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### The Torch

*The Torch* is a publication presenting the news, people, and progress of Dominican University of California. The symbol of the flaming torch, representing truth, is rooted in the history of St. Dominic. The University's motto is "Truth, a flaming torch." The torch is carried by one of the "hounds of the Lord," or, in Latin, "*Domini canes*."

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Dominican University of California educates and prepares students to be ethical leaders and socially responsible global citizens who incorporate the Dominican values of study, reflection, community, and service into their lives. Guided by its Catholic heritage, the University is committed to diversity, sustainability, and the integration of the liberal arts, the sciences, and professional programs.

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## Dear fellow alumni and friends,

In this issue of *The Torch*, we bid farewell to Dr. Joseph R. Fink. Under his 23 years of leadership, Dominican has been transformed from a small college of 650 students to a robust university of more than 2,200 students. Dr. Fink deserves much credit for integrating Dominican's vibrant academic programs in the arts and sciences with professional education, opening our campus to new students, and building upon Dominican's reputation for excellence.

Personally, I applaud Dr. Fink for one of his greatest accomplishments: making Dominican accessible to students who represent the cultural and economic diversity of California. Today, about one-quarter of Dominican's students are among the first generation in their family to attend college, and one half of the University's students are from ethnically diverse families.

To these students and to me, Dominican represents opportunity. I was born and raised in Point Reyes Station and graduated from Tomales High School. My parents immigrated to the United States in the early 1970s from a rural town in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. My older brother Fil graduated from Dominican in 2000. I followed suit and graduated from Dominican in 2002 and am currently principal at Laurel Dell and Short Elementary Schools in San Rafael. My Dominican education allows me to be the inspiration for a new generation of students—full of promise and hope.

Dominican's commitment to accessibility is critical as we look to the future of our state. An educated workforce is essential to California's economic vitality. As noted in a recent front-page article in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, record numbers of students are turning to Dominican to complete their college career. As the state's public universities are turning away thousands of qualified students, independent universities such as Dominican are stepping up to ensure the opportunity to attend college does not slip away from California's students.

To meet this growing demand, Dominican has significantly enhanced its need-based financial aid program to ensure that talented students can access a Dominican education. In 2011, the University funded \$20 million in financial aid to needy students, \$3 million more than last year. This commitment to California's future makes me incredibly proud to be a member of the Dominican family. It is these types of programs that will continue to allow more students like me to attend Dominican.

As Dominican looks toward the future and continues to improve its academic programs and facilities under the leadership of President-Elect Dr. Mary B. Marcy, we can all be proud of the legacy of diversity, growth, and academic equality that Dr. Fink has so boldly achieved. Let us build upon our shared vision of innovation, academic and athletic excellence, and sustainable growth, rooted in the Dominican values of study, reflection, community, and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in orange ink that reads "Pepe Gonzalez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Pepe" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Gonzalez".

Pepé Gonzalez '02  
President, Alumni Association Board of Directors

**“We will define future success as more than simply growth. Success will mean holding steadfast to the values of study, reflection, community, and service while tapping the creativity of our people to amplify our position as an educational environment of vision and excellence.”**

## Welcoming our new president



**D**r. Mary B. Marcy has been elected President of the University. Her appointment is effective July 1, when she will succeed Dr. Joseph R. Fink and become the ninth person to lead Dominican in its 121-year history.

Dr. Marcy joins Dominican from Bard College, where she has served as Provost of Bard College at Simon's Rock, and Vice President since 2004. As the chief operating officer of Simon's Rock, she has been responsible for all aspects of the academic and financial health of the College, as well as its

relationship with its Board of Overseers.

"Dominican is at a pivotal point in its history," said Andrew P. Barowsky, Chair of the Presidential Search Committee and Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. "We have built a unique position as a comprehensive university with a grounding in the liberal arts and a strong array of professional programs. In Dr. Marcy, we have identified a strong leader who can build on our strengths and take the University to a new level."

"I am honored to lead Dominican and become part of the rich legacy of the Dominican culture and community," Dr. Marcy said. "There are many factors that drew me to Dominican, in particular that it offers the personal engagement of a small institution while providing a rich array of options and opportunities inherent in a large university. It is both global and local, having programs across the world while engaging actively with Marin County and the broader Bay Area."

Dr. Marcy said her priority is to engage with all members of the University community in order to build Dominican's legacy and further enhance its standing in the academic community. "We will define future success as more than simply growth. Success will mean holding steadfast to the values of study, reflection, community, and service while tapping the creativity of our people to amplify our position as an educational environment of vision and excellence."

### Mary B. Marcy

At Bard College, Dr. Marcy led strategic initiatives focused on strengthening the academic core, diversifying the campus, and growing and increasing selectivity in student enrollment. The College's endowment realized dramatic growth, largely due to her success in securing gifts to support student scholarships and faculty development.

Prior to Bard, Dr. Marcy led a national project on the Future of Higher Education through Antioch University. She also has served as Dean of University Relations and Planning at Antioch University Seattle, and as policy advisor to the President of Western Washington University.

Dr. Marcy is a political scientist with a Doctorate of Philosophy and Master of Philosophy from the University of Oxford. She conducts ongoing research on women in American politics, and has published extensively on issues of diversity, leadership, and strategy in higher education.

### Dr. Dan Moshavi new Dean of the School of Business and Leadership

**D**r. Dan Moshavi, Dean of Montana State University's College of Business, has been named Dean of the School of Business and Leadership. He will replace Interim Dean Gary Williams at the beginning of the 2011-12 academic year.



"I am delighted to welcome Dan Moshavi as the next academic leader of the School of Business and Leadership," said Dr. Luis Calingo, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at Dominican. "I am confident that he will lead the business school to a higher level of competitiveness, distinctiveness, and excellence."

"I am honored to have been chosen to lead the School of Business and Leadership and look forward to working with a highly committed faculty to continue to enhance

the student experience and the reputation of the school," Dr. Moshavi said.

Under Dr. Moshavi's leadership, Montana State University's College of Business has generated new interdisciplinary initiatives, including a master's degree

in science and engineering management, created customized executive education programs, and increased student professional development opportunities. An accomplished fundraiser, Moshavi has helped secure major gifts for a named center for entrepreneurship, a business communications clinic, and scholarships.

Moshavi's academic discipline is in management and organizational behavior. His research focuses on how organizations, especially service organizations, manage their critical "touch points" with both employees and customers. As a member of Montana State's faculty since 2000, he has taught a variety of courses and won more than a dozen teaching awards during his career. He is a faculty member in an executive master's program in humanitarian logistics at the University of Lugano in Switzerland, and was previously a faculty member at San Jose State University and a research fellow with the Nemours Center for Medical Leadership.

"Dr. Moshavi is not only the best candidate, he is the ideal candidate. He is exactly who we were seeking," said Dr. Denise Lucy, Executive Director of the Institute for Leadership Studies and Professor of Business Leadership.

**"Dan Moshavi is an experienced business professor and scholar, and an accomplished dean. He is creative, extremely personable, with a great sense of humor," Dr. Lucy said.**

### Dr. Nicola Pitchford joins Dominican as new Dean of AHSS

**D**r. Nicola Pitchford, Associate Vice President and Associate Chief Academic Officer at Fordham University, has been named Dean of the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences. She will replace Interim Dean Philip Novak whose term is ending June 30.

"Dominican welcomes Dr. Pitchford as the next academic leader of the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences," said Dr. Luis Calingo, Executive Vice President and Chief Academic Officer at Dominican. "I am confident that she will lead the school in its commitment to a greater focus on AHSS and inspire students, faculty, and alumni to a higher level of excellence and engagement."

"I am delighted by this opportunity to become part of Dominican," Dr. Pitchford said. "Among the University's distinctive strengths that drew me to this leadership role



are its demonstrated commitments to a diverse student population and to an education that serves not just individuals but also the greater society.

"Dominican has an incredible resource in the strong sense of community and common purpose among its faculty and its staff. Leading the

School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, I will focus on what I believe is the core task of higher education in a changing world: the education of the whole person, nurturing habits of critical thinking and flexible intelligence that equip our students to engage ethically and carefully with others and adapt their skills to both existing and emerging challenges and career opportunities."



Dr. Yin at right

## Legacy honors scientific pioneer

A \$2 million bequest from the estate of H.B. Yin and Dominican alumna Lillian L.Y. Wang Yin, Ph.D. will advance the education of science students for generations to come.

The gift has created The Lillian L.Y. Wang Yin, Ph.D. Endowed Professorship in Chemistry. The

bequest also significantly augments The Lillian L.Y. Wang Yin, Ph.D. (Chemistry, Class of 1951) Scholarship Fund, originally established by H.B. Yin in 2002 in honor of his wife.

Dr. Yin was a pioneer who pursued a career in science when few students at Dominican—and few women anywhere—

did so. She graduated from Dominican in 1951 with a B.S. in chemistry. She received her M.S. and Ph.D. in organic chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania and completed postdoctoral research at the University of Pennsylvania, Hahnemann Medical College, the Medical College of the University of Pennsylvania, and the State University of New York.

Dr. Yin enjoyed a long and distinguished career in the sciences. She joined the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) in 1968 as a laboratory research chemist. Dr. Yin served as the Director of the Division of Reproductive, Abdominal, Ear, Nose and Throat, and Radiological Devices from 1979 to 1999, leading the team that created the FDA's product development protocol process. In 1999, she joined the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, and, shortly before her death in 2000, worked for the Office of Regulatory Affairs coordinating efforts on human subject protection and clinical investigators.

## A generous gift for our Garden Room and beautiful grounds

Lorraine Borba Scatena, an alumna of the Class of 1946, has gifted \$1.05 million to the University to fund the Lorraine Borba Scatena Garden Room in the Dominican Heritage and Alumni House. The gift also will establish an endowment for the maintenance of facilities and grounds. The Lorraine Borba Scatena Garden Room, a 100-seat banquet room and classroom for the University's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, is located at the site of the Edgehill Mansion's former Dominican Garden School.

## A boost for our Nursing Department

Retired Bay Area restaurateur Rolf Lewis and his wife, Valerie, have gifted \$350,000 to Dominican's Nursing Department. Mr. Lewis gave to the Nursing Department in honor of his wife, a professional nurse. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis will support the priority and future needs of the department with \$150,000 designated for technology and innovation, and the remainder for scholarships, student research, and the graduate nursing program.

