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Dear Alumni and Friends
of University of Detroit Mercy:

It has been an enjoyable and uplifting experience to meet so many of you as I travel around the country to tell you about the University's progress and the momentum of The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy.

As many of you know, last October we publicly announced the \$100-million fundraising campaign that had been quietly under way since shortly after my first days as president in June 2011. Thus far we have raised nearly \$84 million for student scholarships, academic programs, faculty and facilities.

This *Spiritus* issue provides you with an in-depth look at the campaign's progress. With the generosity of our alumni, we have received more than 20 leadership gifts of \$1 million or more and established 65 new endowed scholarships and 12 endowed programmatic and faculty funds. The endowed gifts are very important because they will last forever and increase over time. Additionally, the success of this campaign will have a positive impact on the University and particularly our students, as many of them will graduate with significantly less debt and be more likely to pursue graduate and professional school.

I have learned much about the college years and successful careers of alumni when I have met them at their homes and other venues, as well as at alumni receptions. But, more important, our alumni express their deep dedication to and appreciation for University of Detroit, Mercy College of Detroit and Detroit Mercy. Even more, they speak enthusiastically about the distinctive Jesuit and Mercy values they internalized as students and how those values have guided their lives. I have heard these alumni testimonials over the past nine months when visiting Arizona, California, Florida, Michigan, Texas and Washington, D.C. I know many of you share the sentiments of those alumni whom I have met already and I look forward to meeting you at an alumni reception in or near your city over the next two years. We are very encouraged that more than 70 percent of the \$84 million raised so far has come from alumni. And it bolsters our confidence that you will help the University achieve the campaign's \$100-million goal. I hope the stories in this issue of *Spiritus* will inspire you to make a generous gift now or a planned gift for the future. To make a gift online, go to www.udmercy.edu/donate or call our staff at 313-993-1250.

Thank you to all of our alumni and friends who have given already and thank you in advance to those of you who are contemplating a donation. Your investment in our shared future will ensure the continuation of our 141-year legacy and traditions of academic excellence and service to our community. It supports our commitment to our Jesuit and Mercy values for the next generation of University of Detroit Mercy students who will lead with purpose and make a difference in this nation and the world.

Sincerely,



Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.
President



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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 Detroit Mercy education seeks to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of students.

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Live6 Alliance takes root, expands

By Dave Pemberton



HomeBase on McNichols will be the home of Live6 Alliance, the Detroit Collaborative Design Center and provide shared space for community groups and city of Detroit staff.

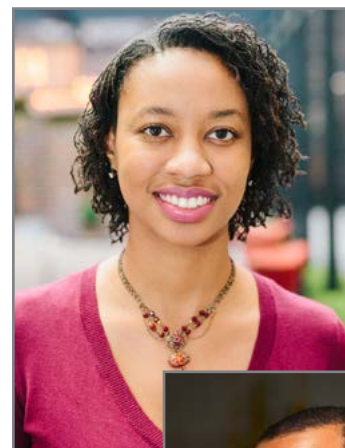
Live6 Alliance, the economic development organization established by University of Detroit Mercy and the Kresge Foundation, has taken some major steps forward in recent months, with new projects under way and a new management team.

Cecily King is the new executive director of the Alliance and Jeremy Lewis is in a new position as commercial corridor manager.

King was previously with the city of Detroit's Housing and Revitalization Department, where one of her major projects was to develop the concept for the Fitzgerald Revitalization Project for the neighborhood surrounding the University's McNichols Campus. This massive undertaking will result in the rehabilitation of more than 100 vacant homes for new neighbors, transformation of vacant lots through landscaping and creation of a city-owned park and greenway, slated to open this summer. King holds degrees from Columbia, Lehigh and Princeton universities.

In addition, the alliance has named Jeremy Lewis as commercial corridor manager. An alumnus of Gesu Catholic School in the Live6 neighborhood, Lewis says "the area that makes up Live6 is filled with economic potential and dedicated residents."

Over the past two years, the Live6 Alliance has created a community advisory board and hosted a conversation series, business attraction events and initiatives to increase security. Other successes include the creation of Market on the Ave, where small business owners sell fresh food and products and the nearby HomeBase community center, which will house the Live6 Alliance offices.



King, left and Lewis, below.



This is Detroit Mercy.

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Professor honored for research mentorship

Associate Professor of Biology Rachele Belanger, Ph.D., received the 2017 the early career mentor award in biology from the Council on Undergraduate Research. “I am humbled and honored that my peers and undergraduate students nominated me for this national award and that I was selected,” said Belanger. “I am lucky to be here, where I can provide undergraduate students an authentic, hands-on research experience early in their undergraduate career.”

Belanger was recognized for her commitment to one-on-one mentoring and providing a learning laboratory environment. Students in her lab learn about the entire research process from forming a hypothesis, designing experiments, analyzing data, writing results and submitting publications.

Belanger recently published three peer-reviewed research articles with undergraduate students who have worked in her research laboratory as coauthors. Additionally, her students have presented at local, state and national conferences and several of them have received awards. Most of her research students continue on to professional and graduate programs.



Grant addresses oral health during pregnancy

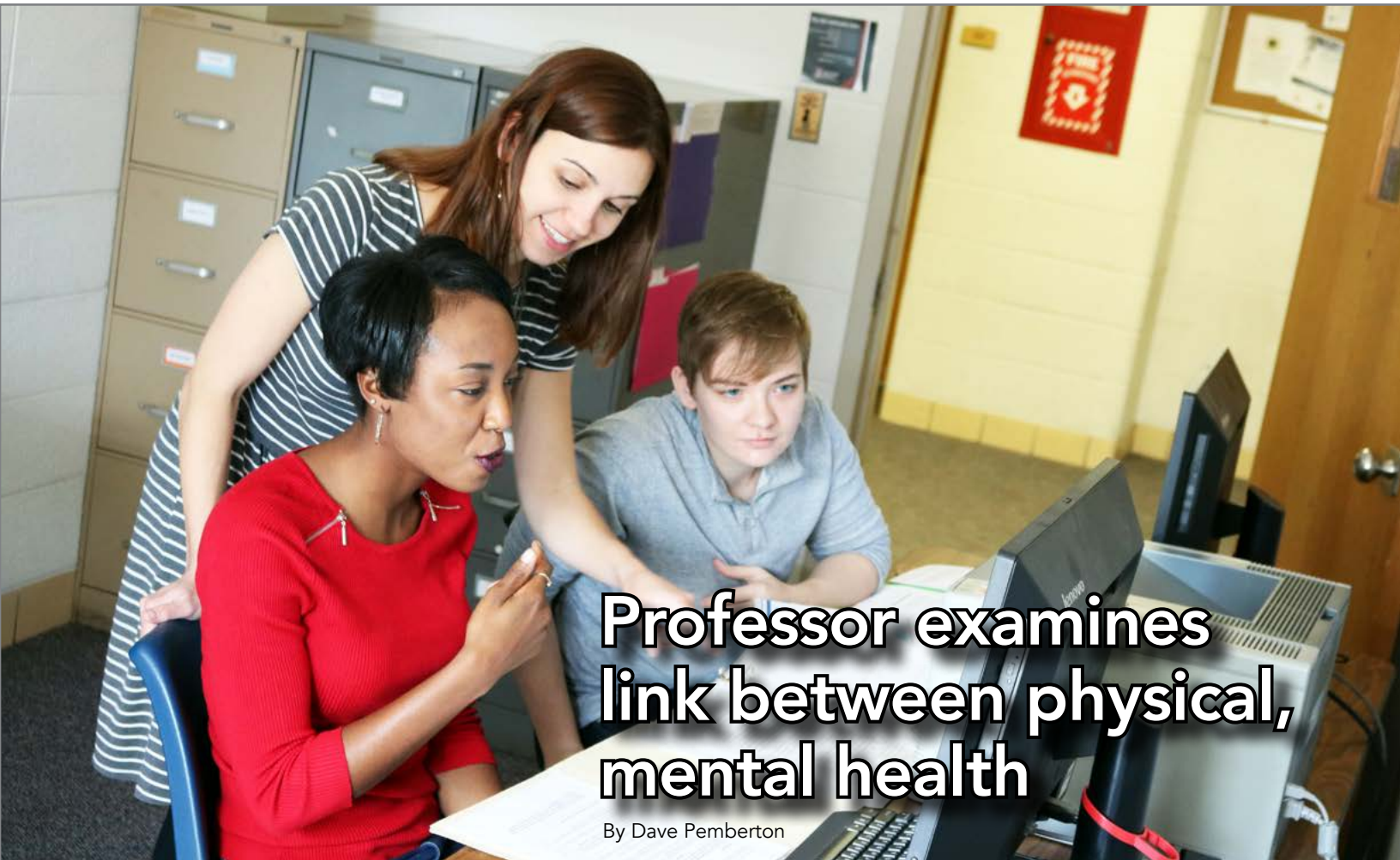
Detroit Mercy Dental is partnering with six medical sites across Michigan to address the unique oral health issues of high-risk pregnant women thanks to a \$969,400 grant from The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS).

“We are pleased to work with Detroit Mercy Dental on this important initiative,” said Kathy Stiffler, the DHHS’s acting Medicaid director. “The gap in dental insurance coverage for this population that this effort will fill is crucial to ensuring oral health. We feel this partnership could establish a model for future programs of this nature.”

“We are happy to join with Detroit Mercy on a grant-funded project that will efficiently deliver patient-centered care to pregnant mothers,” said Doug Saylor, M.D., chief medical officer at Great Lakes Bay Health Centers in Saginaw, one of the partners. “By seeing patients where they already are, in this case it is mothers at prenatal visits, we can incorporate oral health care services as part of a comprehensive visit for the patient.”

“Hormonal changes during pregnancy put women at increased risk for periodontal disease, cavities and a condition called ‘pregnancy gingivitis’ — tender gums that bleed easily,” said Mert Aksu, D.D.S., dean of Detroit Mercy Dental. He sees this program as an important way to live the Jesuit and Mercy mission of the University.

“We’re pleased to have a new opportunity to reach patients who might otherwise fall through the cracks,” he added.



Professor examines link between physical, mental health

By Dave Pemberton

Associate Professor of Psychology Kristen Abraham was attracted to Detroit Mercy because she thought it would afford her the opportunity to get to know her undergraduate students and also work with Ph.D. students.

A three-year grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities is helping her do just that. Abraham is the primary investigator on the grant titled "Social Determinants of Primary Care Utilization among Urban Community Mental Health Center Patients with Serious Mental Illness."

"It's a project that's primarily interested in understanding what predicts whether people with serious mental illnesses, like schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, get primary care," Abraham said. "This is a critical topic because, on average, people with serious mental illnesses die 13-30 years sooner than the general population and the main causes of death are physical health conditions, particularly heart disease."

Abraham and her team of graduate students are recruiting participants for the study from community mental health centers.

