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While studying abroad, Rachel Santos ’17 climbed more than 400 steps to get to the top of Santa Maria del Fiore, the largest cathedral in Florence, to see this view of the city. Photo by Cassandra Squeri ’17.
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President's Letter

Embracing Interests

ONE OF THE BLESSINGS that being president has given me is the opportunity to meet many alumni. I'm always impressed by what our graduates are doing throughout the world.

Whether you are engaged in service work, raising families, navigating your professional career, caring for elderly parents or continuing your studies, I am inspired by your lives and the ways in which you strive for a more just and compassionate world.

This past March, we honored three alumni on the same night: Judith Salerno '73 with the Outstanding Alumnus Award, Catherine Campbell '96 with the Alumni Service Award and Nicole Bollerman '10 with the GOLD Award. All three honorees have demonstrated a great capacity for giving back and sharing their talents for the betterment of others [p. 25].

In this issue, we feature 10 alumni who have a remarkable range of diverse interests that reflect their zest for life. Whether it is Whitney Wernett '16 scuba diving in Madagascar or George Allen '79 playing taps on his trumpet, we have alumni across all class years whose passions ignite their creativity and boost their well-being [p. 14].

On Alumni Day, more than 500 alumni and their families attended events ranging from a Soup Cook-Off to the Alumni Intentions Candle Dedication. We topped off the day by celebrating the 25th anniversary of Intercultural Affairs, when we recognized founding director Jean Hamler for her many contributions to diversity at Stonehill [p. 26].

There are other stories in this issue that speak volumes about the people who attend and serve Stonehill today. Consider Evaudie Paul '20, who survived the earthquake in Haiti and has just completed her first year here as a biochemistry major [p. 12]. Or take groundskeeper Ken Percy, who has spent four decades keeping our campus beautiful [p. 41]. And Nicole Borofski '17, an All-American runner, who challenges herself to run faster in each race [p. 21].

I hope your time at Stonehill has set the stage for your life and that it has given you the confidence to embrace your interests and ambitions.

Sincerely in Holy Cross,

(Rev.) John Denning, C.S.C.
President

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Twin Cottage Memories

I AM THE PROUD great-granddaughter and great-niece of Anna Lunde and Bertha Swanson, the previous owners of the twin cottages known as Haftsrom-Swanson House [where Stonehill’s president resides].

As a young girl, I had fond memories of playing in the yard at the twin cottages—picking the daffodils and wandering the path to the farm. While my great-aunt and great-grandmother sold the house to the College in 1980, then-president Fr. Bartley MacPhaidin allowed them to continue to live in one of the twin cottages for many years. In fact, it was Fr. MacPhaidin who hosted my great-grandmother’s 90th birthday. Fr. MacPhaidin stayed in touch over the years and spoke during her funeral.

When it came time for me to start looking at schools, my mom insisted that I look at Stonehill. While I wanted a separate identity, she was right. Stonehill was ultimately my top choice. I am so blessed with the memories from my childhood at the twin cottages and time at the school. My world class education has opened the doors for me throughout my career, and I have built a strong network of friends, who have become family.

I wanted to personally thank you for including Anna and Bertha’s name in the “Unseen Stonehill” article [SAM, S/F ’16, p. 18] and for sharing the cottage’s history. This article, as well as the beautiful tribute to Fr. MacPhaidin [p. 20], are just two articles that hold a particularly special place in my heart.

—Krystin Hayward Leong ’06, Marshfield, Massachusetts
Heard on the Hill

**PENNIES FROM HEAVEN:** The late Rev. Robert Kruse, C.S.C. ’55 left his coin collection to the College, and it has raised more than $10,000 in support of a scholarship in memory of his parents, Robert and Dorothy (Oliger) Kruse. Given Fr. Kruse’s advocacy for students, the sale was “a pennies from heaven outcome,” according to his friend Craig Binney ’83.

Book Thoughts: Professor Marlene Benjamin devoted more than two decades to writing *The Catastrophic Self: Essays in Philosophy, Memoir, and Medical Trauma*, a unique blend of autobiography, storytelling and philosophy published last year. Now retired, Benjamin packed Alumni Hall when she returned to campus to discuss issues relating to medical trauma and philosophy.

Electoral Fix: “The hard reality is that we retain the Electoral College because of the difficulty of amending the Constitution, not because it is the key to our republican system.” —Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the Martin Institute Peter Ubertaccio in his article “The Antiquated Electoral College” in CommonWealth Magazine.

More Real: “...the relationship between poor health and poverty becomes a lot more real when you plant the seeds, water, weed, harvest and drive a truckload of beets, zucchini and broccoli to help fill the shelves of the local food pantry.” —Vice President for Mission James Lies, C.S.C. in a National Catholic Reporter article about The Farm at Stonehill.

Papal Performance: Shout out to the 32 Chapel Choir members who had the honor of singing for Pope Francis during their seven day pilgrimage to Italy in January.

Winning Song: “We are announcing ‘Sweet Lovin’ as the official winning song of Stonehill Athletics! We are ready to embrace the future!” —Tweet by the Student-Athlete Advisory Council introducing the song that is now played at the College’s athletic events.

Super Swag: If you bleed purple, and we know you do, we have 20 of these plastic cases, each with five purple Band-Aids. Email mmcgovern@stonehill.edu.
Reflecting on the Stations

every year during Lent, Catholic churches and colleges participate in the Stations of the Cross—the 14-step devotion that marks Jesus’ last day on Earth. The Stonehill community has added a social justice element to its stations.

Fourteen campus groups provided prayers specific to their social justice cause for the outdoor stations on March 24, which began at the Chapel of Mary and processed around the main quad, stopping at each station marked by a white cross.

“When others fall, we need to help them back up, not knock people down with derogatory, humiliating or stigmatizing words and actions,” reflected Allison Faraclas ’17 of the disABILITY Enlightenment Project at Station 111, when Jesus falls for the first time.

Later, at Station VI, when Veronica wipes the face of Jesus, Rev. George Piggford, C.S.C., president of the Faculty Senate, reflected, “...We spend much of our time debating about what seem to be small matters: curriculum, procedures and committees. We try never to forget, however, that the College is a community of learning and faith and that our purpose is to help transform the world.”

“It is a wonderful cross-section of our community coming together to pray.” —Rev. Anthony Szakaly, C.S.C., Campus Ministry Director

Other groups involved were the Moore Center for Gender Equality, Facilities Management, Radiant Inspirational Sisters Empowered, Stonehill Police, Athletics, Growing Climate Justice, United House of Justice, SGA Diversity Committee, H.O.P.E., Into the Streets, Senior Leadership Team and the Knights of Columbus.

According to Rev. Anthony Szakaly, C.S.C., director of campus ministry and alumni minister, “It is a wonderful cross-section of our community coming together to pray. I think we have started a new tradition on campus.”

Catherine Capolupo ’94
Vice President for Enrollment Management

Years at Stonehill: One.

As a student here: I had the good fortune to try many new things, including deejaying a radio show, acting in a play, trying indoor floor hockey, public speaking, embarking on my first road trip and interviewing for internships.

I appreciate how we were encouraged to take risks and were supported through success and failure.

A good tip for students applying to college: Visit a variety of schools—not just one type—before narrowing your choices. You may be surprised at what type of community resonates and may be the best fit.

Rewards and challenges of my job: My greatest joy is when our students find success. It’s wonderful to hold a role with such a strong sense of mission and purpose. On a more personal level, those of us in admission and financial aid build relationships with families, and our hearts break when they have to make difficult decisions based on finances. While we try our very best, there are times when we can’t meet the needs of every family. This is why the support and generosity of our alumni and community in funding scholarships are so deeply appreciated.

Favorite Stonehill memory: Crowding into one dorm room on Thursday nights, so we could all watch Melrose Place together.

Words of wisdom I live by: “Your beliefs become your thoughts. Your thoughts become your words. Your words become your actions. Your actions become your habits. Your habits become your values. Your values become your destiny.” —Attributed to Mahatma Gandhi.
Stonehill Restructures Into Two Schools

**BIG CHANGES** are happening at Stonehill this summer. As part of the College’s continued commitment to offering a first-class education that prepares our students for success in life and career, Stonehill will restructure into two schools: a School of Business and a School of Arts & Sciences as of July 1.

This transition will create opportunities for new accredited programs and academic recognitions that are currently inaccessible and will position the College to better compete with similar institutions regionally and nationally.

To complement this change, Stonehill will construct a School of Business [below] that is equipped with the latest technology and modern classrooms designed to take full advantage of these new resources. The College will also build a new Welcome Center [right] that offers state-of-the-art office, classroom and performance spaces for faculty, students and visitors, along with a café. On the main quad, the buildings will transform and revitalize the heart of our campus.

The School of Business will be home to accounting, finance, international business, management, marketing, economics and healthcare administration. The School of Arts & Sciences will be home to all the other majors, with religious studies, philosophy and history moving into the Welcome Center, which is expected to be open for the 2018-2019 academic year. The School of Business building will open the following academic year.

For nearly 70 years, Stonehill graduates have made a lasting impact in finance, banking, politics, STEM fields, education, the arts and humanities, nonprofits and more. These new and innovative spaces will build on that success—ensuring that the College is positioned to prepare students for success in future jobs, to be critical thinkers who can innovate and solve challenging problems and to build a better world by positively contributing to their families and communities.

The new School of Business dean is Professor Debra Salvucci who will take office on July 1. [For more on Salvucci, see her profile on page 10.] A search is underway to fill the dean of Arts & Sciences position.
Meet Stephen Conway '17

News broadcaster, Soccer player, Politics follower, Bible Study goer and Panda lover.

Stephen Conway '17 is all about communicating. As a defensive back for the men's soccer team, he must communicate with his teammates to keep the ball out of the net. As an intern for the Governor's Office of Constituent Services, he listens to the concerns of Bay State folks. And as the founder of The Summit SkyNews broadcast, he reports on campus news. It's no wonder he became a mediated communication major with a minor in journalism and political science.

This interest came to him early. "Once tragedy struck Sandy Hook, and I saw news journalists I've watched on TV all my life come into my hometown, it sparked my interest in journalism," recalls Conway, who grew up in Newtown, Conn., and had attended Sandy Hook Elementary. "I viewed these journalists as heroes—people who could report the news but could also reassure and comfort those affected by the tragedy." Combine this experience with a trip to Washington, D.C., in the eighth grade, and Conway knew that news reporting and politics were his calling.

As a freshman at Stonehill, he asked the Communications Department if they would support him in creating SkyNews, since a current campus news broadcast didn't exist. "They gave me the reins to start the program in the new studio. It has grown from three of us to now, four years later, 12 newscasters and production assistants," Conway says.

Last summer, while interning for WTNH News 8 in Connecticut, Conway had a full-circle experience when he reported on the reopening of Sandy Hook. "To go to the site as a part of the media and cover the reopening of my elementary school was a special moment for me," he says.

