Thank you to our donors for all that you do to make the King's College experience available to everyone. I know that I can always find a little of the King's College kindness in my classmates, professors, friends and alumni. We don't stop being Monarchs just because we've left King's. We each carry a little bit of King's College wherever we go, and that's what makes King's special.

- Jessica Wong '16

Valedictorian, Class President, and Class Commencement Speaker
Remembering Charles E. Parente '62 (1940-2016)

The King's College community mourns the passing of Charles “Chuck” Parente, who died last November after a long illness. Parente was a dedicated benefactor of the College and former chairman of its board of directors.

Parente graduated cum laude from King's in 1962 with a degree in accounting. While at King's, he was a member of the Aquinas Honor Society. Over the years, Parente maintained a close and supportive relationship with his alma mater, including serving as chair of the College board of directors for a number of years. His generosity to the College included the funding of numerous scholarships. The College recognized Parente and his wife, Mary, for their many contributions on behalf of students and the community by naming the new Life Sciences Center after them. In honor of a lifetime of service to the College, Parente was awarded a doctor of humanities degree, honorus causa, in 2012.

Parente's generosity extended beyond the King's campus. He was a member of the board of trustees at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School and a director and chair of Wyoming Valley Health Care System Inc. He served on the board and as general campaign chairman for United Way of Wyoming Valley. He was a board member of The Luzerne Foundation and an advisory board member of The Salvation Army. He also served on the board of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and was a recipient of the Salvation Army Community Service Award and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Born in Wyoming Borough, Parente graduated from St. John High School in Pittston. After receiving his accounting degree at King's and becoming a certified public accountant, he went on to establish Parente Randolph Certified Public Accountants, which, as CEO, he grew into one of the largest privately owned accounting firms on the east coast. From there he became involved in a number of businesses, including C-TEC Corporation, CP Media LLC, Sordoni Construction Services Inc., Pagnotti Enterprises Inc., W. P. Carey Co. Group and Affiliated REITs, and Community Bank Systems Inc.

Parente lived his entire life in Northeastern Pennsylvania, most recently residing in the Harveys Lake area for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Mary (Morgan) Parente, three sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren.

Few people have had greater impact on the College and its people. Our institution is grateful for the many contributions made by Chuck and his family.
Letter from the President

Dear Alumni and Friends of King’s College,

The value of a traditional, four-year college education has never been greater. Countless studies and surveys confirm time and again the fact that those with four-year degrees are likely to enjoy more prosperous careers and healthier lives than those not so equipped. While the value and benefits of a college education have never been more evident, the pursuit of that credential has become increasingly difficult, thanks to a variety of factors, including stagnant family incomes, decreasing government financial support, and rising costs—especially costs related to health care and increasing government regulation and compliance.

As the cost of attaining a college education continues to rise, the burden of meeting that cost has fallen on parents and students, of course, but also on many of the institutions—small liberal arts colleges in particular—that struggle to remain viable while keeping tuition and other expenses affordable. For small, liberal arts colleges that have depended on local and regional demand for quality education at an affordable cost, the challenges of increasing competition and shifting demographics have required some institutions to take drastic measures to maintain enrollment and revenue.

King’s, too, has faced challenges and, just a few years ago, made some bold changes to remain on an even keel. Those changes included the implementation of two new academic programs, Exercise Science and the 3+2 Engineering Program with Notre Dame, both of which have proven popular and highly successful. We also have doubled the size of the Physician Assistant Studies Program, one of our largest and most popular academic programs.

As a result of taking these and other decisive actions, the College has averted the perils that have plagued many of its competitors and instead has moved forward on a responsible, sustainable course that has allowed us to thrive. Now, based on the success of these initiatives, we are in the process of introducing two new academic programs and two new athletic programs, which are the subjects of this issue’s cover story, beginning on page six.

Since its founding in 1946, King’s College has grown and changed with the times, and these new programs are just the latest in a history of enhancements to the College. Such changes have allowed us to remain vital while staying true to our mission and the vision of Blessed Basil Moreau, who said, “How we educate the mind will change with the times; how we cultivate the heart is and will remain timeless.”

Changing times bring new challenges, and we will continue to meet those challenges by adjusting our curriculum, adding new programs and in many other ways. But even with these changes, King’s always will remain an institution founded in the Holy Cross tradition, committed to the mission of transforming hearts and minds with zeal in communities of hope.

May God bless you and your family and may God continue to bless King’s College.

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Weathering the Changes in Higher Education
These are challenging times for higher education. Everyday it seems there are new stories in the media about rising tuition, declining high-school populations, intense competition for students, and ever-increasing student loan debt, to name just a few.

These challenges have been taking a toll on all but the most exclusive colleges and universities, and colleges like King’s—small to mid-size private, liberal arts institutions—are facing seemingly intractable obstacles.

Despite the obstacles, some colleges are managing to survive and even thrive. One might argue that the challenge of keeping the doors open has forced them to come to terms with their core competencies—recognizing what it is they do best, then presenting themselves to prospective students as the best option for helping them achieve their personal and career objectives.

Such is the case with King’s College, which recently has launched a number of initiatives that build on the attributes that have historically been its strongest features. By focusing on what it does best, the College has recognized that students want a well-rounded education, but one that provides opportunities for in-demand careers. That model has allowed King’s to attract well-qualified, hardworking students, while the College continues to pursue its mission, as famously articulated by founding president Fr. James Connerton, C.S.C., to teach students not only how to make a living, but how to live.

King’s has held its own on the strength of its programs, in particular its signature programs in business and allied health. The appeal of these programs is that they prepare students for careers in rewarding professions that give students and their parents the assurance that their substantial investment in a college education goes to building a sustainable and secure future.

“New programs and initiatives are risky, but failing to adapt to a changing educational environment is even riskier,” said Fr. Ryan. “In the past five years the College has developed and implemented two new and successful academic programs, doubled the size of one of our largest and most popular academic programs, substantially increased the number of our international students, and rebalanced our cost structure to align with our revenue base.”

Academically, the College already is moving ahead with new programs in two highly promising fields: engineering (mechanical and civil) and nursing. The College also is expanding its offering of NCAA Division III sports by adding two programs that should be extremely attractive to prospective Monarchs: ice hockey and track and field.

The following profiles of King’s newest programs—engineering and nursing, and track and field and ice hockey—demonstrate how King’s adapts and adjusts to an ever-changing world, ensuring the College will endure to provide a Catholic education in the Holy Cross tradition dedicated to transforming minds and hearts with zeal in this community of hope.
While searching for programs that would appeal to the professional career interests of students as well as serve the needs of the local community and the region, mechanical and civil engineering were obvious choices for King’s.

Employment surveys have identified mechanical and civil engineering as fields that are in great demand, offering secure and lucrative career paths; they also offer the prospect of introducing a pool of highly skilled professionals to serve the region’s industrial and infrastructural needs. Another indication that new engineering programs would be a good fit at King’s was the success of the recently launched cooperative engineering degree program with the University of Notre Dame.

Based on this interest and demand, the College just launched two new traditionally-structured four-year programs in mechanical and civil engineering. The program in civil engineering will be the first ever offered by a Wyoming Valley college or university.

“In order for colleges and universities to remain successful in the current demographic climate, they must react to market trends and student expectations while still maintaining their core mission,” said King’s President, Rev. John J. Ryan, C.S.C., Ph.D. “These new engineering programs will help us do just that.”

Demand for the engineering credential is significant: The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics projects a 19 percent increase in civil engineering job growth and a nine percent increase in mechanical engineering job growth through 2020. According to The College Board, mechanical engineering is experiencing an 18 percent growth rate and civil engineering a six percent growth rate among students in geographic regions from which King’s recruits the majority of its students.

King’s already has a track record in engineering through its cooperative 3+2 dual degree program in engineering with the University of Notre Dame, which started in 2013. That program involves students spending three years at King’s, taking mathematics, science, pre-engineering and liberal arts courses, and spending two years completing engineering courses in their chosen fields at Notre Dame. Upon successful completion of the five-year program, students receive a Bachelor of Science degree from King’s (in physics, chemistry, computer science, or environmental science) and a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering from Notre Dame (in aerospace, chemical, civil, computer, electrical, mechanical, or environmental engineering).

Unlike the Notre Dame program, students in the new mechanical and civil engineering programs will spend all four years working toward their engineering degrees at King’s.
Mechanical engineering is in high demand among high school applicants, and engineers with a mechanical degree are afforded much flexibility, as the skills and techniques are transferable to a wide range of industries and job specializations, including industrial, mechatronic, robotic and systems engineering,” said Paul Lamore, Ph.D., director of the King’s engineering program.

The civil engineering program will be centered on structural design, infrastructure and transportation design, and environmental engineering. Major industries employing civil engineers include mining, quarrying, and oil and gas extraction; utilities; construction, including buildings, transportation and infrastructural projects; manufacturing; transportation, including rail and pipeline; and warehousing.

The mechanical engineering program will focus on mechanical design, as well as manufacturing systems and process control, using state-of-the-art simulation software and manufacturing system modeling. The skills and techniques acquired while studying mechanical engineering are transferable to a wide range of industries and job specializations, including industrial, biomedical, mechatronic and automated manufacturing, aerospace and systems engineering.

Despite being a brand-new program, the new engineering disciplines are already off to a strong start: Enrollment for the first engineering classes has exceeded expectations, which bodes well for the future success of the program. Further strengthening that future are plans already in the works for new equipment and facilities, including a dedicated engineering building to be located in the heart of Wilkes-Barre. The College recently received $100,000 from the George I. Alden Trust for the acquisition of equipment for both programs. King’s is in the process of acquiring accreditation for these programs from the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET.

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Engineering Program Director,
Paul Lamore, Ph.D.
Interest in developing a Bachelor’s of Science in Nursing program at King’s was inspired in part by the success of the College’s Physician Assistant Studies Program, which has expanded in recent years to help meet the demand for highly qualified healthcare professionals in Northeastern Pennsylvania and beyond. The demand for healthcare professionals is matched by a demand for new opportunities in well-paying careers, and the new King’s nursing program fills both of those bills perfectly.

Announced just last fall, the new program is a joint undertaking by King’s and Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) to create of a 1-2-1 Dual Bachelor of Nursing Degree program that involves students doing course work on both campuses.

The King’s-LCCC agreement is the first of its kind in the Wyoming Valley for a collaborative nursing program and builds on the existing strong relationship between the two institutions. In 2014, King’s and LCCC agreed to terms of a five-year dual degree agreement that guarantees students pursuing Associate in Applied Science, Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science degree programs at the community college will be granted admission and a merit scholarship to King’s in order to pursue a bachelor’s degree.

As currently configured, students in the nursing program will spend their first and fourth years at King’s completing the core and upper level nursing requirements for a Bachelor of Science degree; the middle two years will be devoted to nursing studies at LCCC, including labs and clinical studies.

The new nursing program is a logical extension and perfect complement to the College’s growing portfolio of allied health programs. In addition to the Physician Assistant Studies Program, the College’s Athletic Training

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King’s President Fr. John J. Ryan, C.S.C.
Program offers a bachelor’s degree, which was granted a maximum 10-year continuing accreditation term by The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education in 2015. Since 2014, the College has offered a Bachelor of Science degree program in exercise science.

“This new program will make it possible for King’s and LCCC students to earn the BS in Nursing credential, which is becoming the standard entry-level credential for the nursing profession,” said Fr. Ryan. “By adding nursing, King’s now offers a comprehensive suite of healthcare-related programs, giving students another path to an in-demand profession.”

“We’re pleased to be able to capitalize on the success of our strong nursing program and enter into a new agreement with King’s College to benefit students,” said Thomas P. Leary, president, LCCC. “This unique program, which allows students to earn a degree from both institutions, further solidifies our cooperative educational partnership with King’s while supporting students who wish to continue their education and complete their bachelor’s degree.”

The LCCC nursing department celebrated its fortieth anniversary in 2015. Students who completed the two-year registered nurse program in 2015 had a State Board pass rate of 90 percent and a job placement rate of 92 percent.

