The Board of Governors of the Catholic University Alumni Association has announced that the following distinguished individuals will be honored during the Alumni Awards Dinner on Saturday, April 11. If you are interested in attending the celebration, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800-288-ALUM (2586).

**ALUMNI NEWS**

**JAMES CARDINAL GIBBONS MEDAL**

**Timothy Shriver, M.A. 1988**

Tim Shriver is the chairman of Special Olympics, which serves 4.4 million athletes and their families in 170 countries. He has helped transform Special Olympics into a movement that emphasizes acceptance, inclusion, and respect for individuals with intellectual disabilities. A leading educator, Shriver focuses on the social and emotional factors in learning. He cofounded and chairs the Collaborative for Academic, Social, and Emotional Learning, a preeminent school reform organization in the field of social and emotional learning; is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations; and serves as a nonexecutive director of WPP plc, a public relations firm with offices in London and Dublin.

Alison Kiss is executive director of the Clery Center for Security On Campus, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to preventing violence, substance abuse, and other crimes on college and university campuses across the United States. The center offers Clery Act compliance training for U.S. college and university officials and advocates for victims and policy initiatives. Kiss formerly served as director of programs at the Clery Center. She is the author or coauthor of a number of publications. Most recently, she cowrote a chapter on federal campus safety regulations and sexual assault and presented her work as part of the president’s panel for the Association for the Study of Higher Education conference in Washington, D.C.

**VICTOR R. McCRARY JR., B.A. 1978**

Victor R. McCravy, Ph.D., is the inaugural vice president for research and economic development at Morgan State University, responsible for developing a comprehensive research strategy there. Most recently he successfully implemented a $500,000 science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) student internship program between Morgan State and the Johns Hopkins University, and helped faculty land a $23.5 million National Institutes of Health grant. Previously engaged in technology and innovation at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory, McCravy organized the world’s first conference on electronic books in 1998 and subsequent conferences in 1999 and 2000. His research group developed a prototype of the electronic book reader, a low-cost Braille reader for electronic books that received a 2001 R&D 100 Award, and the standards that led to electronic readers and the e-book industry.

**MONSIGNOR RALPH KUECHNER, S.T.L. 1951**

A priest of the Archdiocese of Washington since 1967, Monsignor Ralph Kuechner is a teacher, administrator, and interfaith activist who has helped establish numerous programs for the poor, homeless, immigrants, elderly, prisoners, caregivers, victims of discrimination, and victims of domestic abuse. Monsignor Kuechner was a cofounder of SOME (So Others Might Eat). He helped establish Victory Housing, which offers affordable rental housing in eight facilities in the Washington, D.C., area. He is a longtime board member of the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington and the Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington, an organization he helped initiate. Since 1991, he has been an active priest at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish in Drexel, Md.

**FRANK A. KUNTZ ’07 Award**

**Emmjolee Mendoza Waters, B.A. 2001, M.S.W. 2009**

Emmjolee Mendoza Waters is associate director of campus ministry and community service at Catholic University’s Office of Campus Ministry. After graduation in 2001, she volunteered for two years with Jesuit Volunteer Corps, teaching remedial reading and serving as the school librarian in Punta Gorda, Belize. At CUA she has helped lead thousands of students to volunteer in a variety of venues. Each year she goes with students on a mission trip to Punta Gorda and, over the course of her career, has accompanied them on service visits to Jamaica, Tanzania, and various states throughout the United States. The advisor for Habitat for Humanity and Best Buddies for 12 years, in spring 2014 she was named CUA Advisor of the Year.

**GEORGE J. QUINN, CLASS OF ’50, DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD**

**Janet Rutherford Fuller, B.A. 1959**

Jan Rutherford Fuller taught math for many years, is active in her parish, and serves as president of her homeowners association. As a member of The Catholic University of America Alumni Association Board from 2005 to 2013, she chaired the Golden Cardinals Committee. With Patricia Watson, she cochairs her class’s Reunion Committee. Fuller’s inspirational enthusiasm and the committee’s dedication resulted in one of the most successful 50-year reunions ever. Fuller is also an active member of the Senators Club. She continues to chair the Catholic University of America’s Alumni Association’s Golden Awards Committee and planning and executing four to six social, cultural, and spiritual events as well as service projects each year for alumni who graduated from the University 50 or more years ago.

**ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

**Amy Freeman, B.S.N. 1981**

As president and CEO of Providence Hospital, Amy Freeman is committed to working with a broad group of partners to improve the health of the community, particularly addressing the needs of the poor and vulnerable. She is responsible for Providence Hospital, Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Perry Family Health Center, Fort Lincoln Family Medicine Center, and the Providence Physician Enterprise. She earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from The Catholic University of America, and her Master of Science degree from the University of Maryland. She also studied philosophy, theology, and ethics at Mount Saint Mary’s College in Emmitsburg, Md. She serves on the Board of Directors for the District of Columbia Hospital Association and Trinity Washington University.

**Gregory P. Noone, M.A. 2002**

Gregory P. Noone is a member of the Public International Law and Policy Group, which provides pro bono legal assistance to states and governments. He has conducted justice system assessments in Uganda and Côte d’Ivoire and provided assistance in post-Gadhafi Libya and during the ongoing conflict in Syria. At the Defense Institute of International Legal Studies, he taught military, governmental, and nongovernmental civilian personnel, including members of the Iraqi National Congress, the post-Taliban government in Afghanistan, and senior members of the Russian government. Selected 2012 West Virginia Professor of the Year, he is director of the Fairmont State University National Security and Intelligence Program and an associate professor of political science and law.

**YOUNG ALUMNI MERIT AWARD**

**Patrick Guetti, B.M. 2009, M.M. 2011**

Patrick Guetti came to Catholic University to study musical theatre. While studying abroad at the London Dramatic Academy as a junior, he was encouraged to do vocal exercises and study arias. He completed his undergraduate degree at CUA, stayed on to earn a master’s degree in vocal performance, then completed an Artist Diploma at the Academy of Vocal Arts in Philadelphia. In 2014 Guetti was named a grand prize winner of the Metropolitan Opera National Council Auditions. He has been accepted into the Patrick C. and Shirley W. Ryan Opera Center to train and perform at Lyric Opera of Chicago. In addition to performing with several American opera companies, he will make his European debut in 2016 at the Glyndebourne Festival.

**TIMOTHY LISANTE, B.A. 1978**

Timothy F. Lisante has been a leader in alternative education since 1988, when he began teaching at the high school on Rikers Island and also serving as its assistant principal. In 1993 he became principal of the school, a position he held until 1998. Now New York City School District 79 superintendent, Lisante has oversight of 16,000 students in 11 alternative programs — including early child care for children of student-parents, GED prep, career and technical education, and residential and correctional education — at 165 schools in five New York City boroughs and three upstate counties. He also is the jails education chairperson of the Correctional Education Association and a member of the New York State and New York City Juvenile Justice Advisory committees.
The Office of Alumni Relations has returned to its home in the Craves Family Alumni Center, located on the ground floor of Father O’Connell Hall (the former location of the Rathskeller). Stop by to say hello the next time you’re on campus! Alumni Relations staff pictured left to right: Michael Minetti, B.A. 2007, associate director; Sarah Messer, B.A. 2012, assistant director; Kenneth Lorence, B.A. 2009, assistant director; and Chelsey Rhine, M.S.M. 2015, office manager.

Celebrate Catholic University with an Alumni Day of Service

Catholic University alumni across the U.S. will join forces for a day of service on April 11, 2015, in commemoration of Founders Day. Service projects are currently being organized by chapter leaders in Boston, Chicago, New York City, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. Check www.cuatoday.com for full details. Volunteering is satisfying — and so much more fun with a group!

Cardinal Weekend — previously known as Homecoming and Reunions Weekend — will be held Oct. 23 to 25, 2015. Class years ending in a 0 or a 5 are celebrating reunions. So gather up your friends and classmates now and plan to celebrate this October.

