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Program

Master of Ceremonies

Robert M. Hardy, M.A.
Vice President for Human Resources

Tribute to Faculty & Staff

Nella Fantasia
Ennio Morricone, arr. Audrey Snyder
4 Heart Harmony
John Michniewicz, DMA, Director
Galen Tate, MM, Accompanist

Congratulatory Remarks

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
President

Honoring of Service Award Recipients

Robert M. Hardy, M.A.

Closing Prayer

Rev. Gerald Ryle
Director of Campus Ministry

Faculty and Staff Award Recipients

40 Years

Edward W. Malin, Ph.D.
*Professor and Chairperson, Isabelle
Farrington School of Education
College of Education & Health Professions*

35 Years

Sofi H. Kapadia, M.M.S.
*Director, Employee Benefits
Office of Human Resources*

30 Years

Barbara A. Bashar
*Business Manager
WSHU*

Jocelyn L. Master, M.A.
*Adjunct Assistant Professor of English
College of Arts & Sciences*

Edward T. Murray, Ph.D.
*Associate Professor of Education
College of Education & Health Professions*

25 Years

Richard M. Grigg, Ph.D.
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*Professor of Computer Science and
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20 Years

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Michael Austin
*Capital Improvement Manager
Campus Operations*

John S. Downer
*Custodian - Lead
Campus Operations*

Sharon Lynn Fedak, B.S.

Lab Coordinator

Chemistry

Alberto Fernandez

Public Safety Supervisor

Public Safety

Frank B. Gallo

Plumber

Campus Operations

Charlotte M. Gradie, Ph.D.

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Department of Psychology

Gary M. Reho, M.Ed.

Director, William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center

Athletics

Dorothy K. Richards, M.L.S.

Reference Librarian

Griswold Campus

John B. Roney, Ph.D.

Professor of History

College of Arts & Sciences

Penny A. Snetsinger, Ph.D.

Associate Professor and Chairperson,

Department of Chemistry

College of Arts & Sciences

James Teel

Custodian

Campus Operations

15 Years

Julie Alexander, M.S.Ed.

Senior Associate Athletic Director/

Head Athletic Trainer

Athletics

Lillie M. Alston

Custodian

Campus Operations

Beverly A. Birch

Executive Secretary

Isabelle Farrington School of Education

Karen S. Christensen, Ph.D.

Clinical Associate Professor of Education

and Director, Griswold Campus

College of Education and Health Professions

Moshe Cohen, Ph.D.

Adjunct Associate Professor of Computer

Science & Information Technology

College of Arts & Sciences

Kathy Dilks, M.S.

Associate Dean of Graduate Admissions

Mark T. Edwards, M.F.A.

Adjunct Instructor of Media

Studies and Digital Culture

College of Arts & Sciences

Beverly D. Fein, Ed.D.

Associate Professor of Physical Therapy

College of Education & Health Professions

Gerald P. Florio

Carpenter

Campus Operations

Julie A. Freddino, B.S.

Production Director

WSHU

Isabel Garcia

Custodian - Lead

Campus Operations

June-Ann Greeley, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of Religious Studies

and Chairperson, Department of

Religious Studies and Philosophy

College of Arts & Sciences

Efim Kinber, Ph.D.

Professor of Computer Science and

Information Technology

College of Arts & Sciences

Kathryn M. LaFontana, Ph.D.

Associate Professor and Chairperson,

Department of Psychology

College of Arts & Sciences

Bridget Lyons, D.P.S.

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Department of Economics and Finance

John F. Welch College of Business

Christel J. Manning, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Religious Studies
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Jennifer H. Mattei, Ph.D.
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Marlina Slamet, Ph.D.
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Michael J. Valovcin, C.A.S.
Adjunct Instructor of English
College of Arts & Sciences

About This Year's Honorees

15 Years



Julie Alexander, M.S.Ed.

