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A MESSAGE FROM DR. ANNE PRISCO



A few weeks before this magazine went to press, Hollywood released "42," the big-screen biopic look at one of baseball's legends, Jackie Robinson.

Robinson's legacy was his breaking the color barrier in America's pastime that, until 1947, did not welcome players of color no matter how talented they were. That was until the Brooklyn Dodgers opened their roster and the rest, as they say, is history.

Movie critics have said that "42" will "make you believe in heroes again." But we don't need a movie ticket for that. All we need do is look around, for heroes come in all shapes and sizes, colors and ethnicities. We see them every day here at Felician.

Consider our students: the single parent juggling job and family while taking night courses to become a teacher; the international business student living thousands of miles from home; the nursing candidate whose goal is to care for the elderly and infirmed; or the young men and women who contribute to campus life and give of themselves through community outreach programs.

Then there are heroes behind the scenes, like our alumni who are still volunteering in communities ravaged by Hurricane Sandy. How about the more than 200 staff, faculty and friends who donated their time filling bags at food pantries, serving lunch at senior centers and offering free income tax preparation for low-income families. These Days of Service were a wonderful gift in honor of my inauguration – truly the highlight of my professional career in education. Thank you all for this celebration of community!

These are just a sampling of Felician College's everyday heroes, whose life stories will never make it to the big screen. However, their efforts will make an impact, today and tomorrow and years from now.

I am happy to share other good news. The long-awaited restoration of the Castle on the Rutherford campus is complete, and she was indeed ready for her close-up! The Castle was featured in the print press, online publications and television news. We also are moving forward with the renovation of the old library, also on the Rutherford campus. Plans to convert the space into a state-of-the-art Education Commons are underway.

This summer, we are scheduled to host approximately 300 international students for several weeks. And Felician's graduating class of 2013 will be more than 500 strong.

Many new and exciting things are happening on and off campus, and we promise to keep you updated as they take place.

Peace and all good,

Anne Prisco, PhD

Celebrating Academic Excellence

The Franciscan values of respect, service, peace and joy, and how they become integrated in the educational experience were among the compelling messages brought to life at the Academic Honors Convocation on March 12, which celebrated excellence in the classroom by students and faculty alike.

Felician College President Dr. Anne Prisco and Sister Mary Rosita Brennan, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, greeted the audience of more than 120 faculty members, 560 Dean's List recipients and their friends and family who gathered in the John J. Breslin Jr. Auditorium in Obal Hall on the Lodi campus for the ceremony.

"This is a night to truly celebrate academic excellence," said Sister Rosita. "And this is the first time our new president Dr. Prisco will be presiding over the events. We hope hers will be a long tenure at Felician College."

The keynote speaker was Sister Mary Beth Ingham who received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters.

Sister Mary Beth, a professor of theology at the Franciscan School of Theology in Berkeley, California, is a renowned presenter and speaker on the works of scholar John Duns Scotus, who studied and wrote numerous texts on Franciscan moral theology.

"You are taking your place in a tradition that goes back more than 800 years," Sister Mary Beth said during her address, referring to Franciscan values. "It is through this formation of understanding hearts and caring compassion that you can make a difference. Education here at Felician College is the door to human transformation of lifelong learning."

Dr. Prisco told the many students in attendance that they should give thanks and recognize their friends and family who helped support their efforts.

"This is what makes us stronger, this is what being part of a community is all about," said Dr. Prisco.

Among the other highlights of the evening were the musical selections by the Felician College choir and the presentation by Sister Rosita of the Faculty Excellence Award, which was given to Dr. George Abaunza of the Philosophy Department.









Top to Bottom: Felician College deans gathered before the Honors Convocation ceremony. Pictured are, from left, Dr. Dolores Henchy, Dean of Faculty Assessment, Institutional Technology and Faculty Excellence; Dr. Beth Castiglia, Dean, School of Business; Dr. Ann Guillory, Asst. Vice President, Academic Support Services; Sister Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ, PhD; Dr. Edward Kubersky, Dean, School of Arts and Sciences; Dr. Muriel Shore, Dean, School of Nursing; Dr. Rose Rudnitski, Dean, School of Teacher Education; Felician College President Dr. Anne Prisco with Sister Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ, PhD, and Sister Mary Rosita Brennan, Provost, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Sister Mary Beth Ingham delivers the keynote address; Felician College choir performs during the Honors Convocation ceremony.

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Felician College's Dr. Beth Castiglia, Dean, School of Business, joined a prestigious panel of speakers at Ramapo College for the College Club's centennial celebration and Women's History Month.

The topic, "The importance of an advanced education for women in today's world," drew a crowd of several hundred at the Berrie Center on Ramapo's Mahwah campus.

Pictured are, from left, program moderator Amelia Duggan, Editor (201) Magazine; Kathleen Donovan, Bergen County Executive; Dr. Joan Ficke, Dean, Graduate School, Montclair State University; Dr. Beth Castiglia; and Candace Straight, Member, Rutgers University Board of Governors.

Professor Named to Prestigious Group

Felician College English professor Dr. Margaret Gardineer has been elected to serve as a delegate to the Modern Language Association (MLA), a prestigious organization which serves English and foreign language teachers.

Founded in 1883, the MLA provides opportunities for its members to share their scholarly findings and teaching experiences with colleagues and to discuss trends in the academy. The MLA, which boasts more than 30,000 members, also works with related organizations, and sustains one of the finest publishing programs in the humanities.

As one of approximately 280 international delegates, Dr. Gardineer will be required to provide considered judgments regarding the nature of the profession and standards for scholarship and education in the humanities.

The Delegate Assembly also informs accrediting agencies such as Middle States regarding standards for best practices for colleges and universities.

Alumni

A MESSAGE FROM THE ALUMNI DIRECTOR

WOW! WHAT A YEAR WE'VE HAD SO FAR.

The Office of Alumni Relations hosted a Cooking Event, two New Jersey Devils games, a successful Student Scholarship Benefit Auction, and the College held the Inauguration of our new President, Dr. Anne Prisco.

Our alums also gave back to their communities by participating and even spearheading local Hurricane Sandy relief efforts. We are so very proud of them.

As a long-time member of the Felician College community, I have witnessed tremendous growth and development of Felician. Continuing that growth, the Office of Alumni Relations is now housed in the renovated historic Castle on the Rutherford campus.

