

## National Gonzaga Day reminds us of our common blessing

Zags across the United States, as well as in Calgary and Tokyo, united Jan. 24 for the first National Gonzaga Day and celebrated everything good about Gonzaga. Alumni from 32 cities participated in service projects, collecting food, coats, blankets and diapers for those in need. Standing at center court in the McCarthey Athletic Center at halftime of the GUBYU men's basketball game, Gonzaga President **Thayne McCulloh** shared news of a major gift commitment that could launch construction on a new University Center later this year, pending Board approval and continued successful fundraising.

President McCulloh thanked Gonzaga's many contributors and said that plans for this center are just the beginning of a tremendous transformation that will take place at Gonzaga over the next several years as the University builds on its national reputation for academics, athletics, leadership and student engagement. The halftime presentation may be seen at [NationalGonzagaDay.org](http://NationalGonzagaDay.org). It has been viewed online more than 3,000 times.

More than 2,300 Zags gathered for National Gonzaga Day parties from Honolulu to Florida, including 700 at the Spokane Convention Center. The alumni and friends who gathered in the Big Apple gave a halftime shout-out to the president and others, saying "Live from New York, it's National Gonzaga Day." Add 6,000 fans in the Kennel, and 34 staff and faculty members who visited gatherings across the country, and the Gonzaga family sharing the Zag Spirit was momentous that night.

Alumni Director **Bob Finn** was in Denver for the big day and said many parents commented on their happiness with what Gonzaga offers their children. "And I heard numerous comments from other patrons at the event on how they wish their own universities would do something similar."

Associate Alumni Director **Kara Hertz** was in Portland, where many parents tried to find their Kennel Club kids – who performed an outstanding "card stunt" – during the halftime show broadcast live over the web. "It was our sixth alumni chapter event in Portland this month, and we still had 120 Zags show up. In New York, those Zags arrived at 7 p.m. Eastern Time and most stayed until game's end around 2 a.m. That's dedication," Hertz said, adding that people tuned in online to the halftime presentation from around the globe, "and the requests to start new alumni chapters are flowing in."

The evening ended with fireworks over Lake Arthur, which unsettled some neighbors. But the sound of Zag Nation uniting went far beyond the city's borders.

Check out [Facebook.com/gonzagauniversity](http://Facebook.com/gonzagauniversity) for NGD updates and photo submissions from around the nation.



*Fireworks lit up the Spokane sky following Gonzaga's win over BYU on National Gonzaga Day. Below, President Thayne McCulloh thanked Zags everywhere and outlined proposed plans to build a new University Center.*





