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Legacy of A Leader:
Celebrating President Rosann Whiting

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Dear Friends of Ursuline Academy,

Over the past eleven years, I have repeatedly said that when I accepted the position as president of Ursuline Academy, I felt I was stepping into the job of my dreams. As a professional educator, I could see the unrealized possibilities for the Academy. I stood in awe of the campus beauty, the academic achievements of the students, and the passion of the Ursuline Sisters who had staffed the school with dedication and love. Now, as I have the opportunity to reflect upon the past, I can say that people from all corners of the Ursuline community, from faculty and staff to alumnae, students and parents, have contributed to the reaffirmation of that first impression! Collectively, we have partnered together to build an extraordinarily supportive and generous community of Ursuline Academy-Dedham.



I have been a part of some incredible transformations to the campus, from the shift towards digital learning, to the construction that provided the Carriage House classroom space and the facilities building, and of course the planning and building of the multi-functional Reynolds Center. While the capital improvements are highly visible and easily seen on campus, I feel my best work was not a “building,” but in building the collaborative team that daily ensures the enrichment and academic successes of our students. The young women who have graduated in my tenure embody the wisdom, poise and spirit for which this institution is so well-known. To have been given the honor of leading this institution with the support of advisors around me is simply the professional prize in education! I will remain indebted to many who were always ready to counsel me, but were also supportive of my vision and ability. I have learned much during my tenure; I pray that I have also taught through my example, my presence and my words.

As I prepare to leave New England, I will take fond memories of the wonderful people with whom I have connected. I will miss the welcoming of spring seen in the beautiful blooming rhododendron on the convent steps. I will also miss the incredible summer days that often passed too quickly! I have completed twenty-seven consecutive years as a Catholic school administrator where I have been privileged to work in my chosen profession while practicing and living my faith. What a blessing that has been! With these fond reflections, I am looking forward to the next chapters of my life.

In closing, I offer you these words from St. Angela Merici, foundress of the Ursuline Sisters, as they have guided me through my professional career: “Only the person who is willing to take the ways and means necessary to persevere in her aims can be certain of success.” I have persevered, but it is **we** who have succeeded! Thank you very much for all you have done for the Academy. I trust that you will continue your legacy of support and generosity toward Ursuline Academy as it strives to reach new heights!

With profound love and the deepest gratitude,

Rosann M. Whiting

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The Ursuline field hockey team received a blessing from Cardinal Seán O'Malley prior to their playoff game in November.

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REYNOLDS CENTER MAKES ITS DEBUT

The Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center was joyfully welcomed into the Ursuline Academy community in a series of celebrations held in September of 2017.

Just days after the last paint was applied and a new altar was delivered by special shipment from Indiana, the building was blessed by Cardinal Seán O'Malley at a Mass of the Holy Spirit held on September 5, the first day of school. Cardinal O'Malley paid tribute in his remarks to the legacy of the Ursuline Sisters over the last 500 years, saying "we are indeed blessed to have this Academy in our Archdiocese."

A few short weeks later, on September 23, the Reynolds Center was the focal point of a day-long series of festivities including the dedication of this new campus asset. With athletic contests and family games in the morning, a barbecue lunch, and a Mass and ribbon-cutting ceremony in the afternoon, the day offered something for current students and families as well as for alumnae from any decade. The Mass on the Convent terrace, celebrated by Fr. Oscar Pratt, filled St. Joseph's Garden to capacity; from there, guests streamed over to the plaza of the Reynolds Center to enjoy the building's dedication, at which it was formally named for the family of William and Ella Reynolds, parents of three Ursuline alumnae. After self-guided tours of the facility, alumnae from the 2's and 7's stayed for their class reunion in the convent, where they were refreshed by the cool summer breeze and the presence of their Ursuline soulmates.

HOMECOMING





MASS AND DEDICATION

Left: Pat Leary Dowling '52, Board Chair Meg Reynolds '82, and Eileen Ahearn Connors '62 prepare to cut the ribbon.



REUNION 2017



REYNOLDS CENTER TRANSFORMS CAMPUS LIFE

It is one thing to watch a building being constructed, and quite another thing to see it in use. The opening of The Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center in September expanded the Ursuline campus by 40,000 square feet, adding building space, an expansive gym, three classrooms, an I.D.E.A. Hub, and more. However, it was only when students began to walk the halls, raise their hands in the classrooms and run on the track that they virtually breathed life into this new campus gem and made it their home. Students and faculty have said many times that Ursuline Academy “feels like a true campus now.” With students moving from building to building throughout the day, they gain even more of a sense of independence than they previously had. This virtual tour shows what a visitor might see in the course of a day on campus.



•••• | **8:00 a.m.**
Theology in the Reynolds Center

For the 2017-18 school year, the Reynolds Center classrooms are home to the Theology Department. With Theology a required subject at every grade level, this use of space ensures that every Ursuline student has a class in the new building.

9:50 a.m.
Spanish in the World Language Center | ••••••••••

The World Language Department houses three classrooms in the building still affectionately referred to as “the Carriage House.” Students have a chance to stretch their legs and get some fresh air on their way to and from French and Spanish class.



•••• | **10:34 a.m.**
Club meetings during activity period

During the activity period held each morning from 10:34-11:04, you might find the badminton club practicing on the gym floor, or the yoga/mindfulness club rejuvenating in the fitness center.



11:15 a.m. Class in the I.D.E.A. Hub

The I.D.E.A. Hub (iHub) is Ursuline's new center where girls can Innovate, Design, Engage, and Apply their skills and in the process build lots of cool stuff. Classes from every discipline visit the iHub to tackle projects that extend their learning. In May, you could find Physics students designing and building a trebuchet (a giant slingshot).



1:00 p.m. Relaxing in the lounge

The student lounge area has become a popular place to spend a free period, to work with other students on a group project, or to get a head start on homework after school. The wall of windows makes for a beautiful vantage point over the convent and playing fields.

3:00 p.m. Fitness

Nearly every Ursuline athletic team makes use of the fitness center to improve strength and conditioning, with an on-site fitness trainer supervising the girls' training regimen. A range of fitness equipment is available, including treadmills, elliptical machines, ERG rowing machines, free weights, a Nautilus system, a squat rack and more.



4:00 p.m. Athletic events

After school, you can find the volleyball and basketball teams competing in the gym, and might also see the track team running or hurdling on the track.

5:00 p.m. Drama practice in auditorium

With most indoor athletic events now happening in the Reynolds Center, the "old gym" is now an auditorium used for drama practice and performances. The drama club uses the space to build sets and incorporate lighting effects, such as those used here in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."



PRESIDENT WHITING: 2007-2018

by Elaine Fazekas and Mary Pat Ryan Joy '65

The legacy of a school president is measured by the opportunities she creates for her community of students, faculty, staff, parents, and alumnae, and by the impressions she leaves behind on individuals she walked alongside or led on the journey. Equally important are a leader's accomplishments—tangible, innovative, and enduring results, carefully conceived and created to withstand the test of time.


