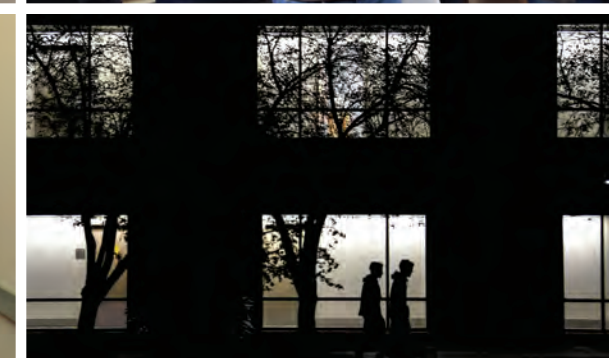
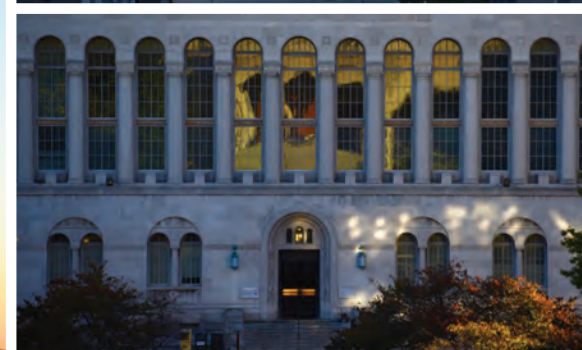
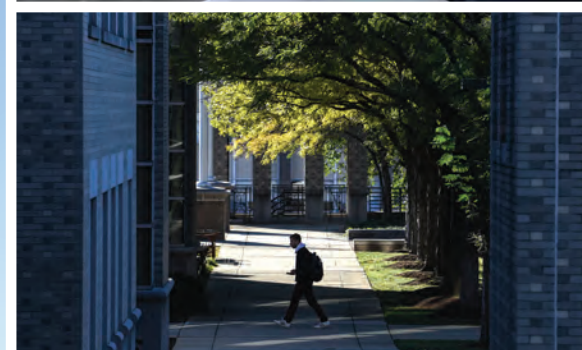


AROUND CATHOLIC

A Day in the Life of Catholic U

A team of photographers and videographers fanned out across campus and Washington, D.C., on Oct. 24 to chronicle a day in the life of Catholic University. These pages provide a sample of the many activities captured on that day. The complete project — featuring slideshows, videos, mosaics, and standalone photos — debuted on the Catholic University homepage in February.

To view the full project, visit
dayinthelife.catholic.edu



AROUND CATHOLIC

In the Community

University Launches The Catholic Project

In response to the sexual abuse crisis in the Church, Catholic University has launched The Catholic Project, which seeks renewal via increased collaboration between laity and clergy. With the goal of developing ideas for genuine reform, while acknowledging the harm done to sexual abuse survivors, The Catholic Project will promote research into the causes of sexual abuse and cover-ups, while nurturing a deeper understanding of Church teaching and fostering vehicles for greater lay involvement at the parish and diocesan levels.

The project, which is a sponsor of the ongoing Healing the Breach series, has also been conducting panels on the abuse crisis with alumni across the country, thanks to the generous support of Board of Trustees member Deacon Stephen Kaneb and an anonymous donor who provided the initial seed funding. “Church in Crisis” panel discussions have been held in Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia; Naples, Fla.; Boston; Baltimore; New York City; Pittsburgh; and Chicago. These panels allow alumni to have a voice in the conversation as the University works to lead the way in the process of healing and finding solutions.

In February, the University announced that Stephen P. White, a fellow at Washington, D.C.’s Ethics and Public Policy Center, will lead The Catholic Project as executive director.

For more information and to sign up for news and upcoming events, visit thecatholicproject.org. — A.K.

Church in Crisis Events discussing the sexual abuse crisis:

Washington, D.C. — Oct. 19, 2018	New York, N.Y. — March 14, 2019
Philadelphia, Pa. — Nov. 29, 2018	Pittsburgh, Pa. — April 9, 2019
Naples, Fla. — Feb. 13, 2019	Chicago, Ill. — April 11, 2019
Boston, Mass. — March 5, 2019	Los Angeles and San Francisco, Calif. — May–June 2019
Baltimore, Md. — March 12, 2019	



Journalists Elizabeth Bruenig, Christopher White, and Ross Douhat discuss media coverage of the sexual abuse crisis during a November discussion panel in Heritage Hall.

Healing the Breach

How can lay people work to heal the Church after the sex abuse crisis? That topic is at the heart of a conference series this year. The series kicked off in November with a discussion panel that featured prominent religion journalists Ross Douhat (*The New York Times*), Elizabeth Bruenig (*The Washington Post*), Christopher White (*Cruz/The Tablet*), and J.D. Flynn, J.C.L. 2007 (Catholic News Agency).

The journalists discussed the role of the media in investigating, reporting, and framing the public’s understanding of issues related to the crisis, and the ways the Church might move forward and heal.

“We believe the Church is a means through which God has willed the salvation of the human race,” Douhat said. “That makes covering the Church at this moment complicated.”

The series continued in February with a conference on the theological and historical framework for lay involvement in the Church. Cardinal Daniel DiNardo, D.D. 1971, archbishop of the Diocese of Galveston-Houston and president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, reflected on Pope Francis’ recent letter to U.S. bishops, which called for a “new ecclesial season.”

“A ‘new ecclesial season’ has to be one where the shepherds recognize more fully the charisms of the laity and encourage the exercise of those gifts for the good of the Church,” Cardinal DiNardo said.

“No one can doubt that in many ways, this crisis has developed because some of the leaders of the Church placed the safety of the institution over that of its members.”

