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1946
FCHR: Paul Bobinski is celebrating his 56th season running the Dairy Queen in East Lyme, Conn. Since 1953, he, his wife, Josephine, and their three children, have opened the Dairy Queen every year in mid-March, serving ice cream and other frozen treats for seven days a week until late October. From 1957 to 1984, he taught math and science at Old Saybrook Junior High School. He also taught chemistry at Old Saybrook High School.

1952
CSAS: Philip Harris, Ph.D. (also CGE ‘56), a management and space psychologist, is the author of Space Enterprise—Living and Working Offworld (Springer Praxis Books, 2008) and Future Possibilities: Toward Human Emergence (Human Resource Development Press, 2008), his 47th and 48th books. He is the founding president of Harris International Ltd., a La Jolla, California-based global management consultancy for human resources and organizational development, and a visiting professor at the California School of International Management. For the past 10 years, he has been a member of the editorial advisory board for the European Business Review.

1953
CSAS: Walter Horylev has been re-elected a trustee of the village of Hilton, N.Y. He has been a trustee for 18 years and vice mayor for eight years.

1954
CBA: Donald F. Keating, a former chief financial officer of Shell Mining Company, has been appointed a trustee of Whistestone REIT, a Houston, Texas-based real estate investment trust. He and his wife, Marie, have lived in Houston for 37 years.

FCHR: Bob DeMayo recently celebrated his golden anniversary as the baseball coach at North Haven High School in Connecticut, where he also teaches psychology part time. He and his wife, Bette, have been married for 32 years.

Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, archbishop emeritus of Washington, D.C., delivered the keynote address and received an honorary degree at the University of Notre Dame’s 163rd commencement on May 18.

FCHR: Jim “Red” Connors (also LAW ’61) was inducted into the Hudson County Sports Hall of Fame, during a ceremony at Casino in the Park in Jersey City, N.J., on March 27. He played baseball and basketball at Bayonne (N.J.) High School during the 1950s and, at Fordham, he helped the Rams reach the opening round of the 1953 NCAA Tournament. He currently coaches Bayonne High School’s baseball team and works at his daughter’s law firm in Boonton, N.J. He and his wife, Ellen, have four children and 12 grandchildren.

MC: Pat Kelly was honored by the offices of the U.S. House of Representatives for 50 years of service on Capitol Hill, where she has worked for various House members and committees. She is now the editor of the House section in The Congressional Record-Daily Digest.

1957
UGE: The Rev. Cornelius F. Lambert celebrated his silver jubilee during the March 18 Chrism Mass at Epiphany Cathedral in Venice, Italy. Before he retired in April 2002, Father Lambert served at parishes in Blackwood, Avalon and Vineland, N.J. He now assists at St. Leo Parish in Bonita Springs, Fla.

1963
FCHR: Arthur Griffin (also CSAS ‘71), who retired from Catholic Charities after 29 years of service, was ordained a deacon in May 2007 at Transfiguration Parish in Queens, N.Y.

David Kolb, Ph.D. (also CSAS ’63), the Charles A. Dana Professor Emeritus of Philosophy at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, is the author of Sprawling Places (University of Georgia Press, 2008), a book that “questions widely held assumptions about our built environments,” including suburban strip malls and subdivisions. The book is part of a larger project that also includes a website, www.dkob.org/sprawlingplaces.

MC: Caryl Donnelly Plunkett and her husband, Bill, were honored at the 62nd Christmas Luncheon for Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York. Caryl and Bill received the Spirit of St. Nicholas Award for their volunteer efforts.

1965
FCHR: Richard Giardina, Ph.D., has been appointed interim provost at Notre Dame de Namur University in Belmont, Calif. He is a former adjunct associate director of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. Since 2005, he was associate vice president for academic planning and assessment at San Francisco State University.

FCHR: Gerry Byrne has been appointed senior vice president of the newly created entertainment group at Nielsen Business Media, which combines TV, film, music, literary and theater enterprises. Prior to joining Nielsen, he was president of Gerry Byrne Media Partners, consulting with Parade magazine and several other clients. He previously served as president and CEO of Stagebill Media and as group vice president and publisher of Variety and Daily Variety. He and his wife, Elizabeth, have two children, Gavin and Megan.

CSAS: Lubomyr Cardinal Husar has been decorated by Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko with the order of Prince Yaroslav the Wise, in recognition of “his outstanding personal contribution in spiritual revival of the Ukrainian nation, longstanding church work and to mark his 75th birthday.” He became head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in December 2000 and was elevated to cardinal by Pope John Paul II in Rome on Feb. 21, 2001. Last February, a celebratory liturgy was held in St. Sophia’s Cathedral in Rome to mark his 75th birthday and his 50th anniversary as a priest.

1967
FCHR: Frank J. Bia, M.D., has joined AmeriCares, a nonprofit international relief organization, as medical director, following a 30-year career at the Yale University School of Medicine, where he served as professor of both medicine (infectious diseases) and laboratory medicine (clinical microbiology). He was also co-director of the Yale/Johnson & Johnson Physicians Scholars in International Health Program for young physicians training at Yale and elsewhere.

MC: Patricia Gaffney is the author of Mad Dash (Shaye Arbel Heart Books, 2007), her 17th published novel. It has been featured as an alternate selection of the Literary Guild and Doubleday book clubs.

1968
FCHR: Joseph A. Cutshall-King has been named vice president for institutional advancement at Adirondack Community College in Queensbury, N.Y. He joined Adirondack in October 2006 as the executive director of development, alumni relations and the Adirondack Community College Foundation.

