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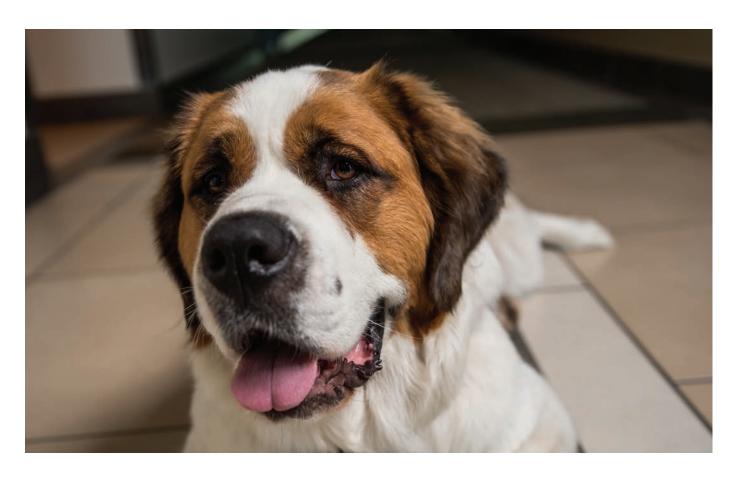
- Stephanie Curran, '89, responding to a video on Facebook celebrating the School of Leadership Studies



Watch this moving story at YouTube.com/ GonzagaUniversity.

Read about Stephanie and other Zag 40 leaders serving the City of Spokane.





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I'm Lucy, one Zag's service dog, here to let you in on some secrets about service animals, and where a dog can always find treats at Gonzaga.

#### **FOLLOW YOUR ZAGS**







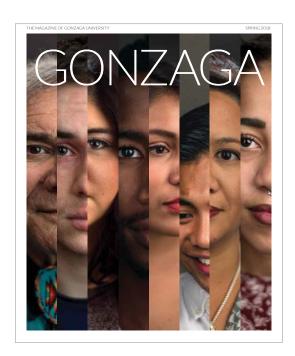






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#### RAISING OUR VOICES

I find myself becoming more proud of Gonzaga as the years roll on, primarily based on the quality of your magazine in recent years. The issue on racism is outstanding and makes me hopeful that Gonzaga students and graduates can contribute meaningfully, knowledgeably and humbly to addressing this systemic issue. Congratulations ... well done!

Dianne Shiner ('64) Freeland, Wash.

The Gonzaga Magazine feature (on racism) was touching, disturbing, inspirational, full of sadness and hope all mixed together, providing me another opportunity for needed reflection, processing, thinking. Kudos to Gonzaga for its continuing efforts and leadership.

Sheila Masteller Spokane I wait in anticipation for each issue to arrive to my Western New York home, expecting great quality and a high caliber of writing. This issue (Spring 2018) did not disappoint. Thank you for taking on such an important issue as race.

> Chris Chapman ('12) Olean, New York

I looked at this issue and thought, "Yes, this is who I am. This is my Gonzaga. This is how I was raised there." Bravo.

Jonna Jorgensen ('05) West Richland, Wash.

Over the years I have become saddened by your magazine's focus, which only seems to promote leftwing progressive ideology. You may wish to research the origins of "political correctness," which was used by Stalin to enforce his ideology. I also note many articles concerning the limited term "social justice," the origins of which stem from the socialist concept of redistribution of wealth. I wish you luck with your magazine but would prefer not to receive it any longer.

Mark Desmarais ('70, '80) Honolulu

The "Raising Our Voices" section mentioned a student attending a white privilege conference. The idea of white privilege is intended to make Caucasians feel sympathy for something he or she has never done. It's also a racist theory. I also found (Idaho) Sen. Cherie Buckner-Webb's opening sentence false. This is not a painful time in the life of America; America is thriving right now. If college students continue to seek "safe spaces" and become offended by everything, then there is no moving forward.

Nick Hardin ('13) Sacramento



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#### HIGH COMPETITION

I just finished reading the spring issue of Gonzaga Magazine and have high praise for the content. All of the articles are well-chosen and very well-written. I like the diversity of articles, which touch the full range of things going on in the world and at GU. I look forward to reading it more than my own alma mater (University of Washington) and others our family is affiliated with.

Steven Beaird (parent) Yorba Linda, Calif.



#### A TOTAL MASHUP

Thank you so much for publishing the article titled "A Perfect Mash." My brother and I, both alumni, have been trying to remember the name of this professor for years. We just refer to him as "The potato masher collecting professor." Now we can put a name to the collector!

Maria Haxton (15) Tekoa, Wash.



Be sure to check out the video on YouTube and subscribe to Gonzaga's channel so you don't miss another hit!

#### YOUR WORDS

Tell us what you thought of a recent article, photo or idea from Gonzaga Magazine. Or, send a story suggestion. Email editor@gonzaga.edu.

#### **EDITOR'S LETTER**



#### Koinonia

There's a term in Greek that's fun to say: koinonia. "Koi-no-NEE-uh." Its loose translation is "fellowship," which, in my Baptist upbringing meant "let's have a potluck." (Actually, in Missouri, we didn't even call it a potluck – we called it a "carry in.") I can practically smell the homemade dinner rolls ... but I digress.

I was thinking of koinonia because of the way it relates to some Gonzaga experiences I've had this year. Of note was a trip to the Bay Area Alumni Chapter's gathering, where about 40 grads from three generations visited over finger foods in a high-rise building that provided a spectacular view of the Bay. The Bay Area chapter is one of our largest, with a couple of thousand grads living in the area. They gather for Zag game watches and Giants baseball, and sometimes they get together to talk about careers and networking. But they have more than that. They have koinonia.

It's the kind of fellowship where people push past the small talk and get down to stuff that matters. Like envisioning what it would be like if those 2,000 Zags put their energy together to adopt a needy part of the city: What kind of change could they

create? How could they organize to make a real difference? These were questions they pondered.

"I want MORE," one alum told me.
"Socializing is good, but we want to
DO something. We want to be part of
that Jesuit tradition that looks for a
way to do something meaningful."

When another member of our team traveled to the L.A. Chapter, he heard the same thing. When our alumni chaplain visited the D.C. Chapter, he heard it there, too.

That collective yearning for "more" – the Magis! – it's the koinonia for Zags.

Have a story about that? Let's hear it. We need partners to keep this koinonia alive, so if you'd like to write about your own chapter's vision or collective action, or a member's personal story of challenge and victory, send me a note.

Until then ... I'll be checking out the dessert table.



Kate Vanskike-Bunch Editor



#### LO LOGRAMOS, MAMA

These four 2018 graduates were among the Gonzaga students honored by the Hispanic Business Partners Association, which celebrates all the Latinx students from the Spokane community who are graduating from high school or college. Shown here are (left to right): Abbie Altamirano, Rafael Castellanos-Welsh, Amayrani Chavez-Godinez and Marta Tonoc; all but one are first-generation college grads.

Chavez-Godinez, a recipient of multiple honors at Student Development's Magis Awards ceremony, says of the foursome: "We decided to decorate our graduation caps with messages in Spanish to honor our Latinx identities. For me personally, I decided to decorate my cap with a message dedicated to my mom and the countless other people who put their time and energy to help me get to where I am today."



#### HALL OF FAMERS

In virtually every sector of the community, Gonzaga alumni, students, faculty and staff members, and supporters take the spotlight. The 2018 Spokane Citizen Hall of Fame was no exception. This benefit for the Spokane Library Foundation honored five folks we call friends:

- Miss Myrtle Woldson, benefactor, philanthropist (posthumous honor)
- Ken Spiering ('72) alum, artist
- Father Bernard Coughlin, S.J., GU president and chancellor for 42 years
- Lois Stratton, university friend, former state representative
- Irv Zakheim, Gonzaga Trustee, entrepreneur

# THE MAGAZINE OF GONZAGA UNIVERSITY

#### **ROUNDUP**

#### HAPPY BIRTHDAY, BULLDOGS!

The Bulldog Battalion, also known as the ROTC program at Gonzaga, celebrated its 70th year in 2018. We are proud of the many cadets who went on to serve in various Army roles. Read more about the anniversary online at gonzaga.edu.

#### **TOP CHOICE FOR DOCS**

A record number of students from the University of Washington School of Medicine have selected the UW-Gonzaga Regional Health Partnership as their top choice for studies. For the first time, there is a waiting list for students wanting to study in the Spokane cohort.

#### **EMERITI EXTRAORDINAIRE**

The following faculty members were named professor emeritus at the conclusion of the 2017-18 academic year: Stephen Balzarini, history; George Eddy Birrer, accounting; Scott Burnham, law; Kent Hickman, business finance; Mary McFarland, nursing; Thomas McLaughlin, special education; Sister Joy Milos, religious studies; Theodore Nitz, history; Gail Nord, mathematics; Charles Salina, educational leadership and administration; and Rose Mary Volbrecht, philosophy.

#### **BAN THE BOX**

Do you have a criminal history? Check yes or no.

"Ban the Box" is a movement encouraging employers to stop asking about a criminal history in the first steps of the job application process. Technically called the Fair Chance Act, it provides hope for those who otherwise have difficulty securing meaningful employment.

At Gonzaga, the President's Council on Equity, Inclusion and Intercultural Awareness began conversations in earnest in 2017, viewing the Fair Chance ideal as congruent with Jesuit values. After Washington House Bill 1298 passed in February 2018 to support inclusive hiring practices, Gonzaga secured leadership approval to follow suit, and proceeded with identifying implications and processes of removing the criminal history question from employment applications.

To be clear, Gonzaga has been and will continue conducting background checks on all prospective employees. The difference now is when. Only after the candidate receives and accepts a job offer is the background check conducted. If a criminal history is present, Human Resources will ask for clarifying details to inform appropriate decisions. Certain charges (sex offenses, as an example) may still result in an individual not being hired, out of safety concerns for our students.



AND CHARLIE

VANCE, WITH

SANDRA VANCE

DAUGHTER

#### PARENT & FAMILY OF THE YEAR

At the annual Magis Awards, a few special parents sit proudly by the students who have nominated them for the Parent & Family of the Year award. In 2018, Sandra Vance ('18) explained why her parents should take home those plaques: Her mother and father were quite united in their unwavering support of her college education.

Sandra wrote in her nomination: "Although my parents have been divorced since I was young, they have jointly contributed individually and together to all that I have done at Gonzaga. They both came for Orientation Weekend, strategized which parent sessions to go to so they didn't miss anything, and both excitedly moved me into my dorm room." Their commitment continued through all four years of school - they both made it to every Fall Family Weekend, and every choir concert for their daughter the vocalist.

She continues, "Their support has driven me to aspire to anything."

#### STAY IN THE KNOW

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## By The NUMBERS

Some of us love data. The more, the better.

Here are a variety of stats that provide a glimpse into the workings of the University.

A Year of Service

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## graduates

from the class of 2018 set out to volunteer in **3 foreign countries** and **20 U.S. cities**.

**9** moved to inner-city schools to mentor youth through Teach for America.

**10** joined Jesuit Volunteer Corps

14 chose Peace Corps, AmeriCorps, Mercy Volunteer Corps and other similar organizations.

**Get Social** 

16.2K

people follow @GonzagaU on Twitter

17.4K

follow **@GonzagaU** on Instagram

67K

stay in touch on Facebook

**Science in Action!** 

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## **Gonzaga students**

visited **36 Spokane elementary** classrooms and after-school clubs to lead **288 hands-on science** activities, making science fun for more than **2,000 children**.

#### **Select Spots**

The First Destination Survey for the class of 2017 shows where Zags have gone to work and live.

#### **Top Cities**

- 1. Spokane
- 2. Seattle
- 3. Portland
- 4. Los Angeles & San Francisco (tied)
- 5. Denver

#### **Top Employers**

- 1. Gonzaga University
- 2. Providence Health & Services / Swedish
- 3. U.S. Military
- 4. Boeing
- 5. AmeriCorps / KPMG LLP (tied)

#### **Service Extraordinaire**

The Center for Community Engagement added several new opportunities to its already long list of options for students who want to serve while in college. Here are a few:

Zag Volunteer Corps: Semester of Service Sparks High School Mentoring International Immersion: Ecuador

#### **Funding Granted**

\$845,760

For the 2016-17 year, academic leaders received \$845,760 in **grant funding for research** endeavors.

