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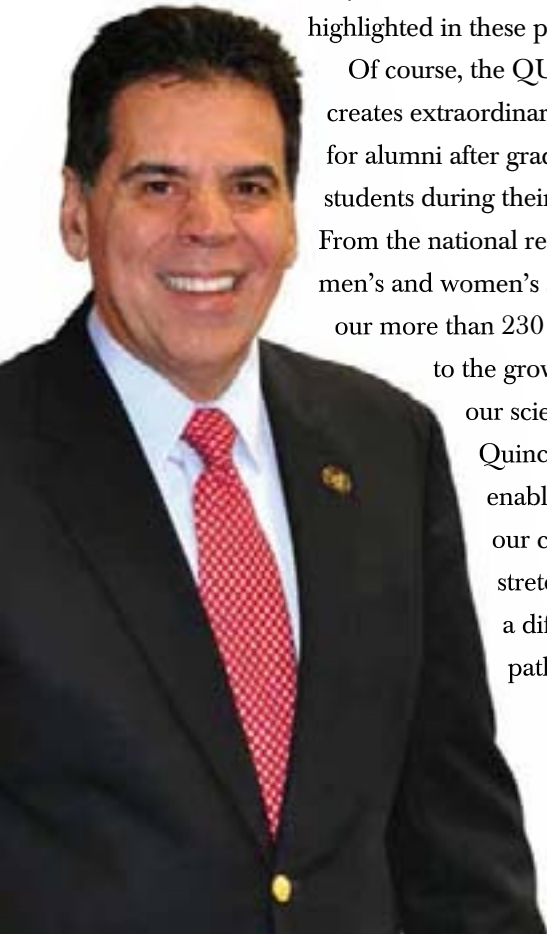


“The spirit of relentless striving to make an extraordinary difference in our world remains central to the life of Quincy University.”

The more QU alumni I get to know, the more impressed I am by the extraordinary range of achievements our alumni represent. Educators, jurists, business leaders, physicians, researchers, musicians—the list goes on and on. Some began their Quincy University education with a clear career path in mind—one they pursued relentlessly. As freshmen, others had only a dim view of what they might become. Still others had nary a clue, yet went on to significant accomplishments.

What they all shared was the QU experience—a commitment to learning in a caring community where students can discover new interests and develop familiar ones. The connection between learning and caring is a theme I hear repeatedly. That connection is perhaps the most important practical legacy of our Catholic, Franciscan emphasis on the dignity and worth of each individual. It is the catalyst for the lives of excellence highlighted in these pages.

Of course, the QU experience creates extraordinary paths not only for alumni after graduation but also for students during their time on campus. From the national reputation of our men's and women's soccer teams, to our more than 230 honors students, to the growing impact of our science programs, Quincy University enables all members of our community to keep stretching and to make a difference, whatever paths we follow.



Dr. Gervasi took Illinois Senator John Sullivan and Senate President John Cullerton to visit QU's Mock Trial Team in action. They are shown here in the John "Pete" Brown Courtroom.

Other themes I hear from many successful alumni are gratitude and humility. Many are self-effacing to a fault. They ascribe much of their success to their QU education rather than to themselves. The Franciscan tradition teaches us that, paradoxically, there is great power and drive in such humility. After the early friars had spread throughout much of Europe, St. Francis still admonished them, “Brothers, let us begin again, for up to now we have done little or nothing.”

The spirit of relentless striving to make an extraordinary difference in our world remains central to the life of Quincy University. Thank you for continuing to help that spirit flourish.

Peace and all good,
Dr. Robert A. Gervasi, President

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bob". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

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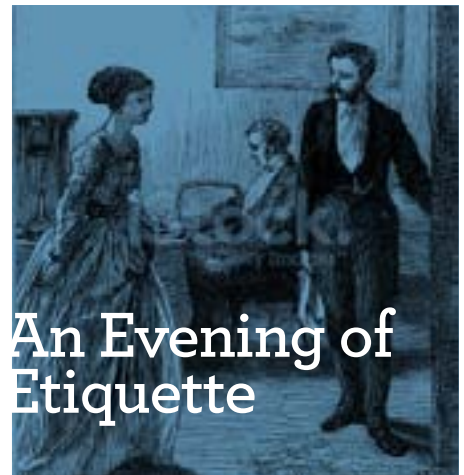
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USHERING IN THE HOLIDAYS

with a Classic



An Evening of Etiquette

Students ready to launch into the business world don't want to fumble over a manners faux pas. QU's annual etiquette dinner, held November 11, 2013, gives students the chance to practice their etiquette skills while mingling and dining with local employers. The event is sponsored by Quincy University Career Services and held in the Connie Niemann Center for Music. The evening began with a social hour during which students were able to mingle with the various employers in attendance. After the group sat down to dinner, QU presidential spouse Jen Gervasi delivered a presentation on etiquette, focusing on the points that students will need to know to feel at ease in business and social settings. Approximately fifty students and twenty employers attended the event.



From left: Kennedy Figge, Samantha Seitz '14, Cameron Walker '16, Colleen McCormack '15, Drew Figge, Aubrey Whitehead, Jonathon Graff '14, Suzanne Molinaro '16, Devin Boccardi '14.

A Christmas Carol

For its fall production, the Quincy University theatre program performed the holiday classic *A Christmas Carol* in MacHugh Theatre. Running four nights in late November, the production starred students and community performers of all ages, all under the direction of Connie Phillips, lecturer in theatre.

"The show was quite the memorable experience for all who went to see it. There really is nothing quite like acting on the stage," says Colleen McCormack '15, a junior communications major, who played dual roles as the Ghost of Christmas Past and Mrs. Cratchit.

Starring seniors Jon Graff and Devin Boccardi (as Ebenezer Scrooge and Jacob Marley, respectively), the show featured extravagant sets and lighting effects as well as a theatrical rigging system of pulleys and lines that allowed ghostly characters to "fly" across the stage. "I have been doing theatrical productions practically all of my life and I have played many different roles throughout the years, but I have never had to act while attached to wires that were holding my feet off the ground," McCormack says.



Students assist at the home of Gregory and Teri Leonard, parents of alumnus Kyle Leonard '09. Front from left: Mike Varrone '12, Matt Meglan '13, Kevin Hahn '12, Dustin Gorder '03. Back from left: Renee Berenek '16, Jaclyn Barnhouse '15, Carlee Schmitt '15, Briann Joslin '14, Samantha Heagele '14, Gregory Leonard.

Post-tornado trip rewards students and community

QU students eagerly lent helping hands after November's devastating tornado which struck the town of Washington, Illinois. A total of twenty-nine students participated in the weekend trip. Working under the auspices of Samaritan's Purse, a disaster relief organization, students helped clear debris. They also worked with Washington resident and Quincy alumna **Barbara Walsh '91** as well as Gregory and Teri Leonard, parents of Quincy alumnus **Kyle Leonard '09**. Both Walsh and the Leonards were directly affected by the tornado. As they worked, the students heard harrowing tales from those who lived through the storm, which gave the students a greater appreciation of the effect their spontaneous service trip made on the community.

QU Names Its Student Laureate

Quincy University tapped Samantha Nielsen as its student laureate for the prestigious annual Lincoln Academy of Illinois Student Laureate Award Program. QU is one of fifty-two colleges and universities statewide that participates in the program, which honors outstanding student achievement. Students, who must be seniors, are chosen based on GPA, course load, extra-curricular activities, and what they give back to the local community.

The Lincoln Academy of Illinois, founded in 1964, honors citizens (by birth or place of residence) who have made outstanding achievements in their fields. Honorees include Jane Addams, Gwendolyn Brooks, Marshall Field, and Ronald Reagan. The student laureates were added in the 1970s. Hailing from Arlington Heights, Illinois, Nielsen is a double major in English and communication with a concentration in journalism. She is involved in the QU



From left: Debra Nielsen, Leonard Nielsen, Samantha Nielsen '14, and associate professor of English Deirdre Fagan.

Symphonic Band, Quincy Community Band, theatre department productions, and the QU *riverrun* literary magazine. She is a member of the Phi Sigma Sigma sorority. Nielsen described the ceremony, held in

Springfield on November 2, 2013, as “magical.” There were tours, pictures, speeches, and a lunch provided at the governor’s home. She added, “It was a great honor and it is not lost on me as to how big this award is.”

Sounds of the Semester

In 2013, the Hawk Marching Band, under the leadership of Bill Machold, assistant professor of music and director of bands, marked its fourth season. Band members performed two separate halftime shows – a musical theatre show featuring music from *Les Misérables*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *West Side Story* as well as a Halloween-themed show in October. In November, the marching band made the transition to symphonic band with a pops concert, which included compositions by Leonard Bernstein and Andrew Lloyd Webber.

The jazz ensemble, under the direction of associate professor of music and jazz artist-in-residence Steve Parke, performed in the Connie Niemann Center for Music in November. The repertoire included “Vine Street Rumble” by Benny Carter and “A Warm Breeze” by Sammy Nestico.

The choirs, under the direction of Allen Means '98, sang in two performances for the fall semester including an October performance featuring pieces by Anton Bruckner and Randall Thompson and collaborations by Alice Parker and Robert Shaw. The semester culminated with a QU music and theatre co-production of *A Christmas Carol* as part of a dinner to raise funds for Quincy's fine arts programs. Keeping with the time-honored tradition of QU Madrigals, every three years, the music and theatre programs join forces to present



Students Peter Cairo '16 and Samantha Steitz '14 rehearse for an upcoming concert.

a fundraising dinner. The 2013 event featured select scenes from the theatre department's November production, accompanied by period holiday music as performed by the QU choirs.

SPORTS UPDATE
GO HAWKS

FOOTBALL

The Quincy University football team bumped up and down during the 2013 season. While the wins were not as plentiful as the Hawks would have liked, there were several standout performances over the course of the season.

Wide receiver **Justin Dickens '14** became the first player in program history to be named to the All-Great Lakes Valley Conference first team, and his election was one of just four unanimous decisions across the conference. Dickens rewrote the QU record book and is now the program's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yards, and receiving touchdowns. Defensive lineman **Tyler Reidl '14** was also a standout performer on the field and in the classroom. He was named to the Capital One Academic All-America first team, making him one of the top four defensive linemen in the country when combining academic and athletic success. He carries a 3.84 GPA as a biological sciences and chemistry major. Reidl is enrolled in the QU Honors program and is on the school's pre-professional track.

The Hawks finished their second season under **Tom Pajic** with a 2-9 overall record. They set a GLVC record for points in a game with an 80-26 win over Kentucky Wesleyan on October 19.

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Justin Dickens '14



Tyler Reidl '14

Inspired competition

ON THE COURT, COURSE, AND FIELD.

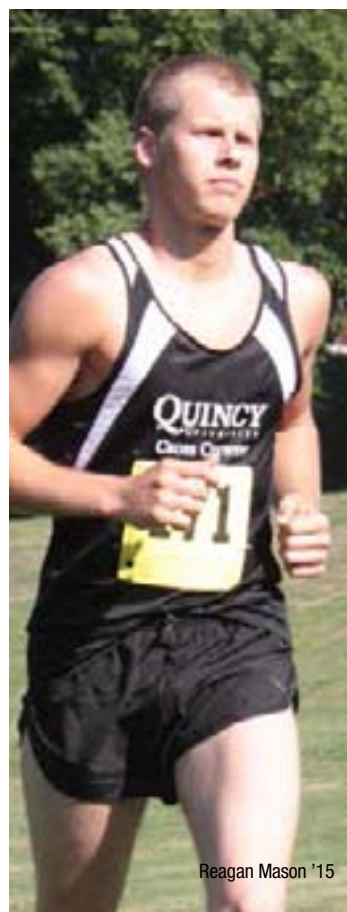
WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

With new head coach **Bob Crank** at the helm for the 2013 season, the Quincy women's volleyball team showed fans a spark of what is to come. The season saw **Emily Lindemulder '17** and **Samantha Haegele '15** take on expanded roles this season. Haegele responded with a career-high in kills (318). Lindemulder finished the season with a team-leading 107 blocks, averaging 1.02 per set, and a .341 attacking percentage with 189 kills. Middle blocker **Brittany Atkinson '14** had a career season, leading the Great Lakes Valley Conference in hitting percentage (.364) and ranking fifteenth in NCAA Division II in that category. She was selected to the GLVC/GLIAC Crossover All-Tournament Team after an impressive 32 kills, 9 blocks and a tournament-leading .583 hitting percentage. The Hawks finished their season with a 9-21 record and were 3-15 in GLVC play. QU thrilled fans in Pepsi Arena with 1,399 kills and 222 total blocks, both exceeding last season's totals.

