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Trustee J. Oliver McGonigle honored for commitment to Catholic schools

University trustee and alumnus J. Oliver McGonigle has been recognized with the 2008 Catholic Foundation Award for his dedication, hard work and compassion in serving the greater Dallas/Fort Worth community and the overall Catholic community.

McGonigle received the award Wednesday, Feb. 20, from The Catholic Foundation, in honor of his commitment to supporting Catholic schools and the children who benefit from a Catholic education.

In Dallas, McGonigle has served on the Catholic Foundation Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the local American Red Cross, and as the president of the school board and chair of the first capital campaign at Bishop Lynch High School. He co-chairs the board at Bishop Dunne and helped found the Bishop Dunne 100 Scholarship Dinner, an annual event raising several hundred thousand dollars for scholarships. McGonigle is also the founder of Friends of the Missionaries of the Cross Foundation, which supports the Santa Rosa School in the barrio of Tijuana, Mexico.

From kindergarten through graduate school, he attended Catholic educational institutions, including Saint Mary's School in his hometown of South Amboy, N.J., and Saint Benedict's Preparatory School in Newark, N.J. In addition to his bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Bonaventure (Class of 1966), he earned a master's in business administration from Seton Hall University.

McGonigle, who led a successful career in the finance industry, retired in 2000 after 13 years as president of the Edwin L. Cox Company. He held previous posts with SPW Corporation of Dallas, Champlin Petroleum, Union Pacific Corporation and Deloitte & Touche.

McGonigle, of Dallas and San Diego, joined the St. Bonaventure University Board of Trustees in 1999.

He said the generous support of The Catholic Foundation has been a “precious gift” to schools throughout the Diocese.

Chartered in 1955, The Catholic Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. For over 50 years, this independent, nonprofit corporation has dedicated its resources to compassionate charitable giving through grants provided by benefactors through its many planned giving programs.

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Richard Trietley honored in Albany

Lt. Col. Richard Trietley Jr., head of St. Bonaventure University’s ROTC program, was among 19 people honored Monday by the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu) during the 2008 Independent Sector Alumni Hall of Distinction Awards Ceremony and Legislative Reception at the state Capitol.

The Alumni Hall of Distinction was created in 2000 to recognize New York’s Independent Sector graduates who make contributions to society through their careers and community involvement. This year, cIcu recognized courageous alumni who are either actively serving in the United States military or are veterans.

His liberal arts education from St. Bonaventure University was instrumental to his decision to serve in the U.S. Army, said Trietley, a 1986 SBU graduate.

Trietley, with a 22-year career in the Army, said, “The Franciscan values of individual worth and service complemented perfectly the instruction I received as an undergraduate. I felt prepared from an ethical and moral perspective to undertake the awesome responsibility of leading American soldiers.”

During his time as a U.S. Army infantry officer, Trietley was a leader in organizations as large as 3,200 people both during peacetime and the global war on terror. He managed resources in excess of \$5 million. He planned and organized complex, multinational operations of great sensitivity under challenging conditions with strategic national security implications.

After receiving his bachelor of science in education, Trietley entered the U.S. Army. Professor of military science at his alma mater since 2003, he has already been twice selected for Who’s Who of American College Professors. Trietley has also been honored with military awards, including the Combat Infantryman’s Badge for service in Afghanistan and the Bronze Star.

His sense of accomplishment, though, has more to do with being able to serve than with awards.

“Service to the United States as an Army officer has been extremely rewarding and challenging. The opportunity to lead our nation’s young men and women in uniform has filled me with intense pride and a strong sense of accomplishment,” he said. “I am profoundly thankful to live in a country where individual freedoms and the individual worth of all people are cherished and protected.”

As a member of the faculty at St. Bonaventure, he is back in the environment where he always felt he belonged.

“St Bonaventure,” he said, “is truly about people — students, faculty, staff, friars, and administrators all working together to

create a unique and special environment for learning and discovery.”

Honorees in the Hall of Distinction were selected by cIcu Board of Trustee member presidents. Trietley was nominated by Sr. Margaret Carney, O.S.F., University president, who attended the ceremony. The master of ceremonies was Bob Kerrey, president of The New School and former governor of Nebraska and U.S. senator.

In addition to recognition at the reception, a full-scale exhibit including alumni photos and biographical profiles will be on display in the Legislative Office Building in Albany until March 7. A virtual gallery is online at www.cicu.org/successStories/alumniHall.php.

The Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (cIcu) represents the chief executives of New York's 100+ independent (private, not-for-profit) colleges and universities on issues of public policy.

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Honor a friend, mentor, student or co-worker

Nomination forms for the 2008 Fr. Joe Doino, O.F.M., Honors & Awards are now being accepted from St. Bonaventure faculty, students and staff.

The Fr. Joe Awards are to honor those exceptional individuals in the St. Bonaventure community who have made others' experiences here better and whose Franciscan spirit may go unrecognized.

The awards' namesake honors Fr. Joe Doino, a much beloved friar who died in 1994 and was known for his practical jokes, his love of tennis, his dedication as the SGA adviser. A professor, scholar, musician, preacher and priest, Fr. Joe became the first faculty member to receive the Faculty Appreciation Award posthumously.

Award categories include: University Ministries Volunteer of the Year; Adviser/Moderator of the Year; Program of the Year; Community Service Award; Staff Person of the Year; Organization/Club of the Year; Student Leader of the Year; Student Life Award; Cabinet Member of the Year; and the Faculty Appreciation Award. [Click here to review descriptions of the award categories.](#)

Nomination forms can be picked up in the Student Life Office, Student Activities Office, Reilly Center Ticket Office and at University Ministries. They also are available in pdf format online. Nominations should be submitted to Ann Hurlburt in the Student Life Office by Friday, March 14.