University President John Garvey shared his belief that the crisis is, in part, a result of “the isolation of bishops from others who might advise them and check their mistakes.” Instead of thinking of the relationship between a bishop and his people as a kind of governmental bureaucracy, he suggested Catholics should think of it as a marriage.

“Bishops must be transparent and accountable to their flocks, the members of their dioceses, as husbands and wives must be transparent and accountable to one another,” Garvey said. “We are obliged to one another, if I can put it that way, out of love. If we fail in our duty of honesty, it will degrade our love.”

Additional conferences addressing the causes of the crisis and principles for effective lay action took place March 26 and April 25. Visit thecatholicproject.org for more information. — K.B.

BY THE NUMBERS: NURSING

U.S. News & World Report recently ranked the School of Nursing’s online graduate program as #10 of 179 programs in the nation.

98.57%

Catholic University Nursing students came away from the 2018 National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN®) with an impressive 98.57% pass rate for first-time test takers. This rate is “a monumental accomplishment,” according to Dean Patricia McMullen.

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Engaging Future Engineers

With a roll of the dice, Civil Engineering Professor Gunnar Lucko excites high school students about engineering. “Build It,” a game he invented with funding from the National Science Foundation, simulates the challenges faced by construction project managers working to complete tasks while staying on schedule and within budget. The dice determine random numbers that influence hypothetical project management decisions.

“I tried to keep the game elements as simple as possible but realistic, with the game mechanics allowing you to profit and finish the project ahead of schedule, or go bankrupt,” he said.

Lucko’s development of “Build It” is just a small part of his work at Hayfield High School in Alexandria, Va., where he has been a volunteer mentor in an ACE (Architecture, Construction, and Engineering) after-school program since 2012.

Lucko is one of many faculty in the School of Engineering who is working to educate the next generation of engineers. Greg Behrmann, clinical associate professor of biomedical engineering, is a certified instructor for Project Lead the Way (PLTW), a curriculum that prepares high school students to be problem solvers. For the past two years, he has volunteered with PLTW at Archbishop Carroll High School by mentoring

teachers, teaching classes, and supporting engineering activities.

This fall, Behrmann invited four students from the program to enroll in his “Computer Aided Engineering Tools” course. In addition to earning college credit, the students also gained confidence in a college-level classroom.

“I think students are intimidated by the word ‘engineering’ and how hard they think it will be,” said Michelle Ming, the program director for Carroll’s PLTW program. “This gives them the opportunity to get familiar with concepts and ideas prior to walking into the college classroom.”

These projects mesh well with the work of Associate Professor Otto Wilson, who teaches biomedical engineering. Much of Wilson’s research involves finding new methods of teaching scientific concepts, often integrating storytelling or art.

In November, Wilson collaborated with the Student Global Ambassador Program to help lead a Sustainability Challenge involving more than 100 high school freshmen and sophomores from the Washington Leadership Academy near Catholic University.

“Getting young 7th to 12th graders excited about STEM and engineering is critical to building the next generation of engineers and architects for 2030,” he said. — K.B.



Professor Gunnar Lucko teaches high school students how to play his original game, “Build It.”

Courtesy of Iris Miller



Student-Designed Park Dedicated

Cyclists along the Capital Crescent Trail in Bethesda, Md., have a new place to rest at a park dedicated last fall that was initially envisioned by Catholic University architecture students and their professor more than 10 years ago.

The Neal Potter Plaza is based on the concepts developed by participants in a Catholic University Urban Design studio in 2006 and 2007, including David Hathcock, B.S.Arch. 2007, and Constance Stubbs, B.S.Arch. 2007, as well as their professor, Iris Miller, M.Arch. 1979.

The major features in the plaza, which Miller called “a tribute to persistence,” are benches, stone sitting walls, a new curving pathway, a red metal pergola, bike racks, a repair station, and a display with trail information. The park also includes a commemorative plaque honoring Neal Potter, a former Montgomery County Executive and county council member. — K.B.



Students March for Life

Nearly 500 students and faculty participated in this year’s March for Life, beginning their day with a morning rally in Heritage Hall. This year, a new University policy cancelled classes from 11 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. to encourage community participation in the annual demonstration against abortion.

Walton Critics Mark Ten Years

The relationship between architecture and spirituality was the topic at hand during a discussion panel hosted by the School of Architecture and Planning.

The discussion was the kickoff event for a four-day lecture series marking the 10th anniversary of the school’s Walton Critic program, which brings accomplished architects from around the world to campus for lectures, design studios, and student interactions. As part of the series, six past and present Walton Critics returned to campus.

“This series reiterates the high-quality architectural education that the Walton program enables our school to offer,” said Julio Bermudez, director of the Cultural Studies and Sacred Space concentration, who oversees the Walton Critic program. “An education that puts focus on spirituality and faith vis-à-vis the big questions of our lives through the design of both sacred and

secular buildings is hard to find elsewhere.” Juhani Pallasmaa of Helsinki, the Walton Critic for 2011, described architecture as both “a privilege — in that it offers an extraordinary position to view human nature and life — and a responsibility, in terms of bringing existential meaning to the human condition.”

Courtesy of Julio Bermudez



Julio Bermudez and Architecture Dean Randall Ott (fourth and fifth from left) are seen with the six returning Walton Critics during the program’s 10th anniversary kickoff event.

Alberto Campo Baeza, 2012 critic, spoke about the importance of designing structures that use beauty to point to the divine. “Our buildings must accomplish function and construction,” said Campo Baeza, “but they must also accomplish emotion and transmit beauty.” — K.B.

Students Engage with Political Heavy Hitters

Numerous state and national politicians visited campus in recent months to share insights and speak with students about current issues facing the country.

Mitch Landrieu, B.A. 1982, former mayor of New Orleans, spoke about faith, race, and his battle for the removal of Confederate monuments during a talk in November. His lecture was cosponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Department of History. (For an interview with Landrieu, see page 47.)