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Brittany Atkinson '14



Reagan Mason '15



Teresa Gorrell '17

CROSS COUNTRY

The Quincy University men's and women's cross country teams had a successful season with each program picking up its first meet titles since the teams' reinstatement in 2010. The Lady Hawks finished first in the Scarlet and Blue Scramble, hosted by Hannibal-LaGrange University, on October 4. Newcomer **Teresa Gorrell '17** finished third in the meet as Quincy's top performer. She was the Lady Hawks' lead runner for the season and placed fourth at the Sauk Valley Invitational on October 19. The men's team won the Sauk Valley Invitational, led by **Mike Crotteau '16**, who picked up the individual title with a time of 29:23. **Reagan Mason '15** placed second in that meet. The Hawks were under the direction of **Lee Osborn**, who wrapped up his fourth season as the head coach.

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Chris Garavaglia '15



Coach Jack Mackenzie

MEN'S SOCCER

The QU men's soccer team won its first-ever Great Lakes Valley Conference regular season championship in 2013, finishing with a 13-2 record in conference play and 15-5 overall. The Hawks, under second-year head coach **Mike Carpenter '02**, featured a high-powered offense that led the GLVC with 50 goals on the season. Forward **Jordan Roberts '15** and midfielder **Ethan Venvertloh '15** combined to score 24 goals on the year, while midfielder **Steve McAnany '15** contributed 10 assists.

Midfielder **Xhovani Dokaj '17** was named the GLVC Freshman of the Year with 8 goals and 6 assists; defender **Chris Garavaglia '15** joined the other four players as a member of the All-GLVC teams. Venvertloh and Garavaglia were also named Capital One Academic All-Americans. Venvertloh was a first team choice, which puts him among the top three midfielders in the nation when combining academic and athletic success. He carries a 3.98 GPA as a finance major, while Garavaglia – a third team selection – has a 3.67 GPA as a management major. The Hawks also made their debut on the newly installed surface at Legends Stadium, Jack Mackenzie Field, which was officially commemorated on September 13 before a 2-1 win over Missouri-St. Louis.

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Hawks make it happen.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

The QU women's soccer team had one of the greatest seasons in program history in 2013, winning its second consecutive Great Lakes Valley Conference regular season and tournament championships on the Lady Hawks home field at Legends Stadium. The Lady Hawks advanced to their eighth straight NCAA Tournament and played for the Midwest Regional championship for the first time under eighth-year head coach **Dave Musso '04**.

Quincy set program records for wins in a season (18-1-4), shutouts (15) and fewest goals allowed (nine). Goalkeeper **Jodi Chapie '14** and forward **Jaclyn Mastroianni '14** were named NSCAA All-Americans with Chapie touted as the top goalkeeper in the nation in 2013. She ranks fifth in NCAA Division II history with 42 shutouts and is fourth all-time with a 0.506 goals against average among keepers with 7,000 minutes played. Meanwhile, Mastroianni became QU's all-time leader in assists with 30 and ranked fourth in the nation in that category this season with 13. Mastroianni and Chapie were named the GLVC Offensive and Defensive Players of the Year, respectively, and Musso was named the conference's Coach of the Year for the second straight season. He was also named the Midwest Region Coach of the Year for his team's performance in 2013. Mastroianni was named a Capital One Academic first team All-American, ranking among the top three forwards in the country when combining academic and athletic success.

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Jaclyn Mastroianni '14



2013 QU Lady Hawks Soccer Team

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The Extraordinary Path

Take five individuals, each with different abilities and aspirations. Their journeys may have begun on common ground, but along the way, these five each stepped off the ordinary and onto the extraordinary.



Linda Moore '81



Judge Mark Schuering '75

Musician. Doctor. Judge. Friar. ESPN Exec.

As you read their stories, you will see how different their lives have been but you will also recognize the common ground: staunch devotion to giving back and to helping others, as well a clear sense of direction and purpose.

Each of these individuals represents the Franciscan spirit of giving and caring. And all their stories intersect in one place: **Quincy University.**



Brother Michael Perry, OFM '77



Doctor Bill Dolan '70



Ben Bumbry '76

The Extraordinary Path

by Ben Braun '07

On a December Saturday night, amidst the winter's first major cold front and the eve of the season's first snowfall, Quincy wine bar Cellar 21 is packed with eager wine- and martini-sipping patrons. Those lucky enough to have found tables near the front are most certainly not giving them up until closing time. Though a bit closer to the bitterly cold breeze let in by the venue's front door, these guests have the best seats in the house for the evening's entertainment—none other than the legendary Ben Bumbry and the Messengers.

This seven-piece jazz ensemble has quietly become one of the hardest-working groups to ever call Quincy home. And at the helm of the band is their iconic drummer and vocalist, eighty-three year-old Quincy University alumnus Ben Bumbry. As the face of the Messengers for more than half a century, Bumbry commands the room with an impeccable combination of virtuosity and showmanship. And with thousands of gigs under his belt, Bumbry is no stranger to the spotlight.

"Man, we've played country clubs, wedding receptions, class reunions, and everything in between," Bumbry says. In addition, 2014 marks their twenty-seventh consecutive year as house band on the Mark Twain Riverboat. And Bumbry shows no signs of slowing down.

"The fact that he's in his eighties, to be doing what he does as a musician is pretty remarkable," says trumpet player Steve Parke. "Sometimes we'll do a job before this. Three jobs in one day! We keep telling him to take it easy and he says, 'Naw, man.'"

Parke, Quincy University associate professor of music and jazz artist-in-residence, has been playing trumpet with the Messengers since 1991 and has developed a strong friendship with Bumbry. "My connection to Ben has solidified through the jazz world. It's how I got to know him," Parke says. "It's kind of hard to describe him, because it all sounds like some made-up story. His humanitarian nature is just beyond the norm. He's the kind of guy you write movies about."

While adoring fans may be out of luck when it comes to a Ben Bumbry biopic, the Quincy legend has certainly established himself as a star both on and off the stage throughout his lifetime.

Bumbry's Quincy legacy began in 1955 when the then twenty-four year old St. Louisian transferred to Quincy College from Drake University to play basketball under head coach Harry Forrester. Led by team captain and future Hall of Famer "Easy Ed" Crenshaw, Forrester's Hawks were one of only a few collegiate teams to play both black and white players. Bumbry and his fellow Cupertine Hall residents finished the 1955-56 season with a record of 16-9.

"Yeah, we had a pretty good team back then," Bumbry says. "We had a bunch of guys who enjoyed themselves. The school had a wholesome atmosphere and everybody got along."

The following year, just sixteen credit hours short of an education degree, Bumbry left Quincy to begin his life with wife, Helen. They married on March 16, 1957, and decided to make Quincy their permanent home. It is here where they would raise four children, witness an unprecedented transformation to the campus and community, and build lifelong friendships over the course of six decades.

It wasn't until 1975 when Bumbry considered a return to the classroom. At the time, he made a fair living at Moorman Manufacturing Company, working nights one week and days the next. When the company president heard that Bumbry was only sixteen hours shy of a college diploma, he made a proposal that would allow Bumbry to earn the degree he began twenty years earlier.

"My boss said, 'You need to go back to school. You're too close to graduating! You go take care of the school part and I'll take care of the work part,'" Bumbry recalls. "And that's exactly what I did!"

Bumbry moved to evening shifts only and worked 5:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m., only to be back in the classroom by 8:00 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, classes didn't start until 11:00 a.m. While the fall 1975 semester was certainly a lot of work for the father of four, Bumbry has no regrets. He officially earned his degree in December and participated in the following commencement ceremony in May of 1976.

"When I walk by now, I say, 'I'm a QU graduate.' And it feels so good just to say that."

Joining the Irving Elementary School faculty in 1976 as a physical education teacher, Bumbry combined his aptitude

BEN BUMBRY



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- Ben Bumbry '76



Ben Bumbry and The Messengers

perform monthly at the downtown

Quincy wine bar, Cellar 21.

From Left: David Damm '94,

Gary Declue, Steve Parke, Bumbry,

Les Fonza, and Gladys Cogswell.

for helping children with his love and knowledge of sports. In addition, he coached girls softball and basketball at Quincy High School.

He couldn't have predicted the legacy he would leave on his students some four decades later. Be it through education, music, sports, politics, community activism, or otherwise, Bumbry has had a lasting impact on thousands of Quincy residents over the course of his lifetime.

"It's remarkable how people relate to you through the years and how they remember," Bumbry says. "You think people forget you. I'll see people I haven't seen in years and they'll come up to me and say, 'Hey, remember when you taught so and so.' and I'll say, 'Yeah,'" Bumbry says regarding the thousands of Quincy-area students he's taught. "I can't remember all of them, but I'm doing alright for an old man."

When it comes to the countless friendships he's established and maintained over the years, Bumbry offers the following: "If I like you today, I should like you tomorrow. When I consider you a friend, I consider you a friend. My dad told me, 'Benny, you're not going to meet too many friends. You'll meet a lot of acquaintances, but when you get a friend, you cherish that friendship.' And I cherish my friendships."

Though he's shared his signature smile and infectious optimistic personality with the people of Quincy for more than half a century, Bumbry is hesitant to think of himself as much of a local celebrity.

"Oh, I don't know about all that," he says, "There's just a lot of people that know me." He recalls a recent instance when he took his granddaughter and her out-of-town cousin to the Quincy mall. His granddaughter made a bet with her cousin on how many people would say hi to their grandparents before they even entered the mall.

"So we got out of the car and somebody says, 'Hey, Ben, how you doing?' We walked a little farther and somebody

coming out of the store says, 'Hey Ben, what's going on, man?' We walk in, don't get more than fifteen steps, and some other guy inside spoke to me," Bumbry recalls with a chuckle. "Just one of those things, man."

After turning seventy, Bumbry solidified his legacy throughout the city of Quincy and beyond. He became the first African American to serve as an alderman on the Quincy City Council as well as the first to serve on the Quincy Park District Board of Commissioners. He's been a member of the National Youth Sports Program advisory board and the Quincy Blues Society. He received an honorary doctorate of humane letters from nearby Culver-Stockton College in 2009. He's also received the John Quincy Award from the City of Quincy and has been named "Citizen of the Year" by the Quincy Police Department.

"Yeah, I stay quite busy," Bumbry says, in what may be the understatement of the year.

Today, at age eight-three, Bumbry spends most of his time as executive director of the Jackson-Lincoln Swimming Complex—a recreational, nonprofit facility operated entirely through private donations and funding. Beyond serving as a primary fundraiser for the facility, Bumbry serves as a role model and mentor to the young patrons—many of whom come from diminished socio-economic means.

"He's very good at that—at being a community leader, where young kids look up to the old guy," Parke says. "There's a kind of profound respect that happens with him and young kids."

This profound respect, as proven by a full house of toe-tapping fans both old and new, knows no age limit. Whether a stroll through the mall, a day at the local pool, or an evening of wine and live jazz, Ben Bumbry is still making lasting connections.

