An advocate for the arts, he served as president Phelan’s legacy to Rensselaer includes building the Department of Science and Technology, a forerunner in electronic arts education, and He created the Department of the Arts, a historian. As dean of the School of Before his death in 2006, Father Phelan was posthumously inducted into (THEO), was honored by the board of directors of the National Capital Bank to serve as the bank’s chairman and CEO.

Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, M.A. 1960, Ph.D. 1963 (A&S), archbishop emeritus of Washington, was awarded an honorary doctorate in humanities from Bethlehem University in the Holy Land for his dedication to and support of the people of that area.

Brother John Samaha, S.M., M.A. 1963 (THEO), celebrated 65 years of profession of vows as a Marianist. Following many years of teaching high school and adult education in California and Washington and abroad in Lebanon, and service in several diocesan offices in San Francisco, Oakland, and San Jose, Calif., he is now living in active retirement at the Marianist Center in Cupertino, Calif., with other CUA alumni. He has fond memories of his time at CUA and the encouragement he received from Rev. Gerard Shay, S.T.L. 1944 (THEO). He has served as president of the Catholic Art Association and was named a fellow of the Society for the Arts, Religion, and Contemporary Culture in 1972.


The mission team worked long hours during the week, waking up at 6 a.m. for breakfast and often not returning to their lodgings until 11 p.m. Over the course of seven days, they helped thousands of people, providing supplies and performing minor and major surgeries.

Waters works for Kaiser Permanente as a physician assistant specializing in orthopedic surgery. During the week he performed minor procedures and helped with major and minor surgeries like thyroidecstomies, open cholecystectomies, hernia repairs, and mastectomies. In total, the team performed 69 major surgeries and more than 200 minor procedures.

“This was a big deal for us, being able to help others while spending time with his immediate and extended family. He also appreciated how kindly they were treated in Iquitos. “People were excited to meet us whether they were seeking help from the mission or not. They were so willing to share and let us into their homes.” —K.B.
Robert Lau, Ph.D. 1979 (MUSIC), of Camp Hill, Pa., was awarded an alumni citation by his undergraduate alma mater, Lehman Valley College in Anvulle, Pa. The award is for significant service to one's profession, to the community, and to the college.

1980
Marymal Holmes, M.M. 1980, D.M.A. 1996 (MUSIC), of Bowie, Md., spoke at a hearing in Annapolis before a Maryland state panel consisting of the governor, comptroller, and state treasurer. She successfully defended the acquisition and procurement of 32 Steinway pianos for the new state-of-the-art $79 million Fine and Performing Arts Center at Bowie State University (BSU), the first historically black university in the Mid-Atlantic region and the second in the nation to become an “All Steinway School.” Holmes is the coordinator of the music area in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts and a professor of music at BSU.

Michael Marshall, B.S.Arch. 1980 (ARCH), and Paolo Mayo, B.S.Arch. 2007, M.Arch. 2010 (ARCH), principals of Marshall Mayo Design in Washington, D.C., were featured in Architect Magazine’s “Annual Design Review” in December 2013. The magazine highlights the firm’s “accidental, but advantageous” blueprint for success, which the company attributes to an organic approach to diversity.

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Susan Fine, R.N. 1981 (BSW), director of the University of Southern Maine (USM) School of Social Work and professor of women and gender studies, along with research associate Jean Bosette, has been awarded a three-year, $300,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Violence Against Women, to foster a healthy campus climate for USM students, faculty, and staff. They will use the grant to fund the USM Campuses Safety Project, an initiative that addresses issues of sexual assault, domestic violence, stalking, and dating violence.

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David D. Davis Jr., M.A. 1982 (ARCH), and Michael Wagner, B.A. 1982 (ARCH), were named associate professor in CUAA’s School of Nursing, was inducted into the American Academy of Nursing in October.

This past year she also received the CUAA Outstanding Faculty Researcher Award and was inducted as a fellow of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners. She is highly regarded as an expert researcher in the areas of military families and military nurses. Her research has focused primarily on military nursing practice during wartime and the effects of deployment upon families, in particular military women’s health and separation from family members.

In 2013, teacher at EWTN in 1991 and has held senior positions in the areas of television production, satellite operations, and technical services. He was named president of EWTN in 2000 and assumed the post of chief executive officer in 2009. With the network’s 2011 acquisition of the National Catholic Register, he also assumed the role of publisher of that newspaper.

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Porfirio wasn’t sure what the committee would view her honesty, and she was shocked when she was selected as Virginia’s Teacher of the Year. In April, as a contender for National Teacher of the Year, Porfirio will learn if her candid outlook inspired others outside of Virginia.

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Ryan Robichaux, B.A. 2004 (A&S), married Megan Vasquez on May 11, 2013. Ryan is an attorney at Bradley Arant Boult Cummings and Megan is the director of development for the National Catholic Evangelization Ministry. They live in Birmingham, Ala.


Arrivals

Amy (Kohls) Buehler, B.C.E. 1993 (ENGR), and husband Bob welcomed daughter Kirsten Amelia on March 1, 2013. She joins sisters Audrey, 6, and Liesel, 3. The family lives in Dallas.

Rober Budebman, B.A. 1995 (A&S), and wife Stephanie announce the birth of their fourth child, Luke, on Nov. 4, 2013. He joins siblings Maria Angelina, 10, Bosc, 7, and Evangeline, 4. The family lives in Hawthorne, N.J.

Craig Tini, B.A. 1995 (A&S), and wife Amanda announce the birth of daughter Cora Lorraine on Aug. 22, 2013. She joins siblings Matthew, 9, Andrew, 6, and Kathryn, 6. The family lives in Suffield, Conn.