Former presidential candidate **Martin O’Malley, B.A. 1985**, who served as the mayor of Baltimore from 1999 to 2007 and as the 61st governor of Maryland from 2007 to 2015, also visited campus in November during an event sponsored by the College Democrats. Speaking two days after the midterm elections, O’Malley reflected on his time as a Catholic University student and spoke about the future of the Democratic Party.

Later that month, The Center for Religious Liberty at Catholic University welcomed The Honorable **Samuel Alito**, associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, for a brief lecture on the subject of religious liberty. Law professor Mark Rienzi and Dean Regina T. Jefferson provided closing remarks.

In January, students gathered for a group discussion with **Meléndez Altieri**, the mayor of Ponce, Puerto Rico, during an event sponsored by the Latin American and Latino Studies Program. Over the course of an hour and a half, Altieri talked passionately about the many challenges Puerto Rico has endured since Hurricane Maria hit in 2017 as well as the territory’s pursuit of statehood.

Cliffon Kearney



Martin O’Malley, B.A. 1985



ALUMNIFIRE Ignites

“Alumnifire takes LinkedIn a step further,” according to Patricia Driscoll, B.M. 1997, a human resources executive. She traveled to the University from Baltimore on a Wednesday night to network with students during the February launch event for Alumnifire, a new online networking resource sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations and the Center for Academic and Career Success. Students turned out for the event with their polished résumés and alumni, in turn, came ready to share business cards and their best career advice.

Chris Muha, B.S.B.A. 2010, told students, “If you don’t get a job, it doesn’t mean something won’t come up at the same employer later. Stay connected. Any interview can lead to different opportunities.” Muha, who majored in marketing, is senior advisor at NFP, an insurance broker.

During the event, Caldwell Auditorium was set up with round tables labeled by field, such as marketing, law, insurance, nonprofits, hospitality, finance, government relations, architecture, and engineering. Computer stations allowed alumni and students to sign up for Alumnifire, which had more than 500 users at the time.

Alexander Santana, a member of the Class of 2020 and a double major in history and politics, was headed to the law table. “This is a great opportunity,” he said. “Because all the professionals here are part of the Catholic University community, it doesn’t feel intimidating.”

Driscoll, who has worked in HR for 20 years, said today’s job seekers have to “be very good at getting noticed in the digital world. That’s why I’m so excited about Alumnifire. It doesn’t matter what age group, background, or degree, the Catholic University connection immediately opens doors.”

Chris Kearney, B.S.B.A. 2013, said the number-one question he got from students at the event was “How did you get started?”

An All-American center for the Cardinals basketball team, Kearney played professional basketball in Spain for a year. “I had a blast and was ready to sign for a second year when a great business opportunity came my way.” Kearney is a residential mortgage lender. “I love that my job is 24/7. I’m an all-in person.” Kearney, who played on the Cardinals’ Landmark Championship team his senior year, said he came out for the Alumnifire event because “I love being part of a team. We’re all Cardinals. I had just as much fun offering advice to students as I did reconnecting and networking with alumni.”

Alumnifire is as much a job-search tool for students as it is a tool for alumni to network. Users can browse by city, industry, or company. Registration for the free program takes just minutes using an email address or a LinkedIn or Facebook profile. Visit catholic.alumnifire.com for more information. — E.N.W.

#GIVINGTUE CATHOLICU

This year's Giving Tuesday, which took place on Nov. 27, was a resounding success. Thank you for your generosity!

Cardinals across the country marked the day with **\$113,428** in gifts over the course of **24** hours, besting the amount donated in 2017 by more than \$30,000.

352 donors made gifts this year, for an average of more than **\$322** per person.

Scholarship Dinner Honors Donors and Recipients

"You have given these young people an example of the virtue of charity. It's the greatest of all virtues," said University President John Garvey during the third annual Scholarship Dinner honoring donors and recipients, held in December.

There was much to celebrate this year, including more than \$16 million in scholarship gifts to help nearly 400 deserving undergraduate, graduate, and law students. The University also added 60 Impact Scholarships — an extra \$5,000 per student each year recipients are enrolled. Impact Scholarships often make the difference in students being able to attend Catholic University.

Randolph Newton, B.Arch.E. 1952, M.C.E. 1954, a scholarship donor who passed away in June 2018, was honored during the dinner. Newton, who preferred to remain largely anonymous in his lifetime, left more than \$9.6 million in his will to create a total of 22 scholarship opportunities. Scott Rembold, vice president for University Advancement, noted that the scholarships created by Newton's bequest will change the lives of future Cardinals in the fields of music, health, the sciences, and more.

The stories of scholarship recipients were featured in a slideshow playing throughout the evening, as well as a video highlighting students from the schools of nursing, arts and sciences, the Columbus School of Law, and the National Catholic School of Social Service.

"I realized that Catholic University was the right school for me the moment that I stepped on to the campus," said junior nursing major Kendra Dunn in the video, adding that she couldn't have enrolled at the University without her scholarship.

Mike Allen, vice president for student affairs, served as master of ceremonies for the evening, and Maryrose McNerney, B.A. 1978, spoke about why she and her husband, Bill, B.A. 1977, support scholarships. — A.K.

From top to bottom: Sheehy Scholars with Vincent Kiernan, dean of the Metropolitan School of Professional Studies; University Board of Trustees Chairman Joe Carlini, B.M.E. 1984, with Juliana Michniak, the recipient of the Carlini Family Endowed Scholarship; Sister Raghda Saeed Saqat with John Zavada, B.A. 1964, one of the donors of her scholarship.