As the evening's gig comes to a close, a cheering audience shows their appreciation. Lights come back on and Bumbry's weathered binder of music charts is closed until the next gig. Tear down, however, will have to wait. Bumbry has a roomful of fans, both old and new, to greet.

"By the end of the show, everybody knows Ben. And that's the charm of old Ben Bumbry," Parke says, "—the old man who's still got it." ☪

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by Ben Braun '07

DR. BILL DOLAN

For six months in 2013, Bill Dolan woke up each morning to the roar of helicopter engines punctuating the constant hum of a gas-powered generator located just a few yards from his eight-man tent. With outside temperatures regularly exceeding 100 degrees, the never-ending rattle was a small price to pay for the comfort of air-conditioning. Running water and shower facilities were luxuries for Dolan and his twenty-two-person team of medical professionals. Both amenities were well worth the short walk outside in the dry heat. A morning jog was routine for Dolan, though the route remained fairly constant. He always stayed within the barbed wire-rimmed perimeter. Throughout the morning routine and into the day ahead, two items never left Dolan's side: a pager and a nine-millimeter Beretta pistol.

Dolan spent these six months in southern Afghanistan as a member of the Navy's Forward Surgical Team (FST) at Forward Operating Base Apache—approximately one square mile in size. The handgun provided Dolan an additional and justifiable security measure.

"I always had my weapon with me. Even in the operating room, it was at my side the entire time," Dolan says. "You hate to do that, but it's just simple security and precaution. You never know who might pull a gun on you. You have to be vigilant at all times. The day after our unit left Apache, an Afghani shot and killed one of our soldiers."

As a student at Quincy in the late 1960s, Dolan couldn't have imagined his dream of becoming a surgeon would lead him so far from home. Dolan hailed from the Chicago area where he attended

an Oak Brook high school seminary with fellow 1970 QC alumnus, and current Provincial Minister for the Franciscan Province of the Sacred Heart, Fr. Bill Spencer, OFM. Though majoring in chemistry, Dolan cites classes taught by the late Fr. John Joseph "J.J." Lakers, OFM, as some of the most influential to his life.

"J.J. was a very smart guy and very dedicated," Dolan says. "He had a big impact on a lot of us on how to think about things and approach issues and problems in life. He was certainly one in my mind that would stand out as a good example of Franciscan spirit."

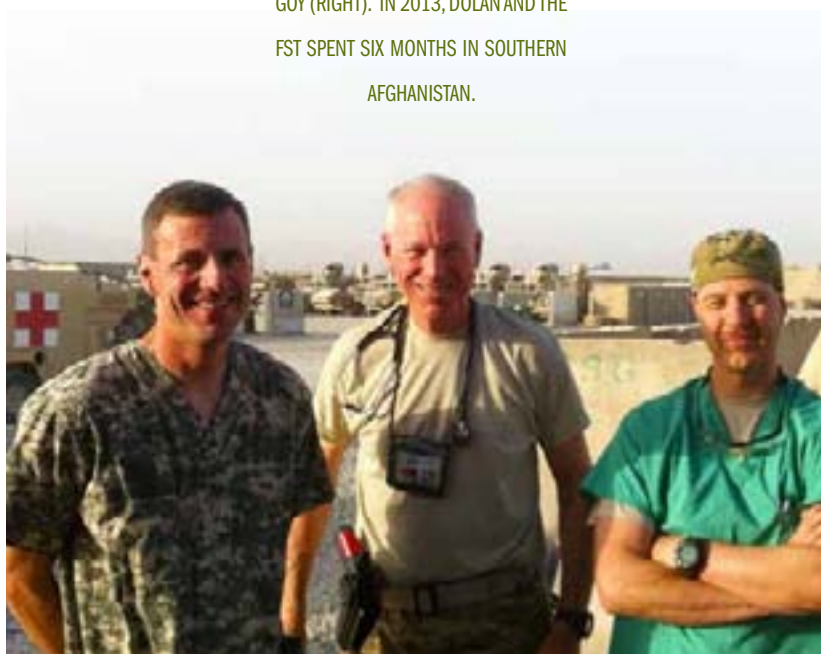
It is this philosophy that accompanied Dolan in his postgraduate years at the Medical College of Wisconsin, his residency at Milwaukee's St. Joseph's Hospital, and throughout his thirty-one year career in the medical profession. Through every challenge crossed and milestone reached, Dolan's living of the Franciscan spirit combined with the critical thinking and problem solving skills learned at Quincy were put to the test—perhaps most definitively in the deserts of Afghanistan.

At 8:00 each morning, Commander Jim Feeney, a trauma surgeon out of Connecticut, accompanied the sunrise by playing reveille on the bagpipes, signaling the beginning of the day—an unofficial ritual unique to this crew. "We all thought it was pretty cool. Very few people had

ever seen that," Dolan says. "That's just one of those things that you do when you're in the middle of nowhere halfway around the world."

Following a hearty breakfast at the nearby DFAC, Dolan and the rest of the Forward Surgical Team reported to the Miranda Trauma Center for a 9:00 a.m. muster. Among the

CAPTAIN DOLAN IS JOINED BY FELLOW FORWARD SURGICAL TEAM (FST) MEMBERS SURGEON JIM DONAHUE (LEFT) AND ANESTHESIOLOGIST BRETT GOY (RIGHT). IN 2013, DOLAN AND THE FST SPENT SIX MONTHS IN SOUTHERN AFGHANISTAN.



most-addressed topics were security reports, blood bank inventory, and flight conditions as dust storms were not uncommon.

“We didn’t get a drop of rain the entire time,” Dolan says. “When the dust would come up and create a dust storm, obviously the helicopter pilots couldn’t fly.”

Transportation by helicopter was vital to the men and women of the Miranda Trauma Center as patients requiring further treatment or recovery needed to be air-lifted to the level one trauma center at the Kandahar hospital approximately seventy miles west (30 minutes by helicopter).

“We didn’t keep the patients very long. We would save the life, limb, and eyesight and do the ‘damage control’ then fly the patient out as quickly as possible to Kandahar—a beautiful facility. [At the Miranda Trauma Center] we had very limited resources,” Dolan says.

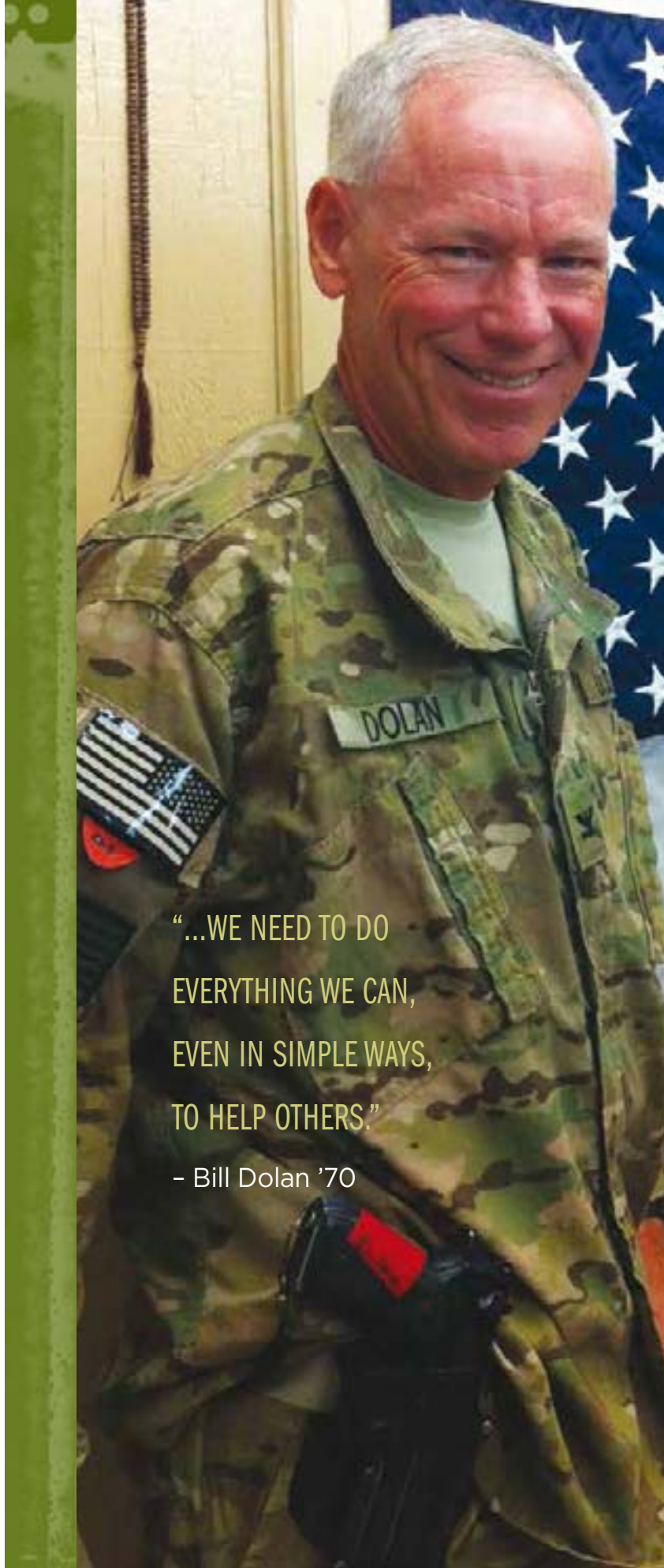
Named in memory of Special Warfare Operator (SEAL) 3rd Class Denis C. Miranda who lost his life in a helicopter crash in September 2010 at the age of twenty-four, the Miranda Trauma Center is a wooden building with a trauma bay, operating room, blood bank, and intensive care unit. Adjacent to the building was a triage tent where patients were searched for weapons and explosives prior to receiving their exam.

“We could put about ten different patients on stretchers in the triage tent. Our trauma bay was about twenty-five feet wide and had three beds. In the back we had our so-called ‘hospital recovery room,’ which was about fifty feet long and could hold four beds. Not a big space,” Dolan says.

Patients requiring surgery would be taken to the operating room located in the middle of the building where the four certified surgeons—Dolan included—could operate.

“We had two operating tables and two anesthesia machines so we could do two operations at the same time. We had the basic anesthetic equipment, basic operating equipment, and basic tools. We didn’t have a fancy laboratory. We didn’t have anything fancy,” Dolan says.

Though space and resources were limited, Dolan was fully equipped with the resources necessary to save lives—including a talented and teamwork-oriented staff comprised of three other surgeons, two anesthetic



“...WE NEED TO DO
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EVEN IN SIMPLE WAYS,
TO HELP OTHERS.”

– Bill Dolan '70



professionals, three registered nurses, a physician's assistant, and ten Navy corpsmen.

"As a sailor and as an American, I was very proud to be with the unit. We worked very well together. We accomplished the mission. We got along with one another. I felt very honored to be a part of it," Dolan says.

Never knowing what the day might hold, Dolan and his team hoped and prayed for the best—but prepared for the worst.

"What had the heaviest impact on me were the mass casualties," Dolan said. In one instance an MRAP (mine-resistant ambush-protected) vehicle was hit by a massive improvised explosive device (IED). The explosion left a crater fifteen feet deep and scattered debris for several hundred yards. Of the five on board, two died instantly - an American soldier and an Afghani interpreter.

"They made the ultimate sacrifice," Dolan said. "Thankfully, injuries sustained by the three survivors were not life-threatening. They had their fractures stabilized and were promptly transported to Kandahar for further treatment and rehabilitation. Their prognosis was very good."

Without the expertise, quick thinking, and actions of Dolan and the FST, many of the American coalition and Afghani soldiers treated throughout these six months would not be alive today.

