

FOUNDER'S DAY

2014

CELEBRATING OUR FACULTY & STAFF

Wednesday, March 19



Sacred Heart
UNIVERSITY

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS • 1963-2013

AN ACT INCORPORATING SACRED HEART
UNIVERSITY, INCORPORATED.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
General Assembly convened:*

SECTION 1. Walter W. Curtis, James P. Devine, John F. McGough, James R. Kerr and Donald McGannon and their successors, and such other persons as may be associated with them in accordance with the by-laws of the corporation, are constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of Sacred Heart University, Incorporated, to be located in the town of Fairfield, county of Fairfield and state of Connecticut.

SEC. 2. The purpose of said corporation shall be to establish, organize, maintain and conduct an institution for intermediate, secondary, undergraduate and graduate education in the state of Connecticut, and to perform such other works of education, charity and religion, as may be determined by its by-laws and pursuant to the general statutes relating to the organization of corporations without capital stock.

SEC. 3. Said corporation shall have the right to receive by purchase, gift, grant, subscription, devise, bequest or otherwise, and to hold, improve, mortgage, lease, sell or otherwise convey and use any estate real or personal, appropriate, necessary or useful that the purposes of the corporation may require, and all other property which shall have been in good faith mortgaged or conveyed to it by way of security or in satisfaction of debts; it shall have the right to issue promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness to the same extent as corporations which have capital stock and have been organized under the general laws of the state; it may contract, sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court.

SEC. 4. Said corporation shall have the right to make and use a common seal and alter the same, to make adopt and amend by-laws which shall provide for the government and direction of the corporation, to fix the number of corporation members, to regulate the election of trustees and to confer all such academic degrees as are usually given in colleges and universities.

SEC. 5. Should there be an excess of income over expenditures in any one year, or should there be any assets remaining after the payment of all existing debts, then such excess income or assets thereafter remaining shall be applied as follows: In the reduction of the tuitional fees, or in the establishment of scholarships, or in the advancing of educational or charitable facilities; and, in the event of the dissolution of the corporation, any remaining assets or surplus shall be conveyed, transferred and delivered to The Bridgeport Roman Catholic Diocesan Corporation, an ecclesiastical corporation organized under the laws of the state of Connecticut, for the uses and purposes of said diocese, or its successors and assigns thereafter, and, if said Roman Catholic diocese is not then in existence, then said assets shall be conveyed, transferred and delivered to the state of Connecticut.



Dear Colleagues,

I want to welcome you to our annual Founder's Day celebration. Last year, we used this event as a soft launch for our 50th Anniversary celebration. This year we are right in the middle of celebrating the changes and progress that have occurred here in the past 50 years, and once again, our Founder's Day ceremony will be a special 50th Anniversary event. Expect to see another video commemorating our history, and we will be awarding the prestigious 50th Anniversary Curtis Medal to several staff members similar to the way we honored faculty members during the Freshman Convocation in the fall.

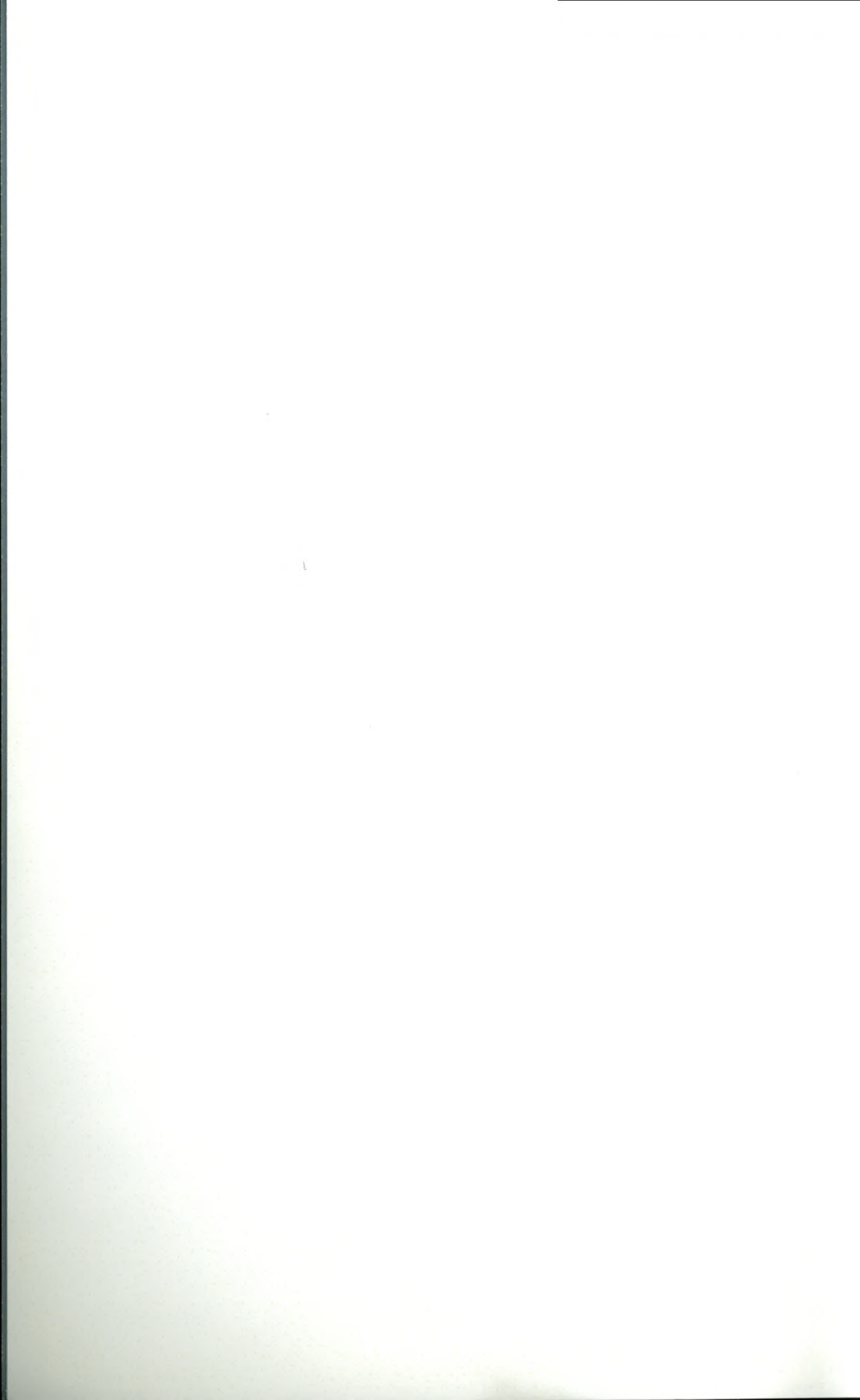
Most importantly, we are here to celebrate 73 faculty and staff members who have achieved landmark SHU anniversaries themselves this year. Their years of service range from 15 years all the way up to 40, representing an amazing commitment to this University. They have witnessed firsthand the history we have been celebrating this year. They have influenced our programs and changed our curriculum. Some were here to experience our metamorphosis from a local commuter school to an internationally recognized residential college. They have led us into the 21st century, while ensuring we maintained our roots as a lay-led institution rooted in the Catholic intellectual traditions.