I would like to thank each of you for your continued support of your alma mater. If you have not had recent reason to connect with Felician College, I encourage you to join the Alumni Association family, which is growing every year and has tremendous potential in the life of this school. Loyalty is a part of the reason that the Alumni Association has grown over the past five years to nearly 1,000 members. The Board has worked hard to provide programs and services that welcome you back to Felician.

If you're not a member of the Association, I encourage you to join. So many wonderful things are happening at Felician and we would love for you to be part of its future.

Come home to Felician! I look forward to hearing from you.

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Lori A. Walker '98, '00

Director of Alumni Relations



Lori Walker, Director of Alumni Relations, left, with Felician College President Dr. Anne Prisco, and Regina Coyle, Felician College Alumni Board president, during a meet-and-greet event in December.

Local Elementary School Reaps Benefit of Felician Alumni

There is no denying the reach of Felician College when it comes to its alums. Take the case of Corpus Christi, a small Catholic elementary school in Hasbrouck Heights, New Jersey.

Nine of Corpus Christi's staff, including the school's nurse, are Felician alumni. They earned their degrees in various years and have different memories of the college experience, but all nine women share the same sentiment that their time at Felician prepared them not only for their careers but to embrace the life lessons of the Franciscan values.

Focus on Felician caught up with them recently, asking them to share a little about themselves and their memories of Felician College:

JENN BUCKMAN ('04) – I chose Felician because it was close to home, but it turned out to be a great choice. Since I was little, I always wanted to work with children. I teach health at Corpus Christi, where I've been for eight years. I also help facilitate the SchoolReach for PowerSchool program, which allows school administrators to send messages to parents, staff, faculty and an entire community within minutes.

ROBIN (GROUNDS) CLEM ('04) – I became a teacher because I have a passion for learning myself and I wanted to share it with others. I studied art at Marymount Manhattan College and came to Felician for teaching certification. All the professors at Felician were wonderful – it was truly a terrific experience – but the one that stands out was Professor Ard Berge in the art department, absolutely the most encouraging instructor I ever had. I really enjoy being a teacher and I believe my time at Felician convinced me that this is what I was meant to do.

JENNIFER (STEDTLER) MOURAD ('02) – I've been at Corpus Christi since September 2002. My favorite memories of Felician are the friends I made and still have today. I worked in the Registrar and enjoyed going to Mass. I especially liked the small classes and how the professors listened and cared. But my favorite memory was being sent out to different schools and different grade levels every semester. That taught me so much about different teaching styles as well as how to deal with all types of children. I felt extremely ready and prepared when I entered the work force!

MEGHAN (KELLY) NEUMULLER ('05) – I came to Felician in 2003 for the Teacher Education Certification program. I took classes full-time while working as an aide in the Early Childhood Center at Corpus Christi. I received the Dr. Connors Award and the 2005 N.J.





Commissioner of Education Award for Excellence in Student Teaching. Of the 60-plus applicants from all over the state, only 15 were chosen to receive this honor. If it were not for such wonderfully supportive professors, I would not have known such opportunities existed. Currently I teach Pre-K 4 full-time – where I attended Pre-K 4 back in 1984! Teaching is a vocation where one devotes oneself to loving and preparing children for a world of discovery and opportunity. There is nothing I would rather do.

JOSEPHINE PALADINO ('93) – I have such incredible memories of Felician, but the one that comes to mind – and I will always be grateful for – is the love and understanding of one of the professors. The same

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day I was scheduled to present a project my father was hospitalized. This professor agreed to give me an extension to the following week. When that day came, my father passed away. It was amazing how everyone, including the professor, came together as a community to show their support. I believe had I been in a different college I wouldn't have had such an understanding reaction. Being in a Catholic college makes all the difference in the world. Now, as a teacher, there is nothing more rewarding than knowing you're affecting a child in a positive and loving way. Inspiring them academically and spiritually brings such joy to my heart.

CHRISTINE ROCHA ('82) – My best memory of being at Felician was when Sister Christine allowed me to bring my son John to class because I had no one to watch him half-way through the semester. He was 2 at the time and Sister moved the class from the main building to the little house in the back so he could sleep or play while we worked. After a while, we all tried our lessons plans with him as we were there for Early Childhood Education Certification. He loved it and so did I. Felician College was a wonderful experience that I attribute to the caring warmth of the Sisters and the school's small class sizes.

DONNA (KRAMER) SKINNER ('78) – My best memories were of the clinical areas – what wonderful instructors! – and the loving, nurturing environment that was Felician. I was a medical secretary when I first graduated from high school. I then worked in the operating room at St. Mary's Hospital in Passaic, and I developed such a respect for the nurses. I knew I wanted to be like them and make a difference in the lives of the patients and their families. I have never regretted the decision to become a nurse. I still am in touch with a few friends I made when I was at Felician. We were family there.

AMY STRAFFORD ('04) – I graduated elsewhere in 1986 and worked in pharmaceutical sales and marketing, which was very demanding and took me away from my family. What led me to teaching was that I wanted to spend more time with my daughter, so I enrolled in the Post-Baccalaureate Intensive Teacher Certification Program at Felician in 2000. It's a decision I never regretted. I completed the TEC program in 2004 and received my Pre-K 3 and K-8 certifications in 2004. I found the curriculum classes to be essential but the one I enjoyed the most was "Exceptionalities in Home, School and Community." My professor, Dr. Lillian Garcia, was a woman of tremendous empathy and insight – she taught me life skills I use every day.

HELEN M. (NOLL) TOREBKA ('85) – All of my memories are so precious, it's hard to choose the best one. The time I spent at Felician was one of the happiest of my life. From the time I stepped on campus, I had the feeling of "home" and "peace." I made lifelong friends and learned life lessons. I have such a deep respect for the Felician community, it's an honor to carry on that legacy, even if it is in my own small way. That message is so needed in today's world. I owe a debt of gratitude to all the professors, especially those in the education department. They took such a personal interest in each student. They made me feel as if their purpose for being was to see me succeed. They are the reason I decided to devote my life to teaching in a parochial school.

CLASS NOTES

'12 AMBER R. DORAN is the new head varsity girls' basketball coach at Elmwood Park Memorial High School.

'12 KEVIN R. DOWNEY is continuing his research in a doctoral program. He presently works at Mother Seton Regional High School in Clark as a religion teacher, and is coaching volleyball and softball.