## Keck Foundation awards \$250,000 grant to Dominican

A \$250,000 grant from the W.M. Keck Foundation has enabled the University to purchase sophisticated scientific equipment that will significantly advance faculty research and support growth of the University's undergraduate research program.

The grant will fund the purchase of a laser confocal microscope that will enable Dominican's faculty researchers to broaden the scope and depth of current research while enhancing the content of science courses. The confocal will be used in a range of projects, including research focused on Sudden Oak Death, breast cancer, and the human malaria parasite.

"The confocal microscope will foster unique learning experiences in many areas of science while strengthening Dominican's capacity for collaborative research with the Bay Area's biotechnology and pharmaceutical industries," said Dr. Sibdas Ghosh, Chair of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

**Dominican can now integrate cutting-edge microscopy methods across all science programs and establish strong partnerships with the Bay Area's biomedical community.**

## A seat at the State of the Union

**Z**ach Davis, who graduated from Dominican's GreenMBA program in 2009, is co-owner of Penny Ice Creamery in Santa Cruz. Last year, he made a video thanking President Barack Obama for enacting the federal stimulus plan. It led to a thank you call from Vice President Joe Biden and an invitation to sit in the President's

Box with First Lady Michelle Obama during the President's State of the Union Address in January.



## Dominican hosts CEO Summit on International Trade

**O**n May 10, business promotion officers from United States Embassies throughout Europe participated in a day-long event on campus focused on introducing North Bay companies to overseas markets.

The "CEO Summit on International Trade" was a partnership with the U.S. Department of Commerce, Dominican's Institute for Leadership Studies in the School of Business and Leadership, and Manufacturing 101, a membership group of manufacturing firms in the North Bay. In 2006, the U.S. Commercial Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce relocated its North Bay Export Assistance Center to Dominican.

More than 60 CEOs and C-level executives from 40 North Bay manufacturing companies attended workshops, presentations, small group discussions and one-on-one meetings focused on European market entry/expansion. Seven senior commercial service officers from U.S. Embassies in Europe presented the trade landscapes of Brussels, UK, Germany, Switzerland, The Netherlands, Slovak Republic, and Kazakhstan.

**The CEO Summit on International Trade provided a unique introduction of North Bay companies to overseas markets.**

## Dominican joins Department of Commerce trade mission

**D**ominican was among 56 colleges and universities invited to join Francisco Sánchez, Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade, on the Obama Administration's first education services trade mission to Jakarta, Indonesia, and Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, Vietnam this past April.

Dominican was represented by Dr. Jayati Ghosh, Associate Dean of the School of Business and Leadership and Executive Director of the University's Office of Internationalization and Global Education.

This was Commerce's first services-only trade mission for the Administration since President Obama announced his National Export Initiative and reinforces the critical role education will play in enhancing the global competitiveness of the United States. The mission will explore opportunities for international student recruitment and partnerships with higher education institutions in

Indonesia and Vietnam. More than 20,000 students from these two countries currently attend U.S. colleges and universities.

Expanding Dominican's international outreach is a priority of the University's recently released strategic plan, which calls for an expansion of the University's student body through international partnerships. Dominican opened the Office of Internationalization and Global Education in 2010 to spearhead globalization efforts at the University. Currently, the University has about 90 international students enrolled from 20 countries, including Taiwan, China, Thailand, France, Sweden, and Spain. In addition, Dominican students currently are studying overseas at institutions in Sweden, France, and England.

In 2006, the U.S. Commercial Service of the U.S. Department of Commerce relocated its North Bay Export Assistance Center to Dominican. The U.S. Commercial Service is a federal government agency that helps small and medium-sized companies export goods and services.

## Meeting the autism challenge

To help meet the growing demand for special education teachers trained to work with children with autism, Dominican has received approval from the accrediting body of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing to offer an Autism Spectrum Disorder teacher preparation program.

Beginning this fall, Dominican will offer a 12-unit program that will meet state requirements to infuse training in basic education credentials because of the growing existence of autism. The Autism Spectrum Disorders Added Authorization program will include student teaching. Dominican will also offer a Master of Science in Special Education degree with an emphasis on autism.

## PacWest Academic Achievement champs again

For the second year in a row, Dominican has been awarded the Pacific West Conference's Academic Achievement Award, the first school in the 10-team league to win the award in its first two years as a PacWest member institution. Dominican student-athletes compiled an average 3.25 grade point average, highest among the nine other conference schools by a full .10. Last year, Penguins student-athletes recorded a 3.21 GPA to win the PacWest academic award in their inaugural season in the league.

"We are delighted with this repeat performance by our student-athletes and the faculty, staff, and coaches at Dominican who help and support them," said Dominican President Joseph R. Fink, who received a Presidential Award from the Pacific West Conference in June. "This is a proud occasion for Dominican and its athletics program which has successfully balanced its efforts to compete in the classroom and on the field or court. It validates our belief and goal that our student-athletes embrace the values of this University and are committed to being better students, athletes, and leaders."

**The PacWest Academic Achievement Award is the only team championship earned in the classroom.**

## Gaining a new perspective

For nursing students Rachel Meren, Elizabeth Jaramillo, and Chanai Hutchings, a two-week trip to Uganda this year made a life-long impact. The students worked in rural settings with limited resources while caring for children suffering from diseases one only reads about, such as tetanus, malaria, and typhoid

fever as well as the consequences of traditional health practices.

The Uganda trip was a culture shock. It also was a learning experience for the students.

By the end of the trip, the students were able to

articulate how this experience would help them be better nurses and what they were going to be able to bring back home as standards of practice that they ought to consider in their upcoming career.

"I learned that nurses don't have to rely solely on technology, that our eyes and nursing assessments are just as valuable." Hutchings said.

"Working in such a critical care environment with limited resources has been a very humbling experience for me. I think that we are so fortunate, here in the United States, to have access to a great amount of medical equipment," Meren said.

"In Uganda, you have to modify your typical way of thinking. You have to think of alternate ways of performing nursing care when you do not have access to adequate resources. I am now beginning to implement alternative ways of nursing interventions that are not so highly dependent on technology, in addition to what is standard protocol in the hospital."



## Dominican grad student contributes to important research on aging

**D**avid Zucker, a graduate student in Dominican's master's program offered in association with the Buck Institute for Research on Aging, contributed to a study appearing in the March 30 online edition of *Nature*.

The study shows that Basic Yellow 1, a dye used in neuroscience laboratories around the world to detect damaged protein in Alzheimer's disease, is a wonder drug for nematode worms. The dye, known as Thioflavin T (ThT), extended lifespan in healthy nematode worms by more than 50 percent and slowed the disease process in worms bred to mimic aspects of Alzheimer's. The research, conducted at the Buck Institute, could open new ways to

intervene in aging and age-related disease.

The study highlights protein homeostasis. Genetic studies have long indicated that protein homeostasis is a major contributor to longevity in complex animals and many degenerative diseases are linked to a breakdown in the process. Buck faculty member Gordon Lithgow, Ph.D., who led the research, said this study points to the use of compounds to support protein homeostasis, like the ThT did as the worms aged.

Zucker is currently applying to medical schools while continuing his work in the Lithgow lab.

"An opportunity to develop my passion for research and cutting-edge science while strengthening myself as an applicant to medical schools was very attractive," he said.

## Unique Venture Greenhouse launches

**I**nspired by our GreenMBA, Dominican's new "Venture Greenhouse" will serve as a learning laboratory for the University's business students and a resource for social and environmental entrepreneurs who want to start green businesses in Marin.

"The Venture Greenhouse will enable a network of enterprises, professionals, and partners to contribute to vibrant and sustainable economic development for Marin County and the North Bay," says Director John Stayton.

For a minimal monthly fee, clients will receive desk space, shared facilities and professional services, coaching by GreenMBA faculty and community professionals, project support from MBA students, collaborative opportunities, and access to possible funding sources.

## Dominican dancers first in nation invited to prestigious audition

**T**hree LINES Ballet/Dominican BFA in Dance seniors received coveted invitations to the Monaco Dance Forum's annual Tremplin Jeunes Ballet to audition among the top 50 dance students from around the world.

Rachael Elliott, Challyce Brogdon, and Adam Peterson are the first American college dance students ever to be invited to the prestigious event, according to Marina Hotchkiss, program director of the LINES Ballet program at Dominican. They performed before 40 company directors from across Europe and North America.



"We were so lucky to be there and, regardless of the outcome, it was a once-in-a-lifetime experience, but the reality was impossible to ignore," Elliott said. "We were all there to sign a contract with a dance company. It's what we've been preparing for the past four years, and to be presented with such an opportunity was incredible."

Elliott was offered an apprentice contract with Noord Nederlandse Dans, a contemporary company in Holland. She also received one of five fellowships, thus her first year in Holland will be funded through the Princess Grace Foundation.

In Monaco, the three Dominican dance students participated in master classes and presented an original work created for them by Alonzo King, acclaimed dancer and choreographer who founded the contemporary ballet company, Alonzo King LINES Ballet, in 1982.





## Dr. Denise Lucy inducted into Marin Women’s Hall of Fame

When she was growing up in Michigan, Dr. Denise Lucy was encouraged by her mother to stay close to home and go to college to become a legal secretary like she did. Denise had other ideas.

Embracing her mother’s inspiring work ethic, Dr. Lucy earned a B.S. from Michigan State University in psychology and decided to come to California. She earned her master’s in clinical psychology from California State University in Fresno and an Ed.D. in Organizations and Leadership from the University of San Francisco. She also discovered that she thrived in leading entrepreneurial ventures.

Now Founder and Executive Director of the Institute of Leadership Studies and Professor in the School of Business and Leadership, Dr. Lucy is one of Marin’s progressive educators. Her important work in the community was recognized this past March, when she was inducted into the Marin Women’s Hall of Fame.

“In her 30 years as a university educator at Dominican and elsewhere, Dr. Lucy has demonstrated exceptional

commitment to enhancing women’s leadership, diversity, and unique educational and community engagement programs,” said Dominican President Joseph R. Fink.

Her philosophy is simple: education is the great equalizer in society.

Dr. Lucy in 1993 was appointed to be Director of Dominican’s Pathway’s program. At that time, the fledgling degree completion program had been in place for two years and had an enrollment of only 92 students. Dr. Lucy’s expertise in designing innovative degree programs for adult learners—mostly women with children—led to the tremendous success of the Pathway’s program. By 1995, enrollment exceeded 390 students.

