He set career records in the 6k, 8k and 10k and was First Team All-Horizon League for the second straight year. He claimed second place at the Horizon League Championship with a time of 24:41, tied for the second-fastest 8k run by a Titan.

Mourning Titan legends



Football great John Conti '50 died in December 2015 at the age of 91. He played from 1946-49 and was inducted into the Titan Hall of Fame in 1984.

He was captain of the 1949 title team and earned United Press Honorable Mention All-American accolades in 1948. He was one of the biggest players in collegiate football at the time, standing at 6 feet, 1 inch and 300 pounds.

An award named for him is given every year to alumni of the University who have distinguished themselves after leaving the University.



Reginald Hall '79—known to many as Titan Reggie—also died in December; he was 58.

Hall was known for his passion for the red, white and blue, traveling to see his alma mater play any time he could. He could be heard in Calihan Hall even on the loudest game days and his smile brightened everyone's day.

Hall attended the University of Detroit from 1975-79 and graduated with a degree in communications. While at Detroit, he

was a walk-on with the baseball team, playing in 55 games as a designated hitter and first baseman and hitting .235 with 20 RBI.

A member of the media for more than 30 years, spending much of that time as a television sports producer, he was honored by metro Detroit media at a special ceremony during a UDM basketball game.



Titan Hall of Famer Ted Marchibroda died in January of this year at the age of 84.

A U of D legend on the gridiron, who went onto a great coaching career in the NFL, Marchibroda was inducted into the Titan Hall of Fame in 1983.

He led the nation in total offense as a quarterback with 1,813 yards passing in 1952. He also set the national single-game mark with 390 yards passing against Tulsa

that same year. He would leave the University holding 12 school passing records and was the No. 1 draft choice of Pittsburgh in 1952, as the Steelers selected him with the fifth overall pick.

IN Brief

Make plans for commencement

Alumni and friends of UDM are invited to welcome the newest alumni at commencements planned for the weekend of May 13-14.

Undergraduate and graduate: Saturday, May 14, at 1:30 p.m. at Calihan Hall. Speaker is Margaret Auer '65, former Dean of University Libraries and Instructional Technology. She has worked as a dean at the University for more than 30 years and for the University since 1961.

School of Dentistry: Friday, May 13, at 9:30 a.m. at Calihan Hall. The address will be given by Marko Vujicic, chief economist and vice president of the Health Policy Institute at the American Dental Association.

School of Law: Friday, May 13, at 6 p.m. at Calihan Hall. An honorary posthumous degree will be given to George J. Asher, for whom the Asher Law Clinic Center is named. The son of Syrian immigrants, Asher left high school after his parents died to support his family. After helping raise his brothers and sisters, he entered law school at UDM. He died in 1963 of complications of hemophilia, just months before finishing his degree. His brother Anthony, who was a first-year law student at the time, became a managing partner in the Southfield-based firm of Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton, P.C. Anthony Asher '65 made the generous gift to the University that helped purchase and renovate the building that houses the legal clinics. Anthony Asher will be commencement speaker.

For more information, visit udmercy.edu/commencement.

Summer camps offered for teens

The College of Engineering & Science, School of Architecture and College of Liberal Arts & Education will host several upcoming pre-college summer camps on a variety of topics. Students will be introduced to fundamental concepts of architectural design and digital media design in the Architectural Design and Digital Media Design camps, June 20-24.

In both the Michigan Council of Women in Technology's (MCWT) Camp Infinity, June 20-24, and STEPS Summer Program, July 11-22, young girls will be introduced to the world of engineering, technology, science and robotics. Students can also see how innovation and creative principles improve human life during the Design Thinking Summer Program, July 25 to Aug. 5.

Visit udmercy.edu/summer for more information and application deadlines.

On the web

Our alumni are making major gifts to the University to help today's students earn a UDM education. Read stories about why they give on our alumni webpage at community.udmercy.edu. You'll also find information on how to make donations of your own in honor of current and former faculty members.

For more information on giving, visit udmercy.edu/giving.

So They Said

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

“There’s a musical legacy in the Live6 district that is often overlooked. The Chessmate coffee shop was once here, a place where 1960s songwriters like Joni Mitchell and Neil Young played. The Locker Room Lounge, a neighborhood bar still open on Livernois, has hosted some of Detroit’s best R&B, funk, and soul musicians over the years. And Baker’s Keyboard Lounge, while not in the immediate vicinity of the Live6 footprint, is the self-proclaimed world’s oldest jazz club.”

ModelDmedia.com, about UDM-led efforts to revitalize the neighborhoods surrounding its McNichols Campus at Livernois and Six Mile

“With the ubiquitous presence of various modes of technology, learning isn’t confined to traditional classrooms anymore. It is an exciting time to be involved in the reimagining of what classrooms can be, and what role those informal spaces just outside the classroom door can play.”

Veronika Mogyorody '88, who received Canada’s prestigious 3M National Fellowship Award. She is a professor in the School of Creative Arts at the University of Windsor and leads the collaborative program between UW and UDM’s School of Architecture.

“The game was better than the ads. That should never be the case.”

Marketing Professor Mike Bernacchi, whose insights on February’s Superbowl XL advertising were widely quoted in the media. This year marks the 31st year he has invited college students from across metro Detroit to UDM to dissect the big game’s advertising. His blog, Under the Mike-roscope, a newsletter discussing “marketing and advertising’s bends, trends & ends,” is must reading for marketers. It turned 25 this year.

“I read these books back in 2012 (having two daughters is such an impetus!) right as I began teaching economics at Howard Community College (Maryland) as an adjunct professor. As I read them, I noticed there were a bunch of economics lessons that could be used to help bridge students’ understanding of economic concepts and theories, allowing them to make the connection between the abstract (book) to the concrete (real life).”

Jeffrey Cleveland '11, on his paper, “The Economics of The Hunger Games,” which he presented at the National Economics Teaching Association’s annual conference in 2015.



Worth looking into

Stories by Ron Bernas



Some universities focus on faculty research. At University of Detroit Mercy, faculty research becomes a way to educate and inspire students.

USM's Office for Sponsored Programs and Research Activities (OSPRA) supports and promotes research and other scholarly activities of faculty, staff and students through helping to obtain and administer external funding.

OSPRA Director Cate Caldwell says there is another goal of research at UDM: including undergraduate students in meaningful research projects.