"It was a very gratifying experience," Dolan says. "It was very rewarding to see such positive results. I know we did a lot of good for some of those people who otherwise would not have had a lot of care. It was an honor to be there for our fellow Americans."

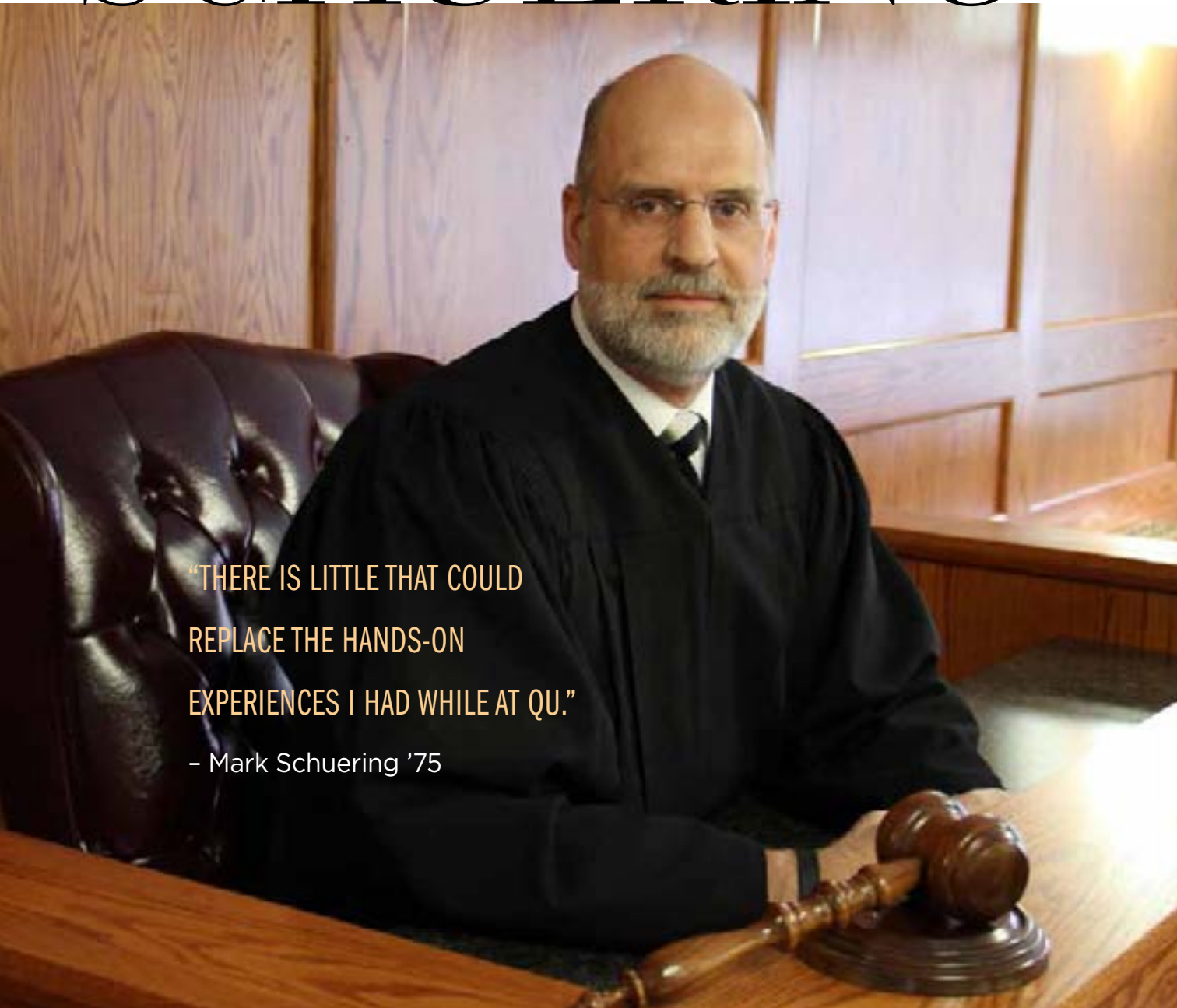
Dolan admits that being so far away for so long was difficult. But thanks to a dependable internet connection on site, he was able to keep in regular contact with friends and family in Arizona despite an eleven-and-a-half-hour time difference (Afghanistan is one of only a few countries to use a half-hour deviation from the standard time zone). He and wife, Kari, would video chat on almost a daily basis.

"That was a big help for the family, especially for my wife," Dolan says. "It was a great way to communicate."

Dolan is now back home in Arizona with Kari, where he is enjoying year three of his retirement. Following in the footsteps of her father, daughter Shannon Dolan—a recent biology graduate of Arizona State—is currently working in Berlin, Germany. Honoring the legacy and teachings of St. Francis and the lessons learned from his days at Quincy, Dolan, too, continues to live his life helping those in need. That in mind, Dolan still finds time to give back and lend his knowledge and experience to those seeking it. At the Phoenix VA, where he spent twenty-two years as a staff surgeon (including thirteen as chief of surgical service), Dolan continues as a volunteer attending surgeon "WOC" (without compensation). He also serves as Clinical Associate Professor at the University of Arizona College of Medicine-Phoenix.

"Life is a blessing from the good Lord," Dolan says. "We need to do everything we can—even in simple ways—to help others. Every day our kind word and gesture are the healing touch of the Divine Physician." ☩

JUDGE MARK **SCHUERING**



“THERE IS LITTLE THAT COULD
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- Mark Schuering '75

by Barb Schleppenbach, PhD

Ancora imparo!

Judge Mark Schuering '75 keeps these words on prominent display in his office, and they create an excellent self-portrait of this successful alumnus.

Schuering, who serves on QU's Board of Trustees, gladly provides a translation: "I am still learning." This quote is attributed to Michelangelo at the ripe old age of eighty-seven," Schuering says. "QU instilled in me a desire for lifelong learning. Additionally, I found my overall Quincy liberal arts education served me very well throughout my personal and professional life.

"I was a political science major, which most certainly enhanced my critical thinking skills and comprehension of government and law," Schuering notes. Retiring in 2010 after serving twenty-four years as a trial judge, he remembers a career filled with dedication. "I took great pride in being a hard-working judge. I spent many nights and weekends preparing before trials or before ruling on a case. It was very important to me to give every case my best effort.

"As long as I can remember, I always wanted to do something in my life where I would help people and the practice of law most certainly is focused on helping people.

"I did not imagine as a child that I would become a lawyer or a judge. My siblings and I were first-generation to go to college, and for two of us, law school. But our parents always instilled in us the attitude that we could do or become whatever we wanted in life."

He recalls a turning point in his understanding of the ways that law could improve the well being of the community. "In my last year of law school, a handful of us were assigned to work in the local juvenile court public defenders office.

"We felt we had been relegated to a 'lesser' internship. We collectively confronted the professor in charge of making assignments to third-year law students who desired internships. We learned from this professor that he had actually carefully handpicked a few of us for this juvenile court assignment. He knew we were individuals that could

be trusted to work hard, be responsible, be prepared, and in general do a good job.

"Young men and women would be counting on us because the regular full-time public defenders had so many cases to handle they would literally hand off cases for us to try from beginning to end. From then on, I was determined to work hard and do the very best I could for each and every individual, no matter their station in life."

His initial career experiences confirmed this commitment. "During my early professional years as a lawyer I served a four-year stint as a public defender. As appointed counsel to poor and often uneducated defendants, I saw the world through their eyes. I often found myself doing *social work*, trying to connect my public defender clients with services that would help them overcome their addictions or improve their education/training to become employed and to improve their lives. I think the social concerns we addressed as students [in the 1970s] were the same ones I addressed in my career.

"Bottom line, I believe my QC classmates and I saw this as *our challenge*, that is, how to make the world a better place to live and to fight injustices. As my life has proceeded I have become convinced that we learn the most from the examples that others set for us, much more than we learn by hearing or reading. Actions do speak louder than words and QU's Franciscans set such incredible examples for us all."

Schuering recalls the mentors from QU who challenged and inspired him. "Coach Frank Longo, who recruited me to play tennis at Quincy College, was a wonderful mentor and coach. He had a subtle way of bringing out the best in his players, both as individuals and as competitors. Quincy professors Dr. Biallas and Dr. Hostetler challenged us, but at the same time they were encouraging. They were the type of professors who made you feel 'bad' if you didn't put forth your very best effort."

Mark '75 and Kate (Orlet) Schuering '76

are joined by their eleven grandchildren. Over the years, more than twenty Schuering and Orlet family members have graduated from Quincy, including three of Mark and Kate's five daughters: **Emily (Schuering) Jones '99, Maggie (Schuering) Strong '03, and Laura (Schuering) Millkamp '05.**

As a member of QU's adjunct faculty and advisor to the mock trial team, Schuering has found an ideal venue for paying forward. As former student **Christopher Blaesing '05** recalls, "My mentors at QU were exceptional. On the prelaw side, Judge Schuering, Dr. Borlas, and Judy Abbott (now at Culver-Stockton College) provided invaluable insight on trial advocacy and law in general. Without them, I doubt I would have pursued law school at all. In fact, Judge Schuering was the one who referred me to QU's mock trial team."

"After graduating from QU, I attended the Southern Illinois University School of Law at Carbondale," Blaesing recalls. "During the summer following my first year of law school, I had the opportunity to clerk for the judges sitting in Adams County [Quincy], Illinois, including Judge Schuering. Since graduating from law school, I have worked as an associate for Bryan Cave, LLP, in their St. Louis office."

A history major, Blaesing notes, "Historical interpretations, like legal cases, are rarely black and white. So, whether you are a historian or an attorney, your job is to make the most compelling argument while remaining true to the facts, as you know them. The ability to read analytically and write persuasively that I learned at QU has remained with me and serves me well even to this day."

"Also, like law, history can be reading and writing intensive. During my senior year at QU especially, I found myself juggling senior seminar papers, a regular class load, and work. Effective and efficient time management is equally critical for any law student or attorney."

The path to a career in law became clear during Blaesing's years on campus, thanks to such opportunities as the mock trial team. "Growing up, I just figured I would be the next Davy Crockett, an astronaut, or the catcher for the Cubs. Not until my second year at QU did I really consider pursuing a law degree," Blaesing remembers. "Thankfully, I was fortunate enough to have great mentors at QU help with this decision and to give me an idea of what a career as an attorney would be like. I was also fortunate to be able to study subjects



that truly interested me (history first, then law)."

Like Blaesing, Mark Schuering found the small, liberal arts campus a welcoming place to explore ideas and grow as a distinctive individual. "While at QC I was fortunate to be involved in student government and given other responsibilities to serve the QC community. There is little that could replace the hands-on experiences I had while at Quincy. The QU political science faculty exposed us to diverse views and politics, as well as national and international issues. We benefited from discussions of all positions in wide-ranging matters."

Quincy also enriched Schuering's life on a personal level. He warmly remembers meeting his wife, Kate (Orlet), with whom he has shared nearly thirty-seven years of marriage. "We have five wonderful, intelligent, and beautiful daughters. We also have eleven grandchildren."

Schuering offers these words of wisdom to current QU students: "Don't be afraid to fail."

"As a QU adjunct lecturer teaching American judicial process, victimology and business law, I admit to a degree of impatience when students do not respond in class, in large part because they are afraid of being wrong. It will often take some drilling-down to get a student to respond to a question or express an opinion.

"Ironically, the vast majority of the time the student is on the right track and simply should trust in their abilities." With intellectual courage and dedication to contributing to the common good, today's QU students can join Mark Schuering in bringing Michelangelo's words to life for a new generation. ☪

The Extraordinary Path

by Fr. Joe Zimmerman, OFM

Brother Michael Perry '77 serves as the minister general of the Order of Friars Minor. Seen here with Pope Francis, Brother Michael Perry is the 120th successor to St. Francis himself and only the third American to hold the position.

