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yesterday, today, tomorrow

Dear Alumni and Friends
of University of Detroit Mercy:

I am writing this letter in the third week of August as we begin the University's 141st academic year. When you receive this issue of *Spiritus* we will be in the fourth week of the semester, but I hope you will still feel the after-effects of the positive vibrations we are experiencing now.

The boundless energy on our three campuses is being fueled by several factors, such as our fourth consecutive year of freshman class growth, even as Michigan and the Midwest's number of college-age students declines; the Schools of Dentistry and Law's first-year classes that include students from more than 60 universities from across the country and around the world; the retention of last year's freshman class that is trending similar to last year's high rate of 86%; the reset of our tuition from \$41,000 to \$28,000 beginning this year; and registration data thus far indicates that overall enrollment is ahead of last year's at this time. These factors are also primary contributors to why we had 1,538 graduates in May compared with 1,403 in 2017. These figures are an affirmation that our University-wide strategic efforts over the last seven years have produced widespread positive results. However, we know we have much more to do, because we have the capacity to be much larger.



Enthusiasm is also high regarding our progress on The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy, which concludes the last day of 2019. We have raised \$89.2 million toward our goal of \$100 million. One of the most important and positive aspects of the campaign is that alumni and friends account for more than three-fourths of the gifts and pledges received thus far! And, with 16 months remaining in the campaign, I am hopeful that many more alumni will make their gifts, pledges or planned bequests. To find out more about the campaign and its four worthy areas of scholarships, faculty and academic programs, facilities and general support, please visit udmercy.edu/giving.

For nearly 14 decades, our alumni have made significant contributions to their professions and society and they continue to shape their fields in important ways. Our new — and first female — dean of the College of Engineering & Science, Katherine Snyder, Ph.D., is a good example. A two-time alumna of the University, Dean Snyder, '89, '93, is one of the few female deans of an engineering program in Michigan and the inspiration for this issue's cover story. You will also read how groundbreakers like her are opening doors for other young women to pursue degrees in engineering and discover just how much times have changed since our first female Mechanical Engineering graduate earned her degree.

If you have not visited campus recently, join us for our third fall Homecoming on Sept. 28 and 29! We will celebrate our past and look to the future as alumni and their families return to campus; and we will recognize the role the military played at University of Detroit for nearly 30 years with a reunion of our ROTC graduates. And, as part of the reunion, we will officially break ground on a new Veterans Lounge on the McNichols Campus. This lounge will be a place where students who are military veterans can gather to support each other.

There will also be Alumni of The Varsity News, which celebrates 100 years in 2018, attending that weekend. The student-run newspaper has long been an important part of campus life and continues to be a training ground for tomorrow's journalists. And for our Mercy College of Detroit alumni, the Religious Sisters of Mercy will host an open house in our recent addition adjoining the College of Health Professions building. A complete list of Homecoming activities is available on Page 25.

I hope you enjoy this issue of *Spiritus* and that you will respond favorably to a phone call about the campaign or attend a reception if we are in your area of the country. Thank you in advance for your generosity and I will see you at Homecoming at the end of the month.

Sincerely,

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.
President

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Letter to the editor

To the Editor:

I want to congratulate you on the informative and simply outstanding issue of the recently published *Spiritus* magazine (Spring 2018).

I am an Engineering graduate of the University of Detroit, Class of 1967. I am also a graduate of the University of Michigan and Michigan State University. I regularly receive alumni mailings from all three schools and I have to say that the articles and overall message in the recent issue of *Spiritus* stood out to me as the most outstanding I have ever read. The articles describe a compelling narrative of a great university.

Thank you for your efforts to continue the grassroots good work that University of Detroit Mercy is doing to educate and improve our local community and benefit the entire state of Michigan.

John J. King '67

We at Spiritus would love to hear what you think of this magazine and University of Detroit Mercy. Share your thoughts with Ron Bernas, editor, at bernasrj@udmercy.edu or Spiritus, Fourth Floor, Fisher Building, 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, MI, 48221-3038.



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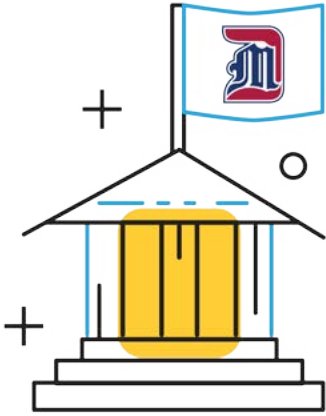
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Thank you!

With 16 months to go, the University's important fundraising campaign is just over \$10 million away from its target. Here is a quick look at where things stand.

89.2 percent



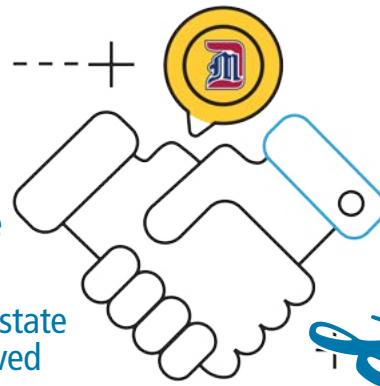
\$ 33.1 million

Total Scholarship Support
(expendable and endowed)

70 New endowed scholarship funds established

24 Campaign Commitments of \$1,000,000 or more

\$5.5 million (estimated) Largest estate gift on record received



The goals: \$40 million scholarship support

\$25 million faculty and programming

\$25 million facilities

\$10 million ongoing support

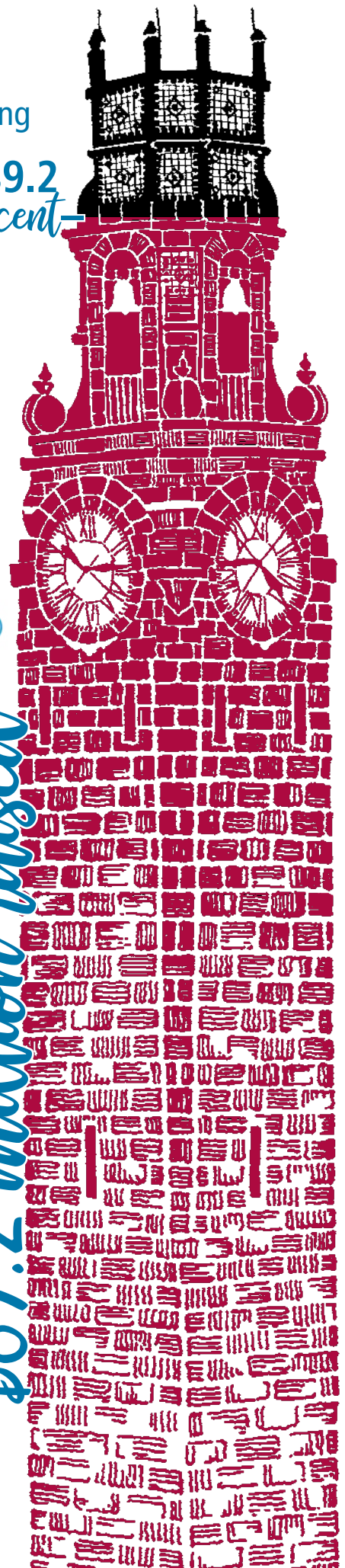
\$100 million TOTAL

4 easy ways to help put us over the top

- Enclose your donation in the enclosed envelope.
- Give online at udmercy.edu/donate.
- Talk to a gift officer at 313-993-1250.
- Call 313-993-1600 to discuss estate and planned gifts.



\$89.2 million raised





This is Detroit Mercy.

University of Detroit Mercy is the sum of its stories. Here are just a few.

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For 33 years, Beth Ann Finster, SSJ, worked in University Ministry at University of Detroit Mercy. For 30 of those years, she lived in Shiple Hall with thousands of first-year students, providing support, advice and her legendary cookies. Those cookies stocked bake sales that raised funds for many programs at Detroit Mercy, including the service immersion trip program she brought to campus. When Sr. Beth retired in May and returned to the Sisters of St. Joseph house in Rochester, New York, her service was commemorated with a bench outside Shiple. A plaque at the base of the tree to the left states that the tree and bench were placed there "with deep affection and sincere gratitude for your uplifting spirit and tireless service to the University." She will be missed.



Join the FR. CAVANAGH CHALLENGE and double your donation

“I had Father Cavanagh as a grad student, I found him to be an extraordinary teacher and an expert in business ethics. His teachings had a profound impact on my life and how I’ve managed my business.”

Those are the reasons why a donor, who wishes to remain anonymous, has created the Rev. Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J., Endowed Scholarship Challenge. This generous donor will match all contributions made to the endowed scholarship named for the beloved professor up to \$100,000. Donations must be received by Dec. 31, 2018.

Fr. Cavanagh, who has been with the University since 1980, is a recognized founder of the field of business ethics. He is the Charles T. Fisher III Chair of Business Ethics at Detroit Mercy and has been instrumental in promoting the integration of social responsibility throughout the business curriculum at the graduate and undergraduate levels. He has long been a forceful advocate of service learning, insisting that all students provide service directly to those who need it, and then reflect upon their experiences.

The Rev. Gerald F. Cavanagh, S.J., Endowed Scholarship was established several years ago to provide support to undergraduate business majors who engage in the most meaningful service learning experiences.

“This scholarship is so important,” the donor said. “It not only honors Father Cavanagh’s legacy, it has a direct and positive impact on students in the College of Business Administration who best represent his example, and it strengthens the College’s tradition of an excellent Catholic business education.”

You can contribute to this challenge to honor Fr. Cavanagh — and double your donation — by using the envelope included in this magazine. Be sure to check the box that indicates the Rev. Gerald F. Cavanagh Endowed Scholarship Challenge. You can also go online at impact.udmercy.edu/cavanagh.

International business course brings together students, alumni mentors

By Ron Bernas

University of Detroit Mercy's International Business Study Abroad program has been offered for nearly two decades, so many of the students who took the class are well into their careers and have a wealth of experience to offer college students.

Professor of Business Administration Gregory Ulferts and Lecturer Terry L. Howard '03, '05, '07, who organize the trips, wanted to capitalize on that experience so they recently added a mentorship aspect into the class.

"Students learn from the alumni who are sharing their business knowledge and alumni get new ideas from the students," Ulferts said.

This mentorship factor is in only its second year, but it is so exciting to organizers they wrote a paper about it. Ulferts, Howard and Associate Professor of Health Services Administration Renady Hightower '16 — who participated in the program as both a student and mentor — presented their research in July in Seattle at the World Forum of the International Association of Jesuit Business Schools (IAJBS), of which Ulferts is executive director.

The class focuses on globalization, technology and innovation within the context of the given country, Ulferts said. While the classwork is done mostly online, it all builds to the trip, which also has an important cultural appreciation component.