#### **Expert Matters**

# 56 faculty members

accepted leadership roles in regional and national groups specific to their disciplines or areas of expertise

#### **Capital Campaign**

## \$100 Million+

Funds raised for scholarship support by donors to the Gonzaga Will capital campaign





#### My Human, Dee Dee Brown

Dee Dee is really smart. When she graduated in May, she was one of only 10 people accepted into this really cool research program at Clarkson University in New York. Just like everywhere we go, Dee Dee made sure the professors at Clarkson would be OK with me coming along. We also got to study at Lake Ontario because Dee Dee's research is about how mercury levels are transmitted from plants to big fish to the people who eat them. She really likes studying pollution and wants to become an environmental engineer to help protect our air and water. How could I not want to support a person like that?

#### 3 Kinds of Dogs at Work

- My title is "service animal." That's a name for those of us who notice symptoms of a medical condition in our humans – like low-blood sugar in our bosses with diabetes or seizure indications in those with epilepsy – or assist people who have a disability that affects vision, hearing or mobility. We have completed a crazy amount of training, not just normal obedience training, but how to recognize human needs and how to respond. Nothing is more important to me than making sure Dee Dee is OK.
- Some people have emotional support animals. ESAs (that's their nickname) provide an amazing benefit to humans who live with mental health conditions like anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder. Having an animal present can help people cope with a variety of challenges.
- Another kind of animal you see at a place like Gonzaga is the therapy dog. Therapy dogs come to campus for students to pet when they're really stressed out – like during finals week. That's the charm of being a dog: Our happy tails and dangling tongues just help people relax.
- **Advice and Understanding**

Free of charge, treats not required.

- You can't always see a person's disability. Don't assume that because they don't have a visible challenge that they don't need extra support.
- 2) Remember that people with disabilities have added stresses and concerns around advocating for themselves everywhere they go. Be sensitive to that.
- 3) Please don't ask why I am with Dee Dee or how another service animal supports his or her human. You probably don't feel comfortable sharing your medical or emotional needs with strangers, and that's true for most others, too.
- 4) From a legal standpoint, people who need a service dog to access an area aren't required to tell you why they need their dog with them at school or work, or even the grocery store.

- 5) People also don't have to prove their animal is needed for service. But here are some ways you can tell when a dog is really a service animal: Our human will always have us on a 6-foot lead and never one of those retractable leashes. We are very well-trained and obedient. Our place is near our human, even when that squirrel runs in front of us or another dog comes charging.
- 6) Though you may find me irresistible (who doesn't?), you really should ask Dee Dee for permission before you pet me. That goes for any service animal: The human is the one who speaks your language, so ask first!



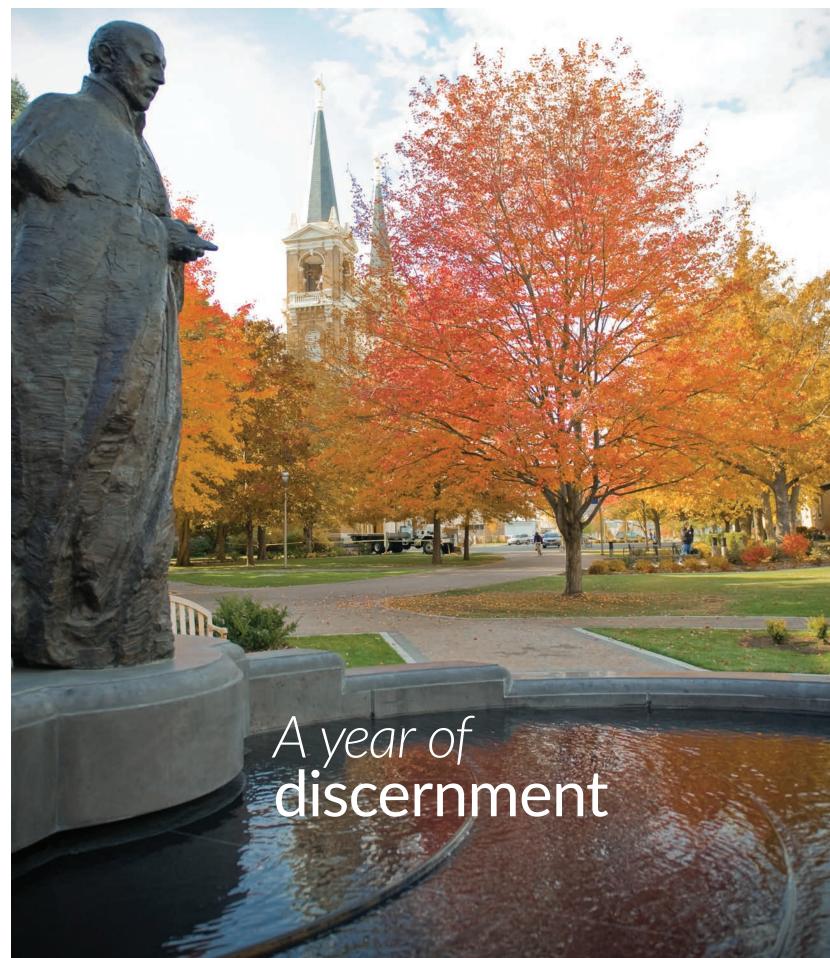
Me and DeeDee on the steps, and Finley on the floor

#### **Disability Accommodations at Gonzaga**

GU's Center for Student Academic Success includes three offices: Academic Advising, Learning Strategies Management (which includes tutoring, learning specialists and the academic testing center), and Disability Access. The Disability Access Office determines accommodations for students with disabilities, both permanent and temporary. Accommodations ensure these students have equal access to all programs, activities and services.

For details:

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Since the founding of the Society of Jesus, reflection has been a significant hallmark of Jesuit education and our way of proceeding. Nearly five years ago, Father General Adolfo Nicolás asked the American universities each to engage in an institutional reflection on their mission and identity as Jesuit and Catholic. This year, it is our turn to actively engage in this process, now known as the Mission Examen Process. Alluding in its name and essence to the Spiritual Exercises, the Examen is conceived as a tool for discerning how God is at work in the life of an institution.

All 28 of the Jesuit colleges and universities have been asked to engage in this work – which includes review by an external visiting team – and to submit their findings through a National Coordinating Committee to (current) Father General Arturo Sosa. At Gonzaga, our Mission & Ministry leaders – Father Pat Lee, S.J., vice president, and Michelle Wheatley, assistant vice president – have developed a plan for this work that offers opportunity for every faculty, staff and governing board member, as well as students, to provide input. Every school and department is reviewing mission-related documents and engaging in thoughtful reflection to identify areas where our mission focus is strong and areas where we need added emphasis or improvement.

While there is a compliance element to this process, my hope and intention is that the impact will be far more significant than a final report, submitted for review. My hope is that the result will be a clearer, more commonly held understanding of what we mean by "a mission of the Society of Jesus and the Catholic Church today," and how the Holy Spirit is calling us to be more clearly and intentionally mission-oriented in our work. It is also my hope that this process serves to affirm our commitment to the Society of Jesus and our deep desire to thrive as an apostolic work in the modern era.

Examen is at the core of what it means to be Jesuit: the continual reflection on where God is moving, how to become ever more attentive to God's voice, and how we are to be more directly guided by that movement in our everyday lives. We seek the "Magis" – the "ever greater" in service to God – and this year of questioning and inward searching will help us to better identify how to go about that as Gonzaga, today.

I couldn't be more excited about this effort, or more grateful for the participation of our people who are indeed the heart of our institution. As the work continues and we adopt new perspectives on living our Jesuit, Catholic, humanistic values, we will publish updates on our website, and I invite you to take a look. Good things will inevitably arise from this, and we want to share the journey with you, our parents, benefactors, alumni and friends.

Gonzaga has been blessed, through times both good and challenging. Despite our many successes, I am keenly aware that we would have been unable to continue in our mission without the amazing support of many incredible people. Our most recent campaign, Gonzaga Will, is just the latest representation of that vital support, and I would be remiss if I did not express my deepest appreciation for your amazing support of this university. Your contributions have provided much-needed assistance not only for physical learning spaces on our campus, but also to the health of our endowment, that we might continue offering competitive scholarships to those who wish to be part of the Gonzaga family. Thank you for your part in those endeavors. May God bless you now, and in the days to come.

Sincerely,

Thayne M. McCulloh, D.Phil

President

#### Warm Welcome

The retirement of Patricia O'Connell Killen ('74) meant that Gonzaga was in need of a Provost and Senior Vice President. Our search did not result in the selection of a candidate to fill this important new leadership position, and as a result, we engaged with a firm to find a suitable interim provost, while the search is relaunched this fall.

I'm delighted to welcome Beth J. Martin, who most recently served as provost and vice president for academic affairs at Holy Names University in Oakland, California. She holds degrees in psychology and creative writing from Brown University and graduate degrees in physiological and developmental psychology from Stanford University. Martin will assist us in creating an effective provost structure since we have not had such a role previously, as well as find worthy successors for three current deanships (School of Engineering and Applied Science, School of Nursing and Human Physiology, and School of Leadership Studies).

Every year, Gonzaga welcomes dozens of guest speakers to address students and the broader community, covering a variety of popular topics of interest. Here are just a few examples from 2017-18.

#### **DONNA FREITAS:**

## the **selfie** generation

According to Google statistics, about 93 million selfies were taken per day as far back as 2014. Each individual member of the Millennials or Generation Z is expected to take more than 25,000 in his or her lifetime.

We have watched these youth and young adults staring at their phones, twisting for the right angle, sampling expressions, adding filters and posting their perfect photos for all to see. And we have collectively reached the conclusion that these kids are narcissists.

But Donna Freitas, an award-winning author who visits campuses across the country to conduct in-person research with college students, says, "Everything in me resists that label because I don't think it's true."

"The world has changed so fast, they are living something that is utterly unimaginable," she says. "The adults in their world haven't figured it out, so to judge them as a bunch of narcissists is failing to listen to their own creative resistance."

Freitas continues, "I spend a lot of time talking with students. I think some of their struggles sound really daunting, and there is so much yearning on their part to figure things out."

She's passionate about helping them realize that they have choices about how to reflect who they are.

"There's this universal acceptance that this is just the way it is now (that we must advertise our lives on social media.) But I don't think that's the case. Our society

More than twothirds of students feel they need to be available immediately to respond to a call or text





has gotten so swept up that it's just assumed you're (going to be living your life on social media) and to decide to take yourself out of it is a countercultural move."

Otherwise, "You can't escape the image you've projected," Freitas says. "There is so much responsibility to always worry about how you look – at a level that we've never worried about before – it's no surprise that anxiety has skyrocketed."

The increased anxiety among youth and young adults today is well-documented ... and openly discussed. In her research interviews with students, Freitas didn't have to ask participants about their anxiety and stress – they initiated that conversation themselves.

#### the university's responsibility

Freitas thinks universities need to help shift the dynamic before students even get to college. She suggests telling applicants up front, "We will give you connected experiences and disconnected experiences because we know you need it. We're going to talk about how this is changing our world. You're going to be asked to put your smartphone away even though you're going to resist."

Schools committing to that kind of unplugging should tell parents not to expect their student to reply to a call or text within 30 minutes. She says getting serious about it means telling parents, "Sometimes we're going to put the phone away, so if you're going to expect that your kid will reply immediately, then don't come here."

Once students are on campus, they need to have both academic discussion on the way social media are changing how people think, and nonacademic programming that is intentionally technology-free.

"To me it's such a no-brainer," Freitas says. "You don't need a task force. Just start with two areas where you can offer classes and events with no technology." She encourages the practice of making students leave their phones in a basket at the door of classes or events, and offering options that focus on discussion and not a presentation with a screen.

Freitas says, "This is of value. And more communal and consistent and strategic."

Especially at universities that claim to value the care of the whole person (*cura personalis*), Freitas says planning should support the "students who need or want to learn to be in silence, to unprug from the chaos of all the information."

"Providing silence for reflection. How Jesuit is that?"

- BY KATE VANSKIKE-BUNCH



# on controversy, equality and education

Angela Davis is about as controversial as the causes she champions. She emerged as a counterculture activist in the 1960s, had membership in the Communist and Black Panther parties, and was on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted List. Speaking to students at Gonzaga in October 2017, she expressed a kind of bemused suprise at the consternation her appearance caused, and joked that she would "like very much to engage in some controversy."

But, as voiced by Gonzaga's Interim Academic Vice President Elisabeth Mermann-Jozwiak at the event sponsored by the Center for Public Humanities, Davis has "given voice to the range of social problems associated with incarceration and the criminalization of those who are most affected by poverty and racial discrimination. She has also conducted extensive research on gender and imprisonment, and what is known today as intersectionality."

Mermann-Jozwiak added, "Her work has always emphasized the importance of building communities that advocate for economic, racial and gender equality."