"The graduate students have played a critical role in recruiting and keeping track of the participants," Abraham said. "The people who participate in our study often face a lot of challenges. Some are homeless and many don't have their own inde-

pendent transportation. It can be challenging to keep anyone in a research study for six months and even more challenging for people with serious mental illness. The graduate students are really essential in making sure participants stay involved. They are warm and inviting and really make our participants feel welcome so that they want to come back for study visits."

Undergraduate students who work on Abraham's project are first trained through the health disparities track of the ReBUILDetroit program, which Abraham also leads.

"The most exciting piece of this grant is that we won it because we involve undergraduates in the research process," Abraham said. "This is the kind of thing that's an unparalleled opportunity for undergraduate students. Undergrads don't typically get to collect data from participants with serious mental illness. That's just not something that's part of the average undergraduate experience, but we get to provide that experience and training through this project."

Abraham's project is also working to see what prevents people with serious mental illness from receiving primary care, and if they do receive it, what do they enjoy about it. Collaborators on the study include Detroit Mercy Professor of Psychology Cheryl Munday and Professor of Nursing Carla Groh, as well as Wayne State University Professor of Sociology, Heather Dillaway.



Detroit Mercy is
honoring vets

ROTC alumni join forces for new generation of veterans

By Ron Bernas

Brig. Gen. Michael Dudzik, USAF (ret) '75 is chairing a committee of former Army and Air Force ROTC cadets that is organizing a gathering of alumni from University of Detroit's ROTC programs that had a strong presence on campus from the 1950s through the 1990s.

"In the military we have something called a Warning Order," he said, describing the term as a way of alerting troops that something is going to happen and they should be prepared.

His Warning Order is for ROTC alumni to make plans to attend the Army and Air Force ROTC Alumni Formation at the 2018 Homecoming, scheduled for Sept. 29.

"There are a lot of men, and later women, who participated in the leadership training University of Detroit's ROTC programs offered," he said. "These programs provided a unique bonding through shared experiences that never diminishes — early morning formations, drill, service projects, summer camps and the cadre of military faculty who pushed us all to achieve more than we ever thought possible. It is this camaraderie and lifelong friendships that underlie the reunion of ROTC alumni."

But the event is more than just a reunion. Dudzik and others planning the event are raising funds to create a

Veterans Lounge on campus, where veterans of the military who are students can gather and support each other. Many veteran students are older and bring with them a unique set of experiences that traditional undergraduates don't have.

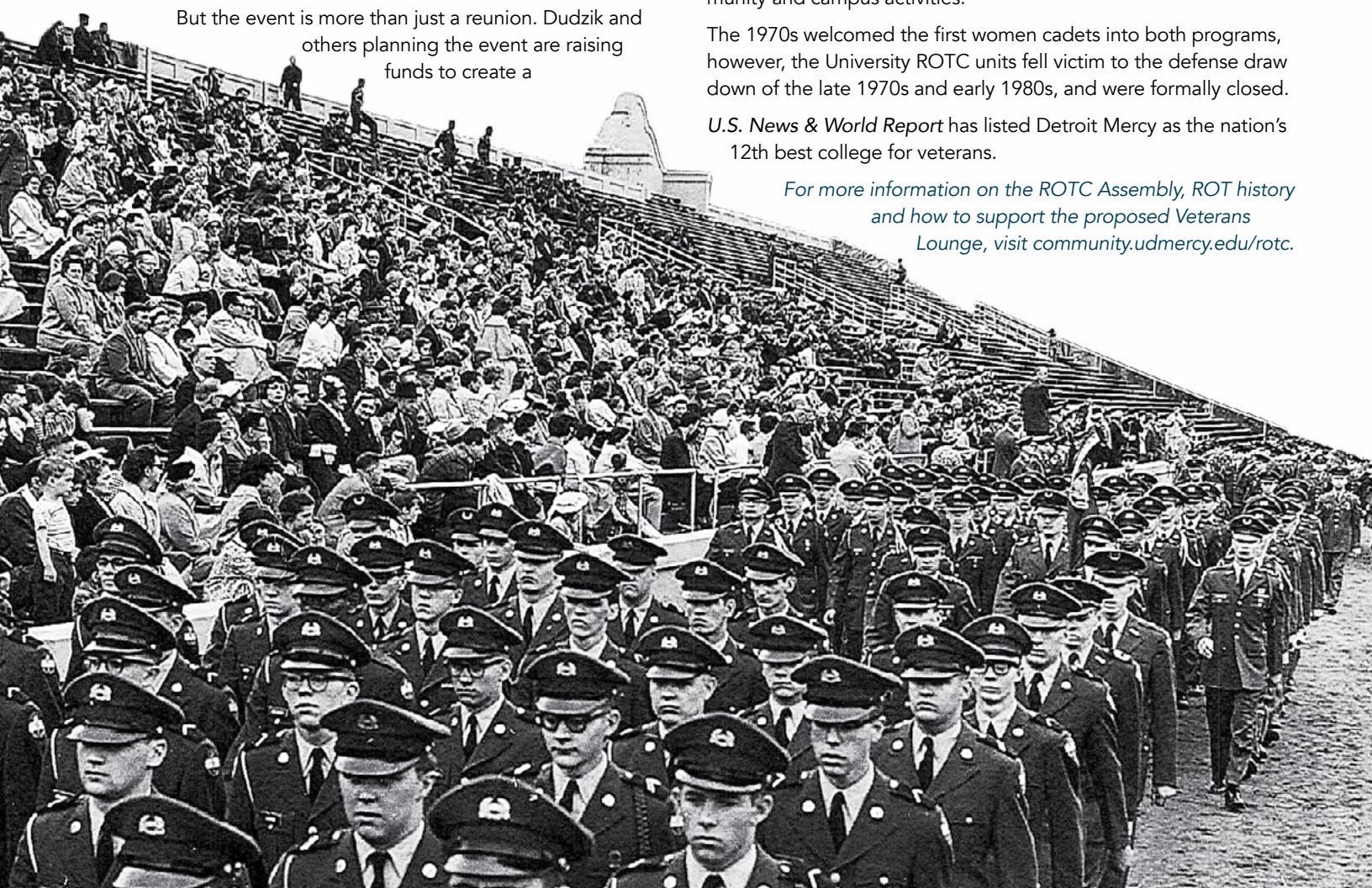
The Army and Air Force ROTC programs at University of Detroit trained more than 4,000 cadets from the 1950s through the 1980s. These men and women leaders went forward to serve our nation with distinction on active duty from the Korean conflict through present-day military operations. After military service, these individuals continued to serve in key leadership roles with industry, government and academia.

In the early 1950s, the ROTC program was mandatory for male students and the formal Military Ball was the largest annual social event of the campus. Coeds competed campus-wide to be crowned the Army and Air Force "Sweethearts" each academic year. The early 1960s brought ROTC scholarships to leverage the University's strong academic programs; the turbulent late 1960s and early 1970s found the campus ROTC programs maintaining strong enrollments but were no longer mandatory for males. The Pershing Rifles and the Arnold Air Society supported many community and campus activities.

The 1970s welcomed the first women cadets into both programs, however, the University ROTC units fell victim to the defense draw down of the late 1970s and early 1980s, and were formally closed.

U.S. News & World Report has listed Detroit Mercy as the nation's 12th best college for veterans.

For more information on the ROTC Assembly, ROT history and how to support the proposed Veterans Lounge, visit community.udmercy.edu/rotc.



Students to design future at Detroit Mercy conference

By Ron Bernas

The School of Architecture will host the prestigious student-oriented Design Futures Student Leadership Forum on the McNichols Campus May 21-25.

This sixth annual event brings together student leaders from across the country to discuss and explore public interest design — known as PID — both as it is today and what it could be for the future.

“Public interest design is essentially making sure the design of the world around us involves all people, not just those who can afford to build,” explained Dan Pitera, professor of Architecture and executive director of Detroit Mercy’s Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC). “It’s basically what the DCDC has been doing for 25 years, which is why we’re so supportive of this project.”

Detroit Mercy is one of the founding schools behind the forum, but it is the first time the University has hosted the event.

Only 70 students are chosen from those across the country who apply. The students are chosen from among many disciplines, not just architecture or design. Business and political science students also participate because, Pitera says, “a policy maker can have a major effect on the built environment.” The only cost for students is transportation and the rest is paid for by the partnership of universities that host the event and grants from several philanthropic foundations.

“The intention of the forum is to be relatively small,” Pitera said. “With only 70 students and 30-40 faculty, we can have the type of conversations over the course of the week that can be inspiring to both student and faculty. We all thrive on that.”

The students return to their colleges and universities inspired to lead and share their knowledge and thoughts about the forum. Pitera says Detroit Mercy students make a presentation based on their experience at the leadership forum.

“The definition of ‘leader’ in our world needs to change,” Pitera said. “That’s what we’re trying to do here. We help move the student forward, and help show what leadership could look like.”

Alumni who have attended in the past have praised the experience as much for what it inspired in them in terms of their profession, but also for what they learned about themselves.

Samantha Szeszulski '16 attended the forum in 2016 and said the conference confirmed for her what she says she already knew: “Even more so than design, my passion is for helping people.”

At the forum, she explained “we explored ideas around race, culture, wealth, privilege, gentrification and so much more, as these topics pertain to design, development and the future of the built environment.”

Partnership creates new law clinic



A \$16,000 grant from the Michigan State Bar Foundation helped a partnership between Detroit Mercy Law and the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan designed to aid hundreds of low-income, non-prisoner litigants who represent themselves in federal lawsuits each year.

“Our students will learn what it means to work in service to their neighbors as they experience firsthand the challenges and rewards of legal practice,” said Detroit Mercy Law Dean and Professor of Law Phyllis L. Crocker.

The Federal Pro Se (meaning “for oneself”) Legal Assistance Clinic is expected to begin as a one-year pilot program, operating at the federal courthouse in Detroit. The clinic’s staff attorney and up to eight law students provide limited legal assistance to pro se litigants who may need help determining whether to file a suit or who need procedural advice, strategy and more. The staff attorney also serves as an adjunct professor at the School of Law.

Pro se clinics are found across the country and provide invaluable resources to litigants and the court. They help litigants sharpen the focus of cases that have merit, thereby increasing the litigants’ chances for success. They additionally help reduce the number of cases with no basis for federal court jurisdiction.

Other contributors to the new clinic are Oakland County Bar Foundation; Miller, Canfield, Paddock and Stone, PLC; and Honigman, Miller, Schwartz and Cohn, LLP.

Detroit Mercy is celebrating its history



Former Varsity News editors Maggie Jackson '15, left, Jenna Daniel '17 and Mike Martinez '12 chat with faculty advisor and Associate Professor of Communications Studies Tom Stanton, second from left.



Varsity News turns 100

By Ron Bernas

This year marks the 100th birthday of Detroit Mercy's student-run newspaper, *The Varsity News*, and the paper will celebrate that milestone with a special event during Homecoming Weekend 2018, Sept. 28-29.