Through this class students have studied business and culture in South Korea, Barcelona, Greece, Rome, Ireland and, in May, Costa

Rica. These trips are planned with student budgets in mind and, because of Ulferts' connections and relationships made over the years, cost about half as much as those planned as a tourist.

"It was great to learn about the dimensions of international business, and then have the opportunity to be immersed in a city and gain a new perspective on how business operates around you," said Mary LeAnnais, who took the class this past semester. She earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2016 and took this class toward her master's degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology, which she finished this year.

Alumna Camisha Mills '10 attended several trips and became a mentor two years ago. She has arranged meetings in Barcelona with BASF, where she works in purchasing.

"Each of the mentors focuses on a small group of students," she said. "We discuss the issues of business and encourage them to get engaged in learning about other cultures."

"This class affected me in so many ways," said Teodora Gavric, who attended as a student this year. "I loved being able to connect with other students and Detroit Mercy alumni. We developed many professional relationships through this trip."

"I feel like continuing education is an important aspect of business, and understanding how global operations work," Mills said. "The fact that the University provides that opportunity to students and alumni is priceless."

For a fuller version of this story, visit sites.udmercy.edu/alumni.

Dean Eisenhauer named top researcher

Dean of Detroit Mercy's College of Business Administration Joseph G. Eisenhauer, Ph.D., has published more than 100 research articles and reviews in scholarly journals, which other researchers have cited more than 1,800 times.

Those statistics have placed him among the world's top scholars in the field of risk and insurance according to a recent study. Citations by other researchers were used as the primary measure of a scholar's influence on the academic discipline.

After examining citations of research appearing in top academic journals from 1989 through 2014, authors S.W. Pottier, J. Xu, and J.D. Frederick concluded "Eisenhauer holds first place for total citations per article with 84 citations, of which 69 are noninsur-

ance, making him the top author based on citations appearing in noninsurance journals as well."

"It's gratifying to know that other scholars have found my research to be a valuable contribution to the professional literature," Eisenhauer said.

*The study, titled "The Journal of Risk and Insurance: Authors of Influence," was published in **Risk Management and Insurance Review**.*



Detroit Mercy is Making a differenceSM



Changing lives, including her own, in Africa

By Dave Pemberton

Detroit Mercy Physician Assistant student Mary Beth Couretas knew she wanted to do something special for her elective clinical rotation.

She did something remarkable, and not just because she was the first Detroit Mercy PA student to do an international clinical rotation.

“As long as I can remember, I have always been drawn to help those less fortunate than me,” said Couretas, a seven-year Army veteran who served a tour in Iraq. “It was that same feeling that drove me to pursue a placement abroad for my elective rotation.”

Couretas spent four weeks in a government-run hospital in Mombassa, Kenya, and describes the time as grueling, rewarding, eye-opening, heart-breaking and “one of the best experiences of my life.”

Together with local healthcare professionals, she saved lives, did what she could for those they couldn’t save and made a long-lasting difference by tapping into the generosity of others. Doing this, she believes, made her a stronger PA.

“It’s hard to put into words exactly how it has changed me, but it definitely has,” Couretas said. “I hope to carry my current appreciation for my education, our healthcare access in the U.S., and for life in general throughout my career.”

A different world

When Couretas arrived to work in Kenya, she was shocked.

“I noticed immediately there was no crash cart, no intubation equipment and no monitors of any kind in the department,” she said. “The supplies available were on the counter and consisted of three bottles of normal saline, one box of gloves, and about 10 IV needles in various sizes.”

Due to the lack of resources, ailments that might be minor in the U.S. could become deadly in Kenya.

“Multiple patients died in the ER daily, and almost always from things that could have been managed in the United States,” Couretas said. “That was very difficult to swallow.”

“It was especially difficult when babies would come in with such severe dehydration that organ failure was already under way. I struggled in the beginning with seeing the traumas come in because there was no resuscitation equipment. As soon as you saw the patient, you knew they would die soon, simply because the only thing we could do in the immediate timeframe was give IV fluids, apply pressure and suture.”

Couretas found herself moved by the resiliency of the patients and the hospital staff.

"As depressing as all of that sounds, there was still good medicine being practiced," Couretas said. "The staff knew what should be done and what the patient needed, the barrier was the availability and the patient's ability to pay. I have never seen stronger, more resilient people in my life. Patients would wait all day to be seen, spend the night outside the hospital and wait to be seen the next day. I never heard a single person complain."

Making a difference

Still, Couretas knew she could make a difference and came up with a way to help that will last much longer than her rotation in Kenya.

Couretas noticed the hospital was making decisions about who was going to deliver next without the help of fetal dopplers, which are used to detect the fetal heartbeat.

"In the United States, there are fetal dopplers all over doctor's offices," Couretas said. "They didn't have one. They were determining who was going next for a c-section by listening for a heart rate without a monitor. If they don't hear a heart rate they were like, 'Fetal demise,' meaning the baby has died, so we don't want to send her for a c-section; we want to send this baby who is still alive."

"I felt like I could have stayed a few more months. I definitely want to go back and I would recommend it to others."

Couretas decided to do something about it and set up a GoFundMe site that raised \$1,500 to purchase a fetal Doppler from the United States. Thanks to generous donors, and help finding a dealer of the equipment in Kenya, she purchased five fetal dopplers.

"I feel like it made such a huge difference for them," Couretas said. "That's something that will last. I was really happy to do that. People were very generous."

Couretas' time in Kenya wasn't limited to the hospital. She went on a safari, visited her co-workers' homes and explored different parts of the city.

"I would love to do something like that again," Couretas said. "When I first booked it, I was like, 'Wow, four weeks is a long time, maybe I shouldn't do four weeks?' Then, when I was getting ready to leave Kenya, I wanted to stay three more months. Because after a month, you're just learning. I picked up a lot of Swahili, at least enough to interact with the patients a little bit, ask them where they're hurt, things like that.

"I felt like I could have stayed a few more months. I definitely want to go back, and I would recommend it to others."

Moving forward

Couretas said she left Kenya feeling more prepared for life as PA after graduation. In Kenya, she was put in a sink-or-swim environment and rose to the occasion.

"It helped my confidence level," Couretas said. "I was put in a position where maybe I've never done that procedure before, but there, they need me to do it and there is no one else. It's like, 'I'm going to do it, I'm going to learn how,' and that's something I probably wouldn't have the opportunity to do here because there are always so many students and so many residents."

Because she didn't have access to technology used to help make diagnoses, Couretas had to draw on other skills and use what tools she had on hand.

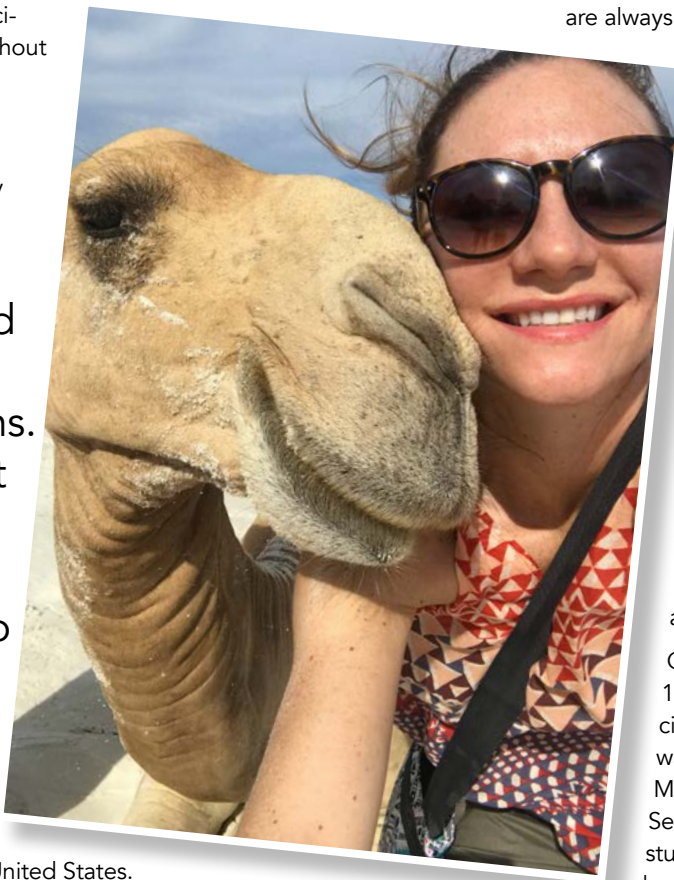
"In the U.S., you can tell if someone's sick but you're also going to get all of these labs and tests and things like that," she said. "When the tests aren't available, you really learn how to look at a patient."

Couretas graduated Aug. 15 with a Master of Physician Assistant Studies and was awarded the Dr. William Montgomery Community Service Award, given to a PA student who goes above and beyond for service.

"She won for not just her trip to Africa, but her whole tenure here as a student," said Detroit Mercy Associate Professor of Physician Assistant Amy Dereczyk. "Going to Africa, doing that fundraiser and having that big of an impact really put her above any other student in our program. All of our students, and anybody here at the University, do a lot of service. She just blew everybody out of the water."

Couretas is hopeful other Detroit Mercy PA students will follow her lead and do an international rotation and is thankful the staff at Detroit Mercy worked with her so she could pave the way for others.

This story appears in a longer version at udmercy.edu.



Detroit Mercy is Innovative

Peggy loves her new smile, and is thrilled to show it. The 53-year-old Plymouth resident, who has intellectual disabilities, had lost many teeth and her confidence after several years of extraction-only dentistry under Medicaid. She sought treatment through the Dental Co-Teacher Project.

The three-year-old program is a collaboration between Detroit Mercy Dental, Jewish Vocational Services Tri-County Dental Program and Community Living Services, Inc. Patients with special needs are considered "co-teachers" who contribute to the experience and clinical education of dental students.

Because she had lost so many teeth, eating was growing more difficult for Peggy and she was feeling self-conscious. Over nine months, a team of faculty and dental students provided extensive treatment. Today, Peggy not only looks good, she feels good. She works part-time shredding paper and sells candles through a micro-enterprise. She also enjoys making jewelry, and models her latest bracelets and necklaces for faculty, staff and students at each appointment.

Since 2015, the Co-Teacher Project has helped increase dental students' competence and comfort in treating adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, or I/DD.