Of many topics Davis discussed with a captivated audience, first was the importance of an interdisciplinary education and the humanities, the latter of which she believes has been on a decline since the focus turned to STEM (science, technology, engineering and math). STEM teaching should occur "only within a framework that the humanities can provide," she said, "otherwise knowledge can be generated in ways that are entirely disconnected from ideas and principles related to the human condition." She added, "The dwindling support of the humanities … has helped to create a crisis in democracy."

Davis emphasized the importance of valuing knowledge that emanates from outside educational institutions. "We enter universities with the understanding that this is where we're really going to learn. But we should not forget that knowledge gets produced in many other venues as well." An interdisciplinary approach calls us to "Look in unexpected places for insights about the problems of our world."

# saints and the human spirit

"What is it about saints or models or exemplars that awaken the human spirit?" Randall Rosenberg asked this of students, faculty and Jesuits at the Bernard J. Tyrrell, S.J. Lecture in Philosophy of God and Theology.

Rosenberg, associate professor of systematic theology at Saint Louis University, explored the lives of Holocaust victim Etty Hillesum and French saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who managed to find and emulate holiness in difficult times.

Rosenberg is the author of "The Givenness of Desire: Concrete Subjectivity and the Natural Desire to See God." Joseph Mudd, Gonzaga associate professor of religious studies and former doctoral classmate of Rosenberg, introduced him as "an original Catholic thinker."

"He's really good at bringing the larger context of the Catholic intellectual tradition together with systematic theological concerns – to be able to talk about the lives of the saints and think about larger theological questions," says Mudd. "I've always been inspired by his creative synthesis and integration of a variety of different disciplines into this theological and philosophical conversation."

That type of discussion is the goal of the lecture series, Mudd says, to model for students how to bring together subject matter that can seem otherwise disparate and disjointed.



- BY JEFF BUNCH

Gonzaga fosters an environment open to a range of views on a variety of topics. The university does not necessarily endorse or align with the values or opinions of every speaker invited to campus.



death row **encounters** 

Criminals, convicts, felons. These are a few of many terms used for those who find themselves – some guilty, some innocent – behind bars. Finding humanity in each of these faces is a gift of Sister Helen Prejean. So is giving them a voice, teaming up with attorneys and fighting the death penalty.

After 30 years in this work and fame from her book-turned-movie "Dead Man Walking," the southern Louisiana nun is an encyclopedia of convictions and cases, heart-wrenching pleas and wicked crimes; quotes from Chavez, Camus and Jeremiah; songs, poems and cheesy clichés; names, faces and stories of capital punishment; death by people, death by the government, death by machines. But in a world where people seem to enjoy the dramatization of crime and cruelty as entertainment, Sr. Prejean's plea is to stop demonizing those who receive a guilty verdict and start seeing the story behind their lived experiences.

In "Dead Man Walking," Sr. Prejean tells of Patrick Sonnier, the first man she visited on death row and watched undergo execution.

Carrying out the final deed of the death penalty happens in the dark, in the middle of night, in a building apart from the prison, and there's a reason for that, Sister says. If more people were witness to the act, there would be more uproar over its legal status.

"But I was a witness," she says, "and so I have to bring it close for people."

Like the death penalty, "What makes mass incarceration, poverty in ghettos, torture at Guantanamo possible is that people don't SEE it," she says.

"We don't reflect deeply on the death penalty because we don't understand. Can we take all the resources that are put into that death machinery and the prosecution and use it to address poverty and safety and at-risk children?"

"The Torah says, 'The life of one human being is worth the whole universe,' "Sister quotes. "I am against the death penalty because the light of God is in everyone."

- BY KATE VANSKIKE

#### Relentless Love & Leadership

Sr. Helen was a keynote speaker at the 2018 Women Lead Conference hosted by GU's School of Leadership Studies.

Learn more about her work at sisterhelen.org.

the **free market** 

Gonzaga's College
Republicans invited Steve
Forbes to campus in
February to discuss the
importance of the free
market. The CEO of
Forbes Media Co. and
editor-in-chief of Forbes
magazine, he said the
free market is crucial to the
pursuit of knowledge and the
growth of countries and economies.

Forbes theorized that the root of all economic stagnation is blocked knowledge and government intervention in the free market. Taxes, regulations and the like will ultimately lead to a weaker economy.

"Regulations are like taxes," Forbes stated. "We've gone overboard with them in this country. For example, they put in (net neutrality) two years ago. It made no sense; there was nothing wrong with it. Don't regulate the internet or economy like it's a dial-up telephone – let it flourish."

According to Forbes, letting the free market flourish is crucial not only for the economy, but also for worldwide society. Critics of capitalism may point to the exploitive effects of globalization, but, says Forbes, free markets breed humanity and cooperation.

"No one group of people, no matter how smart, should ever be in control of regulating the system ... Get the federal government out of the way and let things roll," Forbes said. "Free markets, if allowed to work, will always enable growth and progress. They turn scarcity into abundance."

- BY BEATRICE O'CAMPO ('22) The Gonzaga Bulletin

#### Arts

**Rodin: Truth Form Life** | Sept. 8, 2018–Jan. 5, 2019

Selections from the Iris and B. Gerald Cantor Collections Jundt Art Museum

#### **Music Concerts**

Jazz Sampler | Oct. 5 Concert Choir | Oct. 6 Symphony Orchestra | Oct. 9 & Dec. 3 Chamber Chorus | Nov. 11 Jazz Christmas | Nov. 29 Candlelight Christmas | Dec. 7 & 8

#### Theatre

10-Minute Play Festival | Oct. 5 & 6 "Gruesome Playground Injuries & The Last Five Years" | Oct. 18-20

#### **Dance**

Snowflake Showcase | Dec. 2

#### **Visiting Writers Series**

Art Spiegelman | Sept. 25 (Also the Powers Chair Lecture) Sierra Golden | Oct. 18 Elena Passarello | Nov. 8

#### Conferences

Center for Civil & Human Rights Conference | Sept. 28 Keynote speakers: Kenneth Mack (Harvard Law) and Hon. Justice Mary Yu, Washington State Supreme Court.

#### Conference on School Violence | Oct. 8

Presented by the School of Education and School of Law

#### **Center for Public Humanities**

David Theo Goldberg | Oct. 9 Nicholas Kristoff | Nov. 5

#### **Annual Lectures**

#### Flannery Lecture | Nov. 6

"Unrestricted Love: Blackness and Catholicity as Interrelated Marks of Christian Life" by Andrew Prevot

#### Rukavina Lecture | Nov. 1

"Who's Your Mama? Assisted Reproductive Technology and the Decline of Motherhood" by Jennifer Parks

#### **Fundraisers**

Gonzaga Institute for Hate Studies  $\mid$  Oct. 12 School of Business Wine & Dine  $\mid$  Nov. 16

#### **Fall Celebrations**

#### **ZagFam Weekend** | Oct. 5-7

Music, theatre, Kraziness in the Kennel, much more. Plus faculty lectures on liberal arts, chemistry and biochemistry research, Ignatian perspectives on civil discourse, film as reflection, getting global with music, and international politics.

**Alumni Reunion** | October 12-14 (see below)

#### **Holidays**

Season of Light Kick-off & Tree Lighting | Nov. 28

For details on all these and more, visit **gonzaga.edu** 





## Class Acts

Gonzaga is proud to welcome new Act Six Scholars to campus this fall. Act Six provides leadership training and full scholarships for emerging urban and community leaders who want to use their college education to make a difference on campus and in their communities at home.

The west siders include three students from Tacoma: Richard Boulay, Mt. Tahoma High, Samridhi Singh, Foss High, and Asha Douglas, Bellarmine Prep. Boulay not only served as president of his student body, but also held the lead role in his school musical, "Hairspray." Singh is a Mary Bridge Children's Hospital volunteer. Douglas is a Future Business Leaders of America member. From Auburn is Pedro Martinez, Mountainview High, who helps organize cultural festivals and raise money for small communities throughout Mexico.

From the Spokane area are Mary Benjamin, Shadle Park High, who competed in the national DECA competition; Tara Phung, Lewis and Clark High, a volunteer at Deaconess Hospital and a member of the Vietnamese Buddhist Youth Association; and Stephanie Assonken, Cheney High, a swim coach for Cheney Parks and Recreation.

#### **About Act Six**

Act Six began in 2002 with inspiration from a New York-based foundation that reached out to help ensure that talented future leaders completed their college education. Whitworth University was the first to invest in a similar program for Washington, and watched all 11 of its first scholars graduate with records of distinguished leadership, service and academic achievement. In 2009, Gonzaga joined the effort and has been a proud financial supporter, welcoming Act Six scholars to campus every year.





# The Ultimate Zag

Looks Back on a Half-Century of University Life and Its People

BY DALE GOODWIN ('86)

Steve Hertz and his high school sweetheart, Vicki (both '72), stepped off the plane onto the snow-covered tarmac at Spokane International Airport in December 1969. Eyes got big. These Southern Californians had never seen snow before. "We looked at each other and said, 'This is it! We're going to go to school here.' "As it turns out, this pair have made Spokane, and Gonzaga, their home for all but five of the last 50 years.

On the occasion of his and Vicki's retirement from Gonzaga – he as former baseball coach and associate athletic director, she as supervisor for student teaching and field experience – Steve reflects on some of the people and events that have made Gonzaga such a special place over the last half-century.

He remembers returning to campus from a road trip in May 1970, hearing that four Kent State student protestors were killed by Ohio National Guardsmen, bumping into ROTC buddies here, and feeling deep compassion for them all.

One of the favorite hangouts back in the day was Pakies, a greasy spoon on the corner of Standard and Sharp, where Dillon Hall now stands. "I'd give anything to sink my teeth into a Student Blitz today – spicy Italian sausage cut lengthwise, great sauce and cheese all over it on a hoagie roll... and the best fries I've ever had in my life," Hertz recalls, as if he can still taste it all again.

His palate now fully engaged, Hertz remembers, "Dutch's sat on Boone, across from College Hall. The sweetest elderly lady would bake these wonderful pies and pastries; it was like going to grandma's house."

Among Hertz's most cherished relationships was with Father Bernard Coughlin, S.J., who served as president 1974-1996, and as chancellor through 2016.

"He is my mentor and close friend," Hertz says. "Every time I went through a hardship I'd find a bottle of wine

on my desk and a note from Father saying, 'Hang in there, Steve, I'm with you.' He was like a second father to me. I think he had that impact on nearly everyone who had the chance to work with him. He deserves a lot of credit for making Gonzaga a world-class institution."

In the mid-1990s, as Fr. Coughlin stepped away, Fr. Edward Glynn, S.J., stayed only eight months as Coughlin's successor.

"We were so fortunate when Father (Robert) Spitzer came aboard," Hertz says. "Often we'd be at the same events. Talk about pressure speaking on the same dais with him. I probably heard him speak 300 times, and every time the hair on the back of my neck stood up because what he said was so inspiring. The best thing he did was believe in people."

Hertz believes the construction of the McCarthey Athletic Center in 2004 and the John J. Hemmingson Center in 2015 will have paramount impact on the entire campus community for decades to come. "Now, national broadcasters want to come here to call a game in the Kennel. This is one of the top five basketball arenas in the country.

"The Hemmingson Center wraps its heart and soul around our students, staff, faculty and community," Hertz says.

Listening to Hertz talk, his words embody what it is to be a Zag. And think about all the young men and women who have been mentored by Hertz. But he's quick to credit others.



#### DEFINITION OF VICTORY

Despite coaching his teams to 637 wins, the true measure of Hertz's career is his love for the players and coaches he mentored over his 44-year association with Gonzaga.

His distinguished career included three years as a student-athlete, two as an assistant coach, 24 as head baseball coach, and 15 developing relationships with people who helped create scholarships and facilities to support Gonzaga.



And then there's his love for his players.

"Pitcher Bob Finn ('88) had just lost his best friend, Dave Machtolf, and the funeral was the same day as a big doubleheader against a very good Washington State team," Hertz recalls. "I didn't expect to see Bob, but as I was preparing my lineup for the nightcap, he came running up to me in suit, tie flying, and said, 'I want the ball.'

Hertz told Finn, "My first priority is to protect you. You've been through enough this week." But Finn insisted, and went on to pitch a 7-1 win.

Another tenacious player left a mark on Hertz. On the day Hertz's father was dying, Jason Bay ('00), longtime major leaguer, told Hertz he'd hit one out for his dad. Bay homered that day. "Dad died that afternoon, and later that night, Jason called and said, 'That was for your dad.'"

Influence goes both ways.