CSAS: Marcel Danis, Ph.D., has been named counsel to the Executive Group of Concordia University in Montreal, Canada. He has been with Concordia since 1996, most recently completing 12 years as secretary general and vice president of institutional relations.

JES: Joseph P. Parkes, S.J., president of Cristo Rey New York High School in East Harlem, N.Y., has been appointed chairman of the New York City Campaign Finance Board (CFB). He previously served as president of Fordham Preparatory School, and in various appointments within the New York City School System.
Joseph R. Coyne, GSAS ’59

As troublesome as today’s economy is, it’s nothing compared to the economic crisis of the late 1970s and 1980s, when Joseph R. Coyne served as spokesman for the Federal Reserve Board. High interest rates stirred some of the fiercest political attacks the Fed had ever experienced. At one protest, an angry group of consumer activists stormed the Fed and demanded to see Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

Coyne quickly arranged for a small group to meet with Volcker, and later helped organize a series of meetings with consumer groups throughout the country to outline the Fed’s plan of attack on inflation. In the process, he ushered in a new era of greater transparency and civic-mindedness for the country’s central bank.

Today, the man who once spoke for Paul Volcker and, later, Alan Greenspan is an influential voice for Fordham as a member of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Advisory Board. After graduating from the University of Scranton, Coyne earned his master’s degree in communication arts from Fordham in 1959. He credits the University for much of his professional success.

“It was a job,” he said, “but it was an adventure.”

Although he still monitors the Fed from time to time, he won’t comment publicly on their policies or offer prognostications on the economy.

“I had my fling,” he said. “I’ll let them do what they need to do.”

He is more than happy, though, to offer his opinions and advice as part of the GSAS advisory board. So far, he joked, his involvement with the board hasn’t been quite as contentious as his tenure with the Fed.

“It’s a good crowd,” he said before the board’s most recent meeting. “I’m happy to be a part of the group.”

—Miles Doyle, FCRH ’07

York province of the Society of Jesus, including provincial. In a statement announcing Father Parkes’ appointment to the CFB, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said, “Father Parkes has demonstrated exactly the kind of pragmatic, even-handed, intelligent and independent leadership that the Campaign Finance Board needs and deserves.”

1969

FCRH: Pete Cava received the Allen Dawson Achievement Award from the National Scholastic Sports Foundation at the Nike Indoor Nationals last March in Landover, Md. He is a veteran of five Olympics—two as a reporter and three as a network television reporter. He was one of the original staff members of USA Track & Field when the organization began operations in 1979. In 1999, he formed International Sports Associates, a writing, research and public relations firm. He is the author of two books, Mom’s Handy Book of Backyard Games (Wish Publishing, 2000) and Tales from the Cubs Dugout (Sports Publishing, 2002). He and his wife, Molly, reside in Indianapolis, Ind. They have a son, Andy, and a daughter, Nancy.

Gerald R. Iwan, Ph.D. (also GSAS ’72 and ’80), has been named director of West Virginia University’s National Environmental Services Center. He previously served as chief of the water supplies section of the Connecticut Department of Health.

Bill McGuire ran in his 33rd Springtime 10K race in Tallahassee, Fla., finishing second in the 60- to 64-year-old male division.

GSAS: Edward Barry, R.S.M., Ph.D., recently published Georgia Court University (Arcadia Publishing, 2008), a picture-rich chronicle of the university’s history, from it beginnings in 1908, when it was founded by the Sisters of Mercy as Mount Saint Mary’s College in North Plainfield, N.J., through its move to Lakewood, N.J., and its receipt of university status in 2004. Sister Barry, who is the university’s official historian, wrote the book to commemorate Georgia Court’s centennial.

1970

MC: Nina Colosi is the founder and creative director of the Streaming Museum, www.streamingmuseum.org, which presents real-time exhibitions in cyberspace and public space on seven continents. The museum presents free cultural content and public service messaging on the environment, education and health.

Kat Connelly lives in Manhattan, where she has her own production company and does public speaking and training for Dress for Success, a nonprofit organization that provides business suits and career training for disadvantaged women.

Melynda Salerno Petrie is a public information officer for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and has worked at disaster locations around the country, including the Mississippi Gulf Coast following Hurricane Katrina.

Sue Carroll Sherry is associate dean and head of the math department at Northern Virginia Community College. She is currently pursuing a master’s degree in counseling at George Mason University.

1971

FCRH: Mark Santiago (also GBA ’79) has been named managing director at David Landau & Associates in the consulting firm’s professional services practice. He most recently was the president of International CoSourcing Group.

Lawrence G. Smith, M.D., has been appointed the inaugural dean of the Hofstra University School of Medicine, which has been established in partnership with the North Shore-Long Island Jewish Health System. In addition to serving as dean of the new medical school, he will continue in his role as chief medical officer of the 15-hospital health system.

Law: Joseph A. Egan Jr., probate judge for the district of Ridgefield, Conn., since 1990, was elected the 23rd president of the National College of Probate Judges at the organization’s annual meeting last November.

1972

FCRH: Michael Breault, D.D.S., has been named president elect of the New York State Dental Association. He is a periodontist practicing in Schenectady, N.Y., and is on staff at St. Clare’s Hospital in the hospital’s dental residency program.

James J. Rodgers has been selected as a Super Lawyer in the corporate counsel edition of Super Lawyers magazine.
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He is a partner in Dilworth Paxson’s litigation department and a member of its insurance coverage and securities groups and serves as counsel to the law firm’s ethics committee.