This June, Rosann Whiting stepped down from her eleven-year tenure as president of Ursuline Academy. Through the many diverse opportunities she initiated, lasting impressions she shaped, and constructive changes she generated, we reflect on her legacy as a steadfast and mindful leader in a time of great change at Ursuline.

Transforming the Future

Rosann Whiting often looks back on the beginning of her journey as president of Ursuline Academy with an anecdote. "When I interviewed for the position, I was asked if I could build a gymnasium. I told the committee, 'I have no skills in

construction, but I can rally the community toward making this dream a reality.' In hindsight, thank God, we did not build a gym at that time. Instead, we built The Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center, which will serve the Ursuline community in far greater ways than just a gym."

Since the beginning of the *Realize the Possibilities Campaign*, President Whiting focused her energy on extensive outreach and fundraising, a plethora of construction details, and finally, the integration of the Reynolds Center into the daily life of the campus. Indeed, "not just a gym" is an understatement. A walk through the Reynolds Center finds students playing, praying, learning, innovating, and bonding in the different



Emily Lewis '18, Board Chairperson
Meg Reynolds '82, President Whiting,
and Gracie Higgins '18 at the 2016
groundbreaking of the Reynolds Center.

In our lifetime, we are given many treasures: some are things we acquire, some are the people who surround us, and some are the opportunities placed before us. My first year's experiences at Ursuline Academy have provided me with all three treasures."

– President Rosann Whiting, 2008



venues of the facility. “Had we built just a gymnasium, it would have been a huge missed opportunity for Ursuline Academy to distinguish itself as a place for young women to develop their potential academically, spiritually, physically, and socially. The Reynolds Center is emblematic of the reality that the ideals of St. Angela Merici remain relevant today,” comments President Whiting. (For more on how the building has become a dynamic part of campus life, see pp. 4–5.)

Sr. Angela Krippendorf ’59, O.S.U. recalls that when the search committee was interviewing candidates, “it was evident that Rosann was open to change. That was very palpable. Committee members could tell that she saw a wonderful opportunity here at Ursuline and was willing to take on the challenge. Because she easily works with others, it was evident that she would achieve a lot.”

This openness to change was a crucial skill in completing the transition from religious to lay leadership begun in 2004. When President Whiting arrived in July 2007, the Academy was only three years removed from being a school that was fully led by the Ursuline Sisters who served as the academic staff. The transition from religious to lay began under the tenure of part-time president *Kathleen Nolan Levesque ’77*, but the work was still in its nascent stage. With the growing demands of administrative duties that encompass finance, operations, fundraising, and human resources, a full-time president was essential. However, remaining a school committed to the ideals of St. Angela Merici and the Ursuline Sisters required a leader who would keep that charisma at the forefront of the school’s mission.

According to former Board of Trustees Chairman David Putnam P’89, ’89, “The delegation by the Ursuline Sisters of the Academy and its mission to lay faculty and leadership happened gradually over a number of years, and continued seamlessly under President Whiting’s watch. She arrived on the campus in 2007 as the first full-time president, and brought a great deal of energy and enthusiasm to that role, holding the Academy true to its mission and its course.”

“Rosann Whiting is, to my way of thinking, the Platonic form of a high school president,” says John Garvey P’07, President of The Catholic University of America. “I had the great honor

of serving on the search committee that recommended her to Ursuline Academy. It was the best thing I ever did for the Academy.

“Rosann is attentive to all the things a great leader should concern herself with,” he continues. “She built up and watched carefully the physical plant. More important, she saw to it that the faculty are nourished in their faith, and the students grow in wisdom and grace as they age and learn.”

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– John Garvey, president of The Catholic University of America

Shepherding a Community

“Faithful. Prayerful. Poised. Graceful. Inspiring.” These are some of the words used to describe President Whiting by those who worked with her during her stewardship at Ursuline Academy. Prior to arriving in Dedham, she had spent most of her life in Paducah, Kentucky where she was the principal of St. Mary High School for 16 years. Moving to Massachusetts had not been on her horizon, so accepting the presidency of Ursuline was indeed a leap of faith.

“Rosann is foremost a woman of faith, and functions out of that faith stance,” comments Sr. Angela. “Her love for Catholic education and her broad history with it made her stand out from the other candidates for the position of president.”

Kevin Hines P’93, a former Trustee chair of the Facilities Committee, was a consultant to Ursuline on a host of facilities planning initiatives that Rosann initiated during her tenure, and served as the Academy’s project manager during the design and construction of the Reynolds Center. “Whenever it was necessary to rethink strategies, to assess multiple options, to balance suggested initiatives with practicality, Rosann remained fully engaged and thoughtfully oversaw the extensive diligent work that was necessary to produce sensible, attainable outcomes for Ursuline. She was an always-responsible shepherd of lengthy and important processes. Her characteristic ‘can-do’



President Whiting with Board Member Dick Osterberg and his wife, Linda (left), with Sr. Angela Krippendorf (center) and with Inez Walsh Moore '62 and Kate Crowley Toomey '62 (right).

attitude was infectious in a very positive manner to all who worked with her.”

“Accessible—that is how I remember Mrs. Whiting,” recalls *Michaela Chipman '15*, now a junior at Boston College. “She interacted with a level of humility and gracefulness that isn’t always apparent in women leaders. I find that truly inspiring.” Chipman recalls meeting with Mrs. Whiting to make her case for starting the Bearitones, the student-run *a cappella* group, when she was in the tenth grade. “I came to a meeting with the president prepared with a sheaf of index cards. Mrs. Whiting put me at ease by saying ‘You can put those away. I just want to hear what you have to say.’”

President Whiting’s vision for the future of Ursuline is something that rubs off on the people around her. “Her genuine belief that Ursuline Academy is one of the best schools in the area is tangible,” adds Chipman '15. “Because of her vision, alumnae can return to campus and be proud of their alma mater.”

Kate Crowley Toomey '62 worked with Rosann on the *Realize the Possibilities Campaign* to help bring the Athletic & Convocation Center to a reality. Her alumnae affiliation with Ursuline remains deep and she credits Rosann for “bringing our Class of '62 back together and keeping us together. Rosann is a very smart woman, kind, calm, and faithful. When you have a strong faith, you can do anything.”

Harvard Business School Executive Dean for Administration Angela Crispi P'14 had opportunities to work with President Whiting as a parent and as a member of the Board of Trustees. “President Whiting knows where we ought to be heading. Instead of being prescriptive, she shepherds people to conclusions. We wish our daughters to have compelling role models in the women they meet, and Mrs. Whiting is a great model.”