I want to thank all of our honorees for their loyalty, dedication and commitment to Sacred Heart University and, most especially, to our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John J. Petillo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "P".

President John J. Petillo



FOUNDER'S DAY 2014

Program

Master of Ceremonies

Robert M. Hardy, Vice President for Human Resources

Congratulatory Remarks

John J. Petillo, President

50th Anniversary Commemoration

Presentation of 50th Anniversary Medals

Cynthia Conte

Jamie Romeo

Nancy Sidoti

Denise Tiberio

Taveres Tuck

Musical Interlude

Like a Prayer - Blended Hearts

Honoring 15- and 20-Year Award Recipients

Musical Interlude

Home to Me

Marina Fanciullo, vocalist; Spencer DeNisco, guitar; Chris Mastrocola, percussion

Honoring 30- and 35-Year Award Recipients

Musical Interlude

In the Still of the Night - The SHUpermen

Honoring 40-Year Recipients

Roberta Staples

Albert Wakin

Blessing

Fr. Gerald Ryle, Director of Campus Ministry and Chaplaincy

Singing of the Alma Mater

Reception in University Commons

Music: John Michniewicz, D.M.A., Director of Choral Programs



About the 50th Anniversary Medal Recipients

Cynthia Conte

Cynthia Conte came to Sacred Heart eight years ago as custodial supervisor and quickly took on the role of overseeing logistics for events—something she came to love doing. Today, she is supervisor of events, setups, moves & furniture, which means she is responsible for overseeing all setups for events and internal house moves, keeping track of all furniture on campus and supplying it as needed. She previously received Sacred Heart's Student Life Award and Outstanding Staff Award, and this past year, the students dedicated the yearbook in her honor.

Jamie P. Romeo

Jamie P. Romeo, a graduate of Sacred Heart University '96 '02 MA, has spent close to 20 years attending or serving the University in a number of roles. After spending time writing for the SHU student newspaper and securing an internship at Golf Digest through the University's Career Development Center, he continued to work with the Career Center. He soon developed a reputation as a keen recruiter and a solid collaborator and developed expertise in the transfer market, international market, graduate admissions market and in the world of intercollegiate athletics, leading a golf program that produced two conference championships. He considers his proudest accomplishment to be his work as the University's executive director of Admissions. He led a team that collaborated with the SHU community to increase freshmen enrollment by 46 percent, which was the byproduct of one the largest and most competitive applicant and acceptance pools in SHU history.

Nancy Sidoti

Nancy Sidoti '87 started working at SHU in 1982 as a data entry clerk in the Registrar's Office, while completing her bachelor's degree in business administration. After graduating, she became assistant registrar in October of that same year. She then moved on to academic adviser to part-time students in what was then the Continuing Education Department, while completing her master's in education. In 1988, she became the first director of Admissions for University College. That was followed by acting dean and then dean of University College, the position she retired from in 2007. One of her most satisfying accomplishments was working on transfer agreements with area Community Colleges to facilitate the transfer of credits for part-time students, enabling them to continue their education at SHU. Since retiring, she established SHARP, the Sacred Heart Association of Retired Professionals, as a way for retirees to stay connected with former colleagues and the University.

Denise Tiberio

An alumna of Sacred Heart University with both bachelor's and master's degrees, Denise joined the University staff in 1991 as assistant director of Student Activities. Since then she has been promoted to director of Student Activities and director of Student Life before assuming her current role of associate dean of students in 1999. She has enjoyed the professional challenges of a career at SHU as well as the ability to create or enhance programs. During her tenure, she has introduced or enhanced Family Weekend, Campus Life Leadership Awards, the student orientation program, the Student Affairs Lecture Series and, in recent years, has played an integral role in the growth of Greek Life and the performing arts program. Denise was previously honored with the Prologue dedication in 1995 and 2008 and the Outstanding Administrator of the Year Award in 1998.

Tavares Tuck

Tavares joined Sacred Heart in December 2006 as a part-time custodian. When the job for general maintenance became available, he applied and was promoted. Since then, he has been promoted to his current role of athletic setup/maintenance for Campus Operations and Athletics. He attends every game or match at SHU from football and field hockey to fencing and softball. He is considered the "go-to" person in the Athletic Department and knows what to do, how to do it and when it needs to be done. He knows all the student-athletes by name and is quick to offer a smile and word of advice. He has previously been honored with Sacred Heart's Chip Kennedy Award and Student Life Achievement award.

Honorees

40 YEARS

Roberta L. Staples, Ph.D.
Professor of English
College of Arts & Sciences

Albert Wakin, CAS
Instructor of Psychology
College of Arts & Sciences

35 YEARS

Sandra Honda, M.S.
Associate Professor of
Computer Science & Information Technology
College of Arts & Sciences

Robin L. McAllister, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of English
College of Arts & Sciences

Julie B. Savino, MAT
Executive Director
Student Financial Assistance

30 YEARS

Ralph Lim, MBA
Associate Professor
of Finance and Economics
John F. Welch College of Business

25 YEARS

Joel W. Block, Ed.D.
Adjunct Instructor of Chemistry/Physics
College of Arts & Sciences

Susan J. Kanuch, A.A.
Academic Department Assistant
Management

Michael D. Larobina, J.D., LL.M.
General Counsel
Office of the President

Elizabeth Luckie, B.S.
Senior Associate Athletic Director,
Co-Head Softball Coach
Athletics

Julianne Pavia
Program Assistant
Physical Therapy

Carylanne Rice-Ehalt, M.Ed.
Director
Upward Bound

20 YEARS

Eid A. Alkhatib, Ph.D.
Associate Professor & Chair of Chemistry
College of Arts & Sciences

Andrew J. Bramante, M.S.
Adjunct Instructor of Chemistry
College of Arts & Sciences