The awards ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday, March 27, in the Robert R. Jones Board of Trustees Room, Doyle Hall.

For any additional information, please contact Ann Hurlburt at (716) 375-2513.

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BonaResponds continues to bring hope to Mississippi

BonaResponds refuses to forget the Gulf Coast nearly three years after Hurricane Katrina.

During St. Bonaventure University's spring break, BonaResponds, a disaster-relief group based at the University, took 63 volunteers — students, faculty, alumni and regional volunteers — to Pass Christian and Pearlinton, Miss. Volunteers stayed at Randy's Rangers and the Pearlinton Recovery Center from Feb. 22 to March 1, making this BonaResponds' eighth trip to the Coast. In addition, a small team of seven traveled to Gassville, Ark., to work with Hands on Disaster Response to help aid victims of the February tornados.

Over the course of the week in Mississippi, volunteers worked at several sites hanging drywall, painting, texturing, installing electrical and delivering goods, such as appliances, to those in need. Volunteers also ate at local restaurants, getting a taste for life on the bayou, and visited New Orleans.

But just as important, they listened. They listened to Katrina's victims — to the people who are still suffering, still living in trailers and still trying to rebuild their homes and their lives.

Two and a half years later, trees, debris, garbage, parts of houses and slabs of foundation remain strewn about many communities. People continue to live in tents outside of New Orleans. The fight is not over for the people of Mississippi.

"The storm was an experience," one victim recounted to the volunteers. "But the two and a half years after have been holy hell."

Katrina left both physical and emotional scars on its victims. Many victims cannot tell their stories without tears welling in their eyes.

BonaResponds gives the people of Mississippi hope as the number of volunteers heading south continues to dwindle.

"Initially after the storm, volunteers came by hundreds to help because it was sexy," said Dr. Jim Mahar, founder of BonaResponds and assistant professor of finance at the University. "Well, it's not sexy anymore. It's hard work that at times can be frustrating. That really says a lot about BonaResponds nearly three years after the storm after even many national groups pulled out of the area."

The objective is simple: "We will continue to go back and help others until the job is done," said Mahar.

"Ninety percent of what has been done has been done by volunteers — not by the state or federal government and not by contractors," said the same victim who now works as a full-time volunteer in Pearlinton.

BonaResponds' work is not limited to the Gulf Coast. Those interested in volunteering on a local level are welcome to attend Buffalo Day on March 29 at The Valley Center at 93 Leddy St. Volunteers will work at several sites around the city, including The Bob Lanier Center. The day will begin at 9:30 a.m. and wrap up at 4 p.m. with free dinner and music until 6 p.m.

BonaResponds was created in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. It has taken approximately 500 volunteers to the Gulf Coast and led just as many volunteers in service projects throughout Western New York. BonaResponds aims to be a world-class organization whose mission is to help people in need, as well as to build better leaders and better communities. The group, comprised of students, faculty, staff, alumni and local residents, is run completely through donations.

Those who would like to donate to BonaResponds can send checks to BonaResponds, Attn: Jim Mahar, School of Business, Box BY, St. Bonaventure, NY 14778. All donations are tax deductible.

BonaResponds welcomes new members, regardless of affiliation with St. Bonaventure. For more information regarding BonaResponds or the Buffalo Day, visit www.bonaresponds.org or e-mail bonaresponds@sbu.edu.

By Emily L. Ciruolo, '08

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Career Center news ...

Detailed information on upcoming March 2008 events such as Career Fest, career and networking workshops, and Teacher Recruitment Days is available at the [Career Center's Events'](#) page.

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Join us for this week's FRIDAY FORUM!

All SBU faculty, staff and administrators are welcome to Friday Forums.

Date: Friday, March 7, 2008

Speaker: Dr. Robert Amico

Time: 12:20 to 1:30 p.m.

Place: The University Club

Topic: Developments in the seventh year of the curriculum and program transformation summer seminar.

Cost: \$3

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Newsmakers

Dr. Carl J. Case, professor of management science, and Darwin L. King, professor of accounting, presented their paper “Phishing for Undergraduates” at the American Society of Business and Behavioral Sciences 15th Annual Conference held in Las Vegas, on Feb. 21-23, 2008.

Dr. JeanFrançois Godet-Calogeras, associate professor in the School of Franciscan Studies, was invited by the Catholic University of Sacred Heart (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore) in Milan to give two seminars to the departments of history, philology and religious sciences. On Wednesday, Feb. 27, 2008, he gave a seminar on the “Autographs of Francis of Assisi” and on Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, he gave a seminar on the “So-called resignation of Francis of Assisi.” Also, on Tuesday, Feb. 26, Godet-Calogeras was the guest of the State University (Università degli Studi) of Milan and will give a seminar on the “Status of Franciscan Studies in America.”

Three University students attended the Region IX conference for the National Orientation Directors Association (NODA). Brianne Rehac (J/MC, '10) and Andrew Brown (marketing, '09) graduated from the Regional Orientation Leader Institute (ROLI), and were certified for their leadership skills in Orientation and New Student Transition Services. ROLI trains students in competency areas such as ethical decision making, conflict management, accountability, motivation and effective communication for student leaders in Orientation,. Rehac and Brown are the student co-coordinators for SBU's Orientation 2008: Extraordinary Stories. In addition, student Mackensie Maneen (education, '10) won an award in the case study competition for “Best Problem Solving Skills.” The case study competition is a NODA tradition in which orientation staff members are able to practice problem solving and communication skills by applying their knowledge to a real-life orientation situation.

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