The first issue, with the headline "Varsity News Begins Career," was published Jan. 30, 1918, and called itself a "fortnightly chronicle." It was financed by donations from 24 University of Detroit students.

Because these students agreed they would never realize a profit from the newspaper, the article said, "their action, then, cannot be construed otherwise than as an unselfish effort to fill a long-felt need of the University. If the venture fails they fail financially, but in another sense, the whole student body fails."

Today, the paper still comes out fortnightly though, over its first century, the paper has been published more and less frequently, depending on the size and dedication of the mostly volunteer staff. The paper can be found online, too, at thevarsitynews.net.

Associate Professor of Communications Tom Stanton has been the faculty advisor since 2008 and says *Varsity News* alumni have found success in the news media, marketing and public relations positions. And because the News always welcomed any student willing to work, regardless of his or her major, they are found in many other fields as well.

Stanton is hoping to gather as many *Varsity News* alumni at the Homecoming celebration and is hoping to find as many ink-stained alumni to return to campus that weekend.

For more information about the *Varsity News* 100 celebration, contact varsitynews100@gmail.com.



Board established for war ob...

...ing stage for a number of weeks. It was formed after professors to the respective departments had been approached by students of various camps who are conscientious objectors.

Dr. KENNETH SAID that the board will not take any action until the board has been organized. He would remain as a "company" man, vowing to stay out of the war.

Discussions will be held in connection with the board and its work.

In '68, VN was the only game in town

The University is collecting stories from Varsity News alumni. Send your reminiscences to varsitynews100@gmail.com. This story by Hugh Moore '70 tells of an interesting time in the paper's history.

The Detroit newspaper strike during the 1967-68 academic year put *The Varsity News* staff in a unique position to cover news outside the normal scope of a university publication.

In a year filled with major news events, the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr. stands out.

Thursday evening, April 4, VN editors were preparing for final proof approval of the Friday paper when the Associated Press teletype machine sprang to life with the news that Dr. King had been shot. Within minutes, news of his death came over the wire.

So began a night remaking Pages 1 and 4, writing copy and printing pictures. By 6 a.m., final proofs were approved and the paper was distributed by 10 a.m. as the only print publication in metro Detroit with coverage of the assassination.

I was the *Varsity News* editor and I traveled with student government president Harry Minor to Atlanta for the funeral Monday, April 8, and flew back to Detroit that night, where the staff was waiting to develop film, print pictures and write copy for publication in the Tuesday paper. After a long night, the goal was accomplished and the paper was ready to print.

Unfortunately, the University closed due to fears over possible urban violence and the paper could not be distributed on time. Instead it was published a week late on April 16.

Life changing

This story by Maggie Jackson '15 recalls the friendships forged during the long hours at the *Varsity News*.

Four years. 47 issues. While it is easy to put numbers together for my time at Detroit Mercy and how many issues of *The Varsity News* were distributed during that time, it is difficult to put an exact number to the countless memories and lessons learned.

Patiently waiting for the paper to load in order to be sent to the printer, spontaneous lunch trips to Mexicantown, long conversations with Professor Stanton and other VN alumni about the future and forging lifelong friendships shaped my time at Detroit Mercy and the years following. And while I ended up in the world of PR instead of journalism, the skills I gained as a staff member on the VN easily translated: Thinking outside the box, time management, learning from different perspectives and finding your voice.

We all have that one group in college that shapes the way we are. I am exceptionally lucky to be one of the ones who calls the VN that group.

Detroit Mercy Bookshelf

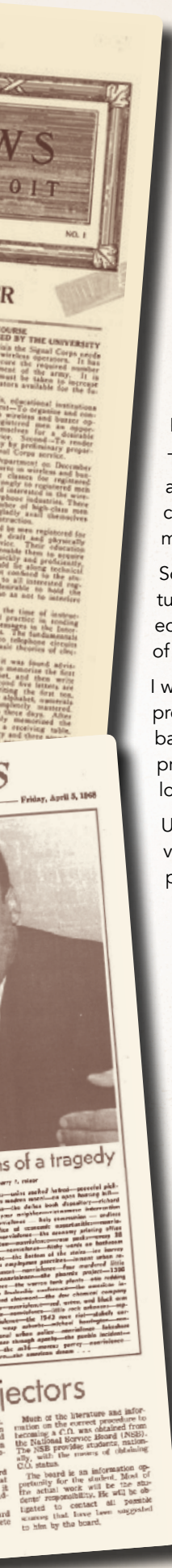
"*Struggle on Their Minds* places Alex Zamalin at the forefront of scholars concerned with the political thought of African American activists. I can think of no reading more timely than this rich account of the centrality of black resistance to U.S. democracy and democratic citizenship." – Nick Bromell of the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, on *Struggle on Their Minds: The Political Thought of African American Resistance* by Zamalin, director of the African-American Studies Program and assistant professor of political science.

This book "is unique in bringing both evolutionary and cultural lenses to focus on our most cherished and heart-rending relationships — two perspectives indispensable for understanding the ties that bind. Each chapter contains many jewels of findings. Collectively, the chapters in the book make it a magnificent milestone in the science of marriage." – David M. Buss of the University of Texas at Austin, about *The Psychology of Marriage: An Evolutionary and Cross-Cultural View* edited by Professor of Psychology Carol Cronin Weisfeld, her husband Glenn E. Weisfeld and Lisa M. Dillon, Rowman & Littlefield.

"'Please don't be Muslims, please don't be Muslims.' The four words I whispered to myself on 9/11 reverberated through the mind of every Muslim American that day and every day after. ... Our fear, and the collective breath or brace for the hateful backlash that ensued, symbolize the existential tightrope that defines Muslim American identity today." – From *American Islamophobia: Understanding the Roots and Rise of Fear* by Khaled A. Beydoun, associate professor of law, University of California Press.

The Hon. Marylin E. Atkins '80 has written her autobiography, *The Triumph of Rosemary: A Memoir*. Given up for adoption by her unwed mother, Atkins overcomes abuse and racial prejudice to rise to a respected career on the bench, including 12 years as chief judge of Detroit's 36th District Court.

Kathryn Usitalo '76 has published the travel book *100 Things to Do in the Upper Peninsula Before You Die*.



Preservationist is noted artist, too

By Amy Skimin

If you've spent time in the McNichols Campus Library, you've probably seen some of Maurice Greenia's work. The library technician and preservation specialist is responsible for many of the displays that showcase special themes, exhibits and events.

Off campus, Greenia '76 is known in the art world as "Maugre" — a combination of the first three letters of his first and last names — an artist with a distinctive style he describes as "rooted in art history and surrealism."

"I'm just kind of forging my own style," he added.

He enjoys playing with different mediums and can turn almost anything into a canvas, from discarded pins and magnets to wood-backed laminate samples. Through his street art, sidewalks and abandoned buildings have become temporary galleries to showcase his work, large and small.

It wasn't necessarily the path he envisioned when he started college at University of Detroit in the early 1970s. He majored in Communication Studies, which he said helped tighten his writing. It was around the time he graduated that he began publishing his poetry and passing out free photocopied collections, which featured his drawings in the margins.

His work has appeared in galleries from New York City to France and one of his most memorable was a chalk mural on the side of the old J.L. Hudson's building on Woodward in Detroit.

"Due to wind and rain damage, I'd have to go back days later and

go over pieces in chalk again to restore them," he recalled. "I walked and took the bus there carrying a ladder so I could work higher on the building." The work was destroyed when the building was demolished in 1998.

Greenia joined the staff of the McNichols Campus Library in 2001. It was a natural fit for him; he had worked at the Detroit Public Library during high school and college, and the job offers ample opportunities for him to put his artist's touch to use. In addition to the displays, he also handles many of the book repairs.

"It's good to be back here," he said.

When he's not working or creating, Greenia is out exploring the city that's been his lifelong home.

At 64, he's certainly not slowing down. "I lead a busy life," he said. "I'm a young 64."

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





Bob Miller receives first Titan Reggie Spirit Award

Stories by PJ Gradowski and Athletics staff

Bob Miller played Titan baseball as an undergraduate, then spent a decade in the major league as a pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies before returning to University of Detroit to coach baseball.

It was a day to honor one of the biggest fans in Titan history and one of the all-time legendary Titans, as longtime baseball coach Bob Miller received the first-ever Titan Reggie Spirit of Detroit Mercy Award.

The Titan Reggie Spirit of Detroit Mercy Award was named after one of the Titans most recognizable and popular fans, Reginald Hall '79 – known to everyone as Titan Reggie – who passed away on Dec. 9, 2015, after a car accident.

It was established in 2016 and will be presented each year to a person who embodies Hall's Titan spirit, which includes supporting teams at home and on the road through good times and bad, as Hall did for many years.

Miller was unable to receive the award in person, so it was accepted by his son and former baseball standout Bob Miller Jr. '80, who was a friend and roommate of Hall.

"Titan Reggie was an unbelievable figure in our history and this award only helps keep his spirit alive," said Director of Athletics Robert C. Vowels Jr. "He was a true Titan, and everyone who came to Calihan Hall loved him. He is deeply missed."

Coach Miller – who was Hall's baseball coach at Detroit Mercy – has been associated with the University for nearly 70 years, as a student-athlete, assistant coach, head coach and ambassador for the Titans. He starred as a pitcher for two years before signing a professional contract with the Philadelphia Phillies where he went on to pitch 10 seasons, accumulating a 42-42 record in 69 starts. He finished second in the 1950 Rookie of the Year voting and was also part of the National League pennant-winning team.

As a Titan coach, he started as an assistant in 1963 before taking over the head role in 1965. In his 36 seasons as skipper of the Titans, he amassed an amazing 896 wins, posting a winning record in 25 seasons, including reaching 30 victories nine times. He guided the program to a school-record 36 wins in 1975, qualified for the NCAA Tournament in 1965 and won its first-ever MCC baseball championship in 1997.