On May 22, 2013, Brother Michael Perry, OFM '77, became the 120th successor to St. Francis of Assisi, the third American, and the first QU graduate to be elected Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor. For those unfamiliar with Franciscan hierarchy, Br. Michael has reached the heights, the pinnacle of the Franciscan world.

My own tenure at Quincy stretches back decades, and I am fortunate enough to have known Michael when he was here.

The year 1972 found 120 seminarians living at Our Lady of Angels Seminary (now the North Campus) here in Quincy. A new seminary staff divided the seminarians into small groups of about ten students each, each group with a friar as staff counselor, and I was asked to be one of those staff counselors.

In January 1974, a Greyhound bus deposited Michael in Quincy, several days late for the start of the second semester. A blizzard had delayed his trip from his hometown, Indianapolis, to his new life as a seminarian at Quincy. I was staff counselor of a group that included Michael. I recall him as an intense young man. Each student had to take a turn planning the daily liturgy (Mass). Almost every Mass Michael planned used passages from a book titled *Francis: The Journey and the Dream*, a poetic reflection on the life-changing events in the life of St. Francis, transforming him from a party animal to someone in love with the poor and a friend to every creature.

Michael moved to Chicago, where he found himself drawn to the African-American Catholic community, and found time there to work with the poor and with members of a Mexican gang.

In January 1982, Michael, along with three other Franciscans, departed for France where they studied French and Swahili, languages they would need for their work in Zaire (today known as the Democratic Republic of Congo). Franciscans of the Sacred Heart Province had begun work in 1977 in this country, which hugs the equator in western-central Africa. After less than one year in Congo, Michael flew back to Chicago to be treated for fractures to his leg and a series of infections following a motorcycle accident.



In June 1984, Michael was ordained a Franciscan priest and began working at an African-American Catholic Church on the near south side of Chicago.

In January 1985, Michael returned once again to Congo, serving as superior of a large mission near the frontier with Angola. One year later, Michael was transferred to the college-seminary program in Kolwezi, Congo, a mining city of some 350,000 people. He worked in this city for the next five years. He learned to play golf and improve his tennis game, thanks to the Congolese youth who coached him.

Following a student uprising in May 1990, and as a result of his efforts to advance justice and peace, he decided that it would be better to return to the United States and allow things in the Congo to cool down.

Michael took up work once again at Corpus Christi parish in Chicago. He taught French at Hales Franciscan High School. In September 1990, Michael was invited by the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations to give testimony on the human rights situation in Congo. In 1991,



BROTHER MICHAEL PERRY

Michael and a group of specialists challenged the National Institutes of Health and the U.S. government about medical abuses in HIV and AIDS research being carried out by U.S. researchers working in Africa.

His trips to Washington had become more frequent, as he was called to give testimony on a wide variety of political issues related to Africa. In 1992, to deepen his knowledge of Africa, Michael began a doctoral program in anthropology and Christian mission at the University of Birmingham in England. He returned to the Congo where he spent two years conducting field research into the ways the people living in Congo were able to resist colonial oppression by creating literature and drama that reinforced their sense of African identity.

While Michael was doing this field research, the country again experienced a military uprising. Michael and three priests with whom he lived were briefly taken hostage.

In 2000, Michael was back in the States and began work as a foreign policy advisor at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington. He was often called for

consultation by the U.S. State Department, the Congress, and human rights and development agencies. He worked on issues such as exploitation of diamonds and rare earth metals; HIV and AIDS; and conflict reconciliation in countries such as Sierra Leone, Liberia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan (Darfur), Burundi, and the Ivory Coast. He accompanied Catholic bishops as advisor on trips to conflict areas.

On one such trip to Darfur, Michael and the bishops with him were given a fifty/fifty chance of coming out alive or being taken hostage. Nothing this dramatic happened, but Michael witnessed immense suffering as the group visited camp after camp of displaced persons, finding people who were running for their lives, chased by government forces, marauding mercenaries and religious fanatics, living for weeks without food and exposed to all the elements.

In 2004 Michael joined with other Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and humanitarian groups to found the “Save Darfur Coalition,” a grassroots organization formed to



deal with violence suffered by the people of western Sudan, known as Darfur. The Coalition brought together over 180 different organizations, and more than 100,000 participants from all parts of the globe. Michael met many interesting people on this project, including the former Secretary General of the United Nations, Kofi Annan, and the leaders of Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, Burundi, Rwanda, and South Africa. The Coalition worked with actors and musicians such as George Clooney, Don Cheadle, Danny Glover, and Bono.

In 2005 Michael began work for Franciscans International, a nongovernmental organization (NGO) in New York promoting United Nations policies in favor of the marginalized and those suffering from violence. In June 2007, Michael was hired by Catholic Relief Services to serve as a technical adviser with a focus on the peaceful resolution of conflict, trauma healing, and promoting religion as an instrument of peace and reconciliation.

In 2008 Michael was elected to be the Minister Provincial of Sacred Heart Province. One of the duties

of a minister provincial is to attend general meetings of the whole Order held in Rome every six years. Michael attended a 2009 international meeting of Franciscans and was elected as second-in-command for the worldwide Order, the first American to hold the post. On April 6, 2013, Pope Francis invited the first-in-command, the Minister General, Brother Jose Rodriguez Carballo, OFM, to assume a new role in the Vatican office for religious men and women. To fill his position, an election was held in May 2013, and Michael was voted to become the new Minister General. He will serve in this position until the next general meeting in 2015.

I have not had a chance to talk with him about what this has been like, but I can imagine that he asks himself things like “How in the world did I get to Rome from Indianapolis and Quincy?” or “What do I need to do to make life better for the 13,000 Franciscans and for the people among whom they work in over one hundred countries all over the world?”

One of the themes of Michael’s preaching in recent years has been “strike out into the deep,” a phrase from Jesus’s advice to Peter and his companions. One of the greatest challenges facing us today is the fear of trying something new, opening our lives to human need, and taking risks. The students, faculty, administration, graduates, board members, and friends of QU need to know that God is calling us to strike out into the deep together and never be satisfied with the status quo. Life is great, we are called to love the poor and to work together for human liberation. Our pursuit of academic excellence should bring us closer to humanity, filled with compassion and passion for the future of the world.

Michael spent a day last October in Assisi with Pope Francis. Pope Francis repeated the message that all people of good will are called to be agents for change. Each of us has a special mission in life; we are each called to help every human being. Pope Francis’s words are: “Be not afraid! Dare to love! Be people filled with hope! And remember to laugh often.”

These words are Michael’s message also, words that can help each of us to become the person that God dreams for us to become. ☩

The Extraordinary Path

by Barbara Schleppenbach, PhD

LINDA MOORE

September 7, 1979, was a red-letter day for Linda Moore '81.

She didn't realize it at the time, but the launch of ESPN at 7 p.m. that evening was going to change the course of her life. "I was a sophomore at QU," Moore recalls. "I never imagined I would be working for ESPN. Now, after seventeen years with the company, I can't imagine doing anything else."

Currently senior director, business operations and planning at the network, Linda and the broadcast's premiere sports destination have always had a great deal in common. ESPN's founders took a chance on a dream, pulled together a network of talented, mission-focused people, and never passed on an opportunity to grow. Moore's professional success follows much the same path, but it's also marked by a heartfelt commitment to helping and serving others. To hear her tell it, hers is simply a QU story.

That means it's all about people. "I have very fond memories of so many people at Quincy – from the president (Fr. Gabriel Brinkman) at the time, to the professors, coaches, and so many of the staff I came in contact with as a student worker," Moore recalls. "The Franciscans passed along their spirit of giving, caring, sharing, and growing together. Probably the best thing I took away from Quincy was this Franciscan spirit. You don't have to be Catholic to understand the importance of caring for one another. Throughout my career, I've had many opportunities to show this Franciscan spirit by helping others in need, by mentoring future leaders, by leading fundraising campaigns, and by listening to others and connecting with other people."

The most important people in her QU life were mentors from across the campus. She lists them with enthusiasm: "Jim Mentesti, director of development; Rick Smith, director of admissions; Frank Longo, John Ortwerth, Sharlene Peter, Jack Mackenzie, Ann Bergman from the athletic programs; and Pam Sherman from the Public Information Office. They helped me take what I learned in the classroom and apply it to real life situations.

"My professors also challenged and inspired me. My coursework in business management was a great

preparation. In my senior year, I decided big business wasn't what I wanted to do. I became a college admissions counselor right out of college and continued that career for almost fifteen years. My major in business administration helped prepare me for managing my assigned territory and contributing to the overall function of the universities I represented."

The School of Business today continues a tradition of flexible preparation that enables students to be ready to seize any opportunity and thrive in unexplored territory. The entrepreneurship program, for instance, exemplifies the spirit of applying business fundamentals to recognizing unmet needs and carving a niche in the marketplace.

Coach Jack Mackenzie remembers Moore's energy and versatility. "I could see from early on that she had a great work ethic," he recalls. "It also became apparent that she had ability, and, perhaps even more importantly, that she had confidence in her ability to accomplish things. Because of these traits, she progressed quickly from just keeping stats to helping to produce the soccer media guides that were very popular back then. As I recall, she even compiled statistics and wrote the copy for the 1981 and 1982 media guide publications. Her '82 press kit even won national honors from College Sports Information Directors of America."

"Linda's passion for the sport grew to the point that she wanted to play it herself, and not only that, wanted other coeds to have the opportunity to play and enjoy it as well. So, true to her being as a 'doer,' she and some of her friends (**Natalie [Slater] Cornwell '83**, **Pam Callahan '84**, and **Julie [White] Renger '82**) helped organize the Lady Hawks Soccer Club in the spring of 1980," Coach Mackenzie says.

"This 'can-do' and 'oh-yes-I-can' spirit, which Linda had even as a young college student, is what vaulted her to immense success at the highest level of the professional world. And, bless her heart, she never forgot where she got her first opportunities to hone her skills."

Moore appreciates the lessons she learned during those years, and they have served her well in her various roles as director of logistics at the U.S. Olympic Festival, assistant director of athletics at St. Louis University, and

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coordinator, Missouri Sport Education Center at the United States Sports Academy. What were her biggest challenges as a student? “Time management and learning to multitask,” she admits. “I worked two or three jobs, took eighteen to twenty-one course hours a semester, traveled with many athletic teams, participated on the pompon squad, and helped start the women’s soccer program.”

That was a pretty good warm-up for what lay ahead.

Always keeping her eyes on the horizon has enabled her to continue her multitasking style. She recalls the moment that she realized her passion and her destiny. “On my first job interview after college, the dean asked me where I wanted to be by the time I was thirty. I told him I wanted to be at the director level, managing an organization. “At thirty, I was the director of the Missouri Sport Education Center for the U.S. Sports Academy. At that point, I realized I was going in the right direction. A few years later, I began managing bigger events and eventually ended up in Atlanta working for the Olympics. At that time, I remember asking myself what was next. When the call came from ESPN, it

was a natural transition to the ‘Worldwide Leader in Sports.’”

Ask Moore about her proudest moment, and you won’t hear about big promotions and media triumphs. “In 2002, I directed a golf tournament that raised \$1 million for The V Foundation for Cancer Research,” she answers without hesitation. “Cancer has touched the lives of almost every person in the country, and I was very proud to do my part to find a cure.”

What is Linda’s advice for students preparing to leave campus in search of that dream career? “The best thing a student can do is start to develop their network of contacts,” she advises. “The job market is so competitive it’s often who you know as much as what you know.”

