On the cusp of its second century, Emmanuel College continues to provide learning experiences that unite the timeless with the future.
From guaranteed internships to travel courses to mobile app design, Emmanuel continues to infuse its liberal arts and sciences curriculum with innovative learning experiences that equip students for what’s next.

Emmanuel is transforming the Cardinal Cushing Library into a modern Learning Commons—a vibrant hub of academic life and active learning equipped with leading-edge technology.

ON THE COVER: The interior of the dome of the Pantheon and fractal architecture are two of the classical and contemporary elements that come together in this collage illustration by Sarah Hanson.
message from the president

Agility Amid Change

Even as our College community looks ahead to Emmanuel's Centennial in 2019, we are gaining a deeper understanding of our present moment and recognizing our past as an inspiring prologue to our second century.

In the last issue of Emmanuel Magazine, I reflected on the vision of Sister Helen Madeleine Ingraham, SNDdeN. As Dean from 1919 to 1950, she was instrumental in establishing the College's liberal arts and sciences curriculum, its charter, and even its name—Emmanuel. In this message, I shall recall the 1960s through the 1990s, a time of remarkable change in the wider culture, as well as at the College. The creative and entrepreneurial spirit that has long characterized the College was clearly evident during this period, just as it continues to animate our actions in response to emerging trends in today's higher education landscape.

At the Crest of the Wave

From the 1960s through the mid-1970s, Emmanuel students were at the forefront of national movements concerning civil rights, women's rights and U.S. military involvement in Vietnam. Throughout Boston, they participated in peaceful protests, while on campus they formed organizations such as the Black Student Union and welcomed prominent speakers, including Catholic Worker Movement co-founder Dorothy Day.

In and out of class, faculty members such as Sister Marie Augusta Neal, SNDdeN, professor of sociology from 1953 to 1991, challenged students to think critically about the vital issues of the time and to serve as informed and committed agents of positive social change.

The rise in student activism began just as Emmanuel was concluding an unprecedented building boom. In less than a decade, the College constructed four residence halls: Julie Hall in 1958, St. Ann Hall in 1962, Loretto Hall in 1964, and “super dorm” St. Joseph Hall in 1966. By the late 1960s, Emmanuel housed 1,000 of its 1,500 students on campus, moving from a primarily commuter college to a residential one and drawing students from throughout New England and beyond. This major advance in the evolution of the campus was a testament to the foresight and resourcefulness of the College’s leadership, particularly Sister Alice Gertrude Keating, SNDdeN (president from 1953 to 1960), and Sister Ann Bartholomew Grady, SNDdeN (president from 1960 to 1969), who secured pivotal financing from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
A Creative Path

In the 1970s, a significant shift took place in higher education as many colleges experienced dipping enrollments and rising debt. To increase the number of students and revenue, men’s colleges such as Princeton, Dartmouth, Boston College and Holy Cross became coeducational, a move that had significant implications for enrollment at women’s colleges, including Emmanuel. The College’s leadership, however, saw this as an opportunity and, just as in the past, began a process of reinvention—this time by looking to the neighborhood.

Recognizing that nearby hospitals employed numerous registered nurses—many of whom lacked bachelor’s degrees—the College launched degree-completion programs for working professionals. Our full-time faculty immediately adapted, teaching courses during the evenings and on weekends. Emmanuel became one of the very first colleges in the country to introduce these accelerated programs, which extended our mission to include male adult learners. As enrollment in Graduate and Professional Programs increased into the 1980s, the College opened satellite campuses around Greater Boston. Meanwhile, Emmanuel capitalized on the gift of its location, selling Julie Hall to Beth Israel Hospital, providing living spaces in St. Ann Hall for nurses from Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, and leasing Loretto Hall to Massachusetts College of Pharmacy.

A New Approach to Governance

As the composition of the student body was evolving, so too was Emmanuel’s governance structure. Throughout its first five decades, the College had a single board consisting of Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, along with an Advisory Board. The latter included Boston Archbishop Richard Cardinal Cushing and other prominent leaders such as John Fitzgerald Kennedy when he represented Massachusetts as a U.S. congressman and senator.

Following the direction of the Second Vatican Council, Emmanuel, like other American Catholic colleges and universities, recognized the need to engage more members of the laity in carrying out its mission. Accordingly, the College moved to a two-tiered governance structure, comprising a Corporation, made up of Sisters of Notre Dame, and a lay Board of Trustees. Today Emmanuel has a single board consisting of 26 talented and experienced professionals, including five Sisters of Notre Dame.

From the ’60s through the ’90s

A Voice for Justice and Peace

As a professor of sociology from 1953 to 1991, and as chair of the department, Sister Marie Augusta Neal, SNDdeN, challenged generations of students to engage in critical social analysis of the root causes of the problems of their times and reflect on effective responses and actions. Beyond Emmanuel, Sister Marie Augusta gained international recognition for her studies of religious communities in the post-Vatican II period.

Collective Wisdom

In the Marketplace of Ideas
Emmanuel has always been committed to the free exchange of perspectives on key matters of concern for our country and world. This was especially evident in 1984, when the College welcomed Democratic presidential candidates for a televised debate on a range of issues confronting women in American society. Taking part in the debate were Senator John Glenn, Senator Gary Hart, Senator Fritz Hollings, Rev. Jesse Jackson, Senator George McGovern and Vice President Walter Mondale.

The Power of Partnerships
While the number of traditional undergraduate students declined into the late 1990s, the College showed no lack of vibrancy and planning for the future. In 1992, through a partnership with IBM, Emmanuel became one of the first colleges to become fully networked for greater Internet access. This infrastructure linked every student to valuable online academic and career resources.

In 1996, I invited the presidents of our neighboring colleges to come together and explore the question, “What can we do better together than separately?” These early discussions led to the establishment of the Colleges of the Fenway (COF) consortium, which provides students at each institution with the academic and extracurricular resources of a large university. Today, as colleges and universities face pressure to expand offerings and contain costs, the COF serves as a model of cooperation and creative thinking. In just the last year, the Boston Globe and the Chronicle of Higher Education have cited the COF as a prime example of the benefits of partnership.

Ongoing Renewal
In 2018, nearly two decades after Emmanuel’s transition to coeducation and the subsequent transformation of our enrollment and facilities (an era we will examine in the next issue of Emmanuel Magazine), our external environment remains as complex and competitive as ever. Yet, like our predecessors, we are adapting to the needs of current and future students—and doing so from a position of strength.

This is an exciting and historic time for Emmanuel College. I invite you to be a part of it now and especially during our Centennial celebrations in 2019.

Sister Janet Eisner, SNDdeN

On the National Stage
In 1984, the College hosted a historic Democratic presidential primary debate on women’s issues. Participants included Rev. Jesse Jackson (left), Senator Gary Hart (second from left), Senator Fritz Hollings (under the Emmanuel College sign), Vice President Walter Mondale (second from right) and Senator George McGovern (right). Class of 1967 graduate Margaret A. McKenna is to the left of Rev. Jackson, and Emmanuel President Sister Janet Eisner, SNDdeN, is to the left of Vice President Mondale. Not pictured is Senator John Glenn.

Wired for the “Information Superhighway”
In 1992, Emmanuel partnered with IBM to fully wire the campus and provide Internet access to every student.

Renewal of the Spiritual Heart of the College
In 1998, Emmanuel completed a comprehensive restoration of the College Chapel. The project was made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends under the leadership of Mary Beatty Muse ’42.
Emmanuel Announces Formation of Academic Schools
College also adds new programs, highlighting interdisciplinary learning

As a result of a multi-year assessment of academic offerings at the College, as well as analysis of the external environment including workforce needs and development, Emmanuel has made the decision to reorganize academic programs and departments into five schools, effective for the fall of 2018.