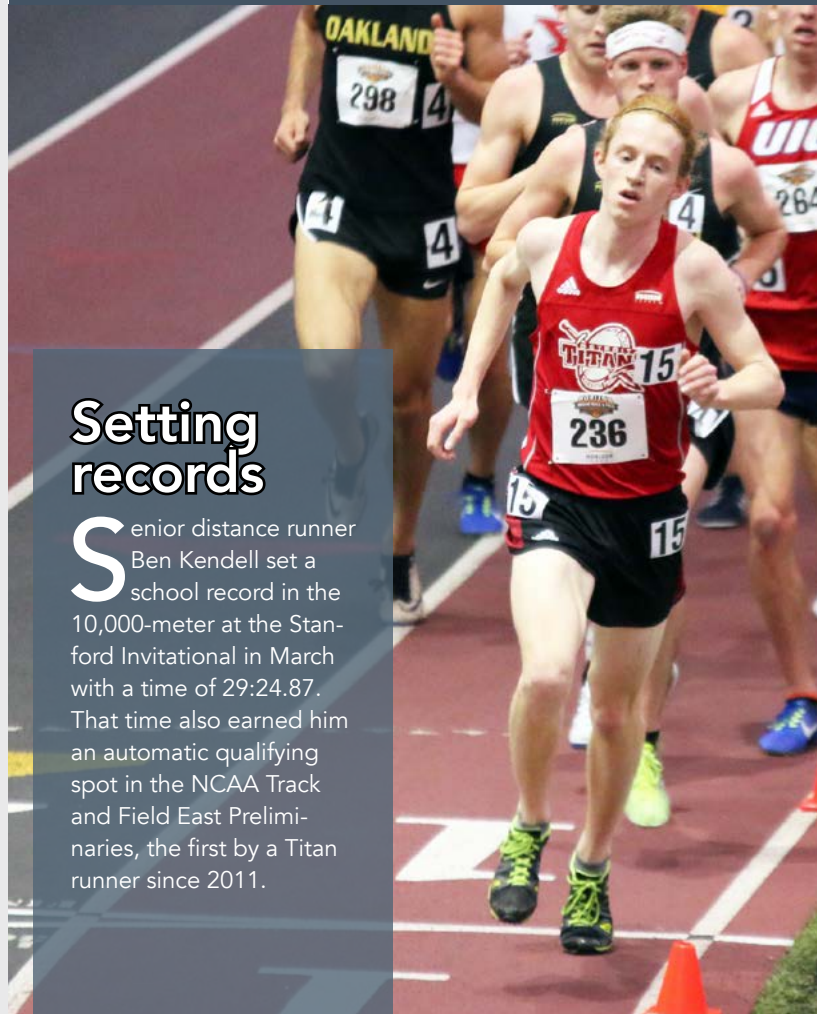
The award also came on a weekend when the Titans held a baseball reunion that saw more than 50 players return.



Basketball coach honored



The office of the Women's Basketball Head Coach, currently occupied by Bernard Scott, right, was recently renamed to honor Sue (Kruszewski) Hardy (left), the first women's basketball head coach at University of Detroit. The first Titans women's basketball season was 1977-78 and by year two, the Titans posted 27 victories and won the Michigan Large College State title and finished second in the Midwest Regional. In 1979-80, the squad earned another state championship and made the AIAW National Tournament, while being ranked for most of the season in the Top 20 in the country.



Setting records

Senior distance runner Ben Kendell set a school record in the 10,000-meter at the Stanford Invitational in March with a time of 29:24.87. That time also earned him an automatic qualifying spot in the NCAA Track and Field East Preliminaries, the first by a Titan runner since 2011.



Pitching records

The softball team got off to one of its best starts in school history in conference play and junior Ashley Mauser is a big reason why. In a 4-0 victory on the road against Youngstown State on March 30, she set a new career high and school record with 15 strikeouts. At one point, she struck out seven straight batters; 14 of her 15 punch outs were swinging. She later came back in relief in the second game of the double header to pick up the win and strike out four more batters in two innings of work.



Pliakos

Soccer honors

Men's soccer senior Spiro Pliakos became the first male student-athlete in school history to earn First Team Academic-All American honors after he was voted to the 2017 CoSIDA Academic All-America Division I Men's Soccer First Team. Pliakos was the only Horizon League men's soccer student-athlete chosen and the first CoSIDA First Team Academic All-American since 2007.

Teammate and senior forward Tyler Moorman earned a spot on the 2017 United Soccer Coaches Division I Scholar All-North/Central Region Team. Moorman, who was also named All-Horizon League and All-Great Lakes Region by United Soccer Coaches, was one of 57 student-athletes across the country to earn Scholar All-Region honors as well as one of two student-athletes from the Horizon League voted to the team.



Moorman



Finishing strong

Senior Sydnie Fetherolf ran her way back to All-Horizon League Second Team honors at the Horizon League Cross Country Championship, taking ninth overall with a time of 22:56. In her final year of cross country, Fetherolf set three personal records and had three top-five finishes, clocking a career-best time of 17:57 at the Canisius Alumni Classic. In indoor track and field, she won the mile and the 800-meters at the league championship and was named Most Outstanding Performer.

Player shows CLASS

Men's lacrosse senior Charlie Hayes was named one of the 20 finalist for this year's Senior Celebrating Loyalty and Achievement for Staying in School (CLASS) Award, given to those who excel both on and off the field. Hayes is a two-year captain and one of the top short-stick midfielders in the MAAC, who garnered All-MAAC Second Team in 2017 and was a preseason selection this year.



So they said

A collection of recent quotes heard at and around Detroit Mercy

"As a community, University of Detroit Mercy will come together in this year-and-a-half journey to inspire the hundreds of Jesuit student leaders through the revitalization that the city and the surrounding areas are going through. We cannot wait for where this journey will take the students, University of Detroit Mercy and the city."

Detroit Mercy student Ben Westphal, who helped write the proposal that earned the University hosting duties for the National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference in 2019.

"It is our expectation that this reset, coupled with other positive University initiatives on and around our campuses, will attract even more students who not only want to attend the University but also be a part of Detroit's renaissance and make a lasting impact on the community."


Detroit Mercy President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., in announcing that the University was resetting its tuition from \$41,158 to \$28,000 annually beginning in the fall.

"Innovation is a team sport."

Engineering Professor Nassif Rayess, in presenting the Wheelchair Escalator, a project designed as part of the Engineering capstone project done in association with Nursing students. The escalator transfers a person in a wheelchair up a staircase, moving vertically and horizontally.

"What I'm talking about is creating scientists and engineers who don't just look at research as a way to improve their career, but they also look at it as a way to improve society."

Victor Carmona, who says Detroit Mercy's commitment to service and social justice were important reasons he joined the faculty as the University's first Director of Sustainability.



For 141 years, men and women at University of Detroit, Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy have learned in lecture rooms on campuses in Detroit, studied in the libraries and dorms, attended Mass and prayed in the chapels and enthusiastically joined or cheered for our teams. They developed into great leaders, researchers, scientists, engineers, attorneys, judges, priests, men and women religious, dentists, actors, architects, nurses and educators. These alumni have changed lives, communities and their fields. Truly, they are titans.

The Campaign for University of Detroit \$100,000,000 an investment in today's students

The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy entered its public phase in October 2017, and today stands at more than \$84 million. This money will help us attract and retain the best students through scholarships, enhance the profile of the faculty and programming the University offers, and reimagine our learning and social spaces to align with the way students today live and learn. This campaign is for the students of today and tomorrow who will employ their Jesuit and Mercy values to make the world a better place. They are tomorrow's titans, and the world needs titans.

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s and their boundless future

Stories by Ron Bernas



The Goal: \$40 million for scholarships

I have had a hard time paying my tuition. My parents could not support me financially. I have been praying every semester that I would be able to stay in the program. I was almost ready to drop out of school because I had no other option. I cried when I was told that you paid my tuition. — Nursing student Mawj Zuma, in a letter to a donor

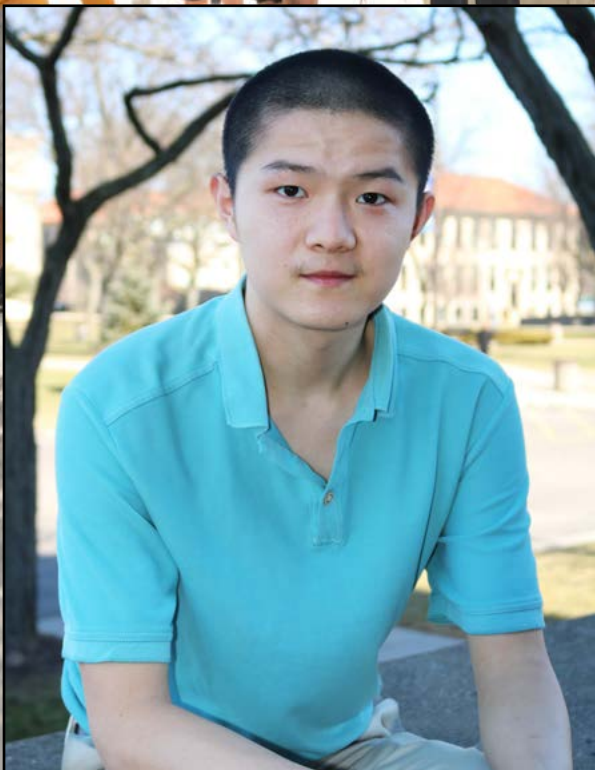
There is nothing better than a good education to help you succeed in any way, whether it's financial or spiritual. Education always makes the difference. — Phyllis Peters Look '51 who has given of her time and talent as an advisor for the College of Business Administration, and her treasure in setting up scholarships for business students. Her husband, Cal Look, left the University \$300,000 for scholarships because he said Peters' success was a direct result of her University of Detroit education.

I understand the necessity to look outside of your realm and have an appreciation of architecture and culture in other places, along with understanding people and customs abroad. It broadens our view and it makes us better architects and citizens. — Internationally-known architect James Timberlake '74, who donated \$75,000 for the School of Architecture's study abroad scholarships





To date, 65 new endowed scholarships have been established during The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy. Endowed scholarships are important because they last forever and increase in value over the years. Most of these scholarships are named in honor of the donor or someone important to the donor. Detroit Mercy Law recently created The Hon. Michael J. Talbot Endowed Scholarship Fund to provide assistance to law students who graduated from a parochial high school or undergraduate institution. Talbot '71 served 40 years as chief judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals and Court of Claims before retiring in April. His professional legacy includes helping craft Michigan's first victim's rights law and his personal legacy includes service with the Archdiocese of Detroit's board of education and Sacred Heart Seminary.



I reflect on the experiences I've had — performing cleanup work in a poor neighborhood, walking around beaten-down streets and people, biking around Detroit at night, performing research into health disparities. I have met one of the most kind and motivating women I know — she made me realize how much my own mother has done for me. I have met teachers that focus on teaching — something I would like to do some day.

My experiences at the University have led me to desire to perform research in development economics as a career, as I believe that is the best way I can help those in poverty. Can you believe it — an engineer who wants to study economics?

— *Engineering student Yuyi Li, to the donor who established a scholarship Li received*



The Goal: \$25 million for faculty and pro

The Drs. Karen and Thomas Waters African-American Studies Program Enrichment Fund was created by a generous gift from a retired Detroit Mercy associate professor and her husband last year. "I wanted to help this program do bigger and better things. I wanted to broaden the program and help the offer events that are for all students, not just those within the African-American Studies program," Karen Waters said. The fund helped bring National Book Award-winning author Ibram X. Kendi to speak on campus.