Daniel S. Christianson, Ed.D.
Student Teacher Supervisor
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

Addie E. Dennis-Manson, A.A.
Assistant Director of Public Safety

Michael J. Emery, Ed.D.
Professor and Chair, Physical Therapy & Human
Movement, Associate Dean
College of Health Professions

Arthur T. Gerckens, B.S.
Manager
Mail & Duplicating Services

Michael J. Guastelle, M.Ed.
Senior Associate Athletic Director
& Head Women's Tennis Coach
Athletics

John J. Halapin, CAS
Adjunct Instructor of Education
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

Ann D. Kelly, MBA
Business Unit Manager
Information Technology

Paul A. Litwinovich
Chief Engineer
WSHU

Scott M. Lupo, B.S.
Assistant Supervisor, Public Safety Officer

Pilar Munday, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Spanish
College of Arts & Sciences

Stephanie J. Neborsky, CAS
Adjunct Instructor of Education
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

Phani C. Papachristos, M.S.
Instructor of Mathematics
College of Arts & Sciences

Michele R. Peloso, B.A.
Assistant to the Dean/Alumni Community
Relations Coordinator
College of Health Professions

Stephen E. Rubin, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Education
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

Mary G. Trefry, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Management
John F. Welch College of Business

Keith L. Tucker, B.A.

Associate Director Student Financial Assistance/
Loan Coordinator

Ebong U. Udoma, B.A.

Senior Reporter
WSHU

Joseph S. Utterback, DMA

Adjunct Professor of Music
College of Arts & Sciences

15 YEARS

Kathy M. Adams

Benefits Specialist
Office of Human Resources

Janet H. Betts, M.A.

Student Services Coordinator and Adjunct
Instructor
Occupational Therapy

Gail C. Blackwell

Data Management Specialist
Undergraduate Admissions

Joanne M. Bortone, Ed.D.

Associate Dean & Chair, Occupational Therapy
and Health Sciences
College of Health Professions

Jeffrey P. Cain, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of English
College of Arts & Sciences

James P. Castonguay, Ph.D.

Associate Professor
of Communications & Media Studies
College of Arts & Sciences

Priscilla B. Crossin, Ed.D.

Student Teacher Supervisor
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

Dexter S. Davis

Shuttle Driver
Student Union

Eva S. Desimone

Gift Record Specialist
University Advancement

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Carmen M. Feliciano

Lead Custodian
Campus Operations

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Library Assistant-Acquisition
Library

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Instructor of Communications & Media Studies
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Peter J. Grose, M.S.

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Edward D. Hendricks, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Education
Isabelle Farrington College of Education

Matthew V. Keogh

Shift Supervisor-Public Safety Officer

Johnny J. Kidd, B.A.

Assistant Coach, Men's Basketball
Athletics

Ellen K. Litwinovich

Traffic Manager
WSHU

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Instructor of English
College of Arts & Sciences

Corinne L. Nevers, M.Ed.

Executive Director of International
Admissions

Carmen J. Padin

Custodian
Campus Operations

Bryan V. Palmer

Academic Computing Systems Support Manager
Information Technology

Gail S. Samdperil, Ed.D.

Associate Clinical Professor of Athletic Training
College of Health Professions

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Upward Bound

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Sheila A. Sullivan, MBA

Sr. Financial Analyst
Business Office

Michael D. Trimble, M.A.

Vice President for
Information Technology and Security

Sandra G. Young, Ph.D.

Associate Professor of English
College of Arts & Sciences



About the Honorees



Kathy M. Adams

Kathy Adams first came to Sacred Heart as a benefits assistant. Since then, she has become a benefits specialist. In this role, she serves as a direct and internal contact for Sacred Heart University employees who have questions, needs or concerns about their benefits.



Janet H. Betts, M.A.

Janet Betts joined Sacred Heart as a program assistant for Campus Ministry. Now, she is a student services coordinator for the Occupational Therapy Department and an adjunct instructor for the Health Sciences Department. She is responsible for developing the "spirituality in health care" course, aiding in the accreditation process for the graduate program in occupational therapy, evaluating the occupational therapy program and overseeing student compliance. She received her master's degree from Sacred Heart University.



Gail C. Blackwell

Gail Blackwell came to Sacred Heart in 1999 as a telephone switchboard operator. Now, she is a data management specialist in the Undergraduate Admissions office. In this role, she is responsible for managing the download of all full-time freshmen, transfers and international applications received by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. She is also responsible for processing all supporting application materials and deposits and downloading inquiries from various vendors that the Admissions Office works with such as SAT, ACT, Private College and University magazine, American College and University magazine and Zinch. She also trains, manages and oversees approximately 12 work-study students who assist in processing inquiries and applications.



Joanne M. Bortone, Ed.D.

Dr. Jody Bortone first came to Sacred Heart as the program director for the Occupational Therapy Department. Since then, she has become chair of the Occupational Therapy and Health Sciences Department and an associate dean for the College of Health Professions. Some of the highlights of her career were developing the health science major and serving as founding director of the occupational therapy program at SHU. She has served on multiple CHP and University committees including NEASC, strategic planning, innovations, the high-impact practices task force and Service Learning Council. She is also active in the American Occupational Therapy Association program directors group. She earned her doctorate from Fordham University.



Jeffrey P. Cain, Ph.D.

Dr. Jeffrey Cain earned his doctorate from the University of Connecticut. He first came to SHU as an assistant professor and is now an associate professor and the chairman of the English Department. He is also an instructor of literary theory at the University.



James P. Castonguay, Ph.D.

Dr. James Castonguay began his career at Sacred Heart University as an assistant professor. Now, he is an associate professor in the Communications and Media Studies Department and is responsible for directing the graduate programs in communications and media studies. He received his doctorate in English from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.



Priscilla B. Crossin, Ed.D.

Dr. Priscilla Crossin joined Sacred Heart as an adjunct professor and is now an adjunct supervisor. She holds a doctorate in education from the Teachers College at Columbia University. Her main duties include supervising student teachers, making observations and helping them to self-evaluate their lessons.



Dexter S. Davis

Dexter Davis is a shuttle driver, which means he transports students, faculty and staff safely to desired locations. He especially enjoys the opportunity to regularly interact with members of the SHU community and the public.