"I'll never forget the 1978 NCAA semifinal game against UNLV," Hertz recalls. "Tom Gorman was twirling a nifty 11-hitter. He was tiring. We were in the ninth inning, two outs, we led 3-2, and the tying run was on third. I left the dugout to call for my closer. I got to the foul line, and Gorman stuck out his hand and

said, 'STOP.' I kept walking toward the pitcher and he said, 'Get the hell off my mound.' I turned, and walked off the field. Tom's next pitch resulted in a slow roller to first base. Game over."

Gonzaga players compete with character and fight to the end, with extra effort and big hearts, and not just in athletics. "Zags do special things in every aspect of life – academics, service, care for others," Hertz says. "It's the intangible that makes this place, and our people, special."

Hertz gives credit for his success, first and foremost, to his wife, his "No. 1 draft pick." And he credits the University for its tremendous impact on him and his family.

"Everything that I have in my life that's good has been fostered by, and grown from here. Our six kids are all GU grads, as well as five of their six spouses. Gonzaga is everything to me and my family, and that won't change."

#### **GET IN THE GAME**

Share a Coach Hertz story. Email editor@gonzaga.edu. Watch a video interview: gonzaga.edu/magazine.



Father Greg Boyle has a long history of standing by those in the margins – sometimes even as bullets were flying past him in the neighborhoods of East Los Angeles.

Fr. Boyle ('77) is a Jesuit who founded Homeboy Industries 30 years ago near his childhood home. The innovative nonprofit provides wrap-around services for former gang members and ex-felons with an 18-month program that has provided life skills, jobs and hope to thousands.

Fr. Boyle started it all as parish priest at Dolores Mission Catholic Church, boldly commandeering resources and raising funds by asking forgiveness, not permission, which often put him at odds with leaders of the church and the Jesuits. Yet he persisted with unapologetic aplomb.

Tired of seeing residents kill each other in gang violence and presiding over their funerals, he rode his bike through the streets late at night, waging peace and brokering truces, sometimes stepping between gunfights. When someone was shot and rushed to the hospital, Fr. Boyle was at their side. To attack the underlying social issues, he tried to keep the "homies" on the payroll and off the streets.

"Everything was sort of an evolution where we would grow into where we are today. However, not once did I say, 'Here's what I envision.' Everything just kind of felt like an outgrowth of where we were," explains Fr. Boyle, whom the "homies" call "Father G" or "G-Dog." "As long as you listen to folks, they'll tell you exactly what they need. I think in 30 years we've allowed ourselves to be reached by this population and have received their suggestions. Everything is building on that."

Countless men and women speak about how Fr. Boyle has personally changed their trajectories and saved their lives through his boundless compassion.

The Homeboy Industries of today is a mature entity, emulated worldwide. It provides services such as tattoo removal, vocational counseling and in-house jobs. Homeboy's viability

now seems secure and not a week seems to go by without Fr. Boyle's leadership being honored with a prominent award.

He dismisses the accolades, saying this is work he's been called to do by God and his Jesuit provincial leaders. While that may be true, the personal legend of the iconic priest continues to grow every day.

#### **Seeking Kinship**

Fr. Boyle's story will be indelibly tied to Gonzaga. He came to Spokane in the 1970s, like many of his fellow Jesuit-in-training colleagues of the era, to study philosophy. He's been a proud Zag since then and the feeling is mutual.

"Those were two of my happiest years, going to Spokane. I loved the people. I loved the Jesuits I lived with. I loved everything about it," said Fr. Boyle. "I love Gonzaga."

Fr. Boyle has come back to GU several times and was the University's 2015 commencement speaker, when he was presented with the prestigious DeSmet Medal. On that day, he said about his ministry:

"It's the privilege of my life to have worked at Homeboy Industries and, for 30 years, to have accompanied men and women, thousands upon thousands of gang members. The day won't ever come when I have more courage or I am more noble or I am closer to God than these folks."



COMPREHENSIVE LEADERSHIP STUDENTS ON A 2018 VISIT TO HOMEBOY.

Fr. Boyle often shares a story from his 2011 visit to Gonzaga as go-to material while traveling around the country in his endless work to promote Homeboy. He brought two "homies" with him on that particular trip. It was the first time either of them had left L.A. or had flown. The kindness displayed to them by the GU community, which gave the men a standing ovation after an on-campus event, brings Fr. Boyle to tears.

Gonzaga remains directly connected to Fr. Boyle and his work in a variety of ways, through student immersions and the first L.A. alumni "trek," which made a stop at Homeboy last June.

Josh Armstrong, director of GU's Comprehensive Leadership Program, has taken students to Homeboy for immersion experiences annually for the last decade. He amplified the studies last spring with a for-credit class in the heart of the neighborhood where Fr. Boyle has focused decades of work.

Armstrong believes the dynamic leadership style of Fr. Boyle and his work at Homeboy are worthy of study.

Armstrong and Larry Spears co-authored an academic piece in the International Journal on Servant Leadership that cites Fr. Boyle's kinship style as a case study for the servant-leader

"I think what they're building there is a microcosm of what they want for the homeboys who come out. I love watching the way Father Greg touches people," said Armstrong. "It's a place that has grace and deep love as part of its central core."



JOSH ARMSTRONG AND FORMER ZAG BASKETBALL PLAYER RONNY TURIAF ('10) WITH FR. GREG.

model. Fr. Boyle's newest book is appropriately titled, "Barking to the Choir: The Power of Radical Kinship."

Armstrong and Spears say Fr. Boyle takes service as a foundational concept of servant-leadership to a higher plane of accompaniment:

Fr. Boyle distinguishes service from kinship – service as a relationship in which 'haves' help 'have-nots' to 'kinship – not serving the other, but being one with the other.'"

Fr. Boyle says he's merely doing what Jesus would do if He were on Earth today. The goal, he says, is to "Imagine God in a circle of compassion; then you imagine no one standing outside that circle."

His admittedly idealistic vision of completely erasing the lines that create margins is influencing groups of Gonzaga students who make the trek to Los Angeles.

Armstrong's students stayed in the Dolores Mission School, side-by-side with neighborhood residents. The students documented the stories of the neighbors as part of their studies and Armstrong saw how his students were deeply impacted. The group also spent time at Homeboy, seeing its success up close and studying it as an evolving organization.

#### **Secret Sauce**

Homeboy, a nonprofit, has its first chief executive officer and is retooling for the future. Its leaders openly share its "secret sauce" with organizations around the world that want to emulate it. Fr. Boyle spends most of his time on the road, raising money to keep Homeboy thriving. He says the place runs seamlessly when he's gone, as a core of trusted program graduates oversee operations.

Still, the pace of Fr. Boyle's schedule has some people close to him worried about his long-term health, as he's battled leukemia for a decade. He told the Los Angeles Times in 2015 he was slowing down, but it's hard to see that in practice. Boyle insists it's not a concern: "It's perfectly fine to be exhausted, but if you're depleted you're doing it incorrectly. When it's about you, you can get depleted. If you can keep it about other people, then exhaustion comes, but not depletion."

As a servant-leader, Fr. Boyle is simply living out the message he regularly delivers to students at commencements, including the one at GU:

That's what Fr. Boyle has done himself. "I kind of knew where the joy was, so you walk in that general direction," he said. "Now, trying to stay where the joy is, is a challenge, (but) standing at the margins is where happiness is."



"You brace yourselves as you stand on the margins – and then you cease to care that people will accuse you of wasting your time."

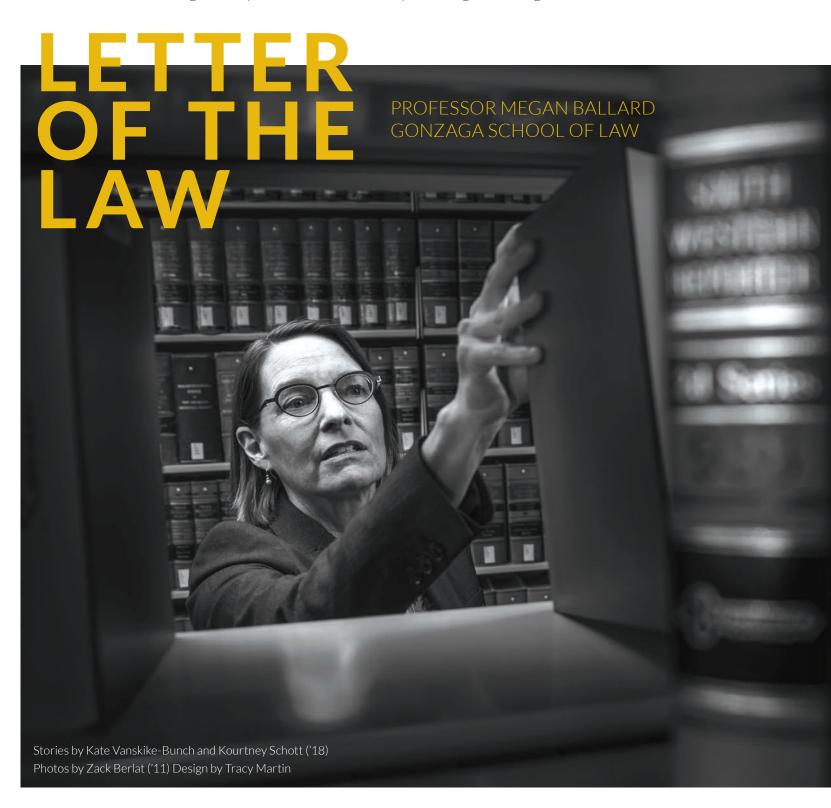
#### **More Online**

Father Mark Torres, a Jesuit who taught at Gonzaga, directs counseling services at Homeboy. Learn about him and read pieces by and about Father Greg Boyle at **gonzaga.edu/magazine**.

#### WELCOMING THE STRANGER

Uprooted from their homes and communities, refugees are, by definition, people forced out by war, persecution or conflict. Many traverse foreign lands where they live in the heartbreaking squalor of refugee camps to receive humanitarian aid. Over many years — sometimes a decade or more — they wait hopefully, completing a rigorous process for acceptance to a country of opportunity.

Helping refugees rebuild their lives takes a network of volunteers with broad skills and passions. Here, we learn how three Gonzaga faculty members ease the way for refugees among us.



The connection between property law and the plight of refugees – for most of us – is little more than a dotted line on an exercise in free association thinking. But for Megan Ballard, professor of law there is a thoughtful correlation – a clear movement from one to the other with touchstones of meaning and purpose.

Much of Ballard's research and teaching has focused on property law – the rights of owners, the limits of protection. Eight or nine years ago, she began to cast those topics into international light, looking at the limits of property owners forcibly displaced from their homes in the horrors of war or ethnic turmoil.

"How do people prove that this piece of land is the farm they were forced to leave? What evidence would there be?" Ballard began to ask. "How do you restore rights after a conflict in the face of such daunting hurdles?"

Those questions led her deep into research, first in the countries of Georgia and Colombia, and soon, to Jordan. But between those international field research trips, Ballard connected with Spokane refugee services to make her research personal.

"Some of our new residents have lived for 10 years in a refugee camp. They don't know that in the U.S. you can't leave a child in a car in a parking lot for 10 minutes," Ballard says. "Refugees can be removed from the U.S. if they violate certain laws. That triggered an idea to help them understand more about law."

She started volunteering for Refugee Connections Spokane (RCS), creating a curriculum to teach refugees about their legal rights and how not to endanger their status, and partnering with Community Colleges of Spokane to present workshops translated into several languages. As a scholar, she augmented those efforts with a piece published by the University of Pennsylvania Journal of International Law. As a professor, she guided law students and lawyers in helping to provide essential information to refugees. As a volunteer, she also helped with World Refugee Day in Spokane, an annual celebration of refugees taking their oaths as legal citizens of the United States.

During her workshops on law, Ballard says that, without doubt, the questions refugees had about family norms and expectations were the most interesting.

"While our conversations varied based on the country and culture of origin, many newcomers are not only concerned about legal rules, but also about how families in America operate," Ballard explains. "Are the parents responsible if the child does something wrong? How old should my child be before I can leave him alone? What are the appropriate ways of disciplining children?"

Another, touchier topic was the parameters of domestic violence, especially for those coming from cultures where women and men had very different roles. "We approached the subject by saying, 'You might not agree with the rules. But this is the status of the law in the United States', "Ballard says.

Bringing lawyers, judges, law faculty and students, and community college language instructors together to help people uprooted from their homelands gain footing in their new country was enriching, she says.

"It was a pretty awesome thing."

### FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR: RESETTLING REFUGEES

"How do we welcome newcomers to society? Are we simply admitting refugees to respond to international and domestic pressure, or are we trying to create citizens who will engage in civil society?" asks Megan Ballard. "This is an idea I kept coming back to."

