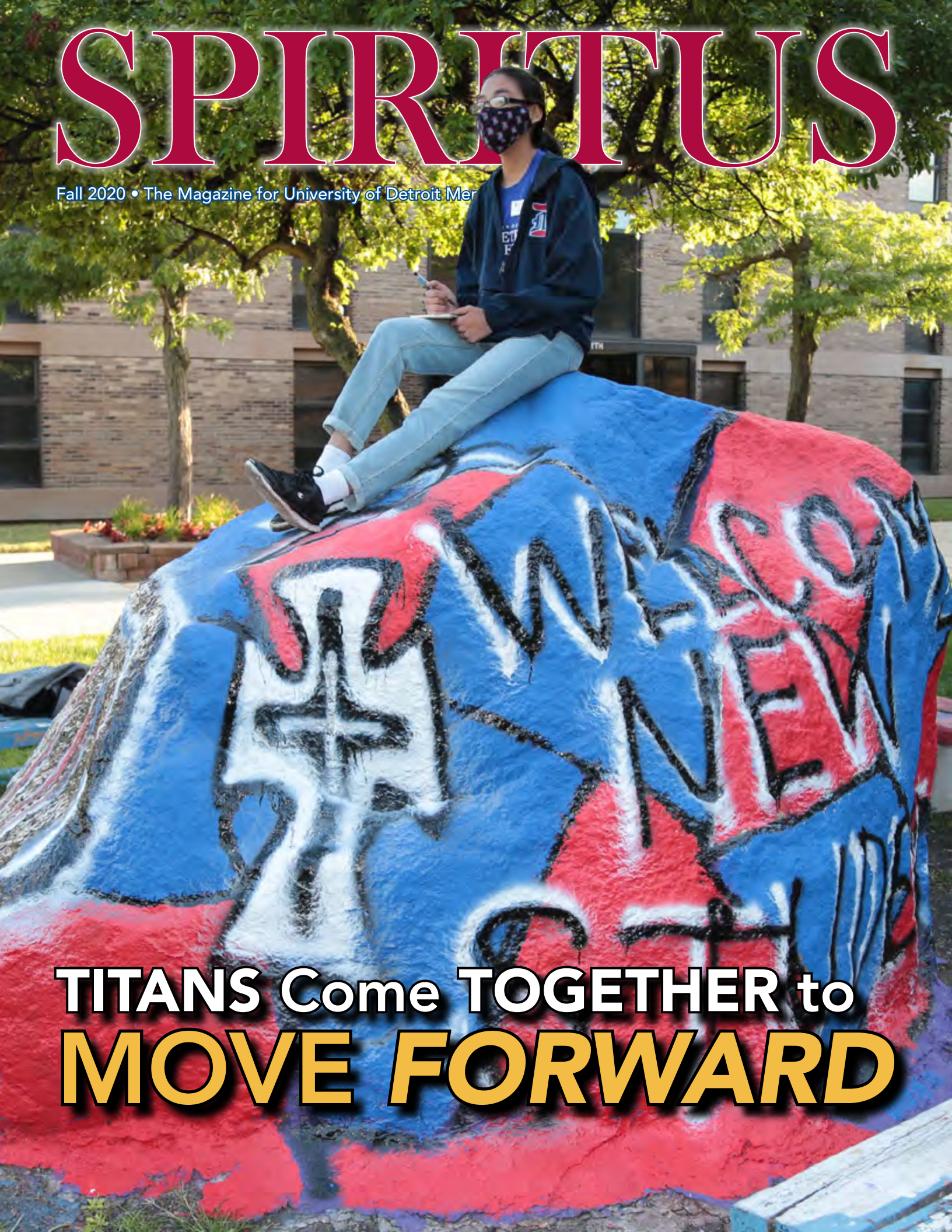


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*Dear Alumni and Friends of  
University of Detroit Mercy:*

I hope that you and your family are healthy, safe and well. As we continue to manage our changed lives since the COVID-19 pandemic began seven months ago, it becomes clearer every day that a return to what we remember as “normal” will probably not occur until a safe and effective vaccine is available. Nevertheless, we are already at the mid-point of the fall semester and are pleased that everything has been progressing smoothly thus far. This would not have occurred without the support, guidance and dedication of the faculty and staff on our three campuses who have continued Detroit Mercy’s tradition of Jesuit and Mercy academic excellence.

Over the summer, the University’s 18-person Coronavirus Task Force, led by Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Pamela Zarkowski, met for many hours identifying, planning for and implementing the necessary health and safety protocols so students, faculty and staff could return. Additionally, seven task forces of 75 individuals total contributed to this intensive effort, working hard to ensure that students would continue to receive an excellent academic, interpersonal and spiritual experience. Similar to thousands of other universities and colleges across the country and the world, Detroit Mercy gave students the opportunity to take classes virtually or through a flexible hybrid model for in-person classes, and adapted campus facilities and operations to allow for physical distancing. I hope you enjoy reading in this issue of *Spiritus* about some of the innovative ways our faculty have provided their curricula to undergraduate, graduate and professional students when meeting in person was not an option.

As we began the school year, we were pleased to receive the news that Detroit Mercy has been recognized again by *U.S. News & World Report’s* “Best Colleges” edition and the *Wall Street Journal/Times* Higher Education rankings, which placed us at No. 187 and No. 180, respectively, in their 2021 national college rankings. This puts Detroit Mercy in the top 20 percent of all U.S. universities for the second straight year. We also received favorable recognition by *U.S. News & World Report* in several categories, including Best Value School, Best School for Veterans, Top Performers for Social Mobility, A+ Schools for B Students and other discipline-specific areas. Those reputational rankings by others are a testament to the quality of our students and the outstanding education they receive from our faculty and staff.

Like many colleges and universities around the country, our freshman enrollment is lower than we had planned, but our returning, graduate and professional student numbers are comparable or higher than last year. The freshman decline is attributed in part to the declining numbers of high school graduates in Michigan and nearby states and also to the unanticipated economic situations many families are experiencing because of the COVID-19 crisis. But despite those challenges, our national rankings confirm that the quality, affordable and values-centered Jesuit and Mercy education makes us very attractive to prospective students and their parents. Furthermore, your scholarship contributions are the primary reason many of our new and returning students are enrolled this year. Thank you so much for your continued generosity.

Even though the current health crisis has impacted one of my more enjoyable responsibilities, namely, visiting you and other alumni and friends, I have attempted to keep in touch with some of you by phone or videoconference. So, I hope you will accept my invitation to meet by either of those means if it is convenient. In the meantime, please follow us on our website and in the media as we break ground in November on the multi-phase, multi-million-dollar McNichols Campus Renovation project and also to view the new campus we recently acquired in Novi that will allow the University to expand in other academic areas.

Please stay safe and healthy and may God continue to bless you and your families.

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.  
President

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## Letters to the Editor

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### Great job

I just wanted to give a hats off to you and your staff for the Spring, 2020 issue of *Spiritus*. I always make a point of reading about my old alma mater but I was able — thanks to the pandemic — to read this issue when it arrived in the mail this morning and I really enjoyed it. Knowing the circumstances under which you put the issue together, I just wanted to say that your team deserves extra kudos. Really, a very well-done issue when you consider the context.

Actually, truth in advertising, I have not completed the whole magazine as yet, but I wanted to stop and take the time to tell you how much I especially enjoyed the article "Game Changer" by Dave Pemberton, as well as the "Snapshots of a Pandemic" feature. Of the former, I was, gosh knows, not a science major, but that was a really interesting piece on a — from a non-scientific perspective — fun topic.

As to the pandemic feature, as I am now living in the Washington, D.C., area I am not fully in touch with how the lockdown is playing out in Michigan in general, and Detroit in particular. Given that, the article was sort of a

"quick and easy" way to get a sense of things and thus not only did

it satisfy my questions about how Detroit Mercy is handling things, but I felt like I had a better understanding of how the pandemic is playing out more generally.

That all said, I must compliment you and the entire staff of *Spiritus*. I am more than a bit sentimental about my old school and I find every issue not only to be informative but they take me back "to the good ol' days," too. It really is a nice blend of the "here and now" and "the way we were" and you all deserve a real tip of the hat for producing such an attractive periodical.

Great job to one and all and many thanks.

**James E. Geoffrey II '85**

### Something for everyone

I thought the Spring edition of *Spiritus* was especially well done. Interesting articles with something of interest for everyone in the Detroit Mercy community. Somehow, you found a way to reach out to each and every constituent group (which isn't easy).

I liked the way you were able to cover things from old dinosaur history to current information about the Covid pandemic.

Keep up the excellent work!

**Caroll Deuben, Associate Professor (retired), Health Services Administration**

### Addressing student need

I appreciated your putting a face on the COVID-19 Student Emergency Fund with Ms. Howard's photo and comment (Snapshots of a Pandemic). As a former scholarship student from a low-income household, I understand how precarious one's finances can be. I applaud the university for getting the word out about the need.

**Suzanne (Chrzastek) Hudson '74**

*Editor's note: See related story, Page 21.*



## A final visit

On Aug. 26, Florence G. Tetreault '46 toured the McNichols Campus one last time. The alumna, who taught mathematics for 40 years at University of Detroit, had died a few days earlier at the age of 96. She will not be forgotten, though. Tetreault loved the University and its students and, in her will, gave a very substantial gift to the University to establish a scholarship in her name.



Tetreault in 1947, her first year as a faculty member.

# THIS IS Detroit Mercy.

University of Detroit Mercy is the sum of its stories. Here are just a few. Read more at [sites.udmercy.edu/alumni](https://sites.udmercy.edu/alumni).

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Detroit Mercy is: Winning Grants

Helping students  
succeed is a top priority



Two major grants totaling more than \$2 million are helping University of Detroit Mercy help students succeed.

Detroit Mercy's TRIO Student Support Services (SSS) will continue its work thanks to a U.S Department of Education \$1.3 million grant and the College of Engineering & Science received a five-year National Science Foundation (NSF) grant of \$998,996 to provide a support program for students historically underrepresented in STEM careers.

"With the COVID-19 global pandemic serving as a potential hindrance to student

"Such services enhance academic success and make it more likely that students will not only graduate, but will complete college with the lowest possible debt," Johnson said.

TRIO SSS is one of the eight federal TRIO programs authorized by the Higher Education Act to support college students' success in higher education. The grant provides \$261,888 a year for five years.

**The National Science Foundation (NSF)** five-year grant totalling \$998,996 to the College of Engineering and Science is part of NSF's Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

counseling sessions and non-residential cohort-building activities.

"Detroit Mercy will activate a broad network of personnel, as well as external stakeholders such as the students' families and co-op employers, to achieve growth in these areas," Bani Taan said.

While SEED assists students in multiple ways, Bani Taan says the program also benefits the NSF and the academic community by exploring ways smaller institutions with limited resources can adapt effective, financially sustainable practices that work with this population of students.



access and success, the renewal of the TRIO SSS grant is more important than ever," TRIO SSS Director Amber Johnson said. "Student Support Services places a high priority on ensuring that promising students have the resources and support necessary to be successful and complete their degree through a family-oriented environment that is filled with camaraderie, accountability, exposure and support."

Detroit Mercy has had a TRIO SSS program since 2016. It provides support to students who are low-income, first-generation college students or students with disabilities. The grant will help provide academic tutoring, financial aid advice, career and college mentoring, assistance with course selection, locating public and private scholarships, applying for admission to graduate and professional schools, educational opportunities to develop financial and economic literacy skills, and other forms of assistance.

(S-STEM) program, which aims to increase and understand the success of students who demonstrate financial need and are pursuing STEM degrees.

Shadi Bani Taan, an associate professor and director of Detroit Mercy's Computer Science and Software Engineering programs, leads the project, which is called SEED, for Science and Engineering Equity Development. It is set to start in summer 2021 and will feature two cohorts of 10 freshman students, who will each receive \$9,000 in annual scholarship support over four years to help with unmet financial need.

SEED's goal is to increase retention, graduation and employment rates of students underrepresented in STEM fields by providing them a support system that addresses personal, career and academic development. Students in SEED must complete three industrial co-operative internships and participate in group

SEED is the latest program at Detroit Mercy that aims to increase diversity in STEM fields. The University's dual enrollment program with Detroit Cristo Rey High School and the innovating Detroit's Robotics Agile Workforce (iDRAW) program introduce high school students to STEM disciplines, while the ReBUILDetroit initiative reduces barriers underrepresented students face with STEM by providing multiple research experiences and support systems.