Collaborative Leadership

“When serving on the president’s search committee 11 years ago, I was immediately impressed by Rosann’s enthusiasm, intelligence, and warmth,” comments Brother Daniel Skala, C.F.X., Headmaster of Xaverian Brothers High School in

Westwood. “She was able to articulate clearly the core values consistent with the ideals of Ursuline Academy. Right then we knew we had found a unique educator to lead the Academy. Since then, I have appreciated our collaboration in which I saw Rosann’s exceptional commitment to Catholic education in the Ursuline tradition. She worked tirelessly with faculty and administration to enhance Ursuline’s academic profile. Her influence on the school will endure for a very long time.”

Ursuline’s Executive Director of Technology Susan Penella P'10 describes Rosann’s passionate support of “both academic and administrative technology initiatives and goals. Beginning with the expansion of the technology team and ending with the building of the iHub, Rosann has enthusiastically participated in pilot programs and explored emerging technology tools. She is a strong proponent of technology in the classroom.

“Integration across all disciplines was addressed by the adoption of a 1:1 iPad program, now in its fourth year,” says Penella. “Under Rosann’s guidance a new rotational schedule was implemented to allow for additional electives including Coding, Visual Art, and Website Design, as well as guidance counseling classes, and study skills sessions. Expanded academic software applications, infrastructure upgrades, and interactive display panels have strengthened a robust learning environment at Ursuline.”

Athletic Director Michael O’Connor P'03, '08, now in his ninth year at Ursuline, oversees the school’s 29 athletic teams that engage greater than seventy percent of the student body. “The athletic community at Ursuline particularly is grateful to President Whiting for recognizing the importance of having a full-time athletic trainer on staff. With the addition of new varsity, junior varsity, junior high, and club teams over the years, such as downhill skiing, there are ailments and injuries that need immediate attention on a day-to-day basis. Our full-time athletic trainer is indispensable to the well-being of our student body.”

We only need to look at the 2009 Strategic Plan, which served as a roadmap for most of her presidency, to get an idea of the

breadth of accomplishments that President Whiting helped make happen. Seven areas of the plan cover the gamut of life at Ursuline: mission effectiveness, academics, student life, arts and extracurricular life, technology, athletics, and facilities. Over the past eleven years, great strides were made in all areas. Even a partial list includes some major changes across all areas of the Academy:

- ▶ A strengthened Peer Ministry program and incorporation of the school mission and core values into the religion curriculum.
- ▶ An expanded curriculum that includes new Advanced Placement courses, a longer school day, and a 1:1 iPad program with digital support for teachers and students.
- ▶ An overhauled master schedule that provides students time to collaborate with peers, seek help from teachers, and enjoy some down time during the day.
- ▶ Enhanced communication between school and families.
- ▶ International travel experiences for students in grades 10-12.
- ▶ New electives and opportunities in the visual and performing arts: digital art and design, AP Studio Art, drama, a chamber ensemble, and an *a cappella* group.
- ▶ Robotics teams for students in all grades.
- ▶ The addition of athletic teams across varsity, JV, and junior high levels and the improvement of student safety via a full-time athletic trainer.
- ▶ Ongoing facility upgrades. In addition to the construction of The Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center, renovations enhance the Tea Room, the Carriage House, the library, a guidance suite, and student locker rooms.

Pitched separately, these accomplishments and new opportunities may appear evolutionary, not revolutionary. Collectively, they confirm that Ursuline Academy has undergone a dynamic and sustainable change under President Whiting, who, throughout her leadership, nurtured and strengthened the ethic and mission established by the Ursuline Sisters.

A Steward's Legacy

“Rosann’s spirit of compassion and caring for each student, faculty, and staff member is perhaps her greatest gift to Ursuline,” reflects Brother Daniel. “I have benefitted from Rosann’s wise counsel and her optimism, as she always looks beyond the immediate to consider possibilities. I thoroughly

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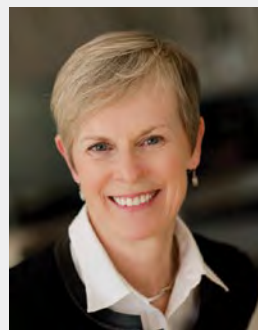
– Former Trustee **Kevin Hines**,
Hines Project Management LLC

enjoyed working with Rosann to strengthen the connections between Ursuline and Xaverian.”

“Rosann Whiting put Paducah, Kentucky on the map for all of us at Ursuline,” says Sr. Angela Krippendorf. “My hope is that Ursuline-Dedham is embedded in her heart for years to come.”

“Rosann’s ability to be inclusive and to encourage those around her to think creatively, boldly, competitively, and long-term has left Ursuline well-positioned for its future,” says Kevin Hines. “I was most fortunate to have had the opportunity to be associated with Rosann and to have been a part of her team during her remarkable tenure. Ursuline was blessed and well-served by the presence of this exceptional and faith-filled woman who is a living example of what we institutionally aspire to be.”

“I am sure Ursuline Academy will miss her,” concludes President Garvey. “That is the best testament to a job well done.”



**KATE
LEVESQUE**

**NAMED AS URSULINE'S
NEXT PRESIDENT**

Kathleen Nolan Levesque '77 has been named by the Board of Trustees to succeed Rosann Whiting as the next president of Ursuline Academy. Kate is well-known to the Ursuline community, having served the Academy in many roles over the past sixteen years. She served as president from 2004-2007, as vice chair of the Board of Trustees as well as chair of the governance committee during her tenure on the board, and as interim principal during the 2015-2016 school year. She has extensive experience as a business executive and as a board member at Moses Brown School. She and her husband Shaun live in Wrentham and are parents of three sons.

MAKING THEIR MARK

21ST ANNUAL WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP FOCUSES ON “OFF THE PATH” LEARNING

This year marked the 21st anniversary of Women in Leadership, an annual Ursuline Academy tradition in which alumnae return to campus to share their professional experiences and life paths with current juniors and seniors. This year, the event focused on alumnae who are making their mark in the world by choosing paths that are personally empowering and sometimes non-traditional.

Kicking off the round table was keynote speaker Peter H. Reynolds, New York Times best-selling author-illustrator and founder of FableVision, an award-winning educational multimedia company. In his speaking engagements all over the world, Peter champions “off the path” learning and creativity that will challenge others to reach their full potential and make their mark. In his remarks to the Ursuline students, he encouraged them by saying, “Be brave, dream, take time for yourself and don’t be too hard on yourself—it’s a hard journey.”

Joining us at this year’s event on Friday, March 2, were four Ursuline alumnae who clearly are carrying *Serviam* forward: *Keziah Furth ’03*, *Stephanie Orphan Klimov ’06*, *Sarah Varadian-Vartanian ’06*, and *Anna Dolan ’11*. The diverse professions of these panelists offered students the opportunity to learn not just about potential careers, but perhaps more importantly, the roads traveled to get there.

