A Magazine for Alumni and Friends of the University of Saint Francis
A circle of strength forms when USF Head Coach Kevin Donley teaches players not only about football, but about character and life. Donley’s ability to lead resulted in his record on Homecoming weekend as the coach with the most NAIA wins ever.
Double determination leads these look-alikes to make good use of the light from one of the luminaries lining Mirror Lake during Christmas at USF the first Sunday in December. For over 30 years, the university has invited the community to visit campus to experience some of the wonders of Christmas, including the Living Nativity and Lighting of the Lake, Christmas Concert, art exhibits and tours of decorated Brookside mansion.

Mrs. Will Rogers gets a surprise in a scene from “The Will Rogers Follies,” staged by the University of Saint Francis in the fall. The USF Performing Arts Center stage came alive for the first musical in the new downtown facility. The USF School of Creative Arts production depicted the life of legendary humorist and commentator Will Rogers in an extravagant, follies-style show.

Bowled over by the desire to help, students in Scott Ziegler’s ceramics class cast bowls for an Empty Bowls fundraiser. The effort raised money to support Interfaith Hospitality Network, a Fort Wayne homeless shelter that keeps families together. In another outreach, film students pooled their talents to create a film that educates children on the Rain Forest when they visit the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo.

Animal magnetism pulled Fort Wayne’s Theresa Schenkel, DVM, into a life of pet health care, and won’t let her go. The USF graduate serves the needs of dogs and cats as a dentist, surgeon, diagnostician and preventive care specialist. As an added perk, she gets to know and gain the trust of their two-legged owners. It’s a circle of support for domestic animals reliant upon their caretakers for healthy lives.
Dear Alumni and Friends,

The past semester at the University of Saint Francis can appropriately be called a time of “firsts”—first musical in our new USF Performing Arts Center downtown, first football coach to ever lead a team to so many NAIA victories, first opportunity for students to enroll in our Virtual Campus as part of the College of Adult Learning.

The list of things making USF such a special place goes on and on, and I hope you enjoy reading about some of them in this winter 2013 edition of Saint Francis magazine. It is your record of the latest chapter in the always transforming book of the University of Saint Francis.

This is an important year for us as a Catholic institution of higher learning. The Church has declared a Year of Faith during which we will engage our students, faculty and staff in activities that deepen our understanding of our faith and strengthen it in our daily lives. We will continue to implement "Ex corde Ecclesiae," Blessed Pope John Paul II’s Apostolic Constitution on Catholic higher education, to strengthen further the Catholic identity of the university.

This year we are also celebrating the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration, the sponsoring congregation of the University of Saint Francis. On October 13, Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades, Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend, will celebrate Mass on our campus. You are all invited to attend the Mass and mingle with the sisters and members of the university community during the reception that will follow.

Our downtown campus continues to develop, and we look forward to locating the recently developed Media Entrepreneurship Training in the Arts (META) program there in the future. The purchase of the Mizpah Shrine building and associated parking greatly increases our downtown parking capacity for students, faculty and staff, while the acquisition of the Fort Wayne Chamber building creates space for the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership. With our Performing Arts Center already busy with concerts, lectures and plays, our plan continues to gather momentum.

But as we expand, we remain focused on our Franciscan value—“Encourage a trustful, prayerful community of learners.” That community is all of us—our university leadership, our alumni making a difference in their professional spheres, USF students contributing their gifts on campus and in the community, and faculty striving to equip students for lives of service.

We invite all of you to visit us to experience the University of Saint Francis. Join us for a play, sporting event or art exhibit. Participate in a service project. Tour our campus facilities and drop by Brookside to say hello. The door is always open, and you are always welcome.

May the Lord bless you.

Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF
President
TRUSTFUL, PRAYERFUL
COMMUNITY of LEARNERS
Before the show, the university feted trustees, business partners, alumni and other friends at the Chairman’s VIP Reception in the center’s lower level. Hors d’oeuvres and champagne added to the festive atmosphere as the group celebrated the musical extravaganza and the university’s plans for its downtown campus. Cast members in follies-style show costumes, along with Will Rogers himself, played by local actor-director Brad Beauchamp, circulated among the guests, ramping up excitement for the show to come.

Rogers Rings True

The show captured American humorist Will Rogers’ homespun humor and political satire in an exuberant musical with singing, dancing and elaborate costumes. In an election year rife with political controversy, his jokes—“I’m not a member of an organized political party. I’m a Democrat”—along with his poignant radio address delivered at the height of the Great Depression at the behest of U.S. President Herbert Hoover, were reminiscent of today’s socio-political climate, director Leslie Beauchamp said.

“One of the most interesting facets of the show is the observation that ‘the more things change, the more they stay the same,’” she said. “Although a staunch Democrat, Rogers was well known for joking about both parties. A supporter of Roosevelt’s New Deal, he wrote, ‘Lord, the money we do spend on Government and it’s not one bit better than the government we got for one-third the money twenty years ago.’”

Rogers made sobering observations as a humorist, she said. In a radio address, he said this about the state of the country after the Great Depression: “Here we are in a country with more wheat and more corn and more cotton and more money in the bank and more of everything in the world. There’s not a product you can name that we haven’t got more of than any country on Earth, and yet people are starving.”

USF made its Performing Arts Center the place to be in Fort Wayne Nov. 9, as approximately 700 special guests and audience members gathered at 431 W. Berry St. for “The Will Rogers Follies,” the first musical staged in USF’s downtown center.

Photos by Tim Brumbelue
A Little Song and Dance

The show appropriately depicted the life of Rogers, the comedian and headliner of the Ziegfeld Follies, through a series of Follies-like variety acts, in a place with Ziegfeld Follies history—the group once performed in the Scottish Rite Center, now the USF Performing Arts Center.

The show opened on Broadway in 1990 and ran for nearly a thousand performances. It won six Tony Awards, three Drama Desk Awards and the New York Drama Critics Circle Award for Best Musical. Classic musical numbers included “I Never Met a Man I Didn’t Like” and “Give A Man Enough Rope.”

For more information on upcoming USF Performing Arts Center productions, visit usfpac.com.

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-WILL ROGERS
Dr. Joe LaRosa wears a lot of hats—medical professional, husband, father, church music minister, volunteer and teacher. And because he strives for balance, he chose USF’s online Master of Healthcare Administration (MHA) to give him the career options he needs to guide his life—where the Holy Spirit leads.

After an 18-year practice in obstetrics and gynecology in south Indianapolis, he joined the Franciscan Alliance (F.A.) in 2007, as the medical director for St. Francis Health Network in Indianapolis, which is the insurance arm of the hospital. From the beginning, he set about bettering himself.

“When I started at St. Francis Hospital, I wanted to continue my education, so I got an MBA at the University of Indianapolis, and loved school and the energy that it created for me,” he said. “It gave me an alternative passion in the interaction with students and professors.”

He was looking for an MHA program when a chat with USF’s Sister Marilyn Oliver pointed him toward Fort Wayne. “I told her I had completed the MBA, and she suggested I check out the MHA at USF.”

Inner promptings gave him direction. “I felt the Holy Spirit planted me on a journey to make my life more whole,” he said. “Part of the reason I chose the online MHA was the MBA had taken so much structured on-site time and demanded considerable out-of-classroom time devoted to group projects. I wanted to keep learning, but the on-site learning environment was stressful. I have five kids and wanted the balance of family. I also have tons of evening meetings. The appeal was class could be where and when I needed it. I felt Franciscan Alliance wanted me to explore it, and I have regained the balance.”

A balanced education is also requisite to success for today’s doctors, as the Affordable Care Act has changed their roles and how they are compensated, he said.

“The MHA is highly valuable today,” he said. “To be more competitive in the marketplace, you need enhanced leadership, because business has changed for doctors. They must understand insurance, government and hospital leadership, which are very reliant upon each other. In the future, hospitals will get bundled payments of one lump sum without a fee schedule, and you divide up the cash. We will need to understand all of it. Leaders need business, policy and other knowledge. That’s driving some out and attracting others.”

Facing the apparition of less pay, doctors should broaden their education, he said. “Hospitals see the MBA or MHA as a point person to sift through the government stuff. Doctors can enhance their livelihoods in a number of ways: They can work longer hours, evening hours or Saturdays once a month; freelance at Urgent Care; work for insurance like I do and be involved with reviews and credentialing; work for the government; be a consultant; or teach. All are alternative career enhancements which the MHA prepares you for.”

Franciscan Alliance doctors are uniquely positioned to expand their education while supporting their employers, he said. “When Franciscan Alliance doctors realize, ‘I can do this in my living room, and F.A. can provide an environment where I’m helping my own hospital and keeping the education in shop,’ they will be excited,” he said. “Doctors love learning and school, and some do career enhancement learning. They eat it up because they want to be the best at their craft.”