"Research has established a number of high-impact practices that have been demonstrated to improve student outcomes," said Richard Hill, assistant dean for Research & External Initiatives and associate professor of Mechanical Engineering. The issue, he added, is that many of these practices are expensive.

# Detroit Mercy is: Renovating



## New Dental entrance honors Mercy history

In late August, after 18 months of construction, the doors to Detroit Mercy Dental's new entryway opened to patients for the first time.

This welcoming upgrade features a three-story glass atrium, terrazzo floor and four stained glass panels from the chapel built

in 1941 on Mercy College of Detroit's campus. The panels all feature Mary, the mother of Jesus, and are said to be inspired by a 16th-Century painting in the Church of St. Agatha in Rome.

Panels from the same chapel adorn the entrance to the Health Professions facility on the McNichols Campus.



## Next up: Student Union



The multi-million-dollar McNichols Campus Renovation is expected to begin before the end of the year.

The multi-year project will begin with the renovation and expansion of the Student Union, followed by the eventual demolition of the Fisher Administration Center and Reno Hall. Many other projects are planned and when the entire initiative is complete, nearly every building on the McNichols Campus will have been renovated or updated.

Even more importantly, it will eliminate 100,000 square feet of building space and reduce Detroit Mercy's deferred maintenance costs by more than \$43 million.

## She wanted to be a prosecutor, but Detroit came calling

By Grace Henning

**W**hen Charity Dean '15 entered law school, she had her heart set on becoming a prosecutor.

"I only visited one school," she said. "I'm a Detroiter through and through. When I visited Detroit Mercy Law, I could sense that it was very much Detroit. The commitment to social justice and service made it a no-brainer for me."

In 2014, Dean had the opportunity to hear Mike Duggan speak at the school. She described how, at the end of his talk, the newly elected Detroit mayor appealed to the students. "He said we're starting the Detroit Land Bank and we want law clerks."

Dean did not think much of it at the time. "I didn't really even know what a land bank was. I'm very much vocal. I thought I'm going to be in a court room. Also, I already had another job."

At the urging of Richard Krisciunas, a former adjunct professor, Dean decided to work one day a week for the Detroit Land Bank Authority, which uses incentives and sales programs to return blighted and vacant properties in the city to productive use, making land and home ownership accessible to Detroiters.

"I was just inspired. Eventually, I quit my other job and I started working at the Land Bank full time," she said. "Back then, the mayor would come over every week and meet with the staff. The staff was so small that everyone would go in to the meeting—the receptionist, the interns, everyone."

Since graduating, Dean has been able to grow in city government and is now the director of Civil Rights, Inclusion, and Opportunity for the city of Detroit. Though she is not a prosecutor as she was once sure she would be, Dean said "it has been just an amazing experience and it happened because of Detroit Mercy Law."

When COVID-19 hit Detroit, Dean was tasked by Duggan to help keep small Detroit businesses afloat amid government-ordered closures. She first

started a program to distribute signs to businesses that had to switch to curbside service only. Her department also helped businesses in negotiating government programs to keep their businesses running and developing robust e-commerce abilities to keep providing services to the Detroit community.

For her efforts to help businesses during COVID-19, Dean was recently named to Crain's Detroit Business 40 Under 40.

In addition to working for the city, Dean teaches Professional Responsibility as an adjunct instructor at Detroit Mercy Law.

"I get to bring a different type of real-world experience. A lot of other adjuncts are in firms, but there are so many lawyers who work in public service, so, as an adjunct, I get to bring that additional perspective to the classroom," Dean said.

"I think it's important for lawyers to know, once you're sworn in, it doesn't change whether or not you're on the clock," she said. "Whether you work at a law firm or you are a public servant working for the city, as an attorney, you hold a great privilege and responsibility. I want to make sure my students understand this and are prepared for the real world."

Dean notes that the pandemic, as it has to so many areas, is changing certain aspects of the law and practitioners need to be prepared.

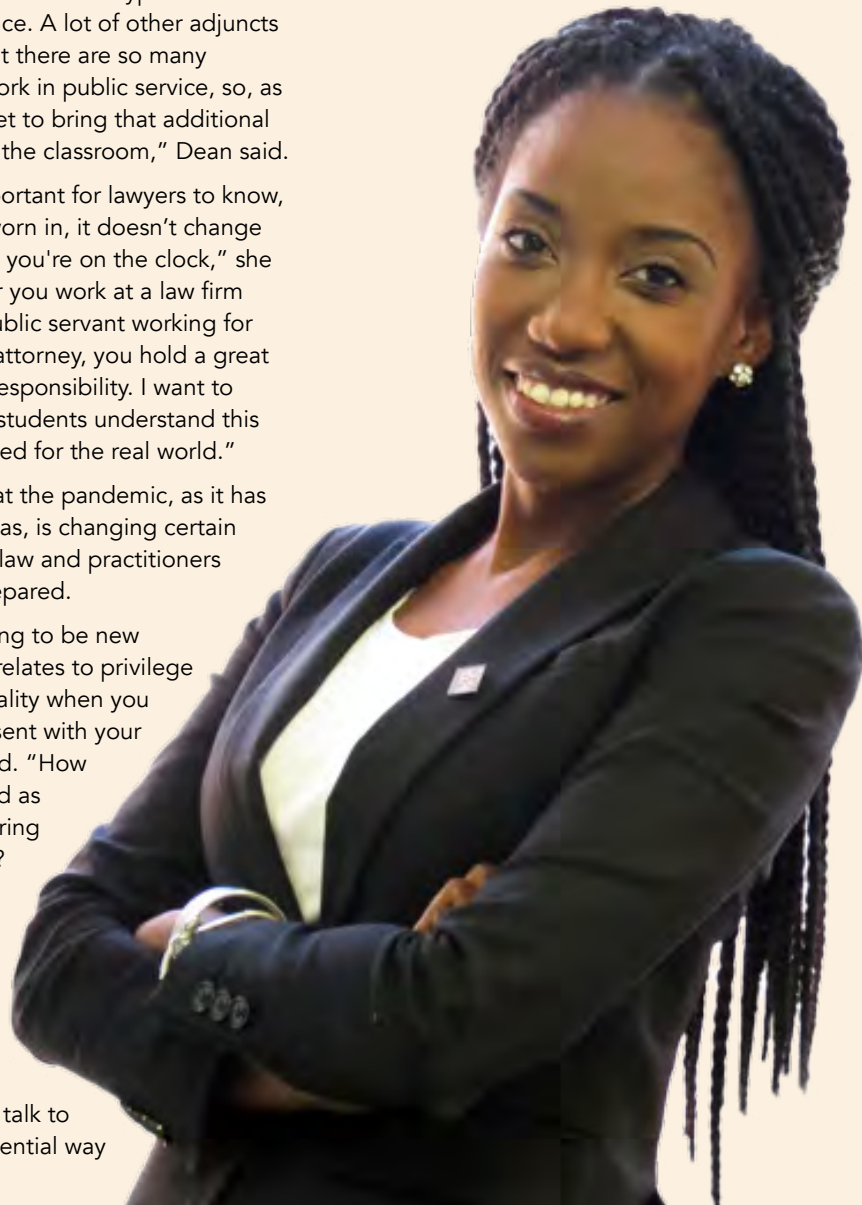
"There are going to be new concerns as it relates to privilege and confidentiality when you cannot be present with your client," she said. "How do you respond as an attorney during an emergency?"

When you're in a global pandemic but you need to be able to offer your client the opportunity to talk to you in a confidential way

and you can't go to the prison, how do you do that and keep your professional responsibility of confidentiality? Those are the questions we are going to explore in my class that we would not have anticipated needing to have a conversation about."

Dean is grateful for the opportunity to be back at Detroit Mercy Law.

"I really did miss the law school," Dean said. "It really is a joy and privilege to be able to do what I do."





The new Livernois Avenue of Fashion, is now complete.

## Live6 sets groundwork for big things

**L**ive6 Alliance, the nonprofit planning and development organization with a mission of enhancing quality of life and economic opportunity in northwest Detroit, hasn't let the COVID-19 pandemic stop it from making an impact in the communities surrounding Detroit Mercy's McNichols Campus. "We'd been making good progress, expanding our outreach, convening people, listening, working and then the coronavirus hit," said Live6 Alliance Executive Director Geneva Williams. "So, we had to pivot and look for new ways to make a difference and help lift our community."

The organization delivered care packages of face masks and sanitizer to area businesses to help them stay open and distributed boxes of books, games and puzzles for stay-at-home kids and seniors. In August, they hosted Livernois Outdoors, and gave restaurants grants of outdoor dining furniture, planters and more, so they could stay open safely and bolster the neighborhood.

Live6 Alliance acts as a conduit between institutions and their surrounding communities, with a particular focus on the McNichols and Livernois corridors. It was co-founded by University of Detroit Mercy and the Kresge Foundation under the leadership of University President Antoine M. Garibaldi who serves as its board chair. It has recently become an official 501(c)(3) organization.

As part of its business attraction and retention, Live6 has several initiatives working to help local businesses, which includes about 250 businesses in its four core neighborhoods.

"There are initiatives like our Façade Grant Program and Market 2 Main Street, which is a strategy for neighborhood-based economic development," Williams said. "And during the pandemic, we partnered with the city of Detroit and the Detroit Growth Corporation to identify the SBA and other grants available for small businesses, and connect them to resources if they have questions."

Live6 also has big plans for the fall and early 2021.

"We are especially excited about a new initiative we're launching this fall, which is a business incubator project that will offer office

and work space in three or four locations to help jump-start some area entrepreneurs," Williams said.

"Live6 is very actively communicating with all our residents, businesses and stakeholders with an updated website, a new quarterly E-newsletter and many week-to-week emails and notices. Plus, people can follow us on social media."

Live6 also hopes the current streetscaping project on McNichols from Livernois to Wyoming will help attract new businesses and customers to the currently existing ones.

"We've been consulting and assisting that project, especially as our Live6 headquarters —Neighborhood HomeBase — sits right in the middle," Williams said.

The Neighborhood HomeBase is not currently open to the public, but they hope to open it once the streetscape project is complete.

HomeBase is home to the Live6 Alliance and the Detroit Collaborative Design Center, with shared space for the City of Detroit Planning & Development Department, local block clubs, nonprofit community organizations and other local partners. Located on McNichols in a renovated neighborhood building, HomeBase is rooted in community gatherings, contemporary design and civic engagement.

With the streetscape project complete and HomeBase potentially open again, 2021 could be another eventful year for Live6.

She points to Ella Fitzgerald Park and Greenway, which was completed in 2019, where there used to be blight, and the city's Strategic Neighborhoods project in addition to the Livernois streetscape, and the new McNichols project which will include new landscaping and streetlights among other upgrades.

The magic word, she notes, is "alliance."

"Everything Live6 does is made possible by our funders, partners, believers and stakeholders," she said "Foundations like Kresge and Hudson Webber, Reimagining the City Commons and Balmer. Landmark institutions like University of Detroit Mercy and the city of Detroit itself. All the block clubs, businesses and — most of all — residents of our four core neighborhoods: Bagley, Fitzgerald, University District and Martin Park. Our mantra is 'Together We Thrive.'"

## Professor's work is National Geographic cover story

"Reimagining Dinosaurs," the cover story in the October issue of *National Geographic*, includes the ground-breaking discovery by Detroit Mercy Assistant Professor of Biology and *National Geographic Explorer* Nizar Ibrahim.

Ibrahim and his team's research showed the predatory dinosaur *Spinosaurus* was aquatic and used tail-propelled swimming locomotion to hunt for prey in a massive river system. It is the first time such an adaptation has been reported in a dinosaur.

"This was such a fun project, and it's super exciting to finally hold the actual *National Geographic* cover in my hands," Ibrahim said.

"The story holds a special place in my heart for a number of reasons: our recent Sahara expeditions form the spine of the magazine story, and it features contributions by several close friends and collaborators.

The theme of "Reimagining Dinosaurs" is how groundbreaking science is changing what we know about how dinosaurs looked. According to the magazine, there have been an average of 40



dinosaur finds per year, making the dinosaurs that most people are familiar and grew up with factually incorrect.