"If students graduate with significant experience working with patients with I/DD, our hope is they would be willing to accept

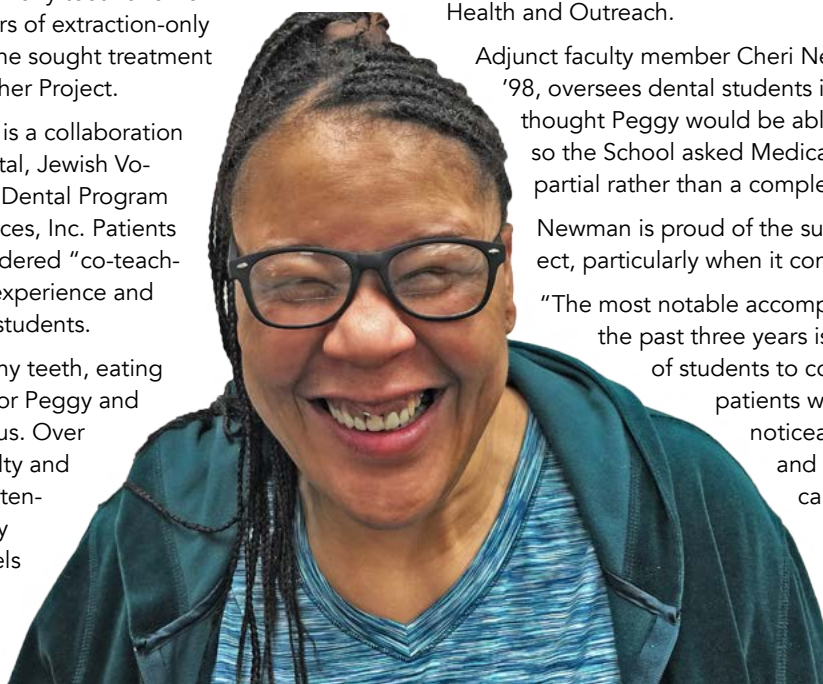
these patients in their practice, ultimately helping increase access to care in the dental community," said Divesh Byrappagari, B.D.S., M.S.D., assistant professor, director of Dental Public Health and Outreach.

Adjunct faculty member Cheri Newman, R.D.H. '89, D.D.S. '98, oversees dental students in the Co-Teacher Project, she thought Peggy would be able to wear partial dentures, so the School asked Medicaid to approve a waiver for a partial rather than a complete denture.

Newman is proud of the success of the Co-Teacher Project, particularly when it comes to students.

"The most notable accomplishment of this project over the past three years is the demonstrated ability of students to communicate with and treat patients with I/DD," she said. "They are noticeably more confident chairside and comfortable with providing care."

Funding for the program comes from W.I.T.H. Foundation (formerly Special Hope Foundation), Sinai Medical Staff Foundation, Michigan Dental Association Pierre Fauchard Academy, and the Delta Dental Foundation. The M. David Campbell Memorial Fund has been created to cover cost of treatment not covered by Medicaid.



Smiles all around Dental students learn from patients with challenges

If you would like to help other patients like Peggy, please contact Tom Sklut, Detroit Mercy Dental director of Development at skluttw@udmercy.edu. If you know someone with I/DD who may benefit as a patient in the Co-Teacher Project, please contact Alesia James, supervisor of PCC coordinators, at 313-494-6959.

Law offers online intellectual property program

Detroit Mercy Law now offers an online Certificate in Law - Intellectual Property program designed for those who work in any industry and who want training in how to protect brands, ideas, inventions and other original creations through intellectual property and cybersecurity laws.

The information covered in the non-JD program's four courses will be particularly useful to inventors, scientists, developers, engineers, designers, artists, writers, entrepreneurs and investors as well as legal professionals and those who manage intellectual property or cybersecurity.

The non-JD program's four seven-week, three-credit courses are taught by Detroit Mercy Law professors. Although the program can be completed in one year, students may choose to complete the certificate over two years.

More information is available at law.udmercy.edu.



A restroom break leads to a new opportunity

By Ron Bernas

Zachary Klima '12 was standing in line to use the restroom at a Detroit Red Wings game when he heard the crowd erupt with cheers, indicating that the Wings had scored the game-winning goal.

"If only," he thought, "there were a way to know how long the lines were, I might not have missed that goal."

That lightbulb moment was in 2012, and led to WaitTime, which entertainment venues use to let fans know how long they'd have to wait in line at restrooms or concessions.

"There was nothing like this in use anywhere, so I saw the opportunity and followed it," he said.

Klima, who earned a Master of Architecture degree at Detroit Mercy, took advantage of the network he built up through his position in architectural sales and discovered there was a market for his idea. Less than a year later, he found himself one of five budding entrepreneurs chosen out of 5,000 applicants to participate in Dan Gilbert's Bizdom U, the Detroit-based incubator that provides mentorship, training and seed money, all in the interest of fostering new business and job growth in Detroit.

WaitTime works like this: The venue installs cameras anywhere people line up and runs it through specially designed software. The venue then displays the data on monitors and on the team's mobile app. Detroit-area fans may be familiar with WaitTime from The Palace, which used the system during events.

Klima calls what drives WaitTime an "artificial intelligence building system technology" and while it's beneficial to those looking for the shortest line to grab a beer or a corndog, it's also useful to the entertainment venues, he says, who then have human behavioral data that shows them how people use their arena.

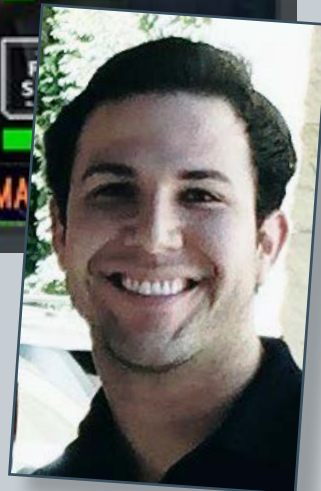
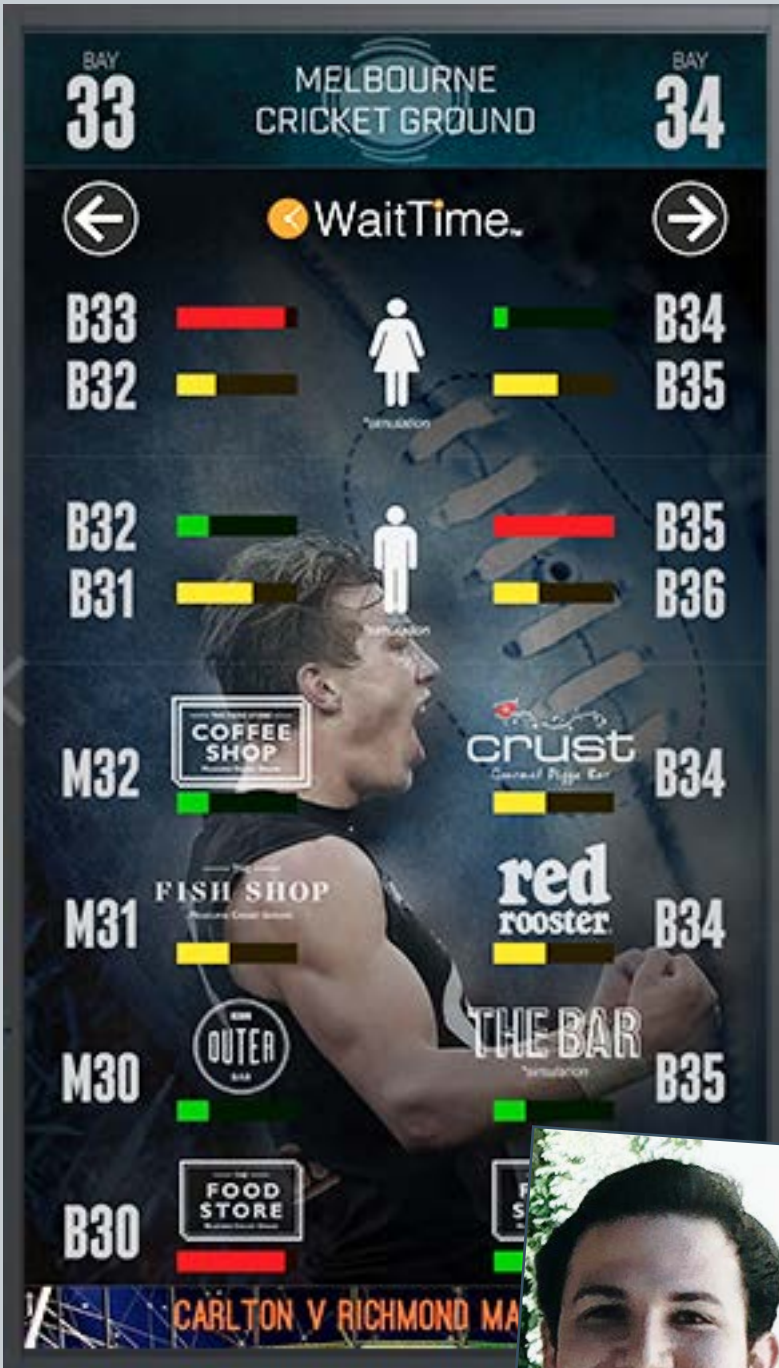
WaitTime has propelled Klima into the international technology stage and his company's 30 investors include people like basketball great Michael Jordan.

Currently seven stadiums in the United States, including those for the Buffalo Sabers, Indiana Pacers and Miami Heat, and the Melbourne Cricket Ground in Australia use WaitTime.

Klima says the next step is to scale the technology globally.

"You only get one shot to do that, and you want to do it right," he said.

This story appears in a longer version at sites.udmercy.edu/alumni.



Forward, March!



New men's basketball coach knows where he wants to be

By P.J. Gradowski

The goal of any college basketball program is to be a part of March Madness. Cutting down the nets, seeing your school come up on Selection Sunday and, for mid-majors, knocking off a giant in the NCAA Tournament.

But the question always is "how do you get there?"

Enter Mike Davis. Perhaps no coach is better suited to build Detroit Mercy back into a championship contender. Back to the days where March Madness saw the Titans rise up, knocking off programs like St. John's and UCLA in the NCAA Tournament or making a trip to New York City for the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) semifinals.

"I think there is great potential here at Detroit Mercy," said Davis, who was named Detroit Mercy's Men's basketball head coach earlier this year. "I wouldn't be here if I didn't think we could turn this around and build a championship program."

The pedigree is there. In 18 seasons as a head coach – all at the Division I level – Davis has amassed a 352-241 record with



Detroit Mercy is Athletics

14 postseason trips, nine appearances in the NCAA Tournament and a trip to the national championship game. His teams have recorded at least 20 wins nine times, while tallying a winning record in 14 of his 18 campaigns.

"I think it's a great hire," said former Titan coach, athletic director and current ESPN personality Dick Vitale. "They have an experienced coach who has coached at every level possible. His veteran experience is going to be a big boost to the University."

The recipe for success starts in the trenches. Davis has spent endless hours putting together his staff, talking to recruits for not only this season, but future years as well.

And of course there is the Mike Davis schedule, which is demanding and can be a grind, but the end result is that his teams are ready for conference play and extremely prepared for the conference tournament.