Keziah Furth ’03

Healthcare Supervisor, Goodwill Industries

Keziah Furth graduated from Ursuline Academy in 2003. She went on to receive a degree in nursing from Northeastern University, completing the program’s co-ops at Boston Children’s Hospital, a diabetic unit in Brussels, Belgium, and an orphanage in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Inspired by her six month internship in Haiti, Keziah moved into a Port-au-Prince home for children suffering from malnutrition and HIV/AIDS. Over the next 7 years, she volunteered full-time in Haiti doing nursing and humanitarian work, and serving as translator and liaison for numerous medical missions to Haiti. “The big

picture matters, but what really matters is the small things,” said Furth. “The impact I could have on one person could ripple out.” This proved to be true in a story that she shared about a mentally ill woman who was an outcast of the local Haitian community. Every day Keziah would try to engage her in order to assess her health needs and was met with disdain and verbal abuse. But over time, she earned the woman’s trust. And though she could not change her circumstances, she could offer her friendship and kindness. Keziah would later go on to focus on community health by training local adults and young people to provide basic care for common conditions in Haiti such as cholera, tuberculosis, and high blood pressure. Her impact was indeed rippling out.

After her time in Haiti, Keziah moved back to Boston and began working at Goodwill caring for adults with intellectual disabilities. Her clients have diagnoses such as Down syndrome, autism, or traumatic brain injury and function on a wide range of physical and mental levels. Keziah says, “They are unique, challenging, hilarious, stubborn, affectionate, and a joy to work with. The small things you do for them really matter.”

Stephanie Orphan Klimov ’06

Clinical Pharmacist,
CVS/Harvard Pilgrim Health Care

After Stephanie Orphan Klimov graduated from Ursuline Academy in 2006, she earned her PharmD at Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences and began working as a pharmacist at CVS/Pharmacy. In 2014, she was promoted to pharmacy manager and assisted in opening the CVS/Pharmacy

at Patriot Place. However, she wanted to extend her professional role, so she took a clinical pharmacist position at Harvard Pilgrim Health Care.

Despite her dedication to pharmacy, she could not ignore her passion. Stephanie had sketched and spun stories since 7th grade at Ursuline. Her creative aspirations were put aside for many years because she was told by some to give up on what was viewed as a pipe dream. But she never gave up. It was during her years practicing pharmacy when she realized there was something missing in her life. One day, Stephanie decided to participate in National Novel Writing Month, and has fully invested in her creative side ever since. To the students, Klimov said, “As long as the passion is there, you’ll meet your goal. Just remember, the goal is only chapter one.” Today, she still works as a full-time clinical pharmacist but also successfully released her debut novel, *The Aeonians*, last year, as well as two short stories in anthologies.

Sarah Varadian-Vartanian '06

Independent Non-Profit Consultant

Sarah Varadian-Vartanian is the founder of Wee-Care Bears, an initiative that began during her time at Ursuline Academy and provided funds to build and support two girls’ schools in Afghanistan. Sarah cited her mother and grandfather as her inspiration—that they taught her the importance of doing for others. “He told me it didn’t cost a penny to be funny and kind,” she said of her grandfather.

Begun as a response to the 9/11 attacks in 2001, the Wee-Care Bears helped Sarah raise money all through high school and become the recipient of the William R. Simms award for

outstanding youth in philanthropy. “Think about something small you can do every day,” she said. “It will have an effect on the person you do it for, and maybe even the world.” Sarah has also received citations from two Massachusetts governors for her innovative fundraising work. Her charitable work has even been recognized by the White House. In 2006, she was honored with the President’s Volunteer Service Award and featured as a “Point of Light” on the National Daily Points of Light Foundation’s website.

After graduating from Stonehill College, Sarah became their Director of the Center for Nonprofit Management. She was responsible for leading a unique fundraising training program for undergraduates at Stonehill as well as providing support, resources and training for area nonprofits. Currently, Sarah is an independent nonprofit consultant. She is also very busy raising her two young children, Maya and Jack and lives with her family in Rhode Island.

Anna Dolan '11

Upper School Math Teacher, Kingswood Oxford School, West Hartford, CT

Anna Dolan left the halls of Ursuline in 2011. Following her time at the Academy she received a degree in economics from Harvard University and eventually entered the finance world. A year into her career as an analyst at a venture capital firm in Boston, Anna had a change of heart. She sought a career where she could combine her love of math with an opportunity to work with students. “I loved working with people, but felt sidelined,” she said. “As a student, you really don’t know what you’re going to do for your first job or even your second, but follow your gut.” Eventually, Anna decided to leave private equity behind in order to become a teacher at an independent school in Connecticut.

Anna is currently an upper school math teacher, coach and advisor at the Kingswood Oxford School in West Hartford—a role she finds personally much more fulfilling. She teaches courses to students ranging from 8th to 12th grade and is currently in her second year as an assistant track and field coach. In addition, Anna was offered the opportunity to serve as an international service trip chaperone to Paraguay and the Bahamas. She looks forward to continuing her career in education, and appreciates the relationships formed with both friends and teachers during her time at Ursuline.



Keziah Furth, Peter Reynolds, Anna Dolan, Stephanie Orphan Klimov, Sarah Varadian-Vartanian, President Whiting



ALUMNAE SERVE AT ITALIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN

CLASS OF '86: TOPS AT TRIVIA!



ALUMNAE SISTERHOOD

ALUMNAE TASK FORCE

Many thanks to the newly established Alumnae Task Force. The purpose of the Task Force, which is made up of representatives from each decade, is to share thoughts and ideas for new opportunities to learn, reconnect and re-energize. Thank you to those alumnae members who have been working with us: *Mary Pat Ryan Joy '65, Michelle Garrison Glynne' 80, Lisa Garrison '82, Mary Meade Ambrefe '84, Pam Ochs-Piasecki '85, Brigid McDonough Coyle '91, Nicole Norton Vermillion '05, Stephanie Orphan Klimov '06, and Rachel Buckley '07.* The group has generated some fabulous ideas.

The goal of the Alumnae Sisterhood is to give every Ursuline graduate a way to rekindle the bonds of friendship that were forged during her years on campus. Some events will be held on Lowder Street while others will be at other sites or cities.

Our offerings fall into three broad categories: Networking, Learning and Development, and Community Service.



LEARN • GROW • RECONNECT • RE-ENERGIZE

RECENT ALUMNAE EVENTS

It has been a busy year at Ursuline Academy—and we want to keep it that way! We are working to bring our alumnae new ways to stay involved and connected with Ursuline. Look for future events at UrsulineAcademy.net/Alumnae/Events.

Lunch and Learn

Jane King '61, came back to campus last October to talk about “Women and Wealth: Managing your money as a woman in 2017.” Jane is the founder and president of Fairfield Financial Advisors, a firm based in Wellesley, MA with roughly \$200 million in assets under management.

Mary Meade Ambrefe '84, P'18 came back in March to lead a thought-provoking discussion entitled, “Prevention over Prescriptions: the movement toward a system that is proactive

and preventative.” From her perspective as a Clinical Pharmacist, Mary spoke on the challenges we face today with living a healthy lifestyle, with a particular focus on diet.