The senior associate athletic director and head athletic trainer, Julie Alexander earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Sports Medicine at Eastern Connecticut State University, and her master's in Education from Old Dominion University. As head athletic trainer, she covers men's hockey and men's and women's tennis. She administers the athletic insurance policy, physician services and related programs. She joined Sacred Heart University as an assistant athletic trainer.



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Lillie M. Alston

Lillie Alston is a custodian in the Campus Operations department. She performs a variety of tasks to keep the University's physical plant both sanitary and safe.

Beverly A. Birch

The executive secretary in the Education Department in the Isabelle Farrington School of Education, Beverly Birch manages records, placements and associated administrative functions of the Graduate Internship Program. She coordinates special events for the department including the cooperating teacher program, the annual job fair, and the summer student teaching workshop, and she manages all supervisor records for student teaching.



Karen S. Christensen, Ph.D.

Dr. Karen Christensen earned her Ph.D. in Environmental Science from the Union Institute. A clinical associate professor and director of the Isabelle Farrington School of Education at Griswold, she earlier led the Sacred Heart University program at Lisbon, Connecticut. Over 250 students now attend classes in Griswold, up from 125 when she first assumed the leadership role. The Griswold facility is the leading educator of teachers and administrators in eastern Connecticut.

Moshe Cohen, Ph.D.

Moshe Cohen is an adjunct associate professor of Computer Science and Information Technology in the University's College of Arts and Sciences. He holds an M.S. degree in Computer Science from the University of New Haven and a Ph.D. from Columbus University. His areas of expertise include analysis and design of information systems, software engineering, and computer fundamentals.





Kathy Dilks, M.S.

The associate dean of Graduate Admissions, Kathy Dilks received her master's degree in Counseling from Southern Connecticut State University. She joined Sacred Heart University as an undergraduate admissions counselor. In addition to recruiting and enrolling graduate students, she markets her programs and the University as a whole, and counsels and advises students.

Mark T. Edwards, M.F.A.

A Sacred Heart University alumnus with a B.S. in English, Mark Edwards holds an M.A. in Media Ecology from New York University and an M.F.A. in Creative Writing from Lesley University. Formerly a pledge drive producer and membership manager for WSHU, he is an adjunct instructor in English and Media Studies. He is also a free-lance writer, director and playwright.

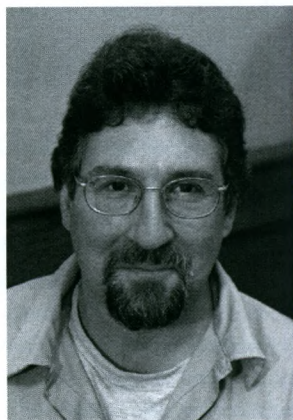


Beverly D. Fein, Ed.D.

Dr. Fein is an alumna of the University of Pennsylvania who later earned her master's degree from Temple University and her Ed.D. from the University of Bridgeport. She is associate professor of Physical Therapy and academic coordinator of Clinical Education. Among her other duties, she is coordinator of Semester 3 in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program dealing with the medically complex patient.

Gerald P. Florio

Gerald Florio is a carpenter within Campus Operations. He joined the University in general maintenance.



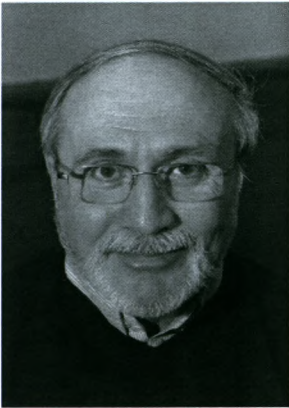


Julie A. Freddino, B.S.

Julie Freddino is the production director for WSHU. She is an alumna of Sacred Heart University, earning her B.S. in 1994. She started at the radio station as a production assistant and board operator, and today she hires and trains new operators. Among other duties, she produces the nationally syndicated program, *Sunday Baroque*, and is the recording engineer for Frank DeFord's weekly NPR commentary. In addition to managing the day-to-day operations of the production department, she hosts the *Sunday CD Spotlight*.