Conway's interests go well beyond the camera. In addition to playing soccer, he is a member of the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, Student Alumni Association and the Lux et Spes Society. One of his best experiences, he notes, has been Athlete Bible Study. "It's taught me that there are many students here that have a strong relationship with God and feel that God plays a critical role in their athletic development."

As his senior year comes to a close, Conway reflects, "I have grown so much as an individual. I'm 110 percent confident that Stonehill was the right decision for me."

After graduation, the self-proclaimed "history nerd" and Panda lover will begin graduate studies at Post University, before pursuing a career in broadcast journalism. What he hopes for most in life harks back to when he saw those journalists enter his hometown. "I want to be someone who people can trust, respect and turn to in times of need."
Cramming, Then and Now

FROM PREPPING for exams to writing final papers, the end of each semester is often known for cramming. SAM takes a look at studying through the years.

In the '90s, the College hosted midnight breakfast on the last day of classes.
The #Library is open 24 hours for finalsexamperiod.
—Tweet from the MacPhaidin Library, 12/13/16.

1 A Table Read Students gather to study in the Donahue Hall Library.
2 Old School Computer Finishing that final paper, circa 1990.
3 Typing Away In 1970, this blue typewriter was a useful companion.
4 The Right Place Alumni of the 1980s recall being able to find a quiet study spot on the second floor of the Cushing-Martin Library.
5 Staying Focused A member of the Class of 1953 uses pen and paper to brainstorm.
6 Notes and Smiles Three classmates circa 1981 look up from their notes to take a yearbook photo.
7 Marker Board 2020 classmates use the MacPhaidin Library's DisCo room to review concepts.
8 It Takes Two A refreshing drink and a study partner help with finals prep.
9 Alone Time Quiet nooks can be found throughout the MacPhaidin Library.
10 Study Aids Notes, phone, laptop, pen—all set.
11 Snack Attack The Student Government Association's programming committee hosts a Finals Survival Night, treating students to a movie and snacks.
12 Listen While You Work Whether it's music, a video or a favorite podcast, ear buds can help you tune in.

Finals can be stressful, but Programming is here to make sure you make it through!
—Tweet from Student Government programming about Finals Survival Kits, 12/13/16.

Skyhawks! We've got coffee in the CDC this week to help sustain you through FinalsWeek! #FinishStrong
—Tweet from the Career Development Center, 12/15/16.
IN OCTOBER, Professor of Business Administration Debra Salvucci was appointed the founding dean of the new School of Business, effective in July. For more than 30 years, Salvucci has been teaching accounting at Stonehill. Along the way, she has served as department chair, has guided the department through a prestigious accreditation process and has received numerous teaching awards. Students know her for her enthusiasm and dedication, and many alumni consider her a mentor. Here, the CPA shares her thoughts on her new position, teaching accounting today (hint: no more green ledger sheets) and a funny meme that she has in her office.

Growing up, I thought I would become: A math teacher. Because I graduated high school when the employment market for teachers was not very good, my father talked me into majoring in business to make sure that I’d get a job. It was the best decision that I made because I ended up teaching accounting. 

In my classes, students are most surprised to learn: How passionate I am about topics such as tax law and financial accounting that many would think are dull. Students tell me that I am not your stereotypical accountant. 

As the founding dean of the School of Business, I hope to: Bring prominence and visibility to as well as strengthen the reputation of Stonehill’s quality education in business, healthcare administration and economics to national and international constituents. I want Stonehill to be a preferred choice for higher education in these areas. Also, to bring distinguished keynote speakers to the College and expand experiential learning and career opportunities for students.

Mentoring students and alumni is satisfying because: I love watching their growth and successes throughout their Stonehill years and beyond. It is so much fun when they realize how good they are and when they find a passion that will take them through life. Many alums are my friends and my favorite people today. I have watched them flourish in their careers, get married and create wonderful families. This is the very best part of my job.

How my teaching has evolved: I am just as enthusiastic as ever as I teach accounting and tax courses. I think that my enthusiasm is infectious—even for students who will not major in accounting. The current pedagogical technology allows more time for discussion on the whys and less need for the hows of accounting. The days of green ledger sheets are long gone.

In my office, I have: An autographed picture of Tim Wakefield, a picture of me and David Ortiz, a picture of the Beatles (circa 1965) and a meme from my Class of 2016 tax students: “Just Call Me Bond, Municipal Bond.”
Real Scientists

AS AN undergraduate at Bucknell University, Kristin Burkholder says she benefited greatly from working closely with her professors and participating in a program similar to the Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE). Now an assistant professor of environmental science and physical oceanographer is eager to pay it forward.

Burkholder’s research usually focuses on understanding the way the ocean moves. She’s particularly interested in currents and how they affect climate. However, over the past two years her research has taken an unexpected turn, thanks to the interests of Patrick Farrington ‘16, who conducted a rainfall study while he was a student in Burkholder’s climate science class his senior year. “Pat was very interested in the role of climate change in storms, in particular changes in hurricane intensity in response to climate change,” says Burkholder.

Farrington’s research thesis focused on the way that Massachusetts rainfall has changed in recent decades. He discovered that the number of rainy days experienced by Massachusetts has been increasing and theorized that many of the rainy days today were days that had previously been snowy prior to the warming of the state’s temperatures in recent decades.

When Hayley Bibaud ‘17 approached Burkholder seeking research opportunities to prepare her for graduate school, Burkholder gave her the chance to test that hypothesis.

Bibaud began her research as a SURE participant last spring, analyzing data recorded at 12 weather stations around the state. She continued her research for credit in the fall and presented her findings in her senior thesis as well as with a poster entitled “Variability in the Frequency and Intensity of Massachusetts Snowfall,” which she presented at the American Geophysical Union’s fall meeting in San Francisco, the largest meeting of earth scientists in the world.

Burkholder is delighted with Bibaud’s research and confident that she will continue to do good work as a graduate student. “SURE is the first time that many students have the opportunity to act like real scientists. They’re working on a research project 40 hours a week and tasked with understanding a real-world problem. They get a taste of real-world work, and I get to know them at a deeper level so that I can advise them more productively. As a teacher, it’s very rewarding.”

The Zen and Nature Connection

OVER THE YEARS, Professor of Religious Studies Christopher Ives has explored Japanese Zen Buddhism—in particular modern Zen ethics—from a number of angles.

In his last book, Imperial-Way Zen, Ives explored Buddhist social ethics in light of Zen nationalism and ideology in the 1930s and ’40s. Now he has turned his attention to the natural world and Buddhist environmental ethics. “In part because of the popularity of all things Zen and the recent mindfulness boom, we often encounter glowing statements about the Zen ‘love of nature’ and what it might entail for environmentalism, and I have been curious about the accuracy of those statements,” Ives says.

The concept of environmentalism is relatively new, Ives concedes, but there’s a great deal of information available on how Zen Buddhists have viewed nature historically, and Ives is eager to know how contemporary practitioners compare. When modern Zen Buddhists draw from traditional Buddhist sources to discuss the environment, are they cherry-picking concepts, he wonders. And how are they treating traditional doctrines: Are they reinterpreting or distorting them?

Ives’ research into the topic is based on a two-pronged approach. “Because environmentalism is very contemporary, I’m obviously not analyzing ancient texts for discussions of that concept,” he says, “but I am exploring traditional Zen views of nature by reading texts from the 1200s, which is around the time that Zen Buddhism started arriving in Japan.” This aspect of his work reflects more traditional scholarship, “old stuff in foreign languages,” he explains.

The second aspect of Ives’ research entails tracking the activities and ideas of contemporary Buddhist environmentalists. Ives plans to compile his findings in a new book that will provide a critical overview of contemporary forms of Buddhist environmental ethics and his reflections on the same.

“Buddhists look at the climate crisis as a macro expression of a micro problem: Individual greed and the pursuit of self-interest, when expressed on a large scale, can cause problems for the global community. The question now: What do they recommend we do about it?”
Most Likely to Succeed

BY MAURA KING SCULLY
The first year of college can be tough: challenging coursework, plus a whole new environment, new people and new routines. It can be tough...unless you’ve met and mastered far bigger challenges. That was the case for Evaudie Paul ’20. Originally from Haiti, she survived the 2010 earthquake that devastated that country, killing 300,000 people. Then, following her parents’ divorce, she relocated to Brockton in 2013—a city where she knew no one and didn’t speak the language.

“It was very difficult for me, because I couldn’t express myself,” Paul explains. “I was so shy about trying speaking English, but I made myself start conversations. I would ask people to speak slowly. And I watched a lot of TV and took notes on expressions I could use.”

Paul brought that same drive to her studies at Brockton High School. “I always wanted to do great in school, and my teachers were very supportive of me,” she continues. And no doubt they had a great pupil: Paul graduated with a 4.1 grade point average. Outside of school, that drive led her to become certified as an interpreter, a skill she used to help other Haitians acclimate. She began interning as a translator at Brockton Neighborhood Health Center community clinic. “Being a bridge between the patient and the doctor gave me new understanding,” she notes. The job also served as a window into what Paul hopes is her future profession: medicine.

“I want to be a doctor,” she explains. “In Haiti, I saw so many people suffer after the earthquake. Lots of people died because there weren’t doctors there to help them.”

**Major Challenge**

Today, Paul is a biochemistry major and reports working “very hard” in her classes. “My priority is my studies,” she says. But by no means does that make her one-dimensional. Paul has a part-time job on campus, working as an office assistant in the Summer@Stonehill Pre-College Program, a selective college-credit bearing experience for rising high school juniors and seniors and graduating seniors. She joined the Distributive Education Clubs of America. “We work on things like interviewing and public speaking,” she says.

Paul also joined the makeup crew for the Stonehill Theatre Company fall production. In February, she took to the stage, performing in the student one-act plays. It wasn’t her first time acting, however. “When I was in Haiti, I used to act, but it wasn’t something I was able to do in high school,” she says. “I really enjoyed it.”

Through Think. Act. Lead., the College’s comprehensive mentorship program, Paul has attended seminars on leadership and time management. “In January, they held a career planning conference, where graduates came to speak about all different fields. I met a physician assistant there who invited me to watch a surgical procedure,” she says.

In addition, Paul applied and was accepted to the Career Development Center’s first Boston Externship program, which replicates the highly successful New York City program. Students spent March break meeting with successful alumni in a range of professional settings in Greater Boston to gain insight into a variety of career opportunities. “We started meeting early in the spring semester,” she notes. “We were each responsible for researching one company that we’re going to visit and presenting it to the group. The program was a great opportunity to practice networking.”

**Roads Not Taken**

Stonehill was by no means Paul’s only option. She was also accepted at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and went to visit that flagship campus. “It was so big,” she says. “And I wanted to keep working as an interpreter. When I looked into it, however, I learned there weren’t many Haitians in Amherst. So, I decided to stay in Brockton and come to Stonehill.”

