October 2, 2005
Fred Garbo Inflatable Theatre Co.
Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
3:00 P.M.
Opening New Doors & Minds
SHU’s groundbreaking Irish Studies immersion program in Dingle, County Kerry, Ireland

October 14, 2005
Steven Wright: One Night Only!
Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
8:00 P.M.
Academy Award-winning comedian Steven Wright comes to the Edgerton Center with his unique blend of comedy, timing, and his trademark deadpan delivery. Don’t miss it!
Tickets: $45 for Grand Seating, $35 for Reserved Seating, $25 for Student/Staff, $20 for general admission
Contact: ECPA Box Office Phone: 203-374-2777

October 29, 2005
Save the Date for Homecoming!
Parade of Student Organizations at 10:30 A.M.
Homecoming Tent opens at 11:00 A.M.
SHU Pioneers vs. St. Francis of Pennsylvania at 12:30 P.M.
Class of 1995 Reunion at 5:00 P.M.
Class of 2000 Reunion at 7:30 P.M.

December 16-18, 2005
Holiday Show
Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
December 16 and 17, 8:00 P.M.
December 18, 3:00 P.M.
Act I: It’s a Wonderful Life: A Radio Play is based on the popular 1946 movie classic by Frank Capra, adapted by Connecticut’s own, Joe Landry. It’s a Wonderful Life is staged as an old-time radio show with actors (in period costumes) in a studio performing over 50 characters while creating live sound effects and pausing for live commercials. Co-produced with Stamford Center for the Arts.
Act II: Maureen Hamill’s 1940’s Christmas Revue
Join the incomparable Maureen Hamill as she takes you on a musical sleighride through some of the great holiday songs. Joining Maureen onstage will be many of her talented friends and a wonderful live band.
Tickets: $25 General Public, $20 Students/Staff, $15 Senior Citizens, $10 Children, under 12
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January 25, 2006
YES I CAN
Daniel “Rudy” Ruettiger
Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts
2:00 P.M.
Most people know Daniel “Rudy” Ruettiger from the portrayal of his college football career in the 1993 film, Rudy. Against all odds, he carved his name into history books as perhaps the most famous graduate of the University of Notre Dame for his perseverance and inspirational “27 seconds” of playing time on the field. He has co-authored several books including Rudy Rules, Rudy Lessons for Young Champions, and Rudy & Friends, and has produced the “Dream Power” tape series. Rudy’s captivating personality and powerful message of “YES I CAN” stay with his audiences long after his programs end.
Call 203-371-7846 for more information.
survey, ranking SHU #1 in its list of the top college and university campuses in the U.S. for wireless internet accessiblity. And the Princeton Review selected SHU for its 2006 edition of the Best Northeastern Colleges guidebook.

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Throughout this first issue of our redesigned magazine, you’ll find news highlights from notable members of our community, from undergraduates honored for their artistic, academic and athletic achievements, to professors contributing to research, publishing and conferences around the world. Our keep-sake story about Commencement 2005 includes excerpts from our speakers. And, you’ll discover some secrets of business success as divulged by best-selling author and former GE chairman Jack Welch during his only area speaking engagement, at Sacred Heart. I also bring my own view from the Vatican, where I had the honor to attend the funeral of Pope John Paul II in Rome as an official representative of both the International Federation of Catholic Universities and the Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding. Finally, you’ll learn about our newest academic programs, catch up on University speakers and gallery exhibits, preview our Calendar of Events, and gather the latest news on SHU’s alumni.

In short, in this issue of our magazine, as in everything we do at Sacred Heart, we endeavor to live up to the pronouncement of the late Pope John Paul II: “The moment has come to discern the signs of the times, to seize the opportunity and to look far ahead.”

I wish you abundant blessings in the new academic year. As always, you are in our thoughts and grateful prayers.

With every best wish, I am Sincerely,

Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D.
Salome Brooks MBA ’05, Physical Therapy Department Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education
Assistant Professor Salome Brooks has been awarded the American Physical Therapy Association’s 2005 Minority Faculty Development Scholarship Award. She was honored during an awards ceremony at Physical Therapy 2005: Annual Conference & Exposition of the American Physical Therapy Association in Boston on June 10.

Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz, Executive Director, Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding
Rabbi Joseph H. Ehrenkranz attended a landmark conference in interreligious relations from January 5-6 in Brussels. The First World Conference of Imams and Rabbis for Peace, an initiative of the Herodes F. Parel Foundation and the Elijah Institute for Interfaith Dialogue, brought together over 250 Jewish and Muslim religious leaders for a dialogue on strategies for achieving peace between the two faiths. The conference took place in Brussels at the invitation of Belgium’s King Albert II, who hosted proceedings at the royal Egmont’s Palace.

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Recent Accomplishments by SHU’s Faculty

Polling Institute Lets the Country Be Heard

The Sacred Heart University Polling Institute completed 1,000 interviews in April to gather and analyze opinions on contemporary social and political topics. Topics included the role of gasoline, President George W. Bush, the use of majority leader Tom Delay, Tom Schieffer, the new Pope, education, and monitoring TV viewing. The Institute’s quarterly polls give Americans across the country the opportunity to provide regular input on public policy development, while engaging students, faculty, and citizens nationwide in discussions of ethics and policy. SHU polls are regularly cited by the media, including The New York Times, CNN, ABC News, CNN MarketWatch, and The Chicago Tribune.

A new national poll indicates that most Americans support random testing of high school athletes for steroid use. The poll was conducted by Connecticut’s Sacred Heart University Polling Institute. A total of just over 87% of the people polled, strongly or somewhat supported steroid testing among high school athletes.

SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE
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4. Some Catholic colleges retrace the lay president trend. Will we soon have two tiers of Catholic colleges—those led by clergy and those led by lay presidents? Do you think the former look down on the latter? Some unresolved questions require all members of a college or university to do the hard work of clarifying together what they are, who they do, and why they do these things. Our observation as a board member of ACCU and IFCC is that there is only the deepest appreciation, collaboration and cooperation between all the members. Of course, there is also a healthy amount of healthy competition, which makes us stronger, but it means surroundering the mission and identity of Catholic universities.

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TODAY’S STUDENTS

RECOGNITION FOR RESEARCH

April 29 marked the sixth annual College of Arts and Sciences Undergraduate Research Poster and Creativity Session at Sacred Heart, which this year had 55 participants offering research posters from a variety of disciplines, creativity projects from Computer Science/Information Technology majors, and media production projects from those majors in Media Studies/Digital Culture. Top presenters received certificates of achievement and awards were presented at the close of the session.