THE Founders Day GIVING CHALLENGE

On April 10, the University will spend 1,887 minutes honoring 132 years of Catholic University history and celebrating the future. In addition to giving challenges, there are many ways to get involved. Visit FoundersDay.catholic.edu.

The Ciocca Center Receives Renewed Funding

Benefactors Art and Carlyse Ciocca have generously committed an additional \$5 million gift to fund the operation of the Ciocca Center for Principled Entrepreneurship through fiscal year 2027.

The center helps the Busch School of Business to promote and inspire entrepreneurs capable of integrating personal virtue, cutting-edge tools, and long-term perspectives. Through such avenues as the Inner City Capital Connections Program, it offers resources to small-business owners in the form of assistance from faculty, staff, and business students.

The gift, Art Ciocca said, reflects the couple's belief that Catholic University "has the potential to become the world-class center for business education reinforced by Catholic social doctrine." It represents a substantial addition to funds previously donated by the Cioccas. — A.K.

Alumnus Gift Establishes Endowed Centennial Scholarship

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the National Catholic School of Social Service (NCSSS), John Mosby Russell, B.A. 1950, M.S.W. 1952, has made a gift that will fund graduate scholarships to the school in perpetuity.

Russell's \$100,000 donation establishes the Endowed Centennial Scholarship for Graduate Study, which will benefit NCSSS graduate students who seek to lead efforts to address the complex challenges facing local, national, and global communities. Scholarship recipients, who will be known as centennial scholars, will be selected by the school's dean based on outstanding academic achievement and financial need.

A longtime University benefactor, Russell has previously funded three other scholarships and has given to other University fundraising efforts. With this gift, he hopes to encourage others to contribute as well.

Net proceeds from a March 20 dinner celebrating the NCSSS anniversary were added to the Centennial Scholarship fund. Donors may contribute to the fund by visiting engage.catholic.edu. — A.K.



John Mosby Russell, B.A. 1950, M.S.W. 1952, with NCSSS student Frank Gaetani Jr., one of his scholarship recipients.

Physics Professor Earns Historic Recognition

A Catholic priest who served as a visiting professor in 1933 is getting well-deserved recognition, thanks to a renamed scientific principle, the newly dubbed Hubble-Lemaître Law. Rev. Georges Lemaître, also known as the “father of the Big Bang Theory,” was a Belgian priest, mathematician, and astronomer. He was also the first to propose the theory that the universe is expanding, pre-dating Edwin Hubble by two years.

Physics professors Tommy Wiklind and Duilia de Mello, members of the International Astronomical Union, voted with the majority of their fellow IAU members in October to honor Father Lemaître’s scientific contributions with the renamed law.

“Father Lemaître was the first one to apply actual observations to a cosmological theory, and the first to derive a value of the Hubble constant,” said Wiklind. “Hubble’s contribution was fundamental in providing the observational data, which was a *tour de force* given the instruments available at the time.”

VSL Scientist Recognized for Innovation

Nick Mecholsky, a research scientist for the University’s Vitreous State Laboratory (VSL), was one of eight people recognized with a Wolfram Research Innovator Award during this year’s Wolfram Technology Conference in Champaign, Ill. He was recognized for a project pertaining to the optimization of nuclear waste treatment and stabilization processes, which is funded by the U.S. Department of Energy.

Stephen Wolfram, who presented the awards, is recognized as a phenomenon in physics. He published his first scientific paper at 16, earned his Ph.D. by 20, and was, at 21, the youngest recipient of a MacArthur Fellowship “Genius Grant.”

“It’s wonderful to see Nick recognized with this award; he’s a talented scientist and a great colleague,” said Ian Pegg, director of VSL. “Since joining VSL, he’s worked in areas as diverse as fundamental materials properties, nuclear physics, and relativity. But what captured Wolfram’s attention was his important work on optimization of nuclear waste treatment processes, which has broad implications for the cost and schedule to address some of our most pressing environmental issues. It’s very satisfying to see some of the groundbreaking work done on campus recognized in this way.” — M.M.H.



Junior Engineering Major Brian Aberle

Student Inventor Patents Camera Lens

Junior Brian Aberle, a mechanical engineering major from Newton, N.C., can add the title, “inventor,” to his résumé, thanks to a recently approved United States patent for his innovative method of amplifying the power of cell phone camera lenses.

Aberle, who competes on the Cardinals swim and track teams, was inspired for his lens design while walking to get the mail in 2016. He tried to take a close-up picture of a dandelion, but was frustrated to find that his phone couldn’t take a clear photo. By tampering with some laser pointer lenses from the dollar store with his homemade soldering station, he created his first prototype of a lens attachment in 12 hours of work.

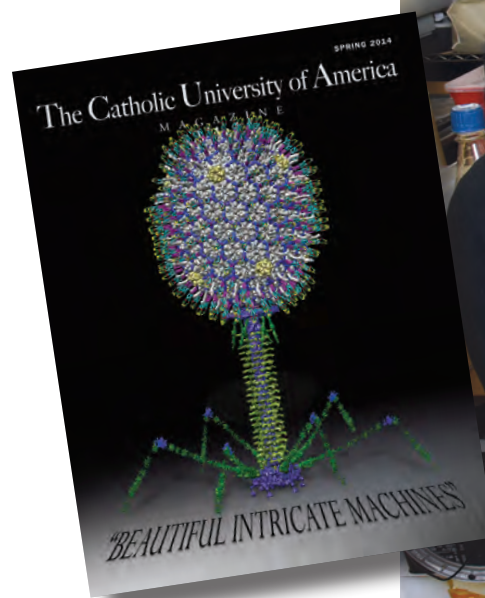
After developing the prototype, Aberle researched similar patents and realized its potential medical applications.

“The attachment allows you to take very close-up pictures of a person’s eyes,” Aberle said. “You can use that for fast analysis of eye conditions.”