"Because of our size, students and faculty have strong interactions, and that leads to student involvement in research projects," she said. "One of UDM's strengths is that we provide a lot of opportunities for our students to participate in research, from design to analysis. When students graduate, they can add published research to their resumes."

The projects are supported by University funding and through grants and contracts with other organizations and vary widely. Here is a look at a few research projects among many that are under way at UDM.

Every summer, a small room on the second floor of the Ford Life Sciences Building is overrun by crayfish.

Captured on Detroit's Belle Isle, the tiny crustaceans are the subject of research with unsettling results that lead to bigger questions about the health of streams and rivers as well as drinking water quality.

Watched over by Beyonce, a crayfish who is not part of the experiment, students study the response to odorants and eating patterns of the lobster-like creatures. The research, which has been part of Associate Professor of Biology Rachele Belanger's work at the University since 2011, looks at the effects of a particular herbicide on the ability of crayfish to respond to odorants.

... the most exciting part of the research is that much of it is done by undergraduate students.

CRAYFISH: The new canary in a coal mine



Crayfish live on the bottom of streams and rivers and are nocturnal, so without a lot of light, they must rely heavily on chemical signals, or odors, to find things like mates and food. Belanger studied crayfish prior to joining UDM and she currently examines an herbicide called Atrazine. Research has shown it leads male frogs to develop female gonads, effectively feminizing the males.

"Crayfish are a keystone species," Belanger said. "They are pivotal in the food web because they eat smaller things and they are prey to bigger fish. Birds and other land animals also feed on the creature, which makes them important to the terrestrial food web, too."

Atrazine is the most heavily used herbicide in the United States, though it has not been approved for use in the European Union

since 2003; Italy and Germany have not allowed its use since 1991. When used on farms, it washes into streams and rivers and comes into contact with animals, including crayfish.

Belanger's research has shown that environmentally relevant levels—meaning levels likely to be found in streams and rivers in the Midwest — of Atrazine can temporarily turn off the chemical receptor that helps crayfish locate food. This can contribute to a drop in the population of crayfish, which could create food shortages across the food web. This could also lead to ramifications in the commercial fishing industry.

There are potentially bigger issues: "This is our drinking water," Belanger said. "If it's not good for animals, it's not good for us."

The research, funded by the University, continues as Belanger



begins to look at new information that arises. Her work has shown that the effects of Atrazine take 12 to 15 days to wear off, and that's with a 96-hour exposure. Other research has shown that in the spring, crayfish can be exposed to high Atrazine levels for weeks at a time.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the research, Belanger said, is that much of it is done by undergraduate students. In one case, contributions were made by a high school student.

Students learn a great deal by doing this research, Belanger said, including formulating hypotheses, problem solving and creating methods, and writing papers that are submitted to peer-reviewed scholarly toxicology research journals.

"I was a pre-veterinary medicine student before I was introduced to this kind of research and I found that I liked it," Belanger said. "I wanted to be part of the medical profession, but I discovered there are other avenues that are not in the medical profession, but can help them. This is what I want the students to learn, too."

Tyler Peters '14 learned exactly that. As a biology major working under Belanger, he wrote large sections of two papers published about the effects of Atrazine on crayfish.

"I wanted to go into the medical profession," he said. "But in doing the research at UDM I had that 'ah-ha' moment that contributing to the literature could be an



Page 17: Tamia Waller is participating in UDM's ReBUILDetroit program, designed to increase the number of minorities in biomedical research. This page, top: Sana Khan takes data on a crayfish. Above: Student Noor Abraham and Associate Professor of Biology Rachelle Belanger examine the results of their research.

important contribution, too." He is now in graduate school working on his Ph.D. in biochemistry and molecular biology, inspired by Belanger and his work with her.

She is also now working with other professors in the Biology and Chemistry and Biochemistry departments to see why this chemical has this effect. She wants to look at whether the crayfish are absorbing the chemical and how it may be affecting their DNA.



Putting a human face on research

Research manifests itself in many ways at UDM, and an ongoing partnership between the Engineering Department and the McAuley School of Nursing that involves student research is itself the subject of research into teaching and student outcomes.

Students earning a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering spend their entire senior year working on a project designed and manufactured to help one person. It's a project that has been growing and developing each year since it started in 2007, funded mainly by the Kern Family Foundation.

"All university Engineering programs have capstone projects, and it's usually with a company that says, 'Here, we want you to redesign this product within these parameters,'" said Darrell Kleinke, associate professor of Mechanical Engineering, who oversees the capstone course. "But here, every year our projects begin with a clean sheet of paper. We never know what we're going to be asked to do."

Early in the fall semester, the teams of Engineering and Nursing students meet their clients who are selected from recommendations with the Detroit Veterans Administration, through the consultation of Associate Professor of Nursing Molly L. McClelland.

"These are real people with real needs," Kleinke said. "And that is what makes this so exciting year in and year out."

For instance, Mechanical Engineering student Elliott Fernandes is on a team working with a woman with Lupus who must often use a wheelchair or a walker. He is developing a motorized way for her to load her 52-pound wheelchair into the back of her car. The

students secured her car's exact make and model from a junkyard to ensure the device worked properly.

Another group is working on a device for a woman to attach to her walker that allows her to pick up small to midsized items such as her dog's food and water dishes or other items she may drop.

Previous results of this class have included a spoon to help those who have difficulty eating, a telescoping ramp for people to maneuver a wheelchair over stairs, and a pad that helps those with spinal cord injuries avoid bedsores.

What makes the project work so well, and is the subject of research papers by Kleinke and McClelland, is that the students are motivated by the client. That's why Kleinke came up with the title, "Faces on Design."

"It's not just a project," said Assistant Dean of Research and Outreach for the College of Engineering & Science Nasiff Rayess. "The motivation is not grades. It's for a client and a client has a face."

Another aspect that makes the project unique is the interdisciplinary nature of it. The teams include Mechanical Engineering students, Nursing students, and Biomedical Engineering students from Lawrence Technological Institute. McClelland, who is in charge of the nursing aspect of the project, says her students bring a unique perspective that helps in the development process.

"Nursing students are trained in talking to clients and assessing what their needs are," she said. "And they can be very helpful in the design process because they know what devices already exist, or why something couldn't be designed a particular way."

Nursing students also benefit, she said, because they see how engineers think and can develop an entrepreneurial mindset, which will benefit them and their patients.

Senior Engineering student Sarah Wickman, who is working on the lifting device for the walker, admits it might be a little harder to be motivated to work on a capstone project that didn't have such a payoff—especially because all the members of her team have secured jobs once they graduate in May.