*National Geographic* says the issue is one of the first comprehensive looks at dinosaurs as a species of animal in almost two decades, and showcases scientific research from paleontologists that may differ from what you know about how dinosaurs move, hatch, grow, look, socialize and more.

## University earns national attention

**D**etroit Mercy and some of its programs received high ratings this year from the two of the most prestigious University ranking systems in the country.

The University was ranked in the top 200 institutions by both the *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Colleges" edition and by the *Wall Street Journal's* Times Higher Education (*WSJ/ THE*) rankings. In addition, two undergraduate programs in the College of Business Administration received national rankings.

Detroit Mercy was ranked No. 187 among the National Universities category by *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Colleges" 2021 edition. It is the second year in a row Detroit Mercy has ranked high in this new category; only three other Michigan universities earned a place in this year's group.

In addition to placing high in the overall National Universities classification, Detroit Mercy received favorable recognition in the following four special categories:

- Best Value Schools, National Universities – No. 34
- Best School for Veterans, National Universities – No.136
- Top Performers on Social Mobility – No. 129
- A+ Schools for B Students

The *WSJ/ THE* ranking put Detroit Mercy at 180 out of almost 1,000 schools in the country for 2021. This is the third year in a row the University has ranked among the top 20% of all

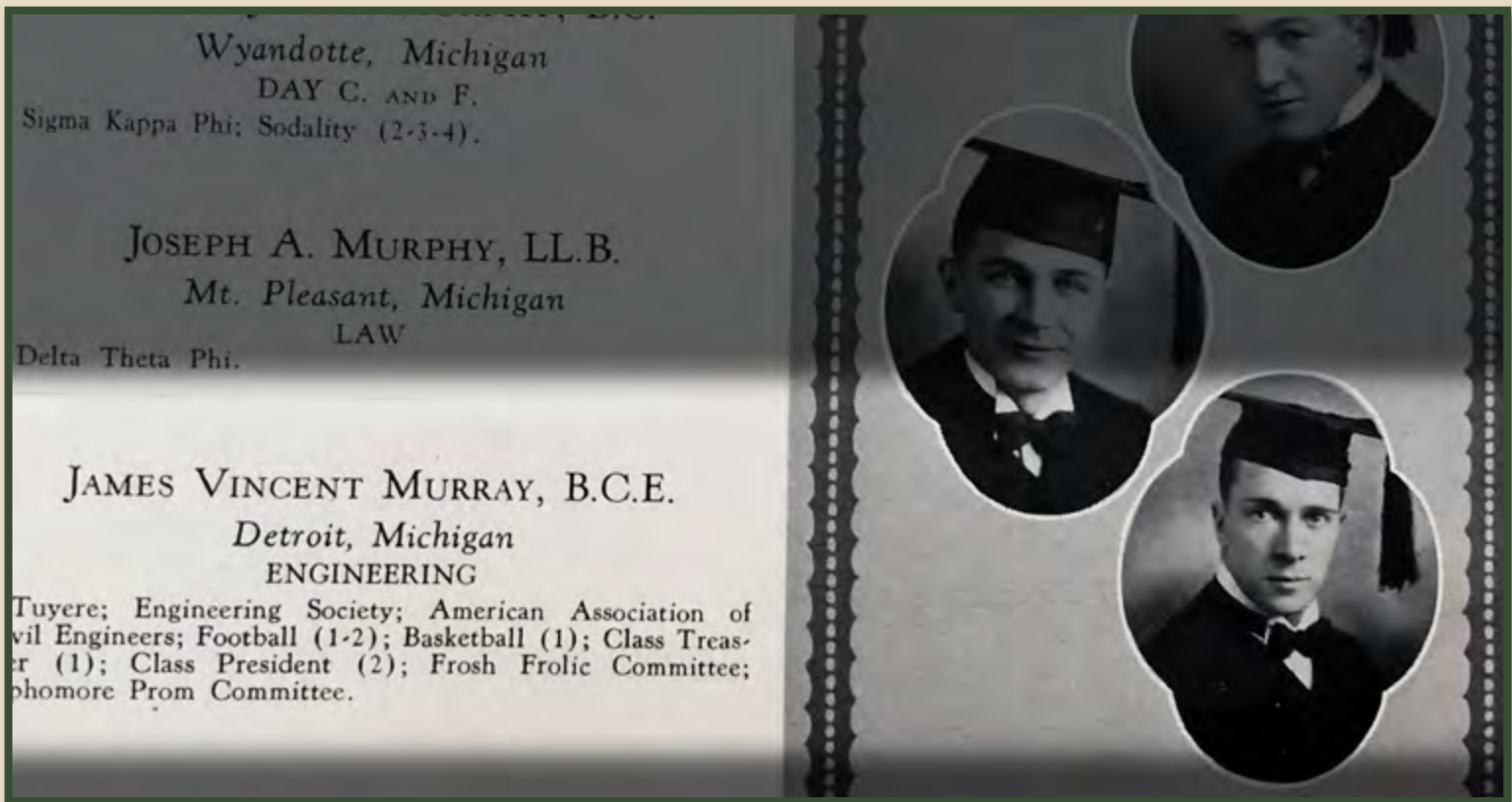
universities in the *WSJ/ THE* college rankings. Since 2017, the first year Detroit Mercy was included in these rankings, the institution has risen from No. 272 to No. 180.

*U.S. News & World Report's* undergraduate business program rankings are based solely on peer assessment surveys. The report only considers undergraduate business programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.

Detroit Mercy's Management program was No. 23 in the United States, marking the seventh consecutive year it was ranked nationally, while the Accounting program earned its first national ranking at No. 58.

"Detroit Mercy's high ranking again among the nation's top universities in the 2021 *U.S. News & World Report's* " 'Best Colleges' edition and the *Wall Street Journal/ Times Higher Education* report bolsters the University's enduring reputation of providing an academically excellent education for students of all backgrounds," said University President Antoine M. Garibaldi. "Our core principle of providing an affordable, values-centered, and academically rigorous education is as important to current and prospective Detroit Mercy students and our 88,000 alumni as it was to our Jesuit and Mercy founders in 1877 and 1941, respectively."

# Detroit Mercy is: Athletics



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Sophomore Prom Committee.

When James V. Murray enrolled at University of Detroit to study engineering in 1924, he couldn't possibly have known it was the first step in a family relationship with the University that has lasted nearly a century.

Murray '29 is the grandfather of Guy Murray '89, current director of Track & Field and Cross Country, who is entering his 28th year as a head coach with the Titans. More than that, it's his 35th year since 1985, when he came to campus as a freshman distance runner.

"My grandfather came here and was part of the first four-year class that was at this campus," said Murray. "He studied civil engineering and later got a job with the Michigan Highway Department in Lansing. My dad used to tell us the story that when the U-D baseball team came to Michigan State, my grandfather would go to see his good friend that he went to school with, Lloyd Brazil."

Brazil was an All-American athlete on the football field for the Titans. In 1928, he established an NCAA single-season record with 997 passing yards, helping the

program go 9-0 and earn a share of the national title. He would go on to serve as the University's head coach for basketball and baseball as well as athletic director.

While his grandfather going to the University started the tradition, Murray's mom and dad continued it even though they didn't attend. His dad coached football, basketball and track at St. Charles High School, which would go on to become East Catholic, and even sent a basketball player to U-D in the late 1960s. Murray's mom also went to St. Charles and when they came back to the area from their home in Niles, Mich., they happened to go to a couple of Titan basketball games with him.

"We would come back to Detroit to visit and two games I remember are one with Rhode Island in the Motor City Tournament in 1978 with the late Smokey Gaines as coach," said Murray. "It was a wild scene in Calihan Hall. We sat in the lower bowl, they played rock music and shut the lights for the intros. Growing up in Niles, we went to Notre Dame games a lot and I remember thinking, 'Wow, this is crazy, Notre Dame doesn't do this.' So,

I saw that game and I saw the women's tournament when Old Dominion was here with players like Nancy Lieberman and Anne Donovan."

The Murray family extends from grandpa Murray to uncle Donald to Guy and his brother James, both track and field and cross country runners and now to Guy's daughter Kaitlin Murray, a sophomore on the cross country and track and field team. Along the way came a couple of others by way of marriage as Guy's wife, Pat '97, was a graduate assistant at the University, while his brother James would meet his wife Brigitte Dery '94, who also ran cross country and track and field.

"My uncle was here for one year and it was the last year of football and he liked to brag about the riots that broke out when they canceled football. My brother and I were on the team together for one year, but then I became a coach with the program after I graduated so I was really here with him the whole time," said Murray.

The familiarity with the University was definitely a factor when picking a school

# Detroit Mercy is: Athletics



Kaitlin Murray grew up running on Detroit Mercy's campus under the watchful eye of her father Guy Murray. At right is Jim Murray, Guy's brother and fellow Titan student-athlete.

for Guy and James, but the education and the chance to run at the Division I level sealed the deal.

"They wanted me to run and the Architecture program," said James Murray '93 on why he chose University of Detroit.

Guy and James were both four-year letter winners on the Titan cross country and track teams. Guy earned the Dominick Taddonio Cross Country MVP award in 1988 as well as the President's Award, the athletic department's highest honor, for the top senior student-athlete in 1989. He was named to the All-Midwestern Collegiate Conference (MCC) Cross Country Team in 1986 and the All-MCC Track and Field Team in 1989.

James and Guy did team up for one MCC title as they were on the winning two-mile relay quartet at the indoor championships in 1989.

As coach, Guy has led the men's and women's track and field and cross country programs to 11 conference championships with four in women's indoor track, two each in men's indoor track, women's outdoor track and men's cross country and one in men's outdoor track.

In 2019, Kaitlin became the latest in the Murray tradition, running on the cross country and track and field teams. In her collegiate debut, she led the Titans, taking 16th at the Running Fit-Detroit Mercy Titan Invitational with a time of 20:07 in the 5K.

"It was a pretty easy decision to come here because I grew up here and I already knew I liked the school. I always heard all the stories from my family about the school," said Kaitlin. "It's pretty cool to keep the tradition and I like being coached by my dad."



# Detroit Mercy is: Athletics



**T**he Titan community lost a cherished member Sept. 5 when former men's basketball head coach David "Smokey" Gaines died after a battle with liver and brain cancer. He was 80 years old.

Gaines—the first African-American coach in Titan history and a native Detroiter—came to the University as a part-time assistant coach under Dick Vitale in 1973 after coaching stops at his high school and college alma mater. He was later promoted to a full-time assistant coach and was a vital part in helping build the great Titan teams of the 1970s. In his final season as an assistant coach, U-D went 25-4 with a win in the NCAA Tournament over Middle Tennessee State before falling to Michigan.

"Smokey was a motivator, he just had his way of doing it and he got the most out of you," said former player Earl Cureton. "We had one of our most successful seasons when he took over, but he just wasn't a great coach, he was a great individual. He came from some hard times and made his way out and reached his dream of playing with the Globetrotters and in the ABA."

After Vitale stepped down from the head coaching position, Gaines took over and guided the program to another 25-4 mark in 1978 with a trip to the NIT and a 22-6 record in 1979 with an appearance in the NCAA Tournament.

"I'm going to build on the very sound foundation that Dick Vitale has established," Gaines stated when he accepted the job. "The program at U-D speaks for itself. I hope that people don't judge me on being the first black coach at U-D, but will judge me on my results."

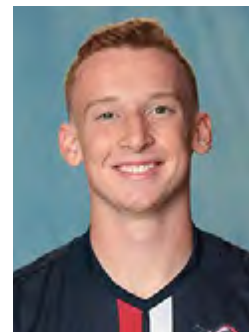


He then went to take over as head coach at San Diego State from 1979-87 and helped that team win a Western Athletic Conference title and an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1984-85 as well as a NIT appearance in 1981-82.

A legend in the Motor City, he was an All-State selection in 1959 at Northeastern High School. He starred in college at LeMoyne-Owen College in Tennessee and would later go on to play for the Harlem Globetrotters for four years and in the American Basketball Association for the Kentucky Colonels.

## Weaver Earns Horizon League's Prestigious Cecil N. Coleman Medal of Honor

**U**niversity of Detroit Mercy men's soccer senior Garret Weaver earned the highest honor a student-athlete can receive from the Horizon League when he was named the recipient of the 2019-20 Cecil N. Coleman Medal of Honor.