## AROUND CAMPUS

- Travel guide, TV host and author Rick Steves will discuss how to learn about the world through travel in "An Intimate Conversation with Rick Steves" at 2 p.m., Feb. 2 in Cataldo Hall. Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online at [gonzaga.edu/com1](http://gonzaga.edu/com1). For information, contact **Kathy Gustafson** at ext. 3567.
- The Force of Habit, a comedy by Guillen de Castro, runs Feb. 22, 23, 28, March 1 and 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Magnuson Theatre. There's a 2 p.m. matinee March 3. The play is translated and directed by Theatre Arts visiting professor **Kathleen Jeffs**. Tickets are \$10 for faculty, staff and students, \$15 for the general public.
- Submissions for the Spokane Intercollegiate Research Conference in April are due March 1. The competition recognizes undergraduate and graduate students who present original, faculty-advised research in many disciplines. Direct questions about the conference or abstract submission process to [sirc@whitworth.edu](mailto:sirc@whitworth.edu).
- Experts from Providence Health Care and American Medical Response will conduct 30-minute training sessions on the latest "hands-only" cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) technique, Feb. 9 at Cataldo Hall. Visit [phc.org](http://phc.org) to pre-register for any half-hour session between 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Participants will watch a short video and demonstration, then practice on mannequins. It's free. New national guidelines for CPR have eliminated the requirement that mouth-to-mouth be performed in addition to chest compressions.
- A century ago a growing Spokane turned to Gonzaga's Jesuits and asked them to open a law school. The fledgling city needed lawyers to help with the challenges of justice, real estate and civil order. In 1912, Gonzaga School of Law was formed. "Celebrating Gonzaga School of Law: The First Hundred Years" is a book published by Gonzaga that recaptures the life and lore of the school's history. Books are available online at [gonzaga.edu/anniversarybooks](http://gonzaga.edu/anniversarybooks), or in the Zag Shop.
- The Council for the Advancement and Support of Education District VIII selected Gonzaga Director of Marketing Services **Kurt Heimbigner** as its Rising Star Award recipient for 2013. CASE also recognized Gonzaga's anniversary book, "Celebrating Gonzaga: The University and Its People," with a Gold Award, Gonzaga Magazine with a Silver Award and a series of Pilgrimage photos in the winter issue of the magazine with a Bronze Award.
- In celebration of the University's 125th anniversary, Jundt Art Museum offers further evidence of God's intervention in the world through the hand of the artist with an exhibition of 10 original prints of Rembrandt. Because the Rembrandt prints are relatively small in size, the exhibition is balanced with the addition of works of other major artists in Gonzaga's permanent collection, said **Karen Kaiser**, acting director.
- Fans can vote once daily for The Kennel Club, as it competes for the 2013 Naismith Student Section of the Year Award. The first round of public voting runs through Feb. 6. Direct link to vote: [Facebook.com/ilovecollegehoops](http://Facebook.com/ilovecollegehoops).



*John Traynor, Mia Bertagnolli and Ann Ciasullo were part of the Spring Faculty Conference discussion on what it takes to be great.*

## Faculty explore steps to achieve excellence

Ten faculty spoke candidly and passionately to their peers at the Spring Faculty Conference about moving Gonzaga from good to excellent. Several voiced the desire to see a stronger intellectual community emerge among students on campus.

"Until students begin to see themselves as members of an intellectual community" and "see themselves as scholars with ideas worth discussion," Gonzaga cannot call itself an excellent university, said **Ann Ciasullo** ('92), assistant professor of English. She spoke of her hopes that within five years, an intellectual community will emerge among students. "Imagine students in tents for Jess Walter. Imagine a Kennel Club for Jane Goodall."

Another repeated theme among speakers was interdisciplinary teaching – either interdepartmentally or through programs that draw from both the professional schools and the College of Arts and Sciences. Interdisciplinary education helps students see connections, and it models the real world," said **Susan Norwood**, professor of nursing. African studies is one such program that would make sense for Gonzaga, she added.

"There are no princes of learning," said Pat

**McCormick**, professor of religious studies. "There are only communities of learning."

Student research and scholarship came up repeatedly. Research projects that originate through students' interests and conclude with presentations at scholarly conferences help our students "transition from students to scholars, from consumers of knowledge to producers of knowledge," offered **Vik Gumbhir**, associate professor of sociology. Gumbhir emphasized the emotional support necessary in mentoring student research, as well as the funding needed to support such logistical needs as conference travel expenses. Other faculty voiced a desire to see their students take their work beyond the Spokane Intercollegiate Regional Conference.

Several faculty expressed a desire for deeper community, whether through interdepartmental book groups, a faculty lounge, or team teaching. More support for new faculty, including a faculty mentoring program and networking opportunities were proposed by **Sue Niezgod**a, assistant professor of engineering.

Finally, President **Thayne McCulloh** urged faculty to do more "to push and to stretch our students so that they can understand their potential."

## Fr. Case discusses his work with Jesuits in Rome

As U.S. regional assistant at the Curia (1990-2005), and as general secretary of the Society of Jesus (2005-08) in Rome, Father **Frank Case**, S.J., saw firsthand how the close-knit organization approaches its dynamic global mission. Father Case discusses his

experiences and insights, and gives an up-close look at the organization when he addresses the Greater Gonzaga Guild at 10:30 a.m., Feb. 26, in the Herak Club Room, McCarthy Athletic Center. No charge. All welcome.