Isabel Garcia

Isabel Garcia is a custodian-lead within Campus Operations. She is responsible for equipping her housekeeping team to complete their assigned tasks efficiently and effectively in the service of our students and staff.

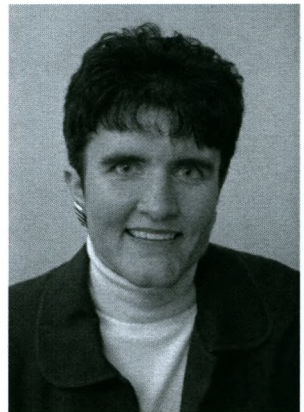


Efim Kinber, Ph.D.

Dr. Efim Kinber is a professor of Computer Science and Information Technology in the College of Arts and Sciences. He earned his doctorate at the Steklov Mathematical Institute, at the Academy of Sciences of the USSR in St. Petersburg, Russia.

Kathryn M. LaFontana, Ph.D.

Dr. Kathryn LaFontana is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Psychology. She earned her doctorate in Social Psychology at the University of Connecticut and joined Sacred Heart University as a visiting assistant professor. She oversees a large and growing department with 500 majors and 14 faculty members, and a new graduate program scheduled to begin in the fall. In addition to teaching, she serves on the University Academic Assembly and conducts research on the socio-moral development of adolescents.





Bridget Lyons, D.P.S.

Dr. Bridget Lyons is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Economics and Finance. She is a graduate of Georgetown University and received her Master of Science degree from Columbia University and her D.P.S. from Pace University. She joined Sacred Heart as an adjunct assistant professor. She has taught at Sacred Heart programs in Luxembourg and in Dingle, Ireland, and started the SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) program at Sacred Heart. A past participant in Sacred Heart's mission in El Salvador, she incorporates service learning into her classes.

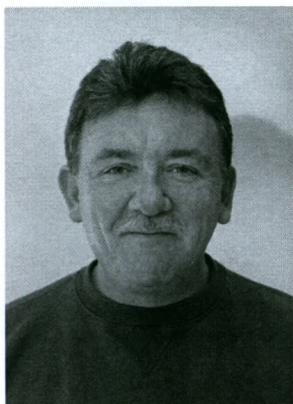
Christel J. Manning, Ph.D.

An associate professor of Religious Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Christel Manning earned her Ph.D. at the University of California/Santa Barbara. Her areas of specialization include the intersection between religion and gender, family and sexuality, and her courses include Women and World Religions; Cults, Sects and New Religions; and Eastern Religions. The former chair of the Department of Religious Studies and Philosophy, she headed the Master of Arts in Religious Studies (MARS) program during its restructuring. Her current research focuses on families who are unaffiliated religiously and the decisions they make about religious education.



Jennifer H. Mattei, Ph.D.

Associate professor of Biology and, for six years, chair of the department, Dr. Jennifer Mattei earned her Ph.D. in the Department of Ecology and Evolution at the State University of New York/Stony Brook. She has helped shape a department that spans the field of Biology and established the Graduate Research Program that engages every tenured and tenure-track professor. She developed the research program known as Project Limulus, which monitors the ecology of Long Island Sound, and has educated and mentored hundreds of students in the natural sciences.



Gerald McDade

Gerry McDade is the lead painter in the University's Campus Operations Department. He handles all painting including renovations and projects.

Sondra S. Melzer, Ph.D.

As assistant professor in the University's Isabelle Farrington School of Education, Dr. Sondra Melzer began her Ph.D. studies at Yale and completed them at NYU. She joined the University as an adjunct professor and is completing her 53rd year of teaching. She spent the first 39 years of her career as a public school teacher including 23 as chairman of the English Department at Stamford High School. A published author and poet, she is a veteran instructor at the University of Connecticut who ran Sacred Heart University's Education program in Stamford for six years.



Christian J. Morrison, J.D.

Christian Morrison graduated from Marist College and earned his law degree from the Maurer School of Law at Indiana University. He is head coach for Track & Field and Cross Country. He established the University's Track & Field program in 1994 and has brought it to the position of being Sacred Heart University's largest intercollegiate athletic program with more than 130 student participants. Named Coach of the Year six times by his peers in the Northeast Conference, he has won four Northeast Conference championships in the past five years.