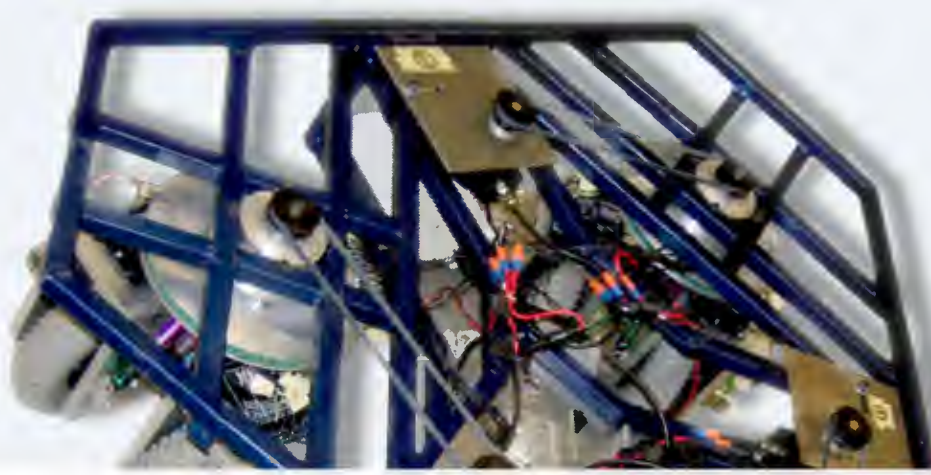
"It's so cool to see how giddy the client was when she saw what we were working on," she said. "This project helps us understand the whole process, from research to budget to development. It's a good end to our college career."

Kleinke and McClelland say the natural next step is to look to marketing some of the products, though that has been a tough step forward.

"There are some potential benefits because, though we build for one person, there are probably thousands of people who could benefit from what we discover," McClelland said. "That's the next step."

Previous page: Mechanical Engineering student Molly Laird fine tunes a stroller for a client who must use a wheelchair. Left: This team of Nursing and Engineering students designed a seat that reminds this disabled veteran to reposition himself regularly to avoid bedsores.





ROBOTS OF THE FUTURE

Controlling tomorrow's vehicles



Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Richard Hill is also the director of the Advanced Electric Vehicle Program

at UDM. For years, he has been working on an omnidirectional vehicle, with students providing major assistance.

His first high-mobility robotic vehicle, built through a grant from the U.S. Army Tank Automotive Research and Engineering Center, uses a unique geometry to go where it is needed, operated remotely by a videogame-style controller. The controller communicates wirelessly with a laptop that then operates the control algorithms that move the vehicle. He credits Assistant Dean of Research and Outreach for the College of Engineering & Science Nasiff Rayess with major contributions to getting the project off the ground.

The work, now funded by the University, is done mostly by graduate students and it's slow going, Hill admits.

"Students work on various aspects and we see what works and how we can refine it," he said. "They often find the work frustrating, because they don't know what the answer is, and I don't have it. We find things out together."

But, he says, that's what's so exciting about it.

"They get a lot out of working on this project," he said. "It's really hands on and they are directly responsible for everything. They learn about dealing with the ambiguity and the open-endedness of research. They'll spend a lot of time and hit a dead end, but these students also know the value of this type of work and of having a published research paper on their resume."

Hill is also working on a project that is developing a way to automatically generate software to control multiple robots cooperatively and, with Novi, Mich.-based MathWorks, which specializes on mathematical computing software, on developing tools for self-learning in the engineering curriculum.

YOUR HEALTH

Vitamin D and happiness

Sometimes research goes contrary to findings by others, which can be a valuable addition to the findings on any subject.

That is the case with research into Vitamin D levels and depression completed by Professor of Nursing Carla Groh and Associate Professor of Nursing Andrea Kwasky.

There is a wealth of research that links depression to low levels of Vitamin D, but when Groh and Kwasky looked into the link on a group of Nursing students, the results were not what they had expected.

In a study published in 2012, the two found that Vitamin D levels could not be used as a biomarker for depression in women aged 18-24.

"We were surprised at that," Groh said. In fact, the conclusion to the paper reads, "As with most studies of this nature, more questions are raised than answers provided. ... Future research will be needed to determine if

further implications related to assessing, diagnosing and treating depression exist and can be predicted based on Vitamin D levels."

So that's what the two did. In a second study, they took a longer look at the subjects, because Vitamin D levels vary according to the seasons, and to determine the relationship between self-efficacy coping skills and depression. They found that depression levels were generally low among the subjects, and that they were able to determine that the subjects practiced a wide array of coping skills.

The two say the next step is longer studies exploring the effects of intervention and more positive coping skills among the subjects.

Groh, who teaches research to Nursing students, said research informs how she teaches and what she teaches. Kwasky added that by talking about their research, students have a better understanding of the process, which helps them better evaluate and understand the results of research in their field.



Honoring the Spirit

ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEES ARE GROUNDBREAKERS, LEADERS, PHILANTHROPISTS

The Spirit of UDM: Alumni Achievement Award was created in 2014 to recognize graduates whose University of Detroit Mercy education set them on a path of distinction.

This year's honorees—one for each college or school—are leaders in their fields, and have set themselves apart in other ways, too, as mentors, philanthropists and innovators.

These seven people share their thoughts here about their Jesuit and Mercy education at UDM, and the life path to which it led.

To learn more about the honorees and see video and photographs of the April 22 awards ceremony, visit community.udmercy.edu/awards/achievement after the event.

Michael A. Carter, Sr. '72, '78

Managing Partner,
Pinnacle Construction Partners, LLC
College of Liberal Arts & Education



"My UDM education served as the springboard that allowed me to move from a trajectory of limited potential to unlimited opportunities and to support others on the same quest."

Eugene A. Gargaro, Jr. '67

Legal Counsel and Officer, Richard and Jane
Manoogian Foundation
School of Law



"Starting in November 1921, when my grandfather and lawyer John P. Scallen accompanied Father McNichols to purchase farm land at the corner of Livernois and McNichols on which one of the University's campuses is located, up through my law school career in the mid-60s and my current service on the Board of Trustees, the Gargaro and Scallen families count many UDM alumni among their ranks."

Richard M. Golden, D.D.S. '71

Dr. Golden Laser Dental
School of Dentistry



"The University of Detroit Mercy Dental School provided me the foundation that was critical for me to achieve great success in dentistry as a practitioner and dental innovator."