## NOTEWORTHY

New Hires

**Susan Clark**, Payroll director, Controller's Office; **Carroll Deason**, leadership gifts director, University Relations; **Paige McGowan**, program coordinator, Student Wellness Center; **Rhonda Corbin**, Payroll administrator

Change of Status

**Renee Massicotte-Vezeau**, digital collections supervisor, Foley Center Library; **Stephanie Conlin**, assistant to the dean, Law School; **Carol Bradshaw**, assistant to the dean and accreditation specialist, Education; **Michelle Ghoston**, assistant professor, Counselor Education; **Tera Lessard**, Title IX investigator, Public Safety and Security; **Sajt Aljajagic**, custodial lead, Plant Services

Goodbyes

**Del Skillingstad**, S.J., executive assistant to the academic vice president; **Susan Harmon**, assistant to the dean, Law School; **Linda Grigsby**, Payroll director, Controller's Office; **Dennis Hansen**, safety program manager, Environmental Health and Safety; **Alvin Tesdal**, shipping and receiving clerk, Law Library; **Maribeth Frazier**, senior payroll administrator; **Hanna Davis**, custodial lead, Plant Services; **Lisa Brown**, associate professor, Organizational Leadership; **Margaret Loberg**, staff psychologist, Counseling Center

Anniversaries

**35** Steve Balzarini, associate professor, History

**25** Joanne Smieja, professor, Chemistry

**20** Chris Standiford, senior associate athletic director, Athletics; **Michiko Tra**, programmer and analyst, Central Computing and Network Support Services

**10** Phil Taylor, chief broadcast engineer, Communication Arts-Broadcast Studies; **Mary Water**, library technician III, Library Services

**5** Vicky Daniels, CLE program coordinator, Law School; **Matt Gollnick**, senior interactive web designer, Marketing and Communications; **Ginger Grey**, lecturer, English; **Jennifer Klein**, data, computer, and research specialist, Career Center; **Judy Rogers**, director, Planned Giving, University Relations

## FOCUS ON ... Brian Steverson embraces Jesuitization

**B**rian Steverson will argue that to the extent that business schools are responsible for moral failures of business, the solution is to "Jesuitize" all business education. After all, he's had some experience with it.

Steverson came to Gonzaga in 1992, taught philosophy here for 16 years, then became the John L. Aram Chair of Business Ethics. On the occasion of the University's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, Steverson will deliver the Aram Lecture Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m. in Cataldo Hall on the subject, "Business Ethics Education as Transformative: The Jesuit Tradition." He will explore the ongoing financial crisis that began in 2007 and the role that America's schools of business might play in preventing a similar calamity. Business schools, especially master of business administration programs, have scrambled the past three years to revise curricula and missions to address this failure, Steverson says.

Steverson said he never consciously chose "teaching" as his career. "I suppose I knew when I headed off to graduate school in 1984 that I would more likely than not end up a college professor, but for some odd reason that was never something I focused on. I started teaching as a graduate assistant in 1986 and it turned out it was something I was good at and felt "right" doing. I guess you could say that teaching found me."

When he's not in the classroom he likes to run and play the ponies. "Oh, I almost forgot, and spend as much time as possible with my lovely wife, and the brightest spark of the divine I have known. **Adriane Leithauser** (graduate alumni outreach specialist in the business graduate school)."

It's not surprising, knowing his love of the po-



*Brian Steverson, who will present the Aram Lecture Feb. 13, values Jesuit vision, exalts running and enjoys horse racing.*

nies, that "Seabiscuit" is his favorite book. Steverson's favorite entertainers are Tab Benoit and Anders Osborne, both from New Orleans. Coincidentally, Steverson received his doctorate from Tulane and taught philosophy at Xavier, both in New Orleans, before coming to Gonzaga.