Looking back now, Paul says she is confident she made the right decision. “The professors at Stonehill are wonderful. They always have time for you. And there are so many opportunities here.” She was disappointed, however, to learn that one of those opportunities, SURE (Stonehill Undergraduate Research Experience), is open only to rising juniors and seniors, as she thinks rising sophomores could use SURE to see if they are interested in research. But it takes more than that to hold Paul back: She’s applied to take part in a summer research program at UMass Medical School in Worcester.

She also hopes to make a trip to Haiti this summer, her first since emigrating. “I miss my family and my friends,” Paul says. “My dad and my two older sisters are in Haiti. I think—I hope—there will be time during the summer, so I can go.” One thing is for sure: If there’s a way to make it work, Evaudie Paul will find it.
Happy

HOBBYISTS

BY TRACEY PALMER
F YOU COULD FIND a way to relieve your stress, build your confidence, ignite your creativity and meet new people who share your interests, would you do it? If you said yes, then get a hobby! Research shows that hobbies can complement your work life and enhance your professional abilities. People with hobbies can be better at coming up with creative solutions for work-related problems. They even seem more resilient in stressful situations. Simply put, hobbies are good for you—and make you feel good.

Read on to meet Stonehill alumni who have embraced the importance of hobbies. Their part-time passions are as diverse and interesting as they are.

CHRISTA-LYNN SMITH '11 [left] was 7, she and her sister took their very first plane ride to visit cousins in Jacksonville, Fla., where she also bought her first postcard. “It had a funny looking cat on it that said, ‘Laid Back and Loving It,’” Smith recalls. “I’m sure I thought it was hilarious as a 7-year-old!” Back then, she never imagined that 20 years later she’d still be collecting postcards.

Today Smith has hundreds, from cities and towns in Massachusetts and from Australia to Kyrgyzstan. “My dad travels all over the country for work and has helped me collect most of the states I have today,” says Smith, who has cards from 45 U.S. states (she’s missing Kansas, North Dakota, Mississippi, South Carolina and Iowa) and 38 countries (16 of which she’s visited). “It’s pretty amazing to spread out my cards and see how far the people in my life have traveled. It makes the world seem so much smaller. My friends and family have touched almost every corner of the globe.”

Smith is an analyst at CVS Health. Her hobby is completely different from her job, but her postcard passion is well known at work. “I definitely have a few postcards hanging up in my cube, and I’m constantly badgering coworkers to bring me back a postcard from their travels.”

The only continent Smith doesn’t have a card from is Antarctica—so if you live there, feel free to send her one.

When [above] loved animals. But unlike most children, Hollandsworth began early on taking action to ensure their welfare. It started with joining animal welfare groups, adopting rescue cats and eventually becoming a vegetarian.

“I learned of the plight of shelter animals and the high kill rate in this country of innocent homeless pets...I want to help combat this senseless killing of millions of animals.”
—Rosemarie (Anzalone) Hollandsworth '73

After Stonehill, Hollandsworth taught elementary school for 23 years. For the last 18, she’s worked in audiology, testing adults’ hearing and fitting hearing aids. All the while she never stopped fighting for animal rights. She joined the initiative to close the Greyhound Racetrack in Massachusetts and worked with the Humane Society on last year’s Farm Bill ballot question. Most recently, Hollandsworth founded an issues coalition called the Companion Animal Protection Act of Massachusetts (CAPA-MA).
“I learned of the plight of shelter animals and the high kill rate in this country of innocent homeless pets,” she says. “I was appalled at the euthanasia statistics—or lack thereof due to non-reporting requirements. Our present shelter bylaws do not mandate reporting or rescue access.” While some shelters do report, CAPA-MA would like to see a mandatory monthly and yearly reporting law for shelters. “I want to help combat this senseless killing of millions of animals.”

Thanks to her passion for animals, Hollandsworth says she found her voice. “I always tended to get upset about social injustices, but now I’ve put words into action. And I have 1,000 members concerned with me!”

**Whitney WEMETT’S HOBBY** takes her a hundred feet underwater—with strange creatures—sometimes at night. It gets scary, but she loves the thrill.

“One of my favorite things about scuba diving is night dives,” says Wemett ’16 [left]. “I did a week-long trip in the Caribbean last year, and we did a night dive off the boat where we brought a black light down, illuminating all the bioluminescence in the water. It was truly spectacular.”

The first time Wemett ever dove, she was studying in Australia. As a minor in environmental studies, she always loved the outdoors. Diving at the Great Barrier Reef, she discovered a passion for marine conservation.

“**This hobby has** granted me the opportunity to discover different places around the world, both above and below water, that I never would have imagined I would see.”

——Whitney Wemett ’16

**COLLECTING, SINGING, POSTING:** 
[L to R] Marissa Antosh ’06 has a collection of old red manual typewriters. Eileen Cosgrove Cusack ’85 sings in an a cappella group, especially popular during the holidays. Ken Staffey ’93 takes photos of historic houses during his travels and posts them on Instagram.
"As a scuba diver, I've developed a personal connection to the ocean, because I see the harm done to it firsthand while underwater."

Last fall, Wernett took her hobby a step further and spent two months in Madagascar as a marine conservation research volunteer. She learned to survey the reefs for biodiversity, reef health, global climate change and anthropogenic concerns, and she even took part in dives to monitor the health of sea turtles.

"My favorite part is seeing new creatures," Wernett says. "The weirder the better! This hobby has granted me the opportunity to discover different places around the world, both above and below water, that I never would have imagined I would see."

Wernett currently works in public accounting, but she hopes to transition her hobby into a full-time career in coastal zone management someday, spending her days (and nights) protecting our planet's oceans.

Marissa ANTOSH '06 got her first typewriter on her 21st birthday—a Smith Corona circa 1913—and the rest, as they say, is history. At the time, Antosh was a Stonehill art major, incorporating typewritten text into her artwork. She immediately came to appreciate the mechanics of the old machines and started collecting red ones because, well, it's her favorite color.

"My undergraduate degree in English and art definitely shaped my job choice," says Antosh, who works as a youth librarian at the Norfolk Public Library. "My hobby is complementary. Typewriters are like mini-printing presses for your desk."

If you visit the Norfolk library, you might see Antosh's typewriters, which are sometimes on display. Her oldest one is from 1892. "I'm running my own archive," she says. "I find it funny—and a tiny bit sad—that most kids have no idea what they are."

Antosh thinks it's important to have a hobby, maybe three or four. She also knits, spins yarn and makes books. "I find hobbies to be enriching and fun, and they make for connections and conversation." What's the best part of collecting typewriters for Antosh? She says it's getting the "You collect what?" reaction.

Eileen COSGROVE CUSACK '85 graduated with a degree in finance and worked in the field through the dot.com era. At the same time, she also did community theater and joined an a cappella group, "just for fun"—or so she thought.

After having three kids in four years and faced with a new medical diagnosis, Cusack realized that the long hours of her Boston finance job no longer made sense. That's when she decided to turn her hobby into a job.
“My musical interests led me to a career change and a chance at meaningful work even while raising three children and dealing with rheumatoid arthritis (RA),” she says.

Initially, Cusack sang in the choir and at weddings at St. Mary’s Church in Mansfield. She was then hired to teach music part-time to St. Mary’s Catholic School elementary students and has been there for over 15 years. Meanwhile, her a cappella group, Jazz Up Your Party, was getting hired to perform at events and was becoming popular during the holiday season, singing as fully costumed Christmas carolers. (Perhaps you’ve seen them at Patriot Place, Legacy Place or Briggs Nursery as you’ve done your holiday shopping!)

Today, Cusack’s hobby sustains her financially and spiritually. Her voice never fails her, she says. “I can sing when I can’t speak or when I have strep throat. I can sing when I’m standing in 20 degree snowy weather and can’t feel my feet or fingers. Even though my RA has limited me in several ways, my voice grows stronger with each year!”

Cusack advises, “If you stay true to your passions and do what you like, you will have a rewarding life.”

Ken STAFFEY ’93 works in medical sales, but he’s also an amateur historian and storyteller. His hobby is posting pictures he’s taken of old houses on Instagram. “I realized there’s so much amazing history all around us and much of it can be told with the houses we live in.”

Over the years, Staffey has learned lots of history trivia. For instance, the name of the New Jersey city Newark, might have been shortened from New Ark of the Covenant. In Connecticut, Westport was once known for its prize onions; Danbury was built on the hat making industry; and New London was the world’s third busiest whaling port, after Nantucket and New Bedford.

According to Staffey, one of the best parts of his hobby is the people from all over the world he’s connected with—he has almost 11,000 followers. Some of the followers who regularly like and comment on his photos are in places as far away as Russia, Iran and Turkey. Of telling these house stories, he has found that people are more alike than different. “In the end, whether they live in a grand mansion or a simple home, most people are working to have a better life for themselves and their families,” Staffey says.

It was 1984. Born in the USA. And JOSEPH TUCKER ’88 suddenly knew he wanted to write songs and learn to play acoustic guitar. He’s been at it for over 30 years.

In the 1990s, Tucker was the drummer for a band called Keiser Sose, but he never wanted to make it a career. Still, he was inspired to write songs on his guitar that expressed his strong Christian faith.
These days, when he’s not performing at open mic nights in New York, Tucker is a volunteer support group facilitator, putting to good use the psychology degree he earned at Stonehill. He feels his hobby complements his work because he believes music can be a therapeutic and a creative outlet. “My hobby makes life more worthwhile and meaningful,” he says. “The best part: It brings joy to others.”

**The idea for Mary (Harrington) Hart’s hobby came to her in a dream.** While she slept, Hart ’94 envisioned a story about an event planner trapped in a haunted house who has to figure out how to escape to survive. When Hart woke, she knew she had to write a novel.

Hart began writing in 2013 and finished the first draft of her thriller *Some Horrific Evening* this past November during NaNoWriMo, National Novel Writing Month. As a marketing content manager by trade, Hart writes white papers and blog posts and also creates infographics. She enjoys novel writing because it’s more creative than her daily work.

“Letting my imagination run wild with the story and seeing where it goes is sometimes very surprising, even as I’m typing away,” she reveals. “I had a few characters who were going to have a certain fate, but that changed as I was writing.”

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**Playing, Writing, Building:**
[L to R] Joseph Tucker ’88 plays acoustic guitar, Mary (Harrington) Hart ’94 has written her first thriller novel, Daniel Hallinan ’63 laid 25,000 bricks to make a replica of the Nobska Point Lighthouse in his backyard.
So why build a full-scale lighthouse in your backyard? “I get that all the time. I have no idea. I just have to be doing something.”
—Daniel Hallinan ’63

Hart is currently revising her manuscript and then plans to send out queries to agents. “I’ve learned that I can actually complete a goal I set for myself in writing and completing this book,” she says. With a little luck, Hart’s hobby might turn into something more.