The Coleman Medal of Honor, first awarded in 1981, is the Horizon League's most prestigious individual honor, presented annually to the top male and female student-athletes who demonstrate outstanding achievement in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. Weaver is the second consecutive Titan male student-athlete to earn the individual accolade and seventh overall in 39 years.

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# MOVING FORWARD

*Ingenuity, values, the mission and  
lots and lots of Zoom meetings  
keep the University going strong*



When University of Detroit Mercy's Coronavirus Task Force began meeting in February to prepare for the challenges of this virus that had made its way to U.S. shores, they had no way of knowing the extent of the changes the University would be forced to make.

Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Pamela Zarkowski chaired the committee, but had been having discussions with Detroit Mercy deans and other provosts from the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities much earlier.

"The early discussions with deans were focused on how the semester would continue and how to end it," she said. "It was pretty much the nuts and bolts of finishing off the term. We were thinking about the major events, the traditions, the ceremonial side of the academic year and, because all these events had already been planned, the calendar was driving our decisions."

In mid-March, when Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued her Stay Home, Stay Safe. order, the University sent students, staff and faculty home and transitioned to virtual learning and telecommuting. Those ceremonial markers of the end of the year were necessarily canceled or postponed. The discussions

changed to how to handle summer courses and what the fall semester would look like. It was all hands-on deck.

Eighteen people formed the core group, each with a committee of their own and were set to work addressing a specific task.

"These people understood the urgency of the situation and worked tirelessly," Zarkowski said.

As one committee finished its work, the work of another committee began in a rolling series of decisions that then had to be communicated to current and future students and their parents, staff and faculty. University President Antoine M. Garibaldi sent a weekly email updating the various groups on the plans for fall classes.

The campus looks different this fall. Fewer

students walk the grounds and those who do are required to wear masks indoors and are encouraged to practice social distancing. Furniture has been removed from classrooms and signs encourage students to not rearrange the room. Plexiglass barriers are set up



What was immediately apparent was that, due to the breadth of programming offered by the University, the solution would not be one-size-fits all. Students at the School of Dentistry and those in some College of Health Professions programs still had to work with patients. Though most classes would end up online, classes with a laboratory component had to find ways to address the issue of teaching lab skills.

The committee and subcommittees met at least weekly, researching what other universities were doing and how we could tailor that for Detroit Mercy.

to protect staff and students.

Restrictions are slowly easing up. Programming for students on the McNichols Campus is increasing—outdoors and socially distanced. An outdoor movie as part of this year's Homecoming celebration had more than 350 alumni and current students in cars and on blankets properly spaced in a parking lot to watch "Remember the Titans."

This is a year they will all remember.



# Reorienting Orientation

By Ricky Lindsay

**D**etroit Mercy's three campuses typically bustle with activity during the summer as students begin their careers at the University through orientation. But the COVID-19 pandemic forced the annual program to be altered this year for incoming freshmen and professional students at Detroit Mercy's School of Law and School of Dentistry.

Gone were the traditional in-person sessions and speeches given by faculty and administrators as University employees in charge of orientation were tasked with creatively molding a virtual experience using various platforms and software. What they discovered during the process could impact future orientation programs at Detroit Mercy, even after the pandemic subsides.

"I don't think that we will ever go back to a completely in-person orientation," said Juliette Daniels, assistant dean of Student Services and Enrollment Management at the School of Dentistry. "And I think that the virtual program allows us the opportunity to make the social things all the more meaningful and get some of the business and operational aspects out of the way, where people can complete it on their own time, so that we're maximizing our face-to-face opportunities to do the most important things."

With distance no longer a factor, School of Law alumni across North America could participate in lunch group sessions and discussions on the book, "The Color of Law," which explores government-sponsored segregation in the United States.

"Being able to talk to successful alums on your first day of orientation and your third day of orientation, I think makes

a difference to students," said Megan Jennings, associate dean of Student Affairs at the School of Law.

Freshmen orientation at Detroit Mercy was spread over three phases.

The Student Orientation, Advising and Registration (SOAR) program was completely online and split into two parts, held in June and July. Normally the second part of the experience, Prologues, Transitions and Viewpoints (PTV) featured a mix of in-person and virtual programming, as it also coincides with the late-August move-in day.

Detroit Mercy's School of Law was also a three-phase program and completely online, while the School of Dentistry implemented a week-long orientation that featured online and in-person aspects. Both were held in mid-August.

It was crucial for Detroit Mercy's student-centered offices, like Financial Aid and the Registrar, to remain accessible for incoming students, who participated in drop-in virtual appointments with administrators to get ready for the fall semester.

"That worked really well, and I think that's actually something we're keeping with us throughout the year here as a way to make sure students have a way to access everyone," Jennings said of the School of Law's setup.

Orientation is not only a time for students to learn about Detroit Mercy, it's where they start to build relationships with their peers and cohorts. A virtual program meant the University had to simulate these social experiences for new Titans.

Orientation leaders proved to be vital for incoming freshmen. They hosted Zoom sessions throughout the summer to allow

new students to virtually interact with each other, and they remained a helpful resource over email.

"They were the lifeline for the students," said Associate Dean of Students Dorothy Stewart, who started to prepare for a virtual orientation in March because of the pandemic.

The School of Law usually hosts an optional social event during its mid-August orientation to help students to become acclimated to downtown Detroit. But that couldn't be replicated because of the pandemic.

Instead, incoming Law students participated in small lunch sessions to meet each other, upper level students, faculty and alumni, and worked together in programming revolved around reading and analyzing legal cases.

"It seemed like, as students were breaking up into small groups, that conversations that would happen organically in the hall were happening in small groups as well, so that was nice to see," Jennings said.

School of Dentistry students were able to briefly visit the Corktown Campus during orientation to fill out paperwork, obtain ID cards and laptops and meet their peers and administrators. But that didn't keep Daniels and her team from creating virtual social activities. Evening Zoom sessions introduced incoming Dental students to alumni, and a Detroit bingo game played through Instagram aimed to show them the city's various attractions.

"That was probably the most difficult element — the social integration piece — which is just as important as sort of the academic transition to the University," Daniels said.



Masks and social distancing  
are the new norm.



# Making virtual learning effective

By Ricky Lindsay

**W**orking with Detroit Mercy

faculty is a constant responsibility for the Instructional Design Studio (IDS). That work has become more important over the past several months.

Roughly 61% of courses on Detroit Mercy's McNichols Campus are being delivered completely online this fall, with in-person courses transitioning to virtual instruction after Thanksgiving break. Coursework for the School of Law is 100% virtual. At Detroit Mercy Dental, classes are online, and clinicals, where students work with patients, are, of course face-to-face with enhanced safety protocols for students and faculty.

With that transition, "a lot of faculty had their first real experience teaching online," said Russ Davidson, associate dean for Instructional Technology in IDS.

Since March, IDS has offered several forms of training to help faculty get acclimated with teaching virtually. Some of the training included individualized sessions — usual work for Davidson and company — as well as workshops, which were held once a month in June, July and August and covered basic how-to stuff for virtual courses.

"Not being able to meet face to face meant building course sites for each of our workshops, recording lectures, organizing instruction," Davidson said.

"Our summer sessions combined self-paced work with live interactive sessions."

A longer, four-week class centered on pedagogy, the method and practice of teaching, presented a unique opportunity for faculty.

"In that class we talked about creating community online, how our mission and the principles of the Sisters of Mercy and Society of Jesus can enhance and deepen a student's educational experience online," Davidson said. "We also talked a lot about creating engaging activities for online students, and how some face-to-face activities can be restructured to work online. This class also gave faculty the experience of being a student in an online course, which faculty said they found very enlightening."

Faculty not only had to deal with technological aspects in transitioning to virtual learning, they had to rethink how they teach and structure activities differently. Davidson has noticed collaboration between faculty during the several-month learning process, both in the workshops and pedagogy class, which encouraged these types of interactions through discussion forums.

"Faculty who've taught online in the past have said, in some ways, they build

an even stronger, deeper connection to students in their online courses than they do face-to-face,"

Davidson said. "It takes a little more work, more planning, to create opportunities for those relationships to flourish, but it can certainly happen.

"In an online class, participation is presence — it's harder to slide by, not sharing or interacting. As a result, online activities that are thoughtfully developed can present lots of avenues for bonds to be created between students and teachers. Add in office-hour meetings, the inevitable tide of email and phone interactions that supplement and support online classes, and you end up with a lot of personal, individual interactions between faculty and students."

Despite the move to online learning, Detroit Mercy has continued its emphasis on building a sense of community for students.

"Building community — creating bonds between students and between students and faculty — is as important a topic to our faculty as getting the technology right," Davidson said. "We have a lot of fancy bells and whistles at our disposal, but none of them are as important as a safe space for learning, where students know they're seen and heard, where they feel it's safe to make mistakes and that they're fully supported in their learning."



# Homework, literally

## Students turn kitchens into chemistry labs *By Ricky Lindsay*

University of Detroit Mercy students are transforming their kitchens into makeshift chemistry laboratories this fall with the help of home lab kits developed by the University's Chemistry department.

Instructor of Chemistry Marwa Abdel Latif and Laboratory Manager and Adjunct Professor Meghann Murray created more than 100 lab kits for students enrolled in participating sections of the University's two general chemistry laboratory courses.

The kits, called "kitchen chem," allow students to continue sharpening their laboratory skills from home. They feature a variety of laboratory equipment that allow students to prepare analytical samples, such as graduated cylinders, beakers, test tubes, pH strip paper, gloves and goggles. Experiments in the four laboratory sections for whom the kits were made were modified to include household ingredients, providing for an environmentally friendly experience.

"This approach required redesign of the activities to incorporate small amounts of household ingredients that are easily disposable without a health or environmental concern," Latif said. "The time and diligent efforts are worth it when it comes to supporting a curriculum that focuses on equality and equity standards among our students."

Latif was inspired to create the lab kits when the COVID-19 pandemic forced the University and other institutions across the United States to move online in March.

"Faculty members were left with the challenge of accommodating laboratory instructional materials with online simulations," Latif said. "A survey at the end of the course strongly indicated that students missed doing the experiments and using laboratory glassware and equipment, and they were concerned that they might not have earned the laboratory skills they are required to have for their courses."

Latif responded by designing hands-on laboratory activities that could be "strengthened with virtual activities" when Detroit

Mercy's summer semester started in early May, while Murray purchased commercial lab kits for students in those courses to use.

Students could do several experiments with the kits, including density measurements, measuring properties of solutions, designing a battery to power an LED light and synthesizing paint pigments.

"After we concluded the Summer Session I, students showed confidence and felt challenged to complete these activities in their survey," Latif said.

As the fall semester approached, Latif and Murray worked to swap the existing commercial lab kits with those assembled at Detroit Mercy.

"We tried using commercially available kits over the summer, but the faculty didn't like the quality of them," Murray explained. "This is what prompted us to gather materials from various sources and make our own."

The change not only provided students with higher-quality tools to use in their experiments, it was more cost-effective than purchasing pre-made kits.

Latif is excited to hear what students think of their new lab kits after the commercial-grade kits were well received and, in some cases, "empowering."

"Students embraced this experience and they had an advantage that was not typical," Latif said. "They appreciated the fact that they got to experience an actual laboratory course, and some indicated that in a common laboratory setting, they felt overshadowed or reluctant to ask questions, as they felt as a burden to their laboratory partners when completing the activity."

"They took control over their experiment and they completed the activities at their own pace. Their control of their learning was empowering to these students."

# Making lemonade

By Dave Pemberton



When the COVID-19 pandemic hit, graduate student Anna Orleski suddenly found herself with a lot of free time. Instead of letting it go to waste, Orleski decided to tap into her creative side and, with partner Sidd Finch, created the book "Change of Plans," which documents and highlights Detroit artists and creatives during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Initially when COVID hit, my partner and I were at a loss of what to do with ourselves," said Orleski, who is in the graduate Addiction Counseling program at University of Detroit Mercy. "For the first time in years, we had nothing to do and nowhere to be. We're both creative people; my partner is a professional photographer and I'm focusing on using art therapy in practice. So, we decided just to cope with the pandemic the best way we knew how and that was to create."

Finch started taking photos in the community, while Orleski took a different approach.