Want to know more Steverson favorites? Favorite movies are "Casablanca," "Shawshank Redemption," and "Bull Durham." Favorite Spokane restaurant is Hugo's.

## New HR leadership reaching out

**A**fter 17 years in human resources at Jubilant HollisterStier and five weeks at Gonzaga, **Kirk Wood-Gaines** has been "drinking from a firehose" of information. The University's new assistant vice president of human resources, Wood-Gaines took a break recently to introduce himself to Gonzaga's staff.

"I consider Gonzaga a premier employer. The University's mission alignment is very important to me," he said. His goal is to fairly balance the institution's needs and employees' needs. "Just because an issue is not resolved publicly doesn't mean it hasn't been thoroughly reviewed, investigated and had corrective measures put in place."

He emphasized a desire for human resources to be transparent, but within limits: "Our commitment to confidentiality has to trump our commitment to transparency." The same is true of confidentiality and safety, he said. "One of the very few times I'll consider violating a confidence is when I believe an employee's safety is at risk."

Over 30 people took part in the interview process – "I've never had so many people interview me for a job," Wood-Gaines said – and every single one "brought up compensation as an issue that needs to be explored." He did not say anything more specific beyond the fact that he would start by learning about and evaluating the current compensation system. "It is a priority from Thayne McCulloh to Marty Martin," he told his audience, adding, "Please have realistic expectations."



*Kirk Wood-Gaines*

Finally, Wood-Gaines said he is eager to partner with faculty, staff and athletics, and is available to talk with individual office groups.



# University Center part of Gonzaga's educational vision

A proposed, major new building, the University Center, signals Gonzaga's continued transformation into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. President McCulloh shared the University's vision for the building on National Gonzaga Day, Jan. 24, as well as news of a major gift commitment directed toward its construction. Dr. McCulloh gave faculty and staff the scoop on this announcement in his Spring Faculty Conference and Spring Staff Assembly address, respectively.

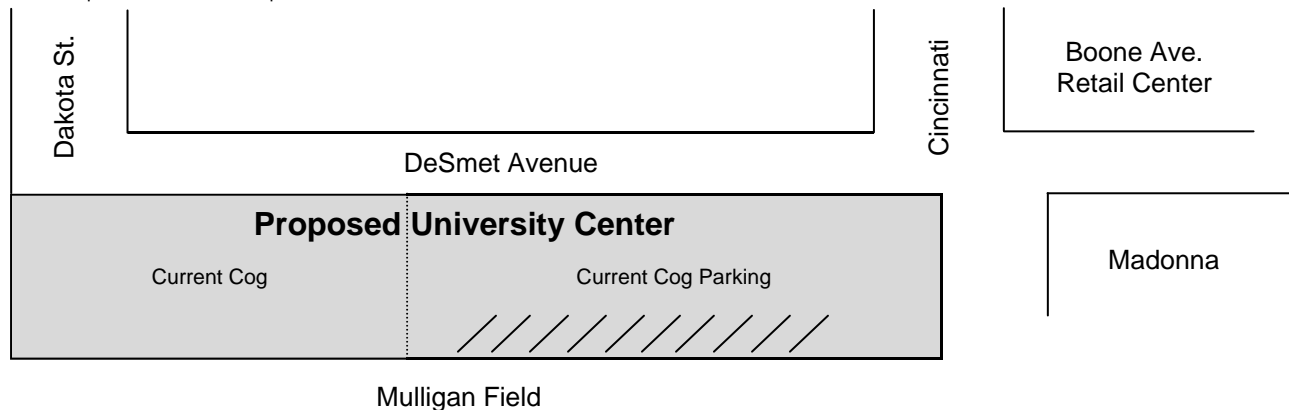
Design for the projected \$51 million Center brings together academic, social and faith components, as well

as varied dining options. At an estimated 165,000 square feet over four levels, the center will be one of the largest buildings on campus.