Eva S. Desimone

Eva Desimone first came to Sacred Heart as a receptionist for Institutional Advancement. Since then, she has become the gift record specialist for University Advancement. In this role, she records, processes and acknowledges all gifts to the University and maintains the accuracy and integrity of the gift database. She generates gift detail reports, donor tribute reports, reconciliations reports, contribution reports for the IRS 990 report and preliminary reports for monthly financials. She also reviews and assists with honor roll preparation and manages event gift entry, registration fees and all additional event data for the Discovery Gala, the Pioneer Open golf tournament and more. She also provides overall support to her department and assists the Finance Department with yearly audits. She attended Housatonic Community College.



Stephen J. Feldman, Ed.D.

Dr. Stephan Feldman is an adjunct instructor for the Isabelle Farrington College of Education. He taught at Southern Connecticut State University in the Special Education Department for 29 years. He began teaching at SHU in 1974 and now teaches at the Lisbon and Griswold campuses. One of the highlights of his career has been creating professional ties and seeing the extraordinary growth of SHU throughout the years. He received his doctorate from St. John's University.



Lylah G. Franco, B.A.

Lylah Franco joined Sacred Heart University as a serials assistant. She now is an acquisitions assistant, ordering books and other library materials for the University. She also works with vendors and the Business Office as part of her responsibilities. Finally, she maintains the acquisitions module of the library system and keeps both financial records and statistics. She earned her bachelor's degree from Southern Connecticut State University and a graduate certificate from Sacred Heart University.



Gregory J. Golda, M.Ed.

Gregory Golda began his career at SHU as an adjunct professor and media studio supervisor. Since then, he has become an instructor for the Communication and Media Studies Department. He serves as the faculty adviser for the student multimedia production organization, SHUBOX, as well as the student radio station, WHRT. He has been the recipient of the Adviser of the Year award at the Campus Life Leadership Awards three times in the last 15 years. He also serves as a faculty coordinator for the Media Arts eXhibition (the MAX), is the chair of the CMS studio planning committee, the curriculum coordinator for CM102: multimedia productions and hosts the Spotlight Student Concert series. He is a recipient of SHU's Joseph Grau Action for Justice award and was a finalist for the Marian Calabrese Outstanding Faculty Award. Away from SHU, he is the owner and designer of Construkt Media Studios, a multimedia production company specializing in audio and video production as well as graphic, web and theater design. He earned his master's degree from Penn State University.



Peter J. Grose, M.S.

Peter Grose is an adjunct instructor at the University. He teaches two graduate level computer-networking courses: data communications and networking applications. He received a bachelor's degree from Clarkson University and a master's degree from Polytechnic University.



Carol E.C. Hampton, CAS

Carol Carr Hampton joined the University as an adjunct English instructor and has since become a full-time English instructor and a freshmen academic adviser. She has 40 years of teaching experience and has become very active in the SHU community, including her roles as adviser for the UMOJA club, a presenter for the colloquia series and a facilitator for workshops on leadership and pedagogy. She is also a Davis Fellow, a member of the AAC&U core commitment team and a member of the Fairfield County Scholarship Foundation. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of Connecticut and a master's and sixth year in educational management from the University of Bridgeport.



Robert M. Hardy, M.A.

Robert Hardy first came to Sacred Heart as director of employee training and development. Today, he is vice president for Human Resources. In this role, he works as a strategic partner with the president and senior leadership and is responsible for implementing and improving HR policies, processes and strategies. He has extensive experience in the human resource field and has experience in talent management, staffing, compensation and benefits, employee relations and policy formation. He has also served the University as an adjunct faculty member for the John F. Welch College of Business, teaching undergraduate courses in communications. One of the highlights of his career was receiving the University's Outstanding Service award in 2006. He is a member of the Society of Human Resources Management, the College and University Professional Association for Human Resources and the American Society of Training and Development. He received his master's degree in corporate communications from Fairfield University.



Edward D. Hendricks, Ph.D.

After receiving his doctorate in education from Capella University, Dr. Edward Hendricks came to Sacred Heart University as an adjunct faculty member in the leadership studies program. Today, he is a clinical assistant professor of education and has served on many of the University's major committees such as strategic planning, budget and finance, faculty handbook, the Presidential inauguration committee and the 50th Anniversary committee.

One of the highlights of his career was serving as coordinator of the effort to gain national accreditation by NCATE for the Isabelle Farrington College of Education. He was elected president of the University Academic Assembly for the 2011-2012 academic year and also founded and directed the Center for Urban Policy and Action. He was appointed fire commissioner for the city of Bridgeport in 2013.

Matthew V. Keogh

Matthew Keogh first came to Sacred Heart as a public safety officer. Since then, he has worked his way up the ranks to become a public safety supervisor. In this role, he maintains the safety of the SHU campus for all students, staff, faculty and visitors.



Johnny J. Kidd, B.A.

Johnny Kidd is an assistant coach for the men's basketball team at SHU. He has been with the team since they first moved to Division I. During this transition period, the basketball team participated in the conference championship game in back-to-back seasons. He earned his bachelor's degree from Central Connecticut State University.

Ellen K. Litwinovich

Ellen Litwinovich is the traffic manager for Sacred Heart's radio station, WSHU. She is responsible for writing and scheduling underwriting announcements, providing affidavits and invoices for airtime and collaborating with the sales team and underwriters to prepare acknowledgements for program supporters.



Mary S. Luongo, M.A.

Mary Luongo is an adjunct instructor in English. She first taught at the University years ago and came back to SHU after retiring from teaching at Joel Barlow High School in Redding. In that role, she teaches Common Core courses to students and participates in the Colloquia Series. She earned her master's degree in American studies from Fairfield University.



Gail L. Marks, A.A.

Gail Marks is the assistant to the executive director of University Financial Assistance. In that role, she is responsible for communications, ordering and budget maintenance, outside scholarships, calendar management, meeting transcriptions and planning social events for the department. She is a member of the Congregation of Our Lady of Sion & Ecumenical Research and the Israel, Third Order Dominicans. She also enjoys doing volunteer work for several organizations.



Mark J. Mascia, Ph.D.

Dr. Mark Mascia first joined the University as an assistant professor in the Foreign Languages Department. Today, he is an associate professor and chairperson of Foreign Languages and Cultures. He also is the Spanish program coordinator and a faculty adviser to Phi Sigma Iota, the modern Foreign Languages honor society at SHU. He received his doctorate from Columbia University.



Robert C. McCloud, Ed.D.

Dr. Robert McCloud is an associate professor in the Department of Computer Science & Information Technology. He discovered computer programming while attending the University of Pennsylvania as a graduate student. He has received five international research fellowships, including two Fulbright Scholarships, World Bank Research Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Fellow and English-Speaking Union Fellow. He has also served as an adviser to Albanian Prime Minister Sali Berisha. He received his doctorate from the University of Bridgeport.