"I chose to practice the things I didn't have much time for previously, which is painting, printmaking and illustrating," Orleski said. "After a couple of weeks, I had filled an entire notebook with illustrations and doodles. We hadn't planned to do anything with the photos and illustrations we created, but once we realized how many artists in Detroit were feeling similarly lost, we were determined to make some meaning out of this time. That's when we decided to create the photo/coloring book. We wanted to create a tribute to the shared experiences of our peers as well as emphasize the necessity of creating for self-care."

The book combines Orleski's illustrations and Finch's photography and features more than 80 different creatives,

including muralists, musicians, DJs, producers and painters from Detroit and the surrounding areas.

"Each page features a different artist and a black and white illustration for coloring," Orleski said. "The goal behind the book was to create a sort of tribute to this unprecedented moment. It serves as a piece to elicit reflection on what 'Change

of Plans' has occurred."

Orleski said the response to the book has been good.

"I love that the book has turned into a coloring book," Orleski said. "It's so much more than just something to throw on a coffee table. With each purchase of a book comes a pack of crayons. I had never imagined my illustrations being used in this way, but that just goes along with the theme change of plans."

The positive response to the book led to Orleski and her partner being connected with the art gallery Playground Detroit, and turning the work in the book into an exhibit, which included material that didn't make it into the book.

"Along the way, we had asked each individual in the project to submit a written response to what their 'Change of Plans' has been," Orleski said. "I took each submission and typed it up on my typewriter and displayed them on the portable walls in the gallery. Reading through them all really showed me how similar all our experiences were while staying apart. The common themes of cancelled plans, disappointments, anxiousness and being stuck rings true for more than just the participants, but also anyone who views the exhibit."

*You can read more of this article at [sites.udmercy.edu/alumni](https://sites.udmercy.edu/alumni).*

If COVID-19 has brought about a change in your plans, share it with us at [marcom@udmercy.edu](mailto:marcom@udmercy.edu). Put Change of Plans in the subject line.

# Lessons in faith from a pandemic

By Katherine Hill, RSM

Questions about faith have arisen during this pandemic. Where do we find it? How do we keep it?

I believe our questioning about God and faith hasn't changed because of the pandemic. But, this night of pandemic is different because hope is in question. We live in a time of wanting to be distracted and not present to the virus and its consequences. Issues of survival leave us edgy, anxious, angry and wanting to be free of it. I have heard statements like: "None of it belongs to me! If, I ignore it, it will go away! Even amid this pandemic I have to live my life, I don't have it!"

The limits imposed by the coronavirus unmask our vulnerability and our lack of assurance in the future. We are confronted with sickness and death, unemployment and, in some cases, financial ruin. This vulnerability in this time of chaos leads to a lunacy, a madness in mind where we fail to think clearly, and brokenness in heart where confusion and sorrow overwhelm us.

Catherine McAuley, who founded the Religious Sisters of Mercy, said, "Let us take one day only in hands at a time... Thus we may hope to get on—taking short careful steps, not great strides." We need to step forward, into the new reality of life during this pandemic—with patience, with perseverance and by taking practical action.

In the book of Hebrews, it says "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." The foundation of faith is hope. Jesus says your faith has saved you. The woman secretly reaches out in faith as she hopes that Jesus will respond to her request. "If I can touch the tassel of his cloak..."



During this time of pandemic, we need to ask and to reach out and speak out on behalf of one another and ourselves. This path of practice boosts hope, resulting in faith.

*Katherine Hill, RSM offers spiritual direction and is engaged in a beekeeping ministry.*

## Donors ease strain of pandemic

One of the first actions University of Detroit Mercy officials took at the beginning of the shutdown was to create a fund to help students and employees hard hit by the pandemic.

Jobs ended abruptly, and students and their families found themselves struggling to make ends meet. Student emergency funds were set up at each campus and another fund helped employees universitywide.

To date, more than \$150,000 has been raised to help students and just under \$26,000 has been given to the employee fund.



**There is still a need. If you are able, please use the envelope in this magazine to help.**

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**Billiards Tournament**  
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 Start: 8/25 @ 6pm



**Tennis League**  
 Registration Closes 9/4  
 League Start 9/6



**Sand Volleyball (4v4)**  
 Registration Closes 9/4  
 League Start 9/6



**Ping Pong Tournament**  
 Registration Closes 9/17  
 Start: 9/15 @ 6pm

# Online intramurals

University Recreation is thinking creatively this semester, as it modifies both annual programming and physical spaces within the Student Fitness Center to assure the safety and health of our Titans.

On campus, the Student Fitness Center opened with new check-in procedures for contact tracing, mask requirements while indoors, sanitation upgrades and contactless systems for renting bicycles or outdoor game equipment. Intramural sports focused on social distancing are also offered including cornhole, tennis and sand volleyball.

For students taking online classes at home or in the dorms, Assistant Director of University Recreation Matthew Higley introduced Detroit Mercy's first esports intramural program.

Higley reached out to staff and student groups, including the Detroit Mercy Anime Club, to determine which video games were most popular around campus. Esports leagues function in the same format as traditional intramurals, beginning with individual/team league play, followed by playoffs and a championship depending on the video game. Teams and leagues organize play, communicate updates and come together as a digital community through a dedicated University Discord server.

By Timmy Nelson

# Signs of the Times

Thanks to the pandemic, there's a whole new way of doing things.

**Welcome to University of Detroit Mercy!**  
**Before entering campus YOU MUST BE SCREENED for symptoms of COVID-19**

If you display **ANY** symptoms, you must be told to return home.





**While on campus WE MUST:**

- WEAR A FACE COVERING at all times when indoors.
- MAINTAIN AT LEAST 6 FEET of distance from others.
- WASH YOUR HANDS frequently.
- SANITIZE shared equipment and spaces before and after use.
- AVOID TOUCHING your face and face covering.
- COMPLY with all directional signs.

No mask? No problem. Ask the officer at the gate or go to Public Safety (on Kearsab Mall adjacent to the Student Union) to pick one up.

**TITANS TOGETHER against COVID-19**



**FACE MASKS MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES WHEN INDOORS**

If you need a face covering you may go to Public Safety located on Kearsab Mall next to the Student Union and a mask will be provided for you.

**TITANS TOGETHER against COVID-19**



**AVOID PHYSICAL CONTACT**

Do not transfer germs while greeting people

**TITANS TOGETHER against COVID-19**

**WATER FOUNTAIN HAS BEEN DISABLED**

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**KEEP 6 FEET**



Please yield to others to maintain a six feet distance.

**TITANS TOGETHER against COVID-19**

**THANK YOU for doing YOUR PART to keep our Detroit Mercy community SAFE.**

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**ONE WAY**



**TITANS TOGETHER against COVID-19**

**DO NOT REARRANGE**

This furniture has been positioned according to social distancing guidelines.



# *University shows more than a century of rising to the times* By Christine Busque

The phrase “unprecedented times” has been used a lot to describe the COVID-19 pandemic. And yet, since its founding in 1877, University of Detroit Mercy has experienced its fair share of “unprecedented times.” The first issue of *Varsity News* came out during the Spanish flu pandemic and World War I. Mercy College of Detroit’s *Outer Echoes* was first published just two months before the United States entered World War II. A look through past issues of these student newspapers tells how the two communities rose to the challenges of the day with a sense of purpose and mission driven by Jesuit and Mercy values.

*First Alumnus Victim of Spanish Influenza Is Edward J. Burns*



## The Spanish Flu Epidemic of 1918

The Spanish influenza ran its course from February 1918 until the end of 1919. It infected 500 million people worldwide and had a death toll of approximately 50 million, of which 675,000 were American. Like COVID-19, the flu brought the world to a standstill.

At the beginning of the 1918 fall semester, the University prepared housing for its Student Army Training Corp (S.A.T.C.) unit, a program developed by the U.S. War Department to train young men as soldiers while they attended college classes. More than 300 students applied to fill 150 positions. Due to the flu, it was determined that the accommodations not be used until further notice.

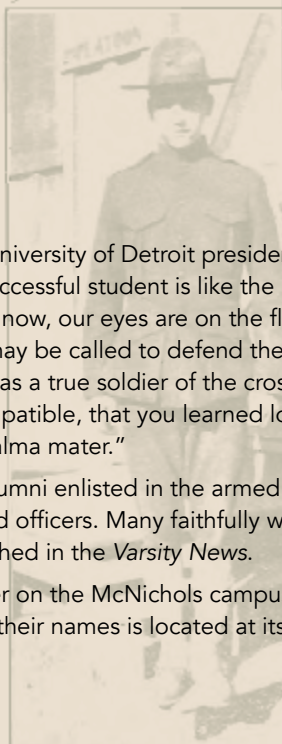
The epidemic’s first fatality from the University was alumnus Edward J. Burns who contracted the flu while training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station.

## World War I

In April 1917, the United States entered World War I. University of Detroit president William T. Doran, S.J., addressed the students: “The successful student is like the successful soldier, the result of long, hard training. Just now, our eyes are on the flag of our country. War has been declared and some of you may be called to defend the flag on the field of battle. If so, go in God’s name and fight as a true soldier of the cross. Prove that your patriotism and your Catholicity are compatible, that you learned love of country as well as love of God within the walls of your alma mater.”

Records show 752 University of Detroit students and alumni enlisted in the armed forces during the war. Of this number, 206 were commissioned officers. Many faithfully wrote to the students and faculty back home, their letters published in the *Varsity News*.

Twelve men gave their lives in the Great War. The Tower on the McNichols campus is dedicated to their sacrifice. A marble tablet that bears their names is located at its base.



## Great Depression

The Depression, which began with the stock market crash in October 1929, adversely affected schools across the country including University of Detroit. Financial hardship caused a drop in enrollment and donor contributions fell by more than 50%.

Among the first to sacrifice were the Jesuit faculty. Payment of bills took priority, which left very little to pay them. Even lay faculty members waived a portion of their salaries.

The Jesuits limited their use of heat, water and electricity at their residence. It was rumored that the Little Sisters of the Poor brought food to the community. The lay faculty experienced many of the same problems. Faculty and their families would share Sunday meals to save on food and heating costs.

In spite of its best efforts, the University availed itself of Section 77B of the Bankruptcy Act, a part of the New Deal legislation. Fortunately, a refinance plan was approved, avoiding liquidation.

Though there was a great deal of hardship during these years, the University continued to advance. The addition of afternoon and weekend classes enhanced graduate studies. What was to become the School of Dentistry began with the opening of a course in the science and practice of dentistry. The College of Engineering received the highest accreditation possible from the Engineers' Council for Professional Development.

## World War II

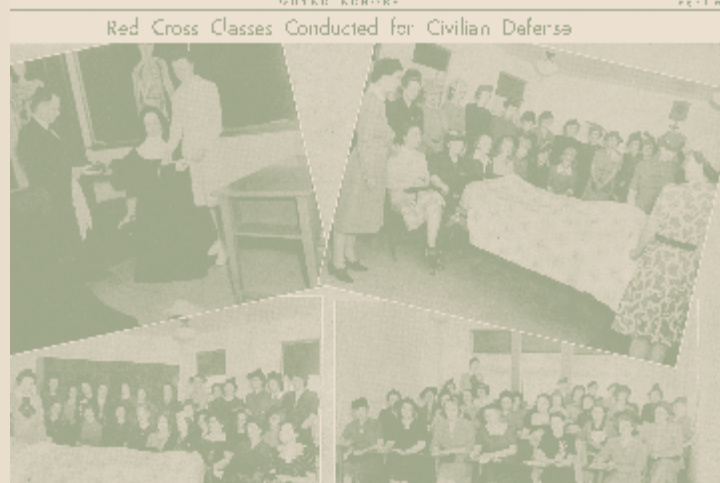
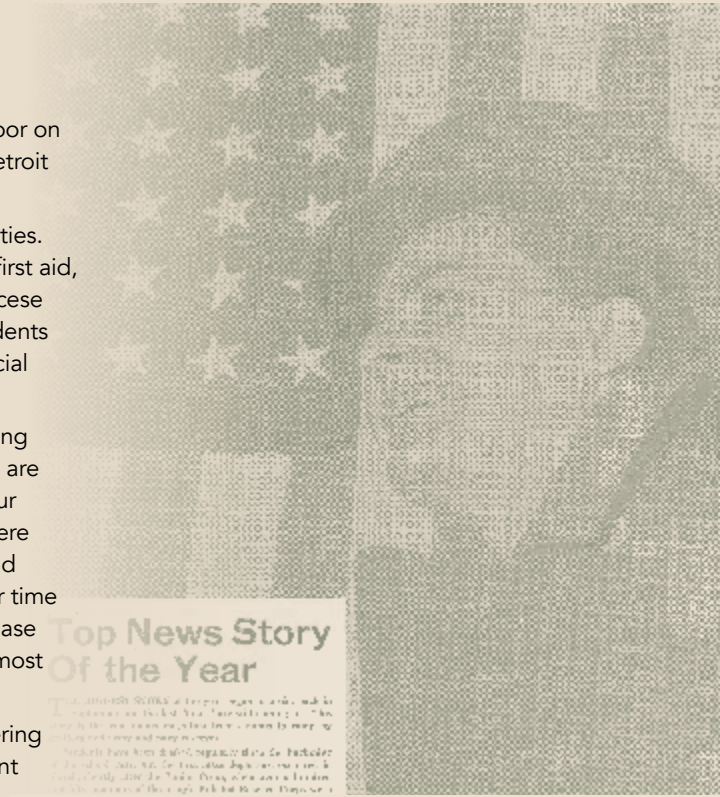
When the United States entered World War II after the bombing of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, the students from Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit devoted themselves to the war effort.