Over the course of its nearly 100-year history, Emmanuel has continuously adapted to the needs of each generation of students, offering liberal arts and sciences programs to foster not only broad intellectual curiosity, but also the practical skills and relevant experience to successfully launch a career. The new schools, encompassing both the traditional undergraduate programs and Graduate and Professional Programs (GPP), include:

- School of Humanities & Social Sciences
- School of Business & Management
- School of Science & Health
- School of Education
- School of Nursing

This reorganization builds on the already strong interdisciplinary nature of Emmanuel’s academic programs by more intentionally fostering connections among students and faculty in complementary areas. It also serves as a platform to launch new programs by better maximizing resources and integrating experiential learning opportunities. Robust academic and career advising services are foundational across all schools to ensure that graduates are best prepared for employment, graduate school and lifelong careers.

The College is also launching a number of new majors, minors, concentrations and certificates, including political communication; health humanities; Spanish for healthcare professionals; statistics; computer science, big data and data analytics; and business “boot camps.” New academic initiatives include expanded summer research programs, new travel-abroad opportunities, an internship requirement for all students, innovation workshops, and technology challenges to promote entrepreneurship and skills-building.

MacMullan Delivers 2018 Commencement Address

Nationally recognized sports columnist, author and television broadcaster Jackie MacMullan delivered the Commencement address and received an honorary degree at Emmanuel’s 96th Commencement Exercises on May 12. MacMullan is a columnist on ESPN.com, appears weekly on ESPN’s “Around the Horn” television show, and is regularly featured on Boston news and radio stations.

Previously a sports columnist and editor for the Boston Globe for more than 25 years, MacMullan was honored with multiple national awards from the Associated Press for her investigative reporting and feature writing. In addition, she carries the distinction of being the first woman to receive the Curt Gowdy Award from the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame for a career of excellence in basketball writing and reporting. In 2009, she co-authored a book with NBA legends Larry Bird and Magic Johnson, which became a New York Times best-seller.
Recent Appointments

The College recently appointed Josef Kurtz as chief academic officer and vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Kurtz, who joined the biology faculty in 2003, has played a vital role in the growth of educational and research opportunities in the sciences over the last decade and a half. Prior to his appointment as vice president, he provided strong leadership as associate dean of natural sciences and, more recently, as dean for strategic program development and partnerships. Dr. Kurtz earned a bachelor’s degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Ph.D. from Harvard Medical School.

Emmanuel appointed Simon Welsby as vice president for advancement in the fall. Welsby brings nearly three decades of experience at institutions including Boston College, the New England Conservatory and, most recently, Santa Clara University in California. At Emmanuel, he provides leadership for all aspects of the College’s efforts in fundraising and alumni relations, further building a program to support Emmanuel’s strategic priorities.

Molly DiLorenzo recently returned to Emmanuel as vice president of college relations and director of the Centennial. DiLorenzo has a strong history with the College, having worked in Marketing and Communications from 2001 to 2015, most recently as associate vice president. In her new role, DiLorenzo will lead the College’s communications program, manage public and external relations for the College and direct the planning for the upcoming Centennial.

The College named Brendan McWilliams director of athletics and recreation in 2017. McWilliams joined the Emmanuel community in 2010 as the first head coach for the Saints men’s lacrosse program. In the years that followed, he successfully facilitated the establishment of both the men’s and women’s lacrosse programs, built a national roster of student-athletes for the men’s program and brought home Greater New England Athletic Conference (GNAC) championship titles in 2014, 2015 and 2016.

EMMANUEL GOES THREE FOR THREE IN NSF GRANTS

Emmanuel secured nearly $1 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in 2017, advancing the College’s reputation as a force in scientific research and education. Despite intense nationwide competition, Emmanuel faculty members received grants for each of the three projects they submitted for funding in a single NSF application cycle. The resources will drive scientific discovery at the College by underwriting student research internships that take place during the summer and throughout the academic year. These hands-on collaborations with distinguished faculty members prepare Emmanuel undergraduates exceptionally well for success in prestigious graduate programs and in science-related fields. To learn more about the faculty members who received NSF grants in 2017, as well as their groundbreaking research projects, visit www.emmanuel.edu/nsf3for3.

Middlesex D.A. Marian Ryan ’76 Joins Board of Trustees

MARIAN RYAN, a veteran prosecutor and 1976 Emmanuel graduate, joined the Board of Trustees at the start of the 2017-18 academic year. Ryan, who has served as Middlesex (Massachusetts) District Attorney since 2013, leads an office that prosecutes 40,000 cases each year and creates initiatives that advance the safety of 1.7 million people. The only female district attorney in Massachusetts, Ryan has received numerous awards for her trial skills, community involvement, and commitment to mentoring law students and young attorneys. A graduate of Boston College Law School, she lives in Belmont, MA, with her spouse, Michael Foley, and has two young adult children.
Spending Spring Break in Service

Sixty members of the Emmanuel community participated in this year’s Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program, which sent groups of students and staff to service sites in New Orleans, Houston, Phoenix and Boston in early March. Nicole Cronin ’20 and Daniel Chadwick ’18 (left) were part of a crew that traveled to Houston to assist with long-term recovery operations in the wake of Hurricane Harvey in August 2017.

Students Identify Signature Strengths

Emmanuel recently launched a StrengthsQuest Achievement initiative, a six-week, non-credit seminar engaging students in a process of self-discovery and talent development. Twenty-nine Emmanuel staff and faculty members received training to introduce 150 students to the Clifton StrengthsFinder assessment and provide them with an individual profile of their top five strengths. Through the seminar, students gained an understanding of their strengths—and learned how to capitalize on them in academic settings, in relationships and at work.

SISTER JANET RECEIVES CHEVERUS AWARD

Cardinal Sean P. O’Malley, OFM, Archbishop of Boston, recently presented Emmanuel President Sister Janet Eisner, SNDdeN, with a Cheverus Award in recognition of her “service to the Church and God’s people.” Since 2008, the Archdiocese of Boston has annually honored laypeople who have advanced the Church’s mission and ministries over an extended period, and have done so in a “quiet, unassuming, and, perhaps, unrecognized way.”

ORIENTATION LEADERS HONORED

In February, Director of New Student Engagement & Transition Alexa Simeone Trainor (center) and Administrative Orientation Leaders Sarah Knight ’19 (left) and Julie Royce ’19 (right) attended the Association for Orientation, Transition and Retention in Higher Education Region IX Conference in Burlington, VT. At the conference, Knight and Royce received the Region IX Showcase Award for Best Presentation by Undergraduate Students for their educational session, “Back and Better Than Ever: The Role of the Returning Orientation Leader.”

Gonzales Speaks on Young Immigrant Experience at Hakim Lecture

Roberto Gonzales, assistant professor at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education, spoke on campus last fall as part of the Catherine McLaughlin Hakim Lecture Series. Gonzales, who conducted a 12-year study of more than 150 undocumented young adults in Los Angeles, spoke on the experience of immigrants coming of age in America and the uncertain futures they face in a world of legal and social limitations.

Sponsored by the Department of Sociology, the Hakim Lecture was established by Dr. Raymond Hakim in honor of his late wife, a 1970 Emmanuel graduate. Lectures focus on issues of sociology, social justice and public policy on the local, national and international levels.
New Residence Hall Nears Completion

Emmanuel’s new 18-story residence hall is set to open its doors officially in August 2018. The building will provide “best-of-both-worlds” living for juniors and seniors: the convenience and community of living on campus and the independence of contemporary, apartment-style living in the heart of Boston. Each four-person apartment (a model of which is shown) will include two bedrooms, two bathrooms, a full kitchen and a living room.

Welcome, Emma!