Through her work at Dominican, as well as her leadership on local boards including serving as Chair of Marin Education Fund (now 10,000 Degrees), Dr. Lucy has positively impacted the lives of those around her. That includes her students through her teaching and mentoring, Marin employers through various ILS business outreach programs, and the general Marin community through her myriad efforts at partnership formation and bridge-building.

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## Dominican hosts History Day competition

More than 100 students from Terra Linda High School, Tamalpais High School, and Cascade Canyon Middle School participated in the Marin County “History Day” competition on March 5 at Dominican.

The event, a preliminary round in the national history research competition for middle and high school students, was sponsored by the Department of Humanities and Cultural Studies.

Marin County History Day is held each year as part of National History Day. Each year students choose a topic that revolves around an annually selected theme. The theme for 2011 was Debate & Diplomacy: Successes, Failures, Consequences. Students used this theme to research and critically analyze their topic through one of

five project categories: historical papers, exhibits, websites, performances, or documentaries.

Dominican faculty—including Martin Anderson, Associate Professor of History, Director of Graduate Humanities, and Interim Director of History—were among the volunteer judges, along with Dominican staff and graduate students and teachers from Marin County schools. This year, three Dominican graduate Humanities students served as judges.

Marin County History Day started eight years ago at Terra Linda High School. For the last three years, the competition has been held at Dominican. Chase Clow, Instructor and Administrative Manager in the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Science, was instrumental in bringing the event to Dominican and organizing it with Randy Baker, a judge at the state level who is a Social Science teacher at Terra Linda High School and Marin County Coordinator for History Day.

## Caroline Kennedy headlines Spring Lecture Series



Trustee Andrew Barowsky with Caroline Kennedy

Caroline Kennedy, attorney, author, and champion of education, topped an impressive array of guest speakers for the Institute for Leadership Studies' 2011 Spring Lecture Series in Angelico Hall at Dominican University of California.

Kennedy, author of *She Walks In Beauty: A Woman's*

*Journey Through Poems*, engaged a capacity crowd of more than 800 with stories about her family and friends and their love of poetry. Along the way she even poked fun at her age.

"My youngest son is going off to college," Kennedy said, as the crowd laughed with her. "I know. I wish it was a place like this."

Joining Kennedy as guest lecturers for the ILS Spring Lecture Series this year were best-selling novelist Jodi

Picoult (March 16), award-winning actor/conservationist Ted Danson in conversation with Peter Coyote (March 21), financial advisor/television personality Suze Orman (March 24), and Dr. Abraham Verghese in conversation with Michael Krasny (April 27).



Peter Coyote, left, with Ted Danson

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The ILS' Fall Lecture Series in 2010 was equally as formidable. It included award-winning actress, producer, author, and activist Marlo Thomas along with PBS TV host and travel writer Rick Steves, professor Robert Reich, and Rosanne Cash, oldest daughter of country music legend Johnny Cash.

For more information on Dominican's lecture series or to join its mailing list, call (415) 458-3202 or e-mail [ILS@dominican.edu](mailto:ILS@dominican.edu).

## The 2010-11 Guest Concert Series

Two Dominican faculty members—June Choi Oh, Instructor, and Craig Singleton, Chair of the Department of Music and Performing Arts—played important roles as the 2010-11 Guest Concert Series celebrated its 10th anniversary season at Angelico Hall.



St. Lawrence String Quartet

Oh, who received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the Juilliard School, was instrumental again in bringing high-caliber talent to the Guest Concert Series. Performers this season included the St. Lawrence String Quartet, Ariel Ensemble, Tilden Trio, and musicians from the Philharmonia Baroque and the San Francisco Symphony.

In a Super Bowl Sunday chamber music concert with the SF Symphony, Oh performed on the piano and joined Juilliard schoolmates Sarn Oliver and Peter Wyrick as the Tilden Trio in their concert performance.

Dr. Singleton also performed on stage. He sang baritone with Philharmonia Baroque musicians.

The Guest Concert Series is part of the Expressions Series sponsored by the Department of Music and Performing Arts at Dominican.

For more information, contact June Choi Oh at (415) 257-0128 or email her at [joh@dominican.edu](mailto:joh@dominican.edu).

**This season the Guest Concert Series celebrated 10 years of bringing outstanding classical musicians to the acoustically beautiful Angelico Hall.**

# The 2010 Gubernatorial Debate

## A landmark event for Dominican University of California

**O**n October 12, 2010, Dominican hosted the third and final California Governor's Debate between Democrat Jerry Brown and Republican Meg Whitman. Veteran NBC News journalist Tom Brokaw served as the moderator.

The debate became a national headline. Nine NBC television stations and affiliates broadcast the one-hour debate. Telemundo broadcast the debate to California's Spanish-speaking viewers. KQED distributed the live broadcast to public radio stations throughout the state and C-SPAN delivered the debate to 100 million cable homes across the nation.

### A day and night to remember

The campus was alive with excitement and anticipation on the day of the debate, and a thousand details came together as the moment drew near for it to begin.

Angelico Hall was transformed by NBC set designers into an impressive stage for the historic event and was filled to capacity by a crowd of more than 800 guests—trustees, students, alumni, faculty, staff, neighbors, and local and national dignitaries—including U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein, U.S. Representative Lynn Woolsey, and City of San Rafael Mayor Al Boro.

Outside, NBC and other networks broadcast live reports

from stages erected in front of Angelico while more than 200 protestors vied for the cameras' attention.

### The debate

President Joseph R. Fink made the opening remarks, introduced the moderator, Tom Brokaw, and emphasized the significance of the debate for Dominican and California.

**Hosting the debate was an educational experience for the entire institution, giving Dominican students unique access to the political process.**

President Fink, who holds a Ph.D. in American history, underscored the importance of the American democratic process and commended Dominican students for their active participation in the debate process.

Tom Brokaw asked challenging questions about critical issues facing California including the economy, health care, education, and the environment. The debate was fascinating and the atmosphere was electric with intensity and excitement.



## The Dominican community worked together

While the entire Dominican community—students, alumni, faculty, staff, and neighbors—worked together to make the debate a success, Dominican students were at the forefront.

Students engaged with the debate through social media outlets and blogs. Faculty incorporated policy issues into the class curriculum and students worked alongside the media and broadcast partners. Tom Brokaw led a multi-generational discussion between undergraduate, graduate, and Osher Lifelong Learning Institute students, sponsored by AARP at Alemany Library.

A team of GreenMBA students developed a plan to make the event as eco-friendly as possible. They integrated recycling and composting of waste and biodegradable food service items, calculated the greenhouse gas footprint, and printed the debate tickets with soy inks on hemp-based paper. For every ticket printed, Dominican partner Trees for the Future planted a tree in California.

The evening of the debate, more than 300 students gathered at Caleruega Hall to watch the candidates discuss the future of their state.

## The country learns about Dominican

Coverage of the debate by NBC started with Dominican's first television commercial, showcasing the picturesque

campus and innovative academic programs. Guzman Lecture Hall was transformed into a media filing center, sponsored by Autodesk, where 300 media professionals worked around the clock to cover the debate.

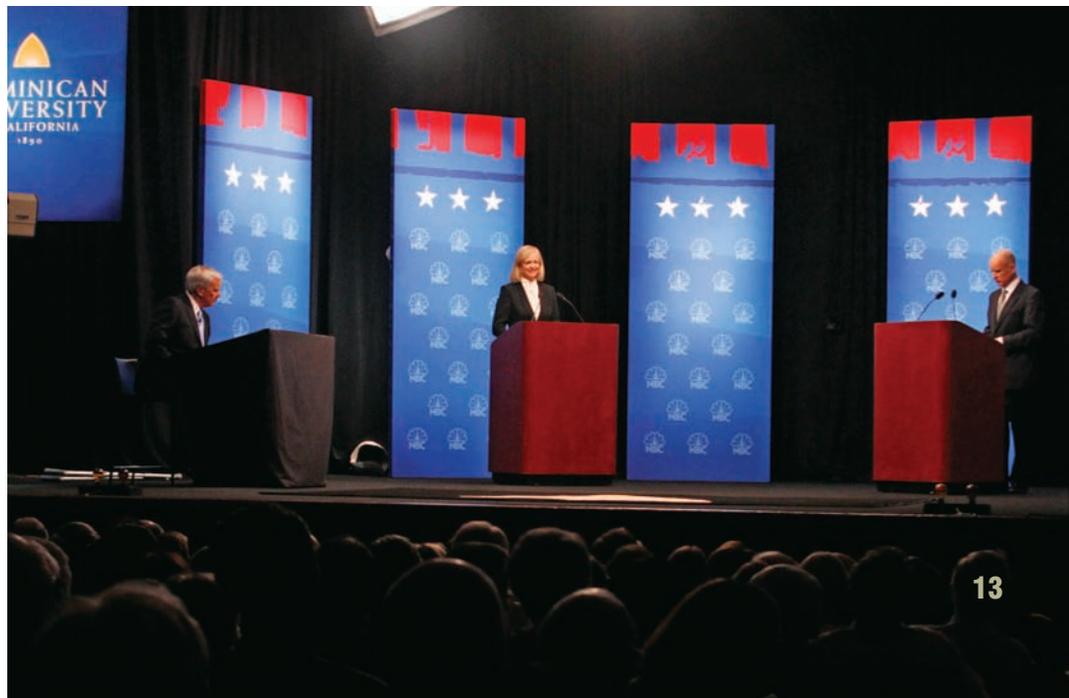
A wide range of local, national, and even international media covered the debate including *The New York Times*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The San Jose Mercury News*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The Washington Post*. The major wire services Associated Press, Bloomberg and Reuters were there, as well as NBC, CBS, KCBS, C-SPAN, KQED, MSNBC, Fox News, KGO, KPIX, KRON, KTVU, Telemundo, and Univision.

## After the debate

After the spotlights dimmed on Angelico Hall, more than 100 student volunteers led guests to the Dominican Heritage and Alumni House. The former Edgehill Mansion opened its doors after two years of renovation and reconstruction to host a spectacular post-debate reception.

Jerry Brown, Meg Whitman, and Tom Brokaw attended the reception and mingled with Dominican students and guests. It was a triumphant ending to a remarkable night for the University.

**Dominican is one of 12 universities being considered by the Commission on Presidential Debates to host a debate in 2012.**



# Celebrating 23 years of commitment, Dr. Fink says farewell to his beloved Dominican



President Fink with daughter Taryn

In his final days in the Office of the President at Dominican University of California, Joseph R. Fink would, on occasion, stare out the window near his desk in Guzman Hall that overlooks campus, and fondly reflect on his 23 years as the leader of this institution.