Robert A. Novotny, M.A.

Robert Novotny earned his undergraduate degree from Sacred Heart University, in English and Philosophy, and his master's in English from Western Connecticut State University. He is an adjunct instructor of English and Communications at Sacred Heart and a freshman advisor in the Academic Incentive Program. He worked full time in the University's freshman advising program and taught several semesters in the AHEAD program.

Kathleen I. Olsen

Kathleen Olsen is an administrative secretary in the Isabelle Farrington School of Education. She maintains records on candidates for certification, prepares materials for student teachers, and trains work-study students, among other responsibilities. She joined the University as an accounts payable clerk.



Pamela A. Peterson

As an Accounts Payable assistant, Pam Peterson coordinates the accurate and timely keeping of records and disbursement of the University's obligations to vendors. She began her tenure at Sacred Heart as an Accounts Payable clerk.

Leon Pettway

A custodian in Campus Operations, Leon Pettway is responsible for maintaining the highest levels of cleanliness in all campus facilities. He joined the University as a housekeeper.



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Maria E. Rua

Maria Rua is a custodian-lead in the University's Campus Operations department. As a custodial team leader, she assures the cleanliness and safe conditions of student residences and all other facilities for every resident, employee and visitor.

Manoushag Samaan, A.A.

Department assistant in the Office of Foundations & Grants, Manoushag Samaan received her associate's degree in Business from the London School of Business and Management. She maintains a database on proposals and grants activity for agencies and foundations and provides stewardship reports to donors in the Annual Fund.



Marlina Slamet, Ph.D.

An associate professor of Physics in the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Marlina Slamet earned her doctorate from the Graduate School and University Center at the City University of New York. She teaches and coordinates the labs for the two-semester Introductory Physics courses. Among numerous duties, she has chaired the Undergraduate Research Poster Session each year since 2002.

Timothy C. Tuttle, Ph.D.

Dr. Timothy C. Tuttle is an adjunct instructor for History. An alumnus of Pace University, he received his M.A. from Western Connecticut State University and his doctorate from New York University. He has taught some 60 courses in American and European history since 1995 at Sacred Heart University. The former coordinator of the Wellness Center at the YMCA in Danbury, he directed and taught in the Y's history lecture series.



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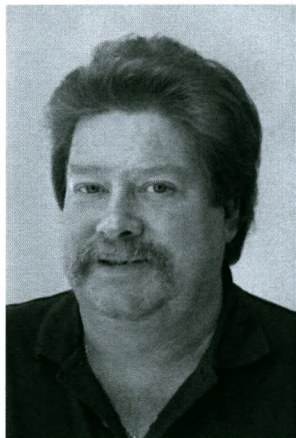
Michael J. Valovcin, C.A.S.

Michael Valovcin is an adjunct instructor of English. A 1969 graduate of Sacred Heart, he earned a master's degree and a sixth-year certificate from the University of Bridgeport. He retired as the principal of Seymour High School in 2006 and has served on the parish council of St. Pius X Parish in Fairfield.

20 Years

Cassandra Andreas, B.M.

A voice teacher in the University's music program, Cassandra Andreas earned her bachelor's degree in Music from the Eastman School of Music at Rochester University and performer's certificates in voice and opera from the Eastman Graduate School. She received a Fulbright grant for study in Germany, where she has performed extensively, and upon her return to the U.S., she became a member of the Metropolitan Opera. She has performed two solo recitals at Sacred Heart.



Michael Austin

Mike Austin is the University's manager of Capital Improvements. As such, he coordinates capital improvement projects and is responsible for rental house maintenance and addressing vandalism.