George ALLEN ’79 [previous page] learned to play trumpet in Easton in the fourth grade. He played all the way through high school and even started a pep band at Stonehill. It’s been a decades-long hobby, but lately it’s taken on more meaning in his life and in the lives of many others.

When Allen retired from the Easton Police Department, he began playing taps at police officers’ funerals. He started because he had heard a “fake bugle” being used. (A “fake bugle” contains a digital sound device. It’s not actually played live.) In Allen’s opinion, this was unacceptable for the men and women who died serving others.

After hearing Allen play at a funeral, a U.S. Marine Corps officer invited him to join the Marine Corps League (Lt. Brian McPhillips detachment #1115) and play at their funerals. Allen was never a Marine and never served in the military, so he was extremely honored. “Since then I’ve done countless funerals and wakes,” says Allen. “I’ve provided taps for WWII vets and Iraq war vets and everything in between.” Allen has also played at the Bourne National Cemetery’s No Vet Forgotten program and at the Marine Corps Birthday Ball every year.

Allen, who now works part-time as a Stonehill police officer, has endured many sad and difficult ceremonies. He remembers a stretch where he played at four in one week. But he continues to play for veterans, because it’s his way of thanking them for their service to our country. “The families’ reaction after the service is all the thanks I need,” he says.

Some people enjoy knitting, others collect stamps. DANIEL HALLINAN ’63 [left] built a lighthouse. And we’re not talking about a table-top model. This is a full-scale replica of the Nobska Point Lighthouse in Woods Hole—only it’s one-and-half inches taller. Fourteen feet across at the base, over thirty feet tall, Hallinan’s lighthouse sits next to his house in East Falmouth. Made of 25,000 hand-laid bricks, it took six years to complete.

So why build a lighthouse? “I get that all the time,” says Hallinan. “I have no idea. I just have to be doing something.” A retired commercial airline pilot, Hallinan has also tried his hand as a lumberjack and commercial fisherman. The father of five grown children says he’s always been handy and busy.

Without any construction experience, Hallinan built his first house by himself. (He didn’t want a mortgage.) On his current property, he has nine outbuildings he’s either built or renovated, including a two-bay garage with a vehicle lift, a shed for his 1850s doctor’s buggy and two generator sheds. His 18 by 24 foot pool house features a model steam train that runs around the ceiling and circles outside through a tunnel into the lighthouse and back. Hallinan lives off the grid in his two-story barn, in a room he’s made to look like a stateroom on a U.S. Navy destroyer. (Hallinan served for four years.)

Of course, the light on Hallinan’s lighthouse works, rotating once every eight seconds. Within minutes of the first time he turned it on, a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter showed up and flew over at about 50 feet. “You can imagine what they said when they saw it,” Hallinan says with a chuckle.
The Natural

STARTING EARLY, Nicole Borofski '17 was a natural runner.

"In elementary school, you had to run the mile, and I remember always beating other people," she recalls. "I knew I was going to like cross country."

She joined her school's program in sixth grade and excelled through middle and high school, earning all-state honors and serving as a captain. By graduation, she was set to join Stonehill's cross country as well as its indoor and outdoor track programs, though she set her expectations low.

"Everyone comes here as the best or second best on their high school team. We all come together, put our egos aside and develop a team mentality that helps us all develop," Borofski notes.

Her coach, Karen Boen, and teammates pushed Borofski to early success: She earned NE10 Rookie of the Year. Since then, she has risen to lead the team and the region. Including indoor and outdoor track, Borofski has earned All-American honors eight times, and in her final cross country season this past fall, she won both the NE10 and NCAA Division II East Regional Championships and placed 19th nationally.

But being the best doesn't just take talent, it takes planning, diligence and hard work. To ensure she peaks at the right time, Borofski sits down with her coach at the beginning of each season and lays out her training and race schedule, deciding how and when she is going to push herself.

"Most women don't do two a day, but every Tuesday and Thursday, I am up to run before we lift. And then we do a team workout in the afternoon," she says.

Building mental toughness is critical come race day, when competition is fierce and signs of weakness can be all the edge an opponent needs to win.

"I focus on form, relaxing and staying composed because you don't want somebody else's coach seeing me and yelling, 'She's dying! She's dying!'"

Borofski thrives on competition and has set her sights high for her final season of track and field. "Every race, I challenge my body to see if I can get faster than the last time I ran."

If she keeps pace with her Stonehill career thus far, she'll do that and more.
Bouncing Back

Stonehill experts share ways for parents to help their teens develop resilience to life's problems—and these tips might just help you, too.
CALL IT GRIT, call it resilience, call it perseverance in the face of obstacles: No matter what its name, there's no question that the ability to bounce back from life's inevitable frustrations and defeats is an essential life skill.

Yet research indicates that this type of resolve is proving increasingly elusive to young adults: According to a 2014 survey by the American College Health Association, there has been a steady decline in "average student resilience"—the ability of a student to recover effectively from everyday problems.

There are plenty of theories about the reasons behind the dip, but there is also some good news. Resilience is a skill that can be learned, and parents play a key role teaching it to their kids—particularly in the critical teen years.

So how do parents determine the best ways to teach their kids to grapple with life's problems and come through them stronger and wiser? We asked four experts at Stonehill to share their best ideas about helping teens become resilient, self-sufficient adults.

**Teach teens to advocate for themselves**

We live in an age when moms and dads are negotiating their teens' grades with their teachers, playing time with their coaches and working schedules with their bosses. Perhaps it's not a surprise: Parents want the best for their kids, and it can be tough to suppress the desire to help kids when they need it.

But Pauline Dobrowski, vice president for student affairs and a parent herself, says there's more to the story. While the short-term results of these highly involved parenting approaches may be positive, the long-term consequences of preventing kids from taking ownership of their problems can have negative effects. "When we take away the chance for our children to face problems and find solutions, we rob them of developing the coping skills and the resilience that are so often the keys to success in life," she notes.

Dobrowski says it's essential for kids to learn how to advocate for themselves and take the lead in their own lives. "Ultimately, we want teens to have the tools to set the wheels in motion during difficult situations, not having to rely on others to walk them through those times," she says. "I have found that when parents teach these critical skills, their child's transition to college can be a bit easier."

How to make the switch? It doesn't have to be a sink-or-swim proposition, says Dobrowski. Parents can help prepare kids for tough conversations by role playing with them as the friend, teacher or coach. Open-ended questions—What do you think about that? What do you want to do? What would you like to see? If you could change it, how would you want it to be different?—can help guide the conversation.

Teens might seem exasperated or insist they don't need help, but you can point out possible pitfalls before they're in the moment and encourage them to come up with a plan if the results aren't exactly what they expected.

Following up with kids after a tough conversation can help them cement the lessons they've learned. "You can ask how a situation turned out, talk about why it turned out well or not-so-well and what they've learned that they might be able to apply in the future," Dobrowski says. "Not everything will work out perfectly, but the goal is to help them build confidence and self-assurance so that when they do something that works, they can learn from and repeat it."

**Help teens sit with disappointment**

Every kid is going to experience painful moments in their lives: getting cut from the soccer team, discovering that they haven't been invited to a party, getting teased by a friend.

When teens tell parents about these disappointments, parents may instinctively seek to sweep the emotional impact problems aside, says Psychology Professor Erin O'Hea. "Our tendency these days is to try to make our kids feel better immediately: Do you want to watch TV? Do you want something to eat? Don't worry, it's going to be okay," she says. "All these messages are about not feeling bad—it's about experiential avoidance."

But avoiding the problem doesn't solve it, and it doesn't teach kids to cope with the disappointments that life will continue to send their way. Instead, O'Hea recommends a four-part process to help kids process and overcome challenges that they may face.

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First, be there for them—both physically and mentally. Sit with them when they tell you about a problem, pay attention to them and truly listen to what they're trying to tell you.

Next, acknowledge their sadness, anger and disappointment. "It's okay to say something like, 'I'd feel pretty bad, too, if my friend did something like that to me,'" says O'Hea. "Don't try to fix the problem, but do try to validate it."

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Give them time to process the problem. It’s okay to feel bad about something for more than a few moments. Give teens the space to both acknowledge and accept a disappointment.

Help them take the next step. You don’t need to solve the problem, but you can ask the questions to get them headed in the right direction, says O’Hea. “Ask: What can you do about it? What’s the next step? How do you deal with this situation?” Such questions help teens understand that they often have the resources to solve their own problems.

While this process may take longer than retail therapy, it will help teens build the skills they’ll need to succeed in their lives. “Every time teens make a decision to cope and take care of themselves, they’re building the skill of resiliency,” she says.

Set the bar high, but be there when kids fail
Judged solely by the almost infinite number of parenting blogs populating the Internet, raising a child might seem like an entirely different proposition than it was a generation ago. Associate Professor of Psychology Christopher Poirier ’97 says that despite this evidence to the contrary, it’s simply not so: “Good parenting is good parenting,” he says.

In fact, much of great parenting can be boiled down to two key principles, says Poirier: high expectations and high responsiveness. Get these two elements right, and you’re more likely than not to raise a child who can bounce back from even the most challenging circumstances.

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First, parents must have high expectations for their kids, one of the ideas that some suggest may have fallen by the wayside in our participation-trophy culture. “Getting rewarded for just showing up and trying hard isn’t the way the real world works,” says Poirier. “Parents do need to be strict and to have real rules—rules that lead to consequences if they’re broken.”

In other words, you should expect that your brainy kid will work hard and get an A instead of a B-, and that you won’t give him second or third chances when he misses curfew, even by a few minutes.

That said, kids shouldn’t feel that their family is like boot camp. That’s where responsiveness comes in. “Responsiveness is about being warm and supportive. Basically, it’s displaying love,” Poirier says. “Listen to your child. Real communication goes both ways.”

So when your child breaks up with that boyfriend or girlfriend they’ve only had for a week? You shouldn’t dismiss it but have empathy for the pain that your child is going through, even if it seems like a minor blip on the scale of possible calamities. Talk with your kids about their lunchroom dramas and part-time job struggles so that they know you’re there for them.

Certainly, there are plenty of nuances to great parenting but following the larger principles of expectations and responsiveness can serve as guideposts when you’re stuck, says Poirier.

Help kids embrace the struggle
As a mathematics education researcher, Assistant Professor of Education Kate Marin knows exactly how challenging math can be for some students.

But too often, parents wish the impossible for their kids: immediate and complete mastery of math or any other subject. “So many parents are concerned about how fast kids can do something, how often they get the right answer or whether or not they get the A. But when you’re really learning something, we all go through what’s called ‘productive struggle,’” she says.

True learning—not simply memorizing a series of multiplication tables, for example—actually requires students to do the inherently messy work of testing ideas, looking for patterns and searching for new approaches. It’s a process that demands a high level of resilience—kids must embrace a certain level of uncertainty and ambiguity.