Endowment Giving

Since July 1, 2011, more than \$24 million in gifts or pledges have been committed to the University endowment.

ion programming



As a child, Chris Fette '64 and his struggling family received some unexpected help from the Religious Sisters of Mercy. During a visit to his mother's grave decades later, Fette heard her say "Why don't you offer something to the nuns who helped us out." Fette, who founded TESCO, which makes locomotive parts and tools, realized how far he had come since those days and says he owes it all to his education at University of Detroit. He directed his \$100,000 gift to new equipment in the recently expanded College of Health Professions facility, where Mercy College of Detroit's legacy of health education remains strong.

The Goal: \$10 million for ongoing support

Mary Gertrude Hindelang was one of the first female graduates of the Accounting program at University of Detroit and broke new ground in a field dominated by men. She worked until she was 88 and when she died in 2014 at the age of 98, she left the University more than \$50,000 to be used for student professional development. The funds established an endowment for the University's Institute for Leadership and Service and created the Emerging Leaders Program Fund, to further the Institute's programming.



The Goal: \$25 million

A substantial gift from adjunct professor of Religious Studies Jamie Dylenski '88 and her husband, Bob, will fund the University's first active-learning classroom, a collaborative, interactive and technology-rich space that allows faculty and students to present information. "One of my students who is graduating told me, 'I wish I were here to enjoy the classroom you're donating,'" Jamie Dylenski said.

The Student Union on the McNichols Campus has been reimagined as the face of the University. Detroit Mercy will welcome potential students and their families at this bright, inviting center that mirrors and amplifies the energy of the University. More natural light, updated technology, a coffee shop, a games area and places for gatherings and quiet study are all included, as is a complete renovation of the Lillie B. Kassab Mall. It will be a one-stop shop for all the needs of students from their first visit to campus to their graduation.

Since the 1950s, Detroit Mercy Dental's highly selective graduate Endodontics Program has graduated well-known, successful practitioners, educators and entrepreneurs. As the field has changed, so must the way Detroit Mercy trains these students. With an upgraded endodontic clinic, the University will continue to attract the strongest candidates for graduate study and provide them with the best hands-on experience possible using the most up-to-date equipment. New technologically advanced microscopes and other instruments, even ergonomically designed chairs show the University has as its goal improved education for its students, which means better care for patients.



Million for facilities

Student-athletes competing at a Division I school deserve Division I facilities. Lighting the Titan Athletic Field and Track — for which a portion of the funding has been received — is the first step of a larger \$2.25-million project to create the Titan Athletic Village on the McNichols Campus. The lights mean the University can bring in tournaments, student-athletes can practice at night, local high schools without sports facilities can have a home field, and the community can benefit from a center of neighborhood activity. It cements the University's partnership with the community and will help anchor support for further redevelopment. New turf, a new track and an endowed maintenance fund will follow, bringing our facilities in line with the University's storied athletic history.

**To make a contribution to
The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy,
go to udmercy.edu/donate or call 313-993-1250.
Thank you.**



First ReBUILDetroit students to graduate

By Dave Pemberton

When it was created in 2015, ReBUILDetroit's goal was to recruit students from underrepresented and economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in biomedical research and, by extension, increase diversity in the field.

In three years, ReBUILDetroit has recruited 128 students — 84 at Detroit Mercy and 44 at Wayne State University, which is a partner in the program. This spring, the program celebrates its first graduates in Jamillah Douthet, Christina Jones, Nema Kebbeh and Mary-Jacqueline Kavivi Muli.

"We are already seeing really positive results, particularly with transfer students," College of Engineering & Science Interim Dean Katherine Snyder said. "We're seeing a lot of impact with transfer students and that's this first group that's graduating, a group that transferred in from Wayne County Community College District, one of the original partners in the grant, but which no longer participates."

ReBUILDetroit brings the students to campus during the summer so they can form a cohort. They receive mentoring from faculty and students and, perhaps most importantly, they are in labs doing research their first year.

"What we're hearing from faculty who are getting these students in their lab is that they're ready to contribute right away," Snyder said. "They get confidence from being able in the lab and understanding what scientific research really is. Most students coming out of high school or community college don't really understand what research is; your experience there tends to be lab classes that are more recipe based — everybody knows what you're supposed to get at the end, and you have to go through these steps to get there. Real research is more open-ended. We get to expose students to authentic research experiences, not just cookie-cutter labs."

The first ReBUILDetroit graduating class is a diverse group. Douthet earned a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology; Jones earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology; Kebbeh earned a BA in Developmental Psychology and Muli earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing with a Leadership Minor.

Spiritus asked these four women about their experience in the program:

What are your plans for after graduation?

Douthet: I have decided to work in the field of psychology, particularly research, for a year post grad. My goal is to apply for a Clinical Psychology Ph.D. program in the fall of 2019. ReBUILD has given me confidence as I go into the work field. This is not the end. My ultimate goal is to obtain my Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and to dedicate my time to research and activism.

Jones: I will be traveling to Maryland for a summer internship with the National Cancer Institute (NCI), a division of the National Institutes of Health (NIH). In the fall, I will be attending Detroit

Mercy School of Dentistry. ReBUILDetroit set me apart from other applicants and gave me the confidence to apply for highly competitive programs.

Kebbeh: I plan to work in a research lab for a year before applying to graduate school to learn about child and adolescent development. My primary career goal is to use neuroscientific practice to improve socio-economic well-being and to maximize underrepresented minority's ability to succeed.

Muli: I want to pursue a Ph.D. in Nursing, and possibly indulge in academia. I can't believe I am saying this because I never wanted to be a teacher, ever, but with a Ph.D. I can do research and teach. I have been a Critical Care Nurse for almost two years now and I want to be behind the scenes, making changes that in turn improve patient safety and better patient outcomes."

How has the ReBUILDetroit program affected you?

Muli: It offered me more than an opportunity to pursue an education, it gave me the structure I needed as a non-traditional and working nurse to complete my BSN, while allowing me to do real-life research.

Kebbeh: "It's greatly changed how I viewed life and my college. As a high school senior, I knew nothing about applying to college and always thought that college would not be for me. I'm now graduating with grad school on my mind. Being in the program is the best thing that may have ever happened to me because now I see things from a completely different perspective."

What did you enjoy most about the ReBUILDetroit program?

Douthet: "What I enjoyed most about the program was the sense of community, the support and the peer mentoring. The ability to attend national conferences and collaborate with mentors who valued working with undergraduates gave me a sense of belonging."

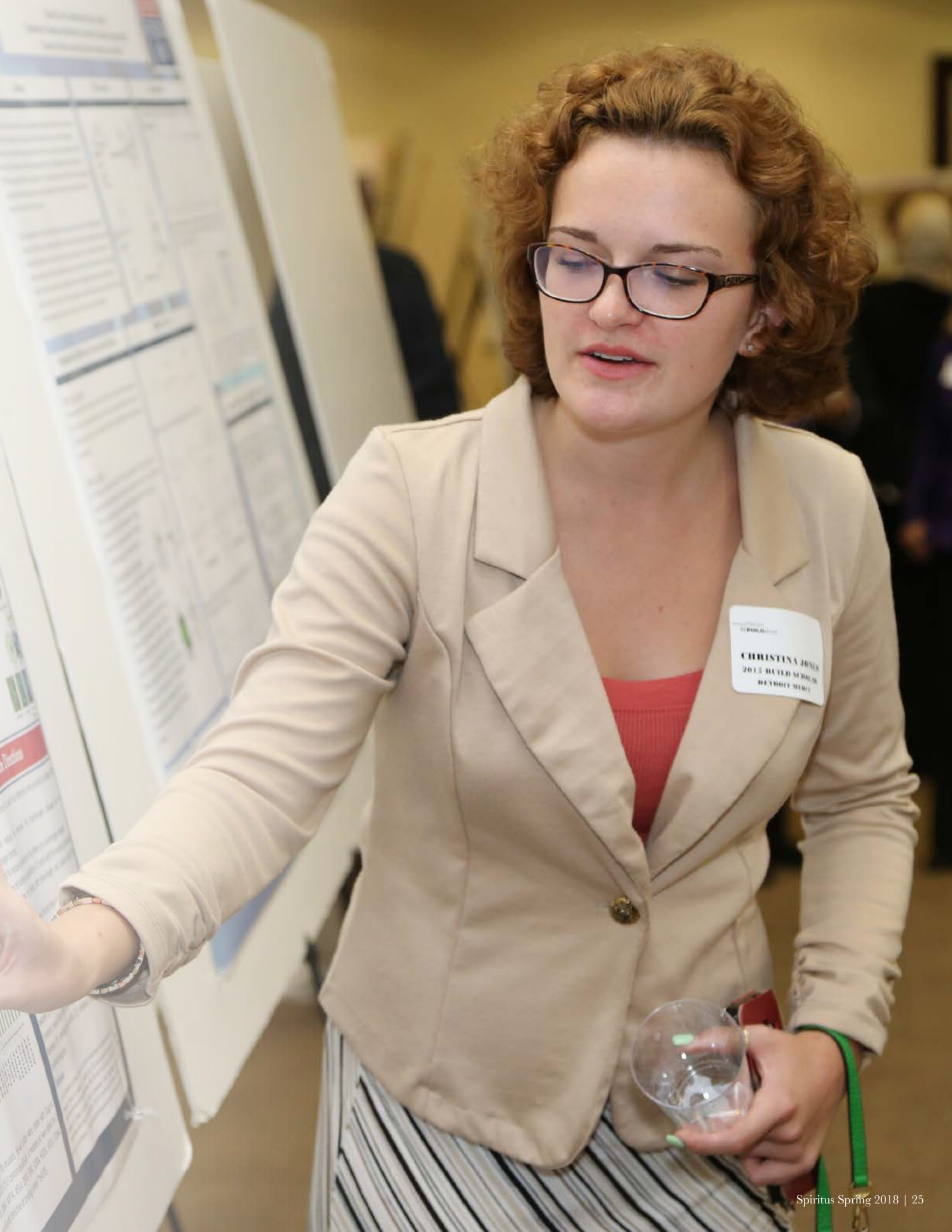
Kebbeh: I loved the interactions I've made with people. The staff played an important role in my development. I can tell all of them love their jobs and love helping those in the program. If it wasn't for being surrounded by incredible people, I wouldn't be the person I am today.

Would you recommend the ReBUILDetroit program to others?

Jones: I think that the ReBUILDetroit program is a really unique experience to learn more and get involved in research. It also provides a great support system and helped to prepare me to become a leader and a professional.

Muli: Simply put, it is the opportunity of a lifetime.

Christina Jones discusses a research project done as part of the ReBUILDetroit program, funded by a grant from the National Institutes of Health. She will spend the summer as a research intern at the National Cancer Institute in Maryland.



CHRISTINA JONES
2015 BUILD SCHOOL
BEYOND BORDERS

Honoring Alumni Achievement Spirit

University of Detroit Mercy takes pride in its alumni not only because of their success in their fields, but in the lives they lead.