"I will play anybody, anywhere," Davis said. "I am not afraid to play anyone. I believe in playing a tough schedule and getting the team ready for March. My goal is to be ready for March."

Last year, as head coach at Texas Southern, the Tigers started the year with 13-straight losses — all on the road — which included games at Gonzaga, Ohio State, Syracuse, Kansas, Clemson, Oregon, Baylor and TCU.

The reward: A South Western Athletic Conference (SWAC) tournament title and a trip to the NCAA Tournament, where TSU won its first-ever postseason game.

The year before included road losses to Arizona, Louisville, Cincinnati, LSU, TCU and Baylor. The reward that year was a SWAC regular season title, tournament championship and a trip to the NCAA Tournament.

"When you are in a performance environment, it's not designed to feel good. It's all about hard work and pushing yourself to the limit and I pride myself on that," Davis said. "I pride myself on doing things that no one is willing to do."

Davis has a reputation for meeting challenges head-on. He took over for the legendary Bobby Knight at Indiana when the coach was let go in September of 2000, just two months before the start of the season, and guided the team to 20 wins and an NCAA appearance. The following season, he earned a share of the Big Ten at Indiana and led the Hoosiers to the 2002 national championship game, the first appearance by Indiana in the title game since 1987, with wins over top-seeded Duke in the Sweet 16 and second-seeded Oklahoma in the Final Four.

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"Mike's a good dude, a humble guy. The parents will love him. It's a great hire," Dan Dakich, a former Division I coach and current ESPN analyst, told the Detroit Free Press. "He's a smart guy, knows how to recruit, knows how to coach and won wherever he has been."

At University of Alabama at Birmingham, he had some player turnover in his first two years and still ended up posting four-straight 20-win seasons with four trips to the postseason. At Texas Southern, he took over a program that was on academic probation from the NCAA, had scholarship sanctions and was not allowed to play in the postseason. He won the league in his first year despite that cloud, going 17-14 overall and 16-2 in the SWAC.

"I had a lot of opportunities to pursue other jobs, but I loved Houston and I told my family that I would never leave Houston," said Davis. "Once I

had an opportunity to speak with Robert (Vowels), it really was a no-brainer. I wanted to be at a place that I was fully invested in and in one of Robert's last conversations, his passion came through the phone and it changed my mind."

Davis faces an uphill battle, with as many as 11 new players vying for playing time with the limited returners and the schedule has nine road games in its 13 non-conference contests.

But there is one thing Detroit Mercy has on its side: coach Davis and his March reputation.



Athletes once again strong in the classroom

It was yet another banner academic school year for the University of Detroit Mercy Department of Athletics with 17 of 19 programs posting a 3.0 GPA or better during 2017-18 and the department collectively posting a 3.34 GPA overall. During the spring semester alone, 74 percent of student-athletes earned a 3.0 GPA or better and eight of the 19 squads had GPAs higher than 3.40.

Student Earns NCAA Woman of the Year Nomination



Sydney Fetherolf '18 was nominated for the 2018 NCAA Woman of the Year, which honors graduating female student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, service and leadership. Fetherolf — an accounting major now working on her MBA — made an immediate impact as a freshman in cross country as she was tabbed team MVP and was the Horizon League Freshman of the Year and Second Team All-Horizon League, the first Titan freshman to win All-League honors since 1997. As a senior in cross country, she was once again a team MVP and placed ninth at the Horizon League meet for All-HL status. She posted five top-10 finishes, including four top-five, and won the Detroit Mercy Running-Fit Invitational, leading the program to a team win. In track and field, she was team MVP in both the indoor and outdoor seasons of 2018. She was named the Horizon League Most Outstanding Performer for running events at the HL Indoor Championships after claiming titles in both the 800-meter and the mile. When the season moved outdoors, she kept up her strong season and was selected the Horizon League Outdoor Athlete of the Year. She finished first in the 1,500m at the Outdoor HL meet.

Titan greats honored

Titan Hall of Famer Coretta "CoCo" Daniels, left, and former Titan standout teammate Lydia Johnson were honored as "Trailblazers of the Game" at the 2018 Women's Basketball Hall of Fame ceremony in Knoxville, Tenn. Both players were part of and competed in the Women's Professional Basketball League (WBL), which was the first pro women's basketball outfit in the United States, existing from 1978 to 1981. Daniels, who was the first female to be inducted into the Titan Hall of Fame in 1989, was part of the second and third seasons of the WBL, playing for the St. Louis Streak and Minnesota Phyllies.



Goalie goes pro in Sweden

Former Detroit Mercy standout goalkeeper Nathan Steinwascher '14, '16, who starred for the Titans from 2011-15 and was the Horizon League Goalkeeper of the Year in 2014, signed to play professionally with Grythyttans IF in Sweden. He left Detroit Mercy tied for first in career shutouts (19) and second in wins (27) and goals against average (1.23), and also starred with Detroit City FC, out of the National Premier Soccer League, playing for the team the past three seasons.

Lacrosse players play on world stage

The Detroit Mercy men's lacrosse team had three representatives take part in the Federation of International Lacrosse (FIL) World Lacrosse Championship in Netanya, Israel, this summer. Detroit Mercy alum Jason Weber '18 suited up for Canada, who was runner-up, while current junior John Kailunas III was on the Latvian National Team and junior Seth Mendell was part of the practice squad with the Israel National Team.

"I lived a crazy wild party life before I converted. I kept my faith to myself before all of this, so people were very surprised that this was really who and what I wanted to do and be."

Sister Rita Clare Yoches '01, in the Detroit Free Press. As Anne Yoches, she was a Titan basketball player and fullback for the multi-championship-winning-though-now-defunct women's football team Detroit Demolition. She took her final vows as a Franciscan nun on June 30.

"I believe in print. Ink on bound pages is no bulwark against impermanence, not in this world anyway. Print is more like a barricade erected overnight. Stretched across some thoroughfare, towering precariously under the sagging weight of hurled radials and busted-up asphalt, words on a page are one more indignity oblivion must suffer as it consumes all and sundry. [sic] was many things for me as an undergrad, but I am heartened all these years later to know it still is."

Fashion photographer Damien Neva '00 on the student art journal [sic], which published some of his earliest work. Read more about the 25th edition of [sic] on Page 30.



So they said

A collection of recent quotes heard at and around Detroit Mercy

"I'm so stoked. This is such a cool experience so early in our careers."

Robotics and Mechatronic Systems Engineering major Wiley Dressel who, along with fellow sophomores Kaegan Kumnick, Michael Brille and Brynne Gustafson, are finalists in a statewide challenge sponsored by DTE and the Engineering Society of Detroit that focuses on energy efficiency technologies. They received a grant to create a market ready HVAC system; the grant turned part of the Engineering Building into a laboratory to build and test their idea.

"Beautiful and inspiring places are not superficial things. They are an essential human need. They nurture and develop the people who engaged them."

Dan Pitera, professor of Architecture and executive director of Detroit Mercy's Detroit Collaborative Design Center, who was honored with the American Institute of Architecture Detroit Chapter's Charles Blessing Award. The award is given to an individual who shows leadership in planning and civic issues and exemplifies the vision, commitment and accomplishments of Blessing, a visionary Detroit city planner.

Read the full stories that include these quotes at sites.udmercy.edu/alumni.

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New E&S dean looks toward the fu

For University of Detroit Mercy's new dean of the College of Engineering & Science, Katherine Snyder '89, '93, career advancement has been less about a pre-set road map and more about being open to the opportunities that have come across her path.

It's an attitude that's sure to serve her well as she settles into her role as the College's newest — and first-ever female — dean. Though she has officially held the position since May 7, 2018, she served in an interim capacity for nearly a year prior to her appointment, since the departure of former Dean Gary Kulek in the spring of 2017.

As dean, Snyder is focused on developing branding and marketing strategies to better attract potential students to the College. She understands that the ability to differentiate itself from its competitors is critical to the long-term solvency of both the College and the University as a whole.

"Students are really looking to determine their place in the world," she said. "Our vision is not to produce technicians — we want to help students know how to use their passions and talents to make a difference in the world. I think it's really important to make that explicit, especially for potential students. Facilities, tuition — those are very concrete. The experience is abstract."

To figure out how to best communicate this message, the College is currently undergoing a branding study, which will be used to create a marketing plan.

Snyder is also working to expand the College's options for graduate students.

"The higher education landscape has changed," she said. "Folks aren't interested in full master's degrees; they want stackable certificates."

Certificates, she explained, are typically earned in five, three-credit classes, which count toward a full 30-credit master's degree. Other micro credentials, with fewer numbers of credits, are also being considered.

A variety of other ideas and projects are also in the works to both create new and build on existing opportunities for students, faculty and staff involved in STEM education, like the creation of an Office of Undergraduate Research, the increasing support for pre-Health advising, facility renovations and the introduction of a minor in biomedical design.

For many connected to the College, Snyder is already a familiar face; true to her career-progression strategy of embracing opportunities as they arise, she started at the University 24 years ago.



uture By Amy Skimin

Prior to that, Snyder, who holds a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and a Master of Science in Computer Science from the University, taught high school in southwest Detroit at the former Holy Redeemer High School (now Cristo Rey). After completing her master's degree at and starting a family, longtime mathematics faculty member Robert Kane offered her an instructor position, teaching classes in the evening, which allowed her to stay home with her new baby during the day. She jumped at the opportunity, and not too long after that, she was encouraged to get her Ph.D. and to consider seeking a tenured position.

"I thought that was a great idea because I really enjoyed teaching here and was interested in researching how technology impacts student learning in mathematics and computer science," Snyder recalled.

She earned her doctorate in Mathematics and Computer Science Education from Wayne State University, and got tenure at Detroit Mercy. As opportunities became available, she accepted them, serving as director of the University's 7-year Dental Program, chair of the Mathematics & Computer Science Department and eventually associate dean of academic affairs for the College in 2010.

Snyder said. "I've had great mentors, many of whom were my instructors. Later, when I became a peer and took on a leadership roles, they were very gracious. I've been very blessed. I feel like I'm lucky because I know for a lot of women (in STEM fields) that was not the case."

Biomedical Design minor created

Students interested in assistive technology will soon have the option of minoring in Biomedical Design, a new program in the College of Engineering & Science.

According to E&S Dean Katherine Snyder, biomedical engineers tend to have bachelor's degrees in traditional mechanical or electrical engineering, with specialized advanced degrees; minoring in Biomedical Design will give students an advantage when applying to competitive graduate programs.

It also has the potential to attract additional female STEM students to the University. While the number of female Computer Science graduates is declining steeply (currently, only 18 percent of U.S. computer science graduates are women, down from 37 percent in 1985), women make up 39 percent of biomedical engineering graduates, much higher than most engineering fields and second only to environmental engineering, at 44 percent.