One vision returned to him more than any other—the memory of Sister Samuel Conlan and the influence she had on him.

If Dr. Fink's tenure as President of Dominican can be characterized as a learning experience, Sister Samuel served as one of his most important teachers. In the long line of mentors Dr. Fink has encountered in his lifetime, she may have had the greatest impact.

"She would come into my office each month and give me my report card on how well I had or had not done, and we would have these conversations about the future of the

College," says Dr. Fink, reflecting warmly on his early years at Dominican. "We didn't always agree, but Sister Samuel believed in me."

Dr. Fink was a bold, young college president from Pennsylvania in 1988 when he was invited to visit California to learn more about the vacancy at Dominican College of San Rafael. Sister Samuel was the first person on campus to greet him and she, along with then-Chairman of the Board Phil Brown, convinced Dr. Fink that Dominican was the right place to be.

So impressed was he with Dr. Fink that Mr. Brown, who had just retired from a senior position at United Technologies, offered to work full-time at Dominican, guiding the new president during his transition, for a salary of \$1 per year. Sister Samuel's advice was free.

"She had such love for this institution. She talked about the potential for the college and of the glories of its past and how she believed that it would grow and develop in the future," Dr. Fink says. "I had been a College president for 14 years at two different institutions and Sister Samuel had been Dominican's president for 12 years, yet she became my mentor."

## President Fink's Time at Dominican

From recruiting and retaining top faculty, to building a curriculum of academic excellence, to modernizing existing facilities and creating new ones, to putting Dominican on the map with innovative initiatives, President Fink has polished every facet of the diamond in the rough and created the jewel that today is Dominican University of California.

Honors Program introduced. Pathways launched. • Faculty compensation is increased by more than 40%.

1992



Enrollment tops 1,000 students and four-year guarantee is established. • Grant funds are secured for student support services, academic support, and student diversity. Academically strong student-athletes are recruited.

New tenure policy enacted to honor teaching excellence. • WASC reaffirms accreditation for 10 years citing accomplishments in enrollment, revenue, campus improvements, and faculty/staff compensation.

1988

Foundation and corporate support for operating programs and capital projects grows. • Renovation begins on several major halls and three dormitories. Albertus Magnus is expanded.



1996

Capital campaign exceeds phase 1 goal of \$20 million for construction of a new recreation center, science center, and residence hall.



# Leadership and vision

Thus began Dr. Fink's tenure at Dominican.

Now, 23 years later, Dr. Fink is saying farewell to an institution transformed.

"Looking back, I remember how quiet the place was. There was very little happening on campus," Dr. Fink says. "More than half the residence hall rooms were empty. There were no evening classes. No weekend classes. At night the campus was dark, it was almost eerie. There were so few students. There was no noise. There was no excitement."

When Dr. Fink arrived to serve as Dominican's eighth president he found a diamond in the rough. There were no sidewalks or streetlights. Buildings were in need of repair, with leaking roofs and cracked plasterwork. The landscape was in some areas overgrown and in other areas bare. More disturbing was that enrollment was holding shakily at 650 and the college's finances were perilously weak.

Dr. Fink had his work cut out for him. And work he did, taking very few days off his first year and working late into

the night. His was often the last remaining light at the end of the day, although Sister Aquinas presented some serious competition.

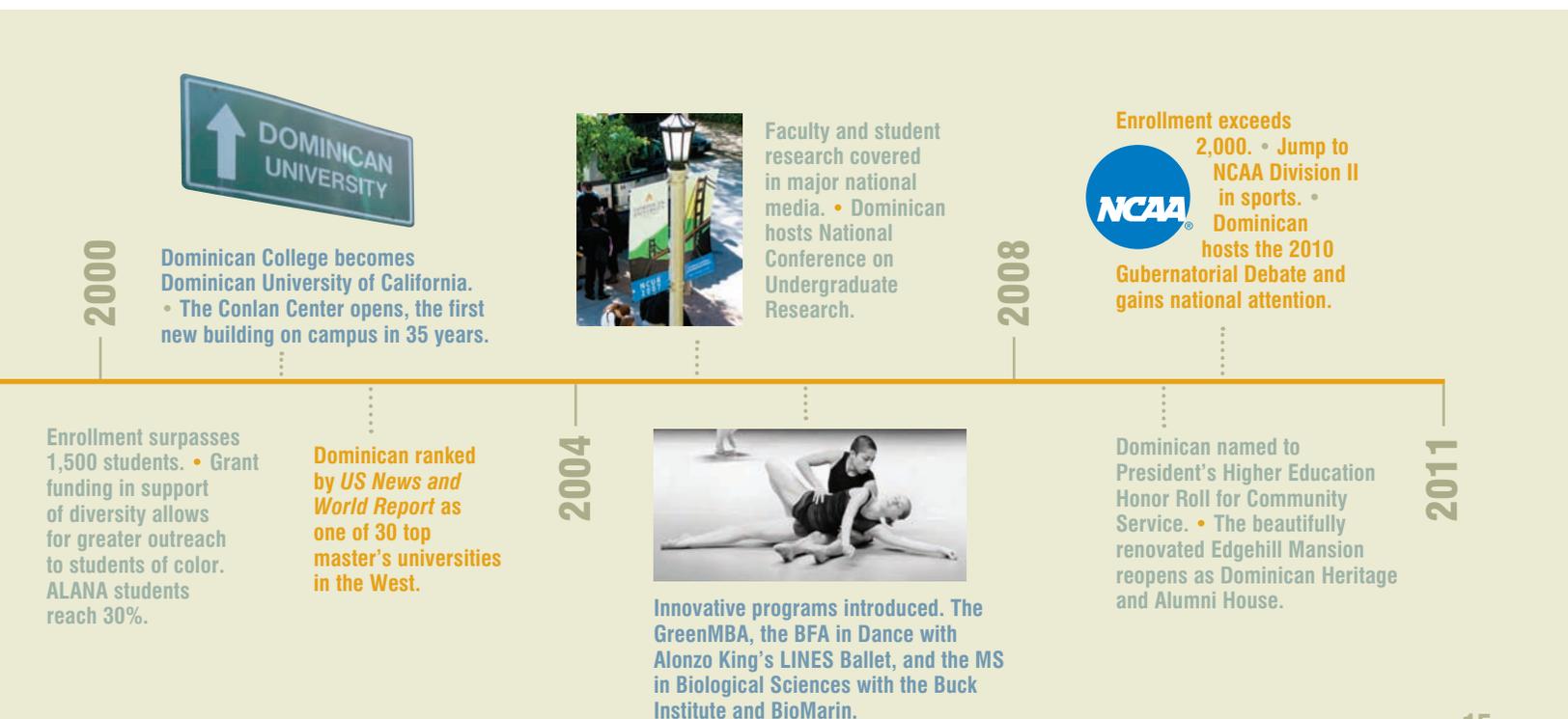
"I would look out my window and be struck by how dark and how quiet it was, except for one window, which was

**“...we worked hard to respond to the demographic changes taking place in California, and raised millions of dollars for financial aid to provide an opportunity for thousands of students...”**

usually lit. That would be the office of Sister Aquinas, who often returned from the convent after dinner to continue working," he recalls.

Over the years, enrollment grew and both money and new buildings were raised. As were expectations and reputations. Dominican and Dr. Fink had beaten the odds.

"The accomplishment of which I am most proud," Dr. Fink says, "is that we worked hard and successfully to respond



to the demographic changes taking place in California, raising millions of dollars for financial aid, and providing an opportunity for thousands of students who may never, otherwise, have had the chance to attend to a school such as ours.”



Celebrating graduation 2011

Those students have the opportunity to come to Dominican and leave as better people. They learn. They lead. They may have even protested a little along the way.

Dr. Fink understands. He did the same thing when he was in college, having been somewhat of an activist in his years as student.

“When I was in college, we used to have teach-ins when major events came along. Students would get involved with their faculty members and the administration would

basically close down school for a day to concentrate on the topic that existed—whether it was the war in Vietnam or segregation and civil rights, or another important issue.

“Today this doesn’t happen as often. I’m not sure why; perhaps we’re all a little less idealistic than we once were. Even at institutions like Berkeley, student unrest evolves primarily around issues such as the cost of tuition or their living conditions. I wish that we—the faculty, the staff, the students—were more involved in discussing important issues of the day. Occasionally that still happens; it occurred at Dominican when we hosted the gubernatorial debate. The entire campus rallied around that event, getting involved with the debate and the VoteSmart Challenge at which students presented on various policy issues.”

Dr. Fink has gained many perspectives, both in college and out. After his freshman year he left school and took odd jobs driving trucks and digging ditches. He worked as an architectural draftsman and also for a stone mason. Then he took a job as a roofer in New Jersey.

“I think that working as a roofer in the hot summer sun convinced me that I needed to go back to school,” Dr. Fink says, smiling. “That was awful. Smelly tar...”

Dr. Fink enrolled at Rider University and drew inspiration from a member of the faculty, Guy Stroh, who at the age of 25, was one of the youngest Ph.D.s that Princeton University had ever graduated. Stroh handpicked Fink and

other promising students to meet informally with him at his home where they would discuss the philosophy of history. “It was a course that Stroh created, that was not part of his formal workload, nor did the students receive academic credit. There were assigned readings, and I thought it was the greatest thing that had ever happened to me,” Dr. Fink says.

Dr. Fink loved American history; and American literature, as did his father, who died when Dr. Fink was young, leaving him a library filled with books.

“I inherited all those books and when I look back on it, it was my way of staying connected to my father,” Dr. Fink says. “I was reading Hemingway and Faulkner and Steinbeck and Fitzgerald and others at an early age. I didn’t know whether I wanted to be a history major or an English major. I selected history after talking with a history professor who said ‘Most history is for historians but good history is good literature. You should be a history major because you will be inspired by both history and literature.’ ”

Dr. Fink graduated from Rider with a degree in history. His lifelong career in academia began shortly after he earned his Ph.D. from Rutgers University, when he joined Immaculata College, a small women’s college outside of Philadelphia, first as an instructor and then associate professor of history, and later as assistant to the president.