“I would also advise them to get at least one internship before graduating. This is often a way to make connections in the field as well as find out more about the marketplace. Then, I would tell them to know where they want to be in five to ten years. Never lose sight of your goals but know that sometimes you have to take a detour to get where you want to be.” ☪

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Bill Taylor '60

Ever since the sixth grade, Bill Taylor dreamed of becoming a lawyer. Today, in his retirement years, he is grateful for the education he received at Quincy that

paved the way for him to achieve his dream.

“My education at QU prepared me to learn and apply knowledge at an advanced level,” Taylor says.

In 2003, Taylor retired from his position as vice president of taxes and employee benefits with Ralcorp Holdings, a spinoff of Ralston Purina Company, in St. Louis. Before joining the spinoff, Taylor spent twenty-six years with Ralston Purina, where he began as a tax lawyer and ended as tax counsel and director of domestic taxes.

Upon earning his undergraduate degree from Quincy in 1960, Taylor enrolled at the University of Missouri-Columbia law school to pursue a juris doctorate. After earning his degree, Taylor worked for several years at Monsanto in St. Louis. Eventually he would return to the classroom, and by 1968 he had earned a Master of Laws in taxation from Washington University.

Today, Taylor and his wife, Sandy, reside in St. Louis. Though he is retired, Taylor still finds time to do income- and estate-tax planning work for select clients. During tax season, he also volunteers with the IRS-AARP Tax Counseling for the Elderly each year.

CLASS OF 1965 GATHERING



In October 2013, members of the class of 1965 gathered in Cincinnati, Ohio.

'50s

Gene Rodemich '52 sadly announces the passing of his wife, Carlene “Corky” Rodemich, on September 6, 2013, Quincy.

'60s

Following four terms as a Pennsylvania state senator, **Mary Jo Ransford White '63** announced her retirement in 2013. Mary Jo and her husband of forty-seven years, Senior Judge H. William White, were recently honored with Outstanding Lifetime Achievement Awards for service to their community.

Michael Davis, BA, '66, of Metairie, La., was recently elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the Louisiana State Museum System. He also serves as the pastoral associate with St. Alphonsus Parish in New Orleans.

William Averkamp '69 and his wife, Gena, of Quincy, celebrated twenty-five years of marriage on June 25, 2013, in Idaho.

'70s

Jerome Dreier '71 of Quincy has achieved membership in the Million Dollar Round Table, in which he holds a twenty-eight-year membership.

Rhonda Chandler Kewney '71 of Quincy recently presented a paper titled “Providing Quality Care for Children by Integrating Behavioral Health into the Medical Home” at the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine in Baltimore, Md.

Alan Knepler '71 married Dr. Coletta Miller on April 20, 2013, Quincy.

Donald Triplett '71 and his wife, Carolyn, of Quincy, celebrated thirty years of marriage on June 20, 2013, in Washington, D.C.

George '72 and **Mary Byrne Eigel '73** celebrated forty years of marriage on August 18, 2013, in Washington, Mo.

Emery Kaufman '72 celebrated his eighty-eighth birthday on October 19, 2013, in Quincy.

John '72 and **Lisa Camastro Nordmann '73** of Fenton, Mo., celebrated forty years of marriage on September 8, 2013.

Nancy Knoche Crow '73 and her husband, Kent, celebrated forty years of marriage on January 19, 2014, in Mendon, Ill.

Julie Baymiller Bice '74 is the chair and an instructor in education with John Wood Community College in Quincy.

Mary Morrell Hohmann '74 is a manager with Mercy Corporate Health in St. Louis.

Judy Herdrich Kulp '74 is the principal with St. Mary School in Alton, Ill.

Jeffrey '76 and **Kathleen Hamill Arns '75** celebrated thirty-five years of marriage on June 10, 2013, in Quincy.

Mike McGraph '76 is manager of accounting with Quincy Newspapers Inc., in Quincy.

Mike Shinn '76 sadly reports the passing of his wife, Debra Shinn, on July 28, 2013, Quincy.

Brad '78 and **Jan Poulter** of Liberty celebrated thirty-five years of marriage on September 2, 2013, and they will celebrate with an Eastern Caribbean cruise at a later date.

Tom Redington '79 is president of the Board of Directors of the Hannibal Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse in Hannibal, Mo.

Cynda Hull Schuette '79 sadly reports the passing of her husband, Russell E. Schuette, on June 13, 2013, Quincy.

'80s

Lincoln Lieber Jr. '80 of Quincy won the Edward Jones' Ted Jones Prospecting Award.

Nancy Kraft '81 married Douglas Hollenberg on August 31, 2013, Quincy.

Nancy Crivello Rynders '82 is a learning consultant with St. Joseph School in Cottleville, Mo.

Gayle Gaydos Tenhouse '85 and her husband, Steven, celebrated twenty-five years of marriage on June 25, 2013, in Quincy.

Jacque Frye Mecklenburg '86 is the assistant principal with Hinckley Big Rock School District in Hinckley, Ill.

Richard Gregory '87 and his wife, Barbara, celebrated forty-five years of marriage on June 22, 2013, in Quincy.

Sue Rummenie Winking '89 sadly reports the passing of her father, William "Bill" Rummenie, on August 26, 2013, Quincy.

'90s

Mike Overby '90 is director of the direct sales division of Country Financial in Bloomington, Ill.

Rachel Paunan Peterson '92 is the associate director of development and alumni services with Quincy University in Quincy.

Tammy Genenbacher Klingele '93 of Mendon, Ill., has been an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics since 1995 and became an independent sales director in 2000. Tammy recently earned the use of a new car as a result of outstanding achievements in her Mary Kay business.

Eric Conover '94 is a board member of the Quincy Society of Fine Arts in Quincy.

Chad Hoener '94 is the general manager of Quincy Recycle in Quincy.

Tony Davis '95 is the senior tax manager of World Wide Technology Inc., in St. Louis.

Jeff Loos '95 is the vice president of sales of CAR-Research XRM in Kansas City, Mo.

Dr. Christopher McDowell '95 of Springfield, Ill., received the National Junior Faculty Teaching Award from the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Theresa Powers Spear '96 is a board member with the Quincy Society of Fine Arts in Quincy.

Erin Hannigan Andrade '97 sadly reports the passing of her father, Thomas F. Hannigan, on July 8, 2013, New Lenox, Ill.

Jessica Smith Peters '97 and her husband, Shawn, announce the birth of a son on November 16, 2013, Monroe City, Mo.

Nick '97 and Jill Bastert Steinkamp '04 announce the birth of a son on September 17, 2013, Quincy.

1970S ALUMNI GATHERING



In November 2013, alumni gathered in Bonita Springs, Florida. From left: Tim O'Rourke '70, Don O'Connor '70, Paul Brown '65, Dave Strupeck '71, and Bob Herdman '70.

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Greg Crocker '70



Gregg Crocker has dedicated much of his life to children's education. From 1976 to 2005, he served as principal within Wheeling School District 21 in Buffalo Grove, Illinois. Upon retiring, he stepped into a role as community involvement coordinator—a position he holds to this day. Here, he plans and implements learning experiences to ensure student success, especially for students and families for whom English is a second language.

As the son of two fellow Quincy alumni (**Brandt and Marianne Crocker '49**), Crocker's Quincy experience actually started when he was just seven years old. He attended St. Francis School as a child and, when school was out for the day, he fondly recalls running around and playing in the Quincy gymnasium.

Crocker is thankful for the education he received during his years at Quincy both in and out of the classroom. As a student, he served as a volunteer soccer coach and participated in a number of intramural sports teams. While he credits the entire physical education department as a key influence, he is especially thankful for the direction provided by Roger Francour, who first proposed teaching to Crocker as a career choice.

Crocker and wife, Donna, currently reside in Buffalo Grove. In their free time, they enjoy spending time with friends and making regular trips to Chicago as well as annual winter trips to Florida.

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Cris Cray '86

When it comes to working on a campaign, there is “no job too big and no job too small” according to Cris Cray, director of legislation for the Illinois

Board of Elections and 1986 Quincy College alumna.

“Every job is important and every person is important,” she says. In her twenty-four years working with state government, Cray has worked for U.S. presidents and governors and has even taught young adults in Africa about democracy.

“It has all been a tremendous ride,” she says of her career.

Beginning her tenth year in her current position, Cray works closely with the General Assembly and members of the Illinois congressional delegation. She serves as the statewide manager for the National Voter Registration Act as well as all military and overseas voting, and she is responsible for the production of the Illinois Voters Guide.

In addition to her position with the Illinois Board of Elections, Cray teaches political science at both Lincoln Land Community College and the University of Illinois, Springfield. Cray, a political science major during her years at Quincy, credits Dr. Bill Postiglione as a key influence in her professional career.

“Dr. Postiglione influenced my teaching style. He made politics accessible and fun and that is what I try to do with my students,” Cray says.

In recent months, Cray has dedicated much of her free time to training for her first ever half marathon—a feat she successfully completed this past January. Cray also serves on the Quincy University Board of Trustees.

Brenda Hildebrand Fleer '98 won the WGEM Golden Apple Award for excellence in teaching. Brenda is a seventh grade Language Arts teacher with Quincy Junior High School in Quincy.

Tamra Sohn Longlett '98 and her husband, Jeff, announce the birth of a daughter on July 16, 2013, Liberty, Ill.

Melvin Roberson '98 of Dolton, Ill., has released a book titled *31 Amazing Life Lessons of Joshua Stokes*. The book is partially dedicated to retired Quincy University professors Ann Bergman and Ridgley Pearson.

Matt '99 and Gina Bordewick Bergman '01 announce the birth of Benjamin Matthew on June 11, 2013, Quincy. Ben joins big brother Ryan and big sister Hannah.

Kim Kelly Dinkheller '99 is the assistant principal with Curriculum Instruction at Quincy Junior High School in Quincy.

Trish Doyle '99 of Quincy celebrated fifteen years of service with Members First Community Credit Union and she is now the acting vice president.

Evanne Manassah Mast '99 and her husband, Jerry, announce the birth of a son on August 20, 2013, Quincy.

Mark McDowell '99 is a board member with the Quincy Society of Fine Arts in Quincy.

Justin '99 and Erin Parr Meats '02 announce the birth of Haley Catherine on October 22, 2013, Columbus, Ohio. Justin is the general manager for Prowl, LLC, in Columbus.

Barbara Seliner Stoll '99 of Quincy was inducted into the University of Illinois Springfield Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.

Kate Weeks '99 married Seth Brammer on May 4, 2013, Quincy.

'00s

Brad Eaton '00 is the director of finance with Quincy Newspapers Inc., in Quincy.

Richard Hugenberg '00 married Kara Scott on September 14, 2013, Clayton, Ill.

Josh Rabe '00 and his wife, Debby, announce the birth of Paige Anna on October 15, 2013, Quincy.

Melinda Smith '00 married Robert Paul Shafer on April 13, 2013, Ursa, Ill.

Jonathan '00 and Bethany Lucas Sullivan '00 announce the birth of Ephraim Francis on May 17, 2013, Springfield, Ill. Ephraim joins siblings Isaac, Joshua, Adeline, Levi, and Caleb.

Greg '01 and Kim Parchem Huelsman '02 announce the birth of Jameson Jerome on November 25, 2012, Mokena, Ill. Greg was promoted to principal of Wilson Elementary School with School District 99 in Cicero, Ill.

Cheryl Altgilbers Sowell '01 and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of Dylan on October 17, 2013, Quincy.

Julie Zinn Boll '02 and her husband, Mike, announce the birth of Jacob Edward on July 26, 2013, Quincy. Jacob joins big sister Madeline and big brother Gabriel.

Kim Sapp '02 married Tom Lawless on July 17, 2013, Orange Beach, Alaska.

Jamie Keller Scholz '02 is the secretary of the board of the Quincy Society of Fine Arts in Quincy.

Thomas “T.R.” Barry '03 married Kathy Williams on September 21, 2013, Chicago.