Mercy College of Detroit immersed itself in civilian defense training and activities. The Red Cross offered courses on campus for home nursing for defense and first aid, making Mercy one of four first aid training centers for teachers in the Archdiocese of Detroit. Faculty attended weekly classes on air raid wardenship. Mercy students contributed nearly \$3,000 to the Bond Drive, served as hostesses for USO social activities and volunteered at food-stamp booths throughout the city.

Of their duty to serve in the war effort at home, a student wrote, "Besides being citizens of the United States we students who are being professionally trained are a part of the forces of the United States that shall be called upon to give all our aid to save our country and our people. What has so far happened is but a mere suggestion of the horror and heartbreak to follow. It is up to us as students and women to apply ourselves in our training and in our daily life so that when our time comes we shall be able to unite the powers of our prayers and our hands to ease suffering, to save lives and to uphold the morale of our people in one of the most trying times in history."

In support of the war effort, in 1941 University of Detroit's College of Engineering was one of 24 American engineering schools to participate in the development of the National Defense Program, providing intensive training courses to students to prepare them for military service. In February 1942, it began the government-sponsored Engineering Science and Management Defense Training (ESMDT) program. Its purpose was to fill technical and scientific civilian positions by providing accelerated curriculum of college-level engineering courses.

During the war years, the University experienced what was called the "shift from campus to camp." In October 1940 registration of draftees took place for the first time. The impact of this was almost immediate. By the following fall overall enrollment declined. This was due to not only the draft, but also to the general feeling of uncertainty for the future prompted would-be students to seek employment instead of education. Each semester, the number of upper classmen declined as many of whom in Enlisted Reserve Corp, were called into active duty. From December 1941 to December 1945, 137 of the University's own gave their lives in service to their country.



# 1967 Detroit Riot

(Excerpt from an article written by Pat Higo, Associate Librarian, Archives & Archive Collection Management, McNichols Campus Library)

What started as a quiet Sunday morning ... turned into an unforgettable civil disturbance that lasted about a week.

During that period members of the National Guard were posted at the McNichols campus and additional private police were on patrol. Many of the campus posts were manned by students. More than 30 nuns attending summer school operated the kitchens and cafeteria of the Student Union Building for 2,000 resident students of the Summer Session. Also on campus were roughly 120 high school journalism students attending a seminar on high school newspaper and yearbook publications. No disorder or damage took place on the McNichols Campus.

With more than 3,000 arrests during the riot, the University of Detroit Law School students helped prepare bail release questionnaires conceived by Detroit's Neighborhood Legal Services Department for 961 prisoners confined at Southern Michigan Prison.



## Fr. Carron stresses unity



### The 1960s

The decade of the 60s was a tumultuous time for the country. Social movements challenged the status quo. Protests occurred across the nation. Americans found themselves at odds with one another over the war in Vietnam, Civil Rights Movement, Women's Rights and the Student movement. A quick read of the editorial sections in *Outer Echoes* and *Varsity News* reveals that Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit felt the same discord on their campuses.

In response, Mercy College introduced a Black Culture Series and student run Project Prejudice that aimed to expose students to the experience of discrimination. New friendships and improved communication among black and white students were the results of the exercise.

In his inauguration speech, Malcolm Carron, S.J. president of the University from 1966-79 stressed community both within the campus and without. Fr. Carron said, "I believe that a successful university is one in which every person—students, faculty and administration—must share a strong sense of community." He went on to say, "the education of students is this University's reason for being. If community spirit is the dynamism within the University, it must generate outward or be dissipated."

During the tumultuous time of division and change, University of Detroit maintained this commitment to community and education. Project 100, established in 1967, admitted under-served students from the inner city who had high ability, but for financial reasons would not have been able to obtain a college education. Students in the program received assistance from academic counsellors, tutors and study-center coordinators.

In the early 70s, the University introduced Project Veteran, which waived admission requirements for veterans. To be accepted, a veteran only need to show proof of high school graduation and motivation to acquire a college education. Project Veteran provided special counselling and individually designed programs of study.

The most enduring outcome of Fr. Carron's commitment to community is the founding of the Campus Ministry program. One of its main objectives, he said, "was to promote an atmosphere in which varied beliefs and competing worldviews would be honestly represented. Demonstrating at the same time that tensions and disagreements which could separate us cannot only be lived with, but can be a true source of growth for all."

To read more about these previous "unprecedented times," visit [libraries.udmercy.edu/archives](http://libraries.udmercy.edu/archives).



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Paul Nixon, of the English Department, invited by Rev. Lawrence J. ... to present ...



Conrad Shannon ... and other students and faculty members ...

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## 'Take active steps'

Witnessing Mr. Floyd's death on video brought back memories of the inhumanity and inequalities experienced by African Americans, particularly men, that I recalled growing up in New Orleans. Despite some progress more than a half century after the passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, we still have a long way to go. Racial injustice, economic inequality, high poverty rates, educational inequities, health disparities and abuses of law enforcement that led to the deaths of Mr. Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor pervade most of our communities. But unless we take active steps to do something about these injustices, consistent with our Jesuit and Mercy mission, nothing will change.

Going to the polls annually to vote for leaders who will bring about meaningful change and doing our research on the most qualified candidates and the laws that need to be changed are the most effective actions we can take at this time. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "Voting is the foundation stone for political action." We would honor Mr. Floyd's memory best and provide consolation to his family by all of us exercising our right to vote this year and in the future.

*Detroit Mercy President  
Antoine M. Garibaldi*

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## 'Show compassion'

The University of Detroit Mercy Student Government Association does not support any political party, any current government office holder and does not support any candidate for political office. However, it is time for us to work together.... I am only one man—a part of a larger community of over 40 million people. I can tell you that the pain I feel is not unique to me. I would like to lean on one of our Mercy values—that you show compassion. As a University community, please check in with your friends of color whether they are students of our University of Detroit Mercy or not. These times are very uncertain and tense. It is important, now more than ever, that we know who cares for us, who feels our pain, and who stands with us as we push for effective change. Express empathy and, most of all, listen. Many of us have stories and experiences, often suppressed, that come back up to the surface of our memory during times like these. If you have questions, please ask them while being mindful of the feelings we all hold at the moment. Unfortunately, my parents, along with countless others, did not get to see their children grow up in a reformed racial society despite the work they, along with their parents, did. However, we have a chance to provide this for the next generation with our decisions and with our work.

*Kenneth W. Donaldson II,  
Student Government Association president*



## 'Having The Talk'

African-American parents have been having The Talk with their children for more than four centuries. In slavery times, it imparted information on how to behave in the presence of masters, overseers, slave patrols, and other authority figures. During the era of Jim Crow, it conveyed necessary knowledge about how to conform to both the segregation laws and the expectations of racial etiquette whenever whites—including white women—were around. In recent decades, it has generally prepared young black people for encounters with the police.

Many white parents see race as an extraordinary topic and claim that they wait for the exact right moment to discuss race with their children, instead of integrating it into the normal flow of dialogue.

For me, the need for white parents to have The Talk with their children is more than a moral or a professional one. It is also intensely personal. I have two mixed-race grandchildren. Times like these cause me concern about what they will face in the future and how their white parents (or I) will prepare them for those encounters. When Crystal Fleming, the author of *How to Be Less Stupid about Race*, visited our campus last year, my wife sought her advice about this subject. Fleming responded that "if you're talking with them about race, that's half the battle."

How might American race relations change if white parents began to have The Talk with their children?

*Roy E. Finkenbine Detroit Mercy professor and director of the Black Abolitionist Archive, in an essay on the History News Network website titled "It's Time for White Parents to Have The Talk with their Children."*

## 'Disturbing times'

These are disturbing times. I think about this all day, every day. And one thing I'd say is that I've not seen any real dialogue. Two people shouting at each other is not dialogue. People need to listen to each other. And the public needs to be educated about what policing is. This isn't about sides, it's about truth and justice. Policing is a hard job, and you see high rates of PTSD and depression among officers and now it seems every police officer is being vilified for the actions of others. They are telling others not to go into policing.

In terms of what police can do? I put in writing years ago that police departments might want to look at the academic model: Every five years or so, officers should get a sabbatical and during that year they can do anything but police work – volunteer, further their education, travel, stay at home, whatever. Give them a year to recharge and talk to them during that time about what's next in their career? I think that could be one of the greatest things to help officers not burn out.

Another thing, in many places, you can be a police officer at 18 years old and all you need is a GED. We need to rethink that. Raise the age limit, maybe require a four-year degree. I'm a firm believer in liberal arts, I'd like to work with people with a degree in French literature, whatever, and let's see what they can bring

## 'Curiosity and empathy'

Our curriculum in all our disciplines must represent the full diversity of knowledge and the human experience, and if it doesn't we are failing. I believe in the transformative power of literature. Literature asks us to encounter the other with curiosity and empathy rather than judgement. It is in the culture of our university to do this.

*Mary-Catherine Harrison, associate professor of English and chair of the department. This summer, the department met to prioritize race and race conversations among students in English classes from the syllabus through grading and from freshman English through graduate school.*

## 'Beginning of the healing process'

When you see the panels together and understand that each ribbon is a lifespan cut short, you can't help but admit the problem. I didn't have a name for the piece at first, but as people would write names, they would start conversations that brought up deep-seated emotions. We realized that these conversations were the beginning of the healing process. I love having the piece at Detroit Mercy and having the community participate as well.

*Detroit artist Carole Morisseau. Inspired by traditions from Ghana and Brazil, where she traveled with Detroit Mercy faculty as part of a Fulbright Hayes fellowship, she created The Healing Wall, shown at right with Morisseau, which asks people to write the names of those killed or brutalized because of race on ribbons, which Morisseau then attaches to the work.*

to the table. Maybe we need to think about policing being a part time, a month on, a month off. Uniformed patrol should become an elite specialty within the policing function.

One of the challenges in police work is measuring good police work. It's easy to count tickets issued, traffic stops made, arrests made, and radio calls answered. Officers are often rated by their productivity. It's also relatively easy to count crime reports, count the number of cars stolen, homes burglarized, people killed. It's more difficult, however, to assess a community's experience and satisfaction with their police. I believe that the best police departments are those that actively make community satisfaction their priority.

There's a lot to think about, and a lot of work to be done by everybody.

*Thomas E. Page '71, '76 spent approximately 25 years as a police officer in Detroit and Los Angeles. He was a member of the LAPD during the 1992 riots after four Los Angeles Police Department officers were acquitted of using excessive force in the arrest and beating of Rodney King. Today Page works as an expert witness and law enforcement consultant on alcohol and drug-impairment issues, focusing on drugged driving.*



## *Following the call toward racial justice* By Tim Hipskind, S.J.

**A**s I marched down Woodward on June 4 as a part of the Clergy March in the wake of George Floyd's death, I was asking myself: Why does this feel like a new moment in our struggle with the issue of racism?