Each year, we honor alumni of the University of Detroit, Mercy College of Detroit and Detroit Mercy who have become giants in their fields and leaders in their communities.

Here is the Alumni Spirit Award Class of 2018. They were honored at an event on April 27. Visit community.udmercy.edu for photos and more.



College of Business Administration

John M. Everly '65, '67
Founded major auto supplier Everly Associates

"As part of the recruiting process, my parents and I went to dinner with the coach and team chaplain, Fr. Huetter, who said to me 'If you come to the University of Detroit, you will earn an excellent degree and I will mentor you, so when you leave here you will leave a good man.' Fr. Huetter became a lifelong friend to me, and later, my family. Another gift from my University of Detroit experience was the chance to meet my partner — and the love of my life — Mary Sue, at a Titans basketball game in 1963."



College of Engineering & Science

Randal T. Murphy '59
Has 12 patents for innovations in automotive seating

"Without the University of Detroit engineering education, I may never have had the opportunity to achieve the career successes for which I'm being honored. The University was convenient — I could commute; it was affordable; the co-op program aided with expenses as well as exposure to real-world engineering experience. Most important, it gave me the tools to pursue a career in engineering."

7 of our best honorees make the University proud



College of Health Professions

David Claeys '99, '03

Navy veteran, president of Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn, Mich.

"I always enjoyed the culture of the campus and the relationship the faculty had with the students. The school was always focused on me being successful in the classroom and my career. I also loved the school's dedication to service and helping the community."



College of Liberal Arts & Education

Thomas E. Page '71, '76

Retired police officer, leader in drug abuse detection

"In ways I couldn't have anticipated, my liberal arts education at the University of Detroit/Detroit Mercy provided me with the knowledge, the skills and the passion to develop a law enforcement program that actually saves lives. My professors inculcated in me the understanding that ethics, that character, that morality do count, and are the keys for living a worthwhile life."



School of Architecture

Louis 'Gino' Rosetti '59

His firm designs stadiums and entertainment venues

"I am very proud to have graduated from University of Detroit for both its academic curriculum as well as the religious studies I was fortunate to receive. The Jesuits provided me with not only my education, but the ability to grow my confidence and progress my leadership skills. I was elected to the Board of Trustees for University of Detroit in 1977; this offered an opportunity for me to give back to the University during its financially troubled years."



School of Dentistry

Mary Sue Stonisch-Monahan, D.D.S. '87

Leader and innovator in cosmetic dentistry

"I was so fortunate to be able to live at home and get a world-class education right in my own back yard. Detroit Mercy Dental gave me the hands-on training that allowed me the confidence I needed to open my own practice upon graduation."



School of Law

The Hon. Gregory E. Mathis '88

Social justice advocate's TV show dispenses justice, humor

"The education I received from University of Detroit Mercy's School of Law provided me the preparation and work ethic that inspired me to make a difference in the lives of society's most marginalized citizens."

CLASSNOTES

Have you recently been promoted, honored or published? Have you switched employers or career paths? Share the news with fellow Detroit Mercy alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff. Send your Class Notes to alumni@udmercy.edu.

1960s

Edward Callaghan '68 was reappointed by Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder to the Michigan Employment Relations Commission for a two-year term. He is an adjunct business faculty member for Oakland Community College.

Detroit trial lawyer **Fred Lauck '65, '69** chronicles the legal landscape of Detroit from the 1900s to today in his book *The Fightin' Irish of Detroit: Fightin' in the Streets...Fightin' in the Courts (An American Story)*.

1970s

The Hon. Martha Anderson '77 was reappointed to the Community Corrections Board by Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder. The 13-member board serves in an advisory role to the director of the Michigan Department of Corrections and is charged with making suggestions to improve community corrections programs in the state.

C. Leslie Banas '73 joined the Troy, Mich.-based Kemp Klein Law Firm as a shareholder.

James Borchard '76 has been appointed to the Commission on Community Action and Economic Opportunity by Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder. The 12-member commission is charged with reducing the causes, conditions and effects of poverty and promoting social and economic opportunities that foster self-sufficiency for low-income people.

Philadelphia-based Cozen O'Connor named **Vincent Candiello '78** a trial lawyer and labor relations negotiator

in the firm's labor and employment department.

The Hon. Maura D. Corrigan '73 has joined the law firm Butzel Long as counsel. She will concentrate her practice in litigation and appeals.

Eric Hespeneide '75 has been appointed chairman of the GRI Board of Directors, an independent international organization that has pioneered sustainability reporting since 1997.

Julie Hyer, O.P. '75, '79 was appointed to the board of directors for Janus of Santa Cruz, the county's leading provider of substance use disorder treatment services.

Rodney D. Hyduk, D.D.S., M.S.D. '74, was recently honored for 40 years of service on the medical staff at William Beaumont Hospital, Troy.

Marlin Equity Partners and Tellabs board of directors have appointed **James D. Norrod '75** president and chief executive officer of tellabs, a Dallas-based software and networking company.

Frank Podsadlo '75, '78 recently retired after working for 25 years at The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village.

Donald G. Rockwell '76 was elected president of the State Bar of Michigan. He is founder of Mill Rockwell, P.C., in Flint and is university counsel for Kettering University.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder has appointed **Oussama A. Siblani '79**, publisher of the *Arab American News*, to the State Officers Compensation Commission. The board

recommends changes to the salaries and expense allowances of members of the state's executive branch.

Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder has reappointed **Ola Smith '79** to the State Board of Accountancy, which oversees licensure and certification requirements for certified public accountants and public accounting firms. She is a professor and department chair at Western Michigan University.

David Williams '79, '82 was named the 2017 Tennessean of the Year by the *Tennessee Tribune*. He is the vice chancellor for Athletics and University Affairs and Athletics Director at Vanderbilt University.

1980s

Genelle M. Allen '85 was elected interim CEO of the Wayne County Airport Authority while the board seeks a new CEO.

Jeffrey M. Bauer '80 has been promoted to IT End User Support Regional Volunteer Partner at the Red Cross in Detroit.

Kevin H. Byrnes '83 was named communications director of the city of Birmingham, Mich.

Timothy R. Damschroder '88 was reappointed to the Health Endowment Fund Board by Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder. The board promotes health programming throughout the state for children and seniors. He is a partner at the Detroit-based firm Bodman PLC.

Lori (Smith) Glenn, BSN, DNP '87, '12 was appointed to the Michigan Board of

Nursing by Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder. The 24-member board establishes qualifications for nurse licensure, approves standards for nursing education programs and handles disciplinary matters. She is a certified nurse midwife at Mid-Michigan Midwifery.

Theresa (Curmi) Joswick '85 was named to the list of Best Lawyers in America for Employee Benefits law. She is an attorney with Dawda, Mann, Mulcahy & Sadler, PLC in Birmingham, Mich.

Sulyman A. Kareem '80 has been named vice chancellor of the University of Ilorin in Nigeria. He is also a professor in the school's Department of Chemical Engineering.

James E. Lievois '82 was named executive vice president for Mazda North American Operations. He will continue to serve as chief financial officer.

Faser Trebilcock has named corporate and real estate attorney **Norbert T. Madison '81** to the firm's Detroit office.

Patricia A. McKanic '80 has published her first novel, a murder mystery titled *Illusions of Paradise*.

The MotorCities National Heritage Area has hired **Bob Sadler '88** as its new communications manager.

Lillian G. Stenfeldt '80 has been named partner of the Rimon Law firm in the firm's San Francisco and Silicon Valley offices.

Tom Szczepanski '85 was named chief operating officer of Detroit Public Television.

GET TO KNOW Alan Haras '16

The Hon. Tracey A. Yokich '85 was elected president of the Michigan Judges Association and will serve a one year term.

1990s

Michelle L. Alamo '99 has been reappointed chair of Defense Research Institute's Intellectual Property Litigation Committee. She is a member of Dickinson Wright PLLC's Detroit office.

David Claeys '99, '03 was named president of Beaumont Hospital, Dearborn.

Michelle (Esperance) Donovan '91, a partner at the Detroit-based law firm Plunkett Cooney, was recently appointed to the position of Macomb County Public Administrator.

Jennifer A. Dukarski '96 earned the distinction of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics engineers Senior member status, the highest grade for which IEEE members can apply. She is a partner in the Detroit-based law firm Butzel Long.

Michelle Johnson-Tidjani '98 has been appointed senior vice president and general counsel for Henry Ford Health Systems.

Illinois-based auto parts manufacturer Navistar International Corp. named **Josef S. Kory '94** senior vice president of Parts.

Virginia (Yatooma) Krolczyk '97 has published a book on transitioning from high school to college titled *Student Capital: Investing in Students and their Needs*.

Alan Haras is inspired by the tenet at the core of Ignatian spirituality to find God in all things.

He's also inspired by the peace that comes from practicing the ancient discipline of yoga.

At first blush, the two may seem unrelated, but Haras and Bobby Karle, S.J., have found common ground, and are promoting a new practice they call Ignatian yoga. It's earning attention — and some criticism — across the country, but they think its time has come.

Haras, who came to Detroit Mercy to earn a master's degree in Religious Studies, said Ignatian Yoga draws upon the dynamics of the Spiritual Exercises and, specifically, the Jesuit philosophy of *cura personalis*, or care of the whole person. It's about finding God in all things, including yourself, and giving thanks for the gift of life.

"People today are so stretched for time that they often don't take care of themselves," Haras said. "Yoga is a way for people to come home to themselves, reconnect with who they are and find a renewed sense of intention and purpose. It provides an opportunity to slow down, listen deeply to what is stirring in one's heart and take a 'long, loving look at the Real.'"

Teaching yoga, Haras writes, is like a ministry of consolation, a philosophy that dates back to the earliest Jesuits who offered "help and care as a way of revealing the God who helps."

Haras has been teaching yoga for 13 years and is the owner Hamsa Yoga Center in Lake Orion, Mich. He earned a bachelor's degree in Religious Studies, where he was introduced to and fell in love with Indian philosophy, and discovered yoga. Years later, he decided to continue his education and said Detroit Mercy felt like a good fit. He learned more about the program at the Jesuit residence on campus and said, "I left Lansing-Reilly knowing my life was about to change for the better."

This change included earning his master's degree, converting to Catholicism, doing the Spiritual Exercises, becoming a trained spiritual director and retreat guide and the founder and director of The Cardoner Institute for Contemplative Leadership, which is "dedicated to fostering transformative insight through programs that connect one's spiritual identity with a sense of mission and purpose in the world."

It was about this time he met Karle, and the two began exploring the intersections of the two, centuries old traditions of Ignatian spirituality and yoga.

The two often find themselves defending this combination of yoga, so often associated with Hindu or Buddhist traditions, and Ignatian spirituality, but they — and others — say they are more alike than one might expect.

Francis X. Clooney, S.J., a Harvard professor, Hindu scholar and comparative theologian, says the common ground between the two is that yoga and Ignatian spirituality both have, as the end goal, "a freedom to be a certain type of person in the world."