Dr. Fink eventually settled in Chester County, combining his academic career with some hands-on political work, stumping for Presidential candidate George

McGovern. Dr. Fink became a McGovern delegate and attended the 1972 Democratic National Convention in Miami, rubbing elbows with celebrities Warren Beatty, Shirley MacLaine, and Marlo Thomas, among others.

This job led to a deanship at a predominantly African American community college, which was part of the City Colleges of Chicago.

**It is striking how many of the most notable buildings on campus are due to the efforts of Dr. Fink. Through acquisition, construction, and renovation, he has strategically and creatively expanded the University while preserving the beautiful grounds.**

“There was an African American president and vice president, and a 95 percent African American student body, with a 90 percent white faculty,” Dr. Fink says. “I was offered the job as dean because the president and the vice president felt that it was appropriate at that time to have somebody who could deal well with their faculty, which was highly unionized. And because I was a delegate for George McGovern, they knew that I would have liberal and tolerant political views.”

Dr. Fink, then Dean of Arts and Sciences, yearned for a position with more power and responsibility. He became a protégé of the chancellor of City Colleges in Chicago and that connection led him to his first job as a college president at Somerset County College in New Jersey.

In his early 30s, Dr. Fink was the youngest college president on the east coast at that time. After serving as President at Somerset for five years and as President and Professor of History at College Misericordia in Dallas, Pennsylvania for nine years, Dr. Fink came west to Dominican, with little thought of how long he might remain.

Sister Samuel made him feel right at home.

Dr. Fink never forgot her. The first new building erected on the Dominican campus while Dr. Fink was its president was the Conlan Recreation Center, dedicated in 2000, four years before Sister Samuel’s death.

One thing is certain, Sister Samuel would be proud of Dr. Fink.



# commencement

**O**n May 14, Dominican celebrated its largest ever undergraduate commencement ceremony. President Joseph R. Fink delivered the commencement address and received an honorary degree from the institution he has led for the past 23 years.

During his speech, (which coincidentally lasted 23 minutes) Dr. Fink reminisced about how Dominican has grown in size and stature during his presidency. He commended the excellence of the faculty of researchers and scholars and the spirit of the students.

“In my time here, I have presented over 4,000 diplomas, and each graduating student has had an inspirational story to tell,” Dr. Fink said, “including those with us today.”

The University celebrated its graduate ceremony on May 13, at which Francis McGovern, Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law, delivered the commencement address.





## Rachael Elliott

At Dominican, Rachael Elliott has combined her passion for dance with academic studies in the innovative BFA in Dance program. She also has collected stamps in her passport.

The summer before her junior year, Elliott worked with Beijing Dance/LDTX, the first privately founded modern dance company in China. This spring, she was invited to Monaco to perform and audition at the Monaco Dance Forum's Tremplin Juenes Ballet.

Elliott, who graduated Summa Cum Laude, left Monaco with a contract in hand. In July, she joins contemporary dance company Noord Nederlandse Dans, the flagship dance company for the country's northern provinces.



From left to right: **Teddy Morrow, Daniel Tapia-Jimenez, Ashley Rubin, Rachael Elliott and Mike Wells**

## Ashley Rubin

Since she was 14, Ashley Rubin has made humanitarian trips and medical missions during winter and summer breaks to assist people all around the world.

As a junior at Dominican, she studied biology in Sweden and made a side trip to the North Pole. She's traveled to Mexico, Central America, and Africa working on projects such as building huts, HIV/AIDS awareness programs, water purification seminars, or simply providing food and water.

"This is my focus in life," Rubin says, "to be with people I've never met or heard of and help them."

In September, Rubin will attend medical school at UCSF and pursue her master's degree in Global Health.

## Teddy Morrow

Through his work at Dominican, Teddy Morrow secured an internship in protein research at BioMarin Pharmaceutical, as well as a space on the UC Davis Pre-Medical Surgical Internship Program.

Now he wants to take that one step further. He is applying to medical school, with the goal of being a surgeon in the trauma unit of an emergency room.

Morrow graduated with a major in Biological Sciences with an emphasis in Molecular Biology, and two minors: Chemistry and Mathematics. He spent more than two years in Dominican research labs working on stem cell research and has presented his research at three national conferences.

## Daniel Tapia-Jimenez

A Political Science and International Studies double major with a minor in Mathematics, Tapia-Jimenez was also a member of the Penguins' first ever NCAA Division II men's cross country team. He was named Dominican's Scholar-Athlete of the Year in May.

Tapia-Jimenez once aspired to be an astronaut and considered being an attorney, but now is thinking about being a professor. Accepted into the Ph.D. programs for Political Science at Vanderbilt, University of Massachusetts (Amherst), and UC Davis, he has decided to go to Davis to study Field Concentrations with emphasis on International Relations and Methodology.

## Mike Wells

"I was a basketball kid who just wanted to come here, play basketball, and not go to class," Wells says. "I came out a scholar. This place changes people."

It changed Wells. It was great to be a part of a conference men's basketball championship team his first year but, by his final year, the greatest rewards were off the court.

Last October, Wells was assigned to be a special assistant to the Executive Producer of the California gubernatorial Debate between Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman. Named Mr. Penguin 2010, Wells was president of the Penguin Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and a resident advisor on campus. He is building a career in journalism.

“Economic Growth and Income Convergence in Ethiopia: A Critique,” an article by **Dr. Asayehgn Desta**, Professor, Business, was peer reviewed and published in the *International Journal of Business and Social Sciences* (IJBS), Vol. 2 No. 2.

**Dr. Ruth Ramsey**, Director and Chair Associate Professor Occupational Therapy, had an article accepted for publication in the *Occupational Therapy and Healthcare Journal*, titled “Voices of Community-Practicing Occupational Therapists: An Exploratory Study.”

**Melisa Kaye**, Instructor, OT, presented at the AOTA national conference in April. Her presentation was titled: “Client-Centered Pediatric Practice: Exploring Occupational Therapy Collaboration with Children.”

OT graduate **Amy Moran** '10 presented her master's thesis project on “Promoting Occupational Therapy as a Profession to Minority High School Students” at the Occupational Therapy Association of California spring symposium. **Akemi Davies** '04 presented “Implementing a Parent Workshop: Connecting Through Play.”

**Dr. Janis Davis**, Associate Professor, OT, had a chapter published in a new textbook *Anxiety Disorders* In C. Brown and V.C. Stoffel (Eds) plus “Occupational Therapy in Mental Health: A Vision for Participation.”

The OT Department was invited to participate in a research study jointly sponsored by the Society for the Study of Occupation and the American Occupational Therapy Foundation to examine how the core construct of occupation is addressed in curricula across occupational therapy programs. OT again offered its Healthy Seniors program, partially

funded with a grant from the Marin Community Foundation and hosted Kim Barthel, OTR/L and Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Swarbrick, Director of the Institute for Wellness and Recovery Initiatives, Collaborative Support Programs of New Jersey, as its guest speakers to its Spring Continuing Education Series.

**Alison Howard**, Assistant Professor and Chair, Political Science and International Studies, co-authored a research abstract with Donna Hoffman entitled “Talking to Millennials: Policy Rhetoric and Rhetorical Narratives in the 2008 Presidential Campaign” in *Communication in the 2008 U.S. Election: Digital Natives Elect A President*.

**Dr. Gigi Gokcek**, Assistant Professor, Political Science and International Studies, presented two

papers at the International Studies Association Annual convention in Montreal. One paper (co-authored with Alison Howard) is entitled “The Challenges of Teaching Cold War Politics to the Millennial Generation: How Hollywood Blockbusters Can Serve as Educational Tools” and the other paper (co-authored with Todd Giedt) is entitled “Institutional Value and Academic Integration of International Education: Analysis of University of California's Study Abroad Program.”

**Luke Webster-White**, '12, was selected as the Fall 2011 Leon and Sylvia Panetta intern. Luke will spend the fall semester in Washington, D.C. working for a member of the California delegation.

**Daniel Tapia-Jimenez**, '11, presented his senior thesis research

## A generous gift from one professor to another

**D**r. Melba Beals, Chair Emerita of the Communications Department and Executive Director of Student Success, often spoke with her friend, adjunct professor Elisabeth Grinnell, about her desire to launch a fundraising campaign to modernize the communication lab at Dominican.

So when her Aunt Helen died at the age of 104 and Professor Grinnell acquired an inheritance, she knew just what she wanted to do with it.

Now thanks to Professor Grinnell and her Aunt Helen and a \$46,000 gift, Dominican has a beautiful state-of-the-art communication lab with 20 brand new HD iMac computers, a news anchor desk, and a green screen.

“I believe that the future of the Communications Department looks very bright right now,” said Eugene Rinehart, a senior print and multimedia communications major. “We’ll be able to recruit a lot more new students by showing off all the cool equipment, and once they get to use it, they will be hooked.

Nothing is more fun than directing the floor or putting on your best ‘news anchor’ voice for the camera. Not only is it fun, but it’s great real-world practice.”

**“I cannot measure the gift she has given, the capacity of learning she has enhanced,” Dr. Beals said.**

“State Capacity vs. Insurgency Capacity” at the Southwestern Political Science Association annual meeting along with **Emperatriz Guevara**, '11, who presented a paper entitled, “Sustainable Development and Microfinance: Lessons from Brazil and Rwanda.”

**Brandon Ernst**, '12, was invited to take part in the Clinton Global Initiative meeting at the University of California in San Diego. Ernst is a national fellow at the Institute for International Public Policy.

**Dr. Marguerite Rigoglioso**, Associate Professor, Religion, had her second book, *Virgin Mother Goddesses of Antiquity*, published by Palgrave Macmillan. She has been speaking on research related to this and her first book, *The Cult of Divine Birth in Ancient Greece*, both nationally and internationally. She will deliver a keynote address at the “Daimonic Imagination: Uncanny Intelligence” Conference at the University of Kent in Canterbury. She also will deliver a paper at the Perspective on Matriarchal Politics Conference in St. Gallen, Switzerland and was invited to submit a roundtable response paper to *The Journal of Feminist Studies in Religion*, which appeared in the Spring 2011 issue.

On the occasion of World Religions Awareness Day, **Dr. Gay Lynch**, Associate Professor, Religion, led discussions with students in three different classes at The Branson School in Ross where she graduated in 1956.