In December, Emmanuel College welcomed Emma the Saint Bernard to the campus community. In addition to serving as Emmanuel’s mascot, her chief functions include assisting with grounds-keeping, goose-wrangling and day-making. She has been a constant presence on campus and often makes appearances on the Quad, in academic buildings and at College events.

Follow Emma on Instagram @ec_emmastb.

IN MARCH, VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM MEMBER ERIK ENGLISH ’19 POSTED A SINGLE-MATCH RECORD WITH 11 ‘KILLS’ IN THE SAINTS’ 3-0 WIN OVER LESLEY.

For news on all Saints athletic teams, visit www.goecsaints.com.
At Emmanuel, engagement in the liberal arts and sciences meets the demands of the 21st century.

In addition to English, history, political science, sociology, art, philosophy, religious studies and other mainstay disciplines, the College continues to develop innovative academic programs in response to a changing environment. Through these diverse learning experiences, students acquire the foundation to excel—and to be in demand—in an array of careers, some only now being imagined.
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Emmanuel continues to prepare students for enduring success in a changing world. Here are just a few examples of innovative programs—many of which capitalize on the College’s close proximity to some of the world’s leading organizations in business, biomedicine, education, finance, technology, media, social services and many other fields.

Business and Economics: Equipping Students for What’s Next

How can Emmanuel—with its liberal arts and sciences curriculum, alumni network and Boston location—prepare students uniquely well for business success? And which business career paths hold the most growth potential? These are among the questions that faculty members in the College’s Business and Economics Department continually ask as they seek to best serve students.

Answers come in part from professors’ own active participation in the business community in areas including nonprofit consulting, real estate development, accounting practice, international management consulting, entrepreneurship and market research. These first-hand insights, along with data on the internships and careers students choose, have informed a range of new offerings within the department:

- **Economics major**: Increased demand across industries for critical-thinking and analytical skills prompted the 2016 reinstatement of this major, last offered in 1994-95.
- **Finance concentration/minor**: Boston’s reputation as an international hub of the finance industry has fueled the growth of the College’s offerings in this area. Emmanuel graduates have gone on to full-time positions at organizations including the Federal Reserve Bank, Fidelity Investments, State Street and Santander Bank.
- **Marketing concentration/minor**: The College has responded to growing student interest in marketing with a range of new offerings, which focus on project-based learning and often welcome guest speakers from leading firms such as Dunkin’ Brands, Hill Holliday, ORC International and Epsilon.

“The experience of studying business at Emmanuel is unique—both in the opportunities available in Boston and in our deep focus on social responsibility and ethics across the curriculum,” says Rebecca Moryl, assistant professor of economics. In April, Dr. Moryl received a Fulbright award to spend the 2018-19 academic year teaching in the area of applied economics at the University of Kigali in Rwanda.
**Graphic Design: A Deep Dive Toward Solutions**

“Design,” says Erich Doubek, associate professor of art and chair of the Art Department, “is at its core about communication. Technologies come and go; in the end it’s about seizing the audience’s interest and conveying what is important.”

Design students at Emmanuel, Doubek says, do more than learn the essentials of color, size, typography and proportionality. Whether creating motion graphics or an interactive experience, they take a “deep dive” into topics and issues, with the aim of transmitting information with ever-greater value and impact.

Consider Marisa Ratte ’18. For her yearlong senior studio project, Ratte examined the healthcare needs of millennials. Based on her research, she conceived and designed a range of communications—from TV ads to social media spots—aimed at connecting young people with wellness resources. Her classmate Molly Gillespie collaborated with the Psychology Department to develop a mobile app that provides customized information to people experiencing varying levels of anxiety.

As they develop tools to enhance people’s lives, students like Ratte and Gillespie are gaining technical skills, meeting deadlines and making presentations. “It’s all good preparation for becoming a freelancer or a design leader in our future economy,” Doubek says.

For her yearlong senior studio project, graphic design major Molly Gillespie ’18 designed a prototype of a mobile app—“Haven”—that connects users to customized information and resources on anxiety.

**Discovery-Based Learning: This Is Not a Simulation**

At Emmanuel, undergraduate students frequently complement their coursework by working side-by-side with faculty members on original research and scholarship. These beyond-the-classroom experiences—which at many institutions are available only at the graduate level—enable Emmanuel students to gain practical know-how and help generate valuable insights and discoveries in a range of fields.

Now the College is bringing real-world, open-ended research projects into introductory courses. During the 2017-18 academic year, Biology Assistant Professor Padraig Deighan led a group of first-year students in a Classroom Undergraduate Research Experience (CURE). The group sought to identify bacteriophage proteins with the potential to target and destroy the bacteria that cause tuberculosis, which infects one-fourth of the world’s population and is increasingly resistant to antibiotics. The project was in collaboration with Dr. Viknesh Sivanathan at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.

“Our freshmen are fearless and have a deep intellectual creativity,” Dr. Deighan says. “They are excited that their research will contribute to an understanding of bacteriophage-bacteria interactions—and perhaps to the greater societal problem of antibiotic resistance.” Dr. Deighan’s experiential approach is part of an emerging model for biology courses across the country.
Eastern Mediterranean Program: Dynamic Learning at a Global Crossroads

For millennia, the Eastern Mediterranean has held enormous historical and cultural significance. In the 21st century, issues of global strategic importance—from democracy to energy to security—are once again converging in the area. And Emmanuel students and faculty members have a front-row seat.

Over the past six years, under the leadership of Political Science Associate Professor Petros Vamvakas, Emmanuel’s Eastern Mediterranean Program (EMP) has emerged as a force for learning, scholarship and dialogue on this vital region. Begun in 2012 as a three-week travel-study course based in Crete, the program has grown in size and scope and has included guest lectures by European and American scholars, policymakers and military officers. This summer, Emmanuel biology and economics faculty members will travel to Crete for a special EMP session focused on biotechnology.

EMP serves as Emmanuel’s bridge to the Mediterranean—and the traffic is two-way. This spring, the program welcomed prominent regional officials to the College’s Boston campus to speak on diplomacy, innovation and leadership. Participants included the consuls general of Egypt, Israel, Italy, Greece, and Turkey, as well as the Greek representative to the International Monetary Fund. Through these and other interactions, Vamvakas hopes to offer “a more immediate, intimate and truer appreciation of the complexities of key regional and global issues.”

Guaranteed Internships: Enhancing Employability Through Real-World Experiences

Emmanuel students have long complemented their studies in the liberal arts and sciences with hands-on learning experiences in labs, businesses and nonprofits throughout Boston. These opportunities enable students to apply knowledge in the workplace, make valuable connections, and prepare to make tangible contributions in a range of professions and communities. Today, more than 94 percent of all Emmanuel students participate in some form of internship, practicum, or experiential learning during their time at the College.

Now Emmanuel is committed to ensuring 100 percent student participation in these valuable on-location learning experiences. Beginning in the fall, all members of the incoming Class of 2022 will complete at least one internship as a standard component of their undergraduate education. The change recognizes that internships and experiential learning are high-impact practices and instrumental to the success of students and graduates.

EC Innovation Quest: Uniting Technology, Creativity and Service

This fall, incoming first-year students will have an opportunity to participate in EC Innovation Quest, a yearlong program aimed at creating a new technology, one that addresses a social justice issue or engages the local community in a productive way. “The idea is to group students into five, give them basic training in some technology—an app or wearable device, for instance—and get out of their way,” says Josef Kurtz, chief academic officer and vice president of academic affairs. Students will present their projects on Distinction Day in the spring. “The aim is to break down tech-phobia barriers, ignite innovation, and engage students in cross-disciplinary learning, a hallmark of the Emmanuel experience,” says Dr. Kurtz.