Isabella (Brazska) Snider, B.A. 1997 (A&S), and husband John welcomed a boy, Alexandre John, on June 20, 2013. He joins his sister Sonja Elisa, 3. The family lives in West Chester, Pa.

Christina Richman-Murphy, B.A. 2000 (A&S), and John Richman-Murphy, B.S. 2000 (A&S), announce the birth of their fourth child, Vera Sharon, on Dec. 14, 2012. She joins her sisters Sean, Cole, and Liam at their home in Glenisde, Pa.

Cosmas Spasiano, B.A. 2002 (A&S), and Rachel (Poyant) Spasiano, B.A. 2002 (A&S), announce the birth of their first child, Louisa Nellie, on June 2, 2013. The family lives in Pooleville, Md.

María (Berrafato) Comba, B.M. 2003 (MUSIC), and Michael J. Comba, B.A. 2002 (A&S), announce the birth of their son, Michael Anthony, on June 19, 2013. He joins brother Nicholas at their home in Eden, N.J.

Adam Weiss, B.S.B.A. 2005 (A&S), and wife Victoria announce the birth of their third child, Kaycey Lynn, on Oct. 12, 2013. The family lives in Farmingdale, N.Y.

Lauren (Tolrone) Mahoney, B.A. 2005 (A&S), and Jack Mahoney, B.M.E. 2005 (ENGR), announce the birth of son Fragg Head on Nov. 30, 2013. Lauren is a producer for C-SPAN’s flagship political affairs show Washington Journal, and Jack is an associate at the global engineering firm WSP Group. They live on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Sarah (Mudd-Simmons) Litke, B.A. 2006 (A&S), and Justin Litke, B.A. 2006 (A&S), announce the birth of their son, William Augustine, on March 3, 2013. Sarah is a manager of government relations with ML Strategies, Washington, D.C., and Justin is an assistant professor of government and political philosophy at Belmont Abbey College. He published his first book, Twilight of the Empire: Extermination and Empire in the American Political Tradition (The University Press of Kentucky, July 2013). They live in Jacksonville, N.C.

Patrick Ortman, B.S.B.A. 2009 (A&S), and wife Kate announce the birth of their second child, Peter Isaac, on Oct. 19, 2013. He joins his brother, Johny, at their home in Odenton, Md.

Books

Sanford Berman, M.S.L.S. 1961 (LIS), of Edina, Minn., retired librarian and cataloger, has had two books republished: Worth Noting: Editorials, Letters, Essays, an Interview, and Bibliography (McFarland, November 2013) and Prejudices and Antipathies: A Tout on the LC Subject Headings Concerning People (McFarland, November 2013), which marked the opening fight to rid the Library of Congress subject headings of bias. The books were originally published in 1971 and 1988. Berman celebrated his 80th birthday in September. He participated in an interview for Capturing Our Stories, a national oral history program to gather life histories of experienced librarians as they exit their careers.

Nancy Lorraine (Weinstein) Pryce, M.S.W. 1968 (SOC/SYV), of Myrtle Beach, S.C., retired in 2003 from teaching and her counseling practice. She published two children’s books for ages 4 to 8, written under the name Nancy Lorraine. She brings her knowledge of children’s developmental issues to her stories, The Butterflies Adventure and Titty the Lonely Monarch (Pozza Press, February 2013, September 2013). She hopes both books will introduce children to the joys of nature, particularly native flower gardens and the insects that inhabit them.

Peter Troy, B.A. 1989 (A&S), of Ocean City, Md., received the Michael Shaara Award for Excellence in Civil War Fiction for his debut novel, May the Road Rise Up to Meet You (Doubleday/Random House, March 2012), at the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College in November.

Rev. Anthony D. Andreausi, C.O., B.A. 1990 (A&S), of Brooklyn, N.Y., wrote Teach Me to Be Generous: The First Century of Regis High School in New York City (Fordham University Press, March 2014). Father Andreausi’s book studies the founding and development of the only free Jesuit high school in the United States. Established as a school for Catholic boys whose families could not otherwise afford a Catholic education, Regis established high admissions qualifications from the very start and has maintained them, making it a prestigious school. He has been on the faculty of Regis since 2003.


Christopher McMahan, Ph.D. 2003 (THEO), associate professor of theology at Saint Vincent College, Latrobe, Pa., wrote Understanding Jesus: Christology from Emmaus to Today (Anselm Academic, September 2013). The book engages questions surrounding the religious significance of Jesus within Christian tradition.

In Memoriam


Capt. Eileen Gertrude Jones, U.S.P.H.S.
The Mary J. Feik Scholarship Fund: Nurturing potential with tuition assistance.

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Jerome “Jerry” Feik

The late Jerome “Jerry” J. Feik was a generous supporter of Catholic University. His modest lifestyle and philanthropic heart enabled him to support his belief in CUA’s unique Catholic mission. Jerry attributed his success during his lifetime to his mother and everything she did for him and his four siblings. In her honor, he established the Mary J. Feik Scholarship Fund to benefit students with outstanding potential, but limited financial resources.

In planning that gift, Jerry understood that if he sold appreciated stock he owned he would be liable to a significant capital gains tax. So, working with the Office of Institutional Advancement, he donated his appreciated securities to CUA, which helped him avoid that tax and allowed him to receive a charitable deduction on the full value of the stock. Knowing the University would receive the entire value of his stock through this charitable route was a source of comfort to Jerry Feik. In the end, he could do more good with his stock this way.

The purpose of estate planning is to help individuals and families achieve their wishes. To learn more about how you can benefit through charitable giving, visit giving.cuatoday.com or call the planned giving office at 202-319-6914.

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