'12 SUQUAN J. GARY recently signed a professional basketball contract and is playing for the Jersey Express of the American Basketball Association. He also competed for the championship of the 2012 Red Bull Midnight Run "streetball" tournament at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY on December 14, 2012.

'11 AMANDA F. MOTTOLA is a volunteer assistant on Felician's coaching staff for women's softball.

11 DEVON YOUNG recently signed a professional basketball contract. He is playing for the Jersey Express of the American Basketball Association.

'11 EMILIE M. YOUNG is engaged to Thomas J. Brooks. Emilie is employed at Young and Associates, and Thomas is an Operating Engineer with Local 15 in New York City. The happy couple will wed in November 2013 at Corpus Christi Church in Hasbrouck Heights, NJ, with reception to follow at Stony Hill Inn in Hackensack, NJ.

'10 ETHAN L. KENNEDY competed for the championship of the 2012 Red Bull Midnight Run "streetball" tournament at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY, on December 14.

'10 NICHOLAS LOIZZI was welcomed as County Municipal Alliance Coordinator by the Sussex County Department of Human Services, Division of Community and Youth Services, on February 1, 2013.

'09 JENNA SAOUD is engaged to Dr. Daniel Hennessy. Jenna received a master's degree in communication sciences and disorders, speech language pathology from Montclair State University and works as a Speech Language Pathologist in the North Haledon Public School District. Daniel is presently a second year podiatric surgery resident at Morristown Medical Center. The future bride and groom are planning a July 2013 wedding.

'07 ERIC MOORE, originally from Balbriggan, Co. Dublin, is the chairman of the Irish Network of New York City. He led the group's Manhattan contingent at the Irish Day of Action, in the Rockaways, after Hurricane Sandy. The group worked side-by-side removing debris from the streets to demolishing entire interiors of damaged homes, all in order for victims to restart their new homes and community. Eric also works with Wall Street firm BNY Mellon within its Broker Dealer Services division.

'07 KRISTA M. WILDERMUTH and Joshua D. Hascup have formally announced their engagement. Krista is currently employed as a first grade Special Education teacher at Roosevelt Elementary School in Hawthorne and Joshua is the manager of The UPS Store in Fort Lee. The wedding ceremony and reception will be held on June 22, 2013, at The Empire Club in Little Ferry. Following an Alaskan cruise honeymoon, the couple will reside in Haledon, NJ.

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AUCTION







The annual Student Scholarship Benefit Auction, held at Il Villaggio Restaurant in March, was a successful and fun event. Pictured starting above and counterclockwise are guests Sister Janet Kurgan, left, and Sister Juanita Arnister, Vice President for Mission Integration; volunteers June Finn and Barbara Romano; volunteers Jessica Rafferty and senior student Paula Binsol; guests, from left, Sue Palermo, Sue Bramucci, Ray Bramucci with Felician President Dr. Anne Prisco; guests ready to make their bids.





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'04 ELIZABETH (HELLER) SCHEPS has submitted several poems as well as a children's story "Moving Anne" for publication. Also, she is currently writing a memoir titled "Mostly We Laughed" about growing up in the 50's and 60's in a dysfunctional and very funny family. Elizabeth has also initiated a Bible sharing group, Daughters of Mary, which celebrated its fifth anniversary in October, 2012.

'95, '99 MARLENE BAUER PISSOTT, President of Ingroup, Inc. and founder of WebSwagger.com, a marketing, public relations and Web agency located in Northern New Jersey, was recently selected to participate in the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses initiative, which is designed to tap into economic power by providing entrepreneurs across the country with the resources they need to grow and create jobs.

'90 LISA A. (LAMPRON) KING BSN, RN, PN is the parish nurse at Bullville United Methodist Church as well as three of the Mountain View Methodist Churches. Lisa celebrated her 60th birthday in December 2012.

'90 CAROLE A. MRAZ is a homemaker. She keeps busy with personal chores, outings, and philanthropy at Christmas time.

'80 LAURA A. (MCALEVEY) BAILLARGEON received an MBA in Business from the University of Minnesota, Carlson School of Management in 2007. Recently, Laura stepped down as the first President of MBA Women International (formerly NAWMBA) Greater New York City chapter, which she helped found in 2009. She was also instrumental in introducing the idea of having an MBAWI student chapter at Felician College, which was established in 2011. Laura continues to serve as an advisor to the New York City professional chapter. In addition, she has spent more than 30 years in the non-profit and luxury goods industries.

'76 LORETTA (RUSSO) CAPIZZI is teaching in a public pre-school in Garfield. She is an officer in the Home and School Association and loves being involved in any aspect of the school community.

'76 LAURA L. (LEONE) DOUGHERTY is working as a private duty nurse in Farmingdale, NJ. Although she loved her previous work experience as a nurse at Kessler Institute with quadriplegic, stroke and Guillain-Barre syndrome patients, Laura feels that her current job is less stressful. Laura has three children and one grandchild.

'78, '81 RUTH A. WITTMANN-PRICE, PHD, RN, CNS, CNE

recently published two more books "Nursing Concept Care Maps for Safe Patient Care" and "Fundamentals of Nursing: An Unfolding Case Study" one chapter reflection and two articles. She was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi as a distinguished faculty and appointed a National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission site visitor. Ruth has started the MSN program at Francis Marion University, which includes an FNP and Nurse Educator track.

'71 WANDA E. GOZDZ exemplified her favorite motto, "If you can believe it, you can achieve it," by running in the Disney Princess Half Marathon Race, for the second time, in Orlando, Florida on February 24, 2013. Wanda completed the race with a time of 2:27:28 and ranked 4,244 overall out of 21,000 runners. She ranked 17th of the 240 people who participated in the 60-64 age group. She also authored her first book, "Sensible Smart Tips for Living in Your ForeverHome."



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Mission



Volunteer Spirit Ignites to Honor New President

Members of Felician College's faculty, staff, administration, Sisters and student body truly exemplified the Franciscan spirit when they participated in the Days of Service in honor of President Anne Prisco.

"I am so appreciative and really touched by all these wonderful folks who gave up their free time to volunteer out in the community," said Dr. Prisco, who visited each of the sites. "This is what we are all about here at Felician College."

Dr. George Abaunza, of the Philosophy Department, organized the two days of volunteer service, which were held February 23 and March 9. He stated that more than 200 volunteers participated in the various events over the two days.