LAW: Patrick McCormack has retired from his position as counsel to the district attorney after 30 years in the Nassau County (N.Y.) district attorney’s office.

1973 FCRH: Michael J. Normile has been appointed to the board of directors of RAM Holdings Ltd., a Bermuda-based company. He was formerly the managing director of fixed income capital markets and head of structured finance in the Americas for HSBC Securities.

George O’Connor, a partner with the Washington, D.C.-based law firm of Ryan, Phillips, Utrecht & MacKinnon, has been selected by Entergy Corporation to head the Washington office of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. He began his career with the commission in 1982 as a trial attorney and later served as the commission’s energy policy adviser.

1974 LAW: William M. Savino, the managing partner of the law firm Rivkin Radler, has been named to Long Island Press’ 6th Annual Power List of Long Island’s 50 most influential residents. “Since taking over the reins at Rivkin Radler,” the paper wrote, “Savino has infected anyone he meets with his boundless energy and incredible zest for life.”

1975 FCLC: Chelle Cordero celebrated the publication of her second novel, Bartlett’s Rule (Vanilla Heart Publishing, 2008) on April 23, with an online book launch party where the publisher announced that her next novel, Forgotten, will be published in July. Chelle lives in Stony Point, N.Y., with her husband, Mark Engelman.

1976 FCHC: Peter Denitz has joined HDR, an architectural, engineering and consulting firm, as the northeast transportation planning manager in the firm’s Philadelphia office.

LAW: Finbar O’Neill has been appointed to the board of directors of OneCommand, a communications technology company. He also joined J.D. Power and Associates as senior vice president and general manager of international operations in the firm’s Westlake Village, Calif., office in March.

1977 FCRH: Philip Russo has joined CB Richard Ellis as senior director of communications for New York City in the real estate services firm’s corporate communications department. He previously served as senior managing director of media and corporate affairs at Cushman & Wakefield.

LAW: F. Sheldon Prentice joined Merchants Bancshares Inc. in the newly created position of senior vice president and general counsel. He resides in Montpelier, Vt., with his wife, Barbara.

1978 CBA: Ronald A. Suarez has been named underwriting manager for the property line of business at Greater New York Custom Insurance Company.

1975 GSAS: Lester Young jr., Ed.D., an associate professor at Long Island University’s Graduate School of Education, has been appointed to serve on the 16-member New York State Board of Regents.

1979 CBA: Paul Smiertka (also CBA ’82 and ’83), has been appointed chief financial officer and treasurer at LaPolla Industries Inc. He previously worked at BASF, a German chemical company, most recently as director of finance and administration at BASF Intertrade.

1980 FCLC: Raymond B. Lang has been named CEO of Fund.com, an online financial information publisher. He was most recently the chief operating officer and chief compliance officer of Clear Asset Management Inc.

FCRH: Annemarie Germano DiCola, the CEO of Trepp LLC, was honored last January by the National Organization of Italian-American Women as one of the 2008 recipients of the organization’s Three Wise Women awards, in recognition of her career accomplishments and her ability to combat ethnic stereotypes while serving as a positive role model for Italian-American women.

Patricia A. Tietjen, M.D., has been appointed the first female chair of the Department of Medicine at Danbury Hospital in Danbury, Conn., and is the only female chair of medicine among the nine academic hospitals affiliated with the Yale School of Medicine. Previously, she was president of the medical staff at St. Vincent’s Hospital and Medical Center in New York City.

CBA: Ellen Aleyman has been appointed CEO of Citizens Financial Group in the bank’s Providence, R.I., headquarters. She also holds the title of CEO of RBS America, a division of the Royal Bank of Scotland.

Harriet Edelman has been elected to the board of directors of Brinker International, a casual dining company. She spent more than 25 years at Avon Products, where she most recently served as senior vice president and chief information officer.

1981 FCLC: Fara (Cacciola) Palmombo has been appointed senior vice president of human resources at Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. She has been with the company for 12 years, following a 14-year career at Citibank in New York.

CATHOLICS IN NEW YORK
Celebrating the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese

“When a Jesuit missionary named Isaac Jogues visited the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam in 1643, the number of Catholics on Manhattan Island could be counted on one hand— with fingers to spare.”

That, Terry Golway writes in his introduction to Catholics in New York: Society, Culture, and Politics, 1808–1946, was the beginning of Catholicism in the city.

Today, as the Archdiocese of New York celebrates its bicentennial, it consists of 2.5 million members, nearly 400 parishes and approximately 1,500 priests.

Golway and 16 other writers—including James T. Fisher, Ph.D., professor of theology and co-director of Fordham’s Francis and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies, and Fordham alumnus Peter Quinn (GSAS ’75)—chart that growth and explore key dimensions of the Catholic experience in New York in this collection of essays, which Golway edited. The book, co-published by Fordham University Press and the Museum of the City of New York, includes dozens of rare and archival photographs, and complements an exhibition on view at the Museum of the City of New York through December 31.

In addition to the museum exhibit, the archdiocese and Fordham’s Francis and Ann Curran Center for American Catholic Studies are co-sponsoring a Bicentennial Lecture Series to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the archdiocese.

The next lecture in the series is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 25, at 7 p.m. in Tognino Hall on the Rose Hill campus. Mary Elizabeth Brown, Ph.D., professor of history at Marymount Manhattan College, will address the question “How Have Italian Catholics Made a Difference in New York?”

All lectures are free and open to the public. For more information, visit www.fordham.edu/cs. R.S.V.P. to (718) 817-0662 or cacs@fordham.edu.
Fordham EMS Celebrates 30 Years

Two feet and a fanny pack full of bandages.