Aberle hopes to continue building cutting-edge technology. His optics work has already caught the attention of the U.S. Army, which has offered him a summer internship at the Fort Belvoir Night Vision Lab in Fairfax County, Va., to help develop fiber-optic laser sensors for detecting rifle scopes from a distance.

Whatever he takes on, Aberle will be ready for any project, even if there isn’t an answer in sight.

“Sometimes, it’s just more fun if there’s no visible solution,” he said. — J.C.

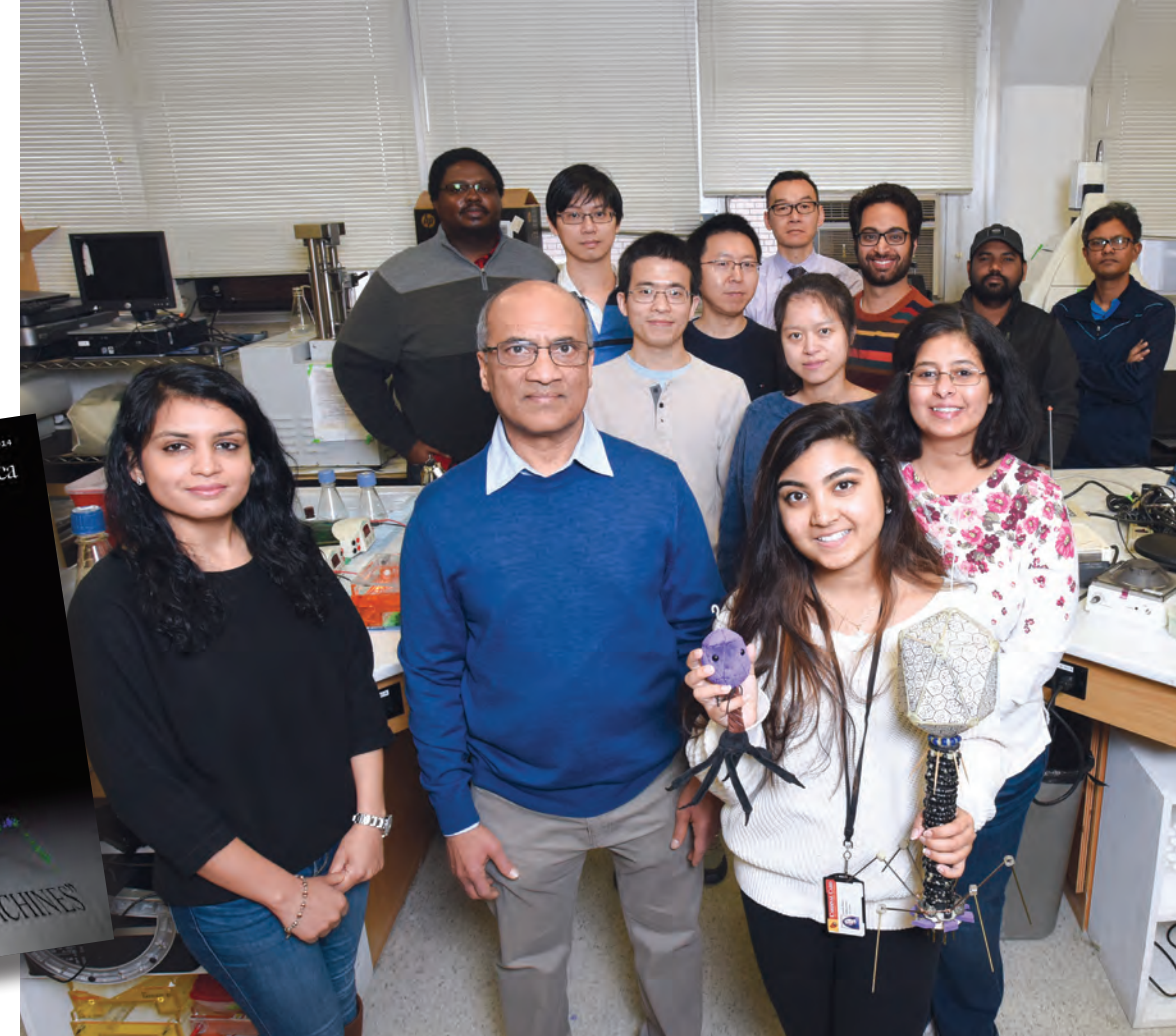


“Beautiful, Intricate Machines”

Longtime readers may remember the dramatic 3-D image of a bacteriophage T4 virus, which graced the cover of the spring 2014 issue of *The Catholic University of America Magazine*. The accompanying article shared the story of Biology Chairman Venigalla Rao, a leading expert on viruses and associated applications such as vaccine development. Since founding the University’s Bacteriophage T4 Laboratory in 1989, Rao has been hard at work on a singular mission: creating a unique bacteriophage T4 virus platform to cure diseases, including HIV or even cancer.

“Viruses have probably evolved over millions of years so that they can efficiently enter our cells and use our cells as factories to produce new viruses,” Rao said. “We are trying to program the viruses in a test tube such that they can enter our cells but perform specific tasks or repairs that benefit us rather than infect us.” These specific tasks include gene therapy, stem cell therapy, immunotherapy, and others.

That goal is closer than ever, thanks to a highly productive couple of years for Rao and his team, which includes postdoctoral fellows, undergraduate, and graduate students. In just over 18 months, the lab has produced more than a dozen high-profile research articles and received several grants, including a prestigious grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) in August, totaling nearly \$1 million. In October, Rao’s development of



Biology Chair Venigalla Rao (front, center) with members of the University’s Bacteriophage T4 laboratory

a novel biodefense vaccine that protects against both anthrax and plague was featured in *Newsweek* magazine.