–Sam O’Neill

In March, Associate Professor of Political Science Petros Vamvakas (front row, right) led students on a travel-study course to Greece, culminating in an opportunity to visit with current Greek President Prokopis Pavlopoulos (second from left) at the Presidential Mansion and an exclusive tour of Parliament with Greece’s deputy minister of foreign affairs.

Internships at Boston Children’s Hospital and Merck Research Laboratories paved 2017 graduate Nicholas Verdini’s path to his current position as a researcher at the National Cancer Institute in Washington, D.C.
In the Digital Age, the role of the academic library is constantly evolving—and increasingly important. Constructed in 1965 to house thousands of volumes and provide a quiet space for research and study, Emmanuel’s Cardinal Cushing Library is transforming into a 21st century destination for communication, creation and collaboration among students. Welcome to the all-new Learning Commons.
In the summer of 2017, Emmanuel launched a multi-year initiative to transform the Cardinal Cushing Library into a modern Learning Commons—a vibrant hub of academic life and active learning beyond the classroom.

Leading the project was Karen Storin Linitz, who became associate dean of library and learning resources in 2016 following the retirement of longtime director of library services Susan von Daum Tholl.

Linitz—who since 2011 had served as director of the College’s Academic Technology and Innovation Group (ATIG)—quickly identified the benefits of moving to a learning commons model, a growing trend in academic libraries. “Many of our peer institutions have begun to move in this direction, so it seemed a natural progression for us,” says Linitz, citing Providence College, Regis College, Roger Williams University, Stonehill College and Wentworth Institute of Technology as a few examples.

The goals of the project, Linitz says, are three-fold:

- Provide optimal study and collaboration space
- Increase academic-oriented programming that complements classroom-based learning
- Streamline and simplify access to services including the Academic Resource Center, research support and information technology

Linitz emphasizes that all this must occur while assuring students ready access to the best print and online scholarly resources.

Re-envisioning the Space

When walking into the sunlit, two-story main reading room, one change is immediately evident—there are indeed fewer books. At the start of the project, Linitz and her team conducted a full inventory of the more than 89,000 volumes in the stacks, checking each for age, physical condition and frequency of use. In the end, they culled the collection by more than half, donating or recycling the underused and outdated material and moving the remaining books to the second-floor mezzanine, freeing up space for group study on the ground floor.

Student input was critical to the project. “We wanted to create a library that students really wanted to use, so we held forums and administered a survey to identify what was important to them,” Linitz says. “We found we needed to create a variety of options that accommodate group study, solo study and a quiet but still social space.”

In response, Linitz and her staff “got smart” about zoning the library, clearly identifying areas reserved for quiet study and others for collaboration. The individual study carrels beloved by
generations of Emmanuel students still line the back wall. Cubicles previously used as temporary faculty offices are re-purposed for group use with tables and chairs. (Glassed-in group-study spaces are slated for a future phase of the Learning Commons project.)

Linitz, working with architects, also determined the ideal dimensions for new shared tables that would provide each individual with adequate study space while increasing the number of available seats. These custom tables boast built-in power banks and motion-activated lighting, in direct response to student requests.

“Reaction from students has been very positive,” Linitz says. According to bi-weekly seat counts, library usage is up 92 percent over last year, and information literacy workshops have increased 20 percent.

The Academic Heart of the College
The goals of the Learning Commons extend beyond providing a physical space. This academic year has seen an increase in library programming, including regular book talks, film screenings, and discussions of current issues. Special events have included:

- Strategic Thinking Week, featuring a human chess match in the main reading room
- “The Truth about Fake News,” a panel discussion involving faculty members from the English, Biology, Business and Economics, and Political Science departments, cosponsored with the Political Forum and student-run newspaper The Hub
- “Number Numbness,” a presentation by Mathematics Lecturer Brendan Sullivan on how to interpret data and statistics in the news

“We want to collaborate with faculty and student organizations on unique and interdisciplinary programs that communicate to the Emmanuel community what it means to be part of a liberal arts and sciences institution,” Linitz says.

The coming months and years will see further enhancements to the Learning Commons, including further development of the Discovery Lab (see sidebar), dedicated group-study space and upgrades to systems and infrastructure.

—Amy Stewart

FUELING INNOVATION
Emmanuel students don’t just create—they innovate. The Cardinal Cushing Library has established a Discovery Lab to offer tools and support to students who want to experiment with new technologies, create original media, develop student-run businesses and more. The new services include 3D printers, video cameras, audio-recording equipment, a green-screen kit, augmented reality tools, prototyping supplies, electronics and other resources for student creatives and entrepreneurs.

Recently, an Emmanuel student used the equipment to solve a practical problem on campus. When researching options to cover the wires of the 280 wireless access points (WAP) throughout the new residence hall, the College found that costs ranged from nearly $11 to more than $50 per unit. Jeffrey Malavasi ’18, a student employee in the Office of Information Technology, decided he would design and print his own cover plate using the 3D printers. As he generated successive prototypes, the quality increased. The estimated cost to create these WAP covers on campus? Less than $1 per piece!
SET AGAINST THE turbulent political backdrop of the late 1960s and early 1970s, Pat Tobin’s time at Emmanuel was enriched by classmates and faculty who were both bold and benevolent. These friendships and mentorships, along with the mission and vision of the Sisters of Notre Dame, guided Tobin’s journey at the College and throughout her life.

Originally from Concord, MA, Tobin graduated from a high school class of just 35 students and looked forward to gaining life and work experience in the “big city,” just like her sister, Muffie McKenna FitzPatrick ’66.

“It was such an interesting time to be in college,” Tobin says. “There was the Vietnam War, the bombing of Cambodia. Students were protesting, marching in the streets, wearing armbands to class.”

Their desire to effect change also found its place on campus, with students protesting what they felt were overly strict rules set by the administration. Resident students wanted to determine their own curfews, and all students, particularly commuters braving Boston winters, wanted permission to wear pants to class. In a culmination of their efforts to have a greater voice in college governance, a Student Bill of Rights passed in 1972—just one instance in the long history of tenacious Emmanuel College women.

“I can’t imagine how different my life would have been if I hadn’t come to Emmanuel,” she says. “I came out thinking, ‘I can do anything because I go to this school where women run the show.’” She recalls that Emmanuel President Sister Janet Eisner, SNDdeN, was the director of admissions when she was an incoming student. “I’ve known her my entire relationship with Emmanuel, and that means a lot,” she says.

After she graduated, Tobin, a history major, went to work in the Harvard University Archives, and shortly after that, Xerox Corporation. “I started at Xerox in February of 1973 and retired 39 years later. I had a very successful career, and for that I give a lot of credit to Emmanuel,” she says.

Tobin recently joined Emmanuel’s Heritage Society with a $250,000 planned gift to the College. “Among other things, I hope this gift can help someone attend Emmanuel who otherwise might not be able to go,” says Tobin, who recently joined the College’s Heritage Society with a $250,000 planned gift.

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Catholic faith and Emmanuel College, the Sisters of Notre Dame in particular, taught me that I have a responsibility to help other people.”

She further hopes that her support encourages alumni of any age to consider making a planned gift and invest in future generations of Emmanuel students.

“I read everything I get in the mail,” she says. “From the quality of students and programs to the focus on internships, I find what Emmanuel is doing and how it is growing to be really inspiring. Students are aspiring to careers we didn’t even know were possible in my day.”

Tobin stays connected to her alma mater by visiting campus as often as she can. She has missed just one Alumni Weekend, and celebrated her 45th reunion in 2017.

“I stayed in the residence hall with my old roommate and lifelong best friend, as usual,” she says. “Just like old times.”