That was the full array of medical resources used by Fordham’s Student Emergency Response Group (SERG) when it was founded in 1977. The feet belonged to Bruce Nedelka, CBA ’79, a first-aid buff from Long Island, N.Y., who pioneered the idea of a student-run emergency medical squad on the Rose Hill campus.

On Friday, April 18, the group—now known as the Fordham University Emergency Medical Service (FUEMS)—marked its 30th anniversary with a celebration and reunion. Nedelka, who gave the keynote address, praised the current membership for advancing the spirit of caring for others that has been present since the early days of SERG.

“With so many people in college thinking only of themselves and their futures,” he said, “you are truly the embodiment of the spirit of service that exists at Fordham.”

Joseph Currie, S.J., director of the Office of Campus Ministry at Fordham, christened the squad’s new ambulance, and more than 150 alumni and friends enjoyed a night of dining and reminiscing in the McGlinn Ballroom.

The University recognized SERG as a club in 1981. Seven years later, the group officially registered with New York state and joined the National College Emergency Medical Services Foundation. Today, each FUEMS crew is led by a certified emergency medical technician, and every member goes through a month of training at Our Lady of Mercy Hospital in the Bronx or at Westchester Community College in Valhalla, N.Y.

—Joseph McLaughlin

1983

FCRH: Dennis G. Pilla has been elected mayor of Port Chester, a village in Westchester County, N.Y.

Angel Rivera recently began a new job as executive director of business development and sponsorship at the Latino International Film Institute and the Los Angeles Latino International Film Festival in Hollywood, Calif. He remains connected to his roots on the East Coast as a longtime New York Yankees season ticketholder. Also, his son, Sean (11), attends Marks T intervals for the Gifted and Talented in Coney Island and his daughter, Kaelin (12), attends Scholars Academy in Rockaway. Their mother, Laura Johnson-Rivera (CBA ’86), is, Rivera writes, “holding everything down in Rockaway,” while volunteering her time with all the kids’ activities.

CSAS: John M. Grondelski, Ph.D. (also CSAS ’83), and his wife, Dorota Kostrubiec Grondelski, have a new son. Karol Michael Francis Grondelski was born on Feb. 21 in Arlington, Va. He joined his sister, Alexandra (11), and his brother, John (8).

LAW: Joseph P. Craven has joined American Century Investments as senior vice president of the firm’s institutional business. He joined American Century from Aquiline Investments, a private equity firm, where he was a principal.

1984

CBA: Bryan T. Delano has joined the New York office of Bollam, Sheedy & Towam, as a partner in the law firm’s financial services department.

FCRH: Vincenzo Paparo has been inducted into the American College of Commercial Finance Lawyers. He is a partner in the corporate department of the international law firm Proskauer Rose. He also serves as co-chair of the firm’s finance group.

1985

CBA: Michael Vasami has joined City National Bank as senior vice president to lead the bank’s new commercial banking team at its New York regional office. Prior to joining City National, he had a 22-year career at HSBC Bank USA.

CBA: Linda Daley has been promoted from associate to managing principal of ahlbe landscape architects in Culver City, Calif. She has been with the firm for 10 years.

MC: The Rev. Mary Elizabeth Conroy (also CRE ’82) left Trinity Church in Boston, Mass., in February, after more than eight years of service, to become interim rector of the Church of the Ascension in Pueblo, Colo.

1986

FCRH: Michael A. Patane, Ph.D., has been promoted to chief scientific officer at EyeGate Pharma, an ocular specialty pharmaceutical company. He joined EyeGate in 2007 as vice president of research and development.

1987

CBA: Jim Cunella has joined Lumigent Technologies Inc. as vice president of sales. Prior to joining Lumigent, he was executive vice president of North American sales at Tumbleweed Communications.

Richard A. Stewart (also CBA ’92) has joined Advisors Asset Management as senior vice president of unit investment trusts in the firm’s Princeton, N.J., office.

FCLC: Lucretia Regina-Potter, who was elected Republican district leader of the 49th Assembly District in Brooklyn last September, is a candidate for a seat in the New York State Assembly in the November general election. She is the general manager of Bari Tile & Stone in Bensonhurst, Brooklyn.

FCRH: Gillette (LeVau) Kempf (also CSAS ’97) has been appointed to the board of the Wadena County (Minn.) Historical Society, and elected to a three-year appointment to the board of the New York Mills Regional Arts Retreat and Cultural Center. She is the owner of the Borealis bookstore in Wadena, Minn., an independent bookstore that promotes local first-time authors. She lives in Wadena with her husband, John, and two sons, Christos and Sebastian.

LAW: James McMahon has been named chief of the business and securities fraud unit of the U.S. Attorney’s Office in the Eastern District of New York. He has been deputy chief of the fraud section of the justice department’s criminal division since 2005. He previously served for more than 12 years as an assistant U.S. attorney in New Jersey.

1988

FCRH: Mike Devlin has joined Concentric Pharma Advertising as executive vice president and managing director. He was formerly executive...
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creative director and a founding member of CCA Advertising in New York. He lives in New Jersey with his wife and children.

Yon Elvira has been promoted to vice president of asset and unit publicity, theatrical releasing for Lionsgate, a motion picture production and distribution company.

Paul D. Mitchell received the second-place prize for his essay “Can They Turn It Off? An Analysis of the Copyright Implications for Turnitin.com” in the 2007 Nathan Burkan Memorial Competition, which was sponsored by the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP). The Burkan Memorial Competition is designed to stimulate interest in copyright law and is named for ASCAP’s first general counsel.