Alumnae Service Event at Italian Home for Children

On December 16, over 30 Ursuline alumnae, students and staff gathered at the Italian Home for Children in Jamaica Plain for a morning of holiday gift wrapping under the direction of *Eileen Porro Mendes '95*, Director of Operations for the nearly 100-year old service organization. *Ashley Gioioso '16* wrote about her experience for Ursuline’s Life on Lowder Street Blog:

Volunteering at the Italian Home for Children was all the more special for me because I was fortunate enough to work alongside my

younger sister *Gracey '21* who is currently a freshman at Ursuline. As a team, we wrapped presents for children in the home and helped organize the “shopping area” for parents in the community who may not be able to afford presents for their kids. It was amazing to see how many toys were donated and how many people were willing to make sure children could wake up on Christmas morning to presents under their tree.

Yearbook Signing

The Class of 2017 came back to campus in January for their Yearbook Signing, which took place in the Alumnae Room of the new Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center.

Alumnae v. Parents Trivia Contest

Teams of alumnae, parents and UA faculty gathered in the Tea Room on February 8 for Ursuline’s first ever **Alumnae v. Parents Trivia Contest**. At the end of the evening’s fierce competition, the team of 1986 alumnae were the overall winners, with the parents of grade 10 coming in second, and UA faculty in third. This is just one of the ideas proposed by the new Alumnae Task Force.

Legacy coffees

Ursuline alumnae and their daughters gathered in the Convent foyer for a Legacy Breakfast at Homecoming in September and again on Tuesday, February 13, at a Valentine “Legacy of Love” breakfast. Legacy gatherings celebrate the connection between alumnae and daughters who are current students.

Women in Leadership

Friday, March 2 marked the 21st anniversary of Women in Leadership with four alumnae who returned to campus to share their professional and community service experiences with current juniors and seniors. See pages 10–11 for a full write-up.

Mind and Muscle

Alumnae and parents gathered together in April for an evening of health and wellness. The evening began with a presentation about living a healthy lifestyle facilitated by *Mary Ambrefe '84, P'18* and was followed by a yoga class with Elizabeth King P'20, '22.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Reunion: September 22 (evening)

3’s and 8’s—Don’t miss your Reunion on Saturday, September 22! An elegant cocktail party in the historic convent will provide the perfect setting to reminisce with your classmates. Walk-ins are welcome, but pre-registration is appreciated for planning purposes.

Homecoming: September 22 (day)

All alumnae are invited to Homecoming, an all-day event offering something for the whole family: games for the little ones, athletic events, a cookout, and even yoga.

Brescia Ball: November 3

For the first time, the Brescia Ball will be on campus in The Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center. Keep your eye open for an invitation arriving in September.



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COMING SOON: ALUMNAE DIRECTORY

There is a new way coming to find and connect with your Ursuline sisters!

A new alumnae directory is being created for you as a searchable database to reconnect with classmates and make new connections! By sharing your professional information, you can network with other alumnae and help those wishing to enter, or transition to, your field.

Moving to a new area and want to know what Ursuline girls live near you? By sharing information on your current residence you can easily connect with your sisters over a cup of coffee and shared experiences.

The first step in this effort is to update your information so that the directory is complete and accurate. Visit UrsulineAcademy.net/profileupdate and follow the on-line instructions.

Whether you’re a recent graduate or a long-time alumna, the bonds you formed at Ursuline were built to last a lifetime. There’s only one Sisterhood, and you’re a part of it!

For more information contact the Alumnae Office at 781-493-7713 or email alumnae@ursulineacademy.net.



I.D.E.A. HUB HELPS STUDENTS UNLEASH CREATIVE POTENTIAL

Walking past the glass walls of Ursuline’s new I.D.E.A. Hub, visitors often stop and say “What is that !?!” On any given day, the room is configured differently and students are tackling projects as diverse as building instruments to constructing trebuchets! Combining traditional hand tools (saws, drills, hammers) with digital fabrication tools (laser cutters, 3D printers, virtual reality) and a suite of Audio/Visual tools (DSLR cameras, microphones, broadcasting equipment), the space now known as the “iHub” is unique among comparable spaces at other schools. The room itself, with writable walls and movable whiteboards, is set up to foster creativity and collaboration and has become a space where students can Innovate, Design, Engage, and Apply their ideas.

The iHub is staffed by Director of Innovation and Design Greg Mertz and art teacher Matt Kedzierski, both of whom coach students and teachers in the use of the space. “The I.D.E.A. Hub fosters creative confidence while empowering community members as problem solvers. At its core, the I.D.E.A. Hub aims to provide a setting for cultivating deep thinking before serving as a catalyst in transforming inspiration into action,” says Mertz.

In its first year, every academic discipline has spent time in the I.D.E.A. Hub, encouraging both students and teachers to approach learning in new ways. Outside of class time, there is

a steady stream of students bringing their own projects to life through this dynamic new school resource.

Recently, the iHub has found students soldering electronics, industry experts teleconferencing with Psychology students, Geometry students laser-cutting earrings from geometric tessellations, and Chemistry students virtually modeling molecules in 3D. While the projects are wide ranging, they are uniformly engaging and exciting!