The minor will be led by Megan O. Conrad, Ph.D., who was hired after the University received a \$476,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation's Clare Boothe Luce Program. The program is designed to increase the participation of women in the sciences and engineering at every level of higher education.

Rocky Road:

First woman Mechanical Engineering graduate recalls journey to degree

By Amy Skimin

It's not often a person gets fired from a job before they start, but for engineer Susan Schwing it was par for the course in 1965.

As a University of Detroit Engineering student with a goal of working for NASA, she was required to complete a co-op assignment as part of the program. As then-Susan Battaglia's first assignment approached, the freshly minted Mechanical Engineering major was offered a position at Kodak in Rochester, New York. But the following day, when human resources realized the company's newest co-op engineer was, in fact, a woman, the offer was unceremoniously rescinded.

"Kodak's excuse was that no woman could be on the manufacturing floor, let alone serve as an engineering supervisor in that facility," Schwing recalled.

It was a slight she had already experienced in her brief professional life. The University's placement office had told her that Ford and General Motors would not take on female engineering students. She was thrilled, though, to receive a co-op placement at the Chrysler Corporation Space Division NASA Michoud facility in New Orleans; she was Chrysler's first female co-op employee.

The rejections were disheartening, but not unexpected. Female engineers were not common at the time; she was the only woman in her graduating class of 188 people.

Times have changed. Detroit Mercy has a female dean of the College of Engineering & Science and in 2016 received a five-year grant from the Henry Luce Foundation's Clare Boothe Luce Program to hire a woman professor who will serve as a mentor and role model for young women interested in these fields. She works alongside many other women STEM professors who teach a student body that is more than half female.

"There were challenges," Schwing said of her undergraduate experience. "There were more people that didn't want me there than wanted me there."

The negativity didn't just come from other students — it came from some professors, too. She said they would adjust the grading curve to avoid giving her top marks, a move that also hurt male students, compounding their resentment. One professor tried to fail her out of the program, Schwing said. When she earned the third-highest grade in the class on the final exam, ensuring she would pass the class, he ranted and raved. A dean who overheard the professor later vividly described the event to Schwing.

The professional world often proved to be just as unsupportive. Random employees would tell Schwing during her co-op, "You don't deserve this job," and "You're taking a draft deferment away from a man with a family."

But through it all, Schwing held her head high. "I started this, I'm going to finish this," she told herself. She turned to her favorite

hobby — sewing — to relax her, and put herself in God's hands. "God gave me strength," she said, "and daily Mass at the Campus Chapel in the C&F Building fortified me."

It was, in fact, her faith — or, more accurately, her desire to keep her faith — that brought her to University of Detroit in the first place. As a student at Immaculate Conception High School in Lodi, New Jersey, the Felician Sisters who ran the school told her that if she went to a public university, she would lose her faith.

She already knew she would likely be the only woman in whatever engineering program she chose, "I didn't want to have issues with my faith, too," she explained.

She decided to attend a Jesuit university, based on the strong academic reputation of the Jesuits. At the time, she only had three choices that were both co-ed and offered an aerospace engineering program. What set U of D apart was the co-op requirement — real work experience, Schwing understood, would be invaluable to her when it came time to get a job.

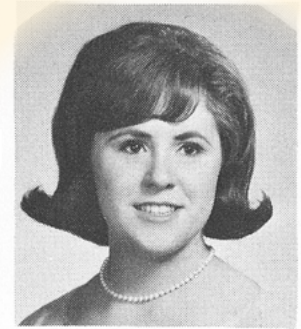
"I realized I'd have enough trouble (finding a job) as a female," Schwing said. "I'd be more employable with co-op experience."

In the fall of 1963, Schwing moved halfway across the country and began her academic career as an aerospace engineering student at U of D. But by the end of her freshman year, the University had announced that the aerospace program was being phased out. She was given a choice of majoring in mechanical or electrical engineering instead. It was only after she learned the placement office would try to provide aerospace co-op assignments to those who changed their designated major that she decided to return for her sophomore year.

Despite the struggles, Schwing has many positive memories of her time at the University. There were students and professors who went out of their way to be nice and make her feel welcome and included, like the men who would study with her — usually at a place they wouldn't be seen by the classmates rooting for her to fail.

"I gave them plates of home-baked chocolate chip cookies as a gesture of thanks," Schwing recalled.

And then there was Professor Wayne Felbarth, who taught Engineering graphics and design. He offered Schwing much-needed support, even writing letters of recommendation when she applied to six-year M.D./Ph.D. programs at New York University and Johns Hopkins University. At the time, there was a growing need for professionals who could act as a bridge between engineers and doctors, particularly in the design of prosthetics for soldiers



SUSAN J.
BATTAGLIA



Professor Susan Schwing discusses the workings of Rube Goldberg devices with Engineering Science students at SUNY Broome Community College in Binghamton, New York. Photo by Sara Forbes, SUNY Broome Community College.

returning home from Vietnam. Schwing, who had hospital experience as a nurses' aide during the summer between her freshman and sophomore years of college, thought it would be a good fit and offer an alternative, service-oriented professional career.

Felbarth was furious when he received the Johns Hopkins recommendation back, unopened, with a note explaining the school would not consider admitting a woman to its program. His recommendation did, however, get Schwing accepted into the NYU program, though she decided not to pursue it.

Perhaps the most meaningful interaction Schwing had with Felbarth was at her graduation ceremony.

The graduates were seated by department, in alphabetical order. When Schwing's row was called forward to receive their diplomas, some of her fellow graduates began booing and didn't stop until she reached the steps to the stage.

Felbarth was standing close to the first step, checking to make sure each student received the correct diploma. He saw the tears running down Schwing's face, and told her, "Susie, don't let them get to you now!"

"Professor Felbarth had never called me by my first name before, let alone 'Susie,'" Schwing explained. "I was 'Miss Battaglia.'"

She crossed the stage and became the first woman to receive a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Detroit.

After graduation, Schwing married fellow U of D alumnus Robert L. Schwing '68, whom she met after her third co-op assignment, during their fifth and final year — "He's not a 'real' engineer," she joked. "He got a physics degree first, then saw the light and completed the requirements for an engineering degree." Though Bob was impervious to what his fellow students might say, they still chose to keep their relationship quiet.

They faced their first challenge together when Bob received an offer to work for Boeing in Seattle, while Susan was offered her "dream job" — also by Boeing — but in Houston. The offer was based on the co-op employment records Chrysler had shared with the aerospace giant.

Since Bob had completed his co-op requirements at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, where he began to develop expertise in

flight control and simulation, he decided to return to the USAF Flight Dynamics Lab in Dayton, Ohio. Susan accepted a position at the Air Force medical research labs also located on base. They married in August 1968 and settled in Dayton.

Bob attended night classes at the University of Dayton and received his master's degree in Mechanical Engineering in May 1973. After having two children, Susan received a graduate research assistantship for the 1974-75 school year. She competed for, and received, the sole University of Dayton Summer 1975 research fellowship. Her graduate teaching assistantship for 1975-76 funded her remaining education and introduced her to academia. She earned her Master of Mechanical Engineering from the University of Dayton in 1976, having used her graduate stipends to pay for a babysitter/housekeeper to mitigate any effect her daily absence might have on her children and home. She continued to balance her family and professional life as an adjunct professor at the University of Dayton until the family moved to upstate New York in 1982.

The mother of five and grandmother of two is now an adjunct lecturer at SUNY Broome. Four of her five children — including two daughters — have bachelor's degrees in Mechanical Engineering, not to mention an array of graduate degrees, and all five are successful in their respective fields.

"It's in their DNA," Schwing joked.

And it may yet be carried on by a third generation. When she graduated, Schwing had to purchase a man's class ring because at the time, there was no mold to make a woman's ring that included the seal of University of Detroit's College of Engineering & Science.

Schwing still wears it proudly to her daily classes. When her granddaughters ask about "gammy's big ring," she tells them that it is her "Princess of Power" ring. It serves as a constant reminder that she can do anything she wants to do, with the help of God's grace. The name comes from "She-Ra: Princess of Power," a trailblazing girl-power icon with her own 1980s cartoon about her heroics. At a time when female cartoon characters tended to be sidekicks or in need of rescue, She-Ra broke new ground. It is a powerful symbol of another groundbreaker closer to home, and an inspiration for two young girls.



Shaping the future of autonomous vehicles

By Ron Bernas

The point where driverless vehicles and the law intersect is nearly uncharted territory, but one University of Detroit Mercy alumna has positioned herself there to help keep an industry on the right road.

"You never know what path you will take, so you have to bend; you cannot be inflexible. When you see the wind of change, you have to seize it," said Jennifer Dukarski, a partner in the Ann Arbor office of Butzel Long.

Dukarski is a two-time graduate of Detroit Mercy — she earned a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in '96 and her juris doctor degree in '10. The law degree wasn't always part of the plan, but Dukarski seized the wind of change at the right time for her.

She calls herself a "recovering engineer," following a career of high-level engineering and management positions with Tier One suppliers including Delphi and Johnson Controls, turning around struggling plants, overseeing challenging product launches and working to minimize quality issues and recalls.

Well-respected and at a high level in her field, she was encouraged by a mentor to get more education and Dukarski considered an MBA. The mentor suggested Dukarski think bigger, which led

her to Detroit Mercy Law's night program.

Knowing the way forward would mean a leap of faith, Dukarski resigned her position with Johnson Controls for a 10-week summer internship with a law firm, and no promises it would turn into a full-time job. It paid off, but the goal now was to find her niche.

She has become a leader in the autonomous vehicle field, negotiating contracts for their components and worked on contracts involving wireless updates to in-vehicle technology. She has been seen on television and quoted in print interviews and spoken widely on the legal issues in the field.

What does she think the future holds for autonomous vehicles?

"There's no question the technology is real," she said. "It's not perfect, but it is there. We are early on and so many vehicles on the road with some of that technology are doing a good job."