This was not a new question for me. In fact, I felt moved to tell my Provincial (the person in charge of all the Jesuits from Kentucky to North Dakota) in late March that I felt like the antiracism movement was something the Holy Spirit was calling me—and perhaps the province—to pay attention to. I said that, in part, because three of the groups I was involved in (the conference of Directors of Service-Learning at Jesuit Universities, the Jesuit Antiracism Sodality group with our Jesuit Province, and the Antiracism Taskforce at Detroit Mercy) were all seeing it as a top priority. Now, we are seeing worldwide protests, where protests earlier had been mostly local.

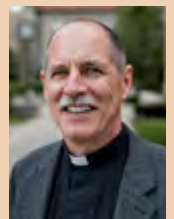
A Jesuit in my community speculated that perhaps the difference was COVID-19. He suggested that the experience of shared vulnerability to the global pandemic brought home our common humanity in a way like nothing had before and opened us to being more empathetic to the suffering of others.

That really resonated and caused me to remember something that really struck me in the Clergy March. A seminarian was carrying a crucifix with a little sign hung around the neck of Jesus that read, "I can't breathe."

That shook me, in a good way I think. I usually think of Jesus' role as Savior as pointing the way to salvation, but it occurred to me that in dying on the cross, he also points our attention to things that need to be redeemed. In Jesus' time, it was the Pharisees who could not see the good news in his proclamation. Today, perhaps it is us whites who struggle to see the good news that the Black Lives Matter movement is trying to reveal to us.

Our country was founded on the principle that "All men [sic] are created equal." As a nation we have already seen some progress to the realization of that vision. I think we are being invited to take another significant step in that direction.

*Tim Hipskind, S.J., is Detroit Mercy's director of Service-Learning.*



# CLASS NOTES

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](mailto:alumni@udmercy.edu).

## 1960s

**John Billheimer '61** received the prestigious Edgar Allan Poe Award from the Mystery Writers of America for his nonfiction book, *Hitchcock and the Censors*. He spent 35 years as the vice president of a small transportation planning firm in Los Altos, Calif., and retired to write mysteries.

## 1970s

Clean Energy Fuels Corp. of Newport Beach, Calif., has appointed **Lizabeth Ardisana '78** to its board of directors. She is chief executive officer and the principal owner of ASG Renaissance, a technical and communication services firm she founded in 1987.

**Donald J. Bachand '73, '76** is the new president of Saginaw Valley State University. He was previously dean of Arts and Behavioral Sciences and provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at the school.

**David Cooper '71** was inducted into the state's Workers' Compensation Hall of Fame earlier this month by the state of Michigan. He is with Cooper & Bender P.C. in Adrian, Mich.

**Michael J. Dunipace '70**, owner of the design-build firm of Dunipace Buildings in Bowling Green, Ohio, was inducted into the Rural Builder Hall of Fame.

**Michael Halm '71**, founder of Hierogamous Enterprises, has published his 12th book, *The Hierogamous Songbook* of 641 original hymns and songs.

**Maureen Lahiff '71** received the 2019 Zak Sabry Mentorship Award from the University of California School of Public Health. She has been a lecturer in biostatistics at the school since 1991.

**Jerry Michaud '71, '76** was named executive director of the Office of Communications for the Veterans Health Administration, America's largest health care system.

The American Board of Orthodontics installed **Valmy Pangrazio-Kulbersh, D.D.S. '77** as president. Kulbersh, the first woman to serve as ABO president, is a professor and director of the orthognathic surgery and early treatment clinics at Detroit Mercy Dental's Graduate Orthodontic Program. She was also affiliated with the Detroit Medical Center, where she was a member of the craniofacial anomaly and cleft lip and palate treatment team.

**Ola (Marshall) Smith '79** has been named chair of the Michigan State Board of Accountancy. Smith is the chair of the Department of Accountancy at Western Michigan University.

**Kath Usitalo '76** has published *Secret Upper Peninsula: A Guide to the Weird, Wonderful, and Obscure*, her third book about Michigan's Upper Peninsula. It's a companion to her other two books *100 Things to Do in the Upper Peninsula Before You Die* and *100 Things to Do on Mackinac Island Before You Die*.

## 1980s

**Rear Adm. Mike Bernacchi '88** was relieved by Rear Adm. John Spencer as Submarine Group Ten commander. During the ceremony, Bernacchi received his eighth Legion of Merit award. As the Group Ten commander, he led 9,000 personnel from Trident Refit Facility, Naval Submarine Support Center, two submarine squadrons and eight submarines.

**William H. Bishop III '80** has been named to the Jacksonville Historical Society Board of Directors. Bishop, a practicing architect since 1983, has served as vice president and chief operating officer for Akel Logan Shafer, PA for the past 28 years.

**Matt Cullen '83** has been named the new CEO of Dan Gilbert's Bedrock LLC real estate company.

**Mark S. Kopson '80** was recently elected to a second term on the board of directors of the American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA). He is a partner in the Bloomfield Hills, Mich., office of Plunkett Cooney.

**Bob Manza '88** has been appointed to the SCORE board of directors. SCORE is the nation's largest network of volunteer, expert business mentors. Manza is retired from several senior leadership roles with PepsiCo.

Butzel Long attorney and partner **Claudia Rast '86** has been appointed co-chair of the American Bar Association (ABA) Cybersecurity Legal Task Force. To date, she has served six one-year terms since this Task Force was created in 2012. Rast chairs Butzel Long's Intellectual Property, Cybersecurity and Emerging Technology Practice Department.

**Martha (Palmer) Rogers '82** has been appointed as justice for the East End Veterans Treatment Court in Southampton, N.Y. She also presides as Associate Village Justice for the Village of Westhampton Beach, N.Y.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has appointed **Edgar Roy III '84** to the Michigan Wildlife Commission. He is an

attorney at Kuhn Rogers, PLC, and a member of the Michigan Bear Hunters Association, Michigan United Conservation Club, and the Brook Trout Coalition.

**Pamela Scales '87** has been named assistant superintendent for finance and operations for Oakland Schools, the intermediate school district representing all schools in Oakland County, Mich.

Johnsons Controls International has named **Jeff Williams '89** vice president and president, Global Products, Building Technologies & Solutions.

## 1990s

**David C. Anderson '98** has been re-elected to the board of commissioners of the State Bar of Michigan. The board oversees operations of the State Bar such as finance, public policy, professional standards, and member services and communications. Anderson is a partner with Southfield's Collins Einhorn Farrell PC.

Stefanini Group, a global technology company with its U.S. headquarters in Southfield, Mich., named **Amy Anger '96** as vice president and general legal counsel.

Newtopia, Inc. a habit change platform for disease prevention, has appointed **Hassan Azar '96** to its board of advisors. He has served in similar roles for other large corporations including at US Foods, Mondelez International, Kraft Foods, Delphi Automotive and The Ford Motor Company.

The National Safety Council appointed **Mark Baker '94** vice president of the

Workplace division at the nonprofit safety organization.

**Richard Barsalona '94** was named general manager of signaling for R.J. Corman, a Kentucky-based signaling company. He has been with the company since 2019.

**Susan (Capaldo) Benedict '95** was appointed to the board of directors of Auburn Hills, Mich.-based Unique Fabricating, Inc. She is chief human resources officer and assistant general counsel of Stoneridge, Inc.

**Markwei Boye '96** was named a 2019 Man of Excellence by the *Michigan Chronicle*. He is owner and CEO of Smart Business Tax Solutions.

Goldman & Co., part of the Global Legal Group, appointed Anthony **Robert D'Aniello '92** to the advisory board of both Global Legal Group and Goldman & Co Lawyers PC, Ltd. He is a senior international attorney and consultant.

Quinn Evans, one of the nation's leading practices in design, historic preservation, and sustainability, has promoted **Devan Anderson '99** to senior associate in Quinn Evans' Detroit office. Anderson is currently serving as project architect for the modernization of Detroit's Michigan Central Station.

**Judge Joseph Fabrizio '99** has been reappointed to serve as chief judge of the 52nd District Court for a two-year term that started Jan. 1, 2020.

**Andrew Grams '96** was named shareholder at Nashville, Tenn.-based law firm Lewis Thomason. He practices in the areas of commercial transportation, property and casualty insurance defense and real estate litigation.

Hamilton County, Ind.'s, judges have appointed attorney **P. Chadwick Hill '97** to serve as a court commissioner, supporting

the work of the Circuit and Superior Courts.

The FBI named **Kristi Koons Johnson '97** the new special agent in charge of the Omaha Field Office, overseeing Nebraska and Iowa.

**Mike Pazdro '93** has been named director of Facilities Planning and Construction at Saginaw Valley State University.

**Daniel Pfannes '94** was appointed chair of the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority Board by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. He is the undersheriff for the Wayne County Sheriff's Office.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has appointed **David W. Jones '97** to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. He is a partner with Allen Brothers, PLLC.

**Deborah Rubin '98**, attorney at Michigan-based law firm Jaffe Raitt Heuer & Weiss, P.C., has been recognized in *Michigan Lawyers Weekly* Women in the Law Class of 2020. The annual Women in the Law award recognizes 30 lawyers who have made outstanding contributions to the practice of law in Michigan, set an example for other lawyers and have demonstrated tremendous leadership.

**Janice Suchan '94** has been named vice president of marketing and business development for Lansing, Mich.-based Clark Construction Company. She is on the Alumni Advisory Board for Detroit Mercy's School of Architecture.

**Marlin Williams '97** has been appointed to the Michigan Education Trust Board of Directors by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. She is the chief program officer at TechTown Detroit and assistant vice president of economic development at Wayne State University.

## 2000s

**Zabbia N. Alhouloua '09** has joined the Southfield, Mich.-based law firm of Collins Einhorn Farrell PC in the firm's general and automotive liability group.

**Kelsey Cooke '09**, legal counsel for Oakland County Water Resources Commission, has been selected as a member of the Oakland County Executive's Elite 40 Under 40 Class of 2020.

**Susan Dabaja '04** was named to Michigan's Local Community Stabilization Authority Council. She is an attorney in private practice and the president of the Dearborn City Council.

**Kristina Robinson Garrett '10** has been appointed by Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer to the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission. She is a judge with the 36th District Court of the City of Detroit.

GTC Law Group, a Westwood, Mass.-based law firm, has hired **Brad Goldring '10**. He will practice in the firm's Open Source Compliance and Mergers & Acquisitions groups.

**Ziyad I. Hermiz '08** has joined Varnum, a Michigan-based law firm. He is on the firm's litigation and trial practice team and works out of the firm's Birmingham, Mich., office.

Michigan's only professional African American theatre, Plowshares Theatre Company, appointed **Lauren Hood '03** to its board of directors.

**Karla Maldonado '04** has received the 2020 Janice Drake CRNA Humanitarian Award from the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Maldona is the assistant director of the University of South Florida's Nurse Anesthesia Program.

**Dean Oang '03, '04** was named associate principal in the Charleston, S.C.-based architectural firm LS3P.

**Anthony A. Randazzo '05**, senior partner in Secrest Wardle's Troy office, has been named to *Michigan Lawyers Weekly's* Leaders in the Law Class of 2020.

## 2010s

**Kristin E. Crowley '19** has joined the Southfield, Mich.-based law firm Collins Einhorn Farrell PC in the general and automotive liability practice group.

**Sarah F. DeMeillier '11** has been named bureau chief of the Narcotics Unit in the Oneida County (N.Y.) District Attorney's Office.

**Karolina M. McGovern '12** has joined law firm Secrest Wardle's Troy, Mich., office as a partner.

**Madison McNerney '18** has joined the Toronto-based Neinstein Personal Injury Lawyers.

**Martha L. Morgan '17** was appointed to the Michigan Board of Dentistry. She is a licensed dental hygienist and an adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry.

**Trevor Pawl '11** was named chief mobility officer of Michigan's new Office of Future Mobility and Electrification, which will explore the future of transportation.

**Lynita Taylor '10, '12** has been selected for the *Michigan Chronicle's* 40 Under 40 awards. She is diversity and inclusion program manager for the Mike Ilitch School of Business PwC MPREP Scholars.