**Julia van der Ryn**, Director, Service-Learning, and Instructor, Humanities, hosted a Service-Learning Symposium “Reflections On Learning”

that featured a video “Education in Action” and presentations by undergraduate and adult students. The Service-Learning program involves faculty members and 250 students who engage with community partners that include Homeward Bound, Marin County Community School, Canal Alliance, Senior Access, John Muir Medical Center, St. Vincent de Paul and Marin County Board of Supervisors. Van der Ryn, along with **Dr. Mairi Pileggi**, Director, Women and Gender Studies, presented “Connecting to the Future Through Transformative Action: Co-creating Engaged Learning Environments Through Integrative, Interdisciplinary Inquiry”, at the AAC&U Annual Meeting, “Global Positioning: Essential Learning, Student Success, and the Currency of U.S. Degrees”. Van der Ryn, with **Tom Burke**, Assistant Professor, English and Humanities, also presented “Service-Learning Assessment: Engaging Faculty in a Critical and Creative Process” at the 14th Annual “Continuums of Service Conference: Maximizing Impact Higher Education Strategies That Address Today’s Critical Issues”.

**Dr. Jan VanStavern**, Associate Professor, English, was a Featured Poet at the Silverton Poetry Festival in Silverton, Oregon in April.

**Caroline Hanssen**, Instructor, English, had an article published in *American Literary Realism* entitled “‘You Were Right, Old Hoss, You Were Right’: Jack London in Jon Krakauer’s *Into the Wild*,” which looks at the changing view of the rugged adventurer and the American frontier.

**Lynn Sondag**, Assistant Professor and Chair, Art, Art History and Design,

presented a paper “Landscape Painting and Environmental Advocacy” at the School of the Visual Arts 24th Annual National Conference on the Liberal Arts and the Education of Artist in New York and a paper published “Adjusting the Lens: Creating an Aesthetic Appreciation of Local Environment,” in the *Journal for the Arts in Society*. In addition, she had artwork chosen to represent alumni of California College of the Arts in the Fall 2010 Alumni Exhibition at the Sanchez Art Center, Pacifica, curated by Phil Linhares. She also received the Academic Excellence Initiative Grant for the Spring 2011 Service-Learning course, “Art Fundamentals: Concept to Creation.”

**Dr. Laura Stivers**, Associate Professor and Chair, Religion and Philosophy, has a new book out *Disrupting Homelessness: Alternative Christian Approaches*. She also gave a talk on the topic of homelessness and hospitality as the president of the Southeast Commission for the Study of Religion. Dominican’s Religion and Philosophy Department joined forces with Campus Ministry and had a retreat for Religion faculty and students in Bolinas this year. They hosted a Shabbat experience at the home of Rabbi Henry Shreibman.

**Suzanne Roybal**, Reference Librarian, presented a poster “The Impact of a Leisure Reading Collection on an Academic Library” at the California Library Association’s fall conference.

**Robert Bradford**, Instructor, English, had his play *Hell in a Handbasket* produced as part of the Ross Alternative Works (RAW) Series by the Ross Valley Players. An earlier version, *Indeterminate*

*Sentence*, won a Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Award for Best Play in the Fringe of Marin Festival when first performed at Dominican in 2003.

*Framing the Sixties: The Use and Abuse of a Decade from Ronald Reagan to George W. Bush*, a book by **Dr. Bernard von Bothmer**, Instructor, History, was reviewed in the current issue of both *The Journal of American History* and *The Sixties: A Journal of History, Politics and Culture*.

**Nancy Roberts**, Instructor, GreenMBA, presented a session entitled “Using Systems Thinking to Drive Sustainability” at the annual conference of NAEM (National Association of Environmental Health and Safety Management) in Indianapolis.

**Dr. Matt Davis**, Professor, Psychology, was interviewed for an upcoming Discovery Channel documentary on what would happen if extra terrestrials invaded the earth. He also presented a paper “Community Disaster Preparedness Training: The Psychological Impact on Participants” at the Western Psychological Association conference in Los Angeles. Former Dominican undergrad psychology students Judd Rubinstein and Stephanie Lemp are co-authors.

**Dr. William Phillips**, Associate Professor, Psychology, presented two publications—“Cultural Differences in Visual Perception of Color, Illusions, Depth and Pictures” and “Cultural Psychology: Contemporary Themes and Perspectives.” He also published “Internationalizing the Psychology Curriculum” with **Dr. LeeAnn Bartolini**, Professor, Psychology, and **Dr. Afshin Gharib**, Associate Professor, Psychology. Along with Gharib, Matt Davis, and

**Dr. Gail Matthews**, Professor, Psychology, Dr. Phillips presented “Assessing a Psychology Department on a Shoestring Budget” at the Ninth Annual Best Practices in Teaching Psychology Conference in Atlanta.

**Dr. Robin Gayle**, Assistant Professor, Counseling Psychology, had publications “The Mentoring Relationship: Co-creating Personal and Professional Growth” in R. Klein, H. Bernard, and V. Schermer (Eds) and “On Becoming Psychotherapist: the Personal and Professional journey” in *Oxford University Press* plus “Metaphoric Dialogue” in *The Journal of Imagery International*.

**Dr. Laurie Lattimore-Volkman**, Instructor, Communications, organized a panel discussion of six NBC political reporters and producers for communication and political science students as well as a presentation by NBC Nightly News program anchor Tom Brokaw to students and community members at the gubernatorial debate at Dominican. She also assembled a student news team to cover the debate and post coverage to a new student news website: [www.ducnews.com](http://www.ducnews.com). Broadcast journalism students contributed news video content during the spring semester.

## Highest score in worldwide competition

In March, Dominican's School of Business and Leadership reached international prominence when a team of three MBA students—Joseph Henderson, Flavia Iorga and Yin-Jui (Marco) Lee, led by adjunct professor Dr. Franco Vicino—posted the highest score in a worldwide Capstone Simulation competition featuring 978 colleges and universities.

Dominican ended Round 4 of the competition with the highest stock price and top cumulative profit and ranked third (ahead of a Harvard University Business School team) in Return On Assets.

The semester-long competition is a business strategy computer simulation focusing on integrating business decisions in product development, marketing, production, financing, human resources

development, and TQM initiatives, including green initiatives.

The Capstone Simulation is a software program that covers seven performance indicators: profit margin, cumulative profits, return on assets, return on equity, asset turnover, market capitalization, and stock prices.

That Dominican would establish itself among the top 10 best in the competition is a notable achievement.

“This is the only course where we teach how to run a total business, the importance of not creating silos, and how decisions made by one department can and do impact other departments,” Dr. Vicino said.

**This is the one and only course where we specifically commit to teaching people how to run a total business.**

## Campaign underway for new athletics field

The dream of having a multi-purpose, synthetic-turf field with new tennis courts at Dominican is taking a mighty step toward reality.

Significantly advanced by generous donations from Trustee Emeritus John F. Allen and Trustee Jerry Kennelly, the campaign for the new athletics complex has raised close to \$3.5 million.



From left to right: Antonio Castellucci, Jerry Kennelly, President Fink, John Allen and Terry Tumey

Tentatively it will be called the Allen Athletics Complex and Kennelly Field.

“A new field will preserve the integrity of the University’s athletic programs, enhance the University’s ability to attract student-athletes, provide

Dominican’s coaches and student-athletes with the facilities they need to compete at the NCAA II level, and provide for year-round play,” says Dominican President Joseph R. Fink.

On May 12, President Fink led a ground-breaking ceremony at the site of the new athletics field, which is 50 yards from the existing athletics field at Forest Meadows.

The project’s plan is going through the City of San Rafael Planning Commission process and, if approved, construction on the new athletics field could begin in late summer 2011.

“The new athletics complex also will position Dominican to meet the requirements of the NCAA Division II and, importantly, serve the needs of Dominican students, student-athletes and coaches as well as the community at large,” notes Athletics Director Terry Tumey.

“Dominican has a tradition of service,” John F. Allen says. “This new and enhanced athletic complex will not only serve the University’s athletes, but will allow us to

develop programs to serve our community’s youth.”

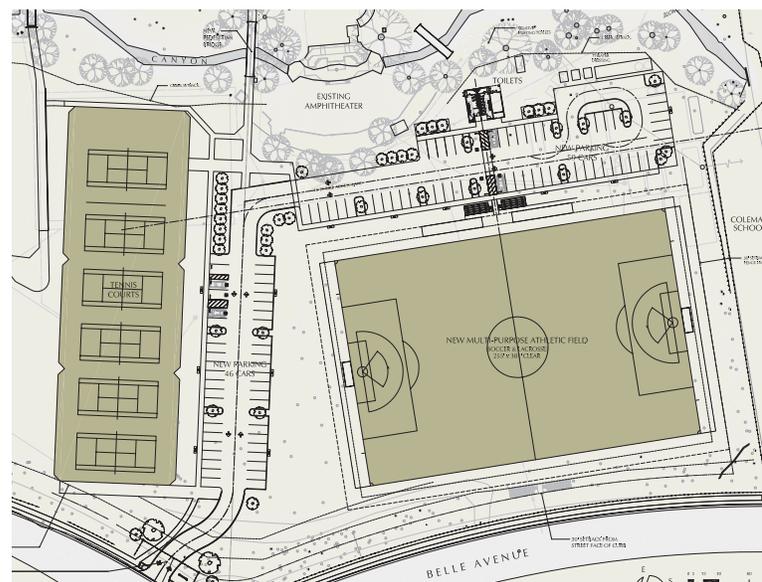
“Dominican has been surging upward in quality and recognition on its way to join the top ranks of private universities in America,” Jerry Kennelly says. “As both the parent of a Dominican student and as a member of the Board of Trustees, I have personally witnessed this ascendancy over the past four years. Proper athletic facilities add immeasurably to quality of student life on campus.”



The Antonio Castellucci family

The athletics field complex will serve the Dominican community with enhanced parking and a space for recreation and social events such as the annual neighbors’ picnic. It will include new bleachers, restrooms, a scoreboard and, thanks to a generous donation by Trustee Tony Castellucci, six newly-constructed tennis courts in the Castellucci Family Tennis Center.

To learn more about the fundraising campaign, contact Tracy Stempel Hogan, Director of External Relations, at (415) 482-3507 or [tracy.hogan@dominican.edu](mailto:tracy.hogan@dominican.edu).



## The athletic year in review

The second year of Dominican's transition into full-fledged status in NCAA Division II athletics came with some gains and some growing pains as the Penguins' young, energetic, and talented athletes continued to adjust and acclimate themselves to stiffer competition in the Pacific West Conference.

The Dominican men's basketball team played its toughest schedule ever. Eight of the Penguins' losses in the 2010-11 season came against teams that played in NCAA post-season tournaments.