Margaret E. McCranor, R.N.

Maggie McCranor joined Sacred Heart as part of the Institutional Advancement Department. Today, she is the academic program assistant for the Departments of Criminal Justice and Social Work. She is also a registered nurse, who received her degree from Mountainside Hospital School of Nursing. Her responsibilities include assisting students and maintaining both departments.



Ronald P. Michaels, Ph.D.

Dr. Ronald Michaels, who received his doctorate from Hull University in England, is an adjunct instructor in the Education Department. He has taught at various schools throughout Connecticut, was an assistant principal for Jared Eliot Middle School, principal for Lisbon Central School and an assistant superintendent for Lisbon Public Schools. Along with teaching at SHU, he is an education consultant with the Connecticut State Department of Education, Bureau of Academics, Division of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment. He considers his role in establishing SHU's Griswold campus to be one of the highlights of his career. He has taught and developed a multitude of courses for Sacred Heart and continues to teach courses for teacher development and administrator training. Outside of SHU, he enjoys participating in athletics, training his dogs and spending time with his wife and twin daughters. He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Bridgeport, a master's degree from Sacred Heart University, a sixth year certificate from Fairfield University and a doctorate from Hull University.



Mindy J. Miserendino, Ph.D.

Dr. Mindy Miserendino is an associate professor and chair in the Psychology Department, which is the largest department in the College of Arts & Sciences. One of her major accomplishments was developing the first neuroscience lab at SHU. She has a doctoral degree from New York University.



Joseph L. Nagy, M.A.

Joseph Nagy is an English instructor and a freshman academic adviser. He attended graduate school in Denver and received his master's in liberal studies from Regis University in 1998. Before coming to Sacred Heart, he was a senior editor at Asiaweek news magazine in Hong Kong. Between journalism and teaching, he served for five years as a volunteer community organizer with the Institute of Cultural Affairs in Chicago, working in communities in Maine and Minnesota and in a Hakka village in rural Hong Kong.



Corinne L. Nevers, M.Ed.

Corinne Nevers first came to Sacred Heart as the director of Undergraduate Admissions, responsible for the recruitment and enrollment of undergraduate students from the New England area. Since then, she has become the executive director of international admissions. In this role, she is responsible for the recruitment, enrollment and retention of international undergraduate and graduate students. She also continues to assist the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by managing the applicant pool for the College of Health Professions. Over the years, her responsibilities have included managing undergraduate and transfer admission counselors, overseeing undergraduate admission operations, coordinating campus visit programs for undergraduate prospective students, serving as head trainer of policies and procedures for the undergraduate counseling staff and enrolling undergraduate students into programs within the College of Health Professions. She received a master's degree from the College of Our Lady of the Elms.

Carmen J. Padin

Carmen Padin is a custodian here at the University. She works hard to provide a safe and clean environment for visitors, students, faculty and staff.



Bryan V. Palmer

Bryan Palmer began his career with the University as a computer lab technician. He now serves as the academic computing systems support manager. In this role, he is responsible for maintaining all computer lab and classroom computers, the implementation of the Blackboard learning management system and Blackboard transact system and supporting campus surveillance systems and both online and offline access control.



Gail S. Samdperil, Ed.D.

Dr. Gail Samdperil first came to the University to develop and implement the undergraduate human movement and sports science curriculum. She established course work for the athletic training and exercise science majors, coordinated clinical placements for athletic training students and has taught a variety of courses. She now serves as the director of clinical education in the athletic training major here at Sacred Heart. Over her career, she has worked as an athletic trainer in a variety of clinical settings including universities, high schools and clinics. She currently serves on the National Athletic Training Association and Board of Certification and Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE). She received her doctorate from Fordham University.



Emma E. Sanchez, M.S.

Emma Sanchez first joined the SHU community as a student counselor. Today, she is a student coordinator at Sacred Heart for the Upward Bound program. In this role, she oversees the Upward Bound staff, recruits program participants, assesses the educational, academic and social needs of the participants and advises them. She also coordinates and implements all services and activities for the program, such as educational, cultural and social enrichment, for the participants. She earned her bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University and her master's degree in counseling from the University of Bridgeport.



James P. Santomier, Ph.D.

Dr. James Santomier first joined the SHU community as an associate professor and has since become a professor. He is responsible for the development of the sports management major and served as the program department chair for three years. He received his doctorate from the University of Utah.



Cima F. Sedigh, Ed.D.

Dr. Cima Sedigh, who received her doctorate from University of Hartford, is an assistant professor in the Education Department. Throughout her career, her work has been focused on promoting a global vision through understanding and appreciating diversity. She has accomplished this through numerous research projects, art exhibits, symposia, cultural events and filmmaking. She has also acted in partnership with the United Nations and its specialized agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), educational institutions and citizen networks to advance education for the underprivileged through construction of schools and community outreach programs. She notes that one of the highlights of her career has been traveling to different regions of Iran for the past 12 years and directing and producing a documentary film, *Bakhtiari Alphabet*, which focuses on life and education among the Bakhtiari nomads of Iran. She is a prolific grant generator and the recipient of national and international awards.



William J. Sidarweck, CAS

William Sidarweck is an adjunct instructor of psychology. In addition to teaching at Sacred Heart, he is also a school psychologist for Warren Harding High School in Bridgeport. He received his bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University and his master's degree from the University of Bridgeport. He also holds a sixth year certificate from the University of Bridgeport and a 092 education certification from Sacred Heart University.



Lester L. Spain

Lester Spain is a custodian here at Sacred Heart. He works hard to provide a safe and clean environment for visitors, students, faculty and staff.



Sheila A. Sullivan, MBA

Sheila Sullivan is a senior financial analyst at Sacred Heart. She earned her master's degree from Sacred Heart and is responsible for account analysis and budgeting.



Michael D. Trimble, M.S.

Mike Trimble first joined Sacred Heart as an assistant vice president for Information Technology. Since then, he has become the vice president for Information Technology and Security. In this role, he manages the campus environment, ensuring that information technology can be used for teaching, learning, research and administration in a safe and secure environment. He received his master's degree from George Washington University.



Sandra G. Young, Ph.D.

Dr. Sandra Young is an associate professor of English. She is also the faculty editor for Horizons, serves on the first-year seminar assessment committee and has authored several publications. She received her doctoral degree from the University of Louisville.

About the Honorees



Eid A. Alkhatib, Ph.D.