Ballard pitched those questions to the Fulbright Scholar Program and in 2018 received a grant to continue studying refugee resettlement programs. Her Fulbright-funded stay in Jordan this fall will put her face to face with refugees who have been accepted for resettlement in North America and are receiving an orientation to either the United States or Canada. Ballard will compare how the countries differ in presenting law and legal culture in welcoming newcomers through orientation programs.

Before she was on the ground in Jordan, Ballard already had an idea of some of the differences in the two orientation curricula. Take, for example, the mere names of the programs offered to refugees: Canada calls the course a "pre-departure orientation" whereas the United States calls it "cultural orientation."

Ballard explains. "The Canadian orientation seems to value multiculturalism. It says, 'We want refugees to maintain their cultural identity but adopt a Canadian identity also.' The law is a small piece of both orientation programs. In Canada, law seems to be framed largely as a tool of empowerment."

In the U.S. version, the message is different. "We want people to understand our culture and generally conform to it. The curriculum seems to present law mostly as a way of restricting behavior," Ballard says.

As she dusts off her rudimentary Arabic and packs for the Middle East, Ballard hopes her research eventually will hold up a mirror and help us see more clearly how we introduce newcomers to law and legal culture. Ultimately, that will impact refugees' resettlement, integration and civic participation in their new homes.

# RESILI

Four hundred twenty-six miles on two wheels, with a gain of more than 5,000 feet in elevation. Nearly 40 riders raising a collective \$151,000. This trek from Puget Sound to Spokane is dubbed a "Ride for Refugee Resiliency," and it has been the love-work of Scott Starbuck, a cyclist, pastor and lecturer of religious studies at GU.

The preparation for a cross-state bike ride, developing a team and raising funds for World Relief's three Washington state resettlement offices came about after Starbuck's family and church congregation participated in a Rally for Refugees at Gonzaga in February 2017.

At that rally in the Hemmingson Ballroom, hundreds of students from local colleges and members of many faith communities filled the space to capacity and spilled out into hallways where overflow viewing was made available. President Trump had, just days before, announced new travel restrictions from certain countries and a reduction in refugee acceptance rates. Community leaders, educators, pastors and refugees themselves all took the stage to make their pleas, united in both angst and compassion over the impact the new policies would have on families who have already suffered so much.

For the following academic year, Gonzaga's religious studies department planned a yearlong public lecture series focused on migration and refugee populations.

Then, World Relief leaders reached out to Starbuck for help motivating cyclists to participate in a Seattle-based ride.

"It seemed like a good time to bring all these ends together and lead from a Gonzaga and Presbyterian church partnership," says Starbuck.

He and four other willing riders (including one resettled refugee living in Spokane) joined the Seattle group who would commit not only to the grueling training but also to raising funds. In Spokane, the team secured contributions from the religious studies department at Gonzaga, the Gonzaga Cycling Club, Manito Presbyterian Church (where Starbuck is pastor) and the Presbytery of the Inland Northwest, among others. Those gifts will be used to provide housing assistance, transportation, English language classes, job skills training and more for the individuals and families making their home in Washington.

Read more of the 426-mile ride: **gonzaga.edu/magazine** 







What exactly would it take to welcome an Iraqi woman and her family in a Western world, in a place like Spokane? Ask Religious Studies Professor Shannon Dunn. Since 2016, Dunn and her family have engaged in cultural mentorship with an Iraqi refugee family.

In 2013, Dunn began teaching courses at GU in Christian Ethics and Islam, eventually taking on courses aimed at social justice minors. By 2015, she started reflecting on her work as an educator and unearthed a desire to make a difference in the community that also aligned with her ethical commitment to hospitality. Spokane's refugee resettlement program, World Relief, would hold the answer.

Through Cultural Companion, World Relief connects Spokane families with recently relocated refugee families who are integrating into the community and adapting to a new way

of life. Mentors begin meeting with a refugee family three to five hours a week initially, and as the family becomes more comfortable, the volunteer time reduces to about five hours a month. The goal is to give refugees a sense of belonging and let them know that they are cared for in their new community.

Dunn's family was matched with a young Iraqi couple with daughters ages 12 and 7, and a baby born in Spokane last spring. The father had worked as a translator for the American Coalition Forces in Iraq, but feared for his family's safety due to political unrest and the proximity of ISIS to their home city. Dunn assisted the family with practical, everyday activities, such as advice on where to buy groceries or household items and how to handle conversations with insurance agencies and the like. She even gave the mother a few driving lessons. Dunn's most important role, though, was just being there, letting the family know that they had an ally and friend.



"Our country recently has had a breakdown in trust, and we need to find ways to re-establish this trust," Dunn offers. "Cultural mentorship allows people to become a representative of our country in a positive way."

She says cultural mentorship challenges preconceptions of people from different cultures, giving us a chance to learn from one another and grow together. "By being open to a new experience, you are practicing civic and social virtues in a way that not only improves society, but also makes a big difference for some of the most marginalized people in the community."

The relationship continues for Dunn and her Iraqi friends, who still gather monthly. They say they are grateful for her and her ability to make them feel at home, integrated into a greater community.

#### JOIN THE EFFORT

Though "most direct acts of kindness toward refugees are mediated through organizations like World Relief or Catholic Charities," there are other simple ways to become an ally for refugees, says Shannon Dunn, mentor.

- Brush up on your history, and cultural and religious understanding. Read "Fractured Lands" (published by The New York Times), which provides contemporary political history and shows the origin of the crisis surrounding refugees from the Middle East.
- Join an interfaith organization to learn more about neighbors of different religions. Spokane FaVS, short for Faith and Values, is an example (spokanefavs.com.)
- Resist acts of injustice toward Muslims, Jews, immigrants and refugees by writing guest columns for newspapers and calling congressional representatives.
- Engage in public acts of solidarity with refugees in the form of vigils, protests and other gatherings.

To find more opportunities to learn about refugee social justice and to volunteer in the Spokane area, visit **worldreliefspokane.org** or **refugeeconnectionsspokane.org**.

#### **LEARN MORE**

Stay on top of topics related to refugee resettlement and immigration reform. Two Gonzaga centers are here to help:

- Center for Civil and Human Rights, a new outreach of Gonzaga School of Law, to support research, education and community engagement
- Gonzaga Institute for Hate Studies, a 20-year-old program supporting knowledge and awareness around topics of human dignity and global citizenship.

See page 16 for fall events hosted by these programs, or visit **gonzaga.edu**.

# Math to the Rescue

In the alphabet soup of modern health care, where diagnosis and treatment are communicated through a mixture of letters – CT, MRI, PET, EEG, ERCP and countless others – there's a place for numbers, too.

Of particular interest to most patients are the numbers preceded by dollar signs. The price tag affiliated with the testing alone, never mind actual treatment, is enough to keep many patients away from a hospital. That's where **Melody Alsaker's** research seeks to make a difference.

An assistant professor of mathematics at Gonzaga, Alsaker is working with a team from Colorado State University to add another abbreviation to the imaging dictionary: EIT, electrical impedance tomography. Her team's creation of the right mathematical algorithms is what makes this new imaging possible. Unlike other imaging services, EIT doesn't use any ionizing radiation, which means it's safer for patients and technicians alike. It's also cheaper.

That's the kind of impact that excites Alsaker, who says her passion is for collaborative interdisciplinary research, including medical and biomedical imaging.

Of her teaching style, Alsaker says, "One of my main goals is to convey a sense of profound enthusiasm and wonder for the subject. I teach with the expectation that all students, regardless of their major, interests, or abilities, can learn to find both beauty and utility in mathematics."

#### SHOUT OUTS



Heidi Nordstrom Receives the Compass Award

#### True North

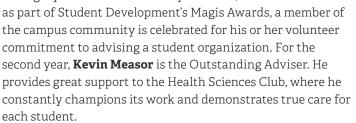
Helping students develop their goals and determine their next steps is a passion many faculty members have. To celebrate that important work, Gonzaga's Career and Professional Development center

recognizes a faculty member with the Compass Award for contributions to the career development of students. The 2018 recipient is **Heidi Nordstrom**, assistant professor of integrated media, who teaches in the undergraduate sport management and graduate sport and athletic administration programs. She has attended multiple Treks in Seattle and Portland, coordinated a Sport Management excursion for the Spokane Trek, and helped build the Williston internship program, which resulted in several students securing meaningful fulltime opportunities. The Compass Award comes with a \$500 gift to the recipient's department for a career-related service.

### A Presence Like Father Tony

Father Tony Lehmann, S.J., was beloved by so many, for his active presence in the lives of student groups and individuals, including his support of clubs and organizations.

His legacy is remembered each year when,







## A FORMIDABLE CREW

BY MADELINE HUESKE ('19)

Tucked away inside the Rudolf Fitness Center is an office filled with glossy photos and championship plaques that don't have anything to do with basketball. These medals and accolades belong to the women's rowing members. They've been winning West Coast Conference championships for as long as the men's basketball team has; their first victory coming in 1997 and they've won 17 titles since. The magnitude of the team's success is made more impressive by the nature of the team itself: Many athletes walked on without a scholarship offer nor any prior experience.

Each athlete found her way to the team differently, but the common thread is athleticism and a desire to compete.

Meghan Casey ('21) ran track in high school and planned to walk on to the GU track team, but over the summer received an email that invited her to check out the rowing program simply because she was a high school athlete. "I'm from Wyoming, so I didn't even know what the boat looked like, but I thought why not? And this has really been the one sport that has clicked for me," Casey says. She trained with the varsity squad throughout the season and was one of eight walk-on athletes to row at the NCAA Championships in May.

Despite its domination over the last two decades, the program has experienced the successes and heartbreaks of any competitive team. Assistant coaches Kari Grambo ('06) and Madison Keaty ('14) were on teams that failed to win the WCC title, championships the teams were expected to win. "They kind of have that unique perspective that a lot of our athletes don't have, which helps in the coaching," says former head coach Glenn Putyrae, who led the team to 13 of its titles.

"When I showed up my freshman year, they had just won the WCC, after losing the year before," says crew member Ali Pinkley ('19). "They instilled in us this idea that the WCC is a goal, but so is going to NCAAs, and doing well at NCAAs. We want to be like the basketball program, where winning the WCC is just a hurdle."

Pinkley was also a walk-on, although she rowed in high school. "I think there's less pressure being a walk-on, because you come in with no expectations. The coaches are really good about seeing potential and incorporating people into the team to make boats go fast, which is the goal at the end of the day," she says.

In a program with so many novices, the learning curve is steep but the payoffs are immense.

Pinkley says: "It's awesome watching the novices do their first 2K and then their last 2K. They improve so much and they may not be varsity or pulling some insane numbers, but they're still improving over the season and each time they're testing themselves. It's pretty inspiring to watch." Now having completed three seasons on the crew, she has watched new walk-on athletes commit to the program the way she did several years ago. She can now share the wisdom she learned from older teammates with the novices: "Gonzaga is about winning. It's about doing well. It's not only winning in the 8-woman boat, it's winning in the 2 boat and the 4 boat, as well. It means our team is winning as a whole."

That's the kind of motivation a team needs to turn a group of novice athletes into one of the most successful athletic programs at Gonzaga.

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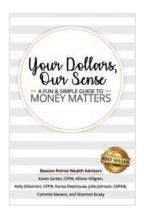
### Money matters, property management and clowning around:

### **GRADS SHARE CAREER NEWS**

'82 Mark Havens is chairman of the Lewis-Clark Valley Healthcare Foundation. It was founded in 2017 with \$25 million from the conversion of St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, Idaho, to a for-profit hospital. Havens will oversee the establishment of the foundation, the first of its kind in Idaho, to serve a nine-county region.

'92 Matthew Antush now serves as a judge for Spokane Municipal Court. He was appointed by Mayor David Condon in March 2018.

'on Tim Melia and 'o2 Melissa (Melville)
Melia are principals for Madeson
Management, LLC, a Seattle residential
property firm. Architectural Digest recently
named one of their properties on the "Most
Beautiful Airbnb" list for Washington state.



'09 Kelly (MacRae) DiGonzini co-authored her first book: "Your Dollars, Our Sense: A Fun and Simple Guide to Money Matters." A guide to decoding the essentials of life and money, it has been No. 1 in six business and finance categories.

'11 Sara Becker was promoted to marketing manager at First Interstate Bank, Billings, Mont. Outside her role in banking, Becker has served on the boards of the local chapter of the American Advertising Federation and the Billings Public Library Foundation.

'10 Heather Bowman writes: "I left the world of professional and collegiate basketball in order to serve the community as a financial adviser. I joined a team with my father who has been in the business for over 15 years and holds the highest designation in financial advising."