The University’s poster session was developed by the Faculty Committee on Undergraduate Research and internships, which was formed to develop a flagship program initiative in the College of Arts and Sciences. “Undergraduate research provides the students of the College with a capstone educational experience,” explained Dr. Mariná Slamet, a member of SHU’s physics faculty and chair of the Poster Session Committee. “Regardless of the discipline, it is required that the student investigators be able to draw upon foundation knowledge gained throughout their undergraduate years, and apply it in the context of investigating a new problem or phenomenon. It fosters critical thinking skills in devising a research plan, discipline in executing the plan, and care in analyzing the results of that inquiry. For most of the students, it is the experience of the research itself and not the particular results of their project that will enrich their professional lives in the years to come.”

COMMUNICATIONS ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

WRITING PRIZE LONG LENGTH

Jennifer Shackett ’06

Katherine Ariano ’05

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Inara Coleman ’07:
Learning While Leading at Camp AmeriKids

Inara Coleman spent two weeks as a counselor for Camp AmeriKids, a program where children ages 7 to 15 infected with HIV/AIDS can enjoy the outdoors. Camp AmeriKids is offered at no cost to families, and serves the tri-state area in providing a healthy, positive environment for the kids and a respite for their families.

“I know HIV exists, but I did not think it would be this hard to deal with. During training we learned about the campers’ medical conditions, yet the moment they stepped off that bus, everything you learned just jumps right out of your head. What lovely kids they were! For the next seven days, I completely forgot that these kids had HIV. It’s amazing how something so life-threatening can disappear from your mind.”

“One of the strangest things was that no one ever asked why anyone else was at camp. Everyone would want to know where you were from. Then you were counselors from all over the world: New Zealand, Nova Scotia, California, and as close as New York and Connecticut. And that’s what makes me realize that you people aren’t there to judge, but rather to have fun and enjoy life.

“It was a wonderful time, even when stressful. When you can reach these kids and let them understand that there is someone out there working for them, it makes them feel special. We tried to provide experiences that weren’t present in their lives. It was a way to give them the opportunity to see over that wall to an outside world that they haven’t been able to visit. The largest of my concerns is what these kids have to face when they get back home.

“I’m so grateful that Sacred Heart had Camp AmeriKids present at the Career Fair where I first signed up. I will definitely be here next year. It’s not about being a camp counselor; it’s about being a friend and a role model to help these great kids in the journey they call life.”

Learning While Leading at Camp AmeriKids

Young at Heart: SHU Hosts Elementary School Students

Sacred Heart University welcomed third and fourth graders from Bridgeport elementary schools—Bryant, Winthrop and Martin—to participate in "Young at Heart: SHU Hosts Elementary School Students." Sacred Heart University’s community service effort was recognized in 2005 by the Connecticut Department of Higher Education.

Funding for student research projects is made available through the College of Arts and Sciences. Undergraduate research programs provide students with the opportunity to work closely with faculty members, other students, and the Poster Session Committee.

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VIDEO EARN CONNECTICUT LIBRARY ASSOCIATION AWARD

The Ryan-Matura Library’s orientation video earned the title of Best THEMUS Library Publication in April 2005. The award, given by the Connecticut Library Association, honored the writing, performance, production and editing work of Sacred Heart University students in Professor Greg Golba’s Media Practicum. The video has four segments; three are borrowed themes from television or the movies, but the fourth is an original work intended to encourage patrons to refrain from smoking and drinking in the library. The star is Peter the Cockroach with his backing band, The Jitterbugs, performing a sing-along with the video being used during freshness orientation.

SACRED HEART STUDENTS ATTEND PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

More than 50 Sacred Heart University students attended the presidential inauguration in Washington, D.C., with Professor and Department of History and Political Science chairman Gary L. Rose, Ph.D., an author and expert in the field of presidential politics. This was the fifth presidential inauguration trip sponsored by Sacred Heart. In addition to witnessing the inauguration ceremony, SHU students attended a guest lecture on the 2004 election and the Bush Presidency by Dr. John K. White, Professor of Politics, Catholic University of America; attended a Mobile East policy briefing at the Heritage Foundation; and took a moonlight tour of Washington monuments.

From the Heart

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WINNING SECRETS

A Conversation with Jack Welch at Sacred Heart University

Three years after his international best-selling autobiography was published, Jack Welch, the famed retired CEO of General Electric, went back on the road to promote his hard-hitting new book, Winning. Sacred Heart hosted the business legend’s only speaking engagement in Fairfield County on May 6, courtesy of the College of Business. “A Conversation with Jack Welch” was introduced by University President Anthony J. Cernera, Ph.D., in the Edgerton Center for the Performing Arts, followed by a book signing in the Mahogany Room. The event—free and open to the public— drew national attention including broadcast on C-SPAN’s Book TV.

An audience of over 1,000 people turned out to hear Mr. Welch offer witticisms and solid business advice during the event, which got off to an easy start with banter between Mr. Welch and President Cernera, who kept Mr. Welch company on stage and guided the conversation throughout the event.

Mr. Welch began his career with General Electric Company in 1960, and in 1981 became the company’s eighth chairman and CEO. During his tenure, GE’s market capitalization increased by $400 billion, making it the world’s most valuable corporation. He is currently head of Jack Welch, LLC, where he advises a small group of Fortune 500 CEOs and advises business people and students around the world. His first book, Jack: Straight from the Gut, was a New York Times bestseller.

Jack Welch wrote Winning with his wife Suzy, a former editor of the Harvard Business Review, and the book is packed with advice on how to strive for your highest career goals—some of which Mr. Welch shared in his casual conversation with President Cernera at the SHU event. In fact, Mr. Welch devoted most of the event at Sacred Heart to offering advice to young people starting out in business.

“Always over-deliver,” he informed them at one point. “Keep a positive attitude no matter what, and for heaven’s sake, don’t ever think of yourself as a victim. And be ambitious, but not too ambitious, or people won’t want you around.”

When it came to a question about mentors, Mr. Welch was even more passionate. “Never, never, never have a single mentor!” he exclaimed. Instead, he encouraged those in the audience to treat every vendor, colleague and boss as a potential mentor, making it clear that you don’t have to be a CEO—or have one—to learn about business. “I have learned almost as much about business since I left GE as when I worked there,” he admits in Winning.

One of the most moving moments in the evening came when a young man in the audience stood up to tell Mr. Welch that he’d tried his hand at entrepreneurship, but failed. He asked Mr. Welch how this experience might hurt his chances to re-enter corporate America. Mr. Welch listened with compassion, then told the young man that he’d tried something difficult, and there was no shame in honestly admitting his failure.