The sites of service included the Kip Senior Center, Rutherford, where volunteers assisted with activities; St. Peter's Haven Food Pantry, Clifton, and the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Hillside, where volunteers sorted food donations for the needy and packaged donation mailers; and St. Ignatius Nursing Home, Philadelphia.



Painting and other "sprucing up" projects took place in various buildings on the Rutherford and Lodi campuses.

The Days of Service were scheduled as part of Dr. Prisco's Inauguration Week of special events. She was officially installed as Felician College's fifth president on Friday, March 15.

Mission







Page 10, Top: Judith Gefken and Dr. Dolores Henchy in Clifton; Bottom: At St. Peter's haven Food Pantry, Clifton

Page 11, Left: At the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Hillsdale; Middle: At Sammartino Hall, Rutherford campus; Bottom: At the Kip Senior Center, Rutherford

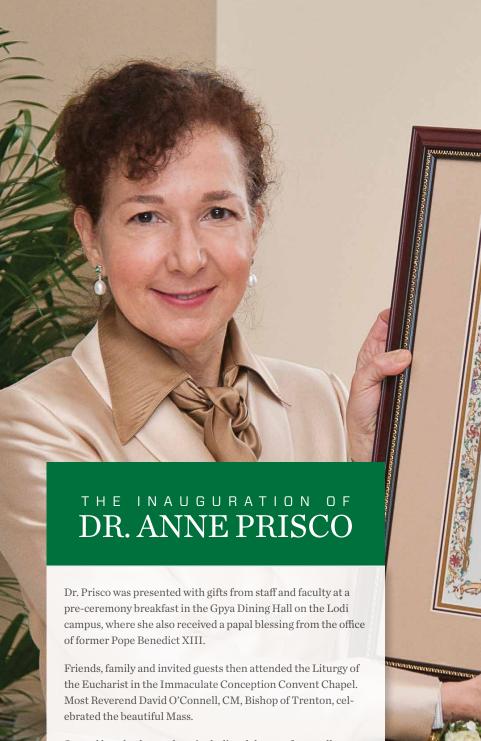
Top, Right: At the Community Food Bank of New Jersey, Hillsdale; Heading to St. Ignatius Nursing Home, Philadelphia; Painting outside the Goya Dining Hall, Lodi campus; Painting in Martin Hall, Rutherford campus











"MAY WE MEET THE RESPONSIBILITIES
ENTRUSTED TO US WITH HEARTS
FILLED WITH JOY."



Several hundred attendees, including delegates from colleges and universities across the country, then gathered in the John Breslin Theater in Obal Hall for the installation ceremony.

Among those who offered greetings were Most Reverend Manuel Cruz, Auxiliary Bishop of Newark; the Honorable Rochelle Hendricks, New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education; Reverend Jeffrey von Arx, President, Fairfield University; Carl Lane, PhD, Professor, History, Felician College; Regina T. Coyle, president, Felician College Alumni Association; and Victoria Militello, President, Student Government Organization.

The historic ceremony capped off a week of events, including the Academic Honors Convocation, a student luncheon and receptions in the student art gallery and at the Castle on the Rutherford campus.

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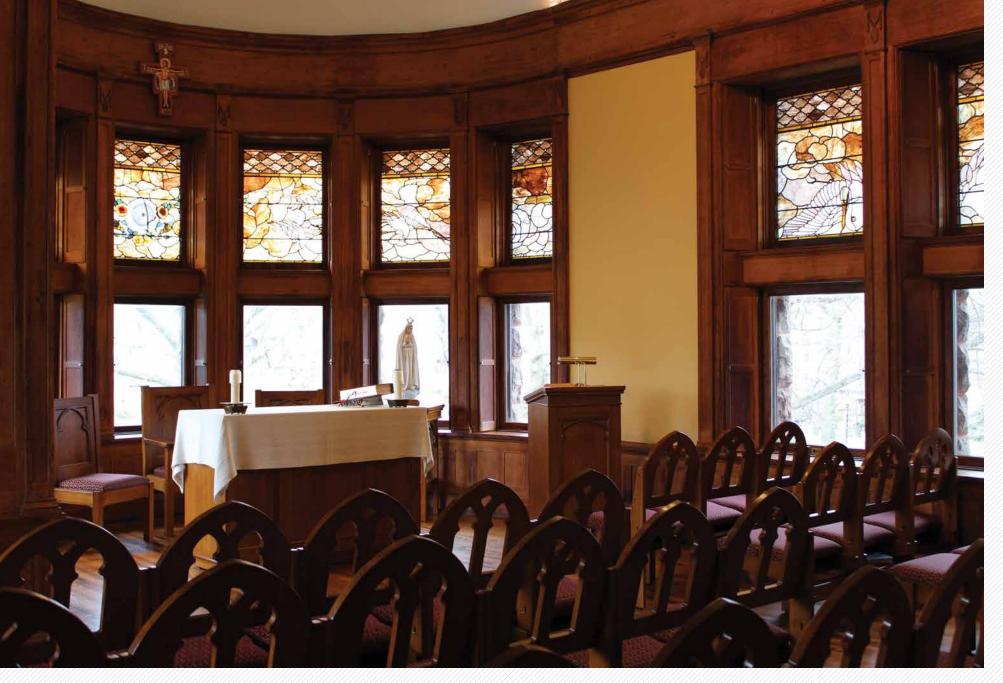
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"NOW WE MUST ALL FIND
THE STRENGTH AND
COURAGE TO CONTINUE
GROWING, ADAPTING
AND INNOVATING, TO
MEET THE NEEDS OF
THOSE WE SERVE."





The castle was part of the property when Felician College acquired the 10.5-acre tract in 1997.

THE RESTORATION

When Felician bought the property, we thought the work on the castle was going to be an extensive renovation project. But when workmen began tearing down old ceiling tiles and paneling, they found treasures, including a quarter-size replica of a 14th century ivory Florentine frieze and a late 19th century chandelier, both of which are in the former music room, which is now a chapel.

Teams of engineers, historians, preservationists and experts in the field of historic preservation were called in to work with original drawings to identify and remove all non-original materials installed during the last 50 years.

Construction teams carefully kept intact features, including domed ceilings, wainscoting, stained glass windows, original red clay tile roofs, and ornate wrought iron railings on the upper-level balconies.

The castle was unanimously approved for inclusion on the New Jersey Register of Historic Places in 2004, and has received several historic preservation awards, including the 2013 Bergen County Historic Preservation Award in the category of Preservation Leadership.