—Amy Stewart

To learn more about the benefits of making a legacy gift and joining the Heritage Society, please visit www.plannedgiving.emmanuel.edu.
PAST  As a student, your accomplishments established Emmanuel's reputation as a small community with big ideas and meaningful action. This continues to inform and inspire the experience shared by generations of students who follow in your footsteps.

PRESENT  As an alum, you contribute your time, energy and support and sustain cherished friendships that span miles and decades. By staying connected, you ensure that the link between our past and present remains strong.

FUTURE  By making a planned gift, you will help tomorrow's leaders to experience the transformative power of an Emmanuel education, while forging bonds of friendship that last a lifetime. Four years is just the beginning.

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Celebrating the Spirit of Emmanuel
Supporters Gather in Naples, FL, to Toast the College’s Past, Present and Future

Emmanuel College President Sister Janet Eisner, SNDdeN, addressed a gathering of leadership supporters in Naples, FL, in March. Hosts Joanne DiGeronimo Migliaro ’88 and Anthony Migliaro welcomed guests to the Talis Park Golf Club, decorated for the occasion with blue and gold flowers—and even offering a special “Emmanuel Spirit” cocktail. The beauty of the setting was matched by the warmth among guests as they celebrated bonds of friendship and their shared commitment to Emmanuel’s educational mission.

Event hosts Joanne DiGeronimo Migliaro ’88 (left) and Anthony Migliaro welcomed Eileen Leonard, parent of Chris Leonard ’07, Emmanuel’s associate vice president of development and major gifts.

Sister Janet updated guests on recent advances at the College as it approaches its Centennial in 2019. Listening in were Kathleen Palano Ray ’64 and Carol Brugman Meley ’58.

Emmanuel Trustee Mary Jo Skayhan Rogers ’77 (left) and her spouse, Brian Rogers, caught up with Alumni Board President (and Mary Jo’s classmate) Gretel Schneider ’77 and Paula Carroll ’72.

Judith Mazza Brown ’62 (center) and her spouse, John, connected with Ann Kelly ’62.

Dick Ockerbloom was on hand for the event along with his spouse, Anne Ockerbloom ’51.

Mary Dwyer Carey ’57 (left) shared a laugh with Sister Anne Mary Donovan, SNDdeN ’62, Emmanuel’s vice president of finance/treasurer.
In 1919, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur opened Emmanuel College as the first Catholic college for women in New England. Believing passionately in the importance of education, they laid the foundation for an extraordinary learning experience that over the decades has transformed countless lives. In 2019, we will pay tribute to the pioneering spirit of the College’s founders, reflect on its rich history, honor those who have advanced Emmanuel’s mission in changing times, and celebrate the beginning of our second century. Join us!

“May Emmanuel ‘Our God with Us’ continue to be with Emmanuel College as ‘yesterday, today and forever.’”

—SISTER HELEN MADELEINE INGRAHAM, SNDdeN
Dean of the College, 1919–1950

**SAVE THE YEAR**

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*Alumni regional events and lectures will take place throughout the year.

Watch your mail and e-mail for detailed event information. Save-the-dates and invitations will be sent for each event. If you are interested in offering reflections or volunteering for event planning, please contact Molly DiLorenzo, Vice President of College Relations & Director of the Centennial at centennial@emmanuel.edu or (617) 735-9876.
Alumni Events

NAPLES, FL: ST. PATRICK’S DAY CELEBRATION

Caroline Harney Harrington ’58 (left), Gretel Schneider ’77 and Juleen D. “Julie” Gantley ’77 gathered with fellow alumni and friends for the annual Naples St. Patrick’s Day parade viewing and reception.

Angela Cappadona Ciampa ’63 and Judith Mazza Brown ’62 watched the parade from the balcony of the Inn on Fifth.

1963 classmates Nancy Lafleur Lapierre (left) and Kathleen McNulty Hart caught up at the March 17th event.

Karen Cooney Burke ’75 (left) and Elizabeth Cox Gravelle ’84 added to the celebratory spirit.

Maryanne Alix Finn ’77 and Daniel Finn joined the festivities.
FORT LAUDERDALE, FL: ALUMNI LUNCHEON

Fort Lauderdale-area alumni and friends gathered in March for a luncheon at Shooters Waterfront. Front row: Anne Lynch Bunch ’74, Peter Anderson ’98, and Kathleen Palano Ray ’64 and her sister, Grace Adams. Back row: Patricia Tipping Walsh ’64, Mary Ellen Harrington Sullivan ’84, Anita D’Amato Cobb ’64, Christopher D. Leonardi ’07, Carolyn Smith Spataro ’70 and Maureen Sherlock Mahoney ’69.

BOSTON: BRUNCH WITH SANTA

Ali Weller Dutson ’05 and her son, Shea, visited Santa during the December gathering of alumni and friends.

BOSTON: WYANT LECTURE

Kaphar Discusses “Amending the Landscape of American Art” at Wyant Lecture

Titus Kaphar, the mixed-media artist and painter whose work explores issues of race, social inequality, and historical narratives—often in a deeply personal way—delivered the 2018 Wyant Lecture on March 28.

In a talk attended by alumni, students and faculty, Kaphar discussed the underrepresentation of black subjects in art and his own efforts to bring them to the fore—often by reshaping or transforming Classical or Renaissance portraiture. In his popular April 2017 TED Talk, he takes a brush of white paint to his replica of 17th century Dutch painter Frans Hals’ Family Group in a Landscape, to bring the unseen narrative into focus.

A way to address centuries of racism in art, Kaphar noted, is to modify the context of public sculptures and monuments. “Right now,” he said, “the country is thinking about our national monuments in a binary way—keep the sculptures up or tear them down.” However, there is a third option: amending public art by placing the untold story side-by-side with the existing story, on a level playing field. “We need to remember where we were, but also acknowledge where we are going,” he said.

The lecture series and the Wyant Endowed Professorship were established by the late Louise Doherty Wyant ’63 and her husband, Dr. James Wyant, in honor of Sister Anne Cyril Delaney, SNDDeN. Sister Anne Cyril was a professor of English at Emmanuel for 26 years. Through her teaching and her intellectual breadth, Sister Anne Cyril exemplified the values and relevance of the humanities and had a profound influence on generations of students. —Amy Stewart

Prior to delivering the 2018 Wyant Lecture, artist Titus Kaphar (right) toured the College’s art studios with Kathy Soles ’73, professor of art and current Wyant Professor.
Students and alumni gathered at Emmanuel in February for an afternoon of networking and conversation. Jeffrey Smith, the College’s director of diversity and inclusion/multicultural programs (center) was on hand along with Ashley Houston-King ’15 (left) and Darris Jordan ’15.

Grace Oryem ’21, Yvelandey Seide ’21, Bernadine Desanges ’12, Jonathan Rowe ’18 and Dina Malual ’21 came together at the event, held in the Jean Yawkey Center.

Serghino Rene ’05 returned to campus for the reception, where he spoke with current students Tatiana Dalice ’20 and Alice Hibara ’21.

Nancy Yarpah ’19 (left), Mikasa Famorca-Benjamin ’12 and Staisha Stephens-Brown ’17G celebrated their Emmanuel connection.

WASHINGTON, D.C.: HILLWOOD ESTATE TOUR & LUNCHEON

In April, Washington-area alumni and guests gathered at the historic Hillwood Estate, Museum & Gardens in Northwest D.C. for a special tour and luncheon. The group included, from left, Marie McClintock Barry ’58, Elizabeth Bullman Marian ’67, Carolyn Nugent Campion ’67, Marya Kaluzynski Pickering ’68, Maryann Celli Minutillo ’61, Elizabeth Mulligan Stafford ’77, Elizabeth Hayes Patterson ’67 and Cathleen “Kate” A. Clinton ’72. Also in attendance were Marylou Brewster ’77, Mary Eva Candon ’72, Mary Ellen Grandfield ’77 and Carol Vosburg Horn ’71.
UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS
Mark your calendar!