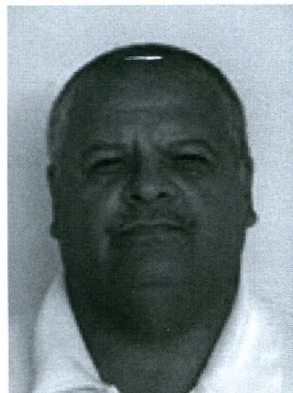


John S. Downer

A leadman in the maintenance department for Campus Operations, John S. Downer was initially a maintenance mechanic. He is involved with the care and beautification of the University's buildings and grounds.

Sharon Lynn Fedak, B.S.

The lab coordinator of the University's Department of Chemistry, Sharon Fedak earned her bachelor's degree in Chemistry from Sacred Heart University. She oversees the activities and maintenance of all chemistry laboratories.

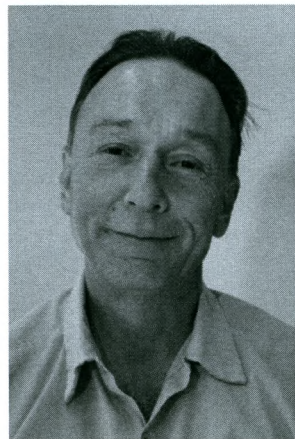


Alberto Fernandez

Alberto Fernandez joined the University as a security officer and is today a public safety supervisor for the evening shift. He is also responsible for planning security at all athletic events on campus.

Frank B. Gallo

Frank Gallo is a plumber who handles plumbing duties on all renovations and projects. He works out of Campus Operations.





Charlotte M. Gradie, Ph.D.

Dr. Charlotte Gradie is a professor of History and chair of the department within the College of Arts and Sciences. She received her Doctor of Philosophy degree in History from the University of Connecticut. Additionally, she has served on many committees over the years; search committees, Rank and Tenure, URCG committee, etc.



Karen N. Guastelle, M.B.A.

The Dean of Undergraduate Admissions, Karen Guastelle earned her bachelor's degree in Business and her M.B.A. from Sacred Heart University. Initially an admissions counselor, she is charged with recruiting freshmen and transfer students for the fall and spring semesters.

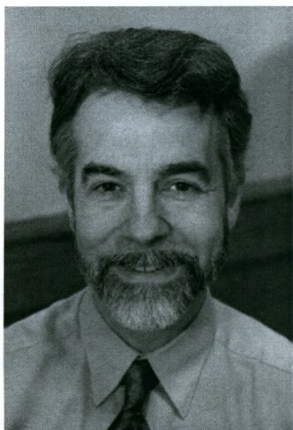


Patricia A. Klauser, M.S.

Patricia Klauser is the executive director of Career Development who joined the University as an admissions coordinator in Continuing Education. She holds a master's degree in Community Counseling from Southern Connecticut State University. In her present role, she oversees the planning and delivery of all career development services including internships and job placements, employer development, career exploration and counseling.

Thomas G. Kuser, B.S.

Tom Kuser is the program director for WSHU Public Radio group. A graduate of the University of New Haven, where he earned his undergraduate degree in Communications, he joined WSHU as news director. Today he is responsible for all news and entertainment programming on three affiliated radio stations. In addition to managing WSHU's website, he is the local on-air host for NPR's *Morning Edition*.





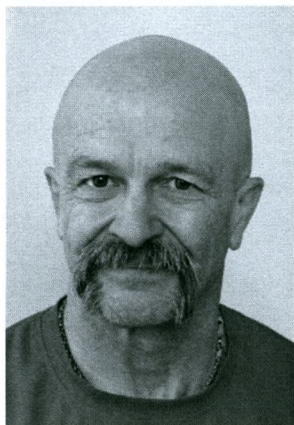
Elizabeth A. Olofson

Elizabeth Olofson, Academic Department Assistant, manages the Psychology Department and coordinates the national honor society in Psychology, Psi Chi. She joined the University as the administrative assistant to the vice president for Institutional Advancement.

Gary M. Reho, M.Ed.