# In MEMORIAM

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

## 1940s

Delbert B. Brunton, D.D.S. '47  
Jane (Przybylski) Bunge '46  
Patrick P. Cummings '49, '59  
Doris (Heaphy) Drapek '48  
E.J. Egnatios '49  
Mildred F. Konle '41  
Betty L. Lumby '47  
James H. Noetzel '49  
Geraldine (McEachern) O'Kon '48  
Elizabeth (Kennedy) Oravec '47  
Rosemary (Miller) Reichwald '48  
Helen (Scholl) Schneider '49  
Norman D. Troshak '46  
Joseph J. Vaughn '43

## 1950s

Hon. Adolph F. Angelilli '52  
Bernard W. Archer '51  
Ronald J. Banish, D.D.S. '58  
James N. Barton '51  
George R. Beach '52  
Lamont C. BeGole '52  
Philip A. Birka '54  
George Blaty '54  
William G. Blenman '52  
Edward W. Bourguignon '58  
Kenneth Bradford '54  
John E. Brosky '52  
Laurence J. Calkins '57, '64  
John J. Casey '51  
Delicia (Cywinski) Chmura '54  
Mary Ellen E. Cleary '56  
Josephine (Latchney) Colleran '54, '56  
Hon. Frank Condino '54  
John J. Connarn '52  
Joan (Roach) Curran '55  
Gerald H. Daugherty '57  
Mary Lou (Andries) De Fauw '55  
Edward H. Doran '50  
Raymond J. Doucet '53  
Henry M. Duggan '59  
Hon. Patrick J. Duggan '58  
Mary M. Duhart '58  
Joseph F. Ebenhoeh Jr. '51  
Bedford L. Embrey Jr. '50  
Victor A. Fedor '59

Joan (Gable) Flaherty '50  
William P. Froling, Sr. '50  
George J. Fulkerson '52  
Ella May (Connolly) Garry '53  
Theodore R. Gaston '51  
George Gerber '56  
Mary Ann (Kalwinski) Gerber '59  
Joseph E. Grimley, D.D.S. '59  
William J. Hahn '51  
Anna (Perrigo) Hazen '51  
Natalie (Osidach) Hewko '57  
Carol (Harrington) Hrycko '59  
Thomas A. Kamm '57  
Michael E. Kastner '59  
Joseph F. Krol '52  
Houston F. Kendrick '52  
Albert T. Kersich '52  
John D. Klein '56  
Janet (White) Kramer '53  
Mary (Brusstar) Krohn '56  
Robert L. Kukler '56  
John T. Kurzava '54  
Jerome Lechner, D.D.S. '53  
Maurice V. Lobo '56  
Donald J. Lobsinger '57  
Rosemary (Jentgen) Loesch '52  
Dorothy J. Logan '50  
James R. Leusch '54  
Chester Lulek '58  
Louise M. Magadini '56, '64  
Paul F. Mandziara '59  
Chris Mansky, D.D.S. '57  
Catherine (Reid) Marcus '50  
Stanley C. Marentette '53  
Marlene (Scherer) McDonald '54  
Verne G. Mephram '56  
John F. Meredith '57  
Lawrence J. Mistor '58  
Christine (Holewinski) Mocere '50  
Philip V. Mohan, '52, '57  
Barbara (Sweeney) Moore '58  
Richard T. Moore '57  
John J. Nassr '56  
John E. Nienhaus '56  
Patrick J. O'Connor, D.D.S. '58, '82  
Edmund J. Osterman '53  
James R. Oswald '55  
Edward J. Paslawsky, D.D.S. '59

Gerald L. Paul '59  
Thomas Pfeiffer '56, '58  
Joseph A. Placek '53  
John J. Reed '59  
Rose (MacPherson) Romeka '59  
William H. Rutledge '53  
David A. Schwartz '51  
Robert E. Shook '59, '63  
Gerald F. Skowronski '59  
Mark M. Spagnuolo, D.D.S. '52  
Joseph P. Spano, Sr. '54  
James R. Sterling '51, '54  
George B. Stowe '59  
Leonard J. Taminski '56  
Joseph R. Tardif '57  
Robert G. Thom '51  
Mary L. Treder '50  
Edmund J. Tremblay '54  
Emmett C. Waier '56  
Gerald R. Walson '58  
James A. Ward '56  
George J. Wilson '50  
Richard N. Wing '56  
William E. Wisniewski, Sr. '51  
Christine R. Youngblood '56

## 1960s

Lawrence B. Andres '62  
Kenneth J. Barnes '63  
V. Barbara (Roelly) Bedolla '62  
Roger E. Berent '67  
Robert A. Besler '61  
Stephen J. Boles '66, '68  
Katherine (Johnon) Bradley '61  
Neal F. Breaugh '63  
Melvin E. Burcz '61  
John P. Burley '64  
Hon. Molly A. Cooke '66  
Michele (Toth) Cooney '65  
Shirley (Miller) Cooper '61  
Mary (Moeller) Crane '67  
Bryan C. Dandenaunt '66  
Carmen J. DeVecchio '63  
Gilbert A. Donohue '63  
Thomas M. Dooley '63  
Donald G. Ducey '60  
Lois (Welage) Engelhard '69  
James E. Englehart '65

Frank R. Fatur Jr. '66  
Thomas F. Fillar, D.D.S. '64  
Joseph O. Fix '65  
Timothy Foley, D.D.S. '68  
Charles F. Franco '61  
James W. Fraser '64  
Joseph J. Gendernalik '68  
Theodore R. Gerken '65  
Joseph L. Giordano '62  
Bruce E. Greene '62  
Hon. Donald R. Halstead '64, '67  
Ann (MacGillivray) Hamway '65  
John J. Hanagan Jr. '64  
John R. Hand '61, '64  
Clarke E. Harris '62, '66  
Judith A. Hogan '69  
Henry O. Holtschneider '64  
John C. Hoye '64  
Birney C. Hoyt, D.D.S. '64  
Clifford A. John Jr. '62  
John Joly '68  
Jaes J. Kissick '69  
Julian A. Kowalski '62  
Ernest F. Kuhary Jr. '65  
Elizabeth (Gersich) Kulesz '61, '64  
Gerladine H. Laine '65  
David J. Larrow '66  
Robert W. Lenhard, D.D.S. '62  
Susan (Terbrueggen) Lennert '63  
John G. Leonard '69  
Roy W. Linenberg '62  
Thomas W. Littlefield, D.D.S. '65  
Thomas P. Lubinski '60  
Mary E. Maher '68  
Charles J. Maky '66  
Thomas R. Malleis '64  
Thomas A. Mancewicz '61, '63  
Paul J. Manning '61  
Michael C. McDermit '62  
Lewis A. Melfi, D.D.S. '61  
Eugene J. Miller '62  
Dennis P. Montone '64  
Donald P. Nemzek '61, '67  
Thomas D. O'Reilly '61  
Vincent E. Pacello '62  
Gerard P. Peplowski '63, '67  
Anthony P. Petricca '62  
Mary (Payette) Phillips '60

Heather (Duke) Pinto '63  
 Apostolos C. Raptis '65  
 Marie Solanus Reilly, OP, '64, '88  
 Ruth E. Rodger '66  
 James A. Rosasco '62  
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**Florence G. Tetreault '46**, former professor of math



**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](mailto: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](http://community.udmercy.edu/allsouls).

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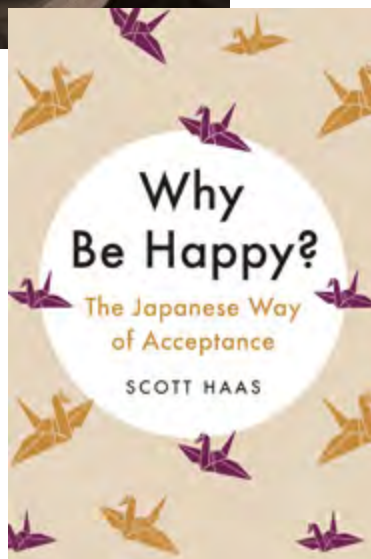
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# On the nature of happiness



**Scott Haas '82** is a writer and clinical psychologist based in Boston. He is the author of a new book, *Why Be Happy?: The Japanese Way of Acceptance*, released in July.

Detroit Mercy's Marketing & Communications Department recently spoke with Haas about the nature of happiness and *ukeireru*, the Japanese art of acceptance that he explores in his new book.



**Q: We'll start off with an obvious first question: What is happiness?**

**SH:** There's the immediate and there's the lasting. The classic example that psychologists talk about is that you have two choices. One choice is that a friend calls you

up and says, "I've got a pair of tickets to this amusement park. Why don't we go and spend the day there?" And you go there and you have an incredible time. So, you're really happy, right? The second is that you have an elderly aunt, and you just love her to death. You haven't seen her in a while and she calls you up and says, "Would you come over and help me out a little bit around the house? And while you're here, we could have a little lunch to-gether, and maybe you could read to me because my eyesight's shot." So, you go over there and you spend a few hours and you're really taking care of her. What psychologists talk about is that the second one is more likely to last because it's such a beautiful thing you were able to share. One of the major

components of lasting happiness, as any parent would tell you, is being able to take care of someone who needs you.

**Q: Your new book explores *ukeireru*, the Japanese art of acceptance. Can you explain what that is?**

**SH:** *Ukeireru* means that we have to accept the situation for what it is, be realistic about it. We don't have to respond to it. Having accepted it, we can decide if we want to continue being part of it, or whether we want to change it. The more time I spent in Japan, the more time I thought the strategies that they have, they're fun to add to what we have here. What we have here is a lot of people with opinions, a lot of can-do spirit, a lot of individualism and, frankly, the Japanese could really benefit from those things, because they tend to work in a group. But when I think about the benefits of what Japanese culture has brought to me here, I thought, "Well, here are some things from Japan that make my life a whole lot less stressful."

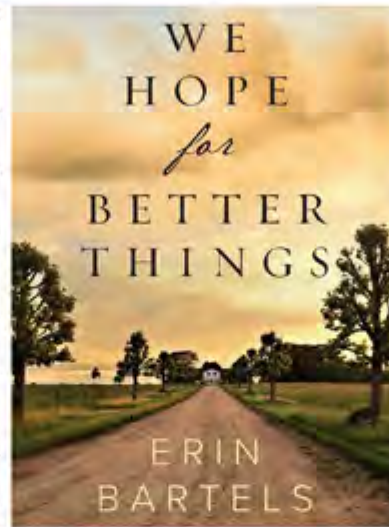
**Q: What are some simple things people can do every day to build happiness?**

**SH:** I'm a big fan of taking a nap sometime during the day if you can possibly do it, and I recognize not everyone can pull this stunt, but if there's some point during the day, even for five minutes, where you can just tune, out, close your eyes and say, "I'm just not doing this," that goes a long way to letting things go. Another thing is just basically slow down your activities. If you're having coffee, having tea, you're cooking — do it slowly. Take the time to do things. Understand that the process of doing what you're doing is the outcome in so many ways. On a philosophical, broader level, again, be of use to others. That makes a huge difference.

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### **Detroit Mercy Book Club**

Thursday, October 22

6:30 p.m. EST

For all you book lovers, here is a chance to meet other alumni for a lively conversation revolving around (at least for the first several minutes), a book everyone has read. The first book is Erin Bartel's, *We Hope for Better Things*, a work set in Detroit's past and present. The discussion will be led by Jennifer Bowen, School of Dentistry Librarian. To register, call 313-993-1450 or go to [udmercy.edu/bookclub](http://udmercy.edu/bookclub).

### **A Night of Fright Painting Party**

Wednesday, October 21

7 p.m. EST

Student Life and the Alumni Relations Office invite you to join students and other alumni in our Painting Party supporting Student Life's Safety Street program. This event provides the canvas, paint and online instruction for you to paint a Halloween-themed work of art from your own home while getting to know current students. The students' pictures will decorate the campus for our drive-thru trick-or-treat event on Friday, October 23. You can bring your painting to campus or keep it for your own enjoyment. To register call 313-993-1540 or visit [udmercy.edu/painting](http://udmercy.edu/painting).

### **Adulting Essentials: Finance 101**

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What are APRs, 401ks and NSFs and why are they important to me? Hear the answers to those questions and learn simple tricks from financial experts on ways to set yourself up for a stronger financial path. Topics will include both everyday advice on personal budgets and how to pick a credit card to ways to set yourself up now for a successful retirement. To register, call 313-993-1540 or visit [udmercy.edu/adulting](http://udmercy.edu/adulting)



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