“In your next interview, tell them what happened, and tell them what you’ve learned,” he counseled. “I think you have great potential. You’ll be fine.”

Current GE employees in attendance thanked Mr. Welch for the life they lead now. At another point in the evening, Mr. Welch took time to praise higher education and Sacred Heart especially, but added that he was deeply concerned about the failure of our elementary and secondary schools in adequately preparing people for work or life.

Throughout the program, Mr. Welch also concentrated on getting his message across about the importance of maintaining high ethical standards in business. Whether you’re trying to improve local employee satisfaction or global customer satisfaction, he said, the only way to inculcate values in your business is to “live it out by action all the time.”

At program’s end, Mr. Welch had yet more fans, most of whom lined up to have the business legend sign copies of their books.

“I think the job that’s been done here [Sacred Heart University] is almost beyond belief...”

—Jack Welch
Sacred Heart University’s Art and Design program presented its 13th Annual Senior Portfolio Night on April 27. Held at SHU’s Oakview Campus, the event included refreshments and music to celebrate its 13th Annual Senior Portfolio Night. Held at SHU’s Oakview Campus, the event included refreshments and music to celebrate its 13th Annual Senior Portfolio Night. Held at SHU’s Oakview Campus, the event included refreshments and music to celebrate its 13th Annual Senior Portfolio Night.
Concord Coalition, discussed the future of Social Security on March 2, demonstrating in no uncertain terms the growing crisis in Social Security. He presented prescriptive proposals during his talk, including President Bush’s proposal to privatize a portion of the fund. Part of the College of Arts & Sciences “Democracy and the American Presidency” series.

James Moor, Ph.D., a professor of philosophy at Dartmouth College and an adjunct professor with the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at Australian National University, spoke on the subject of computer ethics at the third and final lecture in the series, “Scientific Perspectives on Ethics.” Sponsored by the University’s Hensler Institute for Applied Ethics, the event took place on March 15.

Philadelphia-based author and anti-slavery activist, Mr. Bok is a native of Southern Sudan who, at the age of 7, was captured and enslaved during an Arab militia raid in the village of Nymlal. He ... the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and was invited to the White House for the Sudan Peace Act Signing ceremony.

Jennifer A. Harris, Ph.D., professor of Christianity and Culture at St. Michael’s College, University of Toronto, gave four presentations on the theme of the “temple” in Jewish and Christian thinking between February 21 and 24. Dr. Harris was chosen to be a Scholar-in-Residence by SHU’s Center for Christian Jewish Understanding. She is the program director for the Christianity and Culture Department at the University of Toronto.

Mary Jane Foster, co-founder and co-owner of the Bridgeport Warwick Professional Baseball Club, discussed the importance of volunteering at SHU’s Corporate Strategies & Insights Forum: Women Leaders in Business Series. The lecture, “How to Build the Ultimate Network—Volunteer,” took place on February 23. Ms. Foster is an attorney and a principal in the development and investment firms of Freeborn Investors and Westchester Baseball.

Francis Bok, former slave and author of Escape from Slavery, spoke on March 2. Mr. Bok is a native of Southern Sudan who, at the age of 7, was captured and enslaved during an Arab militia raid in the village of Nymlal. He was the first slave excape to testify before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, and was invited to the White House for the Sudan Peace Act Signing ceremony. Escape from Slavery is an autobiography describing his ordeal.

Phil Smith, National Grassroots director of the Concord Coalition, discussed the future of Social Security on March 2, demonstrating in no uncertain terms the growing crisis in Social Security. He presented prescriptive proposals during his talk, including President Bush’s proposal to privatize a portion of the fund. Part of the College of Arts & Sciences “Democracy and the American Presidency” series.

James Moor, Ph.D., a professor of philosophy at Dartmouth College and an adjunct professor with the Centre for Applied Philosophy and Public Ethics at Australian National University, spoke on the subject of computer ethics at the third and final lecture in the series, “Scientific Perspectives on Ethics.” Sponsored by the University’s Hensler Institute for Applied Ethics, the event took place on March 15.

Barbara Johnson, senior vice president of Corporate Community Relations at People’s Bank, shared her personal policy on what it takes to succeed in the corporate world as part of Sacred Heart University’s Corporate Strategies & Insights Forum: Women Leaders in Business Series. The lecture, “Own Your Career: No one will take better care of your bottom line than you!” was held on March 16.

Assistant Professor of History, Dr. John Roney; Professor of Political Science, Dr. John F. Kikotik; Assistant Professor of Religious Studies, Dr. Brian Stiltner; and Chemistry Chair and Professor, Dr. Diba Habibshoohi took part in a faculty panel discussion on the history, culture and politics of Iraq. The panel was held March 20. Dr. Michael Ventimiglia, assistant professor of Philosophy, moderated the discussion.

Dr. Paul W. MacAvoy, Sacred Heart University trustee and former dean and Williams Brothers Professor at the Yale School of Management, shared his expert assessment of what goes wrong on corporate boards leading to the collapse of major corporations as part of SHU’s 14th College of Business Research, Teaching and Executive Forum. The lecture, “The Recurrent Crisis in Corporate Governance,” took place on April 11, and highlighted key points discussed in Dr. MacAvoy’s book by the same name.

Christine Detessen, ESPN’s executive vice president and chief financial officer, was a featured speaker at SHU’s Corporate Strategies & Insights Forum: Women Leaders in Business Series. The forum, “ESPN: The Past, Present and Future of America’s Premier All-Sports Network,” took place on April 12.

Wilson D. Miscamble, C.S.C., an associate professor of History, University of Notre Dame, spoke about Harry S. Truman and the Atom Bomb on April 14. He examined the necessity and morality of President Truman’s decision to drop two atomic bombs on Japan. Part of the College of Arts & Sciences “Democracy and the American Presidency” series.

Amy Goodman, the host and executive producer of Democracy Now!, an award-winning news show, shared her outlook on the corporate media’s coverage of war at Sacred Heart University’s Tenth Annual Media Studies Symposium on April 20.

Dr. John Orman, Ph.D., a professor of Political Science at Fairfield University, examined the evolution of presidential power and secrecy from Presidents John F. Kennedy to George W. Bush, along with the growing ability of presidents to control communications and public perceptions towards foreign nations. He spoke on April 27. Part of the College of Arts & Sciences “Democracy and the American Presidency” series.