He found the online MHA process and experience remarkable. “The USF/F.A. partnership is incredibly over-the-top easy to take advantage of,” he said. “I made a phone call, got materials to review and pray over, filled out an online application—it was all very well thought through. I learned My Cougar Connection and Blackboard, and the library and Help Desk were very helpful. I feel everyone’s my friend and wants me to succeed and have a pleasant experience. Admissions and academics were very supportive. There’s 100 percent accountability, no mystery—it’s been incredible.”

Our values and those of our companies should intertwine, he said. “We want to create stronger people for the system where we are growing together, and train them the right way. I take pride in the fact that twice a day and before meetings, we have prayer at St. Francis Hospital. All of USF professor Wendy Bodwell’s lectures start with prayer or scripture.

“We’re about living for Christ and walking the pathway Francis walked. He gave it all up to help lepers and rebuild the church, and that’s what this is all about.”
“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 4:19
That’s what University of Saint Francis School of Creative Arts (SOCA) students and faculty members experienced through volunteer projects completed this past summer and fall.

In July, computer arts major Blayke Kaufman and alumnus Andrew Lane, along with Eric Pennycoff and Josh Kampfe, were USF film students with work selected to air on PBS 39 as part of the Three Rivers Film Festival. The festival, a joint effort of Fort Wayne’s Cinema Center and PBS 39, celebrated visual arts through the work of local amateur film and video makers.

While the film festival award and TV exposure are kudos in themselves, Kaufman and Lane’s piece, “Rain Forest,” stands out in another way. The USF animation students produced it voluntarily as an internship for the Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, which now uses it to educate young visitors on the fragility of the world’s rain forest ecosystems and mankind’s responsibility to protect them.

Interestingly, a child’s question launched the project. “I was at the zoo with my family, and my daughter asked if I did any video for the zoo,” computer animation professor Matt White said. “I told her, ‘No, but I should start.’ I went to the zoo’s Cheryl Piropato and presented the capabilities of Saint Francis. She put her trust in our students, and the rest is history.”

White and his students share credit for the video, however. “We had help from communications and music technology students, as Jade Haag did the voice-over and Zach Gibson did the music and sound effects for the piece,” he said.

In September, students in ceramics instructor Scott Zeigler’s class used their skills for the second consecutive year to benefit Interfaith Hospitality Network, the only emergency shelter that keeps area homeless families together.

The 12-year-old Interfaith Hospitality Network is particularly stretched because it both houses and feeds resident families, said Ahnee Conner, board chair for the shelter. “It’s a quiet ministry, and like most nonprofits, all the money is taken up by keeping the lights on and the doors open,” she said. “We rely on grants and foundations for funding. Various congregations throughout the year bring in the evening meal that week for the families. We still scrape for money to pay the bills.”

When Conner visited her sister in California, she heard of the nationwide Empty Bowls effort to support food banks, and thought the idea fit Interfaith Hospitality Network’s situation. So she launched the first Empty Bowls fundraiser for the homeless shelter last year, with the help of Zeigler and his students.

“I contacted Scott, who is such a great person, with a big heart,” Conner said. “He met with a potter, Steve Smith, a ceramics teacher at Defiance College for 10 years, who has a shop on Lake James. He spent a day with Scott and his ceramics students and they threw bowls so fast—like one every 10 seconds. The students prepared the clay ahead of time—there are eight steps before it hits the wheel—then it’s shaped, fired and decorated. It was a huge production.”

The resulting brightly-colored, original bowls became part of Empty Bowls for Interfaith Hospitality Network. Area churches agreed to hold simple bread and soup luncheons the last two Sundays in October and the first two Sundays in November, with a charge for the meal and a donation for the bowl benefiting the shelter.

This year Zeigler and his students produced up to 350 bowls for the fundraiser, which had expanded in its second year to include 10 churches as luncheon hosts. The first fundraiser raised around $5,000 for the homeless shelter. With the expanded church support, Conner hoped to double the amount of money raised to support homeless families in the Fort Wayne area.

Like food, SOCA student and faculty talents nourish the community with a rich community service menu—enriching us all.
A few years ago, physician assistants had no training in palliative care. Holly Pilewski, who completed her M.S. in physician assistant studies at USF in 2008, not only discovered her passion for it, she is helping other physician assistants to enter the profession.

Palliative care deals with the stresses of serious illness, said Pilewski, now a physician assistant in the specialty at Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C. "It provides patients relief from the symptoms, pain and psychological or spiritual stress of a serious illness, no matter the diagnosis," she said.

As a graduate of Indiana University's kinesiology program and USF's M.S. physician assistant, she got plenty of experience with serious illness in the Emergency Department at Bloomington Hospital. "I loved emergency medicine, but wondered why so many people with serious illness were bouncing back and forth into the ER. Who was supposed to be educating patients and families about medical care choices and disease processes? Why were elderly patients going through treatments that were not going to improve quality of life? Then my own loved one quickly became ill and died under hospice care. I saw what hospice could do for people and wondered about this as a career path," she said.
Now, she works in the hospital setting with medical doctors, social workers, a nurse and hospital chaplains to identify goals and help patients and families understand illnesses and treatment options. Palliative care differs from hospice care because it can occur at the same time as curative treatment. It is relevant at any stage for any age patient suffering from cancer, congestive heart or renal failure, dementia and other conditions.

Delivered by teams like Pilewski’s, it dramatically improves the quality of life. “Palliative care matches patients' values and goals to medical treatments, oftentimes preventing unwanted treatments and readmissions to the hospital. It is a great support system and advocacy for patients and families,” she said.

But only recently has it become part of the training for PA’s (Physician Assistants), and Pilewski is leading the effort to involve more of them in the field.

“Palliative care is a relatively new and rapidly growing specialty in the United States,” she said. “There are very few PA’s in it because it was never a part of the curriculum in PA schools until recently. I am involved in educating about it locally and nationally. I will be presenting on how to integrate a physician assistant into palliative care at the annual American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) conference in Washington, D.C. in May.”

She also leads an AAPA constituency organization, Physician Assistants in Hospice and Palliative Care. “It started with a group of four women I met in Las Vegas at the annual conference in 2010,” she said. “I embraced their enthusiasm for getting PA’s more practice rights and making this career opportunity known. I became their communications chair, and now I am in charge of the website (www.pahpm.com), assisting with membership and other projects. It is still a very small group, but I am amazed at the number of emails I get every week from PA’s nationally interested in palliative care.”

She is involved with the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Care, authored a presentation for the Carolinas’ End of Life Care Conference, and mentors new employees and PA and nurse practitioner students. “My passion comes from knowing I have prevented suffering and helped a family in a time of distress,” she said. “I am also excited because there is still so much to learn. I feel like a pioneer for physician assistants in palliative care, and the opportunity is endless. I think this was truly my calling, and I just had to wait for the door to open up.”

USF taught her to think clinically and find information, she said. “I learned how to admit what I did not know and proceed without giving up. USF gave me the skill set to overcome challenges and critically think through a situation. In a relatively new field with very few PA’s, this has helped me to open doors for many others, educate and not be stopped by the barriers I run into.”

To others seeking a new path, she says, “Keep an open mind, embrace the relationships you make along the way, and work hard. Anything is possible!”
Considered outrageous after the zipped-up Edwardian fashions for women that preceded them, Art Deco women’s fashions lit up Weatherhead Gallery for the Presidential Gala, “Fashionable Art: Apparel from the 1920s and 1930s,” staged in high style by the School of Creative Arts in September.
Perfect weather and pristine collections of vintage clothing, accessories and Art Deco-style Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival posters combined to attract around 650 guests to the Rolland Center and its tented outdoor patio area. The gathering represented record attendance for the gala, which annually opens the arts season at USF.

Fort Wayne collector Don Orban loaned the beautifully preserved gala exhibit, which remained in the gallery for the public’s enjoyment through Oct. 12. Dresses with beading and ornamentation weighing up to five pounds glistened for fascinated viewers crowding the gallery. Clever and detailed bags, fanciful hats, feathered headbands, long sparkly necklaces and earrings and large-stoned jewelry filled the adjacent accessories display, while Auburn artist John Souder talked about his decades of work on the ACD Festival posters lining the nearby halls.

Hors d’oeuvres, beverages and energetic music by End Times Spasm band kept the opening night scene lively.

In the weeks that followed, those who couldn’t make it to the opening cleared special time on their calendars to take in the exhibit at their leisure. On a perfect September forenoon, Susan Braun and Tauna Griffith of Fort Wayne, both fashion merchandising majors in college, browsed the collection with delight.

Griffith, who described herself as “very tactile,” trained her expertise on the fabrics. “The base would be silk—it’s very strong, and there’s a sheer organza which is strong underneath,” she said. “The floppy dresses made it easier to dance,” Braun observed of the boxier silhouette of some designs. The fashions evolved in response to the Victorian era, in which a woman’s behaviors, as well as her garments, were expected to reflect restraint and control, Griffith said. “It goes in tandem with women having more freedom of choice.”