Andrew Dedert '03 and his wife, Amber, announce the birth of Mason on May 28, 2013, Quincy.

Lance Ormond '03 of Quincy is a state trooper with Illinois State Police District 20.

Shane '03 and **Robin Powers Reis '06** announce the birth of Briella Shay on June 13, 2013, Quincy.

Chad '03 and **Lindsay Ezell Struck '05** announce the birth of Andrew on August 17, 2013, Quincy.

Laura Evans Williams '03 is a structured teaching teacher with Pleasant Plains Middle School in Pleasant Plains, Ill.

Cody Hageman '04 and his wife, Kayla, announce the birth of Arie Michael on July 19, 2013, Quincy. Arie joins big sister Ally, two.

Erin Mason Kurk '04 and her husband, Craig, announce the birth of Camryn on August 16, 2013, Quincy.

Trish Thoele Mathews '04 and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of Marial on June 24, 2013, Quincy.

Kiara Moore Tierney '04 and her husband, Brian, announce the birth of Vivian Kathleen on November 14, 2012, Oak Lawn, Ill. Kiara is the executive administrator of the Department of Anesthesia & Critical Care at the University of Chicago.

Kara Hoener '05 married Eric Hoffman on October 5, 2013, Quincy.

Eric '05 and **Amanda Cushman Langner '06** announce the birth of Liam Eric on October 20, 2013, Quincy. Liam joins big sister Ella.

Reagan Lawrence '05 married Christopher Costigan on September 7, 2013, Quincy.

Amy Laytham '05 married Matthew Hemphill on October 12, 2013, West Des Moines, Iowa.

Sarah Lund Miller '05 of Quincy was recently certified as a Critical Care Nurse.

Darin Redd '05 of Palmyra, Mo., is president and marketing manager with Hannibal Market for Commerce Bank in Hannibal, Mo.

Christine Curtis Stupavsky '05 and her husband, Roger, announce the birth of Nathan on June 3, 2013, Payson, Ill.

Richard Niemann III '06 married Heather Knowles on August 10, 2013, Quincy.

Julia Batalova '07 of Northbrook, Ill, has been designated a Group Benefits Associate by the International Foundation of Employee Benefit Plans and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. She is employed by Potash Corporation.

Stephanie Seibert Baze '07 and her husband, Derrick, announce the birth of Ava on July 7, 2013, Plainville, Ill.

Bryan Green '07 and his wife, Jessica, announce the birth of Darcy Ann on October 11, 2013, Bolingbrook, Ill.

Joshua '07 and **Kelsey Klitzing Kort '06** announce the birth of Finnegan Anton on October 6, 2013, Festus, Mo.

John Markendorf '07 married DeeDee Dykstra on August 10, 2013, Rockford, Mich.

Andrew Scott '07 married Jenny Berg on October 19, 2013, Paducah, Ky.



Thomas Takash '60 came back to visit Quincy in September 2013. At the alumni office, Takash enjoyed looking over photos taken during his years at Quincy.

90s | PROFILE

Adam Garcia-McCarthy '92



Adam Garcia-McCarthy is a senior e-learning consultant and technical lead with Assima Inc., a London-based e-learning company and software training company. Garcia-McCarthy's primary responsibilities include developing e-learning programs and end-user training solutions. He is involved with quality assurance testing and technical support for many different companies in the United States, Europe, and Latin America.

Garcia-McCarthy earned a master's degree in Latin American and Iberian studies from Vanderbilt University in 1995. He received his undergraduate degree in history from Quincy College in 1992 and cites Fr. Ken Capalbo, Fr. Aaron Pembleton, and Dr. David Costigan as key influencers.

"Everything I learned from them I use every single day, both in life and in my work," Garcia-McCarthy says. "Being a history major at Quincy taught me essential skills like how to manage my time and be detail-oriented. Now, in my work, I am able to more readily research or provide all the best options for my clients."

In his free time, Garcia-McCarthy trains and teaches martial arts—specifically Hapkido and Aikido. He also enjoys playing soccer, snowboarding, and traveling the world. He has traveled to many different countries in Latin America, Europe, and Asia and even lived in Venezuela for a number of years.

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Elizabeth Farnell '07

Elizabeth Farnell is only two months into her position as brigade psychologist with the 16th Combat Aviation Brigade at Joint Base Lewis McChord in Washington state. She is already preparing for her deployment to Afghanistan.

As a military psychologist, Farnell conducts individual and group therapy as well as completes military evaluations of personnel. For example, Farnell, who is qualified as an aeromedical psychologist, evaluates various aviators and aircrew to help ensure safety.

A Bonaventure Scholar and member of QU's Psychology Club, Farnell earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Quincy University and went on to earn both a master's and a doctorate degree from the Chicago School of Professional Psychology before beginning her internship and residency with the U.S. Army.

Thinking back to her undergraduate years, Farnell credits Dr. Wendy Beller, Dr. Michael Chase, and the late Dr. David Edgerly as some of her greatest influences. "I can never express how grateful I am for their time, knowledge, and mentorship throughout my four years at Quincy," she says.

While in the United States, Farnell often spent her free time exploring the state of Washington by way of hiking, running, and countless road trips. Once her deployment is over, she plans to return home to Tacoma, Washington, where she resides with her husband of three years, Tom.

Adam Uppinghouse '07 married Alyssa Byrd on July 13, 2013, Quincy.

Jenny Wisser '07 married Kyle Shaw on July 20, 2013, Holland, Mich. Jenny is a guidance counselor with Triton School Corporation in Bourbon, Ind.

U.S. Marine, Lt. Michael Contee '08 is a manager with Chuze Fitness and a volunteer with LightBridge Hospice and Palliative Care in San Diego, Cal. Lt. Contee performs honor ceremonies for veterans in hospice care, where he presents military men and women with tokens of the country's appreciation.

Michael DiSalvo '08 married Torie Selsor '09 on September 28, 2013, Florissant, MO.

Shawn Henninger '08 married Tiffany Sutton on June 22, 2013, Columbia, Mo. Shawn is an application developer with MidwayUSA in Columbia.

Lindsey Hudson '08 married Austin McDonald on September 14, 2013, Quincy.

Karen Moore '08 married Kyle Ostwald on October 5, 2013, Pleasant Valley, N.Y.

Kristin Buckert Ortmann '08 is the assistant marketing manager with Kent Precision Foods Group in St. Louis.

David '08 and Laura Symmonds Phillips '07 announce the birth of David on October 31, 2013, Iowa City, Iowa.

Tim Schrage '08 married Heather Williams on August 3, 2013, Quincy.

Ryan Shinn '08 married Rebecca Stump on September 7, 2013, Quincy.

Matt Slama '08 married **Katie Johnson '10**, both of Bolingbrook, Ill., on February 25, 2013, Lake Buena Vista, Fla.

Claire Vargo '08 married Colin McAuliffe on October 26, 2013, Belleville, Ill.

Jaden Anders '09 married Travis Griffith on September 21, 2013, Quincy. Jaden is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital Critical Care and Air Evac Lifeteam in Quincy.

Kolby Hoebing '09 married Philip Crook on September 20, 2013, Quincy. Kolby is employed in compressor product marketing with Gardner Denver Incorporated in Quincy.

Katie LeGros '09 married Mikey Doan on July 13, 2013, Chicago.

John '09 and Mary Golly McTighe '11 announce the birth of Kaylee Marie on July 28, 2013, Schaumburg, Ill.

Michaelena Peters '09 married Jonathan Hunsaker on September 21, 2013, Quincy.

James '09 and Sarah Ormond Young '08 announce the birth of Chase on July 16, 2013, Quincy.

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Steve Ajdinovich '10 married **Hannah Ott '11** on August 31, 2013, Quincy. Steve is a deputy clerk for the Adams County Clerk's Office. Hannah is a tax accountant with Titan International in Quincy.

Patrick Gorman '10 married **Amanda Conyers** on July 20, 2013, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Tim Miller '10 married **Emily Ulm** on July 6, 2013, Quincy.

Jessica Wiley Pullinger '10 is a teller supervisor with First Community Bank in Carthage, Ill.

CLASS OF 1973 GATHERING



In July 2013, the 1973 class celebrated their fortieth reunion, and some also celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversaries. From left: Nancy Knoche Crow '73, Kent Crow, Mary Byrne Eigel '73, George Eigel, '72, Lisa Camastro Nordmann '73, John Nordman '72.

Ashley Graff Shriver '10 and her husband, Matt, announce the birth of a son on October 4, 2013, Ursa, Ill.

Amy Grimes Smith '10 and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of Daniel on September 13, 2013, Quincy.

Elizabeth Starman '10 married Alan Rischar on July 6, 2013, Quincy.

Nathan '10 and **Sarah Troutman Warner '08** announce the birth of a son on September 4, 2013, Quincy.

In August, Western Illinois University teaching assistant **Rebecca Arns '11** presented her Master's thesis on *Parasitism by Cowbirds* at the annual Meeting of the American Ornithologists' Union/Cooper Ornithological Society in Chicago.

Marvin Bontrager '11 is the major/national account executive in the marketing/account management area with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Tyler Grawe '11 married Jenny Anderson on July 13, 2013, Norman, Okla. Tyler is currently studying at the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy with an anticipated graduation year of 2015.

Amanda Grimsley '11 married Seth Dice on May 18, 2013, Quincy.

Nicholas Koettters '11 married **Celie Long '10** on November 9, 2013, Monroe City, Mo.

Blake Larkin '11 married Kayse Loyd on September 21, 2013, Cottleville, Mo. Blake is a marketing manager with Advisors Edge Marketing in Columbia, Mo.

Heather Plant '11 married Jordan Robertson on November 2, 2013, Quincy.

Alyssa Todd '11 married Alan Collins on October 12, 2013, Quincy.

Mike Jenkins '12 is the director of marketing with the Quincy Mall in Quincy.

Kristen Johnson '12 is an admissions counselor with Quincy University in Quincy.

Lisa Osterman '12 married Matthew Palmer on June 29, 2013, Quincy.

Jeanna Parkhill '12 is the associate clinical manager for Outpatient Services at Recovery Resources, Quincy.

Jennifer Terstegge '12 married Keith Barry on October 5, 2013, Quincy.

Jessica Zeiger '12 is a sixth grade science teacher with Kirksville R-III School District in Kirksville, Mo.

Drake Austin '13 is a software engineer with Rockwell Collins in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Nicole Beckman '13 is a tech assistant with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Feshawn Berry '13 is a para professional with Speed 802 in Chicago.

Paul Cahill '13 is an intern with Joliet Slammers in Joliet, Ill.

James Campbell '13 is a band teacher with Unity Community Schools in Unity, Ill.

Philip Chotipradit '13 is a technician with University of Chicago Hospital in Chicago.

Patrick Connell '13 is a landscaper with Creative Gardens in Quincy.

Erin Conroy '13 is a supervisor with the Kroc Center in Quincy.

COLORADO ALUMNI GATHERING



The Ninth Annual Colorado Alumni Gathering was held on August 16, 2013, in Boulder.

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Katrina Schroeder '11



Just a few years out of college, 2011 alumna Katrina Schroeder is already making a name for herself in a big way. March of 2014 marks her one year anniversary as Director of Community Impact for United Way of Central Illinois. Here, she coordinates the United Way programs and processes vital to the mission of the United Way. In addition, she oversees grant opportunities and manages agency relations with the surrounding communities.

"Everything is continuously shaping me to where I am now and for where I am headed," Schroeder said. "With being so young, my career triumphs and struggles continue to shape me every day."

A standout both in and out of the classroom, Katrina served on Quincy University's Student Programming Board and as a Student Ambassador. In addition, she was a member of Phi Sigma Sigma, Lambda Pi Eta Honor Society, and a Quincy University cheerleader.

"My education at QU started developing my career tool box," she said. "Everything started at QU."