For Rao, the progress of the past year has been “very inspiring” and exciting. “We are getting very close,” he said. “If someone were to give us the necessary funds, we could potentially be moving towards human trials in about five years to cure a disease, using our technology.”

Catholic University has already received a number of U.S. and international patents on Rao’s technology.

“Now we should be leaping forward, not just walking forward,” he said.

Rao credits his long-time collaborators — Michael Rossmann from Purdue University; Douglas Smith from University of California, San Diego; Ashok Chopra from University of Texas Medical Branch; Steve Leppla from National Institutes of Health; and Carl Alving and Mangala Rao from Walter Reed National Military Medical Center — for the “pure joy” of doing science and numerous discussions they share on a regular basis.

“This is what science is supposed to be,” Rao said. “You do basic research to get a glimpse of the truth of nature at the subtlest level possible. For biologists it is at the atomic level, but you always keep an eye on how we could potentially use this research to benefit society. I think as scientists that’s part of our responsibility.” — K.B.

Lima Library Honored for 'Making Brazil a Better Country'

Catholic University's Oliveira Lima Library was honored with Brazil's Order of Cultural Merit, the highest public honor bestowed by Brazil's Ministry of Culture. University Provost and Senior Vice President Andrew Abela traveled to Brazil in November to accept the award on behalf of the library during a ceremony at Planalto Palace, the official workplace of the Brazilian president. Former President Michel Temer, Minister of Culture Sérgio Sá Leitão, and other dignitaries were all in attendance.

The Order of Cultural Merit is awarded annually to 35 individuals and institutions that contribute to "making Brazil a better country," Sá Leitão said.

Nathalia Henrich, director of the Oliveira Lima Library, and Duilia de Mello, vice provost and dean of assessment, accompanied Abela to the award ceremony.

"We are humbled by the recognition of our efforts to promote Brazilian culture in the United States," Henrich said, "and feel even more committed to fulfilling the vision of our founder, Manoel de Oliveira Lima, and becoming an international reference for Brazilian studies."



University Remembers *Kristallnacht*

History was made in 1938 when CBS and NBC joined forces for a live radio broadcast from the campus of Catholic University. The broadcast marked one of the first times prominent Catholics spoke out publicly against the violence of the Nazis. It was recorded only a week after *Kristallnacht* — "The Night of Broken Glass," the night most scholars mark as the beginning of the Holocaust.

The broadcast began with remarks from Rev. Maurice S. Sheehy, then-head of the University's Department of Religious Education:

"The world is witnessing a great tragedy in Europe today, and after sober, calm reflection, various groups and leaders of the Catholic Church have sought permission to raise their voices, not in mad hysteria, but in firm indignation against the atrocities visited upon the Jews in Germany."

Though notable in its time, the original recording was lost to memory until the early 2000s, when a University archivist uncovered it. After the audio was transferred to a digital platform, education archivist Maria Mazzenga and other scholars were able to consider what the recording revealed about Catholic-Jewish relations at that time. The discovery was also written about in an article published by *CUA Magazine* in 2007, which inspired music professor Joseph Santo to compose a new original work, "Malachy Elyon" (Messengers of the Most High).

This fall, members of the University community commemorated *Kristallnacht* with a concert looking back on the historic recording. The concert featured "Malachy Elyon," along with other pieces by Jewish composers, including two arranged by Murry Sidlin, former dean of music, and Daniel Peterson, a doctoral candidate in orchestral conducting. Santo and Mazzenga gave remarks, along with University President John Garvey; Zion Evrony, a visiting professor of theology and former Israeli ambassador to the Vatican; and Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw, dean of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, Drama, and Art.

After describing the 1938 broadcast as "a compassionate, humane, honorable, and clear response" to *Kristallnacht*, Leary-Warsaw reflected on the October 2018 shooting at Pittsburgh's Tree of Life Synagogue. "May we connect this dimension of modern-day sorrow to our prayers and memory this evening," she said.

"Tonight's remembrance invites us to grieve for the loss of Jewish lives and condemn every act of violence against them," said Garvey. "We build a safer future by growing in knowledge and virtue. I hope that the performances and reflections we hear tonight will inspire us to do that." — M.M.H.



And the Oscar Goes to ...

African-American pianist and composer Donald Shirley received his bachelor's degree in music from Catholic University in 1953. *Green Book*, which tells the story of Shirley's concert tour through America's segregated South in 1962, won Best Picture at the Feb. 24 Oscar ceremony in Los Angeles. Mahershala Ali, who previously won an Oscar for 2016's *Moonlight*, picked up his second golden statuette as Best Supporting Actor for his role as Shirley. The film's writers, Nick Vallelonga, Brian Currie, and Peter Farrelly, also took home an Oscar for Best Original Screenplay.

Music Alumnus Gives Gift of Portraits

As a graduate student in cello performance at Catholic University, Jie Li was impressed by the portraits of the first two music deans — John Paul (1965–1972) and Thomas Mastroianni (1972–1981) — that hung in Ward Hall. Li says he came to the University from China in the late '80s "with nothing but my cello and a big heart." He graduated in 1993 with a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in cello performance. That accomplishment, he says, was in part due to the music faculty who helped him along the way and a small scholarship provided by then-Dean Elaine Walter from a discretionary fund used to help students in need.

After graduating, he returned to China, where he was appointed cello professor at Shenyang Conservatory of Music and enjoyed a thriving career as a performer, most notably as the principal cellist of the Liaoning Symphony Orchestra. He retired in 2011, and returned to the United States to begin his second career as a portrait artist.

And he never forgot those two portraits of Deans Paul and Mastroianni.