However, the athletic season ended on a high note when the Penguins' men's lacrosse team notched a historic victory, upsetting undefeated rival Notre Dame de Namur by a score of 9-3 in the final game of the season.

The Penguins also made strides in women's basketball and women's tennis and re-introduced men's and women's cross country as an intercollegiate sport on campus.

In women's basketball, Dominican won three of its last four

games and wound up in fifth place in the Pacific West Conference standings, up from eighth in 2009-10. The highlight of the Penguins' season was an 18-point upset victory over then first-place Hawaii Pacific University.

In women's tennis, the Penguins wound up with twice as many team wins as they did the previous season.

There also were some great individual achievements in 2010-11 by Dominican athletes. Junior Pedro Guevara was named to the All PacWest Conference team in men's soccer while junior Julianna Bratsberg was named to the all-league team in women's soccer. Volleyball player Seluia "Ria" Falealili was named 2010 PacWest Freshman of the Year.

All the while, Dominican athletes competed for the first time in school history under the NCAA logo—one of the most recognizable brands in the world. Dominican Athletics Director Terry Tumey is hopeful that the University this summer will make the final transition from "provisional" status in the NCAA into full membership, which will allow Dominican to compete in all PacWest championship and NCAA post-season events beginning in the fall of 2011.

## The most beautiful penguin of all

Curtis Thomas was named Mr. Penguin 2011. Thomas, a victim of Hurricane Katrina in 2005 when his family's home in New Orleans was severely damaged, outlasted 12 other contestants, including seven Dominican athletics team members, to win the 2011 Mr. Penguin contest at Angelico Hall.

The charity event, attended by a crowd of around 400, raised more than \$1,800 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. It was a joint venture by the Penguin Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, the Dominican Spirit Club, and the Associated Students of Dominican University.



## Dominican taps new basketball coach

Booker T. Harris, a member of the USF Dons' NCAA Division I tournament team in 1998 and later the top assistant coach for NCAA Division II perennial powerhouse Metro State in Denver the past two seasons, is the new men's basketball coach at Dominican.

"We are delighted to welcome Booker to Dominican to help this institution's student-athletes build a championship program in men's basketball in the Pacific West Conference," Dominican President Joseph R. Fink said.

Harris has been involved with multiple championship teams at the NCAA Division I and NCAA Division II levels. He began his coaching career at Sonoma State University and basketball has led him to Long Beach State, Cal State San Bernardino, University of San Diego, and Metro State.

"Booker has a wealth of experience with players at various levels of play," said Athletics Director Terry Tumey. "As we move Dominican basketball to a more competitive level, he meets our needs as a coach who has experienced success both in recruiting and on the court in Division II."

## 1970s

**Rosario Aguinaldo** '70 is now residing in Jakarta, Indonesia. She is the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of the Philippines. Whenever in Manila, she gets together with **Cris Recto Ricafort** '70, **Eli Nelle White** '70 and **Cookie Lehmann Rodriguez** '73 to remember their Dominican days.

The Dominican Class of 1974 staged a mini-reunion in March in Guerneville. Catching up were **Jane McCabe Kolling**, **Lynn Thurman Bemis**, **Ann Marie Taheny Miller**, **Kathy Coyle Smith**, and **Mary Gravitt**.

## 1980s

As a graduate from the Art Department in 1983, **Diana Liebe** is fulfilling a lifelong dream of opening her own art gallery. It is called "Serendipity Art and Boutique," located in Lucerne at the Lucerne Harbor Artist Village. In May, the artists of the four galleries located there hosted a fashion show fund raiser with music, food, and wine to benefit the Lucerne Alpine Senior Center.

**Dr. Morgan Peterson** '85, is still teaching at Palomar College in San Marcos. He is now a full professor. He co-wrote a book on ethics, published in August, entitled *Ethics for Public Safety: Ethical and Moral Decision Making*.



**Donna Marie Boone** '89 married **Arn Jeffrey Mallett** on January 1, 2011.

## 1990s

**Mark Weston** '93, RN, is a member of a federal disaster medical team based in San Francisco. Thirty-eight members of the team were sent to Haiti on January 13, 2010, one day after the earthquake. This was their first international deployment. They assisted in the birth of three babies and treated more than 1,000 people in Haiti.

**Maria Wines** '97, RN, PNP, Ph.D. and her husband, Darin Wines, welcomed their first child, Stella Grace, on January 29, 2010.

**Steve Smith** '97, led the Windward High School girls basketball team to the CIF state championship when they captured the Division IV title in Sacramento this past March. He started his coaching career with the men's team at Dominican after he completed his own playing career. When he left Dominican, he coached with the Phoenix Mercury and Los Angeles Sparks of the Women's National Basketball Association. He has been the coach and athletic director at Windward since 1999. Steve returned to the WNBA in 2001 for three years as an assistant coach of the Detroit Shock while continuing his roles at Windward in Los Angeles.

**Miguel Villegas** '98, led the Windward High School boys basketball team to its second CIF state championship in three years by winning this year's Division IV title on the same day. He also was recognized as the Division IV boys basketball coach of the year. Steve Smith was his coach when Miguel was at Dominican.

## 2000s

**Kristi Bowman** '00 published her first book, a memoir titled *Journey to One: A Woman's Story of Emotional Healing and Spiritual Awakening*. The book reveals her journey from growing up in a small Northern California town as a Jehovah's Witness to embarking on a spiritual journey to find her life's purpose. The story follows her time studying the world's religions at Dominican to visiting the ancient Toltec pyramids in Mexico to exploring quantum physics. The book is available at local bookstores in Sonoma County and through amazon.com or barnesandnoble.com.

**Jason A. Rose** '02 has been named lateral associate at the Archer Norris law firm in Sacramento. As panel counsel for several large insurance carriers, Jason defends design professionals, developers, contractors, and subcontractors in complex construction



defect litigation in California and Nevada. He received his J.D. from the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law in 2005.

**Heather Steil**, M.A. Humanities '03 joined the Foreign Service in 2005. After serving in Romania and Iraq, she is currently working as the Press Attache in the U.S. Embassy in Kathmandu, Nepal.

**Autum Brown** '06 was the recent recipient of the 2011 Creative Capacity Fund California Quick Grant to attend the New Music Seminar 2011 in Universal City, California. Autum

also was awarded her third “ASCAPPlus Songwriter of the Year Award 2011” in the category of Popular Music for her Spoken Word poetry and song lyrics from the Associated Society of Composers, Authors, and Publishers (ASCAP). She recently competed in the Long Beach Reads One Book event, “A Search for the Greatest Storyteller 562” at the Long Beach Playhouse in April. She won second place for her original true story and is heading to the finals at the end of the year to compete for many prizes,



**Autum Brown far right**

including the opportunity to meet ASCAP President and Chairman Paul Williams. She also has been working on assignment with the City of Los Angeles. Follow her on Twitter for more exciting news and to keep updated with her creative endeavors at <http://twitter.com/Logogrl>.

**Amy Fagan '09** has a new job at Chiodo Art Development. They are building an \$8 million non-profit monument of 25 humanitarians. It will be the largest in the Western United States and includes an educational component implemented within the Oakland Unified School District. It will have a visually impaired wall feature—the first of its kind—which will allow the visually impaired to touch the 25 humanitarian faces. Mario Chiodo



was inspired by the events of 9/11 to create this incredible sculpture and his dream will finally become reality this September, during the week of the 10th anniversary of 9/11 when the monument is dedicated. The sculpture is done in clay in their studio, molded, and then molds are sent to a foundry which casts the molds in bronze and welds the large pieces together. The first three sections have already been cast, section four is still being worked on in their studio. Learn more at <http://www.remember-them.org/index.htm>.

**Jaime Christopher Sheets '06**, graduated May 22, 2010 from Loyola University of Chicago Law School. He graduated from the Dominican Pathways program with a degree in Strategic Management. He will be returning to Marin and will take the California bar exam in July.

**Roger Forte '06 & MBA '07** is the new Senior District Manager with The Dannon Company. He manages Dannon's direct retail sales teams for all of Northern California and helps call on several top national retail accounts at a headquarters level.

**Alexa Chipmen '06** just released her third Kindle novel, *Kelmah: Book 3 Legend*. The novel is about the hidden magical valley of Kelmah, which is attacked by mysterious creatures, and another realm is discovered

filled with highly trained warriors. Check out her writing site as well at <http://imaginationlane.net/writings/>

**Tiffany Franklin '07** has recently graduated with her Master's in Social Work degree from California State University, Northridge and will be a Children's Social Worker with Los Angeles County.

**Mary E. Singler '10** graduated from the MSN program with a Clinical Nurse Speciality in Integrated Health Practices as well as Nurse Educator.

**Leandra Wallace** and Mary were the last students of this Dominican MSN program. Mary is in her first semester in Saybrook University's Mind-Body Medicine Ph.D. Program. It's the first accredited Ph.D. program of its kind in the United States.

**Emmy Alexander '10**, who graduated with her MS in Occupational Therapy, is a commissioned officer in the US Navy. She recently learned she has been assigned to work as an OT therapist in Yokosuka, Japan. She will be working with EDIS (Educational Developmental Intervention Services). She will complete five weeks of officer development school in Rhode Island before heading to Japan in the fall.

Second Lieutenant **Michael Ungureanu '06**, MBA '07 graduated from US Army Officer Candidate



School in December 2010. He is currently the platoon leader for DET 2 2668 Transportation Company and is preparing to mobilize to Afghanistan.