Anne (Malar) Penachio (also LAW ’91) has joined Lowey Dannenberg Cohen & Hart to lead the law firm’s new bankruptcy and creditor’s rights practice.

CSE: James M. Ryan, Ed.D., has been appointed by the Carmel Board of Education in Putnam County, N.Y., as the district’s chief school administrator. He has been superintendent of the Rockland Board of Cooperative Educational Services since 2001, and has lived in Cold Spring, N.Y., with his family for more than 20 years.

1989

CBA: Angelo Ciavarella has joined Reed Smith’s tax, benefits and wealth planning group, as a partner in the law firm’s New York office.

FCRH: Diane M. Byrne, executive editor of Power & Motoryacht magazine, launched the Megayacht News, a daily-updated blog devoted to news about yachts measuring 80 feet and larger, last year.

Kevin Ceragno is the author of the young adult novel Troubled Lives (SterlingHouse Publisher, 2007), a thriller about two high-school freshmen struggling to cope with bullies and dysfunctional families.

GSAS: Anthony Basil Taylor, Ph.D., has been appointed bishop of the Diocese of Little Rock, Ark., by Pope Benedict XVI. Bishop Taylor previously served as vicar for ministries for the Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, Okla., where he was ordained in 1980.

LAW: Philip M. Smith has joined Patton Boggs as a partner in the public policy law firm’s New York office. He has more than 17 years of experience in complex litigation, governmental investigations and proceedings, cross-border disputes and insolvency matters.

1990

FCRH: Christopher Calta has been promoted to senior director of operational development at Island One Resorts, where he previously served as director of corporate training. Prior to that, he was the manager of the College of Customer Service at JetBlue Airways.

CBA: Thomas Greco has been named the European head of GE Commercial Finance’s leveraged finance activities. He has held several executive positions during his 13-year career with GE, including, most recently, senior managing director for GE Real Estate in North America.

CSE: Denise Levine, Ph.D., collaborated with her husband, Edward J. Levine (CSE ’98), on Central Park: Then and Now (Arcadia Publishing, 2008), a picture-rich chronicle of the history of New York City’s most famous park, which opened in 1858. Denise Levine provided the contemporary photographs, while her husband, a historian and collector of Central Park ephemera, wrote the text. Sadly, Edward Levine passed away on April 4, shortly after the publication of the book.

LAW: Eileen D. Brennan has joined the Bronxville, N.Y., office of the law firm Begos Horgan & Brown. She previously was in private practice in Yonkers, N.Y.

Stephen W. Clark has been appointed vice president and general counsel of the J. Paul Getty Trust. He previously served as deputy general counsel of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City.

MC: Dina Fazio married Andrew Cooper on Oct. 27 at Dalhousie Castle, outside Edinburgh, Scotland. The bride was escorted by her 6-year-old son, Matthew, and was attended by Valerie Raccuglia. Janet Haley also traveled to Scotland for the wedding. The family welcomed two new canines, SoHo and Eges, who joined their “big brother” Max.

1991

CBA: Jeffrey Rojek has been appointed chief financial officer of GLG Partners, a global asset management company.

FCRH: Christian Beltz (also LAW ’94) has been named a partner at WolfBlock, in the real estate and real estate structured finance practice groups of the law firm’s New York office.

GSAS: James K. Coughlin, S.J., was named principal of McQuaid Jesuit High School in Rochester, N.Y., his alma mater, where he had been dean of academics.

CSE: Dick Barnett, Ed.D., the former pro basketball player who spent 14 seasons in the NBA with the Los Angeles Lakers and New York Knicks, has founded SportScope, a Cary, Indiana-based research center for the study of athletes and sports and their impact on society.

MC: Paula Soares is the manager of academic programs in the visual and environmental studies department at Harvard University, where she works with Harvard’s fine arts, filmmaking and film theory students. She and

Who Is That Masked Man?

John Cudia, who made his Broadway debut in Les Misérables less than two years after graduating from Fordham College at Lincoln Center in 1993, took over the title role in the Broadway production of The Phantom of the Opera on May 22. He is only the 12th actor to take over the principal role during the production’s more than 20-year Broadway run, and the only actor to have played both major leading roles of Jean Valjean in Les Misérables and the Phantom in The Phantom of the Opera on Broadway.

For Cudia, it marks a return to the Broadway production of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical about a deformed composer who haunts the Paris Opera House. From 2002 to 2005, he played the romantic leading role of Raoul, notching more than 750 performances in New York. Between his two stints with what is now the longest-running show on Broadway, he performed with the show’s national tour, most recently in the title role. He joined the tour in November 1999 as Raoul, earning a National Broadway Touring Award nomination. It was on that tour that he met and performed opposite his future wife, Broadway actress Kathy Voitko.

—Rachel Buttner
her husband, Brian Zink, have nearly completed renovating their 101-year-old home in Cambridge, Mass.

1992
FCHR: Kevin J. Greene, a partner in the law firm of Halloran & Sage LLP, has been named chair of the firm’s labor and employment practice group.

Mary Grogan Strain and William “Liam” Strain (FCLS ’92) celebrated the arrival of their second son, Colm Hugh, on April 29. Colm joined his big brother, Liam Patrick (3).

Patricia (Dobbins) Sullivan, M.D., and her husband, Mark Sullivan (FCHR ’92), celebrated the birth of their third son, Nate Christopher, on June 9, 2007. He joined his big brothers Luke and Zachary.