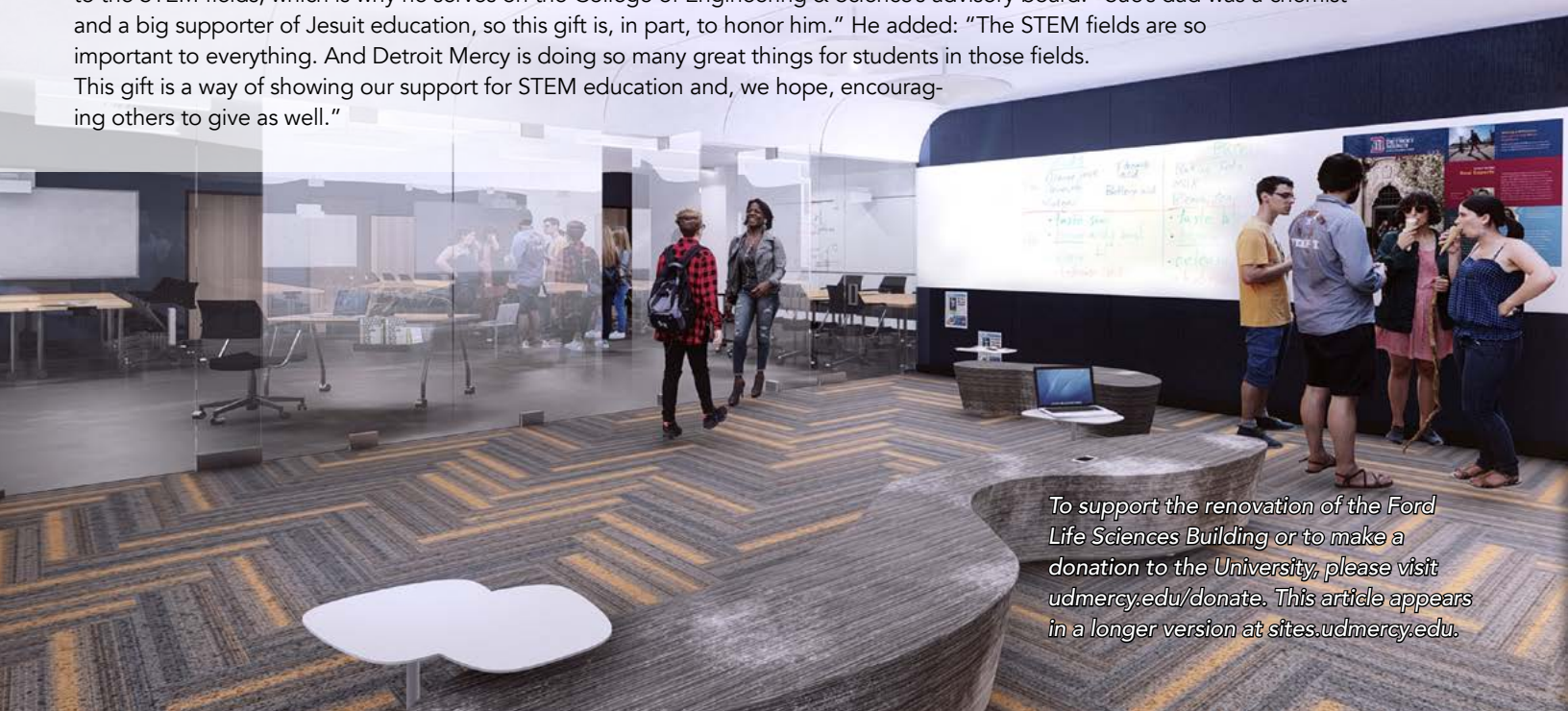
Experts predict there will be approximately 40,000 autonomous vehicles on the road by 2023, and while they will have an impact on the streets and the automotive industry, their societal impact may prove to be even more important.

"What do you do when designing a place of business and you don't need parking, because people can be dropped off by an autonomous vehicle that then goes somewhere else," Dukarski asked. "There are many questions that still need to be answered."

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STEM gift is meant to inspire

Bill Wales '72, '73 and Sue Dion Wales '72 know they are blessed and they credit much of their success to their time spent at the University of Detroit, where they met lifelong friends and earned degrees that led to careers as a researcher and attorney (Bill) and a teacher (Sue). They recently shared their blessings with a gift of \$100,000 to jumpstart the planned renovation of the Ford Life Sciences Building on the McNichols Campus. Opened in 1967, the Ford building is home to the Biology Department. A complete, floor-by-floor renovation beginning with the ground floor lobby and greeting area is planned, and includes updated equipment and labs. Bill, who earned his bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in '72 and a master's degree in Engineering in '73, is passionate about the importance of attracting more students to the STEM fields, which is why he serves on the College of Engineering & Science's advisory board. "Sue's dad was a chemist and a big supporter of Jesuit education, so this gift is, in part, to honor him." He added: "The STEM fields are so important to everything. And Detroit Mercy is doing so many great things for students in those fields. This gift is a way of showing our support for STEM education and, we hope, encouraging others to give as well."



To support the renovation of the Ford Life Sciences Building or to make a donation to the University, please visit udmercy.edu/donate. This article appears in a longer version at sites.udmercy.edu.



Future Leaders of STEM

Two summer programs aimed at introducing STEM careers to young women are held annually on the McNichols Campus.

Science, Technology, Engineering Preview Summer, or STEPS, offers a foundation and encouragement in fields traditionally seen as male. Programs like STEPS, above, are meant to attract more women to the fields.

STEPS, created by the College of Engineering & Science, provides hands-on experience with technology activities, relatable role models and messages that challenge stereotypes about gender and STEM fields.

In partnership with the Michigan Council of Women in Technology Foundation (MCWT), Detroit Mercy welcomed 40 middle-school-aged girls to Camp Infinity, below, over the summer. The weeklong program introduced campers to a variety of computer

technologies. Younger campers studied video game design concepts and learned coding to make small Dash Bots dance, while older campers studied robotics and mobile app design concepts. All campers participated in mini-sessions that highlighted programming skills, problem solving, design innovation and career options in technology.

According to Rita Barrios, Ph.D., former professor and department chair of Cybersecurity & Information Systems, middle school is a critical time to encourage young women to pursue an interest in STEM fields. "By the time girls enter high school, social pressures, stereotypes and a misconception that computer jobs are something only geeky boys do are very strong deterrents to girls becoming women in computer fields," she explained. "Camp Infinity shows girls the truth. They become so engrossed, so positively challenged to go from zero to coding in a few days' time. And they have a tremendous amount of fun."



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From our Decades Dash 5K and Fun Run, St. Francis Club Style Tug of War, Tour du Titan Bike Ride and Live Detroit Festival to the more reflective Community Mass, there is something fun for everyone at our family friendly Homecoming Weekend.

GENERAL ADMISSION COST

One non-perishable food or personal hygiene item per person for the Detroit Mercy Student Food Pantry. Suggested items: single servings soups, instant meals, peanut butter, canned fruit, protein bars, personal hygiene items, etc.

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

9 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Dental Continuing Education Titan10 Unite – Networking, vendors and a beer and brats dean reception. Register at dental.udmercy.edu/titan10. Double Tree Hotel.

12 p.m. – Law Golf Tournament – St. John's Golf Course at The Inn at St. John's, Plymouth, Mich. Detroit Mercy Law kicks off the weekend with a noon shotgun start at St. John's Golf Course for the annual Law Golf Tournament and Dinner.

3:30 p.m. – Ask the Professor – Live Taping – Library, McNichols Campus
Take part in a live taping of Ask the Professor, one of the longest running broadcast shows in the United States. This is a quirky, unrehearsed quiz show that has been on the air since the 1950s, where the audience tries to stump Detroit Mercy professors. Free gift (while supplies last) to alumni who attend the recording of the show.

4 – 8 p.m. – Engineering & Science Reception – High Bay, Engineering & Science Building.

5 – 8:30 p.m. – John A. McLean Lecture – Chemistry Building.

5:30 p.m. – SOA Lecture – African American Architects in Detroit/Michigan.

6 – 9 p.m. – 50th Reunion Dinner – Fountain Lounge, McNichols Campus
Are you celebrating your golden anniversary? Class of 1968, join friends and former classmates for dinner and live music to celebrate the 50th anniversary of your graduation! Cost of admission is \$30 per person. Law and Dental reunions have already occurred, but any 1968 graduate is welcome to attend.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

10 a.m. – Decades Dash 5k and Fun Run

The third annual Decades Dash "time-warped" again, this time to the 1990s. Whether you are running, walking or strutting your stuff in our costume contest, join in the fun. Participants receive a T-shirt and a race medal. Cash prizes will be awarded for best costumes. Cost \$30.

11:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. – Live Detroit Festival (General Admission)

Join us on the McNichols Campus for a day of fun activities and Homecoming celebrations. There is something for the whole family to enjoy. Detroit specialties like **coney dogs**, **Bucharest Grill sandwiches**, **Buddy's pizza** and **Sanders desserts** will be available for purchase. Cost of admission is a non-perishable food or personal hygiene item for the University's food pantry. Register before Sept. 25 and get a free T-shirt for everyone in your party.

Festival activities include:

- **Scavenger Hunt** – Designed to help you explore the iconic features of the McNichols campus.
- **DIA Away** – The DIA's community trailer provides participants the opportunity for some hands-on, creative learning.
- **Homecoming Games** – Compete with family, friends and students in friendly, fun competitions.
 - Noon – Family games.
 - 12:30 p.m. – Win it in a Minute games.
 - 1 p.m. – Collegiate games.
- **Main Stage Performances** – See performances and demonstrations from the fencing team, and the University Chinese, Arabic and African/Caribbean communities.
- **Campus Tours** – At 11:30 a.m., tours highlighting the newest and most innovative developments across campus will leave from academic buildings.
- **Men's Soccer Game** – At 2 p.m., come cheer on our men's soccer team to victory.
- **St. Francis Club Tug of War** – At 2 p.m., come watch or join in on the fun in this exciting bracket-style tournament that is fashioned after the legendary St. Francis Club Tug of War held for years on campus.
- **Art Show and Garden Tours** – Starting at 4 p.m. the Live6Alliance will showcase neighborhood art work and provide garden tours in the Fitzgerald Neighborhood.
- **Fun Zone** – Inflatables, bubble soccer, yard games.
- **Community Art Project** – Stop by to help paint a brand new piece of campus art.
- **Car Show** – Stroll through a wide variety of classic cars.

12 p.m. – Men's and Women's Lacross Reunion

12 – 1:30 p.m. – ROTC Assembly & Lunch

From 1951-91, over 4,000 cadets trained on the Campus. Today, Detroit Mercy is ranked 12th in the nation for "Best Colleges for Veterans" by *US News and World Report*. Relive the memories by coming to an assembly in Calihan Hall.

12 – 1:30 p.m. – Tour du Titan Bike Ride – Meet at Student Fitness Center.

Join us for a 10-12 mile bike ride through the neighborhoods surrounding campus. Bring a bike. Cost of the ride is \$10.

4 p.m. – Detroit Mercy Community Mass

Celebrate a Saturday afternoon Mass with the Detroit Mercy community.

4 – 6 p.m. – Varsity News 100th Anniversary & Reunion

Join us in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of *The Varsity News* at a special reunion. Admission is FREE.

7:30 p.m. – Theater performance of *Wittenberg* followed by an alumni reception at the Boll Theater, Detroit, Mich.