Associate Professor Eid Alkhatib is the chair of the Chemistry Department and the director of the chemistry graduate program. He founded and directed the environmental science program between 1996 and 2007 and has been active in the field of environmental chemistry research with both graduate and undergraduate students, resulting in several peer-reviewed journal publications. He teaches graduate and undergraduate classes in the areas of general chemistry, environmental chemistry, instrumental analysis, environmental sampling and analysis and experimental design. He received his doctorate in environmental engineering from the University of Rhode Island.



Andrew J. Bramante, M.S.

Andrew Bramante is an adjunct instructor in chemistry. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in chemistry from Fordham University.



Daniel S. Christianson, Ed.D.

Dr. Daniel Christianson is an adjunct professor of education. He earned his doctoral degree from the Teachers College at Columbia University, his master's degree from Yale and his bachelor's degree from Oberlin College. In addition to teaching, he supervises student teachers and writes admission reviews for prospective graduate students in the education program.



Addlie E. Dennis-Manson, A.A.

Addlie Dennis-Manson joined Sacred Heart as a public safety officer and dispatcher and now is assistant director of Public Safety. Her responsibilities include assisting the director of Public Safety with the administrative and operational duties and functions of the department. This includes implementing and managing the security functions of the University, including overseeing public safety officers, officer training and crime prevention and three annual budgets of the department. She is a certified emergency medical technician, CPR/AED instructor, domestic and sexual violence advocate and law enforcement dispatcher. She holds an associate's degree in sociology from Sacred Heart.



Michael J. Emery, Ed.D.

In his role as program director, chair and associate dean of the DPT program, Dr. Michael Emery is responsible for academic programs that include athletic training and exercise science for undergrads and exercise science and nutrition, physical therapy and advanced orthopedic physical therapy for graduate students. He also is director of Clinical Practice for SHU Physical Therapy Specialist—an on-campus faculty practice organization that operates both PT clinics and clinical service contracts in the community.

In addition to teaching, he serves as an academic adviser to the Council of Graduate Students. He recently developed an inter-professional study course for health science students in Luxembourg and has assisted in the development of new programs in speech-language pathology and physician assistant studies. In addition, he has developed graduate admissions programming and promoted faculty development activities within the college. Emery is a Worthingham Fellow of the American Physical Therapy Association. He received his Ed.D. in physical therapy from the University of Vermont.



Arthur T. Gerckens, B.S.

Arthur Gerckens joined Sacred Heart as a public safety officer and now holds the role of manager of the Mail & Duplicating Center. He is responsible for oversight of all incoming and outgoing mail and parcels to and from the University, management of all satellite copiers and the SHU production duplicating center and supervision of the University print shop. He is the recipient of SHU's 2005 Outstanding Service Award and the 2010 Pioneer Award. He also received the 2013 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award presented

by the Archdiocese of Hartford; 2013 Premier Gold Leadership Award for Innovation presented by the USPS; 2011 Donald R. LeClair State Leadership Award presented by the Connecticut State Council of the Knights of Columbus; 2011 Partnership Award presented by the USPS; and the 2008-2011 Service Award presented by the USPS for service and chairing the recognition committee of the National Postal Customer Council Advisory Board. He served as industry chair of the Fairfield County Postal Customer Council, past president of the Association of College & University Mail Services and was a presenter at the National Postal Forum from 2008 through 2011. He graduated magna cum laude from Sacred Heart University with a bachelor's degree in English but says that his greatest accomplishment is his marriage to Patsy, being father to his daughters, Ashley and Brittany, and master of Prince Angus of Derby (his Boxer).



Michael J. Guastelle, M.Ed.

In his roles as senior associate director of Athletics (Operations), director of tennis and women's tennis coach, Michael Guastelle is responsible for oversight of the internal operations for the Athletic Department. He serves as sports administrator for 15 athletic teams and oversees 10 head coaches. He holds a bachelor's degree in sports management and a master's degree in education for athletic administration. Both are from Springfield University.



John J. Halapin, CAS

John Halapin, an adjunct instructor in the Isabelle Farrington School of Education, teaches both undergraduate and graduate students. He specializes in computers in education, both online and in the classroom. He has worked with others in the education program to develop and enhance technology courses. He is the author, with his brother Bob Halapin, of a book titled *Why Some Dyslexics Still Can't Read*.



Ann D. Kelly, MBA

Ann Kelly joined Sacred Heart as administrative assistant to the vice president for Finance & Administration and now holds the position of business unit manager for the Department of Information Technology. She is responsible for assisting with the management and control of the operating budgets and, when necessary, coordinating with the Business Office on issues related to IT accounts. She also manages the purchase of goods/services for the department and is responsible for the University-wide procurement of computer hardware, software and other computer-related items. In addition, she is the designated HR staffing coordinator in IT and assists in the hiring process of full-time, part-time and student workers. Kelly earned her master's degree in business administration, with honors, from Sacred Heart in 2001.



Paul A. Litwinovich

Paul Litwinovich joined Sacred Heart part time as a broadcast engineer and now serves as chief operator/director of Engineering for WSHU. As such, he is responsible for all technical operations of the WSHU public radio group. He has been responsible for developing WSHU's physical plant from a single station facility into a seven-station, multi-studio group with 14 transmitter sites. He is certified by the Board of National Radio Examiners and holds an FCC commercial radio license. He recently served on the State Of Connecticut Emergency Alert System planning committee to help draft an emergency response plan for all Connecticut broadcast facilities.



Scott M. Lupo, B.S.

Scott Lupo began his career at Sacred Heart as a dispatcher and is now an assistant supervisor for Public Safety. He has been an emergency medical technician for almost 20 years and has responded to numerous medical calls, both routine and priority. He has served as an administrative officer and has assisted the director of Public Safety in daily operations, planning and emergency preparedness on campus. He is responsible for compiling and reviewing annual crime statistics for the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and publishes the annual report. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of New Haven and is a graduate of the New Hampshire College and University Campus Safety Academy.



Pilar Munday, Ph.D.

Dr. Pilar Munday received her doctorate in linguistics from New York University. She first came to Sacred Heart as an instructor and is now an associate professor of Spanish. She teaches Spanish at all levels and is a student adviser for her program. She also advises La Hispanidad, a student club on campus. Over the years, she has directed several study abroad programs to Spain, was in charge of an after-school program for Spanish-speaking children in Fairfield schools and has participated in several service learning opportunities. She also runs workshops about technology and how it can be harnessed for educational purposes in various schools. A highlight of her career was traveling to El Salvador with SHU's El Salvador delegation.