At left, the former music room is now a chapel. Top, replica of a Florentine frieze on the chapel ceiling; the Castle foyer staircase; an early 1900s photo of the Castle.

The Castle at Felician College Opens After a 14-Year Wait

The Iviswold Castle, now known as the Castle at Felician College, finally opened after a 14-year makeover. And it was well worth the wait!

The glorious structure, meticulously restored to its original grandeur, has garnered interest from the local print press, online media and has been featured in several television news spots. Here's a recap of its history and Felician's labor of love for its gem of the Rutherford campus.

THE HISTORY

Iviswold Castle was originally constructed as a simple two-story structure in 1869 by New York newspaperman and land developer Lloyd W. Tomkins.

In 1887, David Brinkerhoff Ivison, president of the American Book Company, purchased the house and hired architect William Henry Miller to transform it into the castle-like structure it is today, and named it "Iviswold."

Following Ivison's death in 1903, the castle was sold several times and many renovations were made along the way, including an indoor pool – the white tiles can still be seen in offices on the 2nd floor.

In 1930, the castle was taken over by the Rutherford National Bank, which at the time, was headed by Colonel Fairleigh S. Dickinson,

Eventually, the castle was used as administrative offices for Fairleigh Dickinson University, until the college left Rutherford in 1994.

OTHER FEATURES

Sister Ann Therese Kelly, a former Felician College art professor, designed the stained glass skylight in the foyer (see back cover).

The striking flocked wallpaper in the foyer and main stairwell was chosen to replicate historic color schemes and designs from the late 1800s.

CURRENT USE

The Castle is now home to the offices of Institutional Advancement on the second floor and Admissions on the third floor.

The first floor boasts a boardroom, a reception area for Admissions, and a large reception room, which opens to a lovely covered porch.

There are kitchen facilities for catered events, with a convenient back entrance. The building is also handicapped accessible.

Chronicles

Bishop Franjo Komarica, left, and Drazen Komarica.

Former Nobel Peace Prize Nominee Visits Felician College

Felician College was visited by Dr. Franjo Komarica, Catholic Bishop of Bosnia, who spoke to a large crowd of faculty, staff and students, of his experiences working for peace in Europe during the Yugoslav wars of the 1990s.

"You are fortunate to be in the United States where there is a respect for truth, respect for justice," Bishop Komarica told the audience through a translator, his nephew Drazen. "There are freedoms here that many take for granted, but there is a responsibility, too, to bring hope to big nations and to small peoples who have been forgotten."

The Yugoslav wars were characterized by the ethnic conflicts among the peoples of what was then known as Yugoslavia and Bosnia, and by the infamous war crimes committed including mass murder and genocide.

Bishop Komarica related personal accounts of the conflicts – "a terrible evil" – and his kidnapping in 1996 at the hands of military officers.

"After praying, I found my fear had left me. I asked the soldiers, who had guns pointed at me, 'Can I look at you before you shoot me?" the Bishop recalled. "I think I confused them because they could see I was no longer afraid. They released me, telling me, 'You get a pass for today."

He recalled other horrific events, having witnessed the atrocities of war. He said he was grateful for American intervention in stopping the wars through the Dayton-Paris Agreement.

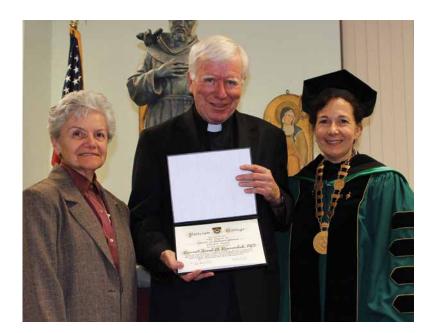
"Until that time, it was like friends and neighbors became enemies overnight.

There was no trust, people were afraid for themselves and for their families," Bishop Komarica said. "Everyday people were being liquidated. How does this happen? We're still struggling to understand."

Bishop Komarica's work with government leaders and with the peoples of Bosnia and Herzegovina, formerly Yugoslavia, to restore peace and provide a safe haven for those who fled during the wars, earned him a nomination for the Nobel Peace prize in 2003. He is a recipient of the Franz Werfel Human Rights Award granted to individuals or groups in Europe who, through political, artistic, philosophical or practical work, have opposed breaches of human rights, including the deliberate destruction of religious, ethnic or racial groups.

Vatican II Focus of Pope John Paul II Lecture

Social justice and the global church was the focus of Felician College's annual Pope John Paul II Lecture, "The Church and World at Vatican II," featuring keynote speaker Reverend Joseph A. Komonchak. The event, held on April 4 in the lecture hall in Albin Obal Hall on the College's Lodi campus, drew nearly 150 guests.



From left, Sister Mary Aquinas Szott, Chair, Felician College Board of Trustees; Rev. Joseph A. Komonchak; Felician College President Dr. Anne Prisco

Chronicles

Fr. Komonchak is one of the leading interpreters of the legacy of the Second Vatican Council, which was held 50 years ago. A specialist in the Council's history and theology, Fr. Komonchak is the editor of the English edition of the five-volume History of Vatican II, and among the international group of scholars contributing to it.

Now retired, Father Komonchak devotes his time to continued research, writing and lecturing.

Felician College president Dr. Anne Prisco conferred upon Fr. Komonchak an honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters.

The event was co-sponsored by Felician College and the Order of Malta.

It's Easy Being Green

The Felician community proudly wore its colors when students, faculty and staff filled the bleachers for the College's men's and women's basketball games on January 29 at the Job Gymnasium on the Rutherford campus.

"Green Out" night, which garnered twice the attendance of the average regular season Golden Falcons home games, included special events organized by student volunteers.

"The Department of Athletics was excited to host the Green Out event," said Ben DiNallo Jr., Director of Athletics at Felician College. "The energy in our gymnasium was tremendous and I know our student-athletes were appreciative. It is so exciting to see our college community rally and support our student-athletes."

Felician College President Dr. Anne Prisco was one of the many enthusiastic supporters at the event.

"Athletics plays such an important role in the college experience, and this was a fabulous way to bring the entire community together," said Dr. Prisco.

Special events included a fundraiser to benefit the National Make-A-Wish Foundation. Members of the softball team manned the bake sale table, while the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee collected donations at the door.

The women's game halftime festivities featured an intrasquad contest of the fifth-grade Rutherford travel basketball team.