When she's not working or volunteering for one of a number of other non-profit organizations, Katrina enjoys knitting and baking. She currently resides in Springfield, Illinois.



Joseph Newkirk '86 shown here on a recent visit to the Great Wall of China.

Vincent Daddona '13 is a stadium operator with the Windy City Thunderbolts in Crestwood, Ill.

Jacob Darnell '13 married **Megan Rabe '13** on July 20, 2013, Quincy.

Kelsey Dralle '13 is a detention officer with Adams County Juvenile Detention Center in Quincy.

Caitlin Dugan '13 is an investment broker with Blackbay Group in St. Louis.

Janet Felsman '13 works with the Department of Human Services in the human service center in Quincy.

Kelsey Fortney '13 is an algebra-2 teacher with Ponca City High School in Ponca City, Okla.

Tishauna Franks '13 is employed with Walgreens in Park Forrest, Ill.

Leslie Grave '13 is a bank teller with First Bankers Trust in Quincy.

Kayla Gross '13 is a manager and bridal consultant with The Crystal Bride in Geneva, Ill.

Morgan Higgins '13 is a merchandise specialist with Old Navy in Quincy.

Patrick Higgins '13 is a contract specialist with the Nation Intelligence Agency in St. Louis.

Brady Killion '13 is a financial advisor with Northwestern Mutual in Newport Beach, Calif.

Ryne Kirlin '13 is a listing and marketing coordinator with The Kepple Team Real Estate Group in Peoria, Ill.

Zach Klein '13 is a business developer with Orig Audio in Costa Mesa, Calif.

Kimberly Knotts '13 is a registered nurse with Good Samaritan Home in Quincy.

Javier Lofton-Knox '13 is a correction officer with Adams County Sheriff's Department in Quincy.

Andrew Koester '13 is an intern with Northwestern Mutual in Quincy.

Marisa Koller '13 is a staff nurse with Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis.

Andrew Kurz '13 is an MT with Enterprise in South Holland, Ill.

Linsey Laughlin '13 is a management trainee with Springleaf Financial in Galesburg, Ill.

Weston Liesen '13 is employed with Gully Transportation in Quincy.

Damaris Linker '13 is an associate in assurance with Price Waterhouse Coopers in Peoria, Ill.

Toni Long '13 is a district sales manager with Coca-Cola Bottling Company in Quincy.

Shari March '13 is a graphic designer with Media Development in Quincy.

Michelle Mast '13 is an assistant manager with Rue21 in Quincy.

Misty McBee '13 is a director of admission with Culver-Stockton College in Canton, Mo.

Misti McCallister '13 is a science teacher with Payson High School in Payson, Ill.

Matthew Meglan '13 is an analyst with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Thomas Metts '13 is a warehouse manager with Professional Stars Catering in Frisco, Tex.

Annie Meyer '13 is an education teacher with Quincy Junior High in Quincy.

Erin Meyer '13 is a staff accountant with Knapheide Truck Equipment in Quincy.

Amanda Miller '13 works in track maintenance with Burlington Northern Santa Fe in Louisiana, Mo.

Jessica Mott '13 is a sign language interpreter with General Lee Elementary School in Donnellson, Iowa.

Carrie Nicholson '13 is a customer advocate with Blue Cross Blue Shield in Quincy.

Stacie Owens '13 is a lab technician with Quincy Medical Group in Quincy.

Kaytlin Risley '13 is a school nurse with Griggsville-Perry School in Griggsville, Ill.

David Sanders '13 is a supervisor with First Bankers Trust in Quincy.

Katrina Schaefer '13 is a receptionist with Quincy Medical Group in Quincy.

Jill Shackleton '13 is a registered nurse with Quincy Medical Group in Quincy.

Brandon Simon '13 is a graphic designer with Ronan Signs in St. Louis.

Lauren Stephens '13 is a graduate assistant for admissions with Quincy University in Quincy.

Deanna Sublette '13 is a therapist with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Jennifer Thole '13 is a nurse with St. Anthony's Medical Hospital in St. Louis.

Michelle Waelder '13 married **Nathan Bozarth** on April 13, 2013, Quincy.

Jamie Wensing '13 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Christine Williams '13 is a head trainer with QTown Crossfit in Quincy.

Dawnielle Winfield '13 is a domestic violence legal advocate with Quanada in Quincy.

Timothy Wombles '13 is a manager with Sam's Club in Quincy.

Lisa Yarger '13 is a secretary with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.



In 2013, Blue Man Group in Chicago sponsored a one-of-a-kind art competition, and Kathy Duffin Czopek '91 was one of six winners. Czopek, from St. Louis, painted "Blue Frenzy" which was inspired by the energy, colors, rhythm and chaos of the live Blue Man Group experience.

IN MEMORIAM

Sherry Lee Anderson '73 on June 29, 2013, Quincy.

Peter G. "Pete" Arnott '54 on May 3, 2013, Benton, Ill.

Joan Cassidy Blonski '52 on November 5, 2013, Sartell, Minn.

Robert "Bob" E. Brady '76 on October 11, 2013, Quincy.

Joshua E. Brija '07 on October 30, 2013, Brookfield, Ill.

Robert J. Casey '72 on June 4, 2013, St. Louis.

James H. Casper '55 on June 25, 2013, St. Louis.

Marianne B. VonderHaar Crocker '49 on September 26, 2013, Quincy.

Edwin "Ed" Dean '70 on September 4, 2013, Nashville, Tenn.

Mildred T. "Mitzie" DeVilbiss '52 on September 4, 2013, Brookfield, Ill.

Marlene Sohacki Dittmer '71 on August 1, 2013, Quincy.

Robert D. Fitch '41 on July 22, 2013, Quincy.

Lester John Holtschlag '49 on June 16, 2013, St. Louis.

Victoria "Vicky" Holtschlag '78 on June 30, 2013, St. Louis.

Fr. Eric E. Kahn OFM '52 on February 8, 2013, St. Louis.

David R. Kerker '99 on August 1, 2013, Mendon, Ill.

Paul R. Koenig '62 on March 18, 2013, St. Louis.

Joan Heckenkamp Koettters '56 on July 30, 2013, Quincy.

Paul D. Lenane '47 on June 17, 2013, Quincy.

Margaret V. Lierly '73 on July 20, 2013, Quincy.

Daniel F. "Dan" Maier '67 on July 13, 2013, Fort Myers, Fla.

Deacon Frank Maynerich, Jr. '09 on August 13, 2013, Virden, Ill.

Terrence E. "Terry" McNett '72 on August 6, 2013, Quincy.

Robert C. "Bob" Morris '50 on July 23, 2013, Quincy.

Charles G. Nauert '50 on September 29, 2013, Overland Park, Kan.

Marilyn Northern Niebur '76 on June 19, 2013, Quincy.

John Walter Ruck '62 on August 13, 2013, Glendale, Calif.

William E. "Bill" Vandament '52 on April 20, 2013, Signal Hill, Calif.

John Schleppenbach: 1943-2014

John Schleppenbach PhD, professor of communication, passed away unexpectedly, yet peacefully, on February 24, 2014, at the age of seventy-one. An admired educator, Schleppenbach served the Quincy University community for forty-two years as a professor of both English (1972-2004) and communication (2004-2014). John and his wife (and colleague), Barbara, were instrumental in developing and expanding Quincy University's communication department.

Known solely by his moniker to many students, "Dr. John" most recently served as director of early exploratory internships where he introduced hundreds of Quincy University students of all majors to the professional world by way of internship opportunities.

Among his many passions, Schleppenbach was devoted to the development and infusion of technology in the classroom. He played vital roles in advancing QU's first internet-ready computer lab in 1994 as well as creating the Ameritech Center for Communication and Learning Skills Center.

An expert in the field of American folklore and member of the Missouri Folklore Society, Schleppenbach shared his vast knowledge through countless presentations and guest lectures all across the country. He served as an author and contributing author to a number of publications on the subject. His witty, yet philosophical tone was also apparent to the QU community by way of his editorial column for the QU newspaper throughout much of the 1980s.

Schleppenbach was born in Michigan, but his family roots were in Wisconsin. He held a dual PhD in folklore and linguistics from Florida State University, earned in 1972. He had previously earned a master's in English linguistics and BA in comparative literature from the University of Washington and University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, respectively. His wife, Barbara, their adult children Jay and Meg, and son David '94 by a previous marriage, survive him.



"Chromapoem #14" by Robert Lee Mejer.

ARTS

Bob Mejer, distinguished professor of art at Quincy University, was chosen to showcase his watercolor piece "Chromapoem #14" at the 2013-2014 ISEA/MWS Three Venue International Exchange in Wales. Artwork was displayed in Florida and California and will be on display in Wales in August 2014.

Mejer was recently recognized by the Carrie Burns Brown, nationally known South Carolina artist and member of the board of directors for South Carolina Arts Commission, to showcase his watercolor "Newborn."

BIOLOGY

Last November, **Dr. Joe Coelho**, associate professor of biology, presented "Theft of Prey Cicadas from Pacific Cicada Killers (*Sphecius conwallis* Patton) by Birds" at the national meeting of the Entomological Society of America in Austin, Texas.

Michelle Combs, assistant professor of biological sciences, is a contributing author of "The Extracellular Matrix Protein MAGP1 Supports Thermogenesis and Protects Against Obesity and Diabetes Through Regulation of TGF." The piece was published in the January edition of the journal *Diabetes*.

BUSINESS

Dr. Cynthia Hallieman, dean and director of the MBA program and associate professor of economics, was published in the spring/summer 2013 edition of *Journal of Business and Economic Perspectives* with her article "The Test of Consumption and the Real Exchange Rate Anomaly in Indonesia." Brian Sloboda coauthored the article.

COUNSELING

Dr. Andrea Owens Fifield, assistant professor of school counseling, will present at the American Counseling Association national conference in March 2014. Her presentation will highlight the unique challenges associated with counseling practice in rural and small communities, as well

as offer suggestions for enhancing counseling practice in these areas.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In June 2013, **Harry Cramer**, assistant professor of criminal justice, was ordained as a Catholic deacon. He was recently accepted as a volunteer chaplain for Blessing Hospital in Quincy

PSYCHOLOGY

Dr. Brian Nolan, assistant professor of psychology, was recently published in the journal *Synapse* for his work on the study entitled "Fos expression in response to dopamine D3-preferring phenylpiperazine drugs given with and without cocaine," which examines the effects of several new drugs being evaluated for their potential to aid in the treatment of addiction.

ADMINISTRATION

In January, **Robert Gervasi, PhD**, Quincy University president was elected to the board of directors of the Council of Independent Colleges where he will serve a three-year term. The CIC includes 645 nonprofit independent colleges and universities across the United States.

APPOINTMENTS

Calvin Johnson
director, multicultural & leadership programs

Jessica Huddleston
security officer

Josh Gronewold
security officer

PROMOTIONS

Dr. Ann Behrens
acting vice president for academic affairs

Ray Heilmann
acting dean, school of education/
director, off-campus studies & student teaching

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KEVIN HAHN '12

CONNECTING Developing research and analytical skills as a political science major and being on the mock trial team were solid preparation for my everyday work with the Democratic Caucus of the Senate here in Springfield. But the QU experience isn't just the challenge of classes. QU is also about extracurricular activities, developing friendships, and growing to be a better person.

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I come from a single parent home and have had to work multiple part-time jobs to help pay for my education. I would not be able to afford the stellar education of a private Catholic university without your support. When I get my undergraduate degree, I plan to continue my education by pursuing a master's degree in theology. I look forward to a career where I will be able to help others learn and grow in their relationship with God.

Victoria Lynn, a native of Quincy, Illinois, is a junior majoring in theology and recipient of the Genevieve D. Cutrone Theology Scholarship, which is awarded to students for academic excellence.