Alumni Weekend (Classes ending in 3 and 8)
Friday, June 1, through Sunday, June 3, 2018
Emmanuel College

Alumni Night at the Red Sox
Thursday, June 28, 2018
Emmanuel College & Fenway Park

Cape Cod Luncheon
Monday, July 23, 2018
Wequassett Resort and Golf Club, Harwich, MA

Mass and Brunch with Santa
Saturday, December 8, 2018
Emmanuel College

Alumni Weekend (Classes ending in 4 and 9)
Friday, May 31, through Sunday, June 2, 2019
Emmanuel College

For the latest information on upcoming alumni events, please visit www.alumni.emmanuel.edu/events.

#LoveEmmanuel

In February, we asked alumni to tell us, via social media, about the person, place or moment that made them love Emmanuel. Here is a sampling of stories we received:

“My admittance interview was in early December 1970. As my mother and I walked along a path toward the Administration Building, there in the center of the campus stood a tall pine tree beautifully lit with hundreds of colored lights. We stopped and admired the tree for several minutes. I turned to my mom and told her that any school that takes the time to decorate a huge Christmas tree is the school for me. That was the moment I fell in love with Emmanuel College, and my love for my alma mater has never waned.”

— Dorothy Armelle Works ’75

“I could go on and on about the things I remember fondly about Emmanuel: All-nighters in the gymnasium with the finest people I have ever met, dancing ‘For the Kids’ [as part of the EC Dance Marathon benefiting Boston Children’s Hospital]; a service trip to Phoenix, AZ; late nights in the Student Government Association office trying to better the student experience for our peers; and even just laughing in the dining hall or on ‘EC Beach’ on the first warm day of the year. These things—especially those experiences outside of the classroom—connected me to countless amazing individuals across campus. I frequently stated that admissions hit the jackpot when finding their incoming student body each year. The Emmanuel community is incomparable.”

— Megan Moriarty ’16

“I love Emmanuel for the great faculty I ran into. They persuaded me to follow my dreams, among other things.”

— Kara Merry ’95

To view more, visit www.alumni.emmanuel.edu/LoveEmmanuel.
1953

Mary Ellen Harnett Lavelle of Chevy Chase, MD, still practices piano for 90 minutes a day to stay sharp for her recitals with the Friday Morning Music Club in Washington, DC. She is working on her memoir and would love to receive e-mails from classmates at maryellenlavelle@verizon.net.

1955

Ann Drennan Forsyth of Germantown, TN, and her husband are enjoying their friends, church and cultural activities. They recently traveled to Oklahoma to visit their daughter, Meg, a school counselor, and son-in-law, the director of evangelization with the Oklahoma City diocese. Ann’s other children reside near Germantown and in North Carolina and Kansas. She sends prayers for her Emmanuel classmates.

1957

Patricia Harrington Jaworski is reminded “how fast time flies” as she recaps the news of her family. Her fifth great-grandchild was born, her granddaughter was married and teaches junior-high math, and her grandson is about to start his engineering career. Pat feels blessed and says she “wishes my Joe were here to see it all.”

1958

In July, Dr. Camille Minichino of Castro Valley, CA, celebrated the release of her 25th mystery novel, Addressed to Kill, published under the pen name Jean Flowers. Camille earned her Ph.D. in physics and has had a long career in research and teaching, including as a faculty member in Emmanuel’s Physics Department from 1968 to 1975.

1959

Phyllis McManus Hayes is eagerly anticipating 2019, when her 60th reunion will coincide with Emmanuel’s Centennial. She looks forward to celebrating with classmates.

1961

In July, Cornelia McHugh Doherty celebrated her 78th birthday in the company of her blended family, which includes six children and 17 grandchildren with her late husband, John Doherty, and the three children and nine grandchildren of her current husband. “Life is rich and full,” she shares.

1962

In November, Ann L. Flynn, Ed.D., received the St. Julie Billiart Award from Notre Dame Academy in Worcester, MA. Ann was honored for her lifelong dedication as an advocate and volunteer for women’s issues, including education and empowerment.

1964

Anita “Nicki” D’Amato Cobb of Delray Beach, FL, sends word of the Italian vacation she took with her daughter, Sheila Cobb Heintzman, and with classmate Mary Ellen Harrington Sullivan. The women celebrated Sheila’s 50th birthday in Tuscany before cruising from Venice to Rome.

Marybeth Burke Harmon reunited with Sue King Morton at the Inn at Round Pond in Round Pond, ME, where Sue and her husband, Bill, are the proprietors. Marybeth delighted in the “delicious lunch and wonderful conversation” and looks forward to her 2019 reunion.

In September, Sandra M. Napier, SNDdeN, celebrated her Sisters of Notre Dame Golden Jubilee, which was hosted at Emmanuel. She writes, “from the Liturgy to the luncheon and everything in between, it was a beautiful celebration!” She thanks Vice President of Mission & Ministry Rev. John P. Spencer, S.J., the Mission & Ministry team and the 1804 Society. Sandra was joined by fellow Jubilarians and guests (back row, from left): Sisters Barbara Gubski ’72 (50 years), Patricia O’Rourke ’72 (50 years), Kristin Hokanson (50 years), Karen Hokanson (50 years), Peggy
Cummins ’72 (50 years) and Kathleen Zahn Bartholomew. Front row: Sisters Anne Malone ’72 (50 years), Evelyn Ronan ’63, Sandra, and Paulina Raposo ’72 (50 years).

1965

Judi Reinhold Mancini mourns the recent passing of her husband of more than 50 years, Don, who now is together in heaven with their daughter, Debbie. Judi has a passion for quilting and coordinates a group of volunteers that sews clothing and blankets for orphans in Haiti. Her three sons and seven grandchildren fill her heart with love and hope. She hopes to see classmates at her 55th reunion in 2020.

Maryalice O’Hearn-Yafrate writes of reconnecting with nine classmates in May at the Neighborhood Club of Quincy, MA. The women enjoyed their time together and hope to hear from even more classmates for future gatherings. Pictured, from left: Cynthia Carolan Hurley, Anne Toye, Anne Brosnan Heffernan, Frances Jaworski Zaleski, Maryalice, Mary McGivern Bell, Nancy McElaney Joyce, Kathy Gormley Ahern, Kathy Shields Lovett and Kathy Stout Jenny.

On a sorrowful note, Maryalice reported the loss of her spouse in October 2017.

1966

Spotted at Peggy’s Cove, Nova Scotia, are (from the left) Connie Pennacchio DeRoche, Tish Callanan and Paula Pelletier, who vacationed together last July.

STAY CONNECTED
Emmanuel Friends:
Thank you for giving us the scoop!
And please keep the news coming for our Fall 2018 issue. E-mail your note to alumni@emmanuel.edu, call the alumni office at 617-975-9400, or post an update on Emmanuel’s secure website, alumni.emmanuel.edu.

Elisabeth M. “Betty” O’Hearn ’47 (left), Mary N. Fleming ’63 (center) and Ann Geary Roche ’69 were on hand for Emmanuel’s annual Cape Cod Summer Alumni Luncheon last summer.
1967

Geraldine “Geri” Bannon Creedon is enjoying retirement after 18 years of service as Massachusetts state representative from the 11th Plymouth District. She and her husband, Robert, have two children and four grandchildren.

1968

Elizabeth Sullivan Cimini of Cranston, RI, shares that her husband, Joe, died peacefully on April 9, 2017.