GBA: John Horan has joined the Direct Marketing Association as senior vice president and chief financial officer in the company’s New York headquarters.

GRE: Jan Novotka, a composer and singer, performed at the 10th annual Earth Day celebration, sponsored by White Violet Center for Eco-Justice, a ministry of the Sisters of Providence, at St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Ind., on April 19.

CSAS: Scott Silver, Ph.D. (also CSAS ’98), has been promoted from assistant director to facility director and curator of the Queens Zoo in New York City.

LAW: Barbara J. Hart has been named a shareholder and head of the securities litigation practice of Lowey Dannenber, a litigation law firm in White Plains, N.Y., which recently expanded its name to reflect Barbara’s reputation and accomplishments: Lowey Dannenber Cohen & Hart.

1993
FCLC: Nicole Robinson-Etienne has joined the Coney Island Development Corporation as outreach coordinator. A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., she had been special counsel to Rhoda Jacobs, assistant speaker of the New York State Assembly, for the last seven years.

FCHR: Ken Diorio and Holly Denneh Diorio (FCHR ’93, GSE ’92) welcomed their son, Jonathan Francis Diorio, to the family on Nov. 26, 2007. He joined his sister, Madeleine Grace.

Patrice Riodan-McCann and her husband, Kevin, welcomed the birth of their daughter, Margaret Jane, last September. Her three older brothers, Kevin (4), Patrick (3) and Timothy (1), are getting used to having a sister.

Kevin P. Scanlan (also LAW ’97), a former partner at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, has joined Dechert as a partner in the international law firm’s financial services group.

1994
FCHR: Dominic Agostino (also GSE ’96) is working for the Walt Disney Company as senior human resources manager supporting Disney Publishing, the world’s largest publisher of children’s books. He lives in Yonkers, N.Y., with his wife, Renee, and their son, Vincent.

1995

GSE: Martin Alexander Colucci, coordinator of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counseling Program at York College in Jamaica, N.Y., is the author of Introduction to Alcohol and Substance Abuse Studies (Pearson Custom Publishing, 2008).

GSS: Oscar Fernandez Conde has been inducted into the Sports Hall of Fame at Emerson High School in Union City, N.J., for outstanding achievement in the sport of basketball.

1996
FCHR: Anna Mae Duane (also CSAS ’04), an associate professor at the University of Connecticut at Torrington, contributed to the recent publication of the New York Historical Society’s Examination Days: The New York African Free School Collection, a comprehensive presentation book and website, www.nyhistory.org/web/afs, featuring works of art and literature produced by black students of the African Free School from 1812 to 1826.

LAW: Paul J. Andre has joined King & Spalding as a partner in the law firm’s intellectual property practice group in Silicon Valley, Calif. He previously was a partner at Perkins Coie, and a partner at Quinn Emanuel.

David J. Goldberg, M.D., was elected to the board of directors of the American Academy of Dermatology last April, following the academy’s 66th annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas. He is a clinical professor of dermatology at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York, and at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey in Newark, N.J. He also is the chief editor of the Journal of Cosmetic and Laser Surgery, and has

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Alumni Notes

You Can Go Home Again: Thousands of Fordham alumni gathered to reconnect with friends and toast the past, present and future of their alma mater at Jubilee Weekend, from May 30 to June 1, and at the Fordham College at Lincoln Center Reunion on June 6. Among the highlights at Jubilee were the dedication of the Hall of Honor, celebrating outstanding alumni of the University’s first 100 years; the ever-popular children’s activities on Martyrs’ Court Lawn; and the Saturday night gala dinner and dance, where it was announced that alumni and friends had contributed more than $14 million in gifts and pledges. The Lincoln Center reunion drew a record-breaking crowd to Robert Moses Plaza and featured an opening reception for an exhibition of paintings, drawings, photography and design by recent alumni of the Department of Visual Arts. For more details and many more photos, visit www.fordham.edu/alumni.

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published more than 125 articles, seven books and 10 books.

1997
FCRH: Mary Ann (Sarno) Fessler (also GBA ’04) and husband, Peter Fessler, celebrated the birth of their son, Samuel Albert, on March 18. They reside in Seattle, Wash.

GSAS: Christopher M. Bellitto, Ph.D., assistant professor of history at Kean University, is the author of 101 Questions and Answers on Popes and the Papacy (Paulist Press, 2008).

LAW: Ronald B. Weisenberg has joined Seyfarth Shaw. He is of counsel in the law firm’s New York office.

1998
FCRH: Frances Cruz (also GSS ’03) married Omar Martin on Oct. 7, 2007. The Rev. Joseph Espaillat II conducted the ceremony, which was attended by many Fordham alumni.

Matthew DiCarlo earned a Ph.D. in sociology from Cornell University in January. He also was recently appointed research associate at the American Federation of Teachers in Washington, D.C.

GSE: Anthony I. Day has been appointed principal of the Upper School of Loyola Blakefield, a Catholic college preparatory school in Towson, Md.

The Rev. Lawrence D’Souza has been appointed director of St. John’s Medical College in Bangalore, India, by the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of India.

LAW: Maria Scheuring Elbert and her husband, Michael Elbert, had their third child, Maddox Joseph Elbert, on Feb. 10. He joined his sister, Alexandra Mena (4), and his brother, Chase Michael (1). Maria and Michael are continuing their law practice. Elbert and Elbert, with offices in Mineola, N.Y., focusing in the areas of criminal defense and civil litigation.