In November, Li returned to campus to unveil four portraits he painted as a gift to the University. They depict the last four music school deans — Elaine Walter (1981–2001), Marilyn Neely (2001–2002), Murry Sidlin (2002–2010), and Grayson Wagstaff (2010–2018). Li's gift was recognized during a ceremony and reception in Ward Hall, which was hosted by Jacqueline Leary-Warsaw, dean of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, Drama, and Art.

"I owe so much to Catholic University," said Li at the ceremony. "I will always remember that scholarship that put food on my table. This was my way to give back to the place that changed my life." — E.N.W.



Provost Andrew Abela (center) accepts the Order of Cultural Merit from (left to right) Chief of Staff to the Presidency Eliseu Padilha, former President Michel Temer, former First Lady Marcela Temer, and Minister of Culture Sérgio Sá Leitão.

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Timothy Meagher

Timothy Meagher, associate professor of history, University archivist, and curator of the American Catholic History Collections, has retired after nearly 25 years with the University. He is the author of *Inventing Irish America* (2001) and *The Columbia Guide to Irish American History* (2005), among other works.

What characterizes the Irish immigrant experience in the United States?

I think the history of all ethnic groups is unique; they all evolve in their own way. Irish immigration began with Raleigh's Roanoke Colony and it extends to the present. Irish people remained a distinctive group for a long time, compared to other immigrant groups. One of the distinctive things about them was their success in politics.

What quality is most important for an immigrant to be successful in America?

Adaptability, probably. It was hard for Irish immigrants who came here in the 19th century, because they weren't used to the competitive kind of capitalist American economy, demanding risk and individual initiative. The Ireland of today is very much a competitive capitalist economy. Irish people are proud of their recent economic success. Irish Catholic immigrants coming in the 19th century weren't used to this, and it was a difficult process adapting to it.

Irish American Catholics have been very successful in the United States, mainly in later generations. One of the reasons for that is because they wound up in cities that would become the economic engines of American prosperity. It wasn't a good place for those initial immigrants; it was hard on them, but it was better for their descendants, because opportunity was growing. As we know, there are a lot of places in America where opportunity isn't growing. Irish Protestants in the 18th century moved to rural areas and began farming. That looked like taking advantage of American abundance and opportunity, but many of their descendants who still live in those places, which have become economic backwaters, are not as successful.

Which story from your work in the archives stands out most in your mind?

We came across these discs, like records. There were two of them, but we had no way of knowing what was on them. One of them was labeled "Roosevelt Safeguards America" and the other one was "Catholic Protests Against Nazis." It turned out that one of those recordings was Monsignor John Ryan, an alumnus and professor, speaking on a national radio broadcast about Franklin Roosevelt in the 1936 election. He was speaking for Roosevelt, and in opposition, really, to Father Charles Coughlin, a noted radio commentator. It was very important in the 1936 election. The other that we found was, again, a radio show, broadcast from Catholic University. It included the rector of the University at that time, Rev. Joseph M. Corrigan, along with other bishops and Al Smith, a trustee. It was broadcast just after the Kristallnacht atrocities in Germany, and it was Catholic bishops and Smith expressing their anger over this persecution of the Jews. It was very exciting that in this case, the Catholic Church, which was sometimes identified with Coughlin's anti-Semitism, was taking a stand against the Holocaust. (To read more about the Kristallnacht response, see page 18.)

How has the University changed since you joined the faculty in 1995?

Brookland has really changed radically from when I first came. All these new shops and restaurants are a great change. I think the campus looks a lot better. I guess I feel Catholic University once was in the forefront of labor issues, welfare issues, and social justice issues, and I feel that's a heritage that is precious and unique, and I'm not sure it's prized as much as it should be.

— G.V.

Rugby Teams Fight for Titles

Women Take Second in Nation, Men Make Final Four in Region

The women's rugby team finished their season with a fight, taking second in the nation, after making it into the National Small College Rugby Organization's (NSCRO) Final Four for the first time. This past November, the team competed at Life University in Marietta, Ga., where they beat Salve Regina University in the national semi-final before bowing in the championship game to Wayne State University with a final score of 67–12.

Alex Schaefer, coach of the women's team, pointed out how far the team has come from a winless season four years ago. She credits much of that improvement to an increased focus on recruiting and building fundamental skills, as well as the presence of co-coach Kyle Prudence, who joined the team two years ago.

"Our team really began putting in the effort outside of classes to make sure our practice time was valuable," Schaefer said. "Having those consistent numbers at practice and that sense of player accountability has been instrumental and it's now truly ingrained and expected on the team."

Numerous players received honors during the Final Four tournament, including senior Christina Peyroux, who received the NSCRO Impact Player Award, and senior Courtney Gosse, who received the Heart & Soul Award. NSCRO All Championship Team selections included juniors Elizabeth Eways, Liz DeMars, Ally Massa, and sophomore Julia Malcotti.

The men's team, which ranked as high as No. 4 in the NSCRO coaches' poll, also had a successful season, posting a 43–5 win over Bucknell in

mid-November to become one of four teams to compete in the Region 2 championships. After beating Eckerd College on Dec. 1, the team fell to Christendom College in the regional final.

Team president John Flynn said this was the third year the team competed in the Round of 16. He credits the "really talented group" of athletes on the team and, especially, the leadership abilities of this year's group of 11 seniors, including captains Dylan Bonsignore and James Tweedy.

Competing in the Region 2 championships was "nothing to take lightly," Flynn added, "but another big opportunity for us to play to our potential and make a statement that we deserve a chance to compete for a national championship." — K.B.



Courtesy of Julianna Fullman

Mourning the Loss of Marty Dowd

The Catholic University community is deeply saddened by the passing of Marty Dowd '60 on March 2. He served as the Cardinals' head men's tennis coach for 53 years from 1962–2015 and was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 2014. He was the longest-tenured head coach in University history.