James Martin, S.J., editor at large of *America* magazine, calls himself a fan of this movement.

"I think it's one of the great ideas in the Society," he says in a video on ignatianyoga.com. "I think a lot of people forget that we are embodied creatures...so it's important to take our bodies seriously. And one the great things about Ignatian Yoga is that it encourages us to do that in an Ignatian way."

Haras says it this way: "For me, it's something that can lead us toward a deeper experience of wholeness, interior freedom, and solidarity with others.

People can do Ignatian Yoga and afterward they are welcome to interpret that feeling of peace in a way that makes most sense to them.

"I tell people who question it to come and see," he continued. "Maybe it's not for everyone, but for those who are interested, it can be transformative experience and an opportunity to 'find God in all things.'"



Alan Haras says the practice of yoga has led him to a fuller understanding of Ignatian spirituality.

CLASS NOTES

Donald J. Lee '91 has joined Chief Outsiders, a management consulting firm providing on-demand or fractional chief marketing officers to mid-sized and growth companies.

Kimberly A. Lowe '93 has founded Avisen Legal P.A., a business law firm in Minneapolis, Minn.

Scott MacGriff '96 has been named chairman of the Government Procurement Subcommittee of the International Bar Association. He is a member of Dickinson Wright PLLC's Washington, D.C. office.

Robert G. McNeill, D.D.S. '99 has been appointed by Texas Gov. Greg Abbott to the Texas State Board of Dental Examiners, a board that regulates the practice of dentistry and dental hygiene in the state.

Eric R. Ray '93 has been appointed senior executive vice president for Technology and Transaction Services of Radian Group Inc., a Philadelphia-based private mortgage and real estate services provider.

George T. Schooff '91 has joined the Detroit office of the law firm Butzel Long, where he will specialize in intellectual property law.

Mary Ann (Robb) Victor '94 was appointed to the Michigan Board of Pharmacy, which is responsible for regulating and inspecting the practice of pharmacy and drugs manufactured and distributed in the state. She is president of MAV Associates, LLC.

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

2000s

David J. Bartolovic, D.D.S. '00 has joined Holly (Mich.) Dental Care as a prosthodontic specialist.

Paul Burkett '06 has been hired as a paralegal by the Detroit law firm Kerr Russell.

Josephine DeLorenzo '08 was named a shareholder at the Detroit-based law firm Plunkett Cooney.

Sarah (Jaeger) Dorow '08, '11 has joined the NBC25/Fox66 news team in Flint, Mich., as a reporter.

Timothy Dunning '09 has joined Fradkin & Weber, P.A. in Maryland as an associate attorney.

Jela (Vaclavova) Ellefson '01 has been named vice president, Social Capital, in the Lansing, Mich.-based financial services firm Cinnaire.

Kevin D. Kijewski '03 was appointed superintendent of Catholic schools for the Archdiocese of Detroit by Archbishop Allen H. Vigneron.

Glenn P. O'Connor '01 was reappointed to the Board of Nursing for the state of Michigan by Gov. Rick Snyder. The board establishes qualifications for nurse licensure, approves standards for nurse education programs and takes disciplinary action against licensees when necessary.

Helen Hsu '07 has joined the West Palm Beach, Fla.-based law firm Kelley Kronenberg to handle matters related to Workers' Compensation defense.

Julianne (Cassin) Sharp '01, a partner with the Michigan law firm Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C., has been named one of the state's 30 Women in Law for 2017 based on her commitment to the practice

of law, accomplishments and dedication to volunteering and mentoring other attorneys. She is a member of the firm's immigration practice group.

Amy Winn-VanHoeck '00 is the new administrator for the Blue Water Bridge in Port Huron, Mich. She was appointed by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Joe Vernon '05 was named the resident director of Miller Canfield's headquarters in Detroit.

2010s

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

Katrina Hardy '12 has joined Diplomat Pharmacy, Inc., in Flint, Mich., as corporate counsel.

Joseph R. Lazar '14 has joined the Ohio-based accounting firm The Siegfried Group, LLP.

Sam Mate '14 has joined the automotive liability practice group of Southfield, Mich.-based Collins Einhorn Farrell PC.

Brian K. Mitzel '16 has joined the tort and litigation practice group in the Bloomfield Hills office of Plunkett Cooney.

David A. Praet '11 has been named director of the Troy, Mich.-based investment firm Doeren Mayhew Capital Advisors.

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder appointed **Kristina L. Robinson '10** to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission, which is designed to improve legal representation for low-income criminal defendants. Robinson is general counsel for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

Lauren D. Smith '11 has published the romance novel *An Earl by Any Other Name*. She is an intellectual property lawyer in Tulsa, Okla.

James D. Stevens, Jr. '17 has joined Troy, Mich.-based law firm Reising Ethington P.C. as a patent attorney.

Law honors

Crain's Detroit Business named the following alumnae to its list of Notable Women Lawyers in Michigan.

Sharon Almonrode '81, of the Rochester-based Miller Law Firm

Monica (Berkowski) Barbour '75, senior attorney and corporate secretary, University of Detroit Mercy

Assistant Attorney General **Kelly Carter '96**

Wayne County Corporation Counsel **Zenna (Feraj) Elhasan '04**

Michelle (Caty) Harrell '90, a partner in the Southfield-based firm Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller PC

Dani (Kurzman) Liblang '81, of Liblang & Associates in Birmingham

Kate McCarroll '98, of the Detroit firm Kerr Russell

Heidi (Kobler) Sharp '06, managing partner of Burgess Sharp and Golden in Clinton Township

Macie D.A. Tuiasosopo '13, of the Southfield-based firm Caine Tuiasosopo PLC. ●

We've got alumni fun

Detroit Mercy's Alumni Relations Department holds events all year long, and hundreds of alumni and friends join the fun. Are you one of them? Check out the list and register at community.udmercy.edu. We hope to see you soon!

1. In September, Detroit Mercy alumni who are baseball fans gathered at Comerica Park and watched the Detroit Tigers lose.
2. Also in September, more than 1,000 alumni and friends and family gathered on the McNichols Campus for the second annual fall Homecoming.
3. Alumni and current students joined forces in January to try to solve puzzles to free themselves from The Great Escape Room.
4. At February's Alumni Chili Cook-Off, the College of Engineering & Science won for the third year in a row.
5. Motor City Madness brought basketball fans of all ages together for the Horizon League Tournament in the new Little Caesars Arena in March.



In MEMORIAM

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

1940s

Edwina (Winningham) Arthaud '48
Charles E. Beaudet '46
M. Karen Ann Berger, O.S.F. '45
Jean (Obrecht) Bushey '47
F. Arthur Byington '49
Nicholas J. Cavagnaro '42
Richard Chan '47
Murray A. Cotter '45
Robert R. Gross '48
Barbara (Carron) Guy '44
August J. Hofweber '40
Marie (Fitzgerald) Hogan '46
Madeline (Assad) Kiefer '48
Virginia Lewandowski '46
Arthur F. Martz, Jr. '48
Catherine (Langan) Morrissey '42
George E. Platzer '42
Charles A. Reichling, Sr. '46
Margaret (Mullen) Ridenour '44
Marian (McCann) Rometty '49
Walter A. Roney '41
Priscilla (McPhee) Symes '49
Evelyn (Narancich) Toohey '49
George B. Towsley '48
Lester H. Weinberg '46

1950s

Gordon S. Anderson '53
Norman J. Antaya '58
Leo T. Aretha '57
James D. Aston '52
Stella (Bagozzi) Banich '50
David E. Barko '59
Evelyn (Bates) Barlow '55
Ermo S. Bartoletti '54
Arnold G. Bauer, Ph.D. '51
William A. Bezaire '50
Dolores (Mayrend) Bihler '51
Mary (Singer) Bloomberg '50
JoAnn (Greene) Brinkman '52, '56
Margaret C. Brown '50
Edward Clark '51
Leo E. Coerver Jr. '54
The Hon. Robert J. Colombo '51
Frederick L. Crane '59
Mary (Korvatski) Curry '57
Angeline (Asaro) D'Amore '51, '75
Clarence L. DeFauw '51
Regina Mary (Kowalczyk) Diederich '50

Mary (Ferri) DiFiore '55
Geraldine F. Dominiak '54
John F. Downie '58
Josephine (Marion) Eady '59
Claude S. Farrell Jr. '59
John A. Ferrari '56
Richard P. Fleming '51, '54
Alan L. Foster '53
Donald H. Fox '55
Robert M. Fraser '54
Pierre H. Gagnier '51, '53
Thomas E. Giffels '55
Theresa (Werdeman) Grylicki '59
Patrick E. Hackett '50
Patricia (O'Donnell) Heisel '55
Shirley (Baumert) Hill '58
Bruce T. Hilton '54
William A. Holtgreive, Jr. '51
Thomas L. Hopp, D.D.S. '56
Col. Richard L. Horvath '56
James L. Hyek '50
Donald H. Iacovoni '56
Arnold J. Jarboe '54
Patrick J. Johnson '56, '58
Ralph O. Jones, Jr. '59
William Kach, D.D.S. '54
Norma (Powers) Kapell '54
Robert R. Kasper '50
Eugene H. Kennedy, D.D.S. '53
The Hon. John R. Kirwan '51
Francis F. Klaes '51
Stephen G. Konsowski, Jr. '59, '61
M. Eleanor (Vaugh) Kramer '53
Gerald J. Lafferty '57, '60
Bernard J. Lalonde '58
Charles E. Lavigne, Jr. '50
Kenneth J. Law, Sr. '54
William G. Louwers '58
Lawrence V. MacLean '53
Anthony J. Marcaccio '51
Ronald P. Marion, D.D.S. '56, '60
Bernard S. Markaity '52
Charles J. Mattas '53
Richard E. McDevitt '51, '54
Kathleen (Kelly) McGarrigle '53
Russell E. McLogan '53
Robert J. Meldrum '51
Joseph R. Mikula, D.D.S. '55
Edward Milewski '51
Patricia (Kane) Millman '53
Albert A. Miniciotti '59

Francis A. Mordell '59
Donald R. Nelson '52
Emmett J. Neville, D.D.S. '53
Theodore P. Panaretos '53
Patrick J. Phelan, Jr. '54
Howard J. Pier '53
Richard O. Reynolds '50
Thomas W. Ricard '59
George W. Richart, D.D.S. '57
Thomas A. Ronayne '54
Lanny D. Ross '58
Marguerite J. Ross '56
William P. Rowe '58
Glenn I. Ruggles '59, '65
Robert E. Ryan '58
Walter K. Schaffner '51
John J. Schira '58, '71
Kenneth M. Schneider '56
Wayne K. Shontz, Jr. '51
George Sirko '51
Charles E. Sleeper '52
George S. Smith '57
Mary (Mullaney) Smith '55
John F. Staub '52
Vito J. Surian '57
Daniel C. Swabon '57
Clifford E. Tefend '54
Joseph P. Tironi, D.D.S. '57
Maurice G. Vachon '54
Alex J. Violassi '51
Daniel Wadowski, D.D.S. '57, '59
Ralph H. Wallis '59
Joyce (Esposti) Watters '55
Suzanne M. Welling-Karrer '57
Lawrence E. Wenokur, D.D.S. '59
Thomas A. Whittaker, Jr. '51
Hubert L. Williams '53
Patricia M. Winnie '58
Robert W. Wood '55
Chester V. Zack '50
Robert L. Zettell '59
Eugene J. Zimmer '53
Robert F. Ziolkowski '56