A short time later, Dianne McIntosh of Fort Wayne took advantage of a day free of her duties as director of outpatient therapy for Parkview Hospital to catch the exhibition. “I knew if I didn’t get it done today on my day off, it might slip by,” she said.
IF PUSH COMES TO SHOVE

USF grad educates on BULLYING and students with disabilities.

BULLYING. Its very aspect rallies fight-or-flight hormones in those who’ve experienced it.

It’s a hot-button topic, at an international level. Statistics show it causes long-term damage, especially in VULNERABLE, SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN.
Fortunately, knowledge is power, and Chad Rose, who earned a bachelor’s in education at USF in 2001 and a master’s in 2005, stands at the forefront of those researching and educating on the topic as it relates to students with disabilities.

His passion for special education and behavior led to a doctoral degree at the University of Illinois, where he worked with professors specializing in social and emotional learning. That put him on the path to ensuring classroom learning means a multi-faceted experience. “Too often, we push academics, but our lives also include social and emotional development, and we don’t do a great job recognizing that in our schools,” Rose said during a visit to campus to present to USF education students this past fall.

Rose’s international research and presentations focus on tools for educators to use for the full inclusion of all students into the general education environment. “I believe all students should be included. It’s hard to justify the benefits of segregated environments for students with social and emotional learning needs because students learn, practice, and validate social skills among their same-aged peer group,” he said.

Students with disabilities have particular problems because their disorders can put them at either end of the spectrum—the bully or the bullied. “There are diagnostic criteria with each disability. Students with learning disabilities may receive high academic support, which may make them highly noticeable. They can appear dependent, which is a risk factor to be bullied,” he said. At the other end of the equation, those with emotional and behavioral disorders can engage in high-level aggression, causing them to be labeled as bullies.

However, recognizing characteristics that lead to bullying can lead to change. “If we say the characteristics associated with disabilities can be risk factors, we can implement interventions to support both victims and bullies. This is possible, because one context or grade level doesn’t necessarily mean the bullying situation will carry on throughout school, because bullying is a fluid process,” he said.

Teachers should look for signs of potential bullying, he said. “Anything that goes against the norm can be a risk factor for involvement. Anyone who appears different from their peer group or lacks age-appropriate communication skills can be targeted.” Physical vigilance can help. “Teachers should increase their monitoring of high-risk areas such as halls and playgrounds, and create highly structured classrooms,” he said.

But teachers can’t be everywhere at once, so education on the subject must take place in the classroom. The term is “Response to Intervention,” which incorporates a multi-tiered model for bullying intervention that Rose and his colleagues support.

“The idea is to empower bystanders, who are the majority, to influence the minority who are bullying,” he said. Bystanders can become stakeholders in the outcome when they are empowered with what to say, how to act and whom to contact when they witness a bullying situation.

“A protocol on what happens to the bully, the victim and the witness must be established. The witness needs to know he or she will be protected. And bullying needs to be securely defined,” he said.

The federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act (now No Child Left Behind), which is set to be reauthorized sometime during the current administration, will contain language and support for Response to Intervention, Rose said. He praised USF as a national leader in the area of special education. “They do an amazing job. I’ve heard on national levels how USF operates with its undergrads. It’s one of the only schools in the country with dual-certification for secondary as well as elementary teachers. That’s an amazing approach to this inclusion issue. If they are not trained, teachers really struggle with those pedagogical skills. USF has forged a road with dual-certification at the secondary level,” he said.

He looked forward to visiting with USF’s Dr. Ann Hernandez as she prepares for retirement. “Her passion was contagious. I wouldn’t be where I am today without her—I owe her and USF a debt of gratitude.”

Now an assistant professor at Sam Houston State University (SHSU), he teaches courses in emotional/behavioral disorders and quantitative research methods. He serves on legislative committees for the Council for Learning Disabilities and the Counseling and Human Development Division of the American Educational Research Association, and has authored or co-authored several book chapters, reviews and empirical investigations exploring the interplay between special education identification and bully perpetration and victimization. Dr. Rose has received numerous honors and awards.
Caring for critters is all Fort Wayne veterinarian Theresa Schenkel, DVM, has ever known. Born into a family of animal lovers, she even shared crib rights with best friend Sylvester, the family’s adopted stray.

“I got my passion for animals from my dad, who’s a special person. He had every pet imaginable, and if he could save all of them in the planet, he would. My mom said I was 4 or 5 when I first talked about being an animal doctor,” Schenkel said in her office at Pine Valley Veterinary Clinic this fall. A visit to a local animal shelter, where her mother’s friend volunteered, strengthened the feeling. “I toured it, and what got me was the people and the work they do. That did it for me.”

Choosing USF was a power move for her—as in higher power. “I feel God has a calling for everyone, and that had a lot to do with where I went,” she said. “Most would have gone to Purdue pre-veterinary studies. But I played high school volleyball and was offered a starting position and scholarship. I went to the Science Symposium weekend and also got an academic scholarship. That sealed the deal.”
USF’s biology program prepared her so well, she gained entry to Purdue’s veterinary medicine program on her first try. “USF had everything I needed, and I got a much closer education. I knew them, they knew me and the instruction was one-to-one. You can’t get that at Purdue. Of 600 applicants, I was among the 60 accepted.”

But she gained something besides excellent education—she made lifelong friends. “My USF connections are still my friends,” she said. “We’re a family. Our kids play together. Athletics was a part, science was a part. They’re all little families.”

Now a veterinarian for over eight years, she has treated a range of pets, but found her greatest satisfaction in treating dogs and cats. With a special interest in feline medicine, she enjoys wellness, preventative care and education most.

“Cats need to be seen more,” says the American Association of Feline Practitioners member, and her clinic lowers the stress for feline patients by separating cat and dog waiting areas. Obesity and diabetes are common house cat health threats, and Schenkel’s group has an arsenal of weapons to battle them.

“We have a weight control plan that requires measuring out the calories and having mandatory play time. Low-calorie diets and placing food in a little puzzle box to get it out helps, and cats love feather and laser toys. And some will go for a walk,” she said. Routine physicals, vaccines and parasite prevention are all part of the picture, along with dental care. Dogs are susceptible to allergies, which lead to ear and skin infections. Her group works closely with board-certified dermatologists who get to the bottom of the irritation, whether air- or food-borne. As some breeds are predisposed to allergies, and all have unique dispositions, those choosing pets should consider a variety of factors. “Be prepared and have a plan in place,” she advises families seeking a pet.

Unfortunately, pets sometimes suffer traumatic injuries, so Schenkel pulls on the surgeon’s gloves. “It’s rewarding when a patient that’s been sick gets through it. Accident victims are hard to treat, but some of them are amazing. They can be hit by a car and up walking the next day,” she said.

With children Gracie, almost 5, and Jonathan, nearly 2, German shepherd Alexis, and cats Prince Ali, Lizzie and baby Bruce at home, she still finds time to give back through science seminars and as an athlete-mentor for USF. She’s also involved with the pre-veterinary program and Career Day at IPFW. For all her animal expertise, humans clearly matter to Schenkel. “Most of us want to work with animals, but you work with people, too,” she said. “You meet so many, become close and learn so much from their walks of life. It’s a window to their psychology.”

So in a circular way, focusing on the simple creatures we all know and love helps her better understand that most complex of animals—mankind.
While a swirl of festive holiday activities has thrilled visitors during the over-30-year history of Christmas at USF, one new tradition has completely captured the regional community’s attention — Christmas in the Castle.
The tours of Brookside, the former summer estate of turn-of-the-century industrialist John Bass, satisfy the community’s almost unquenchable thirst to know and experience life as it was in the grand stone castle. But not only can visitors peek into the doors and drawers of the home’s history during Christmas in the Castle, they can do so in the midst of luxurious seasonal decorating by local designers.

Treatments ranging from whimsy to lustrous elegance play to the intricate woodworking, inlaid tiles, murals and fabrics of the meticulously restored mansion. Christmas trees, mantel dressings, table centerpieces and floral arrangements combine to complement, not upstage, opulent Brookside.

But while visitors explore the Bass family’s history during Christmas in the Castle, they simultaneously experience university history. When the Sisters of Saint Francis of Perpetual Adoration moved Saint Francis College from Lafayette to its present site in 1944, the mansion saw service over the years—as classrooms, library and, at one time, the entire school. Now restored to its former grandeur by the Sisters, it houses administrative offices while serving as an education and history resource.

Brookside’s complex history lifts the newest USF holiday tradition beyond the merely decorative to a piece of collective past the university shares with its community.

**Campus busy for Christmas at USF**

A record number of community members set aside the usual holiday hustle-and-bustle to attend numerous events at the university’s annual Christmas at USF on Dec. 2.