The proposed Center will replace Gonzaga's COG and the COG parking lot. If fund-raising work is successful and if the Trustees give approval, construction could begin later this year. The four-story Boone Avenue Retail Center under construction between Cincinnati and Hamilton will house an interim dining facility, the new bookstore, parking for 650 vehicles and eventually retail space.

Important features of the new University Center include dining services, a café/pub, many meeting spaces, administrative offices for CCASL, Gonzaga Outdoors and other student services, the new Center for Global Engagement, University Ministry, and a ballroom.

Its design will reflect emphases in digital literacy, global engagement and environmental sustainability. The building will become a living lab for engineering and other students to learn about strategies for sustainability.



*The proposed University Center would replace the COG and its parking lot to the east. A plaza on the south would border Mulligan Field. The Boone Avenue Retail Center and its 650 parking spaces would be to the northwest of the University Center.*

## Advice for those seeking WCC tourney tickets

The West Coast Conference men's and women's basketball tournaments run March 6-11 at the Orleans Arena in Las Vegas. This will mark the last time the first- and second-place teams receive double byes as the league goes to a 10-team league tournament next year with the addition of Pacific.

Gonzaga sold out its allotment of WCC tournament tickets to Bulldog Club members and season ticket holders, and the Orleans Arena ticket office sold out this week. GU Ticket Manager **Josh Cox** advises people interested in acquiring tickets to call the athletic ticket offices at other WCC schools. If Gonzaga men or women were to finish first or second in league standings, they will play their first games in the semifinals on March 9. Sundays are idle in the WCC, with the championship games scheduled Monday, March 11. The women play at 1 p.m. on ESPNU and the men at 6 p.m. on either ESPN or ESPN2.

Gonzaga hosts the first and second rounds of the NCAA women's basketball tournament again this year. Tournament tickets are on sale at the GU Ticket Office, or at [ticketswest.com](http://ticketswest.com).

## Food on wheels, why not!

Zag Dining Services is simply awaiting final inspection from Labor and Industries before unveiling its new food trailer on campus. Retail Dining Director **Dan Harris** hopes to have a snappier name for the rig later this spring. But here's the concept: Park on the plaza off the southeast corner of College Hall. Serve lunch weekdays, with each day featuring something different, i.e. rice bowl with chicken and veggies on Monday, burritos the next, steak sandwich on Wednesday, etc.

"We'll always have some kind of side, like chips or fruit," Harris said. "We'd also like to take it to Tent City and plug in there. We can stay open later when events are scheduled on campus."

Part of the motivation for creating the food trailer is the closing of Spike's once the COG is razed. "We'll have a contest this spring to name the trailer," Harris said. "This could be a lot of fun." Food may be purchased with Dining Dollars and Bulldogs Bucks, cash and credit cards.

## Saint Tekakwitha's life explored

Gonzaga hosts a conference Feb. 2 in honor of the canonization of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, a Algonquin-Mohawk woman who survived smallpox as a child, vowed to a life of chastity, and whose intercession led to various miracles and supernatural events. She was canonized last fall.

The conference is open to the public at no charge. It begins at 9:30 a.m. in the Wolff Auditorium at Jepson Center, includes a lunch at Knights of Columbus, and concludes with Mass at 5:15 p.m. in the University Chapel, including songs in Latin, English, Mohawk, Coeur d'Alene and Salish.

The conference presenters will explore the Jesuits' encounter with indigenous peoples, Saint Tekakwitha's legacy, and her influence on people. Presenters include Father **Mike Maher**, S.J., Gonzaga Catholic Studies professor; Mark Thiel, archivist for the Catholic Bureau of Indian Affairs at Marquette; and Sister Kateri Mitchell, director of the Kateri Tekakwitha Conference.

To register, please contact Fr. Maher at ext. 6609, or [maher@gonzaga.edu](mailto:maher@gonzaga.edu). This event is organized by Gonzaga's Catholic Studies program.