Stephanie J. Neborsky, CAS

Stephanie Neborsky is an adjunct instructor at Sacred Heart. She has been a public school educator and literacy specialist at all levels for 38 years and is now semi-retired. She currently teaches literacy courses for the Isabelle Farrington College of Education at SHU's Griswold campus. Some of the courses she teaches are children's literature, early reading and language arts for grades PK-3 and developmental reading and writing for grades 4-6. She earned her master's degree from Eastern Connecticut State University and has a certificate of advanced studies from Eastern Connecticut State University and Sacred Heart University.



Phani C. Papachristos, M.S.

Phani Papachristos first came to Sacred Heart as an adjunct instructor. She is now a full-time mathematics instructor, an academic adviser for freshmen in the nursing program and coordinator of the University's math lab. In her role as the coordinator for the math lab, she supervises peer tutors, plans their schedules and teaches several math workshops. She also tutors students with physical and cognitive impairments in the Jandrisevits Learning Center and tutors student-athletes at the Pitt Center. She earned both her bachelor's and master's degree from Southern Connecticut State University.



Michele R. Peloso, B.A.

Michele Peloso began working at Sacred Heart in 1994 as an administrative assistant to the vice president of Public Affairs. She is now an administrative assistant to the dean of the College of Health Professions. She helped in planning the move of the College of Health Professions from the main academic building to its new location at Cambridge Drive and aided in the planning of its opening festivities. She is now responsible for providing support to the dean and acting as a liaison to a variety of personnel, offices

and agencies within and outside of the University. She also plans and implements special events sponsored by the dean and holds the role of alumni community relations coordinator for the College of Health Professions. In this role, she coordinates the planning and implementation of special alumni events, award programs and helps to develop the successful aging fair, which is open to the public. She earned her bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University.



Stephen E. Rubin, Ph.D.

Dr. Stephen Rubin is the director of educational leadership and an associate professor in the Department of Education. During his time at Sacred Heart University, state certification in administration (092) has risen dramatically from 13 a year to more than 250 per year. SHU now grants more administrative certifications than any university in the state. In addition, SHU has the highest pass rate in the state on the Connecticut administrators test. In addition to his work at SHU, Rubin is president of the consulting firm,

Institute for General Systems Research.



Mary G. Trefry, Ph.D.

Dr. Mary Trefry first came to Sacred Heart as an adjunct professor and is now an associate professor of management. She currently serves as the John F. Welch College of Business coordinator for Luxembourg programs, working closely with SHU's Luxembourg staff to develop their programs and acting as a liaison between the Luxembourg programs and Sacred Heart's U.S. campus. She also teaches MBA courses in both Connecticut and Luxembourg, is a member of the University's internationalization task force

and two of its subcommittees, is the co-chair of the Welch College of Business faculty assembly and is a member of the WCOB's administrative affairs and academic affairs committees. In addition, she has developed and now serves as co-facilitator for the biannual two-week summer program for Luxembourg- and U.S.-based MBA students. She previously served as chair of the Management Department and interim MBA director and has served on numerous department, college and University committees, task forces and search committees. She is a recipient of SHU's Discovery Award, Teaching Excellence award, Council of Graduate Students award and the prestigious 50th Anniversary Curtis Medal. She earned her doctorate from Columbia University.



Keith L. Tucker, B.A.

Keith Tucker began his career at the University as a credit/collections manager. Since then, he has become the associate director of Student Financial Assistance (SFA)/loan coordinator. His responsibilities include processing all federal and alternative loans for students and parents and counseling students and parents on borrowing and debt. He also is responsible for fund reconciliations and tracking all loan disbursements to student accounts. He earned his associate's degree from Johnson & Wales and his bachelor's degree from Sacred Heart University.



Ebong U. Udoma, B.A.

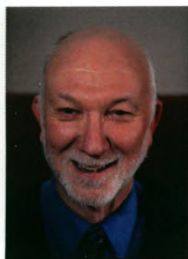
Ebong Udoma came to Sacred Heart as a radio reporter. He is now a senior reporter and a Connecticut state capitol reporter. In that role, he has been involved with the coverage of all high-profile political races in the state for WSHU public radio. He also covered the 2004 impeachment trial and subsequent federal corruption conviction of former Connecticut Governor John Rowland. He was instrumental in WSHU's award-winning coverage of the September 11, 2001, attacks and the Sandy Hook Elementary School tragedy in Newtown in 2012. He earned his bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Bridgeport.



Joseph S. Utterback, DMA

Dr. Joe Utterback is an adjunct professor of music and a piano instructor here at Sacred Heart. He teaches various courses including history of jazz, survey of Broadway music and music history: from Brahms to Bernstein. He also teaches private piano lessons and participates in faculty recital events. He has been a compelling artist on the American jazz scene for more than 50 years. He received his bachelor's and master's degree from Wichita State University and his doctorate in musical arts in piano performance from the University of Kansas.

About the Honorees



Joel W. Block, Ed.D.

An adjunct instructor in the Department of Chemistry/Physics, Dr. Joel Block is an alumnus of The Citadel. He earned degrees from Southern Connecticut State University, Wesleyan University and his doctorate in education from City University of Los Angeles. His teaching interests include astronomy, "science in the Bible" and tropical geology and ecology in Bermuda.



Susan J. Kanuch, A.A.

Susan Kanuch, who currently serves as an administrative assistant for the sports marketing and sports management programs, started out at Sacred Heart in the role of student accounts representative. An alumna of SHU with an associates' degree, she is responsible for managing the office and making sure everything runs smoothly, including such tasks as ordering supplies and processing expense vouchers. Each year, she also oversees the induction of sports marketing and management students into the Beta Gamma Sigma Honor Society.



Michael D. Larobina, J.D., LL.M.

Michael Larobina joined Sacred Heart in 1990 as a professor in the John F. Welch College of Business, and from 2009-2012, he served as associate dean for Programs and Development for the WCOB. In February 2012, he was named general counsel for the University. He is responsible for managing the University's legal affairs, including providing legal advice to academic and administrative management personnel; preparing and reviewing legal documents; defending claims before federal and state agencies and courts; managing litigation matters; supervising outside counsel; and serving as a liaison to regulatory and legislative bodies, courts and attorneys general. He also serves as a member of the president's management team. He received his bachelor's degree in American history from Pace University; his Doctor of Jurisprudence from Quinnipiac School of Law; and his LL.M in international business & trade law from Fordham University School of Law.