Christmas in the Castle, rapidly expanding as a regional holiday favorite, wowed over 1,300 visitors on Christmas at USF Sunday, with a record 2,700 local residents enjoying the tours both weekends and on Senior Day in the Castle on Dec. 7. Local residents toured all three levels of restored Brookside, with crowds flowing evenly throughout the well-organized event, according to tour coordinator Jan Patterson.

A packed house enjoyed the annual Christmas Concert in the North Campus auditorium at 7 p.m. as well, taking time before and after the show to browse through highlights from the university’s permanent collection in Lupke Gallery. An alumni and faculty exhibition was also open to the public in Weatherhead Gallery at the School of Creative Arts.

The Living Nativity and Lighting of the Lake drew broadcast media attention this year. Luminaries purchased in memory or celebration of loved ones or special events ringed Mirror Lake magically as USF students, faculty and staff members reenacted the first Nativity.

Warm and damp, rather than cold and snowy, weather heralded USF’s Christmas celebration for the community, as sky-watchers gathered in Schouweiler Planetarium to view the winter sky over Fort Wayne and learn how the star of the magi may have coursed through the heavens over Bethlehem in olden times.

For over 30 years, USF has invited the public to campus to enjoy the beauty and meaning of the Christmas season, held in such reverence by the USF community and believers everywhere. Christmas in the Castle repeated the second weekend in December and the Star of Bethlehem planetarium show was offered again on the second and third weekends, to the delight of visitors.

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**Video highlights**

To experience treasured moments from Christmas at USF, use your mobile device to access them through this QR code or visit sf.edu/christmas.
USF STUDENT AND CROWN POINT INSTRUCTOR PROVES POWER OF EDUCATION

IMAGINE STUDYING BY CANDLELIGHT AND FLASHLIGHT in an abandoned house with no power.

USF Crown Point clinical instructor and USF Master of Science-Family Nurse Practitioner degree candidate Nanette Lindesmith overcame just such a bleak scenario to work her way through college and become a registered nurse. After eight years in the intensive care unit (ICU) at Franciscan St. James Health in Chicago Heights, she now contributes her expertise in ICU and maternity to USF Crown Point students. This May, she will achieve her professional goal to become a family nurse practitioner.
She knows a lot about self-empowerment. Through sheer grit, will and determination, she overcame the domestic violence that shattered her family to reach for what she knew would save her—education.

“I remember being 19 and studying by candlelight and flashlight in a house that both my parents abandoned,” she said. “I was more concerned about my anticipated grade than being alone in a home in the process of foreclosure. Looking back, studying in the dark by flickering candlelight symbolizes how I got here. At times my journey has been dark, troubled and hard, but that flicker of light proved to be radiant! My strength came from acknowledging my harsh reality and refusing to continue that lifestyle—and I knew education was the only way out.”

After graduating from Bolingbrook High School in 1995, she earned a Bachelor of Science in health and human development services at University of Illinois at Chicago in 1999 and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing at Purdue University Calumet in 2004.

She completed her first degree without the family support so necessary for success.

“I commuted back and forth to Chicago for my classes, worked two jobs, and at times lived on Campbell’s soup and ramen noodles to pay for my tuition,” she said. “At times I didn’t know how I was going to pay for it, but in the end I managed to get it done. It was disheartening to not have the family support so many people take for granted, but I think I am stronger because of it.”

USF bolstered her strength and supported her professional momentum.

“My experience with USF Crown Point has been wonderful,” she said. “The staff made my transition from student to faculty a great experience. As a grad assistant, I was fortunate to work with students and their academic needs. As an adjunct clinical instructor, I am blessed to continue to meet those needs. I am very grateful for the support and opportunity that USF has provided for my educational and professional goals.”

She sees her life experiences and her role as educator as the means to empower others.

“I refuse to hold on to the emotions that made those experiences so significant,” she said. “Pain, the effects of verbal and physical abuse, emotional disconnect, anger, low self-esteem, shame and resentment paint the picture of domestic violence. Though my earliest memories date back to kindergarten, it wasn’t until a year ago that I acknowledged, through my community health class, the environment that I and so many other young women and children experience. With acknowledgment comes acceptance, which leads to triumph and healing.

“As a future advanced practice nurse, I have been trained to recognize the signs of domestic violence, abuse or neglect within a home. My experience with domestic violence will make me more sensitive to the issues my patients face, and I hope to exemplify a life of peace, support and success.”

She holds her students to her own strict standards.

“I constantly tell my students to aim higher,” she said. “Don’t think of graduation as a day of completion, but as a moment that opens the door to advance to a higher level. No excuses! I get up every day and realize what I need to do for myself and my family. I apply this to everything I do, and I learned it at a very young age.”

Don’t go it alone, she advises.

“For those who are battling issues, know that your struggles don’t have to be your own. Find the strength within yourself and from those who support your goals. Believe that good can come from any bad situation, and build on that belief.”

She embraces each new experience.

“While I’m a student, I also wear the hats of mom, wife, nurse, graduate assistant and adjunct clinical instructor. For fun, I am also an independent stylist for Stella & Dot. My achievements are ongoing, and I am continuously thankful to God for his abundant blessings.”
During the day, it took more than a little pouring rain in the forenoon to dampen the spirits of alumni and friends gathered on campus. Participants enthusiastically supported the theme, “There’s No Place Like Home,” by turning out in numbers, in spite of iffy weather. Events like the morning Cougar Spirit Run/Walk found 37 participants toeing the line for the spirit cause, while alumni athletes revisited their home fields for soccer, baseball, softball and basketball games.

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Over 100 alumni and friends of USF attended tailgates. • 200 attended Alumni and Lettermen’s Club tents. • 6th kickoff return touchdown for Austin Coleman set USF record.

Men’s results:
1-USF student Ryan Taylor, time 16.29
2-USF student Alex Trippel, time 16.49
3-USF student Cole De’Nise, time 17.20

Women’s results:
1-Natalie Wiegmann (BS ’05), time 20.42
2-USF student Jessica Huelsman, time 22.26
3-Shannon (Mohan) Martinez (BA ’01), time 22.35

Tent for food, beverages and a great view of the game while catching up on news of kids and careers. Fans swapped sports views and chatted with Head Football Coach Kevin Donley and his staff over a hearty fare of ribs, beans, cornbread and giant brownies at the Meet the Coaches dinner adjacent to D’Arcy Stadium at 4 p.m. Donley made no forecast on a Cougars victory. “I’ve been doing this a long time, and you never know,” he said.

After dealing Concordia a crushing blow in the first football game under the new stadium lights, he received his acknowledgments honoring his 257 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) wins, the most in history. Fort Wayne Mayor Tom Henry declared Sept. 22 Kevin Donley Day in Fort Wayne, dedicating the year in the Citizen’s Square database to Donley, the winningest college football team in Indiana for 15 years. NAIA President Jim Carr congratulated Donley on his career and impact on young lives, calling him “a true champion of character.”

USF Athletic Director Mike McCaffrey then uttered the last two words of the evening: “Lights out.” Chants of “Cougars! Cougars!” from the crowd added to the booming light show.

Save the Date! Homecoming Weekend this fall is Oct. 11-12.
When did you know you wanted to coach football?
I grew up in central Ohio, and if you didn’t play, there was something wrong with you. That’s when I first remember fear. I had an ex-Marine sergeant as my Catholic Youth Organization coach, and I remember my first injury that drew blood. I got sent right back in. But it was important character development. I knew before college I wanted to coach football because, number one, I love the game, and number two, I saw what I learned and thought I could use it positively to help young men become tough, overcome adversity and establish a value system to carry them the rest of their lives.

How has your coaching philosophy evolved?
When I first started in 1973 coaching high school, I heard the idea that you treat every player the same. When I coached college in 1978, I learned that statement was false, because each student-athlete is different and you need to find out what buttons to push to motivate him. It’s an environment where each guy motivates himself. It’s a process. With my team, I start with one-on-one conversations with each of them, and every position coach does the same. There’s a list of things I want to know—does he have involved parents, his background, what’s important to him. By the second season, I have to have also had a conversation about his personal world and how he will make a difference. I’m not at 100 percent. I give myself a B. I realized you’re not saving mankind. I used to take it personally when a kid flunked or dropped out. Now I realize I can’t change everything.

What role does character play in winning— in athletics and life?
You don’t have much chance, regardless of talent, if there’s no character, in football or anything else. This year, we spent more time than ever on developing what’s important. Some of the guys had wristbands printed with character traits. Number one is integrity—if we can’t trust each other, there’s no basis for success. Number two is passion to achieve and become your best. Number three is faith in yourself and your team, and if you have all of those, then you have number four, which is unity.

Do you give your athletes rules to follow?
I tell them to obey the laws of the land and the university, do what I ask and you’ll have great success. Live by those values and you’ll have a chance.