Parents can encourage this approach to learning by giving specific praise when they notice their child engaging in it. They might praise their teen’s tenacity when she spends an exceptional amount of time on a difficult project or compliment the connections he’s made between two subjects. Parents can nudge their children in this direction by asking questions like “How is this problem like one we did last week? How might you think differently about this puzzle?”

Parents can also help by modeling “productive struggle” themselves. When parents offer to help with homework and find themselves just as perplexed as their children, for example, they shouldn’t throw their hands up and call the assignment ridiculous. “You might say, ‘Okay, let’s think about this. Could we call a friend? Could we go online and look for information that might help us?’” she says.

“Modeling that resiliency yourself is important, because kids are always taking their cues from you.”

Parents should encourage teens to embrace the true challenges of learning by focusing not only on the end result but also on the process that gets them there. This will help kids develop the skills that will help them flourish under challenging circumstances.
Alumni Community

One Night, Three Awards, Endless Appreciation

THIS YEAR, the Alumni Council bestowed three awards upon graduates: the Outstanding Alumnus Award, the Alumni Service Award and the GOLD (Graduate Of the Last Decade) Award. For the first time, these awards were presented to the recipients on the same night—which meant the celebration on the evening of March 31 in Donahue Hall was threefold.

The Outstanding Alumnus Award was presented to Judith Salerno '73, who has achieved distinguished professional success that, in turn, has brought honor to the College. She was selected in recognition of her achievements as former president and chief executive officer of the Susan G. Komen Foundation, the most widely known and largest breast cancer organization in the country. Salerno's work with the Komen Foundation to fight the disease and support patients and survivors is inspiring. The Alumni Council is proud of her accomplishments and grateful for the honor that her work has brought to Stonehill.

For volunteering her time and talents in service to the College and the Alumni Association, Catherine Campbell '96 was recognized with the Alumni Service Award. For years, she has answered the call to serve her alma mater as needed—including her tenure as president of the Alumni Council and chair of its various committees. The Alumni Council is appreciative of her commitment to the College and of the work she continues to do to help advance Stonehill and its Alumni Association.

The recipient of the College's first GOLD Award, third-grade teacher Nicole Bollerman '10 was recognized for her dedication to the students and the community at UP Academy in Dorchester. Her now well-known contest entry seeking a gift of books for her students—which led to her donating a grand prize of $150,000 to her school—was certainly enough to demonstrate her commitment to education. Her story highlights her extraordinary generosity.

At the event, President John Denning, C.S.C. remarked, "It is more than safe to say that Cathy, Nicole and Judy, in their individual ways, are living truly purposeful and rewarding lives..." —President John Denning, C.S.C.
Alumni Day 2017

MORE THAN 500 alumni and their families returned to campus on Saturday, Feb. 4, for a full slate of activities and celebrations.

1 | "Souperbowl" Soup Cook-Off contestants with Claudia (Moses) Denelle '75 [fourth left], professional category winner, and Mark Churchill '88 [far right], amateur category winner.

2 | Children and grandchildren of alumni met animals from the Barn Babies petting zoo.

3 | The open science labs for children were very popular.

4 | Seniors Alexandra Piscoya, Brankely Garcia and Yasbel Cueva celebrate the Intercultural Affairs anniversary.

5 | Dorothy (Riley) Stahley '59 attended the Pillar Society Mass and Luncheon.

6 | Vito Bruno '15 shared Boston Winery samples at the Winter Carnival.

7 | On the 25th anniversary of Intercultural Affairs, founding director Jean Hamler was honored for her pioneering work and contributions to diversity at the College.

8 | With Fr. John Denning, C.S.C. in the frame, it is a presidential photo for [l to r] James Lanier '14, Terrell Diggs '13, Jamal Johnson '14 and Macsonny Onyechefule '08.

9 | Carol (Melchin) '83 and Paul '84 Mullen spend family time with their daughter Susan '19 at the Legacy Brunch.

10 | Spiderman decorated a Frisbee with spin art.

11 | Edward '64 and Bernadette (Crowley) '65 Pare light candles at the Grotto at the dedication of the Alumni Intentions Candle.

12 | Creating bubbles, making slime and exploring marine life were a few of the science lab activities.
Pick Something

THE OFFICE of Alumni Affairs challenges you to pick one of these opportunities to get involved with Stonehill today. It's your choice!

Whether social media is your thing or you enjoy traveling with fellow alumni or you'd like to see campus again, there are so many options available for you to become and stay connected to your alma mater.

For more information, call 508-565-1343 or email alumni@stonehill.edu.

Come Visit. Haven't been back to campus in a while? Come to an event designed for alumni, such as Alumni Day or Reunion. Or take a stroll around campus, catch a Skyhawks game, light a prayer candle at the Grotto or hear how campus changes are benefiting students.

Reasons to Give: Everyone gives for a different reason, so tell us why you support Stonehill by visiting stonehill.edu/giving/reasons.

Share your expertise. Mentor a student, serve as a guest speaker or have a student shadow you at work.

Hire Stonehill. Use Handshake and the Career Development Center to post internships and job opportunities.

Volunteer your time. Stonehill has a robust Alumni Council with six committees and volunteers from all classes. Join a committee today to help plan future events and programs for your fellow alumni.

Bleed Purple. Use the Stonehill Skyhawks app, now available for Apple or Android, to cheer on your alma mater.

Follow Us. Follow Stonehill Alumni on Facebook and Instagram and join the group on LinkedIn to get involved with the Stonehill community via social media.

Meet, Greet, Network. From Boston to New York, from Washington, D.C., to California, visit stonehillalumni.org to see if we are hosting an event near you this year.

Travel Stonehill Style. The Alumni Travel Program offers group travel opportunities with an educational component designed for Stonehill alumni, their family and friends. Join us in Portugal this October!

Gear Up. Show your Stonehill pride! Shop online through the Stonehill Bookstore or Stonehill Athletics.
VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT:
Get to Know Your Alumni Council

IN JANUARY, the Alumni Council welcomed a new executive team: Steven Viveiros ’98, president, Brandon Hall ’02, vice president, and Jacquelyn H. Tracy ’88, treasurer. Here they talk about why they are involved as alumni, climbing walls and barbecuing burgers and a superpower that would motivate all graduates to pay it forward.

Q: What’s one thing people don’t realize about the Alumni Council?
Viveiros: It’s more than service to the College: It’s also an opportunity to connect with other alumni who are invested in doing good. I’ve learned a great deal from the more seasoned Council members and have been able to provide insight to those who have more recently entered the real world.

Q: What’s your favorite Stonehill memory?
Tracy: During freshman orientation, they broke us into teams to do a ropes course. I remember during one part, we had to climb over a wall—and I’m only five feet tall. One of my teammates stood at the top, grabbed my belt and pulled me over.

Q: A moment that I most enjoyed as an alumnus:
Hall: When the Alumni Auction passed the $1 million mark. Everyone was so excited. We had confetti poppers and chocolate bars with million-dollar wrappers. I remember working at the auction when I was a student and to think that now, it’s raised more than $1 million!
Viveiros: By far, serving on the scholarship committee. Reading the stories of these students and their perseverance as they drive toward their goals is inspiring. These students are incredibly deserving; it’s an honor to be a part of the process that recognizes their accomplishments.

Q: If you had an alumni superpower, what would it be?
Viveiros: I would help fellow alums recall how much they learned at Stonehill and recognize that alumni before us made an investment so this could happen. This hopefully would motivate them to continue to invest in Stonehill and pay it forward for future generations.

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Hall: The personal relationships I developed. We had a charcoal grill out in front of our townhouse in Colonial Court. My roommates and I would be out there, cooking burgers at 2 a.m. on a Friday or Saturday night—hanging out, just talking. These are guys I ended up living with after college; we were in each other’s weddings and now we’re godfathers to each other’s kids.

Q: Finish this sentence: “Alumni should get more involved because…”
Tracy: You always get so much more back than you put in. If you’re not sure how to get involved or what you might want to do, start with one of the committees, like GOLD (Graduates Of the Last Decade), programming or career services.

THE TEAM: Brandon Hall ’02, Steven Viveiros ’98 and Jacquelyn H. Tracy ’88.
Class Notes

Empowering Patients

"PHYSICIANS SPEAK medical-ese. That’s what they learned in medical school. Sometimes, they’re not skilled at translating that into everyday English,” says Susan Leclair ’68, chancellor professor emerita of medical laboratory science at the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. "I’m a translator. I translate science to medicine and medicine to English.”

Leclair uses this skill to help patients interpret all different kinds of laboratory tests through three online portals: American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science Consumer Information Response team, which she created and which replies to over 80 questions per day about laboratory tests and health from all over the world; the Association for Cancer Online Resources, where she answers questions on different listervs; and PatientPower, where she has posted more than two dozen short videos.

Her patient advocacy work is in addition to her sizeable academic achievements. Leclair has written numerous books and articles and given more than 200 presentations on topics ranging from advanced hematology to bioethics. In 2015, the American Society for Clinical Laboratory Science honored her with a lifetime achievement award.

Though Leclair retired from teaching in 2015, she continues helping patients navigate the sometimes-complicated world of clinical laboratory tests. "Hematology provides so much information to the physician and the patient. But nothing is black and white. You have to put every test in the context of the patient—their age, their gender or other conditions they might have," she says.

Leclair is particularly encouraged by recent progress in diagnosing and treating blood cancers. “To me, it’s wonderful that blood cancers are no longer death sentences. So many of them are now manageable, chronic conditions,” she says. "It’s amazing and exciting to be part of that evolution."

1960 Frank Trefny, M.D., retired from the U.S. Army in 2000 at the rank of colonel and from office practice of medicine in 2014. He still sees patients at the Kingstree Nursing Facility and serves on the board of directors of the American Red Cross, Lowcountry, South Carolina, chapter.

1964 Bro. James Kane, C.S.C. retired to Notre Dame, Ind., after nearly 20 years of service at Holy Cross High School in Flushing, N.Y.

1965 MaryAnne (Coelho) Long was elected president and CEO of Ho’apono Ko’olaualoa Community Foundation in Hawaii.

1966 Pamela (Hudson) Beggan retired after 40 years of volunteering at her local farmer’s market, where every Wednesday she collected produce and baked goods for families served by her local food pantry. United Community Ministries. According to the pantry, Beggan has quietly provided over 115 tons of food for people who needed it.

1967 John Hunt has co-authored Loving Me with Vicki Watkins. The book recounts Watkins’ life growing up in a dysfunctional family and shows the power of God working through Watkins’ friends and caring professionals who appeared at different times of her life.

Robert Short is the executive coordinator for Maryknoll Affiliates, lay missionaries who serve the poor and suffering, in New York.