Joseph Abboud, the internationally acclaimed fashion designer, shared the story of his life inside the fashion industry on April 28. Mr. Abboud, who teaches “Management of Creativity” at Sacred Heart University, signed copies of his book Threads, an off-the-record take on fashion from the inside out during the event, which took place in the William H. Pitt Health and Recreation Center Board Room and was sponsored by the College of Business. Mr. Abboud was the first designer to win the coveted CFDA award as Best Men’swear Designer two-years in a row, and was the first designer to throw out the opening pitch at Fenway Park. (Held by Niomi Campbell who didn’t show up on the mound for his first women’s fashion show) and questioned by the FBI, who did show up in his office right after September 11 because he fit the “profile,” Mr. Abboud has soared and sunk more than a few times—and lived to tell the tales.
Opening New Doors & Minds

SHU’s groundbreaking Irish Studies immersion program in the “land of Saints and Scholars”

On Ireland’s rugged west coast, the second-largest shipping port of Dingle, County Kerry, looks as if it were imagined by children. Beneath the shadow of sheltering mountains, brightly colored row houses lean shoulder-to-shoulder along winding lanes that lead to the harbor, where fishing boats bob along the docks. You might see a shaggy pony and cart move over to make way for a motorized scooter on one narrow street, and an elegant woman walking her four Irish wolfhounds on another. The town of Dingle looks out over the sea and the Blasket Islands.
Behind it, along the brooding cliffs and throughout the 40-mile Dingle Peninsula, are relics from the Stone Age and Bronze Age, as well as the Ecclesiastical Period, when Ireland was known as the “land of Saints and Scholars” because of its monasteries and religious schools. All around Dingle itself are tumbling stonewalls, beehive graves, and Celtic crosses that look as though they might have sprung from the original rocky landscape.

This is not Dublin. This is the most westerly town in all of Europe, the place where the Irish fiddle was born, and English is a second language even today. In medieval times, Dingle harbor was the departure point for pilgrims to the grave of St. James at Santiago de Compostela in Spain—which led the Spanish to build the first church on the site of the present Church of Ireland on Main Street.

Today, Dingle is one of Ireland’s government-protected Irish-speaking areas, called “Gaeltachts,” and it remains a world apart from Sacred Heart University’s busy Connecticut campus. That’s one reason why Jim Barquinero, vice president for Enrollment Planning and Student Affairs, championed Dingle as the site for the University’s new SHU in Ireland study abroad program.

“Our is the only known U.S. study program situated in the heart of an Irish-speaking region,” he explains, “and it will benefit from the growing Center for Irish Cultural Studies on campus.”

Too many college students who study abroad never truly immerse themselves in the culture around them and “end up living in a bubble,” believes Deanna Fiorentino, the University’s director of administration for the SHU in Ireland program. Students studying in other parts of Ireland rarely hear any spoken Irish or traditional music, and end up “seeing Ireland the way tourists might at EPCOT,” she says. For SHU students who live and study in Dingle—a town of just 1,500 permanent residents where Irish is still commonly spoken on the street—it’s impossible not to immerse themselves in Irish history and culture, she notes. For instance, “last year, some SHU students played on a local Gaelic football team, and it’s common to hear the program’s traditional music instructor playing in one of Dingle’s many pubs.”

In spring 2004, 15 SHU students were the first to arrive in Dingle for the new program. The program is rapidly gathering momentum, now attracting students from a number of U.S. colleges, including the University of Scranton, Colorado State, the University of Delaware, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and St. Xavier. Students live in cozy holiday cottages just a few minutes away from their classes. All students also take advantage of the Skellig Hotel’s recreation complex, which houses a lap swimming pool and fitness center. Tuition and room costs are the same for SHU students whether they’re in Fairfield or Dingle.
In the Dingle Peninsula, you’ll find charming seaports, windswept beaches, breathtaking mountains and megaliths, bustling towns, picturesque pastures, palm tree-lined streets, and endless adventures in every direction—from a visit to a Stone Age burial ground to a trip to a metropolitan museum.

Ten Things to Do In Dingle

➜ Surf the best waves at Castlegregory and the Maharees
➜ Gallop a horse along a stretch of Ventry Beach
➜ Sample freshly baked brown bread and honey
➜ Climb to the top of Mount Brandon, Ireland’s second-highest mountain
➜ Learn to play the Bodhran, Ireland’s traditional drum
➜ Bike the back lanes and byroads of the Dingle Peninsula
➜ Walk the sea cliffs at the mouth of Dingle Harbour
➜ Visit some of Europe’s oldest historical sites
➜ Tee-off at the challenging Ceann Sibeal Links
➜ Search for a wreck of the Spanish Armada near the Blasket Islands
Students in the SHU in Ireland program are involved in all aspects of life in Dingle, from living in spacious three-bedroom cottages, attending local sporting events, exploring local culture and history, and studying at the impressive Díseart Institute.
“Eventually, we expect to welcome students from all parts of the world to our SHU campus in Ireland,” says Vice President Barquinero. “Down the road, we also envision enrichment tours to Ireland for alumni and parents, study abroad and teaching opportunities for Irish Studies scholars who want the opportunity to work in the U.S., and sabbatical programs for men and women in religious life.”

In Dingle, students participating in SHU in Ireland take courses approved by the Sacred Heart University faculty in Fairfield. Some are taught by Connecticut faculty in Ireland, others by Irish faculty members provided through SHU’s affiliate in Dingle, the Diseart Institute of Education and Celtic Culture (see sidebar). Undergraduates enrolled in the Ireland program take elective courses that can be applied towards graduation credits no matter what their majors, says Ms. Fiorentino. Spring courses included Contemporary Irish-American fiction, a course developed by SHU English and Psychology professor Dr. Michelle Loris (see sidebar).

Courses planned for the year to come include Irish Anthropology and Folklore. There will be field trips, guest lectures, and—most important of all—opportunities to live and study in a place where Irish tradition and language are still a vital part of daily life. There is also active discussion among University faculty about creating an Irish Studies minor that will be rooted in the Dingle experience.

On one field trip, for instance, SHU students boarded a bus “with our wellies (large fisherman boots) pulled up high, ready for our adventure to Minard, Castlegregory, and Camp,” reports Kelly Stritmater ’06, who enrolled in the Ireland program last spring. “With each stop that we made, the stories of Cuchulainn in Ireland’s epic, the Táin, came to life. We saw where the actual battles were fought and where different events happened in the story. It was a field trip like no other. It was Irish culture being brought to life.”

For more information on the SHU in Ireland program, contact Deanna Fiorentino at 203-365-7626, or visit the program website at shuireland.sacredheart.edu.