'11 Mark Kuhlman has launched Get
Silly Seattle, a clown service available for
family parties and corporate events alike.
The business is a network of independent
entertainers who contract with Get Silly
Seattle for marketing, booking and payment
through a shared app available on Google
Play and the Apple Store.

'15 Matthew Clark recently graduated from Johns Hopkins University with a master's in government. He also has a master's from Gonzaga's School of Leadership Studies.

'15 Dung Tran, who finished a doctoral degree from Gonzaga's School of Leadership Studies, served as instructor of organizational leadership at Seattle University, and a board member of Alpha Sigma Nu, the international honor society of Jesuit colleges and universities. Starting in fall 2018, he began a tenure-track appointment as assistant professor of leadership and organizational development at Cabrini University near Philadelphia.

'17 Cory Plager is vice president of public finance for D.A. Davidson & Co. in Spokane. He will work with public school districts to develop and manage their education finance transactions.

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2018 COMMENCEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

1,151

BACHELOR'S DEGREES

770

MASTER'S

DEGREES

98 LAW DEGREES

64
DOCTORAL
DEGREES





Nneka Enempkali (master's in organizational leadership) delivers the student speech at the graduate commencement.





Carlo Juntilla, outgoing president of Gonzaga Student Body Association, celebrates with friends

commencement.



Father Brad Reynolds, S.J., tells students during Commencement Mass – which fell on Ascension Sunday - to "look up."

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Molly Bosch's "Cannonballs" speech, given at the undergraduate commencement, inspired all of us.

For other commencement weekend photo galleries and stories, visit gonzaga.edu/tobecontinued

## Eaten by a **Dinosaur**

(And Still Standing)



**Eric Edelstein** ('00) comes by the nickname "Big Ed" honestly.

His bigger-than-life presence is hard to ignore. He stands more than 6-foot-4 and possesses a magnetism befitting a former stand-up comedian. His dynamic energy, booming voice and broad smile draw a crowd quickly.

Edelstein may not be a star by Hollywood standards, although his list of TV and movie credits is substantial. His IMDB.com profile runs the gamut of the entertainment business: steadily progressive work on screen and as a voice-over artist spanning two decades.

You can see Edelstein being eaten by a dinosaur in "Jurassic World," starring as Grizzly in the "We Bare Bears" cartoon, and smarting off in a long list of sitcoms and movies. He's the type of actor who isn't well-known by name, but who draws the reaction, "Oh, I've seen THAT guy," when someone points him out or pulls up his image.

Edelstein rolled into the alumni pregame social before Gonzaga's NCAA Tournament game in Los Angeles in March just as the party ramped up. His college friends in attendance said that's no coincidence. He was both the student broadcaster and off-court ringleader of the early Zag tourney

He was greeted joyously as he entered the L.A. alumni mixer, exchanging hugs and high-fives before promising he'd catch up with his crew after an interview. That's when "Big Ed" stepped out and Eric stepped up to share a sincere story of his journey alongside some Gonzaga legends.

"I'm sure trying to live the dream, every day. I'm just trying to be a Zag here. It means patience and basics, passing up good shots to get great ones, and adding value," says Edelstein, quoting advice from the late Fr. Tony Lehmann, S.J., the legendary men's basketball chaplain, and Coach Mark Few.

Edelstein took up acting during his senior year of broadcasting studies and "the bug" bit him. He was a bit of a local celebrity at GU and in Spokane, where he worked in local radio and honed his humor in comedy clubs after graduation. He wanted to move to Los Angeles and pursue it as a career, but was uncertain about it.

Edelstein credits the support and belief of those loyal friends and his parents, for giving him the confidence to believe he could make it in such a competitive industry. "They gave me wings," he says.

Buoyed by the wishes and the advice of his Gonzaga mentors, he moved to L.A. and never looked back. He has continued to expand his reel one role at a time.

"This never would have happened if I didn't end up at Gonzaga, there's no way," he says. "I applied all of it to what I do down here, then I got real lucky." Looking back, he says there hasn't been one landmark moment but cites his recurring role in the 2017 reboot of the "Twin Peaks" TV show as one of his personal highlights. He enjoyed the original version of the show and admires creator David Lynch. However, he admits with a chuckle, "Getting eaten by a dinosaur in 'Jurassic World' — that's a hard story for anyone at Jack & Dan's to beat."

Edelstein's humor extends to selfdeprecation, noting that in three years as the GU TV basketball announcer the only praise he received was for his oddball halftime interviews.

"No one ever complimented me about my play-by-play work. I can take a hint," he deadpans.

Edelstein says being an ad-hoc member of those early Zag NCAA teams showed him anything is possible.

"I still pinch myself," he said, remembering those first two magical tournament runs. "It's a little corny, but it showed you that dreams can come true and things can really happen."

Edelstein and the Zags have enjoyed good runs since that time. The fortune seems to perpetuate itself: GU keeps winning and Edelstein is still busy, including several upcoming film roles. Yet he never imagined one day he would be hanging with his buds at a Final Four featuring Gonzaga.

"It was amazing," he said of the impromptu reunion in Phoenix in 2017. "When I see the guys, it's like no time goes by. We're all a little rounder in the middle and have a little less hair up top, but those Gonzaga relationships are so special and so important to me."

### ERIC EDELSTEIN'S SELECTED FILMOGRAPHY FROM IMDB.COM

Family (Movie, Upcoming)

Life Support (Movie, Upcoming)

American Dad! (TV series, 2012-18)

**Drunk History** (TV series, 2013-18)

Clarence (TV series, 2013-2017)

Twin Peaks (TV series, 2017)

Fresh Off the Boat (TV series, 2015-17)

We Bare Bears (TV series, 2015-2017)

**Brooklyn Nine-Nine** (TV series, 2016)

Guardians of the Galaxy (TV series, 2016)

**Complications** (TV series, 2015)

Jurassic World (Movie, 2015)

Green Room (Movie, 2015)

Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (2014)

**College Humor Originals** (TV series, 2012-14)

Monsters vs. Aliens (TV series, 2013-14)

**Key and Peele** (TV series, 2013)

**Arrested Development** (TV series, 2013)

**Shameless** (TV series, 2013)

Modern Family (TV series, 2012)

**Grimm** (TV series, 2012)

Workaholics (TV series, 2011)

Funny or Die Presents ... (TV series, 2010)

**Curb Your Enthusiasm** (TV series, 2009)

Parks and Recreation (TV series, 2009)

**Ugly Betty** (TV series, 2007)

The Hills Have Eyes II (Movie, 2007)



No doubt Expo '74 had a lot to do with making Spokane an attractive stop on the entertainment circuit, but perhaps that achievement was second to the effort of three Gonzaga alumni who, for the past 44 years, have helped to provide Inland Northwest citizens with first-rate entertainment.

**Mike Kobluk** ('60), former member of the Chad Mitchell Trio, had just taken a job with Bill Cosby's record company in Los Angeles following 11 years traveling with the Trio. He quickly determined the only affordable place to live for him, wife Claire, three kids and a dog was a 90-minute drive from his office in Beverly Hills. He resigned two weeks later and moved back to Spokane.

**Kevin Twohig** ('71) worked his way through Gonzaga by helping transform the old campus gymnasium into Russell Theatre (now Magnuson Theatre) on the east end of the

Administration Building. He learned everything he could about sound, lighting, seating and sight lines – and a few basketball tales, to boot.

In the early 1970s, these two joined forces. Kobluk, after serving two years as GU alumni director, had just been hired by King Cole to serve as director of performing and visual arts for Expo '74. Kobluk hired Twohig to produce the site's free entertainment. Twohig was running a production company that was already contracted to produce many of Expo's shows, but Kobluk, and Kevin's wife Barb ('02), convinced Twohig to take Kobluk's offer.

Following Expo, Kobluk became director of the Opera House, Convention Center, Coliseum and Albi Stadium for the city, and Twohig his deputy director. Then in 1995, a Public Facilities District was formed, and Twohig became its first executive director, managing the new Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena and Albi Stadium, while Kobluk continued to oversee the Opera House and Convention Center.

As Twohig left the city entertainment division, Kobluk's operation hired another Zag, **Stephanie Curran** ('89), who had been trained in the food and beverage business at the Sheraton Hotel in Spokane. After eight years as director of catering for both the Convention Center and arena, Curran was hired in 2003 by Twohig as event manager for the PFD.

When Kobluk retired in 2000, the District took over operation of the Opera House and Convention Center, and Twohig became CEO of the district. Curran succeeded Twohig as PFD executive director in February 2018. The Zag tag continues.

Kobluk recalls the struggle to get acts to commit to coming to the World's Fair. It sounded interesting, but agents wondered if Expo would succeed? "Then we got Bob Hope, Liberace, the Moiseyev Dance Company of Russia and Olympic gold medalist Olga Korbut signed, and we became the top entertainment destination in the country for those six months of Expo," Kobluk says.

### **NEW ARENA OPENS DOORS**

By the late 1970s, the entertainment office had taken over booking the old Coliseum. It was tough because the city didn't want Kobluk risking taxpayers' money to promote events, its 7,000-seat capacity was too small for many attractions, and the facility was in need of major repair.

Three times the city put before the voters a proposal to fund a new coliseum, and each time more than 50 percent but less than 60 percent said yes, and a supermajority was needed.

That's when the Public Facilities District came into being. It required just a 50 percent pass rate, funded by room and sales taxes. Voters approved, and in 1995 the 11,000-seat Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena was dedicated.

### LINING UP BIG EVENTS

"Spokane wasn't much of a sports town back then," Twohig explains. "The first big event we landed was the NCAA Division I Volleyball Final Four in 1997. It was the first time that event had ever sold out. A couple of members of the NCAA basketball committee were there, they liked what they saw and we have since hosted 11 NCAA championship events here. We went on to host the Memorial Cup and many more fantastic sporting events."

Kobluk was part of establishing a Broadway series in Spokane. "My former company – after Chad Mitchell and before my return to Spokane – was American Theater Productions in New York, and one of my former colleagues had the rights to 'CATS'," Kobluk explains. He wanted to bring it to Spokane, but the city would not agree to underwrite it. So Kobluk talked with former GU Regent Don Barbieri (who

"... to see our guests walking out after a show with big smiles on their faces is what makes all this worthwhile."

### - Kevin Twohig ('71)

had just started TicketsWest) who met with the producers. "Not only did Barbieri sign the show, but he agreed to bring three more Broadway shows to Spokane that first year," Kobluk says. And Spokane has been a regular fixture on the Broadway Series stop ever since.

For Curran, her favorite event was Subud, a world religious conference in the 1990s that brought people from around the world to sample a variety of ethnic dishes.

Hardest show to book here? Neil Diamond. He needed 10,000 seats to break even. When the new Arena opened, Diamond was one of the first acts booked. Pearl Jam and Metallica were big, too. Biggest bust? George "No-Show" Jones. The country-western singer reportedly was in his tour bus, unable to make the stage.

Production has changed significantly over the years. Shows used to bring three or four trucks. Now some of the Broadway shows travel with up to 34 semitrailers.

"You just can't explain to people how much effort it takes to put on a two-hour show," Twohig explains. "But to see our guests walking out after a show with big smiles on their faces, telling friends it's the best show yet, is what makes all this worthwhile."

### **COMING SOON: MORE SPORTS**

Spokane voters will have the chance this fall to weigh in on the development of the North Bank (east of the Arena). Curran, for one, is quite excited about the possibilities of an urban stadium and sportsplex there, adjacent to downtown.

"Our mission is to build public facilities that will generate economic impact for our region," says Curran. "I am excited to take on this next generation of venues and launch us into the world of sports while continuing the success of our convention and entertainment facilities. Other cities will be watching and learning from us."



## A real ring bear.

When you hold an outdoor wedding in Alaska, your chances of entertaining the local wildlife increase significantly. '13 Sam Wells grew up in Alaska, and that's where he returned to marry his bride, '12 Charlotte Sieggreen.

"The host at our venue mentioned there had been a bear roaming around in the days before the wedding," wrote Charlotte. "When the bear came back, the host was cooking our dinner and she scared him up into a tree. Our photographer asked if we wanted a quick picture, and then we chased him back into the woods."



### Our hearty congrats to the following happy couples.

See their beautiful wedding photos at gonzaga.edu/magazine.

'04 Hilary Whittington and '03 Stuart Kerber exchanged vows in Seabrook, Wash., in March, with '06 Scott Kerber officiating. The couple became friends as members of Gonzaga's ski club in 2000.