More information for Cardinal Weekend 2015 will be included in the summer edition of the magazine and is always available online at www.cuatoday.com/Cardinalweekend2015.

Cardinal Weekend 2015 Alumni Directory Is in the Works

About every five years, the Alumni Association publishes an updated directory that is available only to alumni. It is produced by Harris Connect, a company the alumni office contracts with that specializes in compiling directories. The company will soon be collecting updated information on the more than 80,000 CUA alumni living all over the world. Some of the information is collected electronically and some is collected by phone. Harris staff will be calling you during 2015 to verify information. If you have questions about this process, please call the alumni office at 800-288-ALUM (2586) or email us at cua-alumni@cua.edu.

Explore England and Wales with CUA

Join the CUA Alumni Travel Club Sept. 29 through Oct. 6 to explore England and Wales.

The trip features:
• Accommodations at four-star hotels for six nights.
• Six full breakfasts and five dinners, including a traditional Welsh banquet in Cardiff Castle.
• Guided tours of London, Oxford, and Caernarfon.
• Round-trip steam train ride from Llanberis to Snowdon Summit.
• The Beatles Experience in Liverpool, including the Magical Mystery Bus Tour and Beatles Museum.
• Visits to Stonehenge, Roman Baths, Tower of London, and more.

Land only: $2,500 per person
Land and air: $3,490 per person
Single supplement fee: $650

The itinerary is subject to change. Visit www.cuatoday.com/englandwales2015 for more details and to register.

More CUA Sweethearts

More than 3,000 alumni met their match at CUA. With the feature story on CUA couples in this issue (pages 16–19), we decided to reach out to even more of you through social media on Valentine’s Day. The Office of Alumni Relations asked alumni couples to share their stories about how they met at CUA. Several responses are below. Visit cuamagazine.cua.edu to read the rest.

2015 Alumni Class of 1990 with Angie Cestone DeGeronimo, married 1992 … philosophy class, The Heights, Kitty O’Shea’s …

— Dave DeGeronimo, B.A. 1990

Christopher Kelly, B.A.G.S. 2000

Mary Ellen Icaza, B.A. 1996

Emily Reilly, B.A. 2005

My wife, Alicia (Avrett), M.A. 2000, and I met at Gibbons Hall in 1998. We married in 2007, have two beautiful sons, Javier and Patrick. Thank you, CUA, for bringing us together!

— Mary Ellen Icaza, B.A. 1996

Timothy Reilly and I met freshman year when we ran against each other for student government. Luckily, there was room for four senators and we both got in: I, a Conaty girl, and he, a Regan boy (he is quick to tell you that he came in first, and I squeaked in at fourth). We were friends for that first semester, but ended up talking all night before the last day of finals. He asked me to be his girlfriend over Christmas break, on Dec. 31, 2001. We got married in 2007, have two beautiful boys, Samuel and Patrick, and are living in a suburb of Atlanta, Ga.

— Emily Reilly, B.A. 2005

Javier Icaza and I met in 1994 in Residential College, got married in 2002, and have two kids.

— Mary Ellen Icaza, B.A. 1996

Ashley! We are forever blessed!

— Christopher Kelly, B.A.G.S. 2000

— Patrick Joseph Lally, B.A. 1984

Rosemary (Enright) and I met in the first week of our freshman year in 1980 right in front of Gibbons. We just celebrated our 25th. Go CUA!

— Rosemary Enright, B.A. 1980

Christopher remembers us square dancing at Orientation freshman year 1993 (My first recollection of Chris wasn’t until sophomore year yet). We began spending time together sophomore year, eventually becoming serious our junior year. We married in 2001 and have two of the most amazing daughters, Lauren and Ashley! We are forever blessed!

— Karen Wilson Rizzo, B.S.N. 1993

— Dave DeGeronimo, B.A. 1990

— Mary Ellen Icaza, B.A. 1996

— Emily Reilly, B.A. 2005

— Christopher Kelly, B.A.G.S. 2000