Did you grow up in the Catholic school system?
Yes, and I was a pistol, so I got whupped at school and then you go home and get it again for getting in trouble at school. From Monday-Friday, I was a 6 a.m. altar boy for Mass. This is why this is such a home to me. Of course, I blanched when I first saw the nuns, because I thought I was going to get cracked, but they are just so kind. Coming back here reconnected me with the church.

Do you have a philosophy for living successfully?
Don’t count the days, make every day count. Make wise choices, put in 100 percent effort, treat others with respect and dignity, and you’ll get it back. Follow the Golden Rule.
Do you have a most rewarding coaching moment?
Seeing individual players succeed. Some athletes have popped in after 20 to 30 years and I get to see how they’re doing. Three years ago I got a strange package at Christmas time. I was head coach at Anderson for my first college job, and on a Friday night my beat-up car wouldn’t start. I went to the players’ dorm to get jumper cables, and four of the guys were having a beer. That was against the rules, so they had to sell programs at the next day’s game. So in the package were jumper cables. I was on that student all the time, and he grew and matured. He said, “Coach, I did all right—I’m retired now with an outdoor advertising company.” It’s really neat to see what they’ve done with their college degrees.

Is there something special about this place that nurtures success?
It starts with people. I had an immediate bond with the president, who entrusted me to do my job. I didn’t want to hire people with my skills; I wanted people with their own skills. My job is to then monitor and measure to make sure it’s all working.

Are you proud of your NAIA accomplishment?
Sure, but football is the ultimate team sport. It’s a tribute to the players and coaches of 30 years. I’ve been very fortunate to accomplish all these things, and I’m proud to coach at USF and the success we’ve had.
Cougars Continue Success

The football team continued its success, with Head Coach Kevin Donley’s NAIA record-setting career win No. 257, another league championship and a record nine Mid-States Football Association (MSFA) players of the week. The 15th season also extended a consecutive streak of NAIA Top 25 appearances to 167, beginning in the program’s second year in 1999.

The season added a locker room of memories to the rich history of one of the top programs in collegiate football, including the program’s 14th consecutive winning season, a University of Saint Francis record for any athletic program.

The win over No. 1 Saint Xavier was the Cougars’ first over an NAIA No. 1 ranked team, and critical to earning a share of the 10th Mid-States Football Association Mideast League championship. When starting quarterback Josh Miller went down with an ankle injury, David Yoder came in to close the deal, connecting for a breathing-room touchdown with his roommate, tight end Clayton Smith.

USF then lost at No. 1 Marian, as possibly the first team in NAIA history to face the No. 1 team in the Top 25 in back-to-back games. The Cougars then traveled to No. 5 William Penn, recording a 28-19 win and followed with three more wins, including a 22-17 victory over Baker University (Kan.) at Bishop D’Arcy Stadium.

USF football successes include:

- Tied with Marian and Saint Xavier for 10th MSFA Mideast League Championship
- Head coach set new career NAIA win record after 14th consecutive USF winning season. Named MSFA Mideast League (MEL) co-Coach of the Year for the eighth time in 15 seasons
- Upset then top-ranked Saint Xavier University 25-13
- Began five-game winning streak at No. 5 William Penn, vaulting into playoff and first NAIA Football Championship Series home game since 2008
- Advanced to quarterfinals with 22-17 win over 11th-ranked Baker (Kan.) University
- Set NAIA career record for kickoff return touchdown when Austin Coleman completed eighth in three years during USF Marian loss. First Cougar with two 100-yard returns
- Senior center Brice Darling (New Castle, IN/New Castle H.S.), Capital One Academic All-America® first team selection for second consecutive year. Lance Carey (Leo, IN/Leo H.S.) and Matt Carden (Wakarusa, IN/NorthWood H.S.), second team selections
**Kudos to the Cougars**

**GRIDDERS EARN 2012 ALL-MIDWEST LEAGUE TEAM SPOTS**

**Football**

Senior **Austin Coleman** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Harding H.S.) was named All-MEL first-team wide receiver and return specialist. Sophomore **Antoin Campbell** (Springboro, OH/Springboro H.S.) got his second first-team selection at running back after setting a USF regular-season rushing record. Junior **Kollin Carman**, punter (Columbus, Ind./Columbus North H.S.), was also first team.

First-time first-team selections included senior **Brice Darling** (OL, New Castle, Ind./New Castle H.S.), junior **Cam Edwards** (OL, Bloomington, Ind./Bloomington North H.S), sophomore **Taylor Brown** (DB, Chesterton, Ind./Chesterton H.S.), and junior **Cory Stamps** (DB, Indianapolis, Ind./Lawrence North H.S.).

**STUDENT-ATHLETES EXCEL**

**Women’s Soccer**

Sophomore defender **Sarah Freygang** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Snider H.S.) was selected for the 2012 Capital One Academic All-America Team, the first USF sophomore ever chosen for the national honor. The nursing major with a 3.98 GPA is a two-time all-conference first-team defense selection. She was one of four sophomores named to the Capital One Academic All-America Third Team, and one of just four Crossroads League (CL) members.

“`We’re really proud that Sarah’s dedication in the classroom as well as on the pitch has been recognized nationally,” said USF Head Coach Christy Young. Freygang started all 19 games, contributing two goals and three assists for seven points for the 10-9-1 Lady Cougars, who advanced to the CL tournament semifinals.

USF defender **Kelsie Strout** (Carmel, Ind./Carmel H.S.), was named to the 2012 National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Women’s Soccer All-America team. The sophomore NAIA A-A Honorable Mention selection distinguished herself as a Crossroads League first-team selection on defense for the second consecutive season. She started every game, even contributing two goals and one assist as a defender. USF finished 10-9-1 overall, sixth in the CL with a 4-4-1 record, and advanced to the CL tournament semifinals.

Freygang, Strout and freshman **Heather Jones** (Seymour, Ind./Seymour H.S.) were named to the 2012 All-Crossroads League team chosen by the CL women’s soccer coaches.

**Men’s Soccer**

USF center defender **Zach Baron** (Fort Wayne, Ind./Leo H.S.) earned 2012 Capital One Academic All-America® College Division first team selection after making the second team as a junior last year. He is the first USF athlete to be honored twice. The College Sports Information Directors of America selects honorees.

Baron, an accounting major with a 3.99 GPA, was team captain while taking 18 credits and working at least 16 hours a week. “This is a tremendous honor for Zach, who has been a leader on this team all four years here at USF,” Head Coach Mitch Ellis said. “He always put our team first.” Baron had two assists as a senior for the 7-11 Cougars, started in 36 of 37 and played in all games the last two seasons.

Sophomore midfielder **Jason Walcutt** was named to the 2012 CL All-Conference Team. Walcutt (Fort Wayne, Ind./Carroll H.S.) was an All-CL Team second-team selection after he led the Cougars and tied for the CL lead in points scored per game (1.67).

**Tennis**

Junior **Chelsea Selking** earned her third consecutive selection to the CL all-conference tennis team. Selking (Decatur, Ind./Adams Central H.S.) finished with a 10-1 record at No. 1 singles and won her first eight matches, finishing 5-1 in CL play. Selking was 7-6 overall at No. 1 doubles, 3-5 in conference play.

Find all athletics schedules, the most up-to-date results and news at saintfranciscougars.com.
Twenty-one USF Cougars were 2012 Daktronics-NAIA Scholar-Athletes, based on classroom achievements. Juniors with a minimum 3.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale qualified.

**Football**
- Matt Carden / DL / Jr. / Wakarusa
- Lance Carey / DL / Sr. / Leo
- Brice Darling / OL / 5th Year / New Castle
- Rex Drabenstot / DL / Sr. / Huntington
- Benjamin (B.J.) Moore / WB / Jr. / Macy
- Anthony Moore / DL / Jr. / Fort Wayne
- Devon Rush / LB / Jr. / Fort Wayne
- Joseph Torres / LB / Jr. / Munster

**Women's Soccer**
- Emma Charais / MF / Sr. / Fort Wayne 
- Abigail Christian / GK / Jr. / Fort Wayne
- Cort Nunley / D / Jr. / Fort Wayne
- Samantha Sordelet / F / Jr. / Fort Wayne

**Men's Soccer**
- Grant Anikienko / F / Jr. / Hobart
- Chris Zanoni / MF / Sr. / Hudsonville, Mich.
- Josh Wilson / D / Sr. / Pendleton
- Zach Baron / D / Sr. / Fort Wayne

**Women's Cross Country**
- Nichole Wellman / Sr. / Fort Wayne

**Men's Cross Country**
- Cole DeNise / Sr. / Sydney, Ohio
- William Greene / Sr. / Ossian
- Joseph Molnar / Jr. / South Bend

Submit Your Sport Memories

If you played a collegiate sport at Saint Francis and would like to share your stories or if you have old uniforms that you would like to include in the USF Athletics 50th anniversary this coming school year, email to 50years@sf.edu.
USF alumna and PBS39 producer/director Amber Warnick has four words for aspiring broadcast media professionals: Roll up your sleeves. Starting with Fort Wayne’s public television station as an intern 12 years ago, she worked on live shows part-time before becoming a full-time production assistant. Two years later, she was promoted to producer/director. And since PBS39 is non-profit and funded primarily by community donations rather than big-money networks, producer/directors do it all.