- '11 Corinne Hahn and '11 Javier Gonzalez wed last June at Lake Coeur d'Alene, surrounded by a large family of Zags. Their celebration included Gonzaga confetti cannons, Zagtinis and many rounds of "Zombie Nation."
- '11 Brian Ortega married JoAnne McAllister in 2015. He was studying for the bar exam when he met her, a co-worker of his mother's in Butte, Mont. They had their first child in November 2017.
- '12 Maria Alauddin married Vinny Small, a graduate of the University of Montana.
- '12 Matt Tarzwell took Elisabeth Kornberg's hand in marriage, with more than a dozen Zags there to celebrate.

- '14 Emily Rudolph exchanged vows with '14 Phil Gray in Priest Lake, Idaho, last fall. Eight other Zags were in the wedding party.
- '15 Jordan Travis and '15 Derek Peterson became wife and husband on Gonzaga Day 2018. Jordan was a member of the women's soccer team and Derek played baseball at GU.
- '16 Jordan (Mikayla) Lindstrom and '14 Tanner Chaffin said "I do" last August with several Zags in the wedding party.
- '16 Elli Stephenson married Nolan Takemura.
- '16 Ashlee Wambsganss and '16 Chase Anderson enjoyed the company of several Zags in their wedding party.



## All in the family.

On Saint Patrick's Day 2018, the Neary family of Redmond, Ore., celebrated the baptisms of two new family members: Quinn and Rose. Pictured (I to r): '07 Danielle, Baby Quinn, '07 Sean; '09 Kate, Baby Rose, '08 Jimmy, Joey; '05 Tim, James, and '09 Lucy (Yandle).

### Oh, Baby!

'03, '06 Brandi Simmons and husband Andrew are happy to announce the birth of Sadie Dee.

**'05 Dustin Duvanich** and wife Amy welcomed Easton last March. He is proud to join the Zag family and looks forward to his first basketball season.

**'05 Jennifer Nasner** and husband Scott added baby girl Myah to the family in June 2017. She joins siblings Xavier, Kate and Matthew.

'05, '08 Kevin and '06, '08 Christina Elliott brought Victoria into the world last March, making Sam a big brother.

'09 Christina and '10 Mickey Evey made 4-year-old Pearce a big brother to a baby girl, Adeline.

'09, '10 Silke (nee Mueller) Hauser and husband Marc are happy to have a son, Henry Hugo Georg.

'10 Siloe Perez and '10 Charlotte Scranton Perez welcomed Edward last November.

'10 Casey McCoy and '11, '14 Maura (Senecal) McCoy received an early Christmas gift, a baby girl, Finley.

'11 Caitlin (Salo) and '11 Kyle Terrell welcomed a baby boy, Landon in January.

**'11 Julia** and **'12 Spencer Larsen** welcomed their first child, Hadley, last October.

**'11 Brian Ortega** and wife JoAnne are proud to share the arrival of Samantha.

'15 Jobin and '15 Jenni Panicker welcomed Arya Ruth.

### Half a Century of Bliss

**'69 James Kolbet** and bride Eunice celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last November. They have four adult children (three graduated from GU) and five grandchildren (so far). They are loving retirement in Newberg, Ore., says son '00 Dave.

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### WHO'S THIS ZAG?

This Zag grew up in Spokane and taught and held numerous leadership positions at Gonzaga for more than 45 years. Colleague Robert Carriker once said of this person, "His is the office many people head to because in so many ways he is Mr. Gonzaga." Our Mystery Zag chaired his department, served as academic vice president and spent 25 years as director of one of our study abroad programs.

If you know this mystery Zag, share a favorite memory. Email editor@gonzaga.edu, or write to Editor, Gonzaga Magazine, Gonzaga University, 502 E. Boone Ave., Spokane, WA 99258-0070.



Francoise Kuester
Retired French Professor

She taught French for more than two decades. and led summer tours to France. This French native grew up during World War II. She drew inspiration from her mother, a strong and giving woman, even when they had nothing. Kuester is remembered for demanding classes, heartfelt care for students, serving others, and her gourmet cooking. She still makes her home in Spokane.

### READER REFLECTIONS

One day we were talking about food and rabbit came up. I had never had rabbit before. Next thing I knew Francoise was having a group of the teachers for dinner at her house so we could taste her favorite recipe. I have wonderful memories of that event. Francoise was the warmest, kindest department head. She believed in me and pushed me to become a better teacher. Thank you, Francoise, for those early teaching experiences. I treasure the memories of the years I worked with you.

> Felix Harrington ('73) Phoenix

She was both demanding and caring. She met her students with high expectations and pushed them to succeed. Because of her support and confidence, I was able to study in Paris for a year, the first male student from Gonzaga to do so. Others followed, thanks to her belief in our abilities and the conviction that immersion in another culture can be transformative. The greater gift was to return as an adjunct a few years later to teach alongside her. And I can attest that her boeuf bourgignon was better than gourmet.

Scott Cooper ('89) Spokane To this day, my strongest memories include the sound of her high heels rapidly approaching the classroom door. The door would open and class would start. She was always prepared, always ready to wage war on weak thinking or low engagement. Slipping by unnoticed was simply not possible in her class. Her presence demanded that we think and act with purpose. Thinking about her today reminds me of what a gift my years at Gonzaga were.

Alison Thompson ('95) Spokane

I was a French major and had many upper-level classes with Mme. Kuester. Although she paved the way for me to obtain a master's in French at EWU, I decided to go to medical school instead and became a radiologist. She was demanding yet understanding and accessible at the same time. A wonderful educator. I remember her dry sense of humor. Her classes were truly a joy!

Steven Picerne ('84) Satellite Beach, Fla.

I got to take my first trip to France a few weeks ago. It was the first time I spoke French in a French- speaking nation, none the less France itself! I remember her telling me the French won't like it if I slaughter their language. Despite not having spoken French in years I was still able to do a pretty good job. She was one of the most challenging and demanding language teachers I have ever had, but she also was one of the best professors I ever had. When she came in on the first day and spoke only French for the first 30 minutes, and then addressed me only in French at first, I thought, "Oh my gosh, what have I got myself into." I'm glad I stuck with French. Merci beaucoup!

Brandon Hogan ('10)
Phoenix

I was tickled pink to see Françoise Kuester as the Mystery Zag. I have many memories of her classroom, exhorting me to "ouvre la bouche," to improve my accent. Later, she helped me study in Paris. When I returned, she marched me straight into the office of "Le Père Ely" to show off my fluent French. When we were in Spokane last fall for our 30th reunion, I had the chance to speak with Françoise again. She seemed the same ball of fire she's always been. I can still hear her heels clicking down the hall of the Ad building, ready to bring her joie de vivre to her next class.

> Deanna G. Vizurraga ('87) Centennial, Colo.



### BY JEFF BUNCH ('92)

Kevin Daniels ('79) defies the stereotype of a tone-deaf commercial developer, a profession where grandiose development plans are often at odds with the vision of the broader community.

Instead, Daniels' projects tend to involve historic preservation with highest and best use of valuable real estate. The iconic downtown Seattle skyline bears the mark of Daniels' three decades of vision. His work honors the legacies of the city's founders, as well as the next generation who will lead it.

Daniels' latest success is a one-of-a-kind structure near completion in the heart of the city. A luxury hotel, office tower and event center will be neighbor to the city's tallest building, the landmark Columbia Tower. The project reflects his knack of marrying old and new into something remarkable.

Daniels was unwavering in saving the oldest church in downtown Seattle, the First United Methodist whose cornerstone was laid in 1908. It took persistence to save the building and ensure its rich legacy. The result is The Sanctuary event center, which adjoins The Mark, a 48-story hotel and office structure.

"It's about more than just the finished product; it's how we got here," says Daniels. "And it's also about all the people that were here before us (Arthur Denny and David Blaine, two founders of the city and the church). To lose their legacy would be unforgivable."

The building is an elegant, impressive addition to his diverse portfolio of the past 30 years, including renovations of the Starbucks Center (the company's world headquarters), Union Station, and several mixed-use buildings downtown.

A longtime member of the board of trustees for the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Daniels' passion about his work stems from values modeled for him at GU.

"A fundamental thing you learn at Gonzaga is that it's not all about you," says Daniels. "I try to follow that in all of our projects, have some sort of community benefit: sustainability or affordable housing, to leave a place a little better than when we found it."

One of seven children in a family of modest means, he followed his sister to GU and felt a connection right away.

"I remember the first day we arrived, the parents were hovering over us, worried about their kids," says Daniels. "Father Coughlin gathered everybody and said, 'You have to let your kids go, because we're the new family.' I knew it was a special place at that point."

He came to the University seeking material success, but left with values based on a greater good. The change is reflected in his quiet charitable work and efforts to keep housing affordable in Seattle.

"A certain amount of understatement is the Jesuit way," says Daniels. "I'd say a lot of that comes from Gonzaga. The ego I had when I came and the ego I had when I left were totally different."

Daniels becomes emotional as he recalls how the Jesuits looked after his parents during key moments during his college years and how that kind of care and compassion impacted him.

"Throughout my career, even today, I rely on the lessons I learned at Gonzaga and the people I met. From professors like Dr. (Bud) Barnes, friends like Jack Heath and Chris Randall, to my fellow classmates, my business career has always centered around being a Zag. That bond will always be unshakeable."

- **'44 Michael O'Neil**, Feb. 7, Sacramento, Calif. Enrolled in Navy V-12 Officer Training at GU in 1943, served on USS Duluth during WWII, earned a law degree and served as a Sacramento County social worker.
- **'45 Paul Greiwe**, March 16, Tacoma, Wash. Also a member of the Navy V-12 officer training program, Greiwe was an orthodontist in Pierce County.
- **'51, '56 J.D. Richard Richard**, March 31, Spokane. Retired District Court judge following 28 years in practice. Active in politics, Boy Scouts and Kiwanis among many community endeavors.
- **'51, M.S. '52 James Ryan**, Feb. 10, Port Townsend, Wash. An engineer extraordinaire. Worked for Lockheed, U.S. Army, Boeing, Northrop and Westinghouse Hanford, on projects ranging from flight to nuclear reactors.
- **'51 Dale Bushnell**, Feb. 12, St. John, Wash. For two years a boxer for Coach Joey August, then worked 37 years for Inland Power and Light.
- **'52 Bill Dolan**, Feb. 3, St. Paul, Minn. A Korean War vet, he designed and sold irrigation systems, and was an Ernst Hardware owner.
- **'53 Gerald J. Lentz, S.J.**, Feb. 17, Los Gatos, Calif. Whether teaching, gardening, praying or playing the clarinet, Rev. Lentz loved God and people his whole life.
- **'53 Philip Desilet**, Jan. 24, Twin Falls, Idaho. A GU baseball player, Phil began his career at Potlach, then spent most of it in the banking industry.
- **'55 Michael Nestor,** April 15, Spokane. After Army service, including 15 years in the Reserves, Michael served a long career with Seafirst Bank, retiring as vice president.
- **'55, '64 M.A. Patrick Cavanaugh**, April 10, Spokane. A Korean War vet, for 36 years he taught English and history at Gonzaga Prep, and private music lessons.
- **'55 Harold Myers**, Jan. 21, Shelton, Wash. Hal worked for the Boeing Co. his whole career, as a technical engineering aide and later as financial analyst.
- **'56 Carol Shea Barber**, Feb. 24, Spokane. During her freshman English class at Gonzaga in 1952 she met her husband and lived a life full of children, service and friendship.
- **'56 Frank Hernandez, S.J.**, April 24, Los Gatos, Calif. Longtime teacher of physics and computer science at Jesuit High in Carmichael, Calif.