While prospective students will apply to the program through King’s, King’s and LCCC mutually will determine the number of students to accept into the program each year based on academic standards agreed to by both institutions. While King’s will be the institution of record for the purposes of admission, the decision to admit students will be shared by King’s and LCCC through a joint admission committee. Program development and the accreditation process will begin in earnest under the direction of Dr. Cynthia Mailloux, who was named chair of the Nursing Program earlier this year. Classes are expected to begin in the fall of 2018.
King’s Moves Forward with New NCAA Division III Programs

While students come to King’s on the strength of its reputation for academic excellence and the preparation it offers for rewarding careers in demanding fields, outstanding athletes also are drawn to the College for the chance to take part in intercollegiate sports.

For years, the College has offered a broad range of NCAA Division III programs. However, until recently, a couple of the most popular sports in the Northeast have been missing from that lineup. The College recently took steps to address that omission by adding two new programs for both men and women: ice hockey and track and field.

These sports were chosen based on their potential to attract more athletes to the College and more fans to Betzler Fields and the College’s newest sports venue, the Revolution skating rink in Pittston.

King’s ice hockey coaches Stephen Mallaro and Jennifer Kindret at the Revolution Ice Center in Pittston.

King’s on ICE
Men’s and Women’s Programs Set to Debut in the Fall

By Bob Ziadie

It was just a year ago that the College announced that NCAA Division III men’s and women’s ice hockey would become the newest varsity teams at the College. Over the course of the year, the hockey program has gradually taken form and is on track to make its much anticipated debut in the fall.

While introducing a new athletic program is never easy, ice hockey presents a whole new set of challenges, ranging from finding an off-campus facility for play and practice to finding student-athletes from states where hockey is popular—places from which King’s has not traditionally recruited.

Even before it announced plans to add the ice hockey program, King’s resolved the issue of finding a venue by securing ice time at the Revolution Ice Center in nearby Pittston. As the future home for both teams, Revolution will construct new locker rooms for both King’s men’s and women’s hockey teams.

The next major development took place last summer with the hiring of the men’s and women’s hockey coaches—Stephen Mallaro and Jennifer Kindret, respectively. Both coaches come with solid hockey backgrounds.
As a student, Mallaro was a standout at NCAA Division III national power Oswego State University (NY), where he was a starter for two national tournament semi-final teams and helped lead the Lakers to a combined 49-8 record in his last two seasons. Mallaro also spent two years as an assistant coach at Brockport College and two years at Manhattanville College (NY), both Division III programs.

A native of Winnipeg, Manitoba, Kindret began paying ice hockey when she was four years old. As a student, Kindret was a key player at NCAA Division I Robert Morris University. She later served as an assistant coach during her last two years at Division I Lindenwood University of Missouri. She also was an assistant coach at Division III Chatham University.

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Women’s Ice Hockey Coach, Jennifer Kindret

“During their first year recruiting for the College, both coaches had the added duty of introducing King’s to the ice hockey world, promoting the College and the benefits of joining a brand-new ice hockey program. Recruiting is the lifeblood for any athletic program, but it is especially critical when constructing an entire team from scratch. While a more established team might recruit 10 players every year, Mallaro and Kindret need to bring in significantly more for the first year, since there are no players returning from a previous season.

“The biggest challenge starting up a brand new ice hockey program is putting together a team of 25 or 26 individuals, but also selling them on King’s College and the opportunity they each have by committing to King’s,” Mallaro said. “Academically, King’s is one of the top private liberal arts schools in the country, and that opens up doors when student-athletes graduate. We have had a number of successful visits and each individual who has committed is excited to be a part of something special.”

“The key is finding the right student-athletes to bring to King’s,” said Kindret. “Recruiting is going well. I have been traveling to many showcases and tournaments, and the excitement about the new program at King’s has generated a lot of positive interest.”

Even before play has started, the King’s program was honored by being accepted into the newly-formed United Collegiate Hockey Conference (UCHC), a league that includes the men’s and women’s programs from Chatham University (PA), Elmira College (NY), Hobart and William Smith Colleges (NY), Lebanon Valley College (PA), Manhattanville College (NY), Neumann University (PA), Stevenson University (MD), and Utica College (NY), along with King’s. The UCHC also includes the Nazareth College’s (NY) men’s team. (Wilkes University also has joined the UCHC, adding a women’s team in 2017-18 and a men’s team in 2018-19.) League members will compete for the UCHC championship; the UCHC winner will receive an automatic berth into the Division III National Tournament beginning with the 2019-20 season.

“We are very lucky to have gained entry to a conference for our inaugural year as a brand new program,” said Kindret. “The UCHC will be a competitive conference right away. We will have some experienced women’s teams in the conference, and it will be a great learning experience from the get go.”

“The UCHC will be among the top Division III men’s conferences in the country in a couple of years once the new additions have time to develop,” said Mallaro. “There are a number of coaches in this league who have been around for quite some time and know the game extremely well. It will be highly competitive and super exciting to watch.”

In addition, the Middle Atlantic Conference, which King’s joined in 1980, will also begin to sponsor varsity ice hockey for the first time. Those teams will include King’s, Lebanon Valley, Manhattanville, Stevenson, and Wilkes. It is anticipated other MAC member colleges will also create ice hockey programs in the future. The addition of ice hockey will increase the MAC’s sponsorship to 27 sports, the most for any Division III conference.

“It’s exciting that an established conference like the MAC will be sponsoring ice hockey,” said Kindret. “It’s great for the game of ice hockey, especially women’s hockey, to have recognition from any conference, let alone a longstanding conference like the MAC.”

For both Mallaro and Kindret, the challenge of bringing hockey to King’s has so far been extremely rewarding.

“The people I have come in contact with have been super supportive and excited for ice hockey to begin, especially King’s alumni and former club players,” said Mallaro. “We have received great feedback from coaches all over North America about the new program, and it is great for the growth of the game.”

“The start of ice hockey at King’s has been very positive and spawned a lot of excitement,” said Kindret. “Some people have never seen women’s hockey before, so it’s a privilege to have the opportunity to grow the sport in this area. Everyone on campus has been so supportive and eager; we couldn’t be happier.”
The King’s College indoor and outdoor track and field programs enjoyed a very successful first season in 2015-16, and the program’s future is brighter than ever.

Even without a home track of its own and continually having to improve to meet equipment needs, the track and field program’s first year as a varsity sport was a solid success, both the indoors and outdoors. The 2015-16 indoor team competed in five events over the winter. In the program’s first official Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Indoor Track and Field appearance, the King’s women placed eighth out of 13 teams and finished eleventh.

“Despite not having a track the first year, we had a very positive response from people in the track and field community and from our alumni who competed at the club level over the years,” said King’s coach Mike Kolinovsky. “It was especially rewarding for them to see the sport elevated, adding to the contributions they made when we were a club sport and showed track and field could be a successful varsity sport.”

Varsity track and field at King’s has been a long time coming. Track and field thrived as a club sport at King’s for 15 years, and even as a non-varsity sport, the Monarchs competed successfully against varsity collegiate programs. As interest in the sport grew, Coach Kolinovsky pushed to elevate the program to varsity status. The biggest obstacle to achieving that goal was finding a place to build a track, so, for a time, track and field languished as a club sport.
That all changed as a solution to where to build the track finally materialized. The College formulated a plan to build a NCAA-approved outdoor track at the Robert L. Betzler Athletic Complex. The plan called for relocating a parking lot to a lower practice field next to McCarthy Stadium. By replacing the upper parking lot, a new regulation-size track could be built. However, to do this would require a major construction: With the proposed track site overlooking the King’s baseball field, a massive retaining wall would have to be built to create the extra width necessary to support the track.

With plans for a new track in place, the College could move forward to achieve varsity status for track and field. On April 15, 2015, it was announced that the program had been granted varsity status, and even before the new track was completed, King’s would compete as an official varsity sport in the 2015-16 season.

While the indoor program made use of practice space in Scandlon Gymnasium and the new recreation center during the winter months, the outdoor team improvised by using sites at Kirby Park, Solomon Plains, and the Coughlin High School track facility. With plans for the track construction set and its practice locations finalized, the program would spend its first year competing exclusively at away meets.

Even without their own track, the Monarchs made a strong showing for their first time competing at the NCAA Division III level. At the MAC Outdoor Championships last May, King’s women placed seventh out of 13 teams, while the men finished ninth out of 13.

Freshman Cayle Spencer won the javelin event at the 2016 MAC Outdoor Championships and placed 13th at the 2016 NCAA championship meet. Jill Korgeski placed second and again qualified for the NCAA Championships where she placed 13th. Marissa Durako also won both the 10K and 5K distance races at the Outdoor Championships but came up short in attempting to post an NCAA Championships qualifying time. Durako, a junior who was an NCAA national qualifier in cross-country, was named the MAC “Rookie of the Year” as a first-time track and field competitor in the MAC.

In the 2015-16 MAC Indoor Championships, King’s women placed eighth out of 12 teams; the Monarch men finished 11th out of 13. Individually, freshman Jill Korgeski became King’s first-ever MAC track and field champion and NCAA Division III national qualifier when she won the shot put. Korgeski finished 15th in the 2016 NCAA Indoor Track and Field National Championships.

For Kolinovsky, the College’s 15-year quest to establish track and field as a varsity sport was well worth the effort. Producing MAC champions and national qualifiers in the very first season simply confirmed his faith in the potential of the program.

“Having multiple conference champions and multiple national qualifiers in the first season was a tremendous accomplishment… It’s a testament to how hard our athletes worked.”

Track and Field Coach, Mike Kolinovsky

“This has been extremely exciting… Having multiple conference champions and multiple national qualifiers in the first season was a tremendous accomplishment,” said Kolinovsky. “It’s a testament to how hard our athletes worked. When we were out at the National Championships for both indoors and outdoors, many coaches expressed their surprise to find out we qualified athletes for NCAAs in our first year. It is so difficult to do so, and I am very proud of Jill and Cayle for reaching that level. I do not take their success lightly.”

Academically, the team also fared well: Both Durako and Korgeski were named to the 2015-16 MAC Winter Sports All-Academic Team, and Durako and Spencer were chosen for the 2016 MAC Spring Sports All-Academic Team. King’s also had 20 selections on the 2015-16 MAC Winter Sports Academic Honor Roll, while 23 more were named to the 2016 MAC Spring Sports Academic Honor Roll. In addition, Korgeski and Spencer were selected for the 2016 U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team.

Looking ahead to 2018, King’s will have the honor of hosting the Middle Atlantic Conference Outdoor Championships. The event will bring hundreds of athletes, family members and fans to the Betzler Fields, bringing even more exposure to the track and field program.

“Hosting the MAC Championships will be a very big undertaking, but it will also be a very exciting weekend at King’s,” Kolinovsky said. “I expect a big upswing in recruiting in the coming years now that the track is complete, combined with the early success of our program. From just a practice standpoint, having the new track will help our student-athletes improve so much. Just being able to have jump pits, steeplechase barriers, and synthetic runways—the difference will be tremendous. Our facility will have a direct correlation to the success of our student-athletes and help us reach our full potential.”
The motto of the Congregation of Holy Cross, “O Spes Unica, Crux Ave” (“Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope”), may not strike us as an enticing way to speak about the experience of education at King’s. Yet the very foundation of King’s College was an act of hope. The College was founded for the children of coal miners precisely to be a community of hope. King’s was to provide young people with the opportunity for a values-based Catholic education that would enable them to aspire to lives freed from the backbreaking work of coal mines. The foundation of the College required great sacrifices on the part of the bishop and initial benefactors from the Scranton Diocese, the founding religious community, and the young men who enrolled in those first days.

The hope that accompanied the foundation of King’s College mirrors Thomas Aquinas’ understanding of hope. Aquinas spoke of hope as a passion that moves a person to action for a future, difficult, but possible good. Bishop Hafey had a passion to provide Catholic higher education to the children of coal miners; a good, difficult, but possible to achieve. Hafey needed both a religious congregation to undertake the task and generous parishioners to support its initial steps. He set to work and did not rest until his hope was realized.