“At school I learned to write, edit, shoot and do design and studio work. That made a big difference, because we wear a lot of hats here,” Warnick said. “I do field, studio, production and on-air work, and sweep the floors if I have to. I work with budgets and clients.”

While TV production sounds glamorous, it’s hard work, she said. “People see the on-air version of what we do. It comes off clean and put together. What they don’t see is what goes into even a short 30-second spot.”

Warnick loves the creative tapestry of a production. “My favorite is behind-the-scenes work on all aspects,” she said. “Pulling it together and knowing what we do positively impacts our community can’t be described in words.”

Ideas come from different sources. “Local productions are generally subjects all sorts of people pitch to us,” she said. “When a project is judged financially viable, our Corporate Development Department secures underwriting for production. We can’t create a project, and then ask for funding—that’s not fiscally responsible. We never forget the community supports PBS39.”

Public broadcasting sometimes means a rugged schedule. “I work from roughly 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., but during fund drives I could work until 11:30 at night. There are plenty of crazy hours and special events, and you do it for the good of the station. Fortunately, we believe in the mission and jump in.”

She enjoys overseeing the underwriting. “I go places I’d never go ordinarily, visiting all sorts of businesses,” she said. “I’ve lived in Fort Wayne my entire life, but my career enables me to experience the community in a new way.”

USF prepared her to excel. “When I started, the TV/film studio was in the basement of Bonaventure Hall (now Pope John Paul II Center),” she said. “Three years later, the Rolland buildings were acquired and renovated, so I helped move the studio there as part of my senior apprenticeship. That was very helpful at PBS39. Since we rely on grants and donations, sometimes our equipment needs a little more ‘TLC’ than something brand-new. My early technology grounding helped me troubleshoot things instead of relying on someone else.”

USF had everything she wanted. “The Christian atmosphere lined up with where I was,” she said. “The environment was laid back. It was small, close-knit and I could play volleyball at the collegiate level. I loved the sense of community and my adviser, Jane Martin. The staff genuinely supported my success and would help if I struggled. And I’m eternally grateful for the financial support. Without it, I may not have experienced Saint Francis or be where I am today.”

She tells students, “You can do what you dream of, but sometimes you take smaller jobs to get the big ones. You probably won’t just jump into your dream job. But being prepared, experienced and open-minded can take you a long way.”
USF Downtown Campus on the grow

USF has expanded its downtown Fort Wayne presence with the purchase of the Greater Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce building at 826 Ewing St. as a home for the Keith Busse School of Business and Entrepreneurial Leadership. The new location in the heart of the business community is expected to spur entrepreneurship opportunities.

The purchase moves the business school adjacent to the USF Performing Arts Center at 431 W. Berry St. The university purchased the former Scottish Rite Center in January 2012 as a performance hall and location for its Media Entrepreneurship Training in the Arts (META) program.

“Since META intersects with business courses, locating the study centers near one another makes for a creative and active downtown campus,” said President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF. “The move also provides more space for the business school’s other programs and opens up main campus space for the School of Arts and Sciences.”

In the fall, the university announced its intent to purchase the Mizpah Shrine building at 407 W. Berry St., and its associated Main Street parking lot. The purchase is expected to be complete early in 2013. The structure stands between the Chamber building and USF Performing Arts Center.

“The Mizpah Shrine building purchase brings the university’s downtown plan full circle,” said University President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF. “It was our hope from the beginning to have this piece of the puzzle to secure sufficient parking for our Downtown Campus.

“Our expanded presence in downtown Fort Wayne creates additional opportunities for students to connect with mentors and to facilitate internships,” she said. “Experiential learning is invaluable to developing innate talent. Students who build resumes while they are still in school have an obvious advantage after graduation.”

Brothers appointed interim USF Crown Point dean

Sister Elaine Brothers, OSF, has been appointed interim Dean of the University of Saint Francis Crown Point.

The Corporate Vice President of Education for Franciscan Alliance, the Mishawaka-based healthcare system of 13 Indiana and Illinois hospitals, she now also manages the ongoing operational, financial and personnel activities of the campus and leads the faculty in all academic matters. Special projects include implementing two new associate degree programs in 2012-2013 and serving on the University of Saint Francis-Franciscan Alliance Task Force.

“The University of Saint Francis is pleased to welcome Sister Elaine Brothers as our interim Dean of the Crown Point campus,” said University of Saint Francis President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF. “Her extensive experience in higher education administration makes her a wise choice to lead the campus and facilitate our continued growth in students and programs for the 2012-2013 academic year.”
USF enrollment up

USF welcomed 2,366 new learners to campus in the fall, the largest enrollment in school history. The growth is largely attributable to generous financial aid packages to “direct out of high school” students, retention initiatives and the launch of adult learning options through a new Virtual Campus, said USF President Sister M. Elise Kriss, OSF, at the annual Opening Convocation and Mass. Crown Point also experienced growth. The enrollment of 189 students represented a 20 percent climb over the previous fall and over 300 percent over fall 2007. Crown Point Director of Marketing and Development Sandie Phalen attributed the rise to community support, more programs and the Virtual Campus, which sees adult learners through to degree completion.

Grant funds nursing scholarships

The Health Resources and Services Administration of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded USF a grant of $275,700 for scholarships to students in the final year of the Master of Science in Nursing—Nurse Practitioner (MSN-FNP) program. The grant is the first in a two-year cycle that should bring the program similar funding next spring. The Advanced Education Nursing Traineeship (AENT) funds will provide up to $22,000 per eligible full-time student and up to $11,000 per eligible part-time student for tuition and fees, textbooks and reasonable living expenses during the traineeship.

Formula for Life expands outreach

Expanding its support for Our Lady of Perpetual Help Orphanage in northern Haiti, USF student-led Formula for Life volunteers have raised $48,000 and received an additional $45,000 worth of donated supplies to build a new facility to house up to 100 children. Construction of a larger permanent residential home will begin soon. These same energetic student volunteers are busy preparing for the signature Formula for Life 5k walk/run and silent auction on April 14. The students have committed to supporting the orphanage until it reaches its goal of self-sufficiency. Contact faculty representative, Dr. Amy Obringer at aobringer@sf.edu for more information.

Alumni, students and staff can connect with community service opportunities through USF.

Run or walk in the Formula for Life 5K on April 14, beginning at 1 p.m. at Hutzell Athletic Center on the USF campus, and bid on silent auction items to raise funds for Our Lady of Perpetual Help orphanage in Haiti. Other opportunities are available. For more information, contact Center for Service Engagement Director Katrina Boedeker at 260-399-7700, ext. 6791 or kboedeker@sf.edu.
1. Honoring MLK’s Legacy — The USF community participated in a number of service projects — making blankets, knitting warm clothing and making pet beds — to help others as part of MLK service day at the North Campus Jan. 21.

2. Givers Celebrated — Around 70 Mother Maria Theresia Bonzel Society members were feted with a celebration in the USF Performing Arts Center on Oct. 17 for their generous lifetime of giving to the university. With President Kriss is Fort Wayne attorney Jane Gerardot.

3. Blankets of Support — A service learning project in Patricia Luckey’s Human Growth and Development class — making no-sew blankets for assault victims — benefited the recipients and the USF students who made the blankets.

4. Helping the Homeless — USF nursing students volunteered at Restoration House and Charis House for homeless men, women and children in Fort Wayne, cleaning living quarters, serving a meal and raising over 500 items to make their lives more comfortable.

5. All about Art — Nationally known ceramics artist Carrie Longley gave a workshop hosted by the SOCA Ceramics Club during the fall semester. Longley exhibits her work throughout the United States and has received numerous awards.

6. Walking in Their Shoes — Participants in a School of Professional Studies poverty simulation played out life scenarios requiring prioritizing and money management to learn how people fall into poverty and how to avoid it.

7. Hanging History — For the first time in over 10 years, a Christmas wreath purchased with the Scottish Rite Center hung for display at the USF Performing Arts Center. USF Operations restored the lit display after finding it in storage.

8. Blessed are the Meek — A Blessing of the Pets to recognize the Feast of St. Francis, the university’s patron saint, took place in September near the St. Francis statue. Pets of all sizes, shapes and species were brought for a blessing.
9. **Art in the A.M.** — Art education student Seth Bauserman was among School of Creative Arts students working with students in the Saturday Morning Art Program. The program is taught by the school’s art education students every spring and fall semester.

10. **Feeding the Fort** — Galloping Gobbler runners contributed food donations to University of Saint Francis’ sixth Feed the Fort food drive before toeing the line in the local Thanksgiving 5K at USF. Food went to local food banks for the needy in time for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

11. **Welcome to Campus** — USF students enjoyed activities geared to welcome new and established students during Welcome Weekend in September. Students also moved into dorms, purchased books and prepared for classes.