During the halftime of the men's game, the Athletics department honored senior women's soccer standout Allie Couzo as the NJAIAW Woman of the Year for Felician College.

"What a wonderful honor for Allie, who has shown excellence on the playing field and in the classroom. I'm so proud of her and of all of Felician's student-athletes who are shining examples of the College's Franciscan tradition," said Dr. Prisco.





Members of the Felician Student Athlete Advisory Committee collected donations at the door, top; the crowd shows their spirit during the Green Out event, bottom.

Psi Chi International Induction

Students in Felician College's Psychology Department recently were inducted into the very prestigious Psi Chi International Honor Society during a ceremony in the Library Lecture Hall on the College's Lodi campus.

Psi Chi was founded in1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. The Society boasts more than 500,000 members and functions as a federation of chapters located at about 1,100 senior



colleges and universities in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, Ireland and New Zealand.

"Having a chapter of the Honor Society at Felician is a big milestone for the department," said Ruvanee Vilhauer, PhD, Associate Professor and Chair of the Psychology Department at Felician College, adding that it took more than a year of work to get Felician's chapter approved by Psi Chi. Felician joins Yale, NYU and Columbia University, among others, to have a Psi Chi chapter on campus.

The Felician students inducted were: Christie Calandrillo, Josephine Caristi, Kinjal Doshi, Erica Evans, Jeanette Freire, Lauren Hunter, Andrea Jensen, Thuy Kim, Rikka Libatique, Viet Nguyen, Ernest Serrano, Sydney Umana, Priju Vareghese, and Shuzhen Xie. Dr. Vilahuer is the chapter advisor.

Guest speaker and presenter of induction certificates and medals was Mercedes A. McCormick, PhD, LP, Eastern Regional Vice President of Psi Chi.

"Induction into Psi Chi says so much on your CV and resume for future training and future career opportunities," Dr. McCormick told the students. "It signifies academic excellence as well as leadership skills."

Dr. Vilahuer noted that in the past three years, Felician Psychology "students have been pretty successful in getting into good graduate programs, including Rutgers, NYU, Fordham, Columbia, Seton Hall, Hunter, Montclair State, William Paterson and Ohio State University."

Sister Rosita Brennan, Felician's Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, encouraged the students to remain dedicated to their field, their discipline because "you are the ones who will make a difference."

"It is my hope that when you graduate from Felician, you will leave us having learned how to care for your fellow brothers and sisters in a way that those in other professions may not be able to," Sister Rosita said. "I can't say often enough how proud I am of all of you."



African-American History Month

In celebration of African American History Month, publications and books highlighting the works and lives of prominent African Americans were on display at the Felician College library on the Lodi campus. Visiting the library were, from left, Carol Manigault, professor of mathematics; Felician senior Tahnee Coombs; junior Edward Gorman; Dr. Ann Guillory, Assistant Vice President for Academic Support Services; and sophomore Stephanie Villa. Dr. Guillory was interviewed in a local newspaper article on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Felician College Library: Past, Present, Future

By Paul Glassman



Paul Glassman is the Associate Professor and Director of Library Services

Silence; the card catalog standing proudly at the epicenter of the space; endless tiers of dimly lit book shelves; a strict prohibition on food—gone are these attributes of the 19th- and 20th-century academic library. Today libraries are simultaneously school, living room, classroom, and space for contemplation. And in responding to these cosmic changes in library service, the Felician College Library has evolved from a static repository to an academic town square.

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Situated originally in what is now Kirby Hall, the college library was managed and staffed almost wholly by Felician sisters. Its first director, Sister Mary Mericia Liszewski, completed

her twenty-two-year tenure in 1986. In May 1969 the Lodi campus library, an international-style building designed by architect Albert C. Levenelm Jr. and constructed by Mahony-Troast, was dedicated.

In addition to the circulating collection of books, the library held reference materials, such as encyclopedias, atlases, printed periodical indexes, and directories; bound journals; and magazines. There were rooms dedicated to subject areas, such as mathematics and curriculum, and to those requiring dedicated equipment, such as music. Following the September 1999 flood brought by Hurricane Floyd, the curriculum collection relocated to the Rutherford campus and was dedicated as the Audrey Toron Curriculum Library, gaining proximity to the School of Teacher Education.

The Impact of Generation Y (Millennial Students) on the Present

Responding to shifts in learning styles and study habits, the President's Council authorized renovation of the Lodi campus library in 2009. With the creation and installation of computer laboratories, a central information commons, group study rooms, a media viewing center, a seminar room, and a reading lounge—all furnished with new midcentury modern furniture, light-filtering window treatments, and long-wearing and stain-resistant carpeting—use of the library increased by thirty percent.

No longer primarily an information warehouse, the facility now functions as a center for collaboration and discovery. While groups of students sip coffee and prepare for class presentations, individual students study quietly in the reading room carrels.

In 2013 the college library preserves its Lodi nucleus and operates two satellite locations on the Rutherford campus, the Business Library (BizLib) in Blessed Mary Angela Hall, created in 2010, and the Toron

Curriculum Library in Sammartino Hall, which was renovated and refurbished in 2012. With a public services librarian embedded within the Schools of Business and Teacher Education on the Rutherford campus, students in those disciplines have immediate access to information resources and professional library services in close proximity to their classrooms.

Development

Although the library makes available to students, faculty, and staff more than 158,000 volumes, 150 print periodicals, 25,000 online journals aggregated into 125 databases, 110,000 electronic books, 80,000 microforms, and 1,000 audio-visual items, its campus-wide influence stems from an active information literacy instruction program that crosses all disciplines. Each year library faculty present drop-in workshops and customized assignment-based classes (ABCs) to over two thousand students in 125 classes. Public service librarians and staff members field over two thousand requests for information and information-seeking assistance each year, and the Felician community retrieves more than 100,000 full-text items from online resources annually.

A long-standing relationships with Freshman Year Experience (FYE) program brings library faculty into the classroom for foundational instruction in effective search strategies, and a newly formed partnership with the Office of Student Success has fortified a series of lunchtime and late-afternoon workshops—from using Prezi (Death to Power-Point!) to How to Write an APA-Style Paper.

With the power of the World Wide Web, the library's online presence via the college web site serves as the gateway not only to information resources, but also to scrolling images of new books, search boxes for reference questions and the online catalog, live chat, and research guides. Library faculty write and produce short videos on topics, such as narrowing a research topic and finding articles, and they create online research guides, each tailored to the needs of a specific class, from Critical Perspectives in Literature to Research Methods and Statistical Analysis. Monthly Library Updates, an online newsletter, and a Facebook page provide further outreach.