Director of the University's William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center since its opening in

1997, Gary Reho earned his bachelor's in Physical Education and his M.Ed. in Guidance and Psychological Services, both from Springfield College. He was the founding coach of the Sacred Heart University football program leading it through its first six seasons. For 12 years, he has been the strength and conditioning coach for the Sacred Heart women's basketball team.

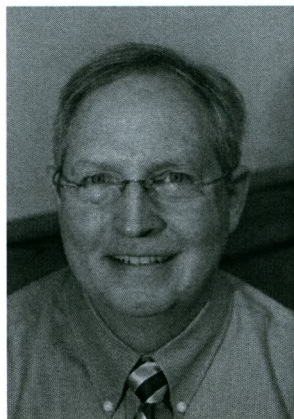


Dorothy K. Richards, M.L.S.

The head librarian for Sacred Heart's Eastern Campus in Griswold, Connecticut, Dorothy Richards earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Connecticut State University as well as master's degrees in Reading and in Library Science. A certified teacher and librarian, she retired in 2007 after more than 33 years in the Connecticut public school system.

John B. Roney, Ph.D.

A professor of European History, Dr. John Roney earned his Ph.D. from the University of Toronto in 1989. He joined Sacred Heart University the following year as an assistant professor. He teaches courses in the common core and electives in European history, is the director of minors in European Studies and Global Studies, and is the faculty advisor to the Celtic Club and Men's Ice Hockey.



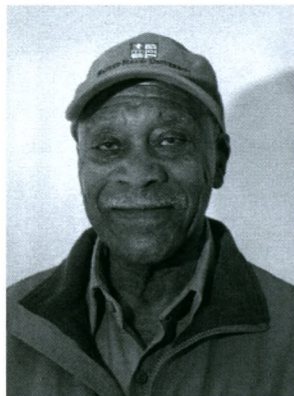


Penny A. Snetsinger, Ph.D.

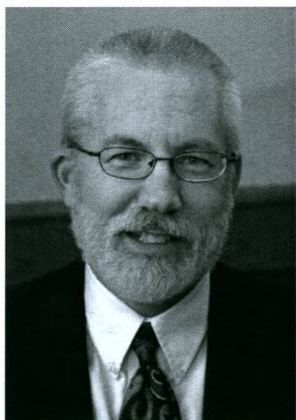
Associate professor and chair of the Chemistry Department, Dr. Penny Snetsinger received her Ph.D. from the University of New Hampshire. She teaches general chemistry and labs.

James Teel

James Teel is a custodian within Campus Operations. He works to provide a safe and clean environment for all students, faculty and staff members, and visitors.



25 Years



Richard M. Grigg, Ph.D.

A professor of Religious Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Richard Grigg earned his Ph.D. at the University of Iowa. The author of eight books, he helped launch the core curriculum CC 104 course, writing an essay entitled "From Catholic Theology to the Catholic Intellectual Tradition," which will appear in a core reader for instructors.



Frances S. Grodzinsky, Ph.D.

A professor of Computer Science and Information Technology in the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Frances Grodzinsky earned her Ph.D. from the University of Illinois. She is an undergraduate advising coordinator and advises the Computer Science Honorary Society. She is an internship mentor and a co-chair of the Hersher Institute of Ethics and serves on numerous University committees.

Jean E. Silva, M.A.

Jean Silva is a professor emerita and adjunct instructor of Mathematics in the College of Arts and Sciences. She was a full-time instructor for 13 years sandwiched in between 12 years as an adjunct. She was a freshman advisor and a faculty mentor for the Women's Basketball team. She is a graduate of Fairfield and Seton Hall universities.

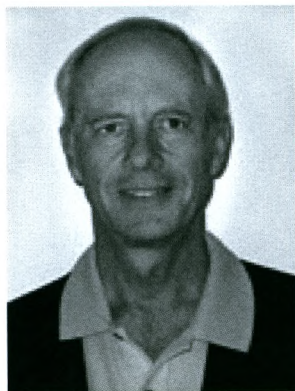


Mary Lou Skarzynski, M.A.R.S.