The Congregation of Holy Cross responded in hope to Bishop Hafey’s invitation. Fr. Connerton and a small band of religious priests and brothers engaged the difficult task of founding a new college, procuring property, seeking accreditation, and recruiting students to an institution with an unknown future. What greater hope could there be then to aspire “to teach students not only how to make a living, but how to live.”

The first students responded in hope by enrolling in an unaccredited institution, trusting a newly-formed faculty with their education, and pitching in around “campus” to get classrooms and offices ready.

Since its founding, King’s College has been a community of hope. The College has faced no shortage of challenges as it has sought to provide a quality education to all who enter its doors. Whether it has been the challenges of scarce resources, floods, procuring property, changing demographics or developing new programs to meet the needs of the next generation, King’s has lived in hope. The College’s leadership on the board, administration, staff and faculty has faced these challenges by engaging the difficult work that is at the heart of hope for the students entrusted to their care.

At present, the College is engaged in the challenging work of creating new program opportunities in engineering and nursing, reviewing its core curriculum to ensure a dynamic intellectual foundation for every student, creating a globally-diverse environment by recruiting global students, and enhancing its already deep commitment to moral formation so as to graduate students who “will champion the inherent dignity of every person and will mobilize their talents and professional skills to serve the common good.” All of this work is engaged in hope characterized by a willingness to do the hard work that will lead to success for generations of students to come.

The mission of King’s College has always been a work of hope, characterized not only by the sacrifice and hard work of its members, but a trust in the loving protection of its patron, “who taught by example and ruled by love.” Aquinas noted that hope was not only a passion that moves a person to action for a difficult, but possible good, but that it is also a theological virtue. Hope is God’s gift that enables us to bring to fulfillment the good work that God inspires.

The statue of Christ the King that Fr. Flood envisioned and placed atop the Administration Building stands as an amazing symbol of hope. It reminds us that King’s is not only a human work, but God’s very own. As a community, we will always face difficult challenges and be summoned to the hard work that will bring our hopes to fulfillment, but that summons and hard work will always be accompanied by the Lord, who gave His life for us on the cross, and who remains our hope.
Archaeologists curious about the deep hidden structures of the Egyptian pyramids have always had a profound problem: how do you find them? They could hack away at the pyramids with drills or picks, but of course that approach risks destroying the pyramids in the process. They could blast the pyramids with x-rays or ultraviolet light, but those don’t penetrate deeply enough and also run the risk of harming anything inside the pyramid with radiation.

In the 1960s, though, physicist Luis Alvarez had an idea: maybe an odd particle called a muon could help. Similar to x-rays, muons are stopped by dense objects and pass through less dense objects. Unlike x-rays, though, muons are already present. In fact, they’re everywhere, interacting with everything, all the time.

Every second that passes, unimaginable numbers of particles arriving from outer space pass silently through your body. The vast majority of these particles travel through you without any type of interaction at all, going completely unnoticed and unscathed. Some begin their journey through the cosmos in the core of our Sun, the products of the life-sustaining fusion that is the source of our star’s energy. Some begin in exotic sounding places like quasars and active galactic nuclei in faraway locations scattered across our sky. They travel at nearly the speed of light, for millions of years, some on paths bent by galactic magnetic fields, some flying true, and many passing through much scarier places than the Earth. And even though these particles would mainly like to remain in the shadows, we have learned remarkably much about them in the last hundred years.

For starters, they’re not all the same. There are many different types. Some called neutrinos interact so weakly and so infrequently that they require detectors the size of college football stadiums to be seen. A number of them are particles of light called photons in every color of the spectrum and more. Many are just humble hydrogen atoms stripped of their accompanying electron. These streams of particles that sail through the universe in numbers too large to imagine are especially important to us because they constitute our only means of studying objects outside of...
our solar system. We have no way to travel to these places and thus rely on the messengers that they send us.

Some of these arriving particles are dangerous. Super accelerated protons and high energy photons of light such as x-rays and ultraviolet rays can cause problems for humans by smashing into DNA molecules and altering the blue print of life. Fortunately, the Earth is wrapped in a protective atmosphere that shields us from most of these deadly attacks. The oxygen and nitrogen molecules in our atmosphere get in the way of these quickly moving extraterrestrial invaders and take the hit for us. What is truly remarkable is what happens next.

When these particles reach our atmosphere, they arrive with an incredible amount of kinetic energy. When they slam into the atmosphere at mind-boggling speeds, the collision actually converts some of their energy into new particles of matter. This, in fact, is the key insight of Albert Einstein’s famous equation $E=mc^2$. Beyond the mathematics, that equation tells us that energy ($E$) and matter ($m$) are related—in fact, they’re manifestations of the same thing.

Like pieces of shrapnel, these newly created particles rain steadily down on us in what we call “particle showers.” One of the numerous types of particles raining on us all the time is a muon. It is an electrically-charged particle that in many ways resembles an electron except that it is 200 times as massive and it is unstable, i.e., it decays. The rate at which these muons arrive from their birth in our atmosphere to the surface of the earth depends on which angle you’re looking at (because we live on a sphere), but the ones that come more or less straight down on your head from above due so at the rate of about 1 per minute per square centimeter. These downward heading muons, called “cosmic rays” constitute a well-known, well-studied flux of particles. They have rained down on every object on Earth and every person on the planet from the moment our atmosphere coalesced until now.

Unlike some of the other particles discussed earlier, muons do regularly interact with any matter that is encountered on their way down. In fact, few actually penetrate the earth more than half a mile. Since they are charged and somewhat massive compared with other particles, they interact with the protons, neutrons, and electrons that make up the atoms in our atmosphere, our planet, and ourselves. Each time a traveling muon chances to encounter an atom, it is slowed down a little bit through electric and magnetic interactions as well as repeated collisions. It is then that the fact that they decay becomes important.

Each muon is a ticking time bomb. From the moment that the muon sprouts into existence until its certain demise, the muon’s lifetime is more or less 2.2 millionths of a second. They are usually moving close to the speed of light and so can cover quite a large distance in the short time. Unfortunately, each interaction that the muon has with other matter slows it down. If enough matter is in the muon’s path, it will slow down to the point that its clock runs out and it pops out of existence. Additionally, slowing down muons allows them to interact in ways that result in their conversion into other exotic particles. The atmosphere presents only a minor speed bump since it has a fairly low density, and thus muons can travel quite far through it. Dense materials like rock, metal, and water are much heftier barriers and stop muons more quickly. The relation between how far the average muon of a certain speed and energy travels before dying and the density of the material through which they are traveling is well known. It is these “matter effects” on a muon’s travel that make these particles useful.

This is where Luis Alvarez’s idea comes back in. By using existing tunnels under the pyramid, he would measure the flux of muons that passed through the pyramid successfully. He could compare that number to how many muons should have passed through, based on what he knew of the pyramid’s structure and materials. Anywhere he found more muons than he expected might mean the space above was emptier than he expected. In other words, there might be a newly discovered hidden chamber. And, since muons were already present, no new radiation would need to be introduced.

“At King’s College, my research student and I are using [muons] to look inside the Pocono Mountains. We know the typical density of mountains in this area, which means we can calculate how many muons should be passing through a mountain. If there is a hidden vein of coal or a hidden cave, more muons will pass through than we expect.”

Prof. Gerardo Giordano

This device is used to measure density of objects by counting the number of muon particles that pass through them.
Ultimately, Alvarez’s attempts were unsuccessful because his equipment wasn’t sensitive enough. But he laid the groundwork for future developments, including recent work by researchers at Cairo University to successfully explore the inside of the Bent Pyramid using what is now called “muon tomography” or “muon radiography.”

The Department of Homeland Security has begun to implement a similar idea using this muon flux to scan shipping containers for contraband such as heavy metals. If a container is claimed to contain, for example, corn, the number of atmospheric muons that should be absorbed by that substance can be calculated. But if the container is secretly carrying lead, uranium, or plutonium with much higher densities than corn, the flux of muons would be greatly reduced. The detection of a much smaller count would suggest that the manifest is a lie and it could be done in a matter of seconds.

The list of applications goes on and on using this technology to look inside sealed containers, nuclear waste facilities, and fragile artifacts. At King’s College, my research student Varvara Budetti and I are using this technique to look inside the local Pocono Mountains. We know the typical density of mountains in this area, which means we can calculate how many muons should be passing through a mountain. If there is a hidden vein of coal or a hidden cave, more muons will pass through than we expect. Additionally, if a high density material such as gold is present, the muon count would be lower than expected. The study is in its preliminary stages since making the technique effective requires either a large detector or a long recording time with the goal of accumulating data to the extent that statistical errors can be reduced.

Muon tomography is still in its infancy, but is a promising new way to peer inside the secret places of the world. Whether exploring delicate structures or protecting us against sneak attacks, the technology is coming together to provide 3-D, detailed images of the internal structures of objects big and small without additional radiation and with amazing precision. All of this is made possible by a steady rain of particles that are usually treated like noise or just plain ignored.

There are also relativistic effects to consider.

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Proceeds benefit the Presidential Hope Fund, which provides support for deserving students who require additional financial assistance in order to continue or complete their undergraduate studies.
Father John Ryan, C.S.C., became the second consecutive King’s President appointed to a term on the Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame when he began a three-year term in July 2016.

Father Ryan attended his first board meeting in October and was assigned to the Academic and Faculty Affairs Committee and the Facilities and Campus Planning Committee, two of 12 committees of the 49-member board. The board meets on the South Bend, Ind., campus three times a year.

Father Thomas O’Hara, C.S.C., ’71, who earned a Master’s of Theology Degree from Notre Dame, was appointed to its Board in 2010 while still president of King’s. Father O’Hara continues to serve on the board in his current position as Provincial Superior of the United States Province of Priests and Brothers of the Congregation of Holy Cross, the sponsoring body of both Notre Dame and King’s.

“It is a deep honor and sacred duty to represent King’s College and the Holy Cross Community as a member of the Board of Trustees of the University of Notre Dame,” said Father Ryan. “It is a privilege and benefit to King’s College in being able to interact with some of the best thought leaders in the world.”

Founded in 1842, more than a century before King’s, the University of Notre Dame was administered by The Fellows of the University. The Fellows are a “self-perpetuating body,” consisting of six members who at all times must be “members of the Priests Society of the Congregation of Holy Cross, United States Province of Priests and Brothers, and six of whom shall be lay persons.” The Fellows are the “successors and associates in office” of the original founders of the University. Father O’Hara also serves as a Fellow.

In April 1967, the Fellows of the University approved new bylaws which, except to the extent of those powers reserved for the Fellows, delegated the general power of governance to a board of trustees which consists of members of the Congregation of Holy Cross as well as laymen and women.

Before being ordained a priest in 1990, Father Ryan worked for 13 years in accounting and finance fields.

Father Ryan is also a member of the boards of Stonehill College and the University of Portland, two other Holy Cross Congregation institutions of higher learning. At the state level, Fr. Ryan is a board member of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. In the Luzerne County region, he also is a board member of the Earth Conservancy, tecBRIDGE, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry, and the Advisory Council of the Geisinger Wyoming Valley Medical Center.

– John McAndrew
It began with a coin. Twenty-five cents in value. It began in the wake of Hitler’s rise to power in the 1930s. Thousands of miles away in Wyoming, Pennsylvania, a young boy named Allan Kluger and his family sat on their porch and awaited correspondence from Europe. They received weekly letters from family containing horror stories about the concentration camps in Nazi Germany before and during the Second World War. Family members lost to unspeakable crimes. He didn’t know how, but Allan wanted to help.

“I was taught you give to help people,” Allan said. “Every week, we would put aside 25 cents to help our family in Europe. We don’t know where it went or who got it. We hoped it went to the right places.”