The Felician library is among the few academic libraries in New Jersey whose faculty members teach credit-bearing courses in information literacy. Approved by the Curriculum Committee in 2012, the Architecture of Information is a one-credit, online course exploring information and the role it plays within our society. With a focus on the problem-solving process, the course teaches students how to locate and use existing knowledge and data. The overarching objective is competency in research as a foundation for life-long learning.

In 2008 the library launched a series of cultural programs. Hispanic Heritage Month starts the season in September with readings and music from the Spanish-speaking world, and subsequent celebrations feature African-American History Month in February, Women's History Month in March, and Asian-Pacific Heritage Month in May. Music comes to the library with We Are the Music Makers, an annual recital by performance students in the Department of Art and Music.

Planning for the Future

Acquired by the college in 1997, the original Fairleigh Dickinson

Development

University campus added residence halls, a gymnasium, and additional classroom facilities. Only the Messler Library, with its complex series of interlocking levels, remained vacant. With the stimulus of the State of New Jersey's Building Our Future Bond Act, which provides matching funds for New Jersey public and private colleges to build, equip, and expand facilities for direct benefit to students, Felician College President Anne Prisco orchestrated a collaboration among Library Services, the Office of Institutional Advancement, the College of Nursing and Health Management, and Arcari + Iovino Architects to develop a plan to revitalize and re-open the old Rutherford campus library as an Education Commons and Nursing Skills Laboratory.

The Education Commons, to be operated under the aegis of the Library Services, will be a state-of-the-art study and information space that supports teaching and collaborative learning. It will feature an open lounge with study booths, café tables and chairs, rolling whiteboards, and ubiquitous wireless connectivity and power outlets for laptop computers and other mobile devices. Exhibition and cultural events facilities will be adjacent, and a conference room equipped with wall-mounted computer and video hardware will accommodate seminars and meetings. Other amenities will include a "technology- sandbox" computer laboratory; small and large group study rooms; consultation rooms for sessions with Center for Learning representatives and appointments with library faculty; a smart classroom; a digital media laboratory; an all-hours study space; lockers for commuter students; and a centrally located café.

In 1952 Winston Churchill proclaimed, "First we shape our buildings and afterwards our buildings shape us." By lending careful attention to the impact of its campus environment on teaching and learning, Felician College demonstrates the wisdom of planning and building functional, flexible, and forgiving library spaces to shape students into citizens with "informed minds and understanding hearts" (Felician College mission).

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Felician College President Dr. Anne Prisco poses with President's Medallion recipients Patrick McGowan and Sister Mary Victoria Olender.

President's Medallion Honorees Feted at Christmas at Felician

More than 200 friends of Felician College gathered for the annual Christmas at Felician celebration, a special day held each year to show appreciation to all those who support the College and its mission.

Following the celebration of the Holy Eucharist in the Immaculate Conception Chapel, everyone enjoyed a reception in the Lodi cafeteria. The annual traditional also included the presentation of the President's Medallions to select members of the community who have made an impact at Felician College.

The 2012 recipients of the President Medallion were Patrick McGowan and Sister Mary Victoria Olender, both of whom were honored for their generous contributions to the College.

 $\operatorname{Mr.McGowan}$ CEPO of McGowan Builders, established in 2011 the

Loretta McGowan Foundation Scholarship in memory of his aunt who had Down syndrome. The Scholarship was designed to support a Felician College student who enrolled in the School of Teacher Education whose goal was to work with children with special needs.

The 2012 recipient of the Scholarship was Hailey Barteck, who attended the event with her parents and siblings.

Sister Victoria came to Felician College 20 years ago, holding several administrative positions. More than 10 years ago, she created an official archive for the College, and has chronicled countless pieces of information, photos and articles, helping to keep the history of the institution intact for generations to come.

Felician College President Anne Prisco made the presentations.

Sports

Antoine Obery Finally Takes the Health of His Body Seriously



Obery had been a talented performer in basketball throughout his stay at Felician College, even earning all-conference honors in helping Felician to the 2010 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference championship. But resting was never something that occurred to the 6-foot-4 guard/forward, and the following summer, he pushed his body to the limit.

"Coming off that season, I got a lot of calls to play in summer leagues," he said. "Looking back, I may have overdone it with my body. I was playing two games a day without getting any rest. One night, I went up for a lay-up, got fouled, and landed on one leg. My knee buckled. I finished the game, but that night I couldn't move it."

Obery put off getting the knee looked at as long as he could. When he finally went to a doctor, he was diagnosed with a torn right anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) and was told he could be ready for the upcoming college basketball season but he would have to play with a brace. His season lasted two games.

"We played in a tournament," Obery said. "I played well the first game. In the second game, I did a spin move and got hurt again. This time I had the surgery. I did my rehab, but I probably rushed back, and took it too lightly. I didn't know how serious injuries to knees could be."

Obery applied for a medical waiver and got the year of eligibility returned. But, by his own admission, in his rush to return from surgery, he was overcompensating and putting to much pressure on his healthy left knee. He did not get away with it.

"Early in (2011-12), I felt the other knee buckle," he said. "Again I didn't think anything of it, until I was told it was another torn ACL. This time I tried to play on it. I got through 15 games, had it drained a few times, and finally couldn't do anything on it anymore."

Obery is not sure why, but he remembers the date of March 9 as when he finally had surgery on the left knee. He remembers making a promise to himself as he left the hospital to improve his work ethic.

"I haven't always been the hardest worker off the court," he said. "But that day, I decided I was going to attack my rehab. I went to physical therapy and did everything they asked of me, and more. I stuck with it this time -- they had to slow me down. There were some rough and tough days, but I built up confidence, set some goals, and decided not to worry about injuries anymore. I believe in God, and I decided if there was another injury, then that was God's plan. I did everything I had to do to get back to my previous form, and I think the year spoke for itself."

It did indeed. Obery enjoyed one of the best single seasons in school history. He averaged 18.9 points, 10.4 rebounds and 2.7 assists while shooting 55.2 percent from the floor. His signature game came on Feb. 2 at Goldey-Beacom College, when he made 16 of 22 shots, tied a school record with 39 points, and added 21 rebounds and five assists in an 84-77 victory. In the process, he became Felician's all-time leading rebounder.