Mary Lou Skarzynski earned her degree in Religious Studies from Sacred Heart University, as well as a master's in Religious Studies and one in Teaching. She teaches English in the College of Arts and Sciences as an adjunct associate professor. A tutor with the Jandrisevits Learning Center for nine years, her non-classroom work includes serving on two NEASC committees.

Alan R. Trippel, M.B.A.

Alan Trippel is an adjunct associate professor in the John F. Welch College of Business. He received his M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut. A former member of the University Academic Assembly Council, he graduated from Sacred Heart University's Faculty Summer Institute in Digital Learning in 2006.



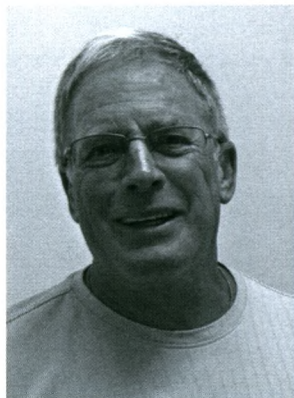


Barbara A. Bashar

Barbara Bashar is the business manager for WSHU. She spent 22 years as a department assistant in Chemistry in the College of Arts and Sciences. She manages the business side of the National Public Radio affiliate, also acting as an unofficial office manager – and even volunteering for pledge drives.

Edward T. Murray, Ph.D.

An associate professor of Education in the Isabelle Farrington School of Education, Dr. Edward Murray received his doctoral degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Connecticut; he heads the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) and the Certificate in Advanced Studies (CAS) programs. In Spring 2008, he shared the “Essentials of Literacy” with elementary schools and the University of Beijing during a sabbatical in China.



Sofi H. Kapadia, M.M.S.

The University's director of Employee Benefits, Sofi Kapadia has a Master of Management Studies degree from the University of Bombay, India. She joined the University as the director of Purchasing and Personnel. She is responsible for all benefit programs for faculty and staff including medical and life insurance, retirement and pension plans, workers' compensation, and flexible spending accounts, among many other duties.

Edward W. Malin, Ph.D.

Professor Edward Malin is chair and director of Education in the Isabelle Farrington School of Education. A liberal studies graduate of the University of Notre Dame, he earned master's and doctoral degrees in General and Experimental Psychology from Fordham University. For eight years, he has headed the Department of Education, managing faculty and staff and guiding development of this growing and very successful area. He has led the program to full approvals by the state and positioned it as a regionally respected leader and the state's largest independent educator of teachers and administrators.



The one-time acting provost and vice president

for Academic Affairs, Ed Malin is a man of many talents – having acted in more than a dozen theatrical productions on the University stage.

Nella Fantasia

Ennio Morricone, arr. Audrey Snyder

Nella fantasia aio vedo È un mondo ginsto, Litutti vivono in pace
È e È in onestà. Io sogno d'anime che sono sempre libre, Come le
nuvole che volano, piene' d'umanità infodo È all'anima.

(In my dream I see a world of justice, where all people live in peace
and honesty. I dream of a world where spirits will be always free;
They will be ever free like floating clouds full of humanity within
the deepest soul.)

Nella fantasia aio vedo È un mondo chiaro, Li anche la note È
oscura. Io sogno d'anime che mico. Io sogno d'anime che sono
sempre libere, Come le nuvole che vola no, pien' d'umanità in fondo
È all'anima.

(In my fantasy I see a world of radiance, where darkest nights are
ever brighter. I dream old friend, I dream of a world where spirits
will be always free; They will be ever free like floating clouds, full of
humanity within the deepest soul.)

Alma Mater



1. Hail to thee, our Al - ma Ma - ter, Pi - o - neers are we.
2. Al - ma Ma - ter, grant us wis - dom, Heart and mind re - new.



1. Sa - cred Heart's proud sons and daugh - ters Stand in u - ni - ty.
2. Love and Truth, her guid - ing vi - sion. Hail to S - H - U.

CHORUS



Swell the cho - rus, praise her glo - ry, On our fields and in these halls.



Loy - al hearts pro - claim her — sto - ry. Red and White o'er all.

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