12. **Klin Culture** — Student Sarah Suraci was one of the students involved in the three-day, 24-hour process of feeding the fire for the wood kiln, used for firing ceramics created by students and faculty in SOCA classes.

13. **Scary SOCA** — The School of Creative Arts (SOCA) held its third annual Halloween Party on Oct. 26, complete with karaoke, scary movies, flaming barrels, pumpkin carving, costume prizes and tons of food.

14. **Educating Future Educators** — Indiana Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Tony Bennett visited education students in the School of Professional Studies to answer questions about new education standards and the profession’s future.

15. **Getting the Lead Out** — USF chemistry students used a grant procured by Professor Andrea Geyer to perform lead paint screenings and conduct a health fair in the Hamilton Park neighborhood near USF on Spring Street.

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**USF is alive with activity!** These images reflect just some of the ways students, faculty, staff and the community interacted throughout the past semester to make our university a great place to learn and grow.
GREATER LAKES REGION ALUMNI EVENT

Night out at Second City

WHERE: Second City Comedy Club, 1616 N. Wells St., Chicago, Illinois
WHEN: Friday, March 22, 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Pre-show reception, main stage comedy performance
RSVP: Maria Didier by March 14 at 260-399-7700, ext. 6410 or mdidier@sf.edu

ST. JOSEPH COLLEGE ALUMNI EVENT

St. Joseph Hospital School of Nursing Reunion

WHERE: USF North Campus
WHEN: Friday, April 26, 6 p.m.
DETAILS: Join your nursing school classmates to catch up on all the events of the past years
CONTACT: Maria Didier at 260-399-7700, ext. 6410 or mdidier@sf.edu or Tatiana Walzer at 260-399-8051 or twalzer@sf.edu

USF ALUMNI EVENT

TinCaps Baseball Game

WHERE: Parkview Field Treetops Rooftop party area
WHEN: Saturday, June 8, 7:05 p.m.
DETAILS: Game, food, pregame entertainment and post-game fireworks
RSVP: Maria Didier by May 31 at 260-399-7700, ext. 6410 or mdidier@sf.edu

USF ALUMNI EVENT

Zoo Day

WHERE: Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo
WHEN: Saturday, Sept. 14
DETAILS: Special activities to commemorate this family-favorite event. Alumni lunch, activities, discounted zoo admission, and one free ride ticket
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USF ALUMNI EVENT

Homecoming Weekend

WHERE: USF Campus
WHEN: Friday and Saturday, Oct. 11 and 12
DETAILS: Alumni awards and games, Cougar Spirit 5k, alumni gathering area, tailgates, Homecoming football game, USF Athletics 50th Anniversary alumni gathering tent

For more information on USF Alumni events, visit sf.edu/alumnievents.

2012 Homecoming Recognitions

Alumni Awards recipients

Athletic Hall of Fame recipients

Alumni of Achievement Award recognition

Nominate for the 2013 Alumni Awards
Nominate alumni for Distinguished Alumna/Alumnus; Young Alumna/Alumnus; Distinguished Service Alumna/Alumnus; or Honorary Alumna/Alumnus. Nominations are due on March 31.

NOMINATE ONLINE AT sf.edu/alumniawards

QUESTIONS? Contact Jessica Swinford, director of alumni relations, at 260-399-8032 or jswinford@sf.edu.

Nominate for the Athletic Hall of Fame
Nominate alumni athletes for the Athletic Hall of Fame awards. Nominations can be made five years after completion of eligibility and upon receiving college degree. Nominations are restricted to all USF alumni, coaches, trainers, USF friends, Fort Wayne media members and USF administrators. Nominations are due on March 31.

NOMINATE ONLINE AT saintfranciscougars.com/halloffame

QUESTIONS? Contact Bill Scott, sports information director, at 260-399-7700, ext. 6223 or bscott@sf.edu.
Zoo Day always a favorite

Over 400 USF alumni, friends and family members braved the cool sunny October weather to attend the ninth USF Day at the Zoo. Once again, the group enjoyed an array of activities at the Foellinger lawn area—balloon artist demonstrations, face painting, Zoo Mobile and a children’s entertainer. Inside the award-winning Fort Wayne Children’s Zoo, families enjoyed watching the animals in their habitats and complimentary train, skylift, carousel and river rides. Save the date! USF Day at the Zoo this fall is on Sept. 14.

Breakfast with St. Nicholas a success

Over 130 alumni, children and family members attended Breakfast with St. Nicholas during Christmas at USF the first weekend in December. Kids enjoyed a breakfast buffet, story, activities, game stations and photos with St. Nicholas. All had a chance to support a Christmas charity by collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for the Volunteer Center RSVP to help bring a little warmth to the community.

check out the alumni e-newsletter!

Why wait for the next Saint Francis magazine to learn of alumni news and coming events? Stay updated! Sign up for the alumni newsletter at sf.edu/newsletter.
Yuletide the World Over

USF’s Yuletide Gathering continues to gain popularity. Nearly 200 alumni of all ages and classes celebrated the season with their guests at the open house in the traditional elegance of Brookside, which was decked out for the holidays by local florists and designers. The flexible format allowed everyone to arrive and depart as schedules allowed. Guests enjoyed the opportunity to sample fine wines and beers from six countries while tasting foods from each culture. The event also gave everyone a chance to catch up on career and family news in a festive holiday environment.

Chairman’s VIP Reception

Over 700 USF trustees, donors, alumni and friends were treated to a champagne reception and buffet of elegant appetizers in the festively-lit Ballroom in the USF Performing Arts Center as part of the Chairman’s VIP Reception in November. The reception gave the group an opening night viewing of the USF production of “The Will Rogers Follies,” the first musical staged in the downtown center, and a taste of the type of events likely to be staged there. During the reception, costumed cast members mixed with guests as they chatted and anticipated the extravagant song-and-dance show. The former Scottish Rite Center was purchased by USF in January 2012.
1960s:
John Sorg (MSE ’68) has been teaching for 50 years at Bishop Luers High School, and is the first lay teacher in the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese to teach that long. He has taught biology, health, physical education, anatomy and physiology. In addition, he has coached football, basketball, track, cross-country and boxing for 21 years. For 10 years, John served as an athletic director, and he officiated soccer, basketball and swimming for 38 years, both at the high school and collegiate levels. He has traveled to 27 foreign countries and has taught 38 summers at the Culver Academy Sports Camp.

1970s:
Annette (Bracht) Mann (AS ’78) received her Bachelor of Science degree in art education from Huntington University in 1983. Her three sons graduated from IPFW and work out of state and overseas, two in South Korea. Annette and her husband, Alan, live one block from the University of Saint Francis now, but they previously lived in Japan, Saudi Arabia and elsewhere due to their involvement with the U.S. military after college. Annette mentioned how funny it is that she began at St. Francis College (SFC), lived all over the world, and now is right back where she started. She remembers her summer trip to Europe with faculty from SFC like it was yesterday. Annette has very fond memories of the wonderful times spent with college friends.

1980s:
Sandra Hadley (BSE ’81) is working at the Freedom Academy in Fort Wayne as the director of marketing. • Karen (Rase) Foltz (MSE ’83) is a middle school guidance counselor and health/PE teacher at Bluffton Exempted Village Schools.
• Nancy (Vaden) Gardner (MBA ’84, MSN ’06) is working at St. Joe Medical Group–Dr. Ryan Cardiology in New Haven, Ind. as a nurse practitioner. • Valerie (Breen) Ahr (BBA ’85) is working for the City of Fort Wayne as a deputy controller.
• Rhonda Rickard (BSE ’85) is a principal at Salt River High School in Scottsdale, Ariz. • Dr. Laurie ( Hess) Sperry (BS ’86) is an associate professor at Griffith University in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia.