1968 Thomas Condon retired from the practice of law after over four decades of work in New York.

1969 William DeNuccio, a retired educator, has been volunteering as a docent at the Roger Williams Park Zoo for over 18 years. Along with his work at the zoo, DeNuccio has spent the last 34 years as a board member of Cranston’s League for Cranston’s Future, a youth sports program, and currently serves as board president.

1971 Michael O’Connell retired from River Valley Community College, where he was the interim vice president of academic affairs and department chair of the business and computer technology department. In addition, he was voted chair of the board of trustees for Valley Regional Hospital in Claremont, N.H.

1972 Barbara (Wester) Bingham retired after more than 30 years of service to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, working with special needs individuals as a dental assistant through the Tufts Dental Facility.

1973 Edward O’Leary retired after 31 years as chief of the Foxboro Police Department. O’Leary became the chief in 1985 and oversaw a number of changes, including an expansion of the department and the transformation of the home of the Patriots from Old Colony YMCA in Brockton. His work at the zoo, DeNuccio has quietly provided over 115 tons of food for people who needed it.

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Soul Sketches: How to Craft Meaningful and Authentic Eulogies.

Jay Miller, a longtime Patriot Ledger music writer, is a recipient of the Keeping the Blues Alive Award. Presented to organizations, institutions and individuals in the United States, Europe and beyond by the Blues Foundation in Memphis, these awards are the most respected and prized recognition of contributions to the blues.

1976 Robert Ryan was recently appointed dean of admission at St. George’s University in Grenada.


1978 Jeffrey Russell retired from Old Colony YMCA in Brockton. Russell, who serves as executive
vice president and chief operating officer, went straight to Old Colony after graduating from Stonehill and has worked in a number of positions throughout his nearly 40 years at the organization.

1979 Douglas McIntyre hosted comedy icon Steve Martin for four nights as part of the Distinguished Speakers Series of Southeastern California. McIntyre has previously hosted John Cleese, Betty White, Ron Howard and Robert Redford, among others.

David Muldrew works as assistant secretary for employer services at the Massachusetts Executive Office for Labor and Workforce Development.


John Teixeira, a veteran of the Albemarle County Police Department in Charlottesville, Va., retired after over 30 years of service with the rank of captain.

1981 Monique (La Tegola) Packer works as an assistant director in the Office of the State Auditor at the Massachusetts Bureau of Special Investigations.

1982 Claire (McLaughlin) Cronin, who represents Easton in the Massachusetts House of Representatives, has been appointed as House Chair of the Joint Committee on the Judiciary and is the first woman to hold this leadership position.

Joseph Flanagan published his debut crime novel, Lesser Evils, which reimagines 1957 Cape Cod and covers the events surrounding the murder of a child.

1983 Marie Cooney, after a 10-year absence, has renewed her membership at the Playwrights' Center in Minneapolis and has resumed work as a writer.

1984 Bradley Swinnerton joined Hobbs Brook Management in Waltham as a commercial real estate construction project manager.

1986 Nancy Coleman is associate provost and director of strategic growth initiatives at Wellesley College.

Robert Rivers has been elected by the Eastern Bank board of directors to the position of chairman and chief executive officer. He is also a member of the Stonehill Board of Trustees.

1987 Nancy (Papagno) Crimmin, interim president at Becker College, was named the 2017 Pillar of the Profession by Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education. This prestigious award is given out annually to education leaders who are recognized by colleagues and students for extraordinary service and significant contributions to higher education.

Peter Powers is the executive director of human resources and administration for the Diocese of Fall River.

1988 James O'Neil, a 29-year-veteran of the Milton Police Department, has been appointed deputy police chief.

Joseph Tucker became certified by the National Alliance of Mental Illness as a support group facilitator. [See page 18 for more on Tucker.]

1989 Salvatore Lucido assumed the role of associate director for strategic planning, partnerships and external relations within the Centers for Disease Control's Division for Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention in Atlanta, Ga.

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Speaking Up

KENNETH LIZOTTE '70

has spent his career helping transform business professionals into "thought leaders," thus separating them from the competitive pack.

His one-two punch for making the leap? "Publish a book and get out and speak about it," says Lizotte, who is chief imaginative officer at Emerson Consulting Group in Concord. The five-person firm works with consultants, entrepreneurs, business experts and attorneys, turning them into sought-after authorities on specialized topics.

Lizotte follows his own advice with his most recent book, The Speaker's Edge: The Ultimate Go-To Guide for Locating and Landing Lots of Speaking Gigs. The book follows The Expert's Edge: Become the Go-To Authority that People Turn to Every Time, joining the five other titles to Lizotte's credit.

A thought leader in his own right, Lizotte has been interviewed by the New York Times, the Wall Street Journal and National Public Radio, to name a few. He's published hundreds of articles and co-founded the National Writers Union.

Speaking even ties into Lizotte's place of work. Emerson Consulting Group takes its name from one of Concord's most well-known former residents, Ralph Waldo Emerson. Lizotte explains why: Though Concord was a who's who of the mid-19th century—home to Nathaniel Hawthorne, Louisa May Alcott and Henry David Thoreau, among others, "Emerson was perhaps the best-known author of all of them worldwide in his lifetime. But then, as now, writers didn't necessarily make a lot of money, so he realized he needed to go on a speaking tour each year so he could pay his bills. Speaking engagements added to his income. And no doubt helped Emerson become a thought leader."
Ounce of Prevention

SPRING IS HERE, which means so is allergy season. Allergist/immunologist Emily (Unger) Weis, M.D. ’99 sees many allergy sufferers in her upstate New York practice, Allergy, Asthma, Immunology of Rochester. Weis, who earned her M.D. at Albany Medical College, also holds a master’s degree in natural science from Roswell Park Cancer Institute at the University of Buffalo. She offers the following tips for taming the nasal allergy beast.

WATCH THE NEWS: “Local weather typically includes a report on the pollen count,” she says. “When the count is high, don’t sleep with your windows open. Pollen counts rise just before dawn.”

KEEP IT DRY: “Dust mites, one of the most common indoor allergens, love humidity,” she notes. If you’re allergic to dust mites, keep the relative humidity in your house below 45 percent. “Washing your sheets weekly in hot water can also help.”

TAKE MEDICATION: “There are many good over-the-counter medications today,” says Weis. “In addition, there’s also a great new alternative to allergy shots for those suffering from ragweed and grass allergies: tablets that you put under your tongue.” She further explains, “We finally have FDA-approved sublingual immunotherapy here in the U.S. It’s revolutionized the way we treat allergies to ragweed and grass. However, you still need to see an allergist to get tested and treated.”

While at Stonehill, Weis was a two-year captain of the equestrian team. She owns two horses and still rides competitively. “Intercollegiate horse shows have alumni divisions,” she explains. “I still ride under the Stonehill name. And that’s nothing to sneeze at.

1991 Jennifer O’Neill became director of community library services at the Queens Public Library in Jamaica, N.Y.

1992 Charlene (Sweezy) Couillard is a full-time faculty member for Nova Southeastern University’s physician assistant program in Fort Myers, Fla.

David Simas left his position as director of the White House’s office of political strategy and outreach to become founding CEO of the Obama Foundation.

1994 Rev. Christopher Connelly, after a 21-year career teaching in Catholic secondary education, was appointed director of formation for the permanent diaconate for the Archdiocese of Boston.

Michelle Massa was inducted into the College’s Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the hall’s 28th class. Massa was a two-sport student-athlete, in equestrian and women’s tennis.

Jason Stacki, a 19-year veteran of the Cumberland, Rhode Island Police Department, was promoted to the rank of sergeant.

1995 Nicole (Tourangeau) Casper, the College’s director of Archives and Historical Collections, and local historian James Benson published The Strand Theatre Fire: The 1941 Brockton Tragedy and the Fallen Thirteen, about the fire that ravaged Brockton in 1941.

1996 Esther King joined McCandlish Holton Morris and is of counsel in the litigation practice group in Richmond, Va.

Allison McEachern has been promoted to senior vice president and director of human resources at Rogers & Gray Insurance in South Dennis.

1997 Alison Nolan is principal and general manager of Boston Harbor Cruises.


2000 Mark Botelho works as vice president for institutional client services at Fidelity Investments in Smithfield, R.I.

2001 Vanessa Crews joined AIGA in New York, N.Y., the oldest and largest professional membership organization for design, as director of development.

Jonathan Kuiper published the first two books in his new young adult adventure series, The Fox and the Girl, under the pen name Frankie Yandow.

2002 Kimberly (Daly) Skehill is the canine enrichment facilitator for the Animal Care Centers of New York.

2003 Kelly (Valois) Bitinas is a K-12 mathematics coordinator for the Plymouth Public Schools.

2005 Kristin Bartzokis published her first book, Diary of a Beautiful Disaster, detailing her life with Treacher Collins syndrome. The book has been described as a candid, unflinching look into the life of someone with a congenital physical difference and an important read for medical professionals, teachers, counselors and coaches working with children and young adults.

John Canole has been named director of communications, marketing and policy for Day One, in Providence, R.I.

Fallon Wagner earned her doctorate from Central Connecticut State University in educational leadership and changed positions.
League of Their Own
THERE'S A NEW COACH on campus, Angel Nieves '08, and he's coaching one of Stonehill's newest sports: women's club soccer. "This team opens up opportunities for students who enjoy playing soccer but who may not be able to play at the most competitive level," he says.

According to Nieves, who by day is an IT sales executive at the data-integration company Talend, the team started practicing this fall with 30 walk-on players. "By next fall, I'd like players to be ready for when the team is accepted into the Northeast Region I Club Soccer League," he says.

This is not Nieves' first coaching gig. He's coached youth soccer and served as assistant freshman coach at Brockton High School. Coaching at Stonehill is special, however: It's his first time as a college coach, and it's for his alma mater, where he played varsity soccer for the Skyhawks.

"It's nice not to have to go back to the basics. I could be more creative because these players already have a good foundation. My goal for our first year in the league is to make the College proud. I want to earn the other teams' respect," he says, noting that the roster includes powerhouses like Harvard, Dartmouth and Bentley. "I want them to know that when they play Stonehill, it's going to be a battle."

Hands down, Nieves, who studied marketing and communication as an undergraduate, says his favorite part of the job is the students.

"Stonehill has such wonderful, hard-working students. It brings me back to my own college experience," he recalls. "I want to teach them all that I can about soccer and life—and about how much Stonehill can do for them."

from working as an elementary school mathematics coach to a sixth-grade mathematics teacher in Meriden, Conn.

2006 Lindsay (Hemphill) Babino is a dolphin trainer at Theater of the Sea in Islamorada, Fla.

Katelyn (Sarkissian) O'Leary is working as a senior manager of database marketing at Brainshark in Waltham.

2007 James "Derek" Hebert joined EP Wealth Advisors, a fee-only registered investment advisory and financial planning firm, as a financial advisor for its Lafayette, Calif., office.