From a single quarter saved each week, Attorney Allan Kluger has built a career as a notable lawyer and philanthropist, devoting himself to helping unknown people in unknown destinations. In fact, destination unknown is a familiar theme in Allan’s life. He grew up thinking he would find a career in sports until he injured his arm in a neighborhood pickup football game. Plans changed again after his freshman year at Wyoming Area High School when he transferred to Wyoming Seminary. “I went to Seminary to be a student,” Allan said. “They taught me how to study. They helped me get into college. It was a great advantage to me.”

He attended Amherst College in Massachusetts and played on the varsity soccer team. During his freshman year, Robert Frost was teaching poetry at the private liberal arts college, a few decades after the renowned poet penned one of America’s widely read and commencement speech staples, “The Road Not Taken.” Allan never had the pleasure of taking Mr. Frost’s course: “Once he heard I was admitted, he quit,” Allan quipped.

Like many college students, Allan didn’t know what he wanted to do with his life. He only knew he wanted to attend graduate school. He considered a variety of career paths, including hotel management or business. He reasoned that law school would provide a versatile foundation of knowledge for his professional career and his personal life:

“Once I became a lawyer, the fact is I could help people. Most people think of law as a business. It’s not a business. You shouldn’t look at it that way,” Allan said. “Law is a profession to help people. People trust you. They look to you for help. It’s a tremendous feeling and obligation.”

After graduating from Amherst College, Allan was accepted to the prestigious University of Pennsylvania Law School. As he neared graduation, Allan considered firms in the Philadelphia area. There were endless opportunities in the City of Brotherly Love, but he had a calling to return to his roots.

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Fr. James Lackenmier, C.S.C, President Emeritus, King’s College

By Joseph Giomboni
area,” Allan said. “At that time, I could see that there was a lot of business and industry in Wilkes-Barre including the shoe and dress factories and other manufacturing. It was an active community. There were opportunities here.”

Soon after returning to Wyoming, Allan caught his “biggest break.” Former business agent for the Teamsters 401 Lee Namey introduced him to Susie Kline, who recently returned home after graduating from Goucher College in northern Baltimore. Allan asked Susie out and she accepted.

The couple’s first date was dinner at Andy Perugino’s Restaurant in Luzerne. Allan ran into Bob Hourigan at the bar while they waited for a table. Knowing that Allan and Susie were on a first date, Bob orchestrated a prank on his good friend: Bob arranged for the restaurant staff to visit their table and sing Allan “Happy Birthday.” But, it wasn’t his birthday.

“He played a good joke on me,” Allan said. “Here I am taking this girl out for the first time, and they started singing ‘Happy Birthday.’ She didn’t know it. She was nice about it. But she was probably wondering, ‘Why is this guy asking me out for the first time on his birthday?’ Not the best impression.”

The joke didn’t hurt. Within a year or so the couple was married. Allan and Susie have three children: Their son Joseph is part of his father’s firm (and a member of the King’s College Board of Directors), daughter Elizabeth Kluger Cooper is an attorney in Washington, D.C., and their son Lawrence is in publishing in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Allan’s career has covered all types of law practice. As president and founder of the Wilkes-Barre-based law firm Hourigan, Kluger & Quinn, P.C., Allan has done considerable corporate work, including representing all of the local newspapers at various times, and estate work. He has worked for labor unions and local businesses, including King’s College. He says he never practiced trial law because of the time commitments; he would rather spend his time volunteering for community boards and charities.

“I learned something about law: The dictionary is the only place where success comes before work,” Allan said. “If you’re going to be a lawyer, to be successful, you have to put in the hours. I went into the office at 4:30 in the morning and came home at six. I’m lucky I had a great family at home that were supportive.”

Allan worked for King’s as a lawyer and also served on the College’s Board of Directors for 25 years, where he was primarily responsible for fundraising. (He holds the title of director emeritus.) “Even though I didn’t go there, I rave about the place,” Allan said about King’s. “I’m very, very impressed with the faculty and the administration. They’re more than just an educational institution. King’s cares about people. I never knew someone who went to King’s who didn’t come out raving about how they were treated and the education they received.”

A noted attorney for more than 60 years and a recognized public servant, Allan was selected as the third recipient of the Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., Award for Achievement and Leadership.

“One of the perks of being president of King’s College was knowing Allan Kluger,” said Father James Lackenmier, C.S.C., president emeritus of King’s College and president at the time Kluger began his service to King’s as a board member. “Allan is known by everyone as a great lawyer and a committed community leader. His reputation as a fundraiser and as a philanthropist is legendary. But it was my privilege to know him, above all, as a kind, warm, generous and exceedingly humorous friend.”

The award recognizes a King’s graduate or friend who has achieved professional excellence, demonstrates exceptional philanthropy and high ethical standards, and who embodies the spirit of King’s College—a commitment to mentorship is a big part of that spirit. The honoree also serves as a role model for the students in attendance at the award presentation. The Lackenmier Award dinner is held in conjunction with the annual William G. McGowan School of Business Forum, a long successful student mentorship program.

“Allan Kluger is the epitome of a business leader and community servant,” said Father John Ryan, C.S.C., King’s president. “He has provided King’s with more than 30 years of wise counsel and support and he has been as generous with numerous other Wyoming Valley organizations.”

The award was presented at a ceremony recently held at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre. Funds raised benefit King’s Presidential Hope Fund, which supports King’s students who face financial hardships that threaten
their ability to continue or complete their studies. To date, more than 100 King’s students have benefitted from benefactors like the Kluger family through the Hope Fund.

“The Lackenmier honor was awesome. On the drive home Susie told me that the family was so proud,” Allan said. “Then, I’m in the house about two seconds and Susie says to me, ‘Don’t forget to take out the garbage.’ I knew I was back in the real world very quickly.”

In addition to King’s Board of Directors, Allan serves on the boards of the Luzerne Foundation, where he was a founding board member, and the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Business and Industry as a director emeritus. A recipient of the President’s Award from the Luzerne County Bar Association, he was twice named a Pennsylvania Super Lawyer and served for seven years on the State Ethics Commission by appointment of the Governor of Pennsylvania.

He has been honored with the B’nai B’rith Outstanding Citizen Award, the First Annual Ethics Award given by the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania, the Wyoming Seminary Distinguished Service Award, the Anti-Defamation League Distinguished Community Service Award, and the Boy Scouts Distinguished Citizens Award. He is the recipient, together with his wife, Susie, of the first Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award presented by the Association of Fund Raising Professionals.

Nearly nine decades later, Allan Kluger and his family continue to give back to the community. His generosity benefits the students who take part in events such as the McGowan School of Business Forum, as well as the recipients of the Hope Fund. “My job is easy,” Allan said. “I say, ‘I’d like you to give money to King’s College. To educate students.’ It sells itself. It’s such a great thing to do and a great feeling.”

Allan and Susie spend the winter in Marco Island, Florida, a small community south of Naples. They enjoy spending time with their nine grandchildren. Allan enjoys reading histories and biographies. He jokes that he gets a little lazy in Florida since he rises at six in the morning instead of his normal 4:30 routine in Pennsylvania. He still plays tennis most days, followed by a full work schedule to handle legal clients and community commitments.

Allan taught his children to give to those in need. A lifetime in philanthropy began with a single quarter set aside for his family in Europe. He continues to raise money to support people in need. He doesn’t question the final destinations or its beneficiaries. He lives with hope in his heart that the Kluger family’s fundraising efforts are sent to the right places.

King’s College is committed to excellence in its educational programs and preparation for life’s challenges. Your experiences at King’s changed your life. Your decision to leave an estate gift to King’s College would help future students experience the benefits you enjoyed. It could also substantially benefit you and your family.

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A Community Instilling Hope.

The Presidential Hope Fund Continues to Keep Dreams Alive.

By Joseph Giomboni

The importance of community is one of King’s College’s core values, and for good reason. When you enroll as a freshman, you become part of something memorable. You join your classmates and serve your new local community on Day One. You crawl into the trenches with your cohort and earn your degrees. Together, King’s made you work, made you earn it. And as you build a successful career, you reflect and remember the generosity of faculty and staff who helped make your accomplishments possible. But you dig deeper. You realize you missed someone you needed to thank.

That person was likely an alumnus or friend of the College who decided to give back to the King’s community. You may have received an endowed scholarship in honor of a loved one, or a gift from an unnamed graduate who donated to a general scholarship fund. If you attended our annual William G. McGowan School of Business Forum, you were part of a special celebration that featured the recipients of financial awards who shared heart-warming stories about how the generosity of the King’s community allowed them to continue their journey on campus and achieve their dreams.
The Forum is one of the College’s influential mentoring opportunities and culminates in the presentation of the Rev. James Lackenmier, C.S.C., Award for Achievement and Leadership. The night is the key source of funding for our Presidential Hope Fund, which provides support for deserving undergraduates in any major who require additional financial assistance to continue or complete their degrees. The fund is designed for students who have demonstrated a commitment to their academic studies and have proven themselves to be productive members of Monarch Nation.

The Presidential Hope Fund, a discretionary fund available to President Rev. John J. Ryan, C.S.C., is designed to make an immediate and life-changing difference in the lives of students. Since October 2014, more than 100 King’s students have received assistance from the Fund. Thanks to the Hope Fund, students like Tyler Brady, Meghan Brennan and Sam Goldheart, who share their stories here, have been given second chances. The Hope Fund blooms because friends of our community care enough to want to make an impact on students’ lives. These students thrive because of your support.

Senior Tyler Brady, Carbondale, PA

A three-sport athlete at nearby Lakeland High School, Tyler Brady came to King’s because he wanted to experience college life in our residence halls, yet live close enough to regularly visit family. Prior to arriving on campus, Tyler was a prized tailback on the football team. He tore a ligament in the third game of his senior season, which required him to work with an athletic trainer to rehabilitate his injury on nights and weekends. Tyler’s goal was to return to the field with his team to play rival Dunmore High School, one of the top teams in the state. He achieved that goal and finished the season with his teammates. More importantly, through his injury, he learned about the athletic training profession—he had discovered his career path.

“I found a major that was right for me,” Tyler said. “I liked being around sports and athletes. It was a program I liked and that made it easier to get motivated and stick to academics.”

As a King’s student, Tyler conducted clinical rotations with King’s football team during the fall semester. Mentored by Head Athletic Trainer and Associate Professor Greg Janik, Tyler provided preventative treatment for student-athletes for games and practices and assisted athletes during their rehab process, in addition to taking 18 credits of coursework.

That career-deciding opportunity almost didn’t happen. The previous year, Tyler’s family was hit with financial hardships that would have ended his college education if not for the Presidential Hope Fund, which he learned about through the Athletic Training Department staff. “They were very helpful. Any help I needed, they were there for me. Whether it’s academics or your personal life,” Tyler said. They had him contact the Financial Aid Office about the fund.

The Financial Aid Office determined that Tyler met the fund’s service requirements. “Thanks to the Hope Fund, I was lucky enough to get a generous grant, which was a major factor in allowing me to finish my undergraduate degree at King’s,” Tyler said.

During his final semester this spring, Tyler will conduct his clinical rotations at a local high school to provide care to athletes and work with students and their parents on treatment options. Looking ahead, Tyler is applying for jobs and hopes to attend graduate school. “The Hope Fund gave my family and me the opportunity to finish school,” said Tyler. “Now I’m on track to graduate with my friends.”
Senior Meghan Brennan, Lansdowne, PA

An exceptional student at Cardinal O’Hara High School, Meghan Brennan was accepted into every college to which she applied. Wanting to learn more about King’s, she came for a visit. “Being from the city of Philadelphia, Wilkes-Barre was a good fit,” said Meghan. “I was able to get the city atmosphere without worrying about my safety.”

She originally enrolled as a pre-veterinary major, but changed her mind after an internship. “That was an opportunity to learn what I did not want to do, but King’s still had a path for me to find new opportunities without falling behind.”

Recognizing the variety of career options available in psychology, Meghan decided to major in that field. “I like the way we’re taught to think critically and apply concepts, like students in the business field,” she said.