- **'57, '84 M.A. Ernie Becker,** February, Spokane. A longtime CPA with McFarland & Alton, he was an active volunteer in many aspects of community life. Honored as Spokane's Outstanding Citizen in 1986.
- **'57 William Stout, S.J.**, March 14, Los Gatos, Calif. Longtime high school science teacher, chaplain and parish priest throughout the West.
- '57 Fred H. "Fritz" Andrews, Jan. 7, Anacortes, Wash. During an almost 30-year law career "Fritz" served on multiple legal committees and boards and prevailed in several precedent-setting lawsuits.
- **'57 W. Michael Davis**, Modesto, Calif. An insurance branch manager, he later founded and operated Major's Adjusting. He retired from the Army Reserves in 1979 as a major.
- **'58 Joan Pribnow**, May 10, Spokane. A research scientist for the Proctor Foundation, and later a member of the Bloomsday Road Runners Club.
- '59 Nicolas Hanches, May 5, Portland, Ore. A lifelong high school history and government teacher, Nick served his schools' faculty senates and as social studies chair.
- **'59 John E. Powers**, Feb. 4, Kennewick, Wash. John's identity as an Irishman, career as an engineer, and love for his church and family made his life joyful.
- **'60, '71 M.B.A. Darrell Jesse**, March 24, Tacoma, Wash. His career as an engineer began with Bethlehem Steel, and in 1976 Darrell founded Jesse Engineering Co. A lifelong community servant.
- **'60 Dick Murphy**, April, Troy, Mich. Dick enjoyed a long career in market research in the computer industry.
- **'61, '66 M.A. Richard McGinn**, March 26, Athens, Ohio. A Fulbright Scholar and Peace Corps volunteer, he was an accomplished linguist and community activist.
- **'61 JoAnn Kirkland**, Feb. 19, Spokane. A teacher's aide, swim instructor, avid runner and reader.
- **'61 J.D. John Hughes**, Feb. 24, Richland, Wash. Worked as a contracts attorney for Boeing, then as director of contracts management for Battelle in Richland, and for the city of Pasco.
- **'63 Tom Fahey**, May 1. A member of the Brotherly Order of YoYos at GU, he served as an Army officer, and helped found and develop the Army Organizational Effectiveness Training Center.
- **'63 Clay Bush**, Feb. 4, Scottsdale, Ariz. A lifelong electrical engineer with John Fluke Manufacturing in Everett, Wash., his

- proudest accomplishment was planning and design of Everett's Narbeck Wetland Sanctuary.
- **'63 Wilfred Feser**, April 24, Victoria, B.C. Worked his entire career as a civil engineer at Emil Anderson Construction, retiring as chief engineer.
- **'64 Jerrold Paul Pederson**, Feb. 27, Big Sky, Mont. A 40-year career at the Montana Power Company, a wonderful family, and lots of Gonzaga basketball game watches made for a wonderful life.
- **'65 Keith Weller**, April 11, Spokane. Served as manager for multiple grocery stores.
- **'66 J.D. Donald Shaw**, Feb. 7, Yakima, Wash. Worked as a deputy prosecutor, a name partner in a small firm, and as a solo practitioner in Yakima.
- **'66 John Buckley**, April 2, Spokane. A Navy vet and electrical engineer, John worked for several Pacific Northwest utilities before operating Buckley Engineering Sales in Spokane.
- **'67 Kathryn Sharman**, Feb. 20, Grandview, Wash. A teacher, librarian and reporter, she volunteered at Mt. Rainier National Park.
- **'69, '75 M.A. Buzzie Welch**, May 6, Spokane. A lifetime Spokane educator and volleyball coach, he took three different schools Rogers, Ferris and Lewis & Clark to the state tournament.
- **'71 Stephen Dolan**, March 22, Woodinville, Wash. Served Boise Cascade for 42 years, 32 as manager of the Building Materials and Distribution Center. Was active in Rotary, other community initiatives.
- **'71, '74 M.A. Sandy Dietzen**, April 19, Stockton, Calif. Served California Youth Authority as a psychologist.
- '72 Emma Bonaparte-Taylor, April 1. She worked for Burndy Corp. of Connecticut, General Electric in Kentucky, KFC in multi-Southwest states, Read's Department Stores Connecticut, and the city of New Haven
- '72 M.B.A. Tanya Marlton, Jan. 8, Spokane. She rose to the rank of associate superintendent in the Washington Department of Corrections, and retired after 35 years of public service.
- **'73 Alice Smethurst,** May 1, Pullman, Wash. Served as payroll director in Payroll Services at Washington State University.
- **'73 Jack E. Foley**, March 7, Muncie, Ind. Jack enjoyed a career in actuarial science and is remembered for his funny debates over silly questions.

- '74 Dr. James Valentine, March 22, Spokane. A decorated retired Army Colonel, he served 31 years as field dentist and as Combat Support Hospital commander. He opened an oral surgery practice in Spokane, and was an active community leader.
- **'74 J.D. James Murch**, March 15, Salem, Ore. A longtime Salem attorney and later Circuit Court judge for Marion County.
- '74 Cathy Rawson, Feb. 14, Wenatchee, Wash. A registered nurse and educator in the Omak and Okanogan, Wash., communities, and active in many area service projects.
- '75 M.A., '84 Ph.D. Millie Smith Rotchford, March 7, Spokane. Former program director at Spokane's YMCA, she served as teacher, counselor and coach at Lewis & Clark HS, Morning Star Boys Ranch and was a tireless volunteer for many civic causes.
- '77 M.B.A. Gordon Pierce, April 20, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. He earned degrees at Western Washington, Whitworth, GU and Boston College. He worked in business and taught at colleges throughout the nation.
- **'77 J.D. David Grant**, March 17, Cheney, Wash. A longtime attorney and adjunct faculty member at Gonzaga Law.
- '78 Cynthia Wilson, Spokane. Spent the last 20 years teaching various art classes, including art history, printmaking and figure drawing at Spokane Falls Community College.
- **'80 J.D. Thomas Golden**, Feb. 8, Seattle. His specialty was representing injured people in medical malpractice cases, and was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.
- **'81 J.D. Jill Kurtz**, Jan. 21, Battle Ground, Wash. She focused her practice on estate planning, trust administration and probate, and was a devoted philanthropist and tireless community servant.
- **'84 Louise Baker**, Jan. 31, Atlanta. At GU she was involved in cross country, Spurs, Pilgrimage and Search.
- **'88 J.D. Ken Cooper**, Apple Valley, Calif. A regional electronics sales manager, his second career as a history teacher and coach was his favorite.
- **'91 John Tucker**, Feb. 1, Spokane. He retired in 2003 after 33 years as a registered nurse at the VA Medical Center.
- **'93 Ph.D. Meta Gibbs**, Marple Township, Pa. She worked in development for Zephyr, schools of the Catholic Diocese of Spokane, and for EWU.

- '93 M.A. Bill Abt, Feb. 4, Spokane.
- **'95 M.A. Beth Allen**, March 23, Auburn, Wash. A lifelong educator in the Puyallup School District.
- **'96 Jay Thoman**, April 30. A former Gonzaga ROTC cadet, the lieutenant colonel served as chief of the Criminal Law Division of the Army JAG Corps.
- '97 Andrea Peterson, April 2, Duluth, Minn. A teacher of early childhood special education, and middle school math and social studies, she later became a graphic designer.
- **'oo J.D. Geoffrey Vernon**, April 3, Grosse Pointe, Mich. A longtime probate and estate planning attorney, he was made a fellow of the American College of Trust and Estate Council in 2017.
- **'01 Todd Peterson**, March 27, Spokane. An accomplished musician who fronted many area bands, most recently Whiskey Foote.
- **'02 Delena Erickson**, April 13. A painter, writer and photographer.
- **'04 Leslie Balsiger**, Brookings, Ore. His business career included real estate, home building, a car dealership and most recently executive dean at Southwestern Community College.
- '04 M.A. Sunny Mika, Spokane.
- **'16 M.O.L. Crystal Murphy**, Dec. 25, Olympia, Wash. A 14-year firefighter, she organized the Capital Metro Girls Fire Camp to encourage young women to be firefighters.
- **'18 Eric Brujhell**, July 20, Sandpoint, Idaho. A recent graduate in Environmental Studies, he was passionate about nature and caring for the Earth.

### FRIENDS/FORMER FACULTY

- **Lees Burrows**, April 22, Spokane. A geophysicist, he was president and CEO of Diamond Drill Contracting.
- **Catherine Crosby**, May 11, Richland, Wash. Daughter of Ted Crosby ('22), niece of Bing Crosby ('24) and wife of Bob Ferguson ('54, former GU Regent).
- **Dr. George Duvoisin**, Spokane. An Army vet and cardiothoracic surgeon, he performed one of the first open-heart surgeries in Spokane in 1971.
- **Phil Kuder**, Jan. 10, Spokane. Taught math and physics at Gonzaga Prep for 43 years, and coached girls' golf to two state championships.



### **ROD STACKELBERG**

Gonzaga legend Rod Stackelberg (d. March 18, 2018) was a great friend and mentor to me and many other faculty. He succeeded the legendary Fr. Fred Schlatter, S.J., as the Powers Professor of the Humanities. His dedication to teaching and scholarship was singular and uncompromising. He was as devoted to the best good of the generations of students he taught as he was to the highest ideals and standards of the life of the mind. He distinguished himself and also the University as a prominent public intellectual. "Hitler's Germany" is required reading for anyone searching for a deep understanding of fascism. "Idealism Debased" is a tour de force of cultural history and the history of ideas that explains how a völkisch ideology can leech into the groundwater of a society and then overtake and destroy it. Rod's sublime erudition was evident to everyone on first meeting. And yet he was not an ivory-tower intellectual. As dispassionately as he pursued his historical scholarship, he was passionately devoted to the causes of social justice that have come to distinguish Jesuit higher education across the country. Most of all, I remember the deep humanity of the professor of the humanities, his magnanimity, his hospitality, and his great gift for friendship. We mourn our loss. We dearly miss him.

Tom Jeannot Professor of Philosophy Class of 2018, it is a joy and an honor to be standing here with you on this day. I challenge everyone to grab your metaphorical seat belt and strap in, because we're about to go on a little journey through history.

The year is 1521. It is the Battle of Pamplona, and a young man named Iñigo Lopez de Loyola is gravely injured by a cannonball. A man who once had his vision centered on fame and notoriety is told that he must sit, wait and find solace until he heals. In this time of healing, he undergoes a religious conversion and decides to devote himself to God and eventually creates an order of the Catholic Church founded upon ideals of education, exercising contemplative faith in action, and living for the greater Glory of God.

Today, this man is better known as St. Ignatius of Loyola, and without him, I would not be standing here. Without that cannonball, there would be no Jesuit order, and therefore, no Society of Jesus. And without any Society of Jesus, there would be no St. Aloysius Gonzaga. And without any St. Aloysius Gonzaga, there would be no Gonzaga University. Are you with me yet?

Without any Gonzaga, there would be no Iggy's pizza, no intramural championship shirts, no latenight talks in the halls of CM about our dreams and passions. There would be no Zombie Nation dances, no sitting in the BARC and avoiding homework with your friends until you get kicked out because "the BARC closed 25 minutes ago." There would be no \$4 cookie nights, no Peachy Kay, GSBA, CCE, ambassadors, UMEC, or Hem Den. The list could go on. Embedded in each simple example is a greater feeling of love that truly cannot be felt anywhere besides the 152 acres of our campus.

Without that cannonball, I would not have experienced moments of shattering heartbreak, speechless joy, awe and wonder of God's divine presence, and complete and utter warmth and love. Here at Gonzaga, we have been taught to enter the stories of the individuals who inhabit the world and say "Wow, that's interesting. Mind if I join you in that?" We are taught to find the places where no one is going and say, "There. That is where I want to go." We have been taught to walk with instead of by. We are taught to look at social injustices and not be scared to face them. We are taught not just to know about contemplation in action, but to actually see and tangibly feel it.

### IN A HOSPITAL HALLWAY

That cannonball is the reason I left my evening clinical shift on a floor at Providence Sacred Heart Medical Center last year crying tears of joy. I was following a nurse with a profound ability to articulate empathy. She asked each patient how she could best tend not only to their medical complications, but also to their identities. That evening, we were assigned to a lovely patient experiencing his last days of life. He and his family did not speak English, and we primarily cared for him through his translator. This nurse took the time to sit with the translator, find out the patient's highest desires for his last days, and learn how to best culturally care for him. During our next shift, we were not assigned to this man, and other staff were uninterested in working with a patient who did not speak English. With astounding grace, my quiet nurse stood up, looked them in the eye and said, "He actually does not speak Chinese, he speaks Mandarin. His favorite foods are sorbet and apple juice, and he prefers to have his family care for him because it is culturally inappropriate for us to intervene during his last moments. Here's my extension number if you have any more questions on his identity."

I could have sworn I heard a mic drop. As she calmly walked out the door, she nodded for me to follow. The only question I could think to ask was, "Where did you say you went to school again?" She smiled at me and said, "I went to Gonzaga."

And that was it for me. My Zag moment. Nothing amounts to the pride, joy and connectedness that I felt being a Zag alongside a nurse who, in five minutes' time, exemplified the entirety of the Gonzaga experience to a crowded room. She saw this human not for his circumstances, but for where he was coming from and where he wanted to go. Without that cannonball, she would not have attended a university that taught her that we are being educated to be catalysts of positive change and love in a world that is beautiful yet broken.

Let's do this thing called life. But let's do it well. Let's be like that cannonball. The one that comes blazing out of nowhere and creates something that is long-lasting and embracing in love and passion. Fall. In. Love. With those we serve. With who we are. And with what we do.

In the words of former Jesuit Father General Pedro Arrupe, "Fall in love, stay in love. And it will change everything."



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