"This is a terrible loss," said Associate Vice President and Director of Athletics Sean Sullivan. "Marty's kindness, warmth, gentle spirit, love of his family, and deep commitment to the humane growth of his student-athletes made him unique. His heart was always in the right place. I can unequivocally say that I personally came away from any interaction with Marty feeling better, feeling happier."

Dowd led the men's tennis team to a Landmark Conference title on April 27, 2014, as the Cardinals knocked off top-seeded Juniata, 5–4. As a result,

the team made its first appearance in the NCAA Division III Men's Tennis Championship. Dowd was twice named Capital Athletic Conference (CAC) Coach of the Year, in 1994 and 2000, and still ranks third among all-time men's tennis coaches in the CAC with 114 wins and a .666 winning percentage (114–57). He retired following the 2014–15 season, after 44 winning seasons and a career record of 562–374 (.600).

Dowd coached more than 500 student-athletes at Catholic, including 56 all-conference selections, 32 in the CAC and 24 in the Landmark, and four winners of the Harris Cup, which recognizes seniors for their service to the University. George Mestre was named CAC Player of the Year in 1992 and 1993, while Juan Carlos Barraza was selected CAC Player of the Year in 1994. In 2010, Daniel Valverde was named Landmark Conference Player and Rookie of the Year. In addition, Brian Bradley

ranks eighth in the conference for career singles wins with 52 from 2010–14.

"Marty made a substantial impression on me of immeasurable consequence to my career in coaching and teaching," said Richard Bausch '79, who played for Dowd and was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 2003.

Dowd's final match as head coach came on April 18, 2015, against Merchant Marine at home in a Landmark Conference contest. It was his 78th birthday.

The second of five children, Dowd was born in 1937. He attended Mackin High School in Washington, D.C., before attending Catholic University, where he majored in art, captained the men's tennis team for two seasons, and was the sports editor of the student newspaper. He served in the United States Coast Guard reserve and worked as a medical illustrator at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology before retiring in 2003 after 42 years of service.

While at Catholic, Dowd met his wife, Jone, and the two were married in 1965. The couple had four children, Dana, Jennifer, Michael, and Tara, and all three daughters played women's tennis for the Cardinals. Michael received a scholarship to play men's tennis at Division I George Washington. Jone, who was inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame in 1994, initiated the Department of Athletics' first programs for women and coached many of Catholic's women's teams, including basketball and tennis.

On Dec. 18, 2007, Father David M. O'Connell, former Catholic University president, presented Martin and Jone Dowd with the President's Medal, the University's highest honor. The tennis courts were renamed The Jone and Martin Dowd Tennis Courts on Oct. 3, 2015.

"Marty was a good and gentle man, immensely proud of his children and five grandchildren, and devoted to Jone, his wife of 53 years," said his brother Kevin Dowd. "He had a full and wonderful life. My mother used to say, 'you never die if you are remembered.' He will be remembered."
— J.E.



Courtesy of The Washington Times



Courtesy of the Women's Softball Team

Softball players volunteer at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America during the MLK Day of Service in January.

Athletes Awarded for Service

Tennis and field hockey players played board games with nursing home residents at Carroll Manor Nursing Home, while golfers and lacrosse players cooked casseroles at Washington Hebrew Congregation. These student-athletes were just a few out of the hundreds of varsity Cardinals who spent a cold January day volunteering in the D.C. community during the University's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Though participating in the day of service has long been a tradition for the Department of Athletics, this year marked the first time every team volunteered to serve.

"It was really exciting to get 100% of our teams and administrators involved in the day of service for the first time," said head women's lacrosse coach Meghan McDonogh. "We showed solidarity as a department and definitely made an impact."

The day of service came only days before the Department of Athletics was honored with a National Association of Division III Administrators Community Service Award during the NCAA Convention in Orlando, Fla. That award was granted to Catholic University for its annual participation in the day of service, as well as its other commitments to helping the community.

"Service is a hallmark of our department and the University as a whole and Cardinal student-athletes embrace the expectation of helping our local community," noted Sean Sullivan, associate vice president and director of athletics. "Not only does this service effort represent how we are a larger, cohesive community, it also binds our teams together in reinforcing selflessness and a healthy awareness of others."

"Service is such an important aspect of life here at Catholic," said junior men's golfer Cavan Hagerty. "It allows us as athletes to add another layer to our college experience while at the same time giving back to a community that has given so much to us."

Other tasks taken on by athletes during this year's day of service included moving lanterns and supplies at the Franciscan Monastery of the Holy Land in America, beautifying areas around Rock Creek Park and the Anacostia River, and organizing food pantries at the Little Sisters of the Poor.

"I could not be more proud of the annual effort our student-athletes and their coaches make in contributing to the MLK Jr. Day of Service," said Sullivan. "They continue to be the role models for our community that we, as a department, ask them to be."
— J.C.

Catholic University Adopts Under Armour Partnership

Catholic University Athletics has entered a five-year partnership agreement with Under Armour through the athletics manufacturing company BSN SPORTS.

Beginning this spring, the University's intercollegiate athletics teams transitioned to the Baltimore-based global leader in performance products and team apparel. Under Armour will outfit the Cardinals with gear for both game day and practices based on the department's established replacement schedule.

This partnership marks the first time all Cardinal athletic programs will be entirely uniformed by the same outfitter. The multi-year agreement includes numerous incentives in the form of discounts and rewards for on-field achievements as well as additional marketing and promotional opportunities.

"With this agreement, Catholic University Athletics has taken another visible step in its pursuit to be among the nation's finest Division III athletic departments," said Director of Athletics Sean Sullivan. "By providing our student-athletes and staff with a superior product to wear in training and on game days, we are enhancing their experience and furthering the impact of our brand. This is a win on numerous levels and we are deeply excited."



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