Embracing her new academic path, Meghan became an active member of the King’s community. She was treasurer of the Psych Club and a co-orientation leader for Campus Activities. She also worked with students with special needs at Junior Achievement of NEPA, where she taught second graders about financial literacy, voting, and volunteering in their local community.

Meghan was on pace to become the first person from her family to graduate from college when, during Christmas break of her sophomore year, her father died, which changed her family’s financial situation dramatically. While her financial aid package was complete for the spring semester, she wasn’t sure if she would be able to continue her education. “I didn’t think I would be able to come back,” she said.

Looking for help, Meghan reached out to the Financial Aid Office, where Marijo Elias told her about the Presidential Hope Fund. “Marijo was a rock for me. She helped me with the FAFSA and guided me through the application process.”

On the strength of her outstanding academic record (which included three Dean’s List mentions and membership in the Chi Alpha Epsilon National Honor Society), her service to the King’s community, and her career goals, Meghan was approved for a Hope Fund award. “All I could do is cry,” Meghan said about receiving the award letter. “I told my mom and all she could do is cry. Hope had been restored for me.”

Her career back on track, Meghan recently accepted a position at Vanguard, one of the world’s largest investment companies, as a client relationship associate. “I’ll have to work a little harder than students with a business background, but I’m ready for it,” Meghan said. She is currently studying for the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Series 7 and 63 exams.

While attending last October’s McGowan Forum at the Westmoreland Club in Wilkes-Barre, she shared her story with an audience of business leaders and classmates. “I didn’t know any better way to thank these people for what they’ve done for me,” Meghan said. “Their coming there and giving what they have given is the reason I’m graduating.”
A Hazleton Area High School graduate, Sam Goldheart is the son of Romanian immigrants who settled in the Wyoming Valley 20 years ago. He learned about King’s from a recent graduate and substitute teacher, Justin Pshar ’11. What appealed to Sam about King’s was the closeness of the community, the compact campus, and the small class sizes. By going to King’s, he would also be able to easily visit his family in Drums. “I took a campus tour, and it felt like home to me,” Sam said. “Once I got to King’s, I knew it was right for me.”

During his sophomore year, his family’s financial situation changed, and Sam didn’t know if he would be able to continue. After meeting with the Financial Aid Office about his situation, he received his Presidential Hope Fund acceptance letter during his sophomore year. By the time he received his grant, he was working as many as 25 hours each weekend at Walmart to pay for his education. “I was on the wire’s edge of finances,” Sam said.

Sam’s Hope Fund award made it possible for him to join a King’s trip to the Los Amigos Biological Research Station in the lowland Amazon forest in Peru in last summer. During the 17-day course, Sam explored the biological diversity in tropical forests and the Amazon River Basin.

Sam, a physician assistant studies major, worked 400 hours at Geisinger Medical Center during his junior year, where he gained experience doing a variety of jobs. “I was able to work directly with doctors, but the most beneficial hands-on experience was working with patients.” Grateful for the support from King’s, Sam is excited about someday paying it forward. “The Hope Fund not only allowed me to continue my education, but to further my education through the study abroad experience in the Amazon,” Sam said. “It would have never been possible without it.”

More than just the students, the entire King’s community benefits from the generosity of alumni and friends who contribute to the Presidential Hope Fund. Gifts to the Hope Fund are special because they have an immediate impact on some of the College’s most deserving and most vulnerable students. The funds raised at events like the McGowan Forum are a form of vibrant currency that generates hope in our students’ lives each semester. Students like Tyler, Meghan and Sam. The generosity they received has extended a lifeline to keep their dreams alive and very likely will be passed on by them to a future generation of Monarchs.
A NEW LOOK
for Popular Places on Campus

Chartwells Brings a Fresh Approach
to Dining at King’s

Over the summer, the College launched a new partnership with Chartwells Higher Education Dining Services to bring a new level of quality to King’s dining facilities. Dining at King’s now includes value oriented meal plans, a new 24/7 convenience store, Monarch Mart, and enhancements to several on-campus dining spaces to create a greater sense of community.

Chick-Fil-A

With an adjoining patio for outside dining, the Chick-fil-A at King’s on the Square was the most anticipated addition to King’s Dining facilities. In addition to being the first Chick-fil-A location in Luzerne County, this Chick-fil-A is an easily accessible location to serve the public and King’s community. The franchisee for the store, Chartwells Higher Education Dining Services, is also the new food service provider for King’s College—King’s signed a 10-year contract with Chartwells effective last July. To build excitement for the opening, King’s Dining organized an event on campus for members of the King’s Community, which featured the official Chick-fil-A cow mascot. Approximately 500 signature chicken sandwiches were given away for free.

Susquehanna Place

The former Susquehanna Room has been renamed Susquehanna Place. This dining hot spot in the Administration Building features classic favorites like flat bread personal pizzas, wraps and paninis, and such new additions as Au Bon Pain soups for students to warm up on cold days, fresh bagels from Bakery Delite in Plains, and lattes, coffee, and cold nitro brew from local brewer Electric City Roasting Company.

Leo’s on Mane

In Thomas J. O’Hara Hall at the corner of North and North Main streets, you find “Leo’s on Mane,” King’s newest late-night hamburger and shakes joint. Formerly King’s Creamery and Wholly Habaneros, Leo’s is now the hot spot for student-athletes, known for sharable sundaes and massive (shareable) burgers! Bring your appetite! Leo’s features premium and customizable burgers in several varieties (including bison, beef, and vegetarian burgers from the Buffalo Shoppe), ice cream, classic pinball machines, and Rockbot—a digital jukebox app.
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“At King’s I learned to interact with new people and work on a team. My internships and the study abroad experience have totally prepared me for my future with BASF, the world’s largest chemical country. I’m excited to see what is out there!”

- K.C. Wanamaker ’16

King’s Court

The relaxed atmosphere of King’s Court in the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center provides the perfect dining option for members of the King’s community with an insatiable appetite. Formerly the Market Place, King’s Court features an upgraded menu with full entrees, side dishes, and made-to-order meals. For diners concerned about what to eat, King’s Court features the “Balanced U” station, which caters to diners with special dietetic needs. In addition, dining managers or chefs are available to offer advice on how to manage your diet.

Connerton’s Café

Connerton’s Café received a complete makeover, including a new look, new technology, and culinary updates. Wallpaper and signage have changed to reflect traditional school colors, while the location’s revamped menu now includes coffee from Electric City Roasting Company, subs and sandwiches from Mondo’s subs, and breakfast sandwiches and bagels from Bakery Delite. Taking advantage of the latest in restaurant technology, Connerton’s now features two digital kiosks that allow guests to order and pay for their meals with a meal card swipe, flex dollars, King’s Cash, or credit. While digital kiosks are a great option for students, faculty and staff on the go, traditional cash is still welcome at the old-fashioned order window.

Monarch Mart

If you’re looking for convenience and variety, Monarch Mart has been converted into a completely self-sufficient, 24/7 shopping experience. A swipe of a King’s College ID allows entrance to the store from inside of the Sheehy-Farmer Campus Center or from the outside through a newly installed outdoor entrance. Once inside, guests can pick and choose from a myriad of products, including chips, candy, healthy snacks, bottled beverages, basic toiletries, and even premade sandwiches from the On-the-Go cooler. Guests pay at a user-friendly kiosk with flex dollars, King’s Cash, or credit. Security is monitored at all hours by cameras located throughout the store.

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Former King’s College softball great Jess Harvey etched her name in the College’s athletic department history books when she became the first Monarch softball player, and the fifth athlete overall, to be named to the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Hall of Fame. Harvey, who was named to the MAC Hall of Fame in May, returned to King’s McCarthy Stadium on September 24 to formally accept her Hall of Fame plaque prior to the Homecoming football game.

Harvey was a key contributor to the rise and continued success of King’s softball, which dominated the MAC Freedom Conference during her career. She played second base as a freshman but moved to shortstop for her final three years. At six-feet tall, she was a unique combination of speed, power, and finesse who hit for both power and a high batting average. Defensively, she owned tremendous range going left or right and possessed arguably the strongest throwing arm in program history.

Now, 13 years later and having had one of the finest athletic careers in King’s history, she at last has been recognized with a place in the MAC Hall of Fame. She will never forget the day she learned of that honor.

“I was completely surprised. I actually had to sit down on my couch and process what I heard for a couple minutes,” she recalled. “I started to think about all the absolutely amazing players that have come through our program, and I couldn’t believe I was the first one to receive this honor. I called my grandparents first, and I had a hard time even telling them about it because I could hardly believe it myself.”

Harvey led King’s to the 2000 MAC overall championship and then, after the conference was restructured, guided the squad to MAC Freedom Conference titles in 2001, 2002, and 2003. In the process she helped King’s softball earn four straight NCAA D-III national tournament berths from 2000-2003, the first time any team sport at King’s achieved the milestone.

Harvey received numerous honors during her career. She was a three-time National Fastpitch Coaches Association All-Region selection, a two-time Freedom Conference “Player of the Year” (2002-03), and a three-time first-team All-Freedom Conference selection (2001-03).

She owns King’s all-time single-season batting average record with a .521 (74-142) mark in 2002 and registered a .406 (200-493) career batting average. She is one of just three players in program history to register 200 or more career base hits.

She stands first all-time at King’s with a .887 single-season slugging percentage (2002) and ranks third all-time at King’s with a .688 career slugging percentage. Harvey was also a standout defensively at shortstop where she ranks first all-time at King’s with 138 single-season assists (2002) and is also first with 388 career assists. Harvey stole 50 career bases, a rarity for players her height, and posted a career-best 23-of-24 in steals in 2003.

After graduating from King’s she served as a Monarch assistant coach from 2003-04 where she recruited a number of top players to King’s. She was also the head softball coach at nearby Lake-Lehman High School in 2007.

“It’s amazing to think about everything that we accomplished back then,” Harvey noted. “Our teams were dominant in the MAC and ranked nationally. King’s Softball had multiple players ranked nationally in many categories, stolen bases, home runs, RBIs, etc. It definitely helped after I graduated and recruited for King’s. Our dominance made getting players like Lindsay Hoerner, Mari Valonis, and Meaghan Galvin, who continued the success of our program, easy.”

Harvey currently resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is employed by Well Care Home Health as a home health account executive. She is a 1999 graduate of Sacred Heart High School in Waterbury, Conn. Harvey, who still plays competitive softball to this day, gives a great deal of credit to King’s softball coach Lisa Gigliello and continues to apply the lessons she learned as a Monarch.

“I owe a lot of my personal success to the head coach Lisa,” Harvey said. “She makes sure that her players are successful not only on the field, but also in the classroom. The skills she taught me on the field made me a much better player, better than I ever thought I could be. Lisa constantly pushed fundamentals, made sure we were always prepared, and always had what we needed to make the program and the players dominant. It’s funny
Former King’s softball star Jess Harvey was presented her MAC Hall of Fame plaque at Homecoming, September 24. In the photo, from the left, are King’s softball coach Lisa Gigliello, King’s Associate Vice President and Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreation Cheryl Ish, Harvey, King’s President Rev. John Ryan, C.S.C., and King’s Vice President for Student Affairs Janet Mercincavage.

that even now when I’m playing, I can hear her in my head even though she is miles away… ‘ground balls to the infield have to be outs; hit your cut; go with the pitch’; and more.”

Harvey is deeply grateful for her overall experience at King’s as a student and athlete. “My education at King’s definitely helped me in my career. I think having a well rounded, liberal arts education gives you a broad knowledge base and has an extremely positive impact in my leadership skills, adaptability in various work situations, and interpersonal relationships. It says a lot that all of us (former King’s players) stay in contact through social media, come back for the alumni games, and come to cheer on the current teams even if we have been away from the program for years. Lisa has taken a lot of personalities and many different players and made our bonds and friendships so tight.