New Courses

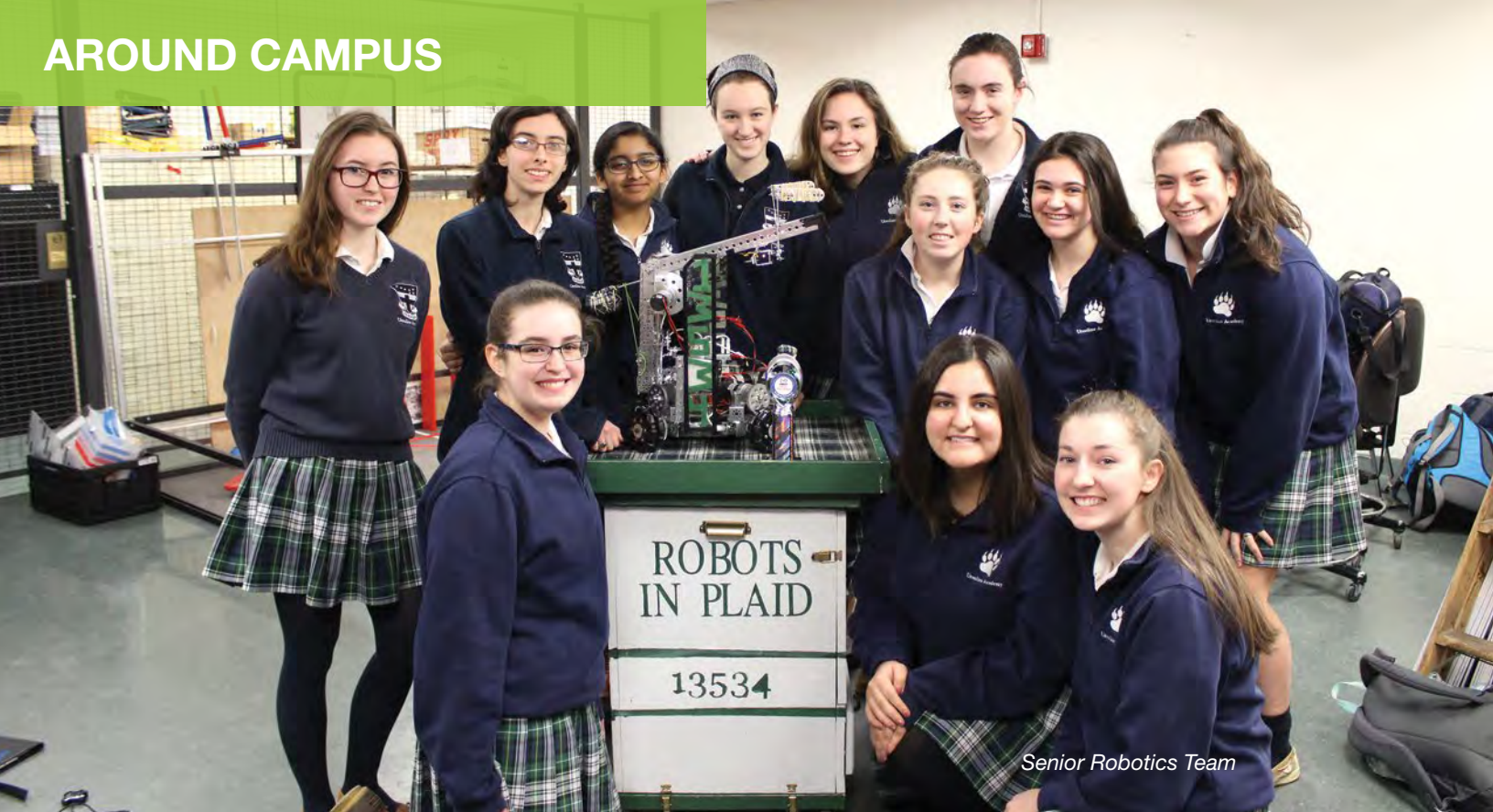
Several new courses will be available to Ursuline students in the 2018-19 school year, adding to the new offerings in 2017-18. Between the two years, the new choices include:

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| AP Music Theory | Music Theory II |
| AP Physics | Musical Theater |
| AP Studio Art | Visual Art & Design II |
| Drama | Web Design |
| Forensics | |

2018 COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

American Musical and Dramatic Academy - 1	George Washington University -2	Rochester Institute of Technology - 1	University of Massachusetts -Lowell - 1/8
American University - 1/2	Georgetown University - 1/2	Roger Williams University - 5	University of Miami - 2
American University in Paris - 1	Hamilton College - 2	Sacred Heart University - 3/18	University of Minnesota -Twin Cities - 1
Assumption College - 8	Hartwick University - 1	Saint Anselm College - 4/15	University of Missouri -Columbia - 1
Auburn University - 1	Haverford College - 1	Saint Bonaventure University - 1	University of New England - 2
Bentley University - 1/2	High Point University - 2/4	Saint John's University -Queens - 2	University of New Hampshire - 11
Boston College - 10/13	Hobart and William Smith Colleges - 1	Saint Joseph's College -Maine - 3	University of North Carolina -Wilmington - 1
Boston University - 4	Hofstra University - 1	Saint Joseph University - 1/7	University of Notre Dame - 1
Brigham Young University - 1	Indiana University -Bloomington - 1/1	Saint Michael's College - 7	University of Oklahoma - 1
Broadway Dance Center - 1/1	Ithaca College - 1	Salem State University - 3	University of Pittsburgh - 1/3
Bryant University - 2	Jacksonville University - 1	Salve Regina University - 2/7	University of Portland - 2
Bucknell University - 1/1	John Carroll University - 1	Samford University - 1	University of Rhode Island - 6
Butler University - 1	Lehigh University - 2	Santa Clara University - 1	University of Richmond - 1
Canisius College - 1	LeMoyné College - 1	Siena College - 1	University of Rochester - 1/2
Catholic University of America - 2/5	Loyola Marymount University - 1/1	Simmons College - 2	University of Saint Joseph - 1
Clemson University - 2	Loyola University-Chicago - 2/8	Skidmore College - 1/2	University of San Diego - 2
Colby College - 1	Loyola University-Maryland - 7	Stonehill College - 2/11	University of Scranton - 4
College of Charleston - 4	Manhattan College - 2	Stony Brook University (SUNY) - 1	University of South Carolina - 2/5
College of the Holy Cross - 3/6	Marist College - 1	Suffolk University - 1/2	University of Tampa - 1
College of William and Mary - 2	Marquette University - 5	Syracuse University - 2	University of Utah - 1
Colorado State University - 1	Mercer University - 1	Union College - 2	University of Vermont - 2/9
Connecticut College - 2	Merrimack College - 9	United States Naval Academy - 1/1	University of Virginia - 3
Creighton University - 2	Michigan State University - 1	University College-Dublin - 1	Vanderbilt University - 1/1
Curry College - 1/4	Middlebury College - 1/1	University of Connecticut - 1/6	Villanova University - 1/10
Dean College - 1	Mount Ida College - 1	University of Dayton - 3	Virginia Tech - 1
Denison University - 1/2	Muhlenberg College - 1	University of Delaware - 2/4	Wake Forest University - 1/3
DePaul University - 1	Northeastern University - 1/2	University of Denver - 1	Wentworth Polytechnic Institute - 1/2
Dickinson College - 3	Ohio Wesleyan University - 1	University of Kansas - 1	Western New England University - 1
Drew University - 1/1	Pace University - 1	University of Kentucky - 1	Wheaton College - 3
Drexel University - 1	Pennsylvania State University - 2	University of Maine - 6	Worcester Polytechnic Institute - 1/3
Duquesne University - 1	Plymouth State University - 1	University of Maryland-College Park - 2	Worcester State University - 1
Elon University - 5	Providence College - 3/20	University of Massachusetts -Amherst - 4/24	Xavier University - 2/4
Emerson College - 2	Purdue University - 1/1	University of Massachusetts -Boston - 1/7	
Emmanuel College - 5	Quinnipiac University - 2/21	University of Massachusetts -Dartmouth - 1/3	
Endicott College - 2	Regis College - 2		
Fairfield University - 2/20	Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute - 2		
Fitchburg State University - 1	Rivier University - 1		
Fordham University - 1/17			
Furman University - 1			

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Senior Robotics Team

JUNIOR AND SENIOR ROBOTICS

Both teams earn bid to states

by **Janet Reynolds**, *Advancement / Admissions Assistant*

The robotics team, always a strong offering, continues to grow in popularity and recognition. Both the junior and senior teams are competitive on the state level and are enjoying the benefits of space and resources from the new Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center on campus.