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The Diseart Institute

Founded in 1996 by Monsignor Pádraig Ó Fiannachta, former professor and dean of Celtic Studies at the Irish National University (Maynooth), the Diseart Institute was established in the Dingle Gaeltacht to enhance opportunities for research and study of native Irish and Celtic culture. Its dedication to Irish Christian values and spirituality dovetails with those of Sacred Heart. Monsignor Ó Fiannachta, academic director of the Institute and chair of the Diseart Board, is a widely known, respected academic who, after 34 years in Celtic Studies at NUI, Maynooth, has assembled a group of teaching scholars as “occasional lecturers” at Diseart. The Institute has, on that basis, established a reputation for research and instruction. Monsignor Ó Fiannachta was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree at SHU’s 2004 Commencement.
Sacred Heart University’s president, Dr. Anthony J. Cernera attended the funeral of Pope John Paul II in Rome in two capacities. He represented the University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding, which he co-founded, and the International Federation of Catholic Universities, where he is a vice president. From the Vatican, he shared his experience with us in an article he wrote for The Advocate of Stamford.

Remembering John Paul II

From any direction that one looked, there were people, tens and hundreds of thousands of them. They were young and old, rich and poor, the famous and those known only to their families and friends. Heads of state and ordinary citizens were there, united, to celebrate a great life lived. And of course the young people, who proved many times today their profound love for him.

I was privileged to be among them at the wake and funeral of Pope John Paul II, representing both Sacred Heart University’s Center for Christian-Jewish Understanding—a center he inspired—and the International Federation of Catholic Universities. Even more astounding, I was seated within 100 feet of the mortal remains of the Pope. There I was, a Catholic, standing in the midst of 25 Jewish brothers and sisters, praying for the leader of my church.

Not only were the leaders of the Catholic Church there, but seemingly those of every major religion and nation. Why? Why such a public outpouring at the passing of the Bishop of Rome? Hadn’t the most recent guru of things Catholic, Dan Brown, in his novel Angels and Demons, painted a picture of the death of the Pope as being one in which no one in the world seemed interested? Why were so many people coming to pay their respects?

In one sense, it was obvious. Many had come to honor the man who, for 26 years, was the leader of the Catholic Church and its visible sign of unity. But it was more than that. These people had come here to the Vatican to remember and celebrate a person who reminded all of us of what is best in us as human beings. He had given us a legacy of hope and of human possibility even in the face of the fears, anxieties and sufferings of human life.

John Paul II embodied for countless millions the opening words of perhaps the finest document of the Second Vatican Council, Gaudium et Spes: “The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.” These are words they may never have heard before, but he made them real because of how he lived. He constantly kept inviting all human beings to discover and affirm the dignity and value of human life and the way of love as the best way to live life—well. He embodied courage, joy and hope—all of them rooted in his profound faith in God and in God’s radical and unconditional love for each one of us.

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Dr. Anthony J. Cernera, president, Sacred Heart University, with Iman Ibrahim of Milan, Italian Muslim Association, at the funeral of Pope John Paul II in Rome.
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“Though this is a solemn occasion,” SHU senior Victoria Pazula said, “it is a celebration of life, a life that for the Pope has ended in eternal life, so there’s no reason why we shouldn’t be celebrating. I’m sure he looks down on us right now with much happiness.”

Students began filling the University Commons at midnight. Many wore pajamas and brought comforters and pillows to settle in for the very beginning of this historic day. In the hours leading up to the funeral, students chatted with one another (both in person and online), ate pizza, and drank soda and tea. Three students played acoustic guitars while a staff member jammed on a set of bongos—they were happy and their mood was infectious.

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“I’m sure he looks down on us right now with much happiness,” SHU senior Nicholas Ciminelli added, “but we’re celebrating his [John Paul II’s] life and I think it’s great that everyone is here. Just like he did in his ministries, he’s uniting us here today. You hear people say that the youth are the Church of tomorrow, but I think John Paul II sounded just like us in his Church of today.”

Sophomore Tiffany Willshaw added, “A passing doesn’t have to just be a sad thing. Everyone mourns in their own way and this is the way we’ve chosen to do it here—this is our way.”

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That morning, a floor full of late teens and early twenty-somethings watched the only pope they had ever known be laid to rest. They sat on their brightly colored blankets holding pillows and teddy bears, looking up like children staring at a teacher’s story of great purpose and lessons. They sat as they would forever sit in the legacy of Pope John Paul II.

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Noted Ridgefield, Connecticut, artist Marc Mellon, at right, salutes with Rabbi Joseph H. Zilbergeld, CHU's executive director, and the brass array he created to honor Pope John Paul II’s lifelong ministry of reconciliation.
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Within weeks of beginning our collegiate lives, our world changed forever when our nation was attacked on September 11. Many of us, miles away from our families, turned to each other, our classmates, strangers at the time, for support. These classmates and neighbors soon became close friends, and in turn we created a bond among our class that no other class at Sacred Heart has ever experienced. From that moment on, we had a connection, and for the past four years we have had the opportunity to learn a lot about life and, most importantly, about ourselves.

For some reason, whenever I thought of the word “commencement,” I always thought of it as the end, but what it really means is the beginning. Though it’s hard to believe, our four years at Sacred Heart are such a small portion of our lives, and there’s so much more out there that we have yet to experience. The lessons we have learned here will stay with us forever, and now it’s time to continue on our journey.

Danielle C. Bahini, Class of 2005
Class President’s Greeting

Act Justly, Love Tenderly, and Walk Humbly

Congratulations! I want to fall into step with you as you set out with confidence and hope toward the rest of your life. Just three words. You know how Garrison Keillor says, “Do good work, stay well, and keep in touch!”—not bad advice. But I want to borrow my three words from Micah and the older Testament. I believe that they can be a beacon in the good moments and the bad moments, in all the stages of life.

This is what Yahweh asks of you, only this: “act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with your God.”

Act justly. Go on out there and make a difference—faithful to the demands of truth, to yourselves, to the real needs of people, guided by beauty and goodness. Our world and our churches desperately need you.

Whatever may be your future great achievements, your trophies, your playthings—it’s all dust and ashes if you don’t become progressively more committed, more true and ardent lovers. Love your family and friends, honor your co-workers, and with a regard of love embrace the whole country and the world. Above all, love God with all your heart.

Sister Marie Julianne Farrington, SSMN, of the Sisters of St. Mary of Namur

The Uniqueness of You

You did it! Congratulations to you, your parents, and Sacred Heart University on achieving a truly important accomplishment. Savor this day—it has been a hard-fought victory. I am extremely honored to be asked to offer some thoughts and advice as a member of the Class of ’05.