I love coming back to King’s and seeing everyone. That day is always special and our turnout always shows how much we all love the school, the program, and each other. Every time I come back, it’s almost like we never left.”
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Research in Support of the Community

HAWK Study Aims to Improve the Health of Wyoming Valley Adults

The prevalence of the public service component of a King’s education has been well documented on a consistent national basis through the years. The College has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll every year since the inception of the list in 2006. During the academic year measured for the most recent Honor Roll, almost 80 percent of King’s students participated in some form of public service, and the group performed more than 178,000 service hours.

The goal of one of the most recent public service initiatives of the College is to have a positive impact on the overall health of Wyoming Valley adults, to have an effect well beyond the “point of contact” of the volunteer and the person being helped.

Faculty and students from the Department of Sports Medicine and the Department of Athletic Training began an extensive non-invasive health study of men and women between the ages of 21 and 75 in March 2016.

The Health and Wellness at King’s College (HAWK) study involves a comprehensive health, cardiovascular,
muscular, and orthopedic screening to more than 110 adults to date. The goal of the study is to provide suggestions based on screening results that will enable participants to prevent or ease the effect of chronic health problems, including cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, and joint or back pain.

Participants are asked to complete a physical, mental and behavioral health history questionnaire at the beginning of their testing session, currently being conducted one evening per week at a lab on the ground floor of King's on the Square.

Participants are then screened by exercise science and athletic training students under the supervision of faculty from both departments for exercise readiness, body composition, blood pressure, postural and joint health and function, movement and body function, gait, flexibility, muscular strength, strength endurance, resting EKG, and a graded exercise test, muscle reaction and bone integrity. The entire process usually takes approximately two hours.

Several weeks later, each participant is mailed a confidential comprehensive report containing all their results as well as exercise and dietary suggestions. Referrals to specialists are also suggested when appropriate.

“The HAWK study is a perfect opportunity for our students and faculty to do legitimate health research studies while also performing a public service,” said Dr. Jan Kretzschmar, assistant professor of exercise science and coordinator for the study. “The faculty and students from both departments are donating their time and talents for the benefit of the individuals involved in the study. The study results will be analyzed for common risk factors found among the participants and will be sent to academic publications for consideration.”

The College was able to purchase additional equipment needed for the study from a combination of proceeds of a gift from a private foundation and College funds. An anonymous $50,000 gift received in the spring was used to purchase a low-dose dual X-Ray bone densitometer and a myotensiograph.

Inclusion of the new pieces of equipment allows assessment of muscle tension, contraction, strength, muscle balance, joint integrity, health and fat distribution, skeletal health, spine health, femur health, bone density, joint integrity, and hip fracture risk.

Kretzschmar feels that interacting with HAWK participants is as important for the students as applying their classroom knowledge. “There’s a lack of soft skills in our industry. People forget we’re a service industry and we have to respect the people we’re treating. Students have the opportunity to engage patients during down time, and I tell them, ‘This is your opportunity to make somebody’s day.’
In addition to providing participants a report, I’d like to think they also felt nurtured.”

While any further follow-up to the HAWK administration is not required following receipt of the results from the initial testing, Kretzschmar has heard that some individuals made positive steps to improving their health, including losing weight and either starting or revising their exercise program.

Kretzschmar added that the experience of treating real people with real health issues such as obesity, cardiovascular issues, or a predisposition to certain health conditions, also shows students how to be vigilant.

“Having the opportunity to do community service while doing research is an amazing experience,” said Andrew Willis, a senior HAWK study volunteer. “A rewarding factor is helping individuals feel comfortable about their current state of wellness while also giving them the encouragement to take the first step toward changing negative behavior that is adversely affecting their health.”

Matt Dougherty, another senior exercise science major and one of about 15 HAWK student volunteers, agrees. “Everyone that I’ve interacted with as a test participant left knowing something they didn’t know about their health and how to change it just a few hours earlier. My participation in the study will be a valuable part of my resume as I apply to chiropractic programs later this year.”

People interested in participating in the HAWK study should contact Kretzschmar at health.wellness@kings.edu.
2015-2016 Year in Review:

Business Affairs
- Appointed Chartwells, the new food service provider, and completed $2 million in food facility improvements, including the addition of Chick-fil-A
- Refinanced the College’s long-term debt to 15 year fixed rate notes lowering interest expenses and reducing debt service requirements
- Received an investment grade rating from Standards and Poor’s
- Completed a $3.5 million project to add a NCAA regulation track to Betzler Field to support our new Track & Field program
- Expanded the College’s revolving credit facility to five years and $10 million in capacity

Campus Ministry/Shoval Center for Community Engagement & Learning
- Received a $50,000 grant from NetVue to explore the integration of vocation into the curriculum
- Received a grant of $8,000 from the United States Province of Priests and Brothers to pilot an international SERVE trip to Uganda

Student Affairs
- Implemented an NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Track & Field program
- Began recruitment for the 2017-2018 NCAA Division III Men’s and Women’s Ice Hockey teams, members of the United Collegiate Athletic Conference
- Women’s Field Hockey team won the 2016 Freedom Conference Championship under first year head coach Martha Kerrick
- Implemented an electronic medical records (EMR) system for students including NCAA student-athletes who are linked with the Athletic Training program for their sport
- Organized, selected and trained a new student peer educator group through the Counseling Center—H.O.P.E.—Helping Our Peers Excel

Enrollment Management
- The class of 2020 was the largest, most academically accomplished class in King’s College history, with students enrolling from seventeen states and four countries.
- Launched the redesigned website, resulting in exponential growth in website usage, and according to internal data, students and families are finding information with much more ease
- The most important factors for students choosing King’s College are: opportunities for applied learning and one-on-one time with faculty.
Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations

- Homecoming/Reunion grows bigger and better each year with the largest attendance to date.
- Launching the New York City Alumni Club, the fourth King’s regional alumni club
- Created the first annual Scholarship Brunch bringing together over 180 benefactors and student scholarship recipients
- Alumni donor participation increased for the fourth consecutive year.
- Implemented the first Philanthropy Week to educate students about the impact donors have on their lives and their education while thanking our donors and benefactors

Academic Affairs

- Established programs in Civil and Mechanical Engineering to begin enrolling students in Fall 2017.
- Established dual degree partnership with Luzerne County Community College to offer Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree. Program is scheduled to enroll students in 2018, pending approval by accreditors.
- Received reaccreditation by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.
- Administered the National Survey for Student Engagement for the first time that showed King’s students participate in high impact learning practices, including undergraduate research, service learning, and capstone experiences, at significantly higher levels than comparable institutions in the region and the nation.

Thanks to YOU

- New Scholarships Created: 11 new scholarships were created, making the total number of 232 Endowed Scholarships available for students.
- Increased alumni donors for fourth consecutive year

- Number King’s Students Saved: 32 students were recipients of Presidential Hope Fund during FY 2015-16, bringing the total to 100 students saved to date.
- Number Student Service Hours: 185,210 – the total number of all community service hours engaged by King’s students according to the most recent data available

Fiscal Year 2016 by The Numbers

July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016
5221 donors contributed $2,877,055

Our Donors:

Alumni 44% Foundations 16%
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Last fall, writing students in Dr. Noreen O’Connor’s Literary Journalism course presented an exhibit in Hafey-Marian Hall of their writing and photography called “Wilkes-Barre in Thirty Images.”

O’Connor, associate professor of English, presented her students with works by masters of the form, including Let Us Now Praise Famous Men by James Agee and Walker Evans, and After the Last Sky by Edward Said, which they studied in class during the spring semester. “Paul Gardullo, curator of the Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture’s curator, and his exhibition book, The Scurlock Studio and Black Washington: Picturing the Promise, were particularly inspiring,” she said. Students in O’Connor’s editing course contributed to the project, copyediting the writing and designing the presentation for the exhibit.

The students who contributed to the project are Samantha Bucher, Sarah DeMace, Brian Fisher, Sarah Gyle, Elizabeth Hoover, Anastasia Humphrey, Brandi Kultys, Emily Letoski, Molly Briana McMullen, Christopher Miko, Jessica Mulligan, Shaniese Ricketts, Nathaniel Eric Seals, Owen Vaughn, Tara Zdancewicz, and Stephanie Zedolik. The exhibit was made possible by the English Department and by generous donations from anonymous benefactors in support of the humanities and public history at King’s College.

The following examples from the exhibit showcase the creativity and insights of today’s King’s students as they examine the downtown cityscape and reflect on traces of Wilkes-Barre’s storied history.


“Circle or Square?” by Shaniese Ricketts (April 6, 2016)

The quietness in the air gives birth to new life for the city. The whispers of renovated businesses and new apartments give hope to the Diamond City. There is a gradual rethinking of Wilkes-Barre. The raining down of loss and destruction is replaced by the sunshine of life and promise. The city may not shine in the day, but it sparkles at night. The King’s On The Square sign illuminates the Catholic tradition and draws upon the eyes of visitors at night like the way Batman reports for duty upon seeing a bat signal.
An American flag sits atop the building, a symbol of national pride. Below, the building has seen immense evolution and magic, but some secrets are left untold. This is small-town America, and this little theatre is what this country and this city are all about. The F.M. Kirby Center has stood for over a century and a half, through trials, tribulations, and devastation. Originally, it was not even the Kirby Center at all, however. In 1938, the building opened for the first time under the name of Comerford Movie Theatre. Reaching roaring success, the business brought excitement to the little town of Wilkes-Barre. This theatre was part of a chain in Northeastern Pennsylvania and New York State, and yet somehow, it was different. It was special.

Today it brings concerts and shows of every genre and style. It brings audience members of every interest to the glamour of its vintage interior design and lush red seats. It brings people through its doors and gives them an escape, a place to cry, laugh, love, and hope. Celebrating its twenty-fifth birthday in 2016, the Kirby Center remembers its evolution and trying past. More importantly, it knows of its bright future and ability to overcome obstacles to continue prospering. Much like the city in which it stands, the F.M. Kirby Center will survive. It will always be there.

The Market Street Bridge steps across the Susquehanna River like a slinky, delicately tip-toeing across through a puddle. The sky above promises a storm within the hour. Twin raptors perch on their posts, delivering an ominous overtone. Bits of sunlight seep through the nimbostratus clouds and fade toward the horizon.

To see more stories and essays from the exhibit, visit https://wyomingvalleystories.org/podcasts/
“The thing that really impressed me with [King’s] was it was totally dedicated toward the student’s success... It was an environment that said ‘let’s all work together to achieve our goals....’”

George Frasciello
“There’s no substitute for hard work and treating others as you would like to be treated,” is the advice King’s College alumnus George Frasciello ’56 would like to pass on to current and future King’s students. “I know it’s a very trite statement, but it’s also a very powerful statement.”

It’s the same advice he and his wife, Margaret (“Rena”) Frasciello, have passed on to their own children and grandchildren. And it’s a lesson they both learned from their fathers and the reason they wanted to create a scholarship in their names.

The Frasciello’s donated $100,000 to King’s last year to establish the scholarship in honor of their fathers who were so influential to them. The “Gerald J. Frasciello and John F. Nilon Scholarship” supports the educational pursuits of young men and women from the Wyoming Valley. Both men came from humble backgrounds. Rena’s father, John, was employed as a fireman in the coalmines. George’s father, Gerald, was an Italian immigrant who worked in the coalmines. “He really struggled to make a financial living and provide for his kids,” George said. “I grew up in a totally ethnic neighborhood [in Exeter] with Italians, Irish, Slovaks and Pols. Very few of my peers went to college.”

But his father wanted a better life for him and worked hard so he could attend King’s College. There, George encountered many people and ideas that left lasting impressions. First and foremost, he recalls the many Holy Cross priests and brothers on campus who were generous with their time and made themselves readily available to help young first-generation students. He went to King’s at a time when many Korean War veterans were returning home and enrolling at the College. He remembers them recounting their war stories and how they wanted to get a good education so they could provide better lives for their families. They looked out for younger students like George as well.

The kindness and dedication he experienced at King’s helped form his worldview. “The thing that really impressed me with the school was it was totally dedicated toward the student’s success; it wasn’t a totally competitive environment. It was an environment that said ‘let’s all work together to achieve our goals,’” he said, “and that stuck in my mind.”