1999
CBA: Mariclare Beckman (also GBA ’07) and Mo Hall were married at St. Dominic Roman Catholic Church in Oyster Bay, N.Y., on March 29. Bridesmaids included Sara Hunt (FCRH ’99), Tara McLaughlin (CBA ’99), Alison Murphy (FCRH ’99) and Michelle Petillo (CBA ’99).

FCRH: Connell McShane joined the Fox Business Network as a correspondent in September 2007. He previously worked at Bloomberg
Jeanmarie Krajcik-Lutz, FCLS ’08

A professional singer, dancer and actress with several Broadway credits, Jeanmarie Krajcik-Lutz has performed on hundreds of stages since beginning her theater career at the age of 10. Her role in Fordham’s graduation procession on May 17, however, was a first for her.

The 39-year-old mother of two and veteran of the original Broadway cast of Crazy For You earned a degree in English from Fordham College of Liberal Studies (FCLS) after 22 years as a Fordham student.

“Getting a college degree was always something I knew I wanted to do, so I enrolled right out of high school [in 1986],” Krajcik-Lutz said. “But I had a performing career all of my life and when the role calls, you have to take it. When I started college, my mother used to laugh and say, ‘Murphy’s Law! Every time you register for a class and pay the tuition, you will suddenly get a theater job.’”

Her mother’s prediction was true. On at least four occasions, Krajcik-Lutz’s theater success interrupted her path toward earning a degree. In 1991, for example, she landed a part in the Gershwin musical Crazy For You. The chance to be a part of an original Broadway cast was too good to pass up, so she put the degree on hold for five years to perform, also going on tour with the show.

Following her run with the play, she took more time away from school to raise her two children. In 2005, with her kids past their formative years, Krajcik-Lutz returned to school to complete her degree. While her life and work experiences previously had been a drag on her college ambitions, they now turned into valuable assets. She was able to earn credits by completing a Life Experience Tutorial and writing a thesis on her personal history in the theater. Working closely with Cira Vernazza, associate dean of FCLS, she created projects on musical history, vocal technique and dance history.

“Fordham was so accommodating to me,” she recalled. “I never would have finished any other way.”

Today, Krajcik-Lutz performs in commercials and other venues, including the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. She also works at the Paper Mill Playhouse, a regional theater in Millburn, N.J.

“The theater is in my blood,” she said. “If I’m not performing, I still have to be part of it.”

—Janet Sassi

Television as a news reporter and anchor working on Evening Edition, On the Markets and Marketweek. He and his wife, Renee, and their children, Jack (7), Lucy (4) and Caroline (2), live in Stewart Manor, N.Y.

GBA: Michelle Barry has been promoted to president and CEO of Hornor, Townsend & Kent Inc., Penn Mutual’s broker-dealer subsidiary. She and her husband, Mike, and their three children live in Jamison, Penn.

Jacqueline Miller has been appointed vice president, group account director at MicroMass Communications Inc. She lives in West Orange, N.J., and had previously worked with Citibank in New York for eight years.

GSS: Kevin Wilson earned a Master of Public Administration degree in health care administration from the C. W. Post Campus of Long Island University in January. He is a social worker and supervisor at Central Suffolk Artificial Kidney Center in Port Jefferson, N.Y., and an adjunct professor in the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at St. Francis College in Brooklyn.

LAW: Jordan C. Murray has been promoted to partner at Debevoise & Plimpton LLP.

2000

FCRH: Cristie (Tursi) Favata and her husband, Matthew Favata (FCRH ’98, GBA ’06), celebrated the birth of their daughter, Ashley Grace, on Feb. 25. They reside in Rockville Centre, N.Y.

Lynn Lawson and Ryan Flaherty were married on Oct. 6, 2007, at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York City. Nicole D’Auria (FCRH ’00) served as a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were Brian Graham (FCRH ’00) and Michael Sposito (FCRH ’00).

GBA: Jayne L. Cuvuto has been named director of investor relations at Newtek Business Services Inc. Prior to joining Newtek, she was the director of investor relations at Delta Financial Corporation.

Todd Germano has been appointed senior vice president, specialty insurance of Allied World U.S. He previously worked for American International group for 11 years.

GSE: Rose Kelly McTague has been appointed head of school at Mother Cabrini High School in Manhattan. She had been assistant principal and chair of the English department at DeWitt Clinton High School in the Bronx.

GSS: Hector Morell has been appointed director of the Abbott House Bronx Family Services Office in New York. A licensed social worker with nearly 20 years of experience in the field, he is fluent in both English and Spanish.

LAW: Steven E. Klein has joined Winston & Strawn as a real estate associate in the international law firm’s New York office.

2001

FCRH: Conor Coakley, assistant vice president at Colliers Ostendorf-Morris, was named one of the top “Twenty in Their 20s” by Crain’s Cleveland Business. Crain’s presents this honor to 20 of the region’s young professionals who are helping to “shake up the status quo in the business community.”

Jason A. Otaño (also LAW ’04) has been appointed counsel to Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

2002


FCRH: Patricia Spinelli married Gerard Buckley on Nov. 16, 2007. The happy couple lives in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn. Patricia and Gerard both work at St. Edmund Preparatory High School in Brooklyn, where Patricia is a history teacher and Gerard is the director of development.

GBA: Ann Casale relocated to Ypsilanti, Mich., and married Eric Stofflet. She is a senior account executive of web development and analytics with the interactive public relations agency MS&L Digital. She also started her own firm, Artway Interactive Writing, and maintains a blog at www.artway.wordpress.com.