The high school team, Robots in Plaid, qualified for the state competition in March after taking third place for the Motivation Award and first place for the Innovation Award at the First Tech Challenge qualifying tournament. Robots in Plaid was the only all-girls team at the qualifying tournament, and one of the few with a girl driving the robot. The Innovation Award was based primarily on the design of the robot's arm, which had to be able to pick up a styrofoam block and deftly stack it on top of other blocks. "The main challenge was that the motor wasn't strong enough to pick up the block, so we added a counter balance to the arm to give it more torque," explained *Abby Wukitch '18*. Their robot featured a recycled swim goggle strap to provide tension on the arm, and a recycled plaid skirt for some style points.

Meanwhile, members of the Junior Plaids competed in the FIRST Lego League state robotics competition, RoboNautica, at WPI in December. This represents the third time that the team has competed at the state competition since the Ursuline

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Coach Jennifer Brown

program began six years ago. Said Coach Jennifer Brown, "As a coach, the best part is when girls complete a program they've been working on for a while and you can see the pride they have in themselves, and when the girls are noticed at competition for their poise and confidence."



Junior Robotics Team at WPI

Model UN: A Tradition of Success

by **Samantha Lord '18**

The Ursuline Model UN team had one of its most successful seasons yet during the 2017-2018 school year. With fifty members from grades 9-12, the club remained one of the largest in the school, as it has been in past years. Members participated in weekly club meetings, where they learned about and debated global issues, as well as practicing parliamentary procedure and resolution writing. Additionally, the team attended five day-long conferences throughout the school year, where Ursuline students were assigned positions to represent and issues to debate in the hopes of reaching a solution to their problem by working with students from other schools. Ursuline also co-hosted Catholic Memorial's Model UN conference in November, which was attended by about 300 students and moderators. The team's officers helped to coordinate logistics and planning with CM's officers, and half of the committees were chaired by Ursuline girls who spent months preparing for this task. Finally, the team went to one invitational overnight conference, held by Boston University at the Boston Park Plaza, which was attended by schools from all over the nation and the world.

Ursuline Model UN took home a multitude of awards this year for their speaking, writing, and overall diplomacy skills from the conferences they attended. In total, the team earned 13 awards over the course of the year, including one award at the



Boston University invitational conference. Additionally, high percentages of the team members in attendance won awards at each conference, with as many as 67% of participants earning awards at some conferences. Overall, the team had an extremely successful year, and can certainly look forward to more growth and achievement in the years to come.

New Extracurriculars! Stock Market Club and Green Club



The Green Club—on the scene to keep Dedham clean!

Club offerings change from year to year according to the interests of the students and the popular culture of the times. This year, two new clubs hit the halls of UA and are off to a great start!

In its inaugural year, the **Stock Market Club** began by exploring how and why people invest, the impact of government on national and international markets, and how indexes are used to track market performance. Members also investigated the basics of stocks, bonds, and mutual funds, as well as the impact of current events on markets and individual holdings. Starting in January, members entered into a Stock Market Simulation Game. Student teams each started with \$100,000 in fake money, and competed with other teams to grow their portfolios. Ursuline teams combined to rank as high as 7th out of 55 high school groups in the state, and their combined portfolios outpaced the Standard and Poor's 500 Index by nearly 4%!

Under the leadership of freshman *Ria Thekkethala*, a recycling program is up and running at Ursuline, along with plans for a community clean-up and a composting garden on campus, all initiatives of the new **Green Club**. The club already has 24 members and aims to promote sustainability at UA and encourage all students to become environmental stewards. For its first project, the club arranged for recycling bins to be placed in all rooms, posted signs at each location identifying what items can be recycled, and are emptying the bins weekly. The club also organized a student recycling incentive and participated in an Earth Day clean-up in Dedham.

Athletic Highlights

Fall Athletics

For the first time in UA history, all five fall sports teams participated in post-season play, either as a team, or by sending athletes to championship competitions.

Volleyball had a 18-5 season and made it all the way to hosting three post-season rounds at UA, including the South Sectional semi-finals. Seniors *Carolyn Waldeck* and *Brianna Westenfield* were selected for the All-State Volleyball Team.

Field Hockey made it to state tournament for the first time in program history. Before their first tournament game, held on a Holy Day, the team stopped at the Pastoral Center in Braintree for Mass and received the blessing of Cardinal Seán O'Malley before scoring a 2-1 overtime victory in their Division 2 South playoff game.

Cross Country, with a 3-0 record, finished its season as Catholic Conference Champion. Junior *Lauren Grela* won the conference meet easily with her 19:30 time, with *Beth Annese '19* and *Natalie McGrail '19* finishing third and fourth. The team went on to compete in the MIAA Divisional Meet later in November.

Soccer had a strong season, finishing 14-4-2 with a quarter final loss in the state tournament. Last but not least, the 2017 **Ursuline Swim and Dive Team** capped off its season by winning the Catholic Conference Championship Meet, winning 10 of the 12 events. The team finished strong in post-season competition, taking 6th place in the Division 2 state championships.

Winter Athletics

Following suit with their fall counterparts, the winter athletics teams posted some impressive results. **Varsity Basketball** hosted round one of the state tournament for the first time at UA, made possible by our regulation-size court in the new Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center. They took a 55-47 win against Bishop Stang HS before losing in the quarter finals of the tournament.

Winter Track wrapped up its season with twelve members of the team qualifying for the Division 5 championships on February 15. Ursuline was one of only 9 teams to qualify in the top 24 and compete in all three relay races. Our team had eight top 11 finishers with three making the podium. Congratulations to Coach Swanson and our student athletes on a great season!

In a rebuilding year, **Ice Hockey** showed their grit against some tough competition, while **Downhill Ski** struggled to fit in their races due to the scarcity of snow for most of the season.

Spring Athletics

After a soggy start to the season, all five spring sports teams have qualified for post-season play! Led by the pitching of *Maddie Higgins '20* and *Caroline Coyle '20* and the hitting of senior *Grace Roberto*, **Softball** finished the regular season with a record of 12-6, making it to the second round of the state tournament.

In April, **Lacrosse** headed to the annual Ursuline Sisters Lacrosse Tournament, held this year in St. Louis, and returned to compete strongly down the stretch, earning a bid to the state tournament in its last home game against Dedham High School. The team made it to the semi-finals of the South Sectional Tournament.

Tennis, led by first singles player *Mimi Dailey*, had 9 wins and 5 losses as of the season end and went on to win the South Sectional Championship. **Golf** crushed the competition with a 12-4-1 record, finishing second at the league tournament and also winning the sectional championship.

Track & Field is as strong as ever, with 17 athletes and all three relay teams qualifying for divisional competition, and a meet record of 2-1. *Lauren Grela '19* advanced to the All-States meet, where she broke her own school record in the 2-mile.



UA volleyball christened the Reynolds Center court at Homecoming in September.