2008 Caitlin Gleason was inducted into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the Hall's 28th class. Gleason was an All-American field hockey standout. She still ranks second all-time in program history, with 132 points and 53 career goals.

Kristen Palleo is a nurse practitioner at the Derry Medical Center in Londonderry, N.H.

Mark Sabina is the director of Conference and Event Services for the College. In his new role, Sabina will continue to maintain a strategic vision for Conference and Events and sustain a high level of customer service for Stonehill's internal and external constituencies.

Kyle Schuberg is special assistant to Broward County Commissioner Michael Udine, in Florida.

2009 Keith Gill was inducted into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame as a member of the Hall's 28th class. Gill is one of the most decorated runners in the history of Stonehill's cross country and track and field programs and was the first Skyhawk to earn All-America honors for cross country and indoor and outdoor track and field.

Courtney (Young) Nuara has been promoted to vice president and compliance and risk manager at UniBank in Northbridge.

Rion Vaughan has joined McDonald Hopkins LLC, a business advisory and advocacy law firm in Chicago, Ill., as an associate in the firm's business restructuring department.

2010 Jacqueline Bobola was named controller at the Direct Federal Credit Union in Needham.

Kevin Driscoll took a new role as social media director for Sports Illustrated.

Vincenzo Giambrocco is the head football coach at the Tilton School in Tilton, N.H.

Bridget Sarpu joined the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an examining attorney in Washington, D.C.

Nicole (Carbone) Spagnoletti is working as a customer relationship management specialist at Hartford HealthCare in Connecticut.

2011 Matthew Gorman is the communications director for the National Republican Congressional Committee for the 2018 election cycle.

Michelle Hernon graduated with an MBA from Simmons College and is working as a project coordinator for OmniClaim.

Grace Lapointe has had three short stories published, "Walking Under Ladders" in Mobius: The Journal of Social Change, "Categories" in The Dead Poets Society and "The Lost Year" in Kaleidoscope. In addition, she had a brief nonfiction essay published in Grub Street's "Why I Write" blog series.

Laura (Hunt) McAuliffe is a clinical pharmacist specialist at Rhode Island Hospital.
Heart and Seoul

AKA SEOUL, a film by Los Angeles filmmaker Jon Maxwell ’01, follows five Korean adoptees as they return to the land of their birth in search of their birth families.

The film is a sequel to Maxwell’s 2014 film AKA Dan, which chronicles the trip alternative rapper and Korean adoptee AKA Dan made to meet his birth family.

As someone adopted from Korea himself, “making AKA Dan was a cathartic process for me,” Maxwell explains. After Stonehill, Maxwell went to Korea, looking for his birth family but was ultimately unsuccessful in locating them. “This was a way for me to see that process through.”

“AKA Seoul is more meta,” Maxwell says. “Rather than one person’s story, it’s about the different perspectives these adoptees have as they see Korea for the first time.

“One of the women in the film grew up in a tiny fishing village in Sweden, where she was the only Asian,” he recounts. “At the wrap party in Korea, she talked about how she used to fantasize about walking into a snowbank, laying down and staying there because she felt so isolated. ‘But then I found the AKA Dan movie, and it saved my life,’ she said. To hear that—across the world—my work affected her life in a positive way...it’s very humbling.”

A marketing major at Stonehill, Maxwell credits a creative process class with Professor Warren Dahlin for getting him interested in film. In an interview with the Center for Asian American Media, Maxwell noted that Dahlin encouraged him to do something creative as a final project, so he made a short film.

“That was really the beginning,” he recalled.

AKA Seoul, which made appearances at film festivals in San Diego and San Francisco, is available on the NBC Asian American channel as well as on YouTube and Facebook.
Become Educators in the Faith The Congregation of Holy Cross Priests and Brothers is an international community dedicated to educational, pastoral and social ministries. For vocations, contact Rev. Neil Wack, C.S.C. at 574-632-6385 or at vocation@holycrossusa.org. Visit holycrossvocations.org.

The Monthly Mass of Alumni Intentions is celebrated by Alumni Chaplain Anthony Szakaly, C.S.C. on the third Thursday of each month at 8 a.m. in Our Lady of Sorrows Chapel in Donahue Hall.

Purple Door Business Network The Stonehill Alumni Association's Purple Door Business Network is your best resource for finding businesses owned and operated by Stonehill alumni. With more than 24,000 living graduates, Stonehill has alumni in nearly every industry. The business network is searchable by both industry and location and includes business descriptions along with contact information, so you can personally reach out to your fellow alums at their business. Listing a business in the network is a benefit available to all Stonehill alumni. Visit stonehillalumni.org to find or list a business.

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SIGN OF A LEGACY Three generations of the Giambanco family—all proudly dressed in their Stonehill gear—came together for a family photo this past fall. S. Peter Giambanco '61 [center], who began the family's Stonehill legacy and is now a member of the Pillar Society, is surrounded by two of his sons, his daughter-in-law and four of his grandchildren: [l to r] Victoria '18, Peter '19, Deborah (Ballirano) '93, Gregg '93, Mark '89, Devon '17 and Kayla '19.
Weddings
Weddings Pictured

1. Sarah Bussone ’04 and Brendan Ready ’04, 9/10/16
2. Brittany Miller and David Metzger ’08, 9/3/16
3. David Damiani ’11 and Ariel Bowen ’12, 9/17/16
4. Jennifer Collins ’08 and Frank Cavalliere ’08, 10/21/16
5. Katherine Zerega ’07 and Conor Bryant, 8/5/16
6. Michelle Thornhill ’12 and Elliott Turek ’12, 5/28/16
7. Anika Absar ’12 and Alex Flores ’11, 9/2/16
8. Jennifer Irvine ’10 and Shane Penzone ’11, 4/30/16

Weddings

Lindsay Picard ’02 to Michael Braley, 3/18/16
Kimberly Daly ’02 to Steven Skehill, 10/14/16
Katelyn Sarkissian ’06 to Robert O’Leary, 7/30/16
Timothy Pitta ’07 to Ylan Nguyen, 10/8/16
Stephanie Perri ’08 to Timothy Ahearn, 7/30/16
Marissa Lapointe ’08 to Michael Donato, 9/25/15
Dana Pellitteri ’08 to Blake Grider, 7/9/16
Lauren Schier ’08 to Michael LeJeune, 9/26/15
Joshua Thomas ’08 to Jessica Hartman, 1/14/17
Keely Farren ’09 to Sean Cahalane, 4/23/16
Megan Yardley ’09 to Ryan Estes, 8/6/16
Corey Miller ’09 to Stephanie Charles, 9/4/16
Kevin Cronauer ’10 to Katelyn Cummings ’10, 9/17/16

Corinna Graham ’11 to Brian Reilly ’11, 10/22/16
Laura Hunt ’11 and Ryan McAuliffe ’11, 7/4/15
Jennifer Juliano ’11 to Timothy Smetana, 11/5/16
Brenna Kelly ’11 to Joseph Richardson, 8/27/16
Janna Stanke ’11 to Branden Naraine, 8/13/16
Colleen Brady ’11 to Seth Porter, 9/10/16
Nicole Jaques ’11 to Pablo Velez Jr., 5/23/15
Maria Bajnoczi ’12 to Richard Bassett, 6/11/16
Holly Boyle ’12 to Chenyang Zheng, 6/11/16
Megan McDonough ’12 to Thomas Bonomo, 7/9/16
Elisabeth Karafotias ’12 to Jason Cormier, 6/5/16
Mary Konefal ’12 to Kevin Romani, 5/7/16
Derek Marchand ’12 to Abby Arcadiapine, 12, 10/1/16
Pamela Badylak-Reals ’12 to Kevin McSweeney ’12, 7/31/16
Ryann Graves ’16 to Kevin Sanchez, 9/3/16
Victoria Ware ’16 to Yair Cabrera Torres, 9/4/16
Babies

1. Baby wearing a colorful outfit
2. Baby in a black shirt with "Stonehill College" print
3. Two babies wearing "Stonehill College" shirts
4. Baby in a plaid shirt
5. Baby in overalls
6. Baby in a blanket
7. Baby with a pink headband
8. Baby in a Dalmatian costume
9. Baby sleeping
Babies Pictured

1. Kai Dalla, 5/19/16, Amanda (Dalla) ’05 and Max Hazeltine
2. August Samantha, 5/14/16, Lindsay (Hemphill) ’06 and Joseph Babino
3. (L) Juliette Leigh, 5/16/16, Erin (Rickard) ’07 and Brandon ’07
   Beloin. (R) James William, 7/21/16, Brianna (Allison) ’07 and William ’07 Cheever
4. William Christopher, 2/25/16, Christopher Dugas ’15 and Caitlyn Lazarescu
5. Graham Winsor, 3/15/16, Carissa (Winsor) ’06 and John ’05 Ryan
6. Patrick James, 3/20/16, Shawna (Delugan) ’07 and Sterling Reames
7. Olivia Louise, 1/17/16, Robert ’07 and Christine Conceison
8. Nicolas Henry, 12/10/15, Abbey (Maney) ’04 and Joseph ’97 Pannozzo
9. Daniel Jackson, 12/14/16, Kateelan (Camara) ’06 and Steven Antunes

Babies

Nicole (Gallant) ’92 and John Douglas, Canton, daughter, Charlotte Joan, 1/21/16
Melissa (Goluch) ’96 and William Callahan, Grand Rapids, Mich., daughter, Emily Elizabeth, 1/24/17
Susan (MacDonald) ’00 and Christopher Mancuso, Mansfield, son, Samuel Christopher, 8/14/16
Jennifer (Janczynski) ’01 and Gary Flood, Norton, son, Kellan James, 1/5/16
Meghan (Carr) ’01 and Mayowa Osundiji, Addison, Tex., son, Malik James, 12/24/15
Cara (Connors) ’02 and Christopher Parisi, Garden City, N.Y., daughter, Grace Paige, 6/10/16
Kristen (Baumann) ’02 and Steve Shambo, North Grafton, son, Cameron James, 7/24/16

Kerrin (O’Boy) ’02 and Jason Willis, Taunton, daughter, Georgia Veronica, 2/22/16
Kelly (Valois) ’03 and Robert Bitinas, Centerville, son, Nicolas Noe, 12/24/16
Melissa (Strong) ’03 and Joseph ’03 Graham, Maynard, daughter, Laurel Grace, 2/18/16
Jennifer (Conboy) ’04 and Nicholas Hort, Glastonbury, Conn., son, Ethan James, 9/2/16
Elizabeth (Stedman) ’04 and Benjamin Squire, Westport, daughter, Vera, 9/26/15
Dina (DelMonaco) ’06 and Matthew Burke, Kingston, son, Daniel Joseph, 6/9/15
Jeanine (Weiss) ’06 and Jeff Hogan, Grafton, daughter, Lila Anne, 9/19/16
Kathryn (Sullivan) ’06 and Matthew ’06 Massenzio, Milton, son, Reid John, 12/13/15
Nicoles (Pincolino) ’06 and Michael Letourneau, Raynham, son, Connor William, 12/15/16
Kathryn (Bongiovanni) ’07 and Matthew ’07 Angel, Plymouth, son, Thomas Matthew, 2/15/17
Emily (Hayden) ’07 and Ryan ’07 Mullen, Sturbridge, daughter, Natalie, 4/13/16
David ’08 and Colleen (Pardue) ’09 Fradette, Newburyport, son, Micah David, 6/4/16
Michelle (Janowski) ’08 and Marcus Scherer, Bolton, son, Tennyson Leo Janowski, 1/3/17
Kevin ’08 and Lauren (Pincolino) ’08 O’Brien, Raynham, daughter, Madelyn Anne, 11/17/16
Kevin ’08 and Katlyn (Whiting) ’08 Wolfe, Whitman, son, Owen Patrick, 1/1/16

Submitting a wedding or baby photo?