Henry A. Nickol '55

Retired Vice President & General Manager for
Vehicle Operations, North American Operations,
Ford Motor Company
College of Engineering & Science



"I was born and raised five blocks from the McNichols Campus and University of Detroit was part of my life. I received an outstanding engineering education, and the co-op program launched my career. The education I received there gave me a sense of accomplishment and financial security."

Phyllis E. Peters Look '51

Retired Director of Professional Standards,
Deloitte and Touche
College of Business Administration



"My U of D education has been the foundation for the rest of my life; it has been based on truth, integrity and a desire to always continue to learn."

Meredith Phillips '94, '97

Chief Information Privacy & Security Officer,
Henry Ford Health System
College of Health Professions



"My UDM education is the foundation that affords me the opportunity to do what I love every day. But most important, it helps me to inspire those who dare to dream beyond what their environment dictates. Anything is possible with a UDM education."

James H. Timberlake '74

Partner, KieranTimberlake
School of Architecture



"Coming to Detroit and UDM in 1970 provided an education unsurpassed in fulfilling a goal and dream, while fully developing and preparing a future architect, educator, and leader steeped in creativity, empathy and energy."

CLASSNOTES

1960s

Frank J. Catalano '64 was named to the 2016 edition of *Best Lawyers in America*. He was recognized for his work in copyright law and works for GableGotwals in Tulsa, Okla.

Mary Ellen Howard, RSM, '68 was keynote speaker at the October 2015, Angel of Mercy Awards Banquet sponsored by the National American Arab Nurses Association.

1970s

Frederick Fromm Jr. '76 joined Dykema as senior counsel in the firm's Detroit office. He was previously vice president and general counsel of GM International Operations.

Jim O'Sullivan '76, '86 has retired as CEO of Mazda's North American Operations. He had held that position since 2003.

Mark Wollenweber '70, '72 was appointed by Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder to serve on the Allen Park Receivership Transition Advisory Board, an organization charged with helping the city transition from receivership to local control.

Tania (Pratnicki) Young '77 was named one of the 100 Leading Women in the North American Auto Industry by *Automotive News* magazine. Young is head of the Dundee Engine Plant for Fiat Chrysler Automobiles, Chrysler, Powertrain.

1980s

Matt Cullen '83, president and CEO of Rock Ventures,

GET TO KNOW

Lenora Hardy-Foster '88, '96

The career didn't go exactly as Lenora Hardy-Foster had planned.

"I saw myself working for corporate America," said Hardy-Foster, who earned her accounting degree from University of Detroit Mercy. Then, feeling the University was the perfect fit, she returned for her Master of Business Administration.

She took a position with Southwest Solutions Inc. in Detroit, an organization dedicated to building a stronger and healthier community and offering programming in economic and human development and community engagement.

"Once I started working with an organization that helped people improve their quality of life, I knew that was my calling," she said.

Hardy-Foster recently left her position as executive director of Southwest Solutions to become president and CEO of the Royal Oak, Mich.-based Judson Center, a nonprofit that helps families impacted by abuse and neglect and mental health challenges. She started in March.

"My passion was really about helping people," she said. "I get a satisfaction knowing that I do something to help people."



Hardy-Foster held several positions in her 36 years with Southwest Solutions, but said, "I've always had a desire and aspired to become a CEO. I know that this role at the Judson Center is a great opportunity for me. I wanted to make sure that I had an opportunity to experience this role in my career. I feel this is the next chapter in my life."

Hardy-Foster said it was important for her to be involved with an organization that provided services to help the less fortunate

to move forward. Being able to make a difference in Detroit, said Hardy-Foster, made it even sweeter. Her relationship with the city was fostered by her education at UDM.

"I love the school," she said. "I had a lot of respect for my professors and all of the people I had a chance to meet and network with. There were a lot of people like me, working full-time jobs and going to school. She adds that her two degrees gave her the foundation to launch her career, with the MBA giving her a wide range of experience and teaching her to work with people in an effective way.

"No matter where I was, I would have wanted to be a part of helping people," she said. "I'm happy to say that I was part of Detroit and helping people in Detroit."

— Rebecca Wyatt Thomas

was honored by the Detroit Police Department and Detroit Fire Department in November with the City Change Maker Award.

Robert DiPilla, D.D.S. '89 expanded his practice with a new office in downtown Detroit. He also has offices in Birmingham, Mich., and New York City.

Tunishai A. Ford '81 recently published a motivational book titled, *This Isn't a Period in Your Life, It's a Comma*.

Beth S. Gotthelf '85, attorney, shareholder and director of innovation and external relations for the Detroit-based law firm Butzel Long, has been elected

president of the Michigan Israel Business Bridge.

Scott Lites '85 was appointed by Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder to serve on the Allen Park Receivership Transition Advisory Board, an organization charged with helping the city transition from receivership to local control. ▶

GET TO KNOW



Dave Stangis has carved out a career in an industry that didn't even exist when he attended University of Detroit.

As a student in biology and chemistry, Stangis had his first co-op with Ford Motor Company, where he received a strong education in occupational and environmental health and safety. It was an eye-opener, he said, and it put him on a path that led to his current position as vice president of public affairs and corporate responsibility at Campbell Soup Company. At Campbell, he leads the company's sustainability and corporate social responsibility strategies.

But before that, he had other positions that addressed issues of corporate responsibility, including one with Intel, where he filled a position that it took him almost two years to create. He worked with investors and concerned community members who wanted answers to concerns about safety of company practices and their potential effects on the health and safety of the community.

"These jobs didn't exist even a few years ago," he said. "But we live in an era of radical transparency. Consumers demand to know everything, not just about a company's products, but about how they are made and sourced so they can make value judgments about whether they want to support those companies."

This movement is good for everyone, he says, including the corporations that now willingly make this type of information available to the general public. It's driven by the politics of an educated younger generation and the easy availability of information through the Internet.

It's also a must in an era of social media, where one misstep can mean corporate embarrassment.

Stangis joined Campbell Soup because he wanted to work for a company that had an iconic family of brands and strong base upon which he could help establish a layer of corporate responsibility that could serve as a model for other businesses.

"This field is not about doing one thing at a time," he explained. "Corporate responsibility is a collection of strategies that are of benefit to society and to the business. These strategies can range from reducing the corporation's carbon footprint through efforts including sustainable agriculture and local sourcing."