8 p.m. – Stroll Competition

Various Greek organizations will perform in a stroll and chant tradition. It's a fun event that unifies campus, builds community and fosters fellowship. Suitable for all ages.



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1960s

John P. Jacobs '67, '70 was honored by the Michigan Defense Trial Counsel, which created a new annual award called the John P. Jacobs Appellate Advocacy Award for his many years of legal achievements in appellate litigation.

1970s

Andrew Brown, Jr. '79 has joined the board of directors of Milost Global, Inc., a private equity firm headquartered in New York City.

Michael W. Bruner '74 was honored with the Human Dignity Award by the YMCA of San Diego (Calif.) County. He is the executive director of the Jackie Robinson Family YMCA. The award is given to a person who exemplifies Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life and work.

Lisa Sommers Gretchko '79 of the Royal Oak, Mich.-based firm of Howard and Howard Attorneys has been named to a two-year term as vice president of Publications for the American Bankruptcy Institute.

The Hon. Barry L. Howard '73 was appointed to the Municipal Stability Board of Michigan by Gov. Rick Snyder. Howard is of counsel to the law firm of Lipson, Neilson, Cole, Seltzer & Garin, P.C. in Bloomfield Township, Mich.

Noel W. Jackson, D.D.S. '79 was elected District Governor for the District 6400 Rotary, which includes 50 Rotary Clubs and 1,600 members in southeast Michigan and southwest Ontario. His term is from 2020-2021.

Bradley M. Simmons '79, '84 received the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award by the Boy Scouts organization in Detroit. He is director of Community Outreach for Ford Motor Co.

Leon L. Wyden, Jr. '79 was named Frostburg (Md.) State

University's vice president of Administration and Finance.

1980s

Frequency Therapeutics, a Massachusetts-based biotechnology company, appointed **Carl LeBel '80** to executive vice president of clinical development.

Valerie Harriel '83, '89 was named one of the top women in U.S. manufacturing for 2018 by the Manufacturing Institute in Chesapeake, Va. She is vice president of human resources for Volvo Penta of the Americas.

Michigan design firm Neumann/Smith Architecture has hired **Leo Valentino Mendez, Jr. '88** as director of design.

The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) and the Metropolitan Affairs Coalition (MAC) appointed **Nancy Susick '86** to serve on its newly formed Future Skills Task Force. Susick is president of Beaumont Health.

Julie Beth (Klein) Teicher '82 has joined the Southfield, Mich.-based law firm Maddin, Houser, Roth & Heller in the firm's creditor rights, bankruptcy and insolvency practice group.

Ronald Wilson '80 has been named director of the Veterans Welcome Home and Resource Center in Little River, S.C.

1990s

George S. Attia '95 has been named vice president, managing principal of AECOM's Detroit Buildings and Places business within its design and consulting services group. AECOM is a global infrastructure firm.

Bishop Cory J. Chavis '95 was appointed to Michigan's School Safety Task Force by Gov. Rick Snyder. Chavis is founder and senior pastor of Victory Com-

munity Church in Detroit and Westland, Mich.

Theodore G. Coutlish '95 was appointed vice chancellor, marketing and community relations of Oakland (Mich.) Community College.

Gregory D. DeGrazia '94 has joined the Detroit-based firm Miller Canfield as a principal attorney in the intellectual property group.

Shelly (Lee) Griffin '93 has joined the Troy, Mich.-based law firm of Secrest Wardle as an executive partner.

Steven A. Juodawlkis '99 has been named director of product management for United Federal Credit Union based in St. Joseph, Mich.

Rhett B. Rowe '91 has been named chief revenue officer of GMA Fund of New York, a specialty finance firm that provides cash flow solutions for small and mid-sized businesses.

Dexter Shurney, M.D. '90 was named chief medical officer and senior vice president of clinical affairs for digital health and wellness company Zipongo.

John R. Ward '95 has been named dean of the College of Education at Kutztown University in Pennsylvania.

John Wichmann '98 has been named president of Illinois-based Sewer Equipment.

2000s

Andrea (Trebnik) Badalucco '06 has joined the Michigan-based law firm Foster Swift and will practice in the firm's Southfield office in the areas of civil, criminal, family law and juvenile matters.

Kenneth F. Devries '00 has joined Horizon Sales, a company specializing in electronics assembly and soldering equipment and supplies based in Ohio.

Andrew Hayner '08 was recently promoted to the position of Senior Attorney at DTE Energy.

Scott M. Kowalski '07 was named head of corporate banking for southeast Michigan at PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.

James Meek '01 has been named sales manager, lead maker and sawyer for Live Edge Detroit, a Troy, Mich.-based lumber manufacturer.

Richard C. Mills '05 has been named a partner of the Jackson, Mich.-based law firm Marcoux Allen. He also serves on the Probate and Estate Planning Council for the State Bar of Michigan.

Emily (Meyer) Robertson '07 has joined Troy, Mich.-based Estate Planning Services, P.C. as operations attorney.

Julianne (Cassin) Sharp '01 has joined Detroit-based Miller Canfield as principal attorney in the firm's immigration practice.

2010s

Kyle T. Burleson '10 has been named executive director of the Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority.

Bradley Fowler '10 was honored by the Grand Rapids Bar Association for his contributions to the legal profession by someone who is in the early stages of his career. He is with Mika Myers PLC in Grand Rapids, Mich., and is a board trustee for the Grand Rapids Bar Association and a board member for Catholic Charities of West Michigan.

Tanya M. Murray '17 has joined the insurance coverage practice group of the Southfield, Mich.-based law firm Collins Einhorn Farrell PC.

ALUMNI EVENTS

Looking for fun? We've got it

Every year, University of Detroit Mercy's Alumni Relations Department plans dozens of events — from small gatherings at private homes to a Homecoming celebration for thousands — to keep you in touch with your alma mater. Don't let another year go by without joining in the fun!

1. The Jesuit and Mercy values of service to the community never leave our students. That's why our Alumni Day of Service in April brought so many alumni with their families to work together in the community surrounding our McNichols Campus.
2. In May, Detroit Mercy's newest alumni — the Class of 2018 — presented the University with gifts that totaled \$1,755. Some students shown here are juniors, who will organize the 2019 Senior Class Gift.
3. In June, theater students and other alumni took a stage-oriented trip to New York City where they saw several shows and took backstage tours, guided by Detroit Mercy alumni working in New York theater.



Coming up

Sept. 20 – 6:30 p.m. – Detroit Mercy Night at Comerica Park

Come early for our pre-game program featuring first pitch, national anthem, a scholarship presentation and some mascot fun with Tommy and Paws. Package includes a game ticket, a Detroit Mercy Detroit Tigers baseball cap, and a \$5 donation to the University's General Scholarship Fund.

mlb.com/tigers/tickets/specials/university-of-detroit-mercy

October – TBD – Quicken Loans Alumni Luncheon

Alumni who work for Quicken Loans are invited to a luncheon to mingle with fellow alumni and current students. For more information email Peggy Pattison at pattisma@udmercy.edu.

Nov. 7 – 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – 30-Minute Mentor (Round 1)

Connect with students in a one-on-one mentoring setting, with students rotating every half hour. Alumni interested in mentoring need to be available for the entire duration. To sign up, email Olivia Martin at martinol@udmercy.edu.

November 19 – Student & Alumni Titan Basketball Tailgate

Come to campus and enjoy a night on us: free food, bonfire fun, and complimentary basketball tickets for all students and alumni. Check the alumni website in mid-September for more details or contact Angelina Jaroszewski at vestaj@udmercy.edu.

Nov. 28 – 6:30 p.m. – Detroit Mercy Night at Little Caesars Arena (LCA)

Join the Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Mercy for our inaugural Detroit Mercy Night at LCA. Ticket packages include a game ticket, baseball cap, donation to the University's scholarship fund, and admission to a tailgate before the game. Registration details coming soon.

Jan. 16, 2019 – Time TBD – Student Alumni Escape Challenge

Team up with alumni and current students for a chance to beat the clock at The Great Escape Room. Together you'll be locked in a room, and you must search for clues to plot your escape. \$10 admission. Email Olivia Martin at martinol@udmercy.edu to RSVP.

February – TBD – Chili Cook-off

Join us for a Titan favorite. The details of this year's cook-off are a secret for now, check back at the end of the year to see what we have planned.

Feb. 19 – 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. – 30-Minute Mentor (Round 2)

To sign up as a mentor, email Olivia Martin at martinol@udmercy.edu.

March 23 – Becoming a better U!

Join us for a half-day networking and professional development opportunity. More information coming in late fall.

To register or for more information on any of these events, past or future, visit community.udmercy.edu.

In MEMORIAM

WE REMEMBER ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED ON TO ETERNAL LIFE

1940s

Helen (McKernan) Brinich '45
Anthony A. Carollo '44, '46
Frank E. Dulapa '41
Otto F. Flachsmann '48
Margaret (Bieszki) Ford '47
Virginia (Smith) Foster '46
Robert L. Fregolle '49
William G. Loughlin '49
Robert A. McGrail '47
Philip Rashid '48
Catherine (Murphy) Royce '47

1950s

Frederick F. Abair '51
Angelyn (Palmer) Agrella '53
Emil Alberti '50
Daniel P. Barhnart Jr. '53
Donald W. Bee '54
Richard V. Bennett '55
Francis E. Birka '51
George L. Biro '54
Clarence A. Brinkman '53
Daniel F. Broderick '56
Marlene (Lietz) Bryk '54, '83
Thomas J. Bueter '50
Donald R. Byrne '55
Mark J. Cady '51
William B. Carney '55, '62
Donald J. Carrier '58
Cataldo C. Cerilli '51
Thomas W. Cline '54
James H. Cornelius '51
Richard E. Czarnecki '53, '57
Stuart L. Davidson, D.D.S. '55
Alex J. Domin, D.D.S. '54
Thomas P. Doran '59, '64
Daniel A. Dunn '59
Paul G. Dunne '58
John H. Engel Jr. '56, '58
David J. Fitzpatrick '51
John J. Foley '53
Ralph D. Gilbert '52
Charles J. Given '50
Kenneth A. Goerke, D.D.S. '53
Cornelia (Kockx) Haman '58