1990s:
Jennifer Didrick (BS ’95) is an environmental manager for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

2000s:
Vince Beasley (BSE ’00, MSE ’04) recently accepted a position at EMCOR Group Inc. as a business development representative. • Michelle (Oglesby) Hutchinson (ASN ’00) is working at Wabash-Miami HHC & Hospice as a clinical charge nurse. • Tim Jackson (BBA ’00) and wife, Audra, welcomed Timothy (Ty) Joseph Jackson on July 25. Ty weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces and was 20 ¾ inches long. • Sandra Rude (BSW ’00) works at the State of Indiana Bureau of Developmental Disabilities Services as a generalist.
• Deanna Beauchot (BBA ’00, MBA ’03) is working at Petroleum Traders in Fort Wayne as a strategic growth and development officer. • Angie (Mattusek) Whitwer (BSN ’01) currently works at Cook Biotech Incorporated in West Lafayette, Ind. as a complaint system specialist. • Shannon (Dunbar) Meyers (BSE ’02) gave birth to Crew Martin Meyers on Dec. 14. He weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21.5 inches long. Camden and Cohen are proud big brothers. • Jenni (Mason) Baatz (AS ’03) is a surgical technician at the Orthopedic Hospital of Lutheran Health Network in Fort Wayne. • Bethany (Oesterle) Clapper (BBA ’03, MBA ’08) is director of development at McMillan. • Amy (Boesch) Ray (MS ’05) is working at IU Health in Indianapolis as a physician’s assistant.
• Michael Bitler (BSW ’06) is working at Bethesda Lutheran Communities as a program manager. • Bryan Umberg (BS ’06, MS ’09) is working as a physician assistant at Professional Emergency Physicians in Fort Wayne. • Holly (Slater) Gish (BSN ’08) got married on Aug. 4 to Kevin Gish. • Adam Mettler (BBA ’08, MBA ’10) is working for the Sugar Land Skeeters minor league baseball team as a customer service coordinator. • Jenny (Mignard) Rolph (ASN ’08) is working at Southwest Healthcare Services in Bowman, N.D. as director of nursing. • Lauren (Kowalenko) Pothier (BS ’09, MS ’13) is a physician assistant at Indiana Radiology Partners.
2000s continued:

* Jenna (Meredith) Sanders (BSN ’09) was elected vice president of the Foundation of the National Student Nurses’ Association (FNSNA). Mrs. Sanders was elected to the Board of Trustees in 2009 and has served as a trustee until now. She has been closely involved with the National Student Nurses’ Association (NSNA) for eight years and continues her dedication to student nurse leadership through her work with the FNSNA. Her leadership involvement with NSNA began when she served as treasurer of her school student nurse chapter at the University of Saint Francis (2005-2006). She was then elected to serve as president of the Indiana Association of Nursing Students (IANS), and she served two years on the national board of directors, both as vice president (2007-2008) and president (2008-2009). Jenna is a registered nurse at Canterbury School in Fort Wayne, where she coordinates medications, medical records, required health screenings, emergency care provision and health education for staff and faculty. * Jeff Wedding (BSE ’09) is a school teacher at Riley Hospital for Children at IU Health in Indianapolis.

2010s:

Jean (Marqueling) Longsworth (AS ’10, BLS ’12) and Adam Longsworth (BLS ’08) were married on Oct. 22, 2011. They reside in Fort Wayne. * Derrick Shreck (BBA ’10) is the graduate retention program manager for the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce. * Eric LeCount (BSN ’11) is a registered nurse at IU Health Goshen Hospital in Goshen, Ind. * Jessica Tyrell (MS ’11) is working as a physician assistant at Spectrum Health in Michigan. * Sarah (Arnett) LeCount (BSW ’12) and Eric LeCount (BSN ’11) were married on Oct. 6. Sarah is working at the Center for Community Justice as a victim offender reconciliation program caseworker.

* Nataly Ross (AS ’12, BS ’13) is working at OrthoIndy as a surgical technologist. * Erin Kingsbury (MS ’13) recently accepted a position at EMI - Emergency Medicine of Indiana in Fort Wayne as a physician assistant. * Jessica Simon (MS ’13) is working at West Michigan Urgent Care as a physician assistant. * Lisa Tubbs (MS ’13) is working at Emergency Service Inc. in Columbus, Ohio as a physician assistant. * Ryan Weiss (MS ’13) is working at Professional Emerging Physicians as a physician assistant. * Rachel Yanikov (MS ’13) recently moved to Ohio to work as a physician assistant at Premier Physician Services.

in memoriam

1930s

Edna Emma Bruns, Class of 1932*

1940s

Alberta E. Schaper, Class of 1947*
Norma Agler, Class of 1948*
Florence G. Tucker, Class of 1949*

1950s

Joyce Meek, Class of 1950*
Patsy Marilla Carpenter, Class of 1957*

1960s

Donna May Drerup, Class of 1962
Carlotta Fox, Class of 1962
Dorothy M. Wynn, Class of 1964
Valerie D. Miller, Class of 1964*
Patricia Ann Martone, Class of 1966
Rosemary Mason, Class of 1968
Paul A. Rush, Class of 1969
Charlene June Davis, Class of 1969

1970s

Joyce A. Reynolds, Class of 1970
Melbra D. Kerr, Class of 1971
Kathleen M. Henkel, Class of 1971
Phyllis Gunderson, Class of 1972
Rolland R. Cameron, Class of 1973
Keith R. Bradtmiller, Class of 1975
Alan R. Chambers Jr., Class of 1979

1990s

Linda K. Plasterer-Eber, Class of 1993*

*From Lutheran Hospital School of Nursing—Lutheran College of Health Profession
General Motors has positioned itself at the forefront of manufacturers in terms of sustainability, and Robinson described the many ways in which GM constantly employs recycling to produce no-landfill production facilities. “Sustainability is a long-term point of view. It’s not a separate part, but embedded in the business plan at GM,” he said. “For every element of the business plan there is a corollary sustainability element built in—from our designers to our accountants.”
It's all in the numbers

He cited statistics demonstrating the company’s use of the adage “reduce—reuse—recycle” to save money and protect the environment, within a few miles of the auditorium in which he spoke. The Allen County GM plant southwest of Fort Wayne sends no waste to landfills and uses 28 percent less energy than a few years ago, he said. The plant also derives 21 percent of its energy from landfill gas, making it the second-largest user of landfill gas in the country.

But GM hasn’t limited itself to recycling its own waste—the company even used waste from the 2010 British Petroleum oil spill to clean up the Gulf Coast while producing parts for some of its automobiles. Robinson described the company’s purchase of 227 miles of oil-soaked booms from the Gulf Coast clean-up, diverting them from landfills. After extracting the oil, the company converted the by-product into virgin resin for auto parts. “And on a cost-neutral basis, those air deflectors end up under the hood of the Chevy Volt,” he said.

USF’s green efforts are steps in the right direction, he said after his presentation. He called the student Eco Club a good start, and student and faculty environmental endeavors “team sports.”

Adding layers to the examination of sustainability in business was a panel of CEOs from businesses noted for sustainability efforts. Dr. Joe Steensma, USF biology graduate and professor in the school of business, moderated. A sustainability expert himself, Steensma launched Industrial Solutions Group in 1999, growing it into one of the most well-known and respected environmental health and risk management companies in the United States in his 10 years as owner-manager.

Mike Cahill, Tower Bank CEO and panelist, thanked forum organizers Mike O’Neil, former USF business professor, and Liz Unger, USF EPIC program director, for their efforts with the event. “We are privileged to have a university like the University of Saint Francis, which brings an event like this to town,” he said.

gifts that keep on giving

As most of you know, the University of Saint Francis relies heavily upon our cherished alumni and friends to help promote the many new programs, building additions, renovations—and the list goes on! Perhaps you, too, could consider giving to USF so that our future students may benefit from the fruits of your labor.

Following are some ways that you could give to USF. Perhaps you have never really thought about one or the other of these methods of giving. They are simple, easy—and oh, so helpful and appreciated.

**Gifts of Stocks and Bonds:** A gift of your securities, including your stocks and bonds, is an easy way for you to make a gift. By making a gift of your appreciated securities, you can avoid paying capital gains tax that would otherwise be due if you sold these assets.

**Gift of Real Estate:** A gift of your real property (such as your home, vacation property, vacant land, or farmland) can make a great gift. If you own appreciated real property, you can avoid capital gains tax by making a gift to us.

**Gifts of Retirement Assets:** A gift of your retirement assets (IRA, 401K, 403(b), pension or other tax deferred plan) is an excellent way to make a gift. By making a gift of your retirement assets, you will help further our education ministry.

**Gifts of Cash:** A gift of cash is a simple and easy way for you to make a gift. You will receive a charitable tax deduction that will provide you with savings on this year’s tax return.

**Gift of Insurance:** A gift of your life insurance policy is an excellent way to make a gift to us. If your life insurance policy is no longer needed or will no longer benefit your survivors, consider making a gift to USF.

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“A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

-LUKE 6:40

Business students Casey Loche (center) and Grace Geha (right) took part in USF’s CEO Forum. See related story on page 42.

March 1-26  Easter basket collection for Stop Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN)
March 22  Greater Lakes Region Alumni Event, Second City Comedy Club and Alumni women’s soccer versus USF soccer game and dinner
March 23  USF Spring Fling Soccer games
April 5-7, 12-14  USF spring play, “To Kill a Mockingbird”
April 26  St. Joseph School of Nursing All Years Reunion
May 4  USF Commencement
May 5  50th Year Brunch Reunion, Brookside
June 8  Alumni event, TinCaps baseball game
June 20  Lutheran 65th Year Reunion
Sept. 14  Zoo Day
Oct. 11-12  Homecoming Weekend

For more information on USF events, visit sf.edu/alumnievents.