George said he has carried these ideas about hard work, team work and generosity to others with him throughout his career. Upon graduating from King’s College, George was commissioned as an ensign in the US Navy. After attending the US Naval Supply Corps school in Athens, Georgia, he was assigned to sea duty as a supply officer aboard a Navy supply ship in the Mediterranean.

On his return from active duty, George began his career as a sales representative with Sperry Rand Corporation, and it was through a relationship there that he was recruited by Avery Dennison Corporation. At the time, Avery’s pressure sensitive label division was in its infancy and was experiencing rapid growth. This provided George ample opportunity to take on new challenges and advance through the company. He soon became sales manager for the entire eastern division of the company, charged with all sales east of the Mississippi.

About eight years later he was ready to found his own company, Cricket Converters. The company began with three employees. By the time he sold the company to CCL Label in 1995, the number of employees had grown to 250. He then went on to co-found and invest in other companies in the packaging industry.

But even with all their success, George and Rena have not forgotten the lessons their fathers taught them; through hard work and by following the Golden Rule a good life can be made. They passed this lesson on to their three children and now are teaching it to their seven granddaughters. George says he was fortunate to have a father who worked so hard to give him a better life and opportunity through education.

Realizing how important education is, George and Rena have been active in their support of the De La Salle Academy in New York City, which is a school for minority and underprivileged children who demonstrate exceptional academic skills. George has served on the academy’s board of trustees for many years and has been recognized for his generous support and strong encouragement of the students at De La Salle.

Their successes demonstrate what a will to succeed and education can achieve despite inherent disadvantages. George and Rena both have the same hopes for current and future recipients of the Gerald J. Frasciello and John F. Nilon Scholarship.

Honoring the Lessons of Their Fathers

George ’56 and Rena Frasciello Share Their Good Fortune and Life Lessons with Future King’s Scholars

By Elizabeth Doherty
**’50s**

Robert Ell ’50 was named a 2015 Spirit of Holy Cross Award Recipient. This award recognizes collaborators who devotedly work to make Blessed Moreau’s vision of “making God known, loved, and served” a reality at Congregation of Holy Cross education, parish and mission institutions.

**’60s**

Robert McNelis ’62 was posthumously inducted into the National Security Administration’s Cryptologic Hall of Honor. Robert joined NSA in 1964 and spent the rest of his career there. He became a leader in moving the directorate to more math-based procedures. Responding to the technical revolution of the 1970s and 1980s, he developed a science of system evaluation, now recognized as a huge culture shift in communication security practices. He directed a large staff in redesigning mathematical applications for crypto-security, and instituted a documentation program to improve evaluation quality. From 1984-1995 as chief evaluation scientist, he was principal author of the Functional Security Requirements Specification document, which influenced the design and development of all U.S. government cryptographic devices. In the same period, he developed measurable evaluation standards for security systems. For thirty years, Robert taught new crypto-mathematicians the fundamentals of system security. Known as an exacting taskmaster, he raised generations of Information Assurance Directorate technical personnel to work at the highest standards. The NSA’s Hall of Honor was created in 1999 to pay special tribute to the pioneers and heroes who rendered distinguished service to American cryptology. Shortly after Robert died in 2012, his widow, Maria McNelis, established a scholarship at King’s College in his name.


**’70s**

Mark Eugene John Pesavento, RN, M. Ed., CPhT ’71 was recently awarded the Spirit of Volunteerism Award by the Volunteer Center of the Lehigh Valley for his volunteer work at the St. Luke’s Hospice House, Pennsylvania’s Shakespeare Festival, Musikfest, Bridges Foundation President’s Council of DeSales University as well as the Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce. Mark is married to the former Eileen Carroll and has four children and five grandchildren.

Michael Bukosky ’75 was appointed chief operating officer (COO) of USMD Holdings, Inc., a physician-led integrated healthcare system in the Dallas-Fort Worth, Texas area. Mike joined USMD in 2014 as executive vice president and president of USMD’s physician practice management group.

John A. Bednarz, Jr. ’75 was selected as a 2016 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer for the eighth consecutive year. John has been a member of the Board of Governors of the Pennsylvania Association for Justice since 1988. He was also honored in 2011 by the Pennsylvania Association for Justice with the George F. Douglas Amicus Curiae Award for his outstanding appellate advocacy as an Amicus Brief Writer primarily on important Workers’ Compensation topics before the Commonwealth Court and Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Ed Nardell ’68 was promoted to professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. He is also associate physician in the division of Global Health Equity at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He is a pulmonologist with a special interest in tuberculosis.

Andrew Batcho ’69 published his third book of poetry entitled “Journey On.” Besides writing poems and reading at coffeehouses, he enjoys traveling and time with his pet Yorkie.

Kenneth Hannon ’69 noted that he is among four King’s graduates who are active members of the National Ski Patrol at Elk Mountain in Uniondale. They include Roeb Gravel ’68, Paul Spear ’74, and Jerome Washo ’87.

**Class Points of Pride:** Winter/Spring 2017
**Bill Noon ’77** hosted a King’s College reunion at his house in Carlisle last summer. For the occasion, **Tom Gehret ’77** provided each King’s grad with a commemorative tee-shirt.

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In the picture from left to right: **Nancy Watro Cervenak ’78, John Cervenak ’77, Mike Dinan ’77, Barb Dinan, Bill Kehoe ’78, Bill Noon ’77, Kim Noon, Jamey Casale ’77, Maria Cozza Casale ’79, Tom Gehret ’77, Sarah Gehret, Tom Sutherland ’78, and Irene Sutherland.**

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Shortly before his tragic death last summer, **Dave Clark ’79** posed for this picture with several King’s College friends during a get-together in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Thanks to Joe Ferrara for sending in the picture. From Left to Right: **Dave Clark ’79, Jerry Michota ’79, Joe Ferrara ’80, Bob Santopietro ’79, Matt Tutino ’81, Mike Peters ’79**

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**Jose Bello ’79** is exhibiting his art at the American Visionary Art Museum in Baltimore, Md. through September 2017.

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**’80s**

**Joe Ferrara ’80** sent in this picture and story: He and Mike Peters ’79 walked into a bakery in Wildwood, N.J. and saw a King’s College pendant on the wall. They posed for a picture with great school pride and marveled at the coincidence!

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**Joan M. Grzybowski, D.O., F.A.C.O.F.P., ’80** was elected vice president of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA), a statewide organization for physicians holding the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree. Board certified in family medicine, she is a physician with the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine’s Roxborough Healthcare Center in Philadelphia.

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**Joseph Duffy ’81** and his wife Jennifer were pleased to announce that their daughter Brigit completed cadet basic training at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point last summer. The six-week training program is one of the most challenging events a cadet will encounter over the course of their four years at the academy.

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**Thomas Eworthy ’82** and his wife Winnie received the 2016 Community Service Award given by the Hibernian Parade Committee Binghamton, N.Y. They were also awarded the Immaculata Award by Bishop Robert Cunningham of the Syracuse, N.Y. Diocese for their outstanding volunteer service to the parish and community.

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**Maureen Barrett ’82, PA ’84** was awarded the American Academy of Physician Assistants 2016 Preceptor of the Year.

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**Thomas J. Burke ’85** became chief financial officer and vice president of finance at The Evergreens in Moorestown, N.J., a continuing care retirement community founded by the Episcopal Diocese of New Jersey. In his new role, Thomas is responsible for all financial reporting and financing activities of the organization. He most recently served as Chief Financial Officer of Bancroft in Haddonfield, N.J., where he was responsible for all accounting, financing, facilities and insurance-related activities.

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**Rob Olear ’85** appears in a scene in the upcoming movie “Marshall” about the early career of Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Rob plays an insurance lawyer who represents the plaintiff opposite actor Josh Gad. Other stars in the film include Chadwick Boseman and Kate Hudson.
Dr. Daniel Curran ’87 was recognized by “Irish America” magazine as one of its 2016 “Healthcare and Life Sciences 50” awardees. The award recognizes the best and brightest professionals in the medical industry. Dan is the senior vice president and head of the Center for External Innovation at Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Inc., where he oversees an annual budget of over $200 million used to license and fund further development of pre-clinical and clinical candidates in disease areas such as heart disease, diabetes, and oncology.

Theresa Ginley Kinney ’86’s son was married in August 2016. Seen at the wedding was this King’s crowd: First Row: Kelly Lettieri, Career Planning; Ann Ginley Cramton ’92; Korie Munley, Career Planning. Second Row: Charles Cybuch ’78; Christopher Ward ’10; Meghan Rader Ward ’09; Dr. Barry Williams, dean of the McGowan School of Business; Florence Williams ’00; Theresa Ginley Kinney ’86 ’12, Career Planning; Dr. Joan Blewitt, associate professor of management; Mark Leffler ’75, associate professor of management.

’90s

Joylin Droney Kirk ’91 was appointed by Labor Secretary Thomas Perez to serve on a federal advisory committee chartered to assess the employment and training needs of veterans and their integration into the workforce. The appointment to the Department of Labor’s Advisory Committee on Veterans’ Employment, Training and Employer Outreach (ACVETEO) will extend through January 31, 2019.

Pedro E. Martinez Cardona ’92 is now a private sector specialist for the USAID Employment Training Project (ETP) in El Salvador. ETP will support improvements to El Salvador’s workforce development system so that it works for all stakeholders, in particular at-risk youth, by strengthening the connections and capacity of the systems at macro and institutional levels.

Members of the Colleen Shea Children’s Foundation, Nancy Shea, the mother of Colleen Shea ’05, and several young actors celebrated the official naming of the Colleen Shea Auditorium at KISS Theatre Company’s new home in Wilkes-Barre. The Company officially named its auditorium after Colleen, who died in 2001. Two years ago, when the Company suddenly lost their theatre lease, the Colleen Shea Children’s Foundation was one of the first organizations to step forward and provide assistance. A generous donation provided the foundation of a construction campaign for a new theatre for the Company’s young performers. Today, the Colleen Shea Auditorium is a premier performance space for the theatre’s new home in Joe Amato’s East End Center.

William Brown ’97 was promoted to lieutenant and assigned as the executive officer to the deputy commissioner of administration and professional responsibility for the Pennsylvania State Police. He most recently served as the gaming office commander at Sugarhouse Casino in Philadelphia.

Capt. Jeremy Sands ’97 is the new assistant coach for volleyball at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.

Phil Yacuboski ’97 and the news team at WBAL in Baltimore, Md., were recognized with a national Edward R. Murrow Award for Continuing Coverage surrounding the in-custody death of Freddie Gray and the subsequent Baltimore riots. The highest award in broadcasting is given by the Radio and Television Digital News Association and acknowledges the best in journalism on all broadcast platforms in all markets across the country. Phil is an anchor/reporter for WBAL-AM 1090 and a former professional instructor in the mass communications department at King’s.
Bill Tabbit-Humphrey ’98 and his husband were highlighted in their Austin, Texas hometown news highlighting the adoption of two boys through Helping Hand Home, a non-profit organization that handles the most troubled kids in the Texas foster care system.

‘00s

Nina Cinti ’00 co-wrote a novel under her pen name “Bocci” with New York Times bestselling author Alice Clayton. The book, “Roman Crazy” is a modern romance about a newly single woman and her journey to find love again.

Keri Plick Ebeck ’00 was elected as treasurer for the Bankruptcy and Commercial Law Section of the Allegheny County Bar Association last year. Keri is a partner in the Pittsburgh office of Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., LPA.

Carlea Alfieri Dries ’02 earned a doctorate in psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck, N.J. Her dissertation evaluated the effect of PREPaRE training on school psychologists’ crisis-related knowledge and self-efficacy. She currently serves as the school psychologist for the Allendale Public Schools in Allendale, N.J.