At Campbell's, he said, a more recent strategic focus involves a move toward simpler ingredients, which has benefits for the consumer and the company. "And we talk about what we do, that's important. This is a long-term trend. Many people say they've lost the personal connection with their food and we want to help consumers make those choices that get them back closer to their food."

Stangis said he didn't realize it at the time, but his career in corporate responsibility began in business ethics courses at University of Detroit. "I was a science person and I took multiple ethics courses including business ethics. Fr. Gerald Cavanagh had a way of translating these complex business challenges in a way all people could understand. It's a great education."

— Ron Bernas

James Vella '89, president of the Ford Motor Company Fund and Community Services, was elected chairman of the Detroit Economic Growth Corp. and the Detroit Economic Growth Association board of directors.

1990s

Alex Block '96 was awarded the State of Illinois' John Wellborn Root Award for 2015 by the American Institute of Architects. The honor goes to architects licensed 10 years or less. He is a senior architect with Crawford, Murphy & Tilly in Springfield, Ill.

James Campbell, D.D.S. '94 has been selected by the National Consumer Advisory Board to the 2015 directory of America's Best Dentists. He was chosen based on training, experience and dedication to the field.

David P. Carney '93 is the new public works director of Sioux City, Iowa.

Laith Hermiz '96 has been promoted from executive vice president to chief operating officer at Agree Realty Corp in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

Lana A. Julien '96 was named referee of the Branch County (Mich.) Friend of the Court. She had served for 11 years as the judicial service officer for Macomb County Friend of the Court.

Don Kaupp '96 has joined the hospitality studio at Baskerville, an architecture firm in Richmond, Va. ▶

CLASS NOTES

FROM OUR ALUMNI



**Thanks, UDM,
for 'making it all happen'**

Walter E. and Mary Ann (Eicher) Dunne recently made a donation to the Jane and Walter O. Briggs Building renovation efforts. With their generous gift came a heartfelt letter, reprinted in part here.

To all the gifted and caring people of University of Detroit Mercy.

My name is Walter Dunne and I am a proud graduate of U of D, Class of 1956.

I recently came across some old yearbooks and was looking through a couple of them when it hit me that I needed to say, "Thanks." Thanks for the education you gave me and especially for the life it has provided. The best part of my life has been my marriage to another U of D grad, Mary Ann Eicher, also '56.

After I graduated from Catholic Central High School in 1952, my next stop was the University of Detroit. Lots of kids went to U of D, but I had an advantage since I lived and grew up on Parkside Street, just a few blocks from the campus. Before that, I went to Gesu Elementary School, which was even closer.

U of D was a special place for me since, as a youngster, I used to play baseball in the stadium's parking area. To get into a football game one time, I tried digging a ditch under the barbed wire fence, but then realized the ditch would have to be five feet long, much more than I planned to dig. So my next scheme was to simply get in line in front of a man, and when I got to the ticket taker, I thumbed back over my shoulder and then ran inside. Another hopeless stunt.

I was accepted into U of D where my life exploded into wonder. In one of my classes, I was seated alphabetically next to a young lady who was the most beautiful person I ever saw. Not only beautiful, but a brilliant "A" student.

That lady who sat next to me has been my wife for 58 years and we have five children and 13 grandchildren. Everyone is healthy and lives wonderful lives. We thank God every day for our blessings.

It is now our pleasure to donate to the University for help making it all happen.

Walter E. Dunne

Andrea Kosloski '95 has been named vice president of legal and risk management for Lansing, Mich.-based Sparrow Health System.

Hon. Jeffery S. Matis '94 was appointed by Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder to fill a vacancy on the Oakland County Circuit Court in October 2015. Matis is a lawyer with the Troy, Mich., firm Garan Lucow Miller, PC.

Dennis Ortman '95 published his sixth book, *"Anxiety Anonymous: The Big Book on Anxiety Addiction,"* in December 2015. He is a clinical psychologist in private practice in the Detroit area.

Andrew W. Ottaway '93 has joined Flagstar Bank in Troy, Mich., as executive vice president and managing director of lending. He will be responsible for all non-mortgage lending.

James L. Rainey III '95 and **Ken Sigler '98** have written *Securing an IT Organization through Governance, Risk Management and Audit (Internal Audit and IT Audit)*. The book focuses on two cyber security methodologies and practical aspects to implementing and managing them.

Feras Shammami '97, '00 joined Level One Bank in Farmington Hills, Mich., as vice president and treasury management deposit officer.

Danielle Spehar '98 joined the executive committee of the Southfield, Mich., firm Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller, as co-head of the firm's real estate practice group and a member of the firm's recruiting committee.

Denise Turman '97 was appointed to the Presbyterian Villages of Michigan Foundation board of directors. She is director of the medical and professional reimbursement policy-medical affairs department of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan.

David A. Wolfe '99 was named partner in the creditors' rights law firm of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA. He is managing attorney for the Michigan office.

2000s

Bill Burnham '02, '07, business development manager at DSM Plastics Engineers, was a speaker at Field Economy Detroit, a conference that brought together the stakeholders creating the fuel-efficient cars of tomorrow.

Larry Emmons Jr. '05 was named managing director to lead the Detroit office of JLL, a national professional services and investment management firm.

James J. Jolly '08 was appointed to complete a two-year term on the Livonia (Mich.) City Council. He is a former magistrate of the Michigan 16th District Court and current assistant provost at Lawrence Technological University.

Stephen J. Kontos '03 was named a member of Begin Bieneman PLC., a Detroit-based law firm specializing in intellectual property.

Carrie Lewand-Monroe '06 was named the acting executive director of the Detroit Land Bank Authority.

She was previously the principal director of the authority.

Kori Loewe '08, '11 was named a Marshall Memorial Fellow of the German Marshall Fund. She is treatment director at the Mariners Inn in Detroit.

Former state Rep. **Derek Miller '09** was named Macomb County treasurer in January. He resigned his seat in the Michigan House of Representatives to take the position.

Richard C. Mills '05, '15 recently joined the firm of Marcoux, Allen, Bower, Nichols & Kendall, P.C. in Jackson, Mich. His practice is devoted to estate planning, charitable gift planning and probate.

Matthew R. Mowers '01 has joined Quinn Law Group PLLC, an intellectual property law firm in Novi, Mich., as a principal.

Dominic A. Paluzzi '04, '07 has joined the Bloomfield Hills, Mich., law firm McDonald Hopkins.

Bradley Peri '09 was honored by *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* in the publication's *Up and Coming Class of 2015*. He has been with the Southfield, Mich.-based law firm of Goodman Acker since 2011, where he specializes in personal injury work.