GSS: Taiesha K. Hines, site director for the AIDS Center of Queens County, N.Y., has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who, a publisher of professional profiles, for “showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of healthcare.”
Alumni Notes

Alexander Jean, LAW ’08

Justice is one of Alexander Jean’s key concerns, and his new job as a prosecutor in the office of Bronx District Attorney Robert T. Johnson will give him the chance to bring it to the underserved.

“I used to think that going into criminal law was going to be about heading into court and trying cases,” said Jean, who earned his J.D. from Fordham’s School of Law in May. “But I found it was more about doing justice and making sure you got the best outcome for all parties involved.”

The public service aspect of law was a guiding theme for Jean during his time at Fordham. In addition to earning internships with Johnson’s office and Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau, he volunteered in a soup kitchen and worked with a domestic violence awareness organization.

Jean said his work with victims of domestic abuse taught him valuable lessons that guided his studies and showed him how his hard work at Fordham could benefit others.

“I’m in these classes for hours on end,” he said, “so I’ll be able to go out there and have the tools to help someone else.”

His desire to help the less fortunate comes, at least in part, from what he said he owes to the people who have helped him throughout his life. From his childhood through law school, Jean said, many people were extremely gracious to him, offering him assistance and helping him escape poverty.

“If not for the opportunities I’ve had, I would probably end up [in poverty] as well,” Jean said. “Because of the people who have helped me through the years, I was able to make more of myself.”

Jean was especially touched by the level of alumni involvement he found at the Law School, where graduates actively participate in the development of young attorneys. Jean already has played a mentoring role through the Black Law Students Association, helping first-year students cope with the stress that comes with adjusting to law school.

“I did what I could,” he said, “to make their first year as comfortable as possible.” As an alumus, he plans to do even more, to follow the example of the alumni who helped him. “Without the help of our alumni, we wouldn’t be able to the trial attorneys we are striving to be,” Jean said. “If not for them, I wouldn’t have really been as excited about the type of work I am going into.”

—John DeSi, FCHR ’00

2003

FCLS: James Grant, an engineer at Misys Healthcare Systems, was featured in the May issue of Golf Digest for improving his handicap from 32.9 to 16.8 in one year. He played his first round of golf after watching the 2006 Masters Golf Tournament and currently plays at the Brier Creek Country Club in Raleigh, N.C.

FCRH: Michelle Freiberger and Joseph Flaim were married on Sept. 14, 2007. Participants and attendants included Elizabeth Pacia (FCRH ’03), Meghan Clark (FCRH ’03), Teresa Escobales Collins (FCRH ’03) and Julia Bealler (FCRH ’03). Michelle and Joseph celebrated their honeymoon in Hawaii and have purchased a home in northern New Jersey.

GSS: Juan A. Ocasio relocated to Puerto Rico in 2007 and celebrated the birth of his second child, Andres, on Dec. 2, 2007. He is the social work supervisor in Puerto Rico’s Department of the Family, overseeing the Office of Child Protective Services in the town of Mayaguez. He is also a freelance writer and is active in promoting local and international human rights issues.

2004

FCRH: Ciara (Egan) Caliri was selected to receive the $3,000 Women in Technology of Tennessee Sciences Scholarship at the 2008 Nashville Athena Awards on March 27, for her superior academic and personal achievement. She is completing prerequisite courses for medical school at Tennessee State University and plans to apply to medical school this summer.

GSS: Frank Kortright has been appointed director of case management services for the newly formed Center for Benefits and Services at the Community Service Society of New York.

GSS: Tammy Botsford has been appointed vice president and assistant general counsel at the Futures Industry Association (FIA) in Washington, D.C. Prior to joining FIA, she worked at Morgan Stanley, where she was vice president and counsel covering futures and over-the-counter commodities.

Robert D. Russo III, an attorney and adjunct professor in the Department of Government and Politics at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn., won a seat in the 22nd Senatorial District of Connecticut. He has been appointed to the commerce, transportation and housing committees.

2005

FCLS: Alexandra K. Robinson earned an M.S. degree from Fordham University’s Graduate School of Education in May, with a concentration in counseling and personnel services and certification as a K-12 school counselor. She previously worked at Peekskill High School in Peekskill, N.Y., for four-and-a-half years.

FCRH: Frank Montesana has returned for a second season as the announcer for the San Angelo Colts, a minor league baseball team based in San Angelo, Texas. In addition to announcing all 90 games this summer, he will serve as the team’s director of broadcasting and media relations.

LAW: Gregory Levey is the author of a memoir, Shut Up, I’m Talking: And Other Diplomacy Lessons I Learned in the Israeli Government (Free Press, 2008). He served as the Israeli government’s speechwriter and one of its delegates at the United Nations, and then went on to serve as senior foreign communications coordinator and English speechwriter for Prime Ministers Ariel Sharon and Ehud Olmert. He is a contributing writer for Salon.com, and an assistant professor in professional communication at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada.

2007

FCRH: Danielle Sullivan has been promoted from account coordinator to assistant account executive of the consumer group at Schneider Associates, a Boston-based public relations and marketing communications agency. Prior to joining Schneider last August, she held intern positions at Lippe Taylor in New York, Rendon Group in Boston and Kelley Habib John in Boston.

GBA: James Davela joined Shawmut Design and Construction, a national construction management firm, as director of food-service equipment and design in the firm’s New York office.

GSE: Byron P. McCrae, Ph.D., has been named vice president and dean of student life at Washington and Jefferson College in Washington, Pa.

Alumni notes received after April 24 will appear in the next issue of FORDHAM magazine.