Elizabeth Luckie, B.S.

Elizabeth Luckie, senior associate athletic director and co-head coach for softball, is a SHU alumna. She oversees men's and women's fencing, women's lacrosse, field hockey, men's and women's golf, equestrian, rowing and bowling. She is also responsible for scheduling the Pitt Center and all athletic fields. In her role as coach, she helped lead the softball team to NEC championships in 2009 and 2011. In 2009, the Pioneers beat Cornell 3-1 in an NCAA Tournament game.

**Julianne Pavia**

Julianne Pavia began her career at Sacred Heart working part time in the Political Science Department with Dr. Gary Rose and Dr. John Kikoski. Today, she is an assistant in the physical therapy program where she worked for Dr. Michael Emery for more than 19 years. She manages the financial accounts and coordinates all purchases and payments. She also provides administrative support to faculty, adjuncts, graduate assistants and students.

**Carylanne Rice-Ehalt, M.Ed.**

Carylanne Rick-Ehalt joined Sacred Heart as director of the Upward Bound program, and she remains in that same role today. She is responsible for the administration of the Upward Bound federal grant, which provides more than \$5 million dollars in federal funding for disadvantaged students. She and her team have provided academic, personal and career services to more than 1,500 Bridgeport high school students and have maintained more than an 85 percent graduation rate among high school seniors for the past 25 years. Through compliance with federal regulations governing Upward Bound, Sacred Heart's program was recognized for excellence by the national organization in Washington, D.C. In addition, she has been selected to present workshops for other state organizations and has served as vice president for the state Upward Bound organization. She was also chosen to serve as a nationwide counseling consultant for training new staff within the national organization. Rice-Ehalt earned a bachelor's degree in sociology/psychology/history from Central Connecticut State University and her M.Ed. in counseling and consultation from Keene State College.

About the Honorees



Ralph Lim, MBA

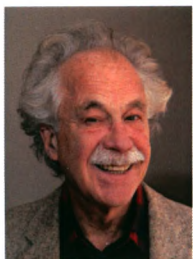
Ralph Lim, an associate professor of finance and economics, received his master's degree in business administration from the Wharton Graduate School at the University of Pennsylvania. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he served as interim dean of the John F. Welch College of Business from 2008-2009; special assistant to the provost, 2009; president of University Academic Assembly, 2006-2007; and Visiting Faculty Fellow in Economics at Yale University, 1988-1989, where he was affiliated with Professor Robert Shiller—the 2013 Nobel Prize Winner in Economics.

About the Honorees



Sandra Honda, M.S.

Sandra Honda, an associate professor of computer science, began at Sacred Heart in a temporary full-time position. In addition to teaching in the undergraduate and graduate computer science programs, she also oversees the Women in Computing program for middle school students, teaches a summer workshop and serves as a student adviser. She received her master's degree in computer science from the University of Hawaii.



Robin L. McAllister, Ph.D.

Now an associate professor of English, Dr. Robin McAllister began his career at Sacred Heart in an adjunct role. Outside of teaching, his activities at SHU have included participating in the University's first delegation to El Salvador in 1992 and serving as vice president of the Faculty Senate from 1989 to 1992. He also has participated in teaching projects in Kurdistan in 1996 and Bosnia in 1998 and has given lectures at the University of Mogrewejo, Chiclayo, Peru and the National University and Jesuit University, Bogota, Colombia. He did his doctoral work at Princeton University.



Julie B. Savino, MAT

Julie Savino, executive director of University Financial Assistance, joined Sacred Heart as assistant director of financial aid in 1979 after graduating magna cum laude from SHU with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She also holds a master's degree in teaching from SHU. Her job involves making college possible for students through the administration of student aid. *She manages a \$130 million aid program with an applicant base of 15,000.*

During her tenure, she has served on key committees at SHU, including the University strategic planning, budget development and NCAA athletic strategic planning committees. Her many roles in government and philanthropic organizations include Board of Director positions with the Connecticut Higher Education Supplemental Loan Authority as vice-chair, the Newtown Scholarship Association, Inc. as president, The Newtown Memorial Fund and the Vincent J. Maiocco Scholarship Organization, Inc. Recently, Savino and a fellow SHU administrator developed a program called Fostering for Success, a support network for youth in foster care systems who aspire to a college education. She has received many awards acknowledging her accomplishments and her commitment to helping others, including the 2012 CAPFAA's Lifetime Member Award; 2003 State of Connecticut, Secretary of the State's Public Service Award; CAPFAA's 1991 P. Jerome Cunningham Distinguished Service Award; SHU's 2004 Bunny Calabrese Outstanding Commitment Award and 2000 Athletics Outstanding Contribution Award and the 1994 Joseph Grau Outstanding Service Award. Her hometown of Newtown also honored her with its Business and Professional Women of Newtown, Young Career Woman Award, in 1987.

About the Honorees



Roberta L. Staples, Ph.D.

Dr. Roberta Lynne Staples first came to Sacred Heart as an adjunct instructor, but is now a full professor of English. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she is currently serving on the UAA Council and the class times scheduling committee. She previously was a member of the Faculty Senate, serving on the faculty affairs committee and as vice president (1 year); a member of the endowed scholarship committee (10+ years); a member of the rank and tenure committee (8+ years); a member of

several departmental search committees; and department chair from 1981-84. She also served as faculty adviser to Gamma Phi Delta sorority. She received her doctorate from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst and has directed and acted in English Department play productions. In addition, she has presented scholarly papers at numerous academic conferences. A winner of the Marian S. Calabrese Award for Excellence in Teaching, she considers it a particular gift when former students continue to keep in touch.



Albert H. Wakin, CAS

Albert Wakin began at Sacred Heart as an adjunct professor when Sacred Heart was 10 years old. He became a full-time member of the faculty 14 years ago after retiring from the Bridgeport Board of Education where he was a school psychologist for 30 years. In addition, he taught graduate courses at the University of Bridgeport and Southern Connecticut State University for 16 years. A lifelong area resident, he received a master's degree in psychology from the University of Bridgeport, certification in

school psychology from Fairfield University and a certificate of advanced study from Southern Connecticut State University. His primary area of research is in limerence—a love variant where a person experiences an intense combination of OCD and addiction for another person. He has presented papers at national and international conferences. Among the courses he teaches is systems and theories, which was presented at the New England Conference for the Teaching of Psychology—a branch of the New England Psychological Association. He and his wife recently moved to Ridgefield to be closer to three of their four grandchildren. He invites anyone to stop by his office as he loves to share pictures.





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