Dr. Jason Zoeller ’04 and Dr. Joan S. Brugge of Harvard Medical School were awarded a 2016 U.S. Department of Defense Breast Cancer Research Program Breakthrough Award. This competitive and prestigious three-year award funds promising research that has high potential to lead to or make breakthroughs in breast cancer treatment. Dr. Zoeller completed advanced research fellowship training with Dr. Brugge and has since been promoted to a Harvard faculty appointment as instructor of cell biology. Dr. Zoeller will serve as co-principal investigator alongside Dr. Brugge, and will lead all aspects of these research endeavors. Dr. Zoeller’s research expertise focuses on HER2+ breast cancer and novel combination treatment strategies. Throughout the three years of this award, Dr. Zoeller’s research will be dedicated to advanced pre-clinical investigation of combination treatments that could inform the design of a future clinical trial.

Dr. Andrea Saksek ’05 traveled to Granada, Nicaragua last summer to volunteer with the non-profit group, World Vets International. She spent the majority of her time stationed at the World Vets’ Latin America Veterinary Training Center. In addition to helping with the community outreach program in which veterinarians visit remote areas to offer free care to animals, she taught surgical instruction to veterinary students.

Eric Weiscarger ’09 won Rookie of the Year in 2015 and was inducted into the Circle of Excellence for his work at Henry Schein Orthodontics.

‘10s

Brittany Murgallis ’12 graduated from Syracuse University College of Law, cum laude, in May 2015. She was admitted to the New York State Bar in January 2016 and now is an associate attorney at Sugarman Law Firm, LLP in Syracuse, N.Y.

Tim Jeter ’13 and Bill Evans ’14, members of the Pennsylvania State Police, were honored last year for their role in investigating a shooting that took place on a Philadelphia highway.

John Prater ’13, a senior at Temple University School of Medicine, has published a class report he co-wrote “Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease” in the May 2016 issue of “Consultant” magazine.

Samantha Shelton ’14, PA-C ’15 is a new provider at The Frederick Primary Care Associates in Frederick, Md. Samantha developed her diagnostic skills and learned to perform various procedures while completing her clinical hours throughout Northern Pennsylvania and New York. Her rotations included Emergency Medicine, Women Health, General Surgery, Family Medicine for the under-served, Pediatrics, and Psychiatric Prison Medicine.
Elizabeth Grimes ’00 married Ryan Klubeck ’08 on November 28, 2015.

Heidi Franco ’03 married John Zabriski on October 10, 2015 in the Chapel of Christ the King on campus.

Elizabeth Wist ’04, MS-PA ’05 married Benjamin Weir in October 2015. Pictured are Catherine Monte ’02; Katherine Harrison ’03; Olga Libman Cramer ’02; Liza Dwyer Waer ’04; Elizabeth ’04 and Benjamin Weir; Courtney Colgan Ford ’04; Kelly Pietrouchie Toth ’04; Danielle Wolf Vansaders ’04; Joanna Marinelli Doroh ’04; Sarah Hilbert)Goode ’04.

Alumni Marriages

Ashley McCulloch ’11 married Tony Ferrese on April 16, 2016. Several alumni were in the wedding party including Eric Cheatley ’10, Ryan McCulloch ’07 and Joseph McCulloch ’03.

Joseph Foreman ’13 and Samantha Phelan ’13 were married on December 13, 2014.

Heidi Franco ’03 married John Zabriski on October 10, 2015 in the Chapel of Christ the King on campus.


Amanda Casey ’12 married William Washney, Jr. on June 18, 2016.

Victoria Ortolani Lopez ’15 was married on June 18, 2016.

Alumni Marriages

In 2015:
Marc Cefalo ’99 married Nicole Cooper ’04.
Lisa Anne Zelinski ’03 married Shannon McCabe.
Bernard McDade ’05 married Alison Grant.
John Popko ’05 married Amanda Evanich.
John McGuire ’07 married Lauren Bachkosky ’12.

Nicole Maday ’08 married Ed Friess.
Kristy McAndrew ’08 married John Simonitis.
Jaime Le McMurtry ’09 married Adam Jones.

In 2016:
Andrew Belusko-Tombasco ’11 married Kimberly Wasmanski ’12.
Amanda Casey ’12 married William Washney, Jr.

Laura Sira DePrimo ’13 married Michael Mitchell.
Andreia Martins ’13 married Christopher Coombs.
Sarah Sabulski ’13 married Michael Desciak.
Christopher Prater ’14 married Aubrielle Smith.

Dr. Frank Glushefski ’89 and his wife Erica on the birth of their daughter Madison on November 23, 2015.


Mary Blair Long, O.D. ’05 and her husband Michael Krauson welcomed their first son, Zackary Michael, July 9, 2014 and their second son, Jacob Anthony, December 27, 2015.

Alison Taroli Gelsleichter ’07 and her husband Eric on the birth of their daughter, Lena Marilyn, on June 3, 2016.

Matt McGovern ’07 and his wife LeighAnn on the birth of their first child, Annie, in 2015.

Josh Conklin ’09 and his wife Lisa on the birth of their son, Landon Bradley, on September 10, 2016.

Jacqueline Gryskevicz Waslin ’09 and her husband Michael welcomed their first child, Jayce Michael, on June 15, 2016.

Joseph ’13 and Samantha Phelan Foreman ’13 on the birth of their child, Joseph Declan, on December 31, 2015.

Jessica Kush Haczewski ’13 and her husband John ’14 welcomed their first child, Arianna Rae, on June 21, 2016.
In Memoriam

Our prayers and condolences are extended to the families of the following alumni and friends who passed away in the last year:

Joseph Danko ‘50
Edward Joseph Kunec ‘50
Ronald L. Lapinski ‘50
Chester Daniels ‘51
Joseph J. Jones ‘51
John F. O’Connell ‘51
William Richard Cotten ‘52
Herman Brunn ‘53
Frank J. Lipo ‘54
Dominick A. Pape ‘54
James P. Varaitis, Sr. ‘54
Joseph T. Dobransky ‘55
Joseph M. Perez, Sr. ‘55
Joseph B. Peters, Jr. ‘55
Paul A Barry ‘56
James C. Meehan ‘56
Joseph P. Tabbit ‘56
Frederick J. Karl ‘57
Nicholas J. Ruggiero, MD ‘57
Raymond H. Ackerman ‘58
Edward W. Koshnick ‘58
Edward F. Mark, Sr. ‘58
Theodore Wazenski ‘58
F. Donald Cooney ‘59
William Michael DeMatteis ‘59
Stanley J. Gulbish ‘59
John D. Heller ‘59
Vincent Thomas Roche, Sr. ‘59
Bernard S. Grzyb ‘61
William Joseph Heston ‘61
Eugene P. Ziembas, Sr. ‘61
Charles E. Parente ‘62
William R. Conigli ‘63
Barry Alan Warshal ‘63
Joseph A. Adams ‘64
David T. Andes ‘64
Gregory L. Krzyston ‘65
William J. McGarry ‘65
Thomas J. O’Malia ‘65
Thomas J. Rushton ‘65
John Favorite ‘66
Carl John Konecke ‘66
Joseph Edward Sarneski ‘66
Joseph R. Aliciene, Sr. ‘67
James P. DeMarco ‘67
Edward J. Devlin ‘67
Joseph Geary Dills ‘67
Peter Stanley Cybuck ‘68
Edward J. Kuebler ‘68
Thomas M. Tigue ‘68
Charles R. Heffron, Jr. ‘69
Joseph K. Brislin ‘70
John J. Gogard ‘70
Thomas J. Grogan ‘70
Charles Patrick Barrett ‘71
Thomas E. O’Konski ‘71
Frank J. Pasquini ‘71
Joseph Nicholas Radick ‘71
John Timothy Ryan ‘71
John M. Columbus ‘72
Thomas Frank Jakubiak ‘72
Klaus E. Lietz ‘72
Leo C. Misakonis ‘72
Joseph P. Popielarski ‘72
Joseph J. Cantreni ‘73
James J. Kane ‘73
Daniel F. McGurk, Jr. ‘73
Michael Baient ‘74
John Eugene Flanagan ‘74
Stephen R. Hiner ‘74
David R. Lipka ‘74
Frank Plominski ‘75
Peter Kenneth Zawoiski ‘75
Mark A. Gorsky ‘76
James T. Lavelle ‘76
Gerardo Marini ‘76
John J. Ford ‘77
David E. Fox ‘77
Harold E. Salmon, III ‘77
Frank V. Balsch ‘78
Wesley W. Dunn, Sr. ‘78
Benjamin G. Grevera ‘78
John P. Judge ‘78
Sandy Stark ‘78
David Clark ‘79
Michael A. Kelley ‘79
Thomas Vanney ‘79
Judith Ann Granick ‘81
James Joseph Featherstone ‘82
James M. Mule ‘82
Michael A. MacDonald ‘83
Dorothy P. Pechulis ‘84
Leonard M. Fried ‘86
Francis E. Haggerty ‘86
Joseph Michael Barletta ‘87
John J. Lawson ‘87
William Ostroskie ‘88
Barbara Rozcyk ‘91
Angela C. Chadwick ‘94
Ralph Eugene Bagnuolo ‘98
Janet E. Young ‘98
Barbara J. Durkin ‘01
Aimee Marie Coleman ‘02
Matthew Joseph Tomczykowski ‘07

Faculty, Staff
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Alice M. Aregood
Albert Robert Boscov
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Georgiana Cray Bart
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Sylvia A. Hughes
Rev. James E. Kelly, C.S.C.
Tillman C.W. Kleinsteuber
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Marilyn B. Kuklewicz
Edward J. Lehr
Elizabeth Ann Martin
Elynore D. Monick
Nancy P. Murphy
Rita Theresa Reese
Donald J. Sabatino
Rev. Ronald J. Wlosinski, C.S.C.
Virginia Welles
Stanley W. Zalenski, Jr.
Remembering
Charles E. Parente ’62
(1940-2016)

The King’s College community mourns the passing of Charles “Chuck” Parente, who died last November after a long illness. Parente was a dedicated benefactor of the College and former chairman of its board of directors.

Parente graduated cum laude from King's in 1962 with a degree in accounting. While at King’s, he was a member of the Aquinas Honor Society. Over the years, Parente maintained a close and supportive relationship with his alma mater, including serving as chair of the College board of directors for a number of years. His generosity to the College included the funding of numerous scholarships. The College recognized Parente and his wife, Mary, for their many contributions on behalf of students and the community by naming the new Life Sciences Center after them. In honor of a lifetime of service to the College, Parente was awarded a doctor of humanities degree, honorus causa, in 2012.

Parente’s generosity extended beyond the King’s campus. He was a member of the board of trustees at Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School and a director and chair of Wyoming Valley Health Care System Inc. He served on the board and as general campaign chairman for United Way of Wyoming Valley. He was a board member of The Luzerne Foundation and an advisory board member of The Salvation Army. He also served on the board of the Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce and was a recipient of the Salvation Army Community Service Award and the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Born in Wyoming Borough, Parente graduated from St. John High School in Pittston. After receiving his accounting degree at King’s and becoming a certified public accountant, he went on to establish Parente Randolph Certified Public Accountants, which, as CEO, he grew into one of the largest privately owned accounting firms on the east coast. From there he became involved in a number of businesses, including C-TEC Corporation, CP Media LLC, Sordoni Construction Services Inc., Pagnotti Enterprises Inc., W.P. Carey Co. Group and Affiliated REITs, and Community Bank Systems Inc.

Parente lived his entire life in Northeastern Pennsylvania, most recently residing in the Harveys Lake area for more than 30 years. He is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Mary (Morgan) Parente, three sons, one daughter and eight grandchildren.

Few people have had greater impact on the College and its people. Our institution is grateful for the many contributions made by Chuck and his family.
Thank you to our donors for all that you do to make the King’s College experience available to everyone.

I know that I can always find a little of the King’s College kindness in my classmates, professors, friends and alumni. We don’t stop being Monarchs just because we’ve left King’s. We each carry a little bit of King’s College wherever we go, and that’s what makes King’s special.

- Jessica Wong ’16
  Valedictorian, Class President, and Class Commencement Speaker