The first piece of advice—don’t be afraid to express simple gratitude. Your first act as newly minted college graduates should be to stand up. Thank God, your parents, family, friends, mentors, teachers and school administrators upon whose shoulders you stood to make it successfully through the past 15 years of school. The relationship you have with this group should be protected, cherished and nourished because they are your “core” support system, your heart, the people who will give you unconditional love and the straight, tough feedback when you veer off course.

As you leave campus today, you will be entering your own personal reality show: The Amazing Race meets Survivor Get Set, Ready, the Real World of competition awaits you! I have great confidence that you and your generation are up to the task, but you have to realize that you’re entering a world where personal differentiation through competence, character, integrity, saved equity, stewardship and passion will dictate your ultimate success. Each of these characteristics is vital, and will become your coin of the realm. So you must focus on them, study them, and teach yourself to continue to learn about them throughout your life.

The hard work of figuring out who you really are, and what makes you special, plus what drives your motivation, are your next big challenges. The quicker you solve that riddle the better. Over the years of my career, I have had the privilege of mentoring many, many young people. My advice, which I first used myself, has been: Be brutally honest with yourself—no rose-colored glasses and wish lists based on what your friends are doing or the latest work fad. The marketplace will ferret out fakers pretty quickly. March to the beat of your own drum! Seek out your most trusted friends. Finally, remember that each of us is a gift from God. He has given each of us a soul, a special blend of talents and personality unique only to us, which are also gifts.

Right: Danielle Bahini, Class of 2005 President

COMMENCEMENT 2005

COMMENCEMENT SPEECH EXCERPTS

Left: SHU President Cernera with honorary degree recipients Geoffrey Boisi, Sister Marie Julianne Farrington, Farooq Kathwari

Below: Hispanic Adult Achievement Program (HAAP) celebrants from left: Communications Professor Jane Carlin, HAAP tutor; Zoila Vertiz; Frances Collazo-Curto, advisor; Maria Consuelo Ortiz, and Ivonne Revetria.
Shape the Debate

Make A Difference

No matter what we do, the most important thing in life is to make a difference. I hope that your education that we celebrate today has helped you to understand better than when you began, how it is you will make a difference. The world needs you to make a difference. But in your own search for meaning and happiness and purpose in life, it is absolutely critical that you discover where those places are, where those communities are, where those individuals are, with whom you can make that difference. That’s really what matters in life. Discover that sense of purpose, discover the meaning within that purpose, and you will have a secure place in your lives to deal with all the challenges of life. Don’t discover it, don’t attend to it, and you will leave yourself adrift.

So as you leave this academic community, but remain part of this academic family, I urge you to reflect deeply on the meaning and the purpose of your life and how each of you can make a difference. But most importantly, I invite you to consider the possibility of using your moral imagination to dream the dream about a world where the fun and the love may be down together, where no child has to go to bed hungry, where justice and peace can prevail. And if enough of us dream the dream, and start to make that the way we live, we can create a better world for our children and for ourselves. God bless you in your work and in your lives.

Dr. Anthony Cernera, SHU President, Graduate School Commencement

The Next Europe

As graduates, many with a number of advanced degrees, you each move forward today into an increasingly complex and challenging world. At the same time, we would hope, that together you represent, at least in part, the vanguard of young Europeans with the capacity not only for advancing your own careers but with the potential to renew the entire face of Europe.

I ask you to lead us forward, not to the “old” Europe, nor even a new Europe, but perhaps, with quiet confidence, to the next Europe; listening to the world, listening to your heart and resolving each day to making this world a little better than how you found it (what Dr. Cernera likes to call “healing the world”).

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An Exciting Road Ahead

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Those of you graduating today with MBAs and professional certificates, citizens of 13 countries from across Europe, from Syria, even a few Americans, you have all brought something special, something unique to these programs. You are all different, shaped by your culture and your language and your history, on everything from how to communicate to how to do business. The Luxembourgers in the group may take for granted how they easily move between cultures and languages, but it is not so commonplace for the rest of us. The richness of your collective experience has prepared you for the road ahead. It is an exciting road.

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According to the latest data released by the 2004 NCAA Graduation-Rates Report, Sacred Heart University ranks first in the Northeast Conference in graduating its scholarship student-athletes, and stands second among Division I institutions in Connecticut. The Pioneers trail only Yale University.

The statistics, which represent the progress of the freshman class over the last six years, show that SHU scholarship student-athletes graduate at an 85 percent rate, edging out Robert Morris University at 84 percent, followed by Wagner College at 83 percent.

“When the University trustees made the strategic decision in 1997 to elevate the University intercollegiate athletics program to Division I, it did so on the basis that the academic performance of our students would be enhanced by the classification change, not compromised by it. We cannot be more pleased with our student-athletes, their dedicated coaches or the wonderful support by our University’s academic advising team.” —President Cernera

Sacred Heart juniors Matthew Robideau (Massena, NY) and Kiel Adams (Rome, NY) were named to the All-Colonial Athletic Association Men’s Lacrosse First Team announced by the conference office.

Senior Tony Tanzi (Mahopac, NY) and Billy Fuchs (Merrick, NY) were named to the All-Rookie Team announced by the conference office.

First Team All-NEC pitcher, junior Chris Aldrich

Sacred Heart senior JoAnn Montesarchio (Cortlandt Manor, NY) and sophomore Brianna Bubeck (Bethlehem, NY) earned All-Northeast Conference Women’s Lacrosse honors after leading the Pioneers to a 10-6 record this spring. JoAnn earned a spot on the first team, while Brianna was named to the second team.

Sacred Heart senior Jay Monti (Malibu, NY) led the list of post-season award winners for Sacred Heart when he was named Northeast Conference Pitcher of the Year. He and his teammates, junior Chris Aldrich (Marlborough, MA) were the two pitchers named First Team All-NEC.

SHU head coach Nick Giagrotto was unanimously picked by his peers as NEC Coach of the Year, the first time he has won the award in the six years of Division I play by the Pioneers. Mr. Giagrotto is in his 18th season at the helm of the Sacred Heart program. Picked eighth in the NEC Pre-Season Coaches Poll, he led the pitching-rich Pioneers to a school record 16 conference wins and their first post-season appearance since joining the conference in 1999.

Freshman shortstop Ryan Nemcek (Endwell, NY), who was narrowly beat out for Rookie of the Year honors, was still selected First Team All-NEC after hitting .302 during the year.
## Field Hockey

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Governor Names Wayne Sandford MARS ’04 Deputy Commissioner of Emergency Management and Homeland Security

Governor M. Jodi Rell recently named East Haven Fire Chief Wayne E. Sandford to serve as deputy commissioner of Connecticut’s new Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS).