Romina Tonucci '04 has been named an associate with Valerio Dewalt Train Associates, a Chicago-based architecture firm.

Tim Wiley '01, former New Baltimore, Mich., police chief, has joined the FBI's Detroit field office.

Roxana (Gale) Zaha '09 has been selected to participate in Leadership Oakland's LOXXVI Class, a premier leadership and networking organization serving southeast Michigan. Zaha is an attorney with the Detroit-based firm Butzel Long.

2010s

Joseph K. Gruber '14 has been named the Downtown Development Director for the city of Wyandotte, Mich.

Daniella Kawamba '15 was named the 2015-16 Mercy Volunteer at Cabrini Clinic in Detroit.

Javier Macias '15 joined the El Paso, Texas, law offices of ScottHulse. He will focus on labor and employment law, education law and litigation.

Christopher R. Martella '15 was named a member of the 2016 Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 under 40. Martella is an associate with Kemp Klein Law Firm in Troy, Mich., and practices in the areas of real estate acquisition/disposition, development and financing transactions.

Christien White '11 joined the immigration team of the Chaldean American Chamber of Commerce and the Chaldean Community Foundation. She will be working to help with the foundation's advocacy efforts. ●

CLASS NOTES

The following alumni, all Michigan lawyers, were named Super Lawyers of 2015 by the online publication *Michigan Super Lawyers*.

Gerard J. Andree '72 Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton, Southfield.
Derk W. Beckerleg '81 Secrest Wardle, Troy.
Lawrence G. Campbell '69 Dickinson Wright, Detroit.
Cheryl L. Chandler '81 Smith, Haughey, Rice & Roegge, Ann Arbor.
Carole L. Chiamp '65 Chiamp & Associates, Detroit.
P. Daniel Christ '91 Giarmarcho, Mullins & Horton, Troy.
Jeffrey R. Clark '81 Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, Livonia.
Eric P. Conn '03 Segal, McCambridge, Singer & Mahoney, Novi.
Timothy J. Currier '78 Beier Howlett, Bloomfield Hills.
Margaret T. Debler '90 Johnson, Rosati, Schultz, Farmington Hills.
Paul T. Engel '00 Howard & Howard, Royal Oak.
William D. Gilbride Jr. '84 Abbott Nicholson, Detroit.
John J. Gillooly '88 Garan Lucow Miller, Detroit.
The Hon. Barry L. Howard '73 Lipson Neilson Vole Seltzer & Garin, Bloomfield Hills.
Robert D. Ihrle '76 Ihrle O'Brien, St. Clair Shores.
Daniel J. Kelly '87 Giamarcho, Millins & Horton, Troy.
Anthony S. Kogut '80 Willingham & Cote, East Lansing.
Mark S. Kopson '81, '85 Plunkett Cooney, Bloomfield Hills.
Ronald S. Lederman '85 Sullivan, Ward, Asher & Patton, Southfield.
Peter A. Letzmann '72 Letzmann, Peter Associates, Kentwood.
Thomas J. Manganello '80 Watner, Norcross & Judd, Southfield.
Raymond W. Morganti '76 Siemion Huckabay, Southfield.
Jeremy M. Mullett '01 Zausmer, August & Caldwell, Farmington Hills.
David R. Nauts '86, '89 Tanoury, Nauts, McKinney & Garbarino, Detroit.
Peter W. Peacock '77 Plunkett Cooney, Mt. Clemens.

Thomas G. Plunkett '63 Williams, Williams, Rattner & Plunkett, Birmingham.
Jerome F. Rock '72 Jerome F. Rock, Grosse Pointe Park.
Alan T. Rogalski '90 Warner, Norcross & Judd, Southfield.
John C. Schrier '84 Parmenter O'Toole, Muskegon.
Thomas R. Schultz '85, '88 Johnson, Rosati, Schultz & Joppich, Farmington Hills.
Robert P. Siemion '71 Siemion Huckabay, Southfield.
Thomas L. Sparks '69, '75 Fraser, Trebilcock, Davis & Dunlap, Lansing.
William A. Tanoury '78 Tanoury, Nauts, McKinney & Garbarino, Detroit.
David B. Timmis '87 Vandever Garzia, Troy.
Scott R. Torpey '82 Jaffe, Raitt, Heuer & Weiss, Southfield.
Stephen K. Valentine '62, '66 Valentine & Associates, West Bloomfield.
James D. Wilson '87 Wilson Young, Detroit.

The following Michigan attorneys, listed with their law firm, were named Rising Stars for 2015 by *Michigan Super Lawyers*.

Jessica (Dopierala) Hite '08 Cummings, McClorey, Davis & Acho, Clinton Township.
Laquita N. Hunter '05 The Allen Law Group, Detroit.
Kellie C. (Lecznar) Joyce '06 Secrest Wardle, Troy.
Chase M. Kubica '10 Secrest Wardle, Troy.
Brian R. Padgett '09 Zausmer, August & Caldwell, Farmington Hills.
Anthony A. Randazzo '05 Secrest Wardle, Troy.
Leah M. Rayfield '09 Secrest Wardle, Troy.
Kevin S. Toll '06 The Toll Law Firm Royal Oak.
Mark C. Vanneste '09 Secrest Wardle, Troy.
Nicholas A. Vesprini '03 Vandever Garzia, Troy.
Javon L. Williams '10 Secrest Wardle, Troy.



Let's talk benefits

If you get this magazine, it's probably because you are an alumnus of University of Detroit, Mercy College of Detroit or University of Detroit Mercy.

If you're an alumnus of any of those schools, you're automatically a member of the UDM Alumni Association.

If you're a member of the UDM Alumni Association, you have great things coming to you.

What things you ask?

How about discounts at the UDM Bookstore, career advice including access to the job listings in the TitanCareerLink database, the ability to audit classes for free, savings on health, life and auto insurance, discounts at car dealers, savings on Red Wings and theater tickets, access to University libraries, UDM scholarships for your children, discounted tuition for educators and school employees, exclusive events and more.

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Come join the fun!

Our Alumni Relations Department schedules events all year long for you to reconnect with the University, faculty and friends.

For a schedule of upcoming alumni events and information on how to register, visit community.udmercy.edu.

Hope to see you there!