Diane Fava D’Errico of North Providence, RI, announces the August birth of her grandson, Jackson, to her son, Dr. Keith Golden, and his wife, Sarith. Jackson joins his 2-year-old sister, Elizabeth.

After a long career in nursing and education, Margaret “Peggy” Lanahan Kowalski of Delmar, NY, is pursuing creative writing. The literary magazine, The MacGuffin, recently published Peggy’s essay about her visit to Auschwitz and the Izaak Synagogue in Poland.

1969

Katherine Olberg Sternbach lives near San Francisco and still works full-time as a health and human services consultant, finding she “can’t seem to retire.” Last summer, she visited her 50th state, South Dakota, staying at an original homesteader ranch from the 1850s.

1970

Nancy Vaughan Van Deusen and her husband, Hoby, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary by traveling from their Connecticut home to Japan. An advisor to nonprofit boards, she previously worked as a banker and vice president with Citicorp and later as a fundraising director at Rumsey Hall School in Connecticut. Katherine credits the faculty of Emmanuel for her “Catholic tastes” and Professor Donald Logan for igniting her interest in history.

1971

Mary Morris Anderson reports that a dinner and silent auction will be held June 16 to establish an endowed scholarship at Emmanuel in memory of Eileen Smolak Mauck. The event will be held at Smolak Farms in North Andover, MA. The host committee includes Eileen’s family and friends, including Mary and Mary Beth Lyons Bell, Christine Piekos Patterson and Paula Henderson Von Euw. More information will be available on smolakfarm.com, as well as emmanuel.edu/alumni.

Lorraine Lynch Nagy of Bethesda, MD, is retired after 32 years with the World Bank in Washington. She enjoys visiting Cape Cod to visit her daughter, Catherine, (who recently earned a bachelor’s degree in music education) and grandchildren.

Mary Ann Gillen ’79 (second from right) joined 1962 classmates (l-r) Judith Doherty Higley, Jean DeYeso Hobin and Carolyn Addessa Faria at last summer’s Cape Cod Alumni Luncheon, held at the Coonamessett Inn in Falmouth.
Susan Cimino Graceffa and her husband, Peter, welcomed their first grandchild, Louis, in August. A double alumna of Emmanuel, Susan earned her master’s degree in 1978 and is a substitute teacher in the Massachusetts towns of Quincy and Milton.

Kim-Lan Tran-Thi recently published *Traveling in a Dream and Other Stories* about the effects of war and the experience of Vietnamese immigrants. It is available for purchase on Amazon.

Janice Belanger Joyce retired after 42 years as a high school foreign-language teacher and relocated to North Carolina with her husband, Tom. Their daughter, Allison, is a photojournalist whose work has been published in *TIME*, *National Geographic*, *The New York Times* and other major publications.

Kathleen M. Kerns retired after nearly three decades of work with diocesan and parish faith formation. Now she is catching up on long-neglected projects and babysitting her four grandchildren in Virginia. “Life is good!” she writes.

Maryann Murphy published her first book, *STOP Wasting Your Precious Time: 60 Easy Strategies for Eliminating Your Biggest Time Wasters at Work*. She is a professional organizer and productivity speaker and the immediate past president of the National Speakers Association New England. Learn more at [www.maryannmurphy.com](http://www.maryannmurphy.com).

Marylou Brewster traveled from Great Falls, VA, to experience the sites and culture of Jakarta, Indonesia.

Lauren Bowerman has been having “good times since ’79” with Mary Alice Smith, Karen Bennett Mark, Judi Dalton Hom, Paula Scot Dehetre and Lauren Bowerman. The “Emma Girls Posse” recently got together in Ashville, NC.

Nan Butterfield traveled from Massachusetts to North Carolina to reunite with her former foster child “after missing him for 10 years!” Back home, she also enjoyed a Sunday brunch at the Blackinton Inn with Anne Carroll ’72 and Patricia “Tricia” Carroll ’80. Tricia teaches first grade in Dartmouth, MA.

Michelle Kiehl Lavigne writes of a mini-reunion at the June wedding of Karen Milinazzo Taylor’s daughter, Alena Taylor Zelem, in Beverly, MA. Pictured, from left: Jo Anne Shire Vitale, Diane Bertolami Burke, Alena, Karen, Ellen Canty-Ferrante, Liz Pastorello Morin and Michelle.

Patricia “Patty” McKenna Wieczerzak celebrated 35 years of marriage to her husband, Ray. They met during her freshman year at a Halloween dance held on campus and exchanged vows in the Emmanuel Chapel. Patty and Ray have three sons and reside in Amherst, NH, and York Beach, ME.
Diana Gagnon Zeller was excited to see her daughter Shawley follow in her footsteps and become a Saint last fall. In fact, Shawley is living in the same residence hall as her father, who resided in Loretto Hall while a student at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences (now MCPHS University). Shawley is in the Class of 2021 and is studying chemistry. Diana also has sons attending UMass Amherst and Xaverian Brothers High School.

In September, Colleen Sullivan Avedikian earned her Ph.D. in educational leadership and public policy at UMass Dartmouth. She is a professor of sociology at Bristol Community College in Fall River and resides in Westport with her husband, Dan, and son, William.

Maura M. Bradley and her husband, Souleymane, welcomed a daughter, Aleema Marguerite, last winter.

Darlene M. Dowdy writes that her “adult academic journey began with Emmanuel’s supportive and nurturing environment” and culminated last spring when she earned her Ph.D. in mythological studies with an emphasis in depth psychology.

Janine Ting Jansen was appointed a volunteer professional-development officer with the New York chapter of Prospanica, which works to empower Hispanic business professionals. She is also a member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute’s alumni association.
2006

Marking her tenth year working at Emmanuel, Susan M. Aguiar is a senior academic advisor for undergraduates and recently completed her master’s degree in management. She lives in New Bedford, and her son, Gary, is a kindergartner and “future Saint.”

Rachel Lavallee D’Angelo and her husband, Anthony, welcomed their “sweet baby boy” Jack Michael into the world on February 25, 2017.

Sarah Sullivan Komar relocated to Washington, DC, with her husband, daughter and dog.

Kirsten Lane Fried and her husband, Michael Fried announce the arrival of their daughter, Finley, born November 9, 2016.

2007

In February, James “Jimmy” S. Craig published his first book, They Can Talk: a Collection of Comics about Animals, which reached the #1 spot on Amazon’s animal humor list. Jimmy is a story artist with Illumination Entertainment, the studio behind the Despicable Me films. Learn more at www.theycantalk.com.

Natasha Massoudi is pursuing her medical degree at the American University of the Caribbean School of Medicine and recently started her clinical rotations. She is also the editor of Intima: A Journal of Narrative Medicine, which focuses on effective communication and understanding between caregivers and patients.

2009

Amy J. Ericson of New York City works in finance for Greystone, a commercial real estate firm, focusing on investment from China. In March, she traveled to Beijing and walked the Great Wall.

Jaenine Cortazar Rodriguez is a literacy coach at Cambridge (MA) Public Schools, where she worked previously as a classroom teacher and reading specialist. She earned a certificate of advanced graduate study at Salem State University and has presented at the Massachusetts Reading Association and the International Literacy Association. She married in 2016.

Joseph R. Vallee recently moved to Charleston, SC, and is a residence life coordinator with the College of Charleston.

2010

In February, Traci Costa earned her master’s degree in art and architectural history from Roger Williams University. She is working as a museum administrator at the Bristol Art Museum in Rhode Island.
2010

Elizabeth A. Pontes-Higgins welcomed a baby boy in February 2018. Earlier she reunited with Emmanuel friends at her baby shower in Westport, MA. Pictured, from left: Emily (Mehrer) LeMay, Elizabeth, Donna Centrella and Kara Hendries.