Mr. Sandford, who received a master’s degree in Religious Studies in 2004 from Sacred Heart, has been East Haven’s fire chief since 1992. He served as State Fire Administrator from 1982 to 1992 and, since 1983, has also been an adjunct professor of fire science programs at the University of New Haven.

DEMHS was established on January 1, 2005, under legislation passed last year, which combined the responsibilities previously shared between the Office of Emergency Management and the Division of Homeland Security. DEMHS is responsible for coordinating with state and local governments and private-sector groups to be sure they have the right equipment and do adequate planning and training to meet homeland security needs.

Taking the University’s Mission to Heart

In the fall of 1991, nervous new freshman Louis Elneus ’95 took University President Anthony J. Cernera’s remarks about making an impact on the world to heart. “I remember sitting there and realizing that I, too, could make a difference.”

Throughout college, Louis worked hard to do just that, throwing himself into community service activities as well as academics. But his commitment didn’t stop on the day he graduated. Today, Louis continues to serve others through Haiti Lumiere de Demain, or Haiti’s Light for Tomorrow. He helped create this special foundation to work with under-served schools in Haiti, his native country, by providing textbooks to students, training teachers, running after-school programs, and raising funds to build a library.

“My college experience helped me grow as a person,” says Louis. “Because of Sacred Heart University, I am able to make a difference in the lives of others.”

For Tom McCabe, politics was an accidental adventure: He stepped into the role of class president as a freshman simply because he wanted to try something different. “I figured, why not, this is college, and it’s time to start something new!”

Tom, the first in his family to attend college, served his class well, and went on to hold subsequent positions in student government, culminating with his election as Student Government president senior year and his decision to enter law school following graduation.

During law school, he continued to do community service work, helping to clean up New Haven parks and creating a school program with his fiancé, Christina Katoulas ’99, MAT ’01, to bring inner-city kids to Connecticut parks.

“Government work fascinates me,” Tom admits. “It puts you in a position of bringing a positive influence to large numbers of people.”

Now in his second year with U.S. Congressman Christopher Shays in Connecticut’s 4th District—a district that includes Sacred Heart University—Tom has experienced public service on a level far beyond that of most 27-year-olds. He handles veteran affairs and healthcare issues for Representative Shays, as well as consumer protection and banking problems that arise among his constituents.

“If you’d told me two years ago that I would know this much about Medicare law and veteran affairs, I might have laughed,” says Tom. “But now I see my role not only as a job, but in many cases as the last opportunity for some people who may not know where else to turn.”

“Hey, Sacred Heart University hasn’t produced a U.S. President,” he says with a laugh. “Yet.”

Despite his consuming work and community service commitments, Tom also continues to be involved with SHU through his work on the Alumni Executive Council. He is a strong proponent of getting Sacred Heart’s name out to prospective students and promoting the University to alumni.

“Commuters and residents all share a common bond in spending four years of our lives at this school,” he points out. “It’s only right that, when we leave, taking with us such strong bonds and memories, we do our best to stay involved with our alma mater.”

For Tom, being such a strong voice for others has carried him far in a very short time. Where will the road ahead take him? “Hey, Sacred Heart University hasn’t produced a U.S. President,” he says with a laugh. “Yet.”

Catch up with your classmates at Sacred Heart’s Online Community on Sacred Heart University’s newly designed website!

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Permanent Email—An Email forwarding address that never changes, even when you change jobs or email providers.

Career Center—Services provided to help you begin or advance your career.

Yellow Pages—Search for goods and services offered by other community members or place an ad for your business.

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Mr. McLeod currently serves as the chairman of the General Electric Corporate Foundation, a biotechnology company located in New Haven, Christopher K. McLeod and his colleagues are developing and commercializing a revolutionary way to sequence genes.

As Sacred Heart University trustee since 1996, the Fairfield resident believes that SHU education encompasses not only academic knowledge, but also develops in each of its students an understanding of his or her individual responsibility to the larger community—including those less fortunate.

Mr. McLeod is a role model for the SHU community. Currently serving as chair of the Board of Governors at his alma mater, Fairfield Prep, he was an Eagle Scout and currently serves as vice president for membership of the Connecticut Yankee Council of the Boy Scouts of America. He has volunteered his time in various United Way campaigns as well, including a term as a Stamford United Way Board member, and as its chair in 1996. He is a lector at weekend Mass in his Holy Spirit Parish in Stamford.

For Chris McLeod and his family—wife Elaine and their two children, Erin and Colin—giving is a family affair. His wife, a registered nurse, volunteers at AmeriCares health clinic in Norwalk, and his two children have participated in community service most of their lives. It was only natural, then, that this family should establish the McLeod Blue Skies Charitable Foundation—named in part for the family’s ancestry from Scotland’s Isle of Skye. Through this effort, the McLeod family contributed to the construction of the William Pitt Health and Recreation Center, and it continues to support the general work of the University through the Annual Fund.

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Sacred Heart University’s William H. Pitt Health & Recreation Center was transformed into a starry, starry night for its 16th Annual Discovery Awards and Scholarship Dinner on Saturday, April 23. More than 400 people attended this black-tie affair, which raised $450,000 for student scholarships. Discovery Awards were presented to People’s Bank chairman, president and CEO John A. Klein and Gabelli Asset Management chairman, CEO and CIO Mario Gabelli. Bridgeport’s Kolbe Cathedral High School Principal Jo-Anne Jakab received the Curtis Medal of Honor. Fashion Designer Joseph Abboud served as master of ceremonies for the evening. Event chairs were Bill Mitchell, vice chairman of Mitchells of Westport and Richards of Greenwich; Linda McMahon, CEO of World Wrestling Entertainment; and Mark E. Freitas, president and CEO of Frank Crystal & Company. The gala event began with a reception and silent auction. Guests dined on fine hors d’oeuvres while mingling and pursuing silent auction items as varied as jewelry and furs from Harpers of Fairfield, a Harley Davidson motorcycle, and a wide assortment of other gifts, including weekend getaways, art, theatre tickets and restaurant gift certificates. Festivities continued with the awards ceremony, a gourmet dinner, and dancing to the music of the Cartells.

Sponsorships began at $1,500, and individual tickets were $250. All proceeds benefited the University’s Scholarship Fund. Corporate and Community Leaders Honored at Sacred Heart University’s 16th Annual Scholarship Dinner

PIONEER OPEN BEAT THE HEAT FOR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

It was 92 degrees and sunny on the fairways at the Patterson Club in Fairfield, where Sacred Heart University held its 16th Annual Pioneer Open Golf Tournament on June 13. Despite the heat, the mood was cool and upbeat as 112 golfers hit the links to raise an estimated $70,000 to benefit student scholarships.