# class notes

## Our congratulations

Ben Stricker '95 and Katie Jaeger were married on June 11, 2011

Christy Roberts '09 and Jeremy Boucher '08 were married on June 16, 2011

Donna Marie Boone '89 married Am Jeffrey Mallett on January 1, 2011

Toni Bedrosian Dorward '95, better known as Patricia A. Bedrosian, married Steven P. Dorward on September 13, 2009

Dean Aclan '04 married Sharon Goya on October 16, 2010



Wedding of Dean Aclan and Sharon Goya

Naoyuki Honda '05 married Soo Young Lee (former Dominican student) on December 12, 2010

## Our sympathy

Patricia Ryan Repucci '39 on the death of her sister, Eileen Ryan Cooper '33

Mary Anna Gallagher '42 on the death of her sister, and Marian Souza Bennett '82, Donald Souza '86, and Edward Souza '90 on the death of their mother, Louise Gallagher Souza '44

Brenda Doyle Jeffers '46, Sheila Doyle Kiernan '48, and Rosaleen Doyle O'Neill '52 on the death of their sister Alice Doyle Mahoney '44

Katheryne Margaret Simmons Erigero '47 on the death of her husband, Dr. Edward Erigero

Mary Jo Felion Stephens '49 on the death of her husband, Malcolm Stephens

Patricia O'Neill Buchanan '50 on the death of her husband, Duncan Buchanan

Rosemary Garnier Cross '53 on the death of her sister and Teresa Bargetto-Andress '88 on the death of her mother, Marguerite Anne Garnier Bargetto '49

Sr. Jeanne Marie Bendik, O.P. '53 on the death of her sister, Sr. M. Helen Bendik, O.P. '55

Beverly Davies Pierson '57 on the death of her husband Orel Pierson

Maureen Kelly Buscher '59 on the death of her husband, Franklin Buscher

Victoria Della Santa Geary '61 on the death of her husband, Stephen Geary

Dianne de Lorimier Mouisset '63, Louise Bannan Carroll '65, and Joan Hanley '68 on the death of their mother, Mary Patricia de Lorimier '37

Ann Bary Fleenor '63 on the death of her sister and Moses Jones '93 on the death of his aunt, Joan Barry Herlihy '63

Dr. Mary G.F. Bitterman '66 on the death of her husband, Dr. Morton Edward Bitterman

Virginia Ryan Hanley '66 on the death of her sister, Elizabeth Ryan Minor '69

Shireen Silva Leonard '69 on the death of her mother, Eleanor Nunes Silva '44

Kathleen McNulty '69 on the death of her husband, Omar J. Brubaker

Dr. Monica Lucia Esposito, '74 on the death of her father, Leo Edward Esposito Sr.

Ruth Williams '74 on the death of her mother, Elva Nell Williams

Maureen McDonough Thompson '76 on the death of her father, John Vincent McDonough

Nora Baird Turner '77 and Mary Jane Baird, Dominican staff, on the death of their mother, Jane Archer Baird '57

Nicki Petruzzella Kerns '86 on the death of her father, Tony Petruzzella

R. Kirk Lester '93 on the death of his father, W. Howard Lester

P. Delia Brinton '94 on the death of her mother, Mary Jane Deere Wilman Brinton

Paul Olbrantz '03 on the death of his mother, Margaret Ann Olbrantz

Dominic Foppoli '05 and Joseph Foppoli MBA '07 on the death of their grandmother, Piera Foppoli

## In memoriam

Virginia C. Roberts '31  
Eileen Ryan Cooper '33  
Harriett Lynch Habeeb '33  
Helen Stein Chubbuck '33  
Elvira Cristiani '36  
Mary Patricia Hurlbutt de Lorimier '37

Louise Beronio Casassa '38  
Sr. M. Theopane Lewis, O.P. '40

Beatrice Mullen Fox '40  
Alice Jane Sanford Mattiuzzi '41  
Geraldine Gallagher '43  
Alice Doyle Mahoney '44  
Louise Gallagher Souza '44  
Eleanor Nunes Silva '44  
Frances Dower Hipp '44  
Florence Gruppo Lejardi '45  
Rita Wisner Campbell '45  
Dr. Elaine G. Dallman '48  
Marilee Hunt Kirwan '48  
Jane Ellen Roth Ward '48  
Barbara Sims Marr '49  
Marguerite Anne Garnier Bargetto '49  
Agnes Davis '50  
Elsie Terheyden Christensen '50  
Lola Casentini Ford '50  
Bonney Henderson Smith '50  
Clorinda Arata Powers '51  
Mary Ellen Doherty Bichard '51  
Mary Lewis Blauvelt '53  
Sr. M. Helen Bendik O.P. '55  
Jane Archer Baird '57  
Charla J. Greif Nuernberger '57  
Angela Bolognini Bahrenfuss '62  
Joan Barry Herlihy '63  
Carolyn Marie Pera Eldridge '65  
Elizabeth Ryan Minor '69  
Antoinette Chaix McCabe '70  
Lynn Holden '71  
Arthur Vernon Sochor '72  
John J. Higgins '73  
Sheila A. Propheter '75  
Nina E. Shuman '78  
Sharyn Cerruti Morena '78  
Nicolas E. Solovieff '80  
Nancy Sorola Primose '90  
Audrey Bielser McKendry '91  
Janis Coblentz '92  
Marilyn Thranow Stuart-Gaynor '94  
Joji P. Gomez '98  
Patricia Ann Kennelly '02  
Kristen Bonocore '03  
Malika Ziani '06

**Friend of Dominican**  
Dr. Ping - Chi Mao

## A new home for the spirit of Dominican

It was a significant moment last December when the Most Reverend Robert McElroy, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, celebrated Mass and presided over the blessing of the St. Catherine Benincasa Chapel in the newly renovated Dominican Heritage and Alumni House. The blessing was attended by more than 200 Dominican alumni and friends.

### Dominican Heritage and Alumni House

A few weeks after the blessing ceremony, the Dominican Heritage and Alumni House officially opened its doors, revealing the beautiful results of the \$8 million Edgehill Mansion restoration project. This lovingly restored 123-year-old Queen Anne Victorian features sparkling Palladian windows, a spacious wraparound porch, and exquisite period details.

The 14,000 square foot Dominican Heritage and Alumni House is situated on a hillside overlooking campus with expansive views of Mt. Tamalpais. It is considered by

many to be the crown jewel of the campus.

In addition to the St. Catherine Benincasa Chapel, the Dominican Heritage and Alumni House is home to the Veritas

Interfaith Hall, Alumni Relations, Campus Ministry, Career and Internship Services, Dominican Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Student Life and International and Student Lounges.

The Edgehill Mansion was originally acquired by the Dominican Sisters in 1920. One of the most revered and storied buildings on campus, for many years it was a

bustling hub of student life, but was closed in 1985 due to structural concerns.

Last October, restoration was completed just in time to host a reception for California gubernatorial candidates Jerry Brown and Meg Whitman, who engaged in a televised debate on the Dominican campus. This past April, Reunion 2011 was hosted at the new Alumni House. Reunion Mass was celebrated for the first time in the new St. Catherine Benincasa Chapel.

The Dominican Heritage and Alumni House is located at 75 Magnolia Avenue. Alumni and the general public are welcome to tour this wonderful new addition to our campus.



### Charles I. Daniels, Jr.

Chuck Daniels died in December 2010 at the age of 84. He was a long-time friend who was greatly devoted to the University.



His involvement with Dominican spanned decades, most recently as Chairman of the President's Council. He also worked closely with Trustees Tony Castellucci and Jim Dietz to complete the funding and construction of the Dominican Heritage and Alumni House. As a member of an oversight committee, he participated in weekly meetings, until illness in October forced him to remain at home. He was a warm and charming man who had a friendly word for all.

At his funeral he was eulogized for his long years of community service for many Marin organizations. A special mass and reception for family and friends was held at Dominican's Heritage and Alumni House in January.

**M**ore than 80 guests, led by the Class of 1961, attended a special and spirited “Reunion 2011” at Dominican Heritage and Alumni House on April 15-16.

The Class of '61, on the occasion of its 50th anniversary reunion, was inducted into the Golden Circle on Friday. The next morning, Reunion Mass was celebrated for the first time in the new St. Catherine Benincasa Chapel.

Afterward, Dominican alumni were thrilled during open house tours of the refurbished building, a special treat for those who were unable to see the unveiling in the fall. Alums were fascinated by how well preserved the beloved Edgehill Mansion is following the \$8 million restoration project.

Following the tours, more than 200 alumni—from the Class of 1941 all the way to the Class of 2011—celebrated all the anniversary classes in the Shield Room in Caleruega Hall. The Alumni Association awarded retiring Dominican President Joseph R. Fink the Sister Aquinas Nimitz, O.P. Award for his years of service to the University. In addition, Joan McDonald '61 was presented with the Sister Patricia Lyons Distinguished Alumni Award. Blake Robins '11 and Amiya Powell-Hodge '11 were presented with the Spirit of Alumni Award.

The weekend was filled with reminiscing, laughing, and walking around campus, recalling a place that has meant so much to so many over the years. Dominican alumni also planned to return for Reunion 2012, which will be on April 20-21.

**Dominican alumni from Classes 1980, 1981, 2002, 2006, and 2007 at Reunion**



**Class of 1976 celebrating its 35th Reunion**

Alumni from the '90s



Class of 1956 at the Golden Circle Dinner



Class of 1961 was inducted into the Golden Circle



Paul Salazar '80 and John Ragan '81



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## calendar

### July

#### Photography Exhibit

July 17 – August 31

Our Fertile Ground: Helping South African Children with HIV/AIDS  
Alemany Library Gallery  
For gallery hours, please call (415) 482-2453 or visit [www.dominican.edu](http://www.dominican.edu)

### August

#### Bocce Tournament

August 27

10 am – 3 pm  
\$40 per person\*  
\$150 per foursome\*  
The Marin Bocce Federation  
San Rafael  
RSVP by August 12  
(415) 485-3242

*\*Includes entry fee into Bocce Tournament and lunch*

### September

#### Big History with Brian Swimme

September 7

Angelico Hall  
Doors open 6 pm  
Lecture and film screening 7 pm  
To purchase tickets or for more information, contact [ils@dominican.edu](mailto:ils@dominican.edu)

#### An Evening with Jane Lynch

September 25

Angelico Hall  
Doors open 6 pm  
Lecture 7 pm  
To purchase tickets or for more information, contact [ils@dominican.edu](mailto:ils@dominican.edu)

### October

#### Venture Greenhouse Grand Opening

October 5

5:30 – 8 pm  
30 Castro Avenue  
San Rafael, CA 94901  
(415) 482-3577

#### An Evening with Bill Bryson

October 24

Angelico Hall  
Doors open 6 pm  
Lecture 7 pm  
This lecture is free with seating available is on a first-come-first-served basis  
For more information, contact [ils@dominican.edu](mailto:ils@dominican.edu)

### December

#### The 18th Annual Alumni Christmas Mass

December 11

2:30 pm  
St. Catherine Benincasa Chapel  
Dominican Heritage & Alumni House

#### Holiday Reception

December 11

3:30 – 5:30 pm  
Legacy Hall & Garden Room  
\$20 per person  
\$10 for Dominican students and children 6-18  
Free for Dominican Sisters and children age 5 and under  
RSVP by December 2  
(415) 485-3242