1. In Grand Rapids last September: Brian Cloyd '73, '76, Crystal Cummings '12, Bassie Cummings '11 and Don Jandernoa '48
2. In Detroit, at the Titan 10 Networking Breakfast: Paul Britten '85 and Valrie Cobb '10.
3. In January on the McNichols Campus, alumni who work at Fiat Chrysler Automobiles attended a basketball game at Calihan Hall.
4. In February, the Ford Motor Company Alumni Pregame brought Ford employees and retirees to the McNichols Campus.
5. In February at Homecoming: Ruth Habalewski; Associate Professor of Nursing Judith Mouch, RSM; Maureen Mulcrone, RSM, '69; and Luann Hannasch, RSM.



MEMORIAM

1930s

Mary L. (Tremblay) Daly '39
Paul A. Duker '36
Stephanie Masis '39
Theodore Monolidis '39
Burwell J. Walter, '32

1940s

J. Addison Bartush '45
Dr. Michael H. Bialik '43
Mary E. (Carroll) Canham '46
Gilbert Collamore '49
Margaret L. Comstock '48
Linda E. (Hay) Detzler '42
Carmen A. Esposito '46
Dr. George N. Ferris '41
Matthew M. Fontana, D.D.S. '49
George S. Graff '42
Mary J. Graham '49
Elaine E. (Formaniak) Hayduk '46
Beatrice L. (Bonner) Hoski '50
Boleslav W. Jarocho '49
Robert R. Kanney '49
Edna K. (Garruder) Korczynski '44, '49
June (Gunther) Linahan '42
Edward A. Macholl '42
Daniel J. McCarthy '49
Charles C. McDonald, D.D.S. '44
Justine M. (Anhut) McKnight '44
Clara A. (Boyle) Miller '48
Elizabeth (Dox) Oliver '48
Patricia A. O'Neil '47
Jeannine A. Palazzo '49
Ann C. (Casey) Rohr '49
Kenneth E. Smith '40
Beruta A. (Kolnicky) Stankus '49
Gloria Sweeney '49
Helen M. (Wielbik) Tygielski '49
Mary E. (Wasilus) Wharam '47
Francis X. Westerheide, D.D.S. '43
Rev. Francis E. Williams '49, '58

1950s

Charles E. Baer '57
Craig K. Baird '54
George G. Beck '56
William F. Bertrand '51
Arthur C. Blumenstock, D.D.S. '58
Hubert P. Bonnice '52
Norman Brainard '52
Charles A. Buckenmyer '59
Charles T. Burke '56, '59
Louis A. Byersmith '51
Robert J. Cann '51, '54

Thomas P. Casey '53
Richard E. Chaperon '59
John B. Colletti '54
James E. Collins '51, '55
John V. Conti '50
Charles Y. Cooper Jr. '58, '63
Robert B. Cornwall Sr., D.D.S. '52, '56
David J. Craig '50, '51
Robert L. Crowder Jr. '50
John A. Dufermont '52
Charles R. Eckhout '59
Robert F. Fischer '51
Gilbert J. Friese '58
Charles K. Gehringer '53
Paul T. Greening '50, '61
Rudolph D. Hachey '53
Albert M. Hamialo '50
Mary (Lynch) Henry '59
Raymond T. Huetteman Jr. '53
Frank E. Johnson Jr. '57
Charles W. Jones '51
Robert F. Keller '55
Jennie A. (Szewczyk) Kulesza '54
Sarah A. (Ross) Lezotte '56
Dr. Dennis S. Lynch '57
Robert P. Marshall '54
Dr. Daniel A. McDonnell '58
Howard W. McKenna '53, '58
Edward R. McNulty '59
Louis R. Moffa '50
Hon. Alfred J. Morad '55
James R. Morouse '59
Thaddeus S. Mroz '52
Joseph P. Pacholec '58
Virginia Peltier '55
John R. Naumes '51
Joseph M. O'Mara '51
Thomas G. Prevost '59
David G. Raggio '56
John J. Reardon '56
Leroy M. Rebar '59, '62
Bernard Reilly '52
Robert H. Reust '50
William C. Rieske '52
Falph J. Rose Jr. '52
Richard J. Rottach '50
Dr. Joseph Schirle Jr. '51
William H. Schumann '51
John F. Shea '54
James P. Shine '58
Robert J. Solner '50, '54
Joan B. Sphire '50
Kenneth Staugaard '53
Robert E. Stork '52
Jill (Haynes) Tessin '56

Kenneth G. Timmons '54
Conrad Trybus '54
John A. Ward, D.D.S. '50
David J. Watters Jr. '54
William L. Warren, D.D.S. '54
Richard J. Welsh '53
Frank L. Wright '54
Edmund R. Zadzilka '54
John H. Zapytowski '50
Frances (Bongiovanni) Ziemba '56

1960s

Donald J. Ankofski '63
Sandra J. (Alt) Awood '68
Rosemary (Madill) Baker '63
Cynthia (Bowen) Brandon '63
Donald J. Brudzinski '60
Dennis J. Burke '61
James A. Colombo '63
Raymond R. Comiskey Jr. '65
Clyde P. Craine, D.D.S. '69
Thomas DeLuca '62, '64
Frank N. De Santis '66
Rita M. (Rossi) Geoffrey '64
William C. Gruebnaue '64
Leonard A. Hamel '61
Frances A. (Thome) Harris '60
Fred P. Harris '69
Louis J. Hollow '63
Paul H. Horal '61
Mary E. Kinney, IHM, '66, '70
Charles E. Korff '66
Richard J. Larabell '67, '69
Gloria M. LaVasseur '67
Judith Lieder '69
John K. Lower '64
Evelyn (Roberts) Ludwig '64
Vincent T. Lyons '67
Marie C. Macholl '63
Silvio A. Marcozzi '63
Marilyn (Doonan) McCafferty '60
Joseph V. McCutchan, D.D.S. '61
James P. McDonald '68
Patrick M. McDonough '68
James D. Meier '60
Sr. Marcine Mercure C.S.J. '66
Henry R. Mote Jr., D.D. S. '64
Robert H. Mys '64
Clara A. Oser '64
Paul J. Pemberton '66, '67, '72
David M. Perozek '65
Michael J. Pettinger '68, '71
Reese J. Pietrowski '66
Ronald C. Pilenzo '61, '64
Leonard P. Radtke '60