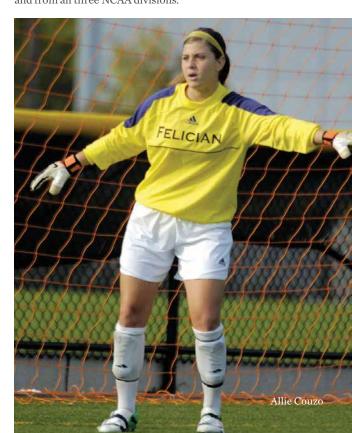
"I definitely believe God has a plan for everyone," said Obery, whose father, also named Antoine, is a pastor. "God puts you in certain situations to see how strong you are. The extra year I spent in college gave me maturity, character, and responsibility, and a chance to finish college. It was a blessing in disguise. I don't regret anything that's happened to me."

Obery is so full of confidence in his two repaired knees that he is looking toward his basketball future. He has attended many exposure camps in the hopes of landing a spot on a pro team. But he also has his eyes on another date.

On June 16, 2013, he will marry his college sweetheart, Season Chauvin.

11 Arthur Ashe Sports Scholars; Couzo a National Finalist

Felician College's women's soccer student-athlete Allie Couzo was selected by the periodical Diverse Issues in Higher education as a national finalist for the 2013 Arthur Ashe Jr. Top Female Sports Scholar of the Year. Couzo is among 10 national finalists chosen from all sports and from all three NCAA divisions.



Sports

Couzo highlights a group of 11 Felician student-athletes honored by the publication as 2013 sports scholars. The award winners come from the sports of men's and women's soccer, women's volleyball and women's basketball, and were announced in the April 11 issue of the magazine.

Diverse Issues established the Arthur Ashe Jr. Sports Scholars Program, named for the late tennis star, in 1992 to honor outstanding undergraduate students of diverse and foreign backgrounds. Each winner must be a non-freshman who competes in an intercollegiate sport, maintains a cumulative grade-point average of at least 3.20, and is active on his/her campus or in the community.

Couzo, a senior goalkeeper, owns a 3.87 GPA as a biology major, and was an all-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference selection in 2011. She is a student in Felician's honors college, an off-campus peer supporter, and a member of the school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee.

The following students were selected:

DANIEL CAMARGO, (SR.)

Men's Soccer, Marketing/Management

ALLIE COUZO (SR.)

Women's Soccer, Pre-Physical Therapy

DANNY HOYOS (SO.)

Men's Soccer, Business Administration

JEN JIMENEZ (SR.)

Women's Soccer, Accounting

AZEDINE MAAZOUZI (JR.)

Men's Soccer, Sociology

ASHLEY MORRIS (SO.)

Women's Basketball, Graphic Design

JULIET NUMFOR (JR.)

Women's Soccer, Psychology

KELEENA ONYEAKA (SO.)

Men's Soccer, Accounting

TAYLOR PARKER (SO.)

Softball, Business Administration

ANN SCHERER (JR.)

Women's Volleyball, Business Administration

ZHARDE SELLONA (SO.)

Softball, Communications

The on-campus coordinator is Dr. Alfredo Castro, associate professor of chemistry and faculty athletics representative to the NCAA. This marks Felician's 11th year of participation in the program.



MEN'S BASKETBALL

Led by the senior duo of Antoine Obery and Anthony D. Green, the Felician men's basketball team made a return trip to the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference playoffs after a year's absence. Felician won six of its final eight regular-season games to capture the No. 4 seed from the CACC North Division.

Despite a raucous contingent of fans which spend their first Saturday of Spring Break traveling to Philadelphia to root them on, the Golden Falcons fell 77-70 to host and South No. 1 seed Holy Family University in their playoff game on March 2.

Felician finished with a won-lost record of 12-15, an improvement of five victories over the previous season.

Obery placed in the top 10 in the country among Division II players in rebounding (10.4 per game). He was named first-team All-CACC, second-team all-East Region, and first-team all-Met Writers. He led



the Golden Falcons and was among the top five in the conference with 18.9 points per game.

Green enjoyed the best season of his four-year career. He averaged 15.5 points and 2.9 rebounds, and canned 70 three-point field goals on the season, an average of 2.6 per contest.

Sophomore J.R. Pringley began to show flashes of his potential toward the end of the season. The 6-foot-4 forward twice set career scoring highs during the last five games of the season, averaging more than 17 points while shooting nearly 59 percent in those games. He completed the season with averages of 7.5 points and 2.3 rebounds.

The team loses five seniors: Anthony D. Green, Anthony J. Green, Obery, Dukpe Smith-Obasuyi, and David Williamson.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

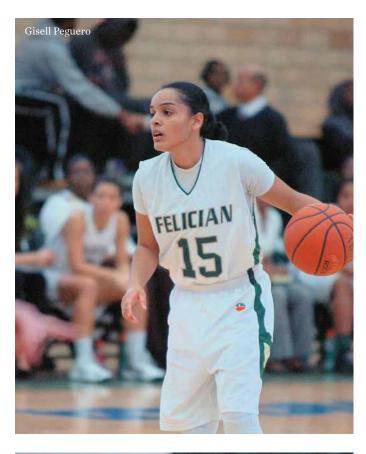
The Felician women's basketball team struggled to an 8-18 overall won-lost record, missing the CACC playoffs by one game with an 8-11 conference mark. After upsetting first-place Dominican (N.Y.) College in mid-February, the Golden Falcons saw their fate sealed with consecutive road losses to Chestnut Hill College and Concordia (N.Y.) College.

Junior Trina Plummer continued her steady career. The 5-foot-10 forward averaged 14.4 points, 6.5 rebounds and 1.9 steals, and was elected third-team All-CACC.

Classmate Jac'Quel Saunders posted the best statistics of her career with 10.1 points and 4.1 rebounds per contest.

During the season, junior guard and team captain Gisell Peguero was chosen as the CACC Student-Athlete of the Month for December, an award which combines athletic achievement with academics and citizenship/service. Postseason, sophomore forward Ashley Morris made the CACC All-Academic Team and was chosen as an Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar.

The Golden Falcons continued their tradition of service. Team members volunteered at two preseason events for the Rutherford Recreation department, ran a holiday food drive at a December home game, and helped sponsor a successful "Play 4 Kay" day to raise funds and awareness for women's cancers.









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