Charles K. Hart '52
William A. Hayes '51
Lorraine (McElroy) Hermes '52
Michael J. Houlihan '56, '57
John T. Jordan, Jr., '50, '58
Daniel B. Kachnowski '59, '62
Zita (Stanislowski) Kelly '53
Gerald T. Kennedy '57
Jerome B. Komendera '50
William E. Kramer '57
Genevieve H. Kurek '53, '57
Richard A. Kwiecinski '54
Darwin J. Langlois '52
Wilma (Anderson) Longpre '50
Paul E. Mallon '57
Joseph Mazur '55
Neil McCallum '51
Joseph M. McGlynn '58
John Miko '51
William S. Molnar '53
James H. Mulligan '58
Lawrence E. Murray '58
Donald J. Nelson '57
Emmett J. Neville, D.D.S. '53
William H. Oberndorfer '51
Joseph D. Odenweller '56
William J. Paran '52
Mary Jonella Pieper, R.S.M. '56
John E. Polcyn '55
Paul G. Racicot '52
Joseph Renvez '56
Nettie (McDaniel) Rickerman '53
Peter E. Rutsey '59
Ronald F. Schneider '58
Marguerite (Watts) Smiggen '53
Jean P. Stodolak '55
Mary (Morrissey) Suchenek '50
John F. Sullivan '50
Charles E. Swaney '59
John J. Tripi '57, '71
Dorothy J. Trombley '53
Murlin J. Vellequette '51
H. Richard Verbiest '56
Marjorie (Earley) Watson '51
Don G. Wilcox '54, '57
Chester F. Wolanin '51
Roger E. Worpell '59
Leon P. Zukowski '56

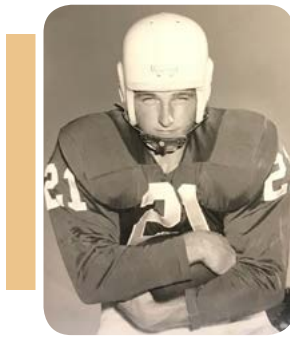
1960s

Marsha (Suchara) Ackerman '65
Gary Alderman '61
Thomas Amoroso '67
Carol (Listwan) Arata '68
John P. Argenta, Jr. '64
Charles J. Baumann '60
John E. Bender '66
Tulio H. Bilenchi '67
Mary (McClatchie) Black '62
William J. Breed '61
Newnan C. Brown '68
Elizabeth (Evans) Campau '61
Donald D. Chuey '63
Marilyn (Kozara) Dause '62
Patricia A. DeFoe '66
Maria (Gallagher) Dietz '62
Don F. Egerer '64
David J. Gilin '61
Ann (Carter) Grein '63
Raymond E. Grey '63
Casimir J. Grzeskowiak '60
Janet (Nagel) Griffin '62
John M. Harrop '63
Dennis W. Hickey '65
Robert C. Horvath '62
Basil D. Johnson '66
Clara Kabick, O.S.F. '67
John E. Keyes '63
John P. Kilcline '64
Joan (Farrell) Koss '62
Brother James L. Lacasse '64
James V. Lacey, M.D. '66
J. Ronald Lessard '67
Barbara C. Lunarde '68
Richard J. Malacuskus '65
Thomas L. Marquess '66
Donald W. Masse '65
James R. McGillivray '64
St. M. Caritas Naughton '66
Dominic R. Ortisi '63
Sr. Rita Rennell, IHM '68
Robert P. Rio '62
Barbara (Skirchak) Schultz '67
Patricia (Smith) Schwartz '61
Francis J. Siecinski '62
Robert A. Spansky '64, '67

Raymond J. Stauder '61
 Howard D. Stewart Jr. '61
 Alexander E. Vida '66
 Roland R. Villeneuve '66
 John M. Wagner '60

1970s

Dr. Fred A. Bader '75
 Ronald R. Barrett '71
 Laura (Dumsa) Bennett '72
 Genevieve M. Bessette '75
 Peter C. Burke, Jr. '76
 Angela (Gaglio) Collinson '75
 Daniel J. Henry, Jr. '70
 Leon E. Hurd '75
 Linda J. Jensen '78
 Dennis R. Johnson '77
 Mark A. Kane '74
 George F. Krempin '72
 Suzanne T. Loibl '77
 David E. Marine '73
 Cynthia (Kulinski) Mallory '70
 Patricia (Whittler) Martin '77
 Evelyn (Bassett) McRae '72
 Veta E. Miller '74
 Gerald Opalinski '73
 Anthony M. Opyrchal '71, '74
 Deborah (Ruf) Patthoff '73
 Sr. Clara Pedo, S.C. '79
 Patricia Petz-Jeffries '79
 Dorothy T. Reaume '70
 Lawrence C. Soest '75
 Joseph A. Treadwell '79
 Mary C. Verret '73



Notables

Bruce D. Maher '60 — A Titan star on the gridiron and the baseball diamond, he played minor league baseball and had a 10-year NFL career with the Detroit Lions and the New York Giants. He is a member of the Titan Hall of Fame.

1980s

Danny K. Chasteen '82
 Edward J. Connors '87
 Thomas P. Cummings '82
 Marianne Dickerman-Caldwell '85, '00
 Rebecca (Nicholaides) Farrand '85
 Gordon W. Gennrich, D.D.S. '84
 Mikael G. Hahner '81
 Mary (Marshall) Howard '80
 Lois (Hill) Johnson '86
 Eric P. Ross '83
 Guy L. Thompson '82
 Dorothy (Daniel) Walker '88

1990s

Kenneth R. Alexander '95
 Gerald V. Foday '99
 Richard N. Jefferson '91
 Charles A. Leibel '93
 Lurine C. Moncrease '90
 Raymond E. Pope '94
 Aileen Ryan '92
 Nettie Shack '90
 Joseph M. Shaw '95
 Rory B. Twomey '98

2000s

Stephanie (Theisen) Bartyzel '01
 Donna (Dantzer) Burton '06
 Lavora P. Cook '07, '08
 Matthew D. Dick '09

2010s

Jonas Powell '14

Faculty and Friends

Chad C. Schatz, former softball pitching coach

Wai Choong Foong, Associate Professor
 Integrated Biomedical Sciences, School of Dentistry

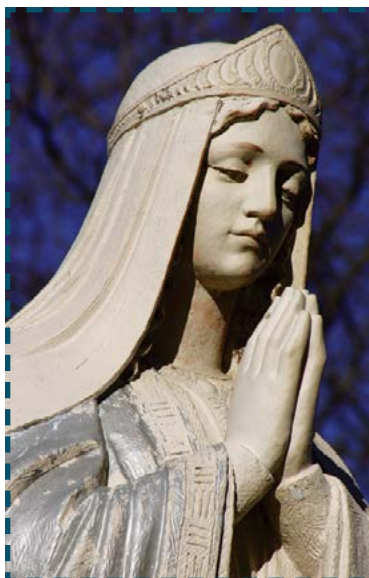
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 Psychology Department

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 School of Dentistry

Khalil S. Taraman, former faculty member,
 College of Engineering & Science

Cheryl V. Walker '12, staff member in the
 College of Health Professions & McAuley
 School of Nursing



The Feasts of All Souls and All Saints

call to mind our deceased family and friends. As members of a faith community, we invite you to submit the names of your departed loved ones so that we might join you in prayerful remembrance of them during our Masses throughout November. Please email the list of names to alumni@udmercy.edu or mail this form to Alumni Relations, University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, Mich. 48221-3038 or go online at community.udmercy.edu/allsouls.

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PARTING THOUGHTS

This year marks the publication of the 25th issue of *[sic]*, University of Detroit Mercy's innovative, profound, and irreverent student arts journal. *[sic]* is edited by students and features the written and visual art of the University's exceptionally creative student body. It is published by the English Department with support from the College of Liberal Arts and Education.

Over the years, *[sic]* has featured the work of hundreds of student writers, artists and editors. Each student has made the journal their own. For some students, this has meant the publication of a single poem, submitted anonymously. Others, under the guidance of faculty mentors, serve as editors and contributors throughout their time as undergraduates.

[sic] is an open-call publication with no preset subjects students must include in their submissions. Yet, looking back over the last 25 issues, some themes emerge. The city of Detroit, for instance, has endlessly fascinated students. They photograph its buildings and people, explore its contradictions, and try to locate themselves in its geography through their writings and images.

Love, not surprisingly, is another recurring subject, as are art, loss, identity and change. What is so striking, however, are the highly inventive and diverse ways students have explored these topics. *[sic]* has published short stories, poetry, scripts, interviews, personal essays, excerpts from collaborative novels, family histories, scholarly studies, song lyrics, architectural designs, community service projects, photographs, digital monuments, collages, paintings, mathematical algorithms, storyboards, drawings, images of sculpture and jewelry, and stills from theater and dance productions. As new technologies inspire students to work in new artistic media, *[sic]* continues to find ways to incorporate them.

The voice of the students

By Associate Professors
Rosemary Weatherston
and Mary-Catherine Harrison and
Professor Nicholas Rombes

Some *[sic]* contributors have become published authors, professional editors and commercial and fine artists. Others integrate their creativity into their careers, families and communities. We are always delighted to hear from *[sic]* alumni about the unique paths their lives have taken. Stephany Filimon Wilkes's path (Issue 5), for example, included earning a doctoral degree and working at Second Life and tech start-ups before entering the territory of textile production. She'll return to campus this fall to read from her new book, *Raw Material: Working Wool in the West*, which tells the story of American wool through her own journey to becoming a certified sheep shearer. We hope if you are a *[sic]* alumni reading this issue of *Spiritus* that you, too, will let us know about your journey since graduation.

Since the first issue of *[sic]* was published in 1992, its focus has been on fostering the creativity, agency and discernment of Detroit Mercy students. The 25th issue showcases work of our most recent student contributors as well as written and visual selections from the previous 24 issues. It's a beautiful issue, and we are delighted to make it available to the entire university community. Copies of Issue 25 are available in the Alumni Office. Electronic copies of all previous issues can be found online at libraries.udmercy.edu/archives/special-collections.

Contact Rosemary Weatherston, Department of English, at weatherr@udmercy.edu. More information about the history and future of *[sic]* can be found at sites.udmercy.edu/alumni. *[sic]* 25 cover image, "In Between the Tulips" by Erick Mori-Quimper.



Meet the newest Titans

University of Detroit Mercy President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., poses with most of the 594 freshmen who began their Detroit Mercy education in August. This represents the fourth year in a row of growth in the freshman class. These students come from 18 states, 17 countries and have an average high school GPA of 3.6. Of these students 116 are the first in their family to attend college. Welcome to the Detroit Mercy family!



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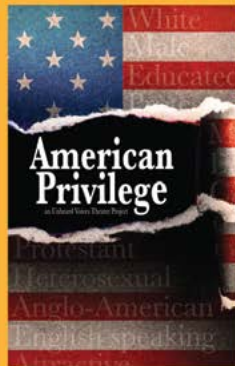
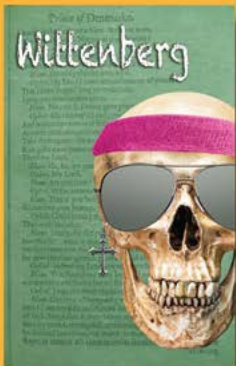
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