Douglas J. Read '64
 Robert A. Rogers '65
 William P. Ryder '64, '71
 Donald P. Stacy '66
 Catherine J. Stanuch '63
 J.M. Sullivan '61
 Marianna F. Transou '66
 Ronald P. Suriano '60
 Anne M. (Fellrath) Szczygielski '63
 Laverne D. Van Beek '63
 Frank W. Vertin '63, '66
 M. Cabrini Warpeha OSF '66
 Barbara M. (Guerin) Whittaker '64
 Ronald Wilczak '62
 Dorothy A. Wilfinger '63
 Ruben Wisnudel, D.D.S. '60
 Thomas P. Zelinski '67

1970s

Paulette L. (Fabrizio) Alongi '78
 M. Louise (Farquharson) Anton '75
 Carol L. Burger '79
 John F. Conley III '70
 Suzanne G. Dibble '79
 Dr. George M. Gaudzels '72
 Robert. B. Greenwood '72
 Reginald E. Hall '79
 Gary A. Hankins '76, '81, '97
 Mark S. Hayduk '74
 Ida B. (Norris) Heard '78, '80, 07
 Stephen G. Josephson '74
 David R. Kahl '73
 Anthony J. Kaseta Jr. '75
 The Hon. Kenneth J. Kosnic '72
 Thomas E. McClear '75
 Michael J. Moir, D.D.S. '72
 Carl D. Nichols '70
 Michael J. Schmidt '77
 Donald J. Sommerville '76

Thomas W. Spiroff '79
 Vincent I. Strockis, D.D.S. '72
 Sr. Homerine A. Soucy, I.H.M. '71
 Carolyn S. Wright '75

1980s

Jacqueline (Johnson) Bandes '84
 Geraldine (Westbrooks) Dabney '81
 Mario J. Darder '82
 Timothy Pecsénye '89
 Ralph A. Reynolds '80
 Marti K. Robinson '87
 Mary L. (Kindermann) Thompson '82, '85

1990s

Bonnie C. Condne '93, '95
 Joel T. Gilliam '91
 Maciej M. Glowacki '96
 Ann K. Mandt '91

2000sd

James A. Pivitt '03
 Tiffany C. Smith '09

2010s

Robert A. Warchuck '15

Faculty and Friends

Bernard A. Green, former professor of Psychology

Dorothy Griggs, former faculty member in the McAuley School of Nursing

James M. McClinchey, D.D.S. '75, adjunct instructor, School of Dentistry

Chris Nichols, D.D.S., associate professor, School of Dentistry

Dennis B. Sullivan '67, '71, former trustee for Mercy College of Detroit

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You can also send the information by mail to Alumni Relations, University of Detroit Mercy 4001 W. McNichols Road Detroit, MI 48221-3038.

You can find *Spiritus* online by visiting udmercy.edu/spiritus.

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

Remembering Father Stockhausen

Former University of Detroit Mercy President Gerard L. Stockhausen, S.J. died Jan. 11 after a battle with leukemia. He was 66. Fr. Stockhausen served UDM for 10 years, the first four as provost and vice president for academic affairs, the last six as president. Since 2010, he served as the socius and executive secretary to the president and director of planning for the U.S. Jesuit Conference. Here is a remembrance by his former assistant, **Emmy Yousey**.

The first time I met Gerard L. Stockhausen, S.J., he was walking across campus to the Fisher Administration Building from Lansing-Reilly Hall. We struck up a conversation and I found that he was as interested in technology as I was. Our conversations continued through his tenure at UDM,

Our friendship deepened as he and I began to work together when he became president and I was his executive assistant.

Father and I began each workday with a cup of tea and a prayer. Then, with a smile, he would pronounce, "Let the day begin."

Father was a faith-filled, approachable, kind, and extremely intelligent man. He carried the University of Detroit Mercy in his heart. I have to say that he was also the King Punster, and was widely known for his bad jokes. He is missed by many.



Emmy Yousey and Gerard L. Stockhausen, S.J.



Giving and receiving

Linda Werthman, RSM on Pope Francis' Year of Mercy

Fifty-five years ago when I followed a call to be a Sister of Mercy, I heard from a Jesuit friend something that has stayed with me to this day: "As a Sister of Mercy you are not the dispenser of God's mercy; you are the recipient of mercy."

While the concept intrigued me intellectually, it was not something I grasped in its breadth and depth until a good 15 years later.

Looking back, part of the journey to experiencing myself as in need of mercy, was the journey to understand the world of unearned privilege I lived for the first 30 years. I was born as a white citizen of the United States, grew up in a Catholic world of family, education and entered a religious congregation. I was a good Catholic girl who became a good nun!

There is nothing wrong with the privileges, though there can be a downside to them. For me, it was the inability to relate to and identify with others who did not have the privileges that came with my world. This journey toward empathy began when I started my studies for a Master of Social Work. Through this work, I have come to know and learn from people who have been disenfranchised and marginalized by the very systems that have benefitted me. Currently, it is the social work students and the guests at the Pope Francis Center, a drop-in center for those needing a safe and respectful space in downtown Detroit, who I learn from.

This life journey has allowed me to move from praying the Pharisee prayer, "O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity," to the Publican prayer, "O God, be merciful to me a sinner." (Lk. 18:9-14) To experience the mercy of God is to know oneself as being loved unconditionally and as being capable of being involved in every kind of human failing. It is one movement that does not result in experiencing oneself as a terrible,

unacceptable human being, but as freedom and generosity born of experiencing the mercy, the all encompassing love of God.

The centrality of God's mercy is not unique to Christianity. Israel knew God as one of mercy. Psalm 136, the great song of praise sung by Jesus and those with him at the Last Supper, has the refrain "For his mercy endures forever." In Islam, Muslims hear in the Qu'ran 39:53, "O My servants who have transgressed against themselves [by sinning], do not despair of the mercy of Allah. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful." As Pope Francis assures us, "No one can be excluded from God's mercy."

The experience of mercy cannot stay with oneself. The fruit of the experience of unearned love—whether from another person or God—is openness and generosity. It is the original "paying it forward."

This is what I believe Pope Francis asks of us when encouraging us to turn the noun "mercy" into the verb "mercy-ing," from a value into an action. To truly know oneself as the recipient of mercy brings freedom, joy and generosity, and others see it in our words and actions.

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A group of diverse elderly people, including men and women of various ethnicities, are laughing joyfully outdoors. They are dressed in casual, bright clothing. The background is a soft-focus outdoor setting with greenery.

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*The Hon. William J. Giovan, Jr. '58,
 retired chief judge of
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From left, members of the University's '58 Fencing Squad, Patrick McDonald, William J. Giovan, Jr. and Joseph Szymanski