The scenic, par-71 course challenged the group of alumni, friends and University staff, especially on the par-3 holes, where they were eligible to qualify for a million-dollar hole-in-one contest, the “JetBlue Challenge,” with a “closest to the pin” shot.

At the end of the day, the four nervous “JetBlue Challenge” contestants lined up, hoping for a “one in a million” 150-yard shot on the ninth hole. For Chris Mitchell, that shot came only 11 feet, 1 inch short of a million dollars. But as the closest to the pin in the shoot-out, Mr. Mitchell earned the title of JetBlue Challenge Champion. An awards ceremony, silent auction and dinner followed the tournament, where the golfers bid on an assortment of gifts, including jewelry and furs from Harpers of Fairfield, shopping sprees at Mitchells of Westport, and a fabulous trip to Bermuda.

This year’s winning low-gross foursome, Bill Brennan, Mike Giaquinto, Paul Feathers and Glenn Grella, all of Fairfield, posted a 67. Dean Andrews, Paul McLaughlin, Andrew Banoff and Roger Sliby comprised the winning low-net foursome, finishing the course 19 under par, with a score of 52. The longest drive of the day was hit by Bob Baptiste, while Tony Coppola came in closest to the pin on a par-3 at 3 feet, 2 inches.

Official tournament sponsors included Artqtech Signs, Lanese Construction, Inc., Nextel, and E-Lite Technologies, Inc. The golf cart sponsor was Anthony & Reale, Attorneys at Law and the hole-in-one sponsor was Karl Chevrolet-HUMMER.
1983
Jerry Bazata (1983) and Jo-Ann Gorlo-Bazata are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Isabella Maria. She was born on December 3, 2004, in York Hospital, York, Maine, and weighed 7 lbs., 1 oz.

1988
Kenneth Klein (1988) recently passed the CPA exam in the state of Texas.

1991
Andrew Madison (1991) and his wife Jennifer welcomed their first child, Maya Lily Madison, born September 23, 2004, at St. Peter’s Hospital in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Andrew joined Options Group, a global executive search and strategic consulting firm. Previously, he was a senior partner with the Lucas Group and a legal search consultant with A-L Associates in New York.

1992
Steven Lizotte (1992) and Janine (Ouellette) Lizotte are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Natalie Elise. She was born on March 4, 2005, in Yale New Haven Hospital, and weighed 4 lbs., 7 oz. Mom and Baby are doing great but Dad is still freaking out!

1997
Brian Laen (1997) and Suzanne (Izykowski) Laen are moving to Harrisburg, North Carolina. Brian is going to work at Randy Marion Pontiac GMC Buick as an assistant service manager in Huntsville, and Suzanne will be teaching 1st grade at Antioch Elementary School in Matthew, both in North Carolina.

1998
Valerie (Hau) Fortney (1998) and Matt Fortney (1998) are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Aaron Michael. He was born on December 29, 2004, at Waterbury Hospital (CT), and weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz. His big sister Katelyn is adjusting very well. She loves to help hold Aaron and throw out dirty diapers!

Karen (McDougal) McBride (1998) and Donald McBride are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Alexis Nicole. She was born on January 19, 2005, in Danbury, Connecticut, and weighed 10 lbs.

Meredith (Lammens) Mahmood (1998) and Qamar Mahmood are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cameron Ray. He was born on January 27, 2005, at Winthrop-University Hospital in Mineola, New York, and weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz.

1999
Carris Nielsen (1999) and Brian Lampley are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Tyler John Lampley. He was born on July 19, 2004, in Norwalk, Connecticut, and weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. Ty is just the happiest baby ever! The parents are enjoying every second.

Thomas Petroillo (1999) recently accepted a position at the Democratic National Committee located in Washington, D.C., as a fundraiser. Thomas recently was employed at Voting Is Power as field director.


Heather (Pulsifer) Zukowski (1999) and Jan Zukowski are happy to announce their marriage on September 11, 2004, at the Providence Biltmore, Providence. They currently reside in Cumberland, Rhode Island. Alumni in attendance were Carolyn Volpe ’99, Meg (Hoffman) Simms ’99 and Mike Simms ’99. They enjoyed a honeymoon in Kauai and have begun looking for a home of their own in Rhode Island.

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Bob Matura, shown here with his wife Bernadette

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Do you think you would be a different kind of president at a secular institution?

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Sheila Bogan (2000, MAT 2003) recently accepted a position as the director of admissions and financial aid at the Dublin School in Dublin, New Hampshire. The Dublin School is a coeducational college-preparatory boarding school grades 9-12.

Aaron Chrostowsky (2000) was voted unanimously (5-0) to the position of town administrator by the Shaftsbury Selectboard. Shaftsbury is a town of 3,700 people in southeastern Vermont (www.shaftsbury.net).


Mike Moylan MBA ’99, and Terrance Lacey. Amy currently works for CIGNA Healthcare and is a member of the H1 Leadership Development Program.

Chantel (Johnson) Williams (2001) and Robert Williams are proud to announce the birth of a baby girl, Rahi Ann. She was born on January 4, 2005, in Norfolk, Virginia, and weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz.

2002
Sara Doyle (2002) and Stephen Vecchione are happy to announce their marriage on September 11, 2004, at Sts. John and Paul Church, Coventry, Rhode Island. Bridesmaids included Robyn Ostapow ’02, Cynthia Sallerberg ’02, Kimberly Gradale ’02 and Isabel Shadell ’02. Several other graduates of Sacred Heart were present at the celebration. Sara attends the Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, where she is also employed. The groom graduated from the University of Richmond (2002) and is studying for a master’s at Virginia Commonwealth University. They will visit Hawaii on their honey-moon during the summer of 2005 and live in Richmond.

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Victor Postemski (2002) received a Master in Public Administration degree from Northeastern University on April 30, 2005.

2001
Kyle and Natalie (Cote) Audette (2001) are happy to announce that Liam was born happy and healthy a few days before Christmas. Brother Harrison, now 3, is happy to have a playmate and both parents are enjoying the boys and the new things they do each day.

Amy (Foster) Wernicki (2001) and James Wernicki are happy to announce their marriage on October 25, 2003, in New Britain, Connecticut. They currently reside in New Britain. In attendance were the parents of Ashley Anderson ’01, bridesmaid Kathy Reilly ’01, and Angela Vernic ’01, Jess Andre ’02, Jen Pascoa ’03, and Erin Zych ’02.

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In Memoriam

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