Kevin B. Smith joined the Boston law firm Bernkopf Goodman LLP as an associate focusing on general litigation.

2011

Lisa M. Cuozzo is an Emmy Award winner. Her work—for outstanding live graphic design at ESPN during the World Cup of Hockey—earned her a nod at the 38th Annual Sports Emmy Awards in May 2017.

2015

Pamela E. Blaise, along with Emily Bedell ’14 and Katie Barry, completed the accelerated nursing BSN program at Northeastern University and are studying to become nurse practitioners. They are currently practicing as registered nurses: Emily (pictured, left) at Massachusetts General Hospital, Pam (center) at Boston Children’s Hospital and Katie (right) at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.
We pray for the following alumni who passed away between March 2, 2017, and March 1, 2018.

Frances M. Murphy ’39
Rita Callan Schleker ’41
Helen Coleman Stanton ’41
M. Agatha Keohane Carroll ’42
Mary McDevitt Curcio ’42
Rita McGonagle Smith ’42
Dorothy Cronin Disario ’44
Barbara Van Tassel Enaglio ’44
Mary V. Dooley ’45
Sheila Daley Falvey ’45
Mary Carroll McCue ’45
Mary Miller Morse ’45
Phyllis Connelly Mulkern ’45
Mary Kelley Dacey ’46
Estelle LeBlanc Loiselle ’46
Mary R. Love ’46
Ann Morris Sanborn ’46
Nancy A. Sawyer ’46
Evelyn Dewire Sullivan ’46
Maureen A. Delaney ’47
Mary A. Gormley ’47
Mary-Jane Wagner Green ’47
Loretta Beaupre Karch ’47
Helen Lynch May ’47
Catherine Murphy Stahle ’47
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Jane M. Claffey ’50
Mary Murphy Hannigan ’50
Ann Murphy Douglass ’51
Ann Quinn Lockwood ’51
Dorothy Killian McIntire ’51
Laura Oskinis Williams ’51
Mary R. Bemis ’52
Marion Mucciarone Conway ’52
Geraldine Fitzgerald O’Connell ’52
Phyllis Berardi Bernard ’53
Aileen Bemis Crowley ’53
Mary Mroz Dabrowski ’53
Madeline McLaughlin Hurley ’53
Barbara Barry Pogue ’53
Joan F. St. Charles ’53
Margot Thornton Isabelle ’54
Nancy Sheehan Macmillan ’55
Patricia O’Malley Markham ’55
Phyllis M. Ronke ’56
Sister Mary E. Sweny, SNDdeN ’56
Brenna Hyland Flaherty ’57
Sister Anne P. O’Connell, SNDdeN ’57
Elizabeth J. Dolan ’58
Sister Anne C. Howard, SNDdeN ’58
Kathleen Whalen Leckband ’58
Wilma Cerruti Lucas ’58
Claire A. Smith ’58
Miriam A. Gaudette ’59
Sister Julie F. Gildea, SNDdeN ’59
Helen M. Harris ’60
Sister Julia St. John Corcoran, SNDdeN ’61
Theresa A. Monaco ’61
Charlotte Cefalo Reid ’61
Alicia Mendalka Newman ’62
Clare Lorraine Lang ’63
Mary McGauran Lenihan ’63
Rosemary McGee ’63
Sister Lois Noon, SNDdeN ’63
Sister Mary E. O’Keefe, SNDdeN ’63
Winifred Welch ’64
Sister Linda M. Hutchins, SNDdeN ’65
Barbara Curcio Minichelli ’65
Frances Kelly Rensbarger ’66
Sharon R. O’Meara ’68
Katrine D. Fitzgerald ’69
Maryann McCourt ’69
Lesya A. Struz ’71
Julia J. Kirby ’72
Christine Prada Eissenstat ’75
Marguerite Lantagne Farley ’75
Elizabeth McDonough ’76
Sister Roberta Mulcahy ’76
Cathleen A. Canney ’77
Joyce A. Priestly ’77
Sister Ann E. Heron, SNDdeN ’78
Barbara Anderson Morrison ’78
Watts ’78
Kathleen R. McArdle ’79
Sister Mary F. McGrath, SP ’80
Ruth Sandquist ’80
Ann Ferretti Doucette ’81
Aggie Schoenfeld Ketchen ’83
Maryanne G. Michel ’84
Barbara Roach ’84
Eileen M. Milich ’87
Sister Milice A. Bohrer, CSJ ’90
Susan Tague ’90
Jane M. Reidy ’91
Brian J. Flaherty ’96
Anita G. Colomy ’01
Michele A. F. Mondesire ’02
Christine Nentwig ’03
Robert Kane ’04
Karen J. Williams ’05
Diana E. Murphy ’18
Danielle Benedetto ’20

Gifts Pay Tribute to Anastasia Kirby Lundquist ’35

Last summer, the sons and daughter of Anastasia Kirby Lundquist ’35 met with Sister Janet Eisner, SNDdeN (pictured, second from left), to make a generous joint donation of $100,000 in memory of their mother and in support of the College’s new Learning Commons (see story, page 13.) Edward Lundquist (left), Marilyn Anderson (second from right) and Carl Lundquist further honored their mother by presenting a portrait of Emmanuel’s founder and first dean, Sister Helen Madeleine Ingraham, SNDdeN.
A Deeply Rooted Commitment to Care

During her first year at Emmanuel, Brynn O’Donnell became fascinated with brain chemistry and its connection to human behavior. In the years that followed, the biology major added a concentration in neuroscience and delved into the chemical factors underlying psychiatric disorders and “all the ways a brain can be sick.” Her knowledge and passion flourished, and she set a course for a career focused on making a positive difference in the lives of people experiencing mental illness.

Today, O’Donnell works as a psychiatric nurse practitioner in the Emergency Department at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. As a member of the Acute Psychiatric Service Team, she conducts comprehensive assessments of patients presenting with serious psychiatric symptoms in order to determine their treatment needs. She also provides ongoing care for patients who remain in the emergency room for long periods.

In addition to helping patients attain healing and wellness, O’Donnell conveys knowledge about what it means to be mentally ill. “I feel I have a professional responsibility to help my patients understand the biological components of what they are experiencing,” she says. “It helps them feel less stigmatized.”

The sources of O’Donnell’s vocation run deep. Growing up, she was inspired by the example of her mother, Ellen Conlon O’Donnell ’73, who worked for decades as a psychiatric nurse in southern Connecticut. Ellen, who majored in sociology at Emmanuel, was in turn influenced by Sister Marie Augusta Neal, SNDdeN, who as chair of the College’s Sociology Department encouraged generations of students to address problems by engaging in critical analysis of “root causes.”

When she arrived at Emmanuel herself, Brynn O’Donnell quickly found mentors among the science faculty, including Associate Professor of Biology Todd Williams and Biology Professor Bette Weiss, now a Distinguished Professor Emerita. “Dr. Williams taught medical neuroscience and neurobiology, which were two of my favorite classes,” she says. “Dr. Weiss has a gift for teaching, and I made a point of taking the electives she taught.”

During her junior year, under the guidance of Dr. Williams, O’Donnell completed a semester-long internship through Victory Programs, a nonprofit dedicated to assisting people living with substance use disorders, often accompanied by chronic medical or mental illnesses. Her internship took place at a 24-bed, residential house for male patients, where she helped facilitate the patient intake process and group therapy. The experience provided the first exposure to the patient population that she would ultimately care for full-time.

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A management major from Maracaibo, Venezuela, Gustavo interned at the Boston Tax Help Coalition, where he helped provide free tax preparation and financial education to working individuals and families. Following graduation, he hopes to work in finance at a major company. “I can adapt quickly to different roles,” he says, “and hope to have a positive impact in the long run.”