1960s

Gustave L. Bartels '60
Dennis J. Barth '66
John P. Bellmore, Sr. '60
Ralph E. Beyer '61
Daniel W. Bodmann '67
Mary (Decorte) Carolin '63

Elizabeth M. Cheng '69
 Lt. Col. Richard T. Cole '63
 Theodore J. Collins '63
 Lillian M. Connolly, R.S.M. '64
 Edmund K. Daley, Jr., M.D., '63
 Dennis C. Daly '62
 James R. Delaney, D.D.S. '64
 John M. Delaney '69
 George G. Demopoulos '61
 Anthony D. Digiorgio '60
 Matthew R. Dowd, Jr. '66
 Therese M. Dudek, IHM '67
 Beverly (Boes) Faubert '63
 James A. Fenbert '65
 Susan Fogarty '66
 Richard S. Freedman '61
 Walter J. Giroux '63
 Mary Ann (Czarnecki) Golin '67
 Ruth Glaser I.H.M '65
 Robert J. Goodrich '61
 William F. Grogan '69
 Gayle (McKinley Kohler) Hannett '69
 Gilbert J. Hensien '60
 Paul F. Hess '67
 Donald E. Hutchinson '62
 Byron G. Jacobus '64
 Peter D. Jason '67
 Donald A. Jevitt '65
 James M. Johimsthal '63
 Aloysous F. Kelpinski '66
 Stanley Kieller '63
 Kenneth A. Kluegel '62
 Owen R. Kugel '67
 Richard J. Lamoureux '61
 Howard W. Loehr, D.D.S. '66
 Michael J. Lyons '66
 Nunzio T. Maiorana '63
 William F. Majnaric '62
 Maryann Markham '66
 Maurice J. Marks '69
 Thomas R. McKalko, D.D.S. '62
 Mary Ann (Elias) McAvoy '64
 R. Michael McCullough '62
 John A. Metzger '69
 Anthony D. Mielke '67
 William E. Nieporte '69
 Richard R. Norton '68
 Leo D. Perazza '64
 Thomas A. Phillips '61
 Thomas G. Plunkett '63
 David A. Pugh '68
 Barbara (Cueny) Reilly '62
 Delphine D. Rhode '69
 Thomas E. Ripaldi, Jr. '69
 Kenneth R. Roach '60
 Elton R. Ruhlau II '61
 Richard B. Scala '63, '67
 Edward B. Schwall '67
 James P. Sharer '65, '67
 Suzanne M. Shaughnessy '61
 Edward J. Spall '63
 Kathleen (Stibich) Stone '69
 John W. Strawser '60
 Thomas P. Sullivan '68
 Leonard R. Szymanski '60



Mary Kelly, R.S.M., '68

"Sister Mary Kelly was a model for us all. She had a commitment to lifting people above the human view of our time on earth. Serving others and serving a higher power was never in question with her."

— Associate Professor of Health Services Administration Ziggy Kozicki, on Kelly, a professor at Detroit Mercy from 1995 until she retired last year.

Gerald E. Tobbe '69
 Ronald L. Vandenbossche '67
 Marie Louise (Teasdale) Van Loon '62
 Joseph E. Vargo '67
 Gerald A. Waechter '61
 Francis R. Walker '66
 Theresa A. Wangler '68
 Robert L. Weber '62
 David W. Willson, D.D.S. '65
 Dr. James F. Womac '64

1970s

Mabel A. Albrecht '75
 Robert L. Archie '75
 Hon. David M. Bradfield '76
 Celeste Donohue '71
 Dennis E. Doyle '70
 Patrick J. Doyle '74
 Charles G. Duvall '79
 William M. Fairl '71
 James D. Foos '71
 Ellen Furman-Turpening '73
 Paul J. Gallagher '71
 Joyce (Cranon) Gallant '76
 James R. Henson '75
 Jaclyn K. Hoffman '77
 Robert M. Jackson '77
 Valerie Katona '78
 Dennis A. Keisic '72
 David Kent '70
 Richard W. Kowalesky, D.D.S. '72
 Peter W. Lanthorn '71
 Thomas V. Longe '73
 David E. Manner '72
 John F. Marks '73
 S. Chand Marwaha '72
 Thomas F. McGuire '70
 James R. Payne, D.D.S. '79
 Louise (Szyнал) Plachta '71
 Robert P. Popson '79
 William J. Roman, Jr. '70
 John T. Seurnyck, D.D.S. '75
 Carl Smith '76, '78, '81
 Judy (Jordan) St. Amour '79
 David K. Tate '73
 Gary J. Werschler '71
 Joanne Witucki '70
 Richard W. Yanock '73

1980s

Denise M. Barlage '88
 Albert J. Berrens '81
 Paul A. Bouza '80
 Thomas M. Hibler '84
 Micheal M. K. Ho '86
 Dorothy (Walker) Leverett '88
 Donald J. Martin '80
 Thomas S. Michael '84
 Barbara G. Osborne '85
 Doris J. Proctor '89
 Tommy Robertson '81
 Cynthia (Biener) Trevillion '83
 Gerald J. Van Wambeke '81
 James Weaver '87

1990s

Linda (Siler) Anderson '98
 Bonnie Burks '92
 Warren U. Curtis '94
 Lolita Dimovski '96
 Elaine Ference '92
 Joseph N. Impastato '97
 Jeanne (Buckley) Learman '95
 Daniel T. Morof, D.D.S. '90
 Pamela N. Nangah '94, '95
 Robert J. Sayfie '91
 Williandres Smith, Fr. '90

2000s

Deborah (Severens) Brown '05
 Mark J. Recceck '08
 Adolph Wilson '00

2010s

Mallory (Shell) Fitzpatrick '10

Faculty and Friends

Anton E. Donoso '55, professor emeritus of the Philosophy Department

Mary Ann Hazen, retired professor of Management

Cynthia Mulenga-Alexander, former library assistant at the School of Dentistry

Robert W. Wildblood, former professor of Psychology at Mercy College of Detroit

THE LAST WORD

Associate Professor of Nursing Jean Gash always tries to inspire a little friendly competition between her Second Degree Option Nursing students in the Community Health course. But what one group was able to accomplish blew her away.

A group of seven nursing students recently raised more than \$2,800 through a bottle drive and GoFundMe page, and nearly twice that in donated goods to promote healthy living at the Operation Stand Down event for veterans.

"They took this assignment and ran with it," Gash said. "This is the Mercy and Jesuit mission. I tend to be very passionate about this because I've always worked with the homeless, for like 30 years. So when they go out, it's wonderful to watch them blossom.

"Look at them, they've accomplished something huge that I think they're going to take with them the rest of their lives. They're never going to take homelessness for granted again."

The group did such a good job raising money that they ended up with \$500 left after the Stand Down event.

The students gave away 500 dental kits and other prizes, which included first aid kits, blankets, flash lights, hats and other items veterans, many of them homeless, need.

The students didn't want to see the money go to waste, so they started brainstorming ideas for another way to help a veteran in need. Instead of helping a large group, this time they elected to help a veteran on a more personal level.

A member of the group, Marissa Manzella, knew of a veteran who was suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) after serving in Afghanistan. Manzella had never personally met former Marine Jerry Fulcher, but reached out to his family to see if he could use the money to see a therapist who specialized in PTSD.

"Jerry ... has trouble functioning," Manzella said. "We talked to him and asked him if he would consider doing therapy sessions with a gentleman who specializes in PTSD recovery in Lake Orion. He said, 'Yeah, I would definitely be all for that.' "

Fulcher's fiancé, Alexis Desotell, was blown away by the gesture for her family and hopes it will help Fulcher recover so he can be the father he wants to be for their children.

"I would like to take a minute today to thank this group of people for thinking of my Jerry and reaching out to us," Desotell said. "Your donation was like sunshine on an otherwise cloudy day. You will all forever hold a place in my heart. I can't even begin to thank you for thinking of us."

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McAuley School of Nursing students raised funds to help veterans with physical and psychological needs.

Nursing students keep the 'mercy' in Detroit Mercy

By Dave Pemberton



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Congress recently enacted a law that allows you to make a tax-free gift to the University from your Individual Retirement Account. Known as the IRA Charitable Rollover, or the Qualified Charitable Distribution, this law is now permanent. You can make annual gifts from your IRA and avoid taxes you would have paid for such distributions.

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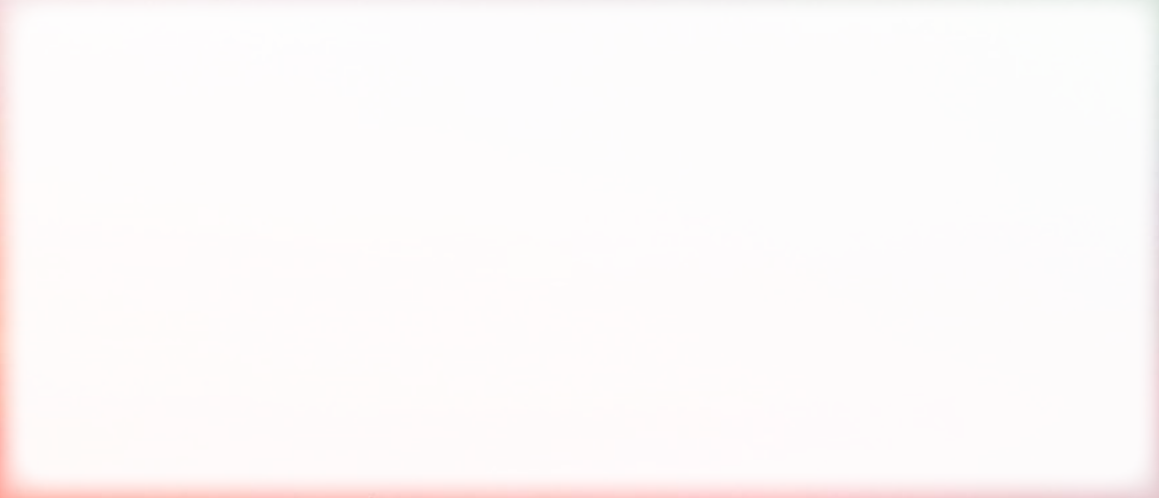
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