Here’s how: Email digital photos in .jpg format, at least 2 MB in size, to alumni@stonehill.edu.

Obituaries

Paul Jobin ’53 of Easton died Dec. 3. He is survived by his four siblings.
Rev. Donald Haycock, C.S.C. ’55 of Notre Dame, Ind., died Dec. 9. He is survived by his sister.
Ronald Buck ’56 of Easton died Oct. 25. He is survived by his wife, Rose, nine children, 18 grandchildren, including grandaughter Mary Charlotte ’14, five great-grandchildren and a sister.
Mary Patricia Ann (Lambert) Carvalho ’56 of Phoenix, Ariz., died Jan. 17. She is survived by her four children, 10 grandchildren and former husband, Gilbert ’57.
Daniel Cahill ’57 of Raleigh, N.C., died Dec. 5. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, two children and seven grandchildren.
Jane (Dupre) Fenette ’58 of Silver Spring, Md., died Dec. 4. She is survived by her three children and five grandchildren.
Paul Mahoney ’60 of Augusta, Ga., died Aug. 14. He is survived by his wife, Audrey, two children, a granddaughter and two brothers.
Richard Murphy ’60 of Stoughton, died Sept. 24. He is survived by his six children, eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, his sister, Joan Camber ’58, his brother, Robert ’66 and many nieces and nephews, including Kevin ’92.
Edward Crowley ’61 of Scituate died Jan. 17. He is survived by his three children, including Kellie Manzone ’85, five grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, including Marlene Mansulla ’90, five siblings, including Bernadette Pare ’65 and brothers-in-law Edward Pare ’64 and Frederick Mansulla ’60.
David Cronin ’62 of Portland, Ore., died Dec. 1. He is survived by his wife, Pat, three children, including Kathleen Gobel ’00, eight grandchildren and four siblings.
Josephine (Manocchio) McCusker ’63 of Westwood died Aug. 15. She is survived by her husband, Thomas Jr. ’62, five children, 11 grandchildren and one brother.
Robert Kelley '65 of South Weymouth died Dec. 25. He is survived by his wife, Joanne, two sons, including Paul '92, and three grandchildren.

Robert Studley '65 of Stratford, Conn., died Jan. 18. He is survived by his wife, Mariabeth, five children, 15 grandchildren and two sisters.

Helen Warren '66 of Jamaica Plain died Dec. 30. She is survived by her four siblings.

Denis Bouffard '67 of Danbury, Conn., died Jan. 2. He is survived by his wife, Rosemary, six children, including Margaret Manning '07, 13 grandchildren, one step-grandchild, one great-grandchild and eight siblings.

James Doherty '67 of Weymouth died Aug. 22. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, four children, six grandchildren and three siblings.


Michael Spicer '67 of Barrington, R.I., died on Dec. 1. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn, three children, four grandchildren and a sister.

Robert Novak, a former trustee of Stonehill, died Oct. 28. He is survived by his wife, Karen Laub, Novak is survived by his children, grandchildren and two siblings.

Former trustee Michael Novak '56, who died in February, was "widely recognized as one of the most influential Catholic theologians of his generation," wrote the Washington Post. His works are regarded as central to a fuller understanding of American Catholicism in the late 20th century, and the College is home to his papers. Author of 45 books, Novak received the Templeton Prize for Progress in Religion in 1994, which came with a $1 million award. He shared a quarter of that sum with Stonehill for student scholarships. Close to 300 students have benefitted from several Novak-inspired scholarships. Recognizing his accomplishments in philosophy and journalism, his fellow alumni honored him with the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1974. In 1998, Novak received a Moreau Medal in recognition of the important role he played in the life of the College during its first half century. Predeceased by his wife, Karen Laub, Novak is survived by his children, grandchildren and two siblings.

Paul McCarthy '74 of Captiva, Fla., died on Aug. 23. He is survived by his mother, three siblings and nine nieces and nephews, including Christine Chiulli '92.

Sheila (Finnerty) Nickerson '74 of Belfast, Maine, died May 15. She is survived by her husband, Paul, two daughters, one stepdaughter, two grandchildren, two sisters and a stepbrother.

Arthur Turcotte '74 of Middleboro died Aug. 17. He is survived by his wife, Laurette, four children, 10 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and two sisters.

Doreen Massarelli '75 of Saddle River, N.J., died Feb. 1. She is survived by her two siblings.

James Scott '75 of Glenview, Ill., died Sept. 29. He is survived by his wife, Sheri, two children and seven siblings.

Peter Crecca '76 of Manasquan, N.J., died March 30, 2015.

Kathleen (Driscoll) Kazanowski '76 of Duxbury died Sept. 14. She is survived by her husband, Thomas, a son, Thomas '14, a daughter, her mother and three siblings, including Kenneth Driscoll '74.

Patrick Desmond '77 of West Bridgewater died Nov. 19. He is survived by his wife, Anne, six children, 10 grandchildren and three siblings.

Claire Garrett '79 of Centerville died Dec. 13. She is survived by her four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Michelle (Connolly) Baghdadi '80 of North Attleboro died Nov. 14. She is survived by her husband, Fouad, and two siblings.

Kevin Burke '82 of Revere died Sept. 30. He is survived by his four brothers.

Andrew Howitt '82 of Cambridge died Sept. 1. He is survived by his father, a brother and his sister, Cynthia Sellers '80.

Elaine McDaniel '82 of Boston died Oct. 9. She is survived by her son, a granddaughter and two siblings.

Paul Cashin '84 of Plymouth died Nov. 22. He is survived by his wife, Donna, two daughters and four siblings.

Robert Souza '84 of Taunton died Feb. 21, 2013.

Judy (Strott) Comesso '87 of Marshfield died July 30. She is survived by her husband, Joseph, two sons, her mother and a brother.

Nancy Rullo-Smith '87 of Pembroke died Aug. 26. She is survived by her husband, Donald, a son, her mother and two sisters.

Christopher Cullen '88 of Mansfield died Aug. 17. He is survived by his wife, Diane, a son, his parents and a sister.

Eileen O'Keefe '88 of West Falmouth died Nov. 12. She is survived by her two siblings.

Nora (Schwarz) Mercier '92 of Red Hook, N.Y., died Feb. 9. She is survived by her husband, Edward, two daughters, her parents and her sister, Sarah Fox '00.

Kevin Begley '93 of Mansfield died Oct. 28. He is survived by his longtime partner, Lisa, his parents and three siblings.

Stephen Kanode Jr., '00 of Watertown died Jan. 18. He is survived by his wife, Amanda, two sons, a sister and his parents.

College Obituaries

William "Bill" Burke, professor of business administration, department chair and director of strategic planning, died in January.

Frank Phelan, professor of English and scholar of Irish literature, died in December.


Diane Ferreira, long time executive assistant in the President's Office, died in September.
Rhododendron Drive

On September 28, 1978, I started working for Stonehill as a custodian, first in Duffy and then in Boland Hall and O’Hara. Eight years later, I became a groundskeeper, a position I continue to hold today. My plan is to retire next year, on that same day in September—four decades later. As I round out my time at Stonehill, I’ve been reflecting on what it has meant to have spent nearly 40 of each season maintaining this beautiful campus.

In my early days, it was a pleasure to work for then-president Fr. Bartley MacPhaidin, C.S.C. ’59, who had a vision of a walking campus and with Fr. Robert Kruse, C.S.C. ’55, who had an in-depth knowledge of the surrounding trees, shrubs and flowers. I remember Fr. Kruse telling me that as a seminarian at Stonehill, he would walk Rhododendron Drive during silent prayer and pick the dead flowers from the shrubs, so they would come back fuller the following year. To this day, I think of that “prayer and pruning” story every time the rhododendrons are in bloom.

As a novice groundskeeper, I also learned a lasting lesson from my first boss, Don Porter. He said to have a beautiful campus, all we needed to do was pick up trash, mow the grass, mulch the weeded beds and plant flowers. I still believe in this simple formula.

For Facilities, the arrival of spring means the beginning of Commencement prep. It is an event in which we take exceptional pride—from planting shrubs and trimming trees to assembling the platform and lining up the chairs. I’ve attended numerous graduations at other institutions, and I have often found myself examining the setup. Each time, I have concluded that no one does it quite like we do.

Summers were once quiet but are now much different. After graduation, a hectic schedule of academic and athletic camps, conferences, retreats and special events happens on campus. We work to keep the grounds looking sharp for our thousands of visitors. Several years ago, the renowned Buddhist monk Thich Nhat Hanh offered a retreat here. The tranquility of this event inspired me to take a vacation day and participate in the retreat.

Fall is often regarded as one of the most beautiful times on campus. While surely this is true, leaf cleanup seems like a never-ending job. We collect mountains of leaves and then collect mountains more.

In the winter during a blizzard or storm, it’s not uncommon for the Facilities staff to work around the clock. After a long night of plowing, it is so peaceful to see the campus covered in a fresh blanket of snow as the sun rises. It is a sight few see, and I am grateful to be one of them.

Through almost 40 seasons, I’ve worked in every building on campus. I’ve helped professors and staff move into and out of offices. I’ve unlocked doors when students have lost keys. I’ve worked cookouts, concerts, Reunions and President’s Dinners. I’ve enjoyed seeing classes held on the quad on a beautiful day. I’ve mowed, planted, trimmed, raked, swept, packed, unpacked, emptied, filled, plowed and shoveled. Along the way, I’ve met some of the nicest people at the College and have become friends with many.

And as I work my last several seasons at Stonehill, my hope is still that the backdrop of a well-cared-for campus contributes to a more memorable experience for all who come here.

Groundskeeper Ken Percy recently received the Spirit of Holy Cross Award by the Congregation of Holy Cross, U.S. Province of Priests and Brothers in recognition of his service as a lay collaborator who has faithfully served the Holy Cross mission of making God known, loved and served in an educational setting.

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