FROM THE ARCHIVES



Mystery Photos

There is a tale behind each of these photos, found in the Ursuline archives. Do you spot yourself in any of them? What was the occasion? Drop us a note at communications@ursulineacademy.net and tell us the back story!





SERVING THE POOR

A LOOK INSIDE THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Ursuline students finish up their kitchen duty at New Visions Day Shelter.

by **Amanda Giordano '18**

The week of February break, ten Ursuline juniors and seniors traveled on a service trip to The Romero Center in Camden, NJ, where they joined a group of twelve students from Xaverian Brothers High School. Camden is the poorest city in America: according to DataUSA, about 39.9% of Camden's nearly 77,000 person population lives below the poverty line. The purpose of the trip is to educate students about the cycle of urban poverty by giving them firsthand experience working with the poor and marginalized in a variety of service sites.

FEB. 19, 2018 My small group went to the Abigail House, a facility for the elderly and mentally handicapped, today. It was very difficult but very rewarding service. I dealt specifically with the mentally handicapped. We painted a few women's nails and it was so moving to see how delighted they were by something so little. There was one woman who didn't speak and only understood Spanish, but I painted her nails, and she sat there smiling at her hands for nearly 45 minutes. There was another woman, Mary, who was difficult to understand and who seemed to have some processing challenges, but we made a connection with her as we talked about families and where we were from. We spent more than an hour with her, laughing and joking but also really talking to her.

For me the most rewarding part of the trip was visiting people in their rooms. We went to see a man named Robert who was very difficult to understand. He kept telling us that we had made his day, and that he loved us for what we were doing, and that he would remember us in his prayers. We talked about everything from football to faith with him and it was so impactful to see again how something so little completely changed his week.

FEB. 20, 2018 Today we went to the Food Bank of South Jersey. It was a lot more manual labor than yesterday. We

packaged enough lunches and snacks to feed 550 kids. It was interesting to see all of the "behind-the-scenes" work that goes into such an operation. This work was all the more meaningful since yesterday was the "food challenge," in which groups of four had \$12 to feed ourselves for a whole day. My group lived off of cheap foods like white bread and pasta. After just one day, nearly every group was hungry and sluggish.

FEB. 21, 2018 Today we went to New Visions, a homeless day shelter in Camden. Some of the day we were cooking or cleaning, but we also spent a lot of time talking to guests. There was one man named Abraham that the whole group talked to for a long while. He was very funny and kept giving us life advice about appreciating our friends and family. He also kept telling us we had beautiful smiles. We also met someone who used to live in Walpole, which made the whole issue of homelessness feel a lot more real and close to home. After New Visions we went to Cathedral Kitchen, a soup kitchen in Camden, and served about 300 people dinner. There were a lot more families with young children there than I had seen anywhere else. That was heartbreaking to see, but they were some of the most appreciative people.



Artists intent on their task



Katie Fox '18 (center) and her classmates with the fruits of their efforts

CREATING MEMORIES ACROSS THE WORLD

Memory Project Combines Service with Art

by Janet Reynolds, Advancement / Admissions Assistant

When *Katie Fox '18* of Needham first heard about the Memory Project from her brother, who attends St. Sebastian's School, she immediately thought it would be a great way to combine her love of art with her dedication to service. The high school senior was intrigued to learn about this non-profit that invites art students to create and donate portraits of youth around the world who live with substantial challenges. The portraits are intended to help the children feel valued and important, and provide a meaningful piece of personal history for them. Besides the benefit to the children, it offers a way for student artists to use their unique talents to practice kindness and global awareness in a very personal way.

After getting approval from her art teacher, Mrs. Caroline Rufo, Katie contacted the Memory Project and started a club at Ursuline as a sophomore. Katie explains, "I think the club fits incredibly well with our motto of *"Serviam"*—we are serving the children we are painting not only by giving them a keepsake of their childhood, but also by showing them that somewhere, even if it's half-way across the world, somebody is thinking about them and wishing them well." That first year, using photos provided by the organization, five students created and sent portraits to children in Romania.

To start the process, the students are given a photo, along with the child's name, age and favorite color. Then they meet each week for several months to create a portrait in the

medium of their choice. There are charcoal drawings, watercolor and acrylic paintings and collage-style art. Before sending them back, Katie touches up the portraits, perhaps painting a background, and takes a photo of each artist to attach to the back of the paintings. The girls have raised funds to cover shipping costs for the portraits, and are sending additional money to benefit the children and the charities that care for them.

During Katie's junior year, the club grew from five girls to seventeen and created portraits for children in Syrian Refugee Camps and Tanzania. This year, the club—now 34 members strong—completed portraits of children from Haiti. Once portraits are received back at Memory Project headquarters, the organization sends staff members to hand-deliver them to the kids in their home countries and makes a video of the delivery to share with the art students and teachers who created the portraits.

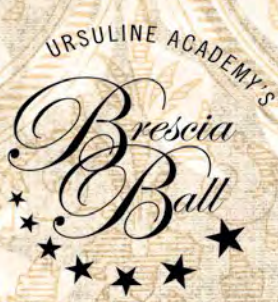
Katie and her classmates have enjoyed the opportunity to create these personal keepsakes for children around the world. "The amount of time we spend examining the portraits and painting the children creates a special sort of bond between us—it causes us to think about their lives, and the struggles they are going through. It is a great feeling to know that we are making a personal impact on these less-fortunate children and hopefully brightening their day in any way we can." She adds, "It has really taught me to count my blessings."

memoryproject.org

The Memory Project was started in 2004 by Ben Schumaker, a young social work student in Wisconsin, after he spent time volunteering with young children in Guatemala.

Ben sensed the need for tangible mementos for children, who had very few belongings, to carry into the future. He began soliciting art teachers and their students to make and donate portraits for children around the world.

Since 2004, participants in the Memory Project have created more than 100,000 portraits for children in 43 countries.



See what magic makes possible

BRESCIA BALL 2017 IN REVIEW

HONOREES

SUZANNE & ROBERT LAWLER AND SUE & WILLIAM LAWLER

The Brescia Ball, an annual gala named for the birthplace of St. Angela Merici, serves as a time for members of the community to come together for an evening of fun, charitable support and to honor those who are committed to the Ursuline tradition of *Serviam*: "I will serve."

As the school's largest fundraiser, the Brescia Ball relies on support from our families, alumnae and friends. All proceeds support the scholarship program at Ursuline and allow the Academy to provide both need and merit-based financial assistance to deserving girls. Contributions to the 2017 Brescia Ball, combined with funds raised from sponsorships, ticket sales and auction item purchases, helped us to raise over \$125,000.

The 2017 Brescia Ball honored Suzanne and Robert Lawler P'11 '15 and Sue and William Lawler P'13 '15 '16 in recognition of their many contributions to Ursuline Academy. Since the fall of 2005, both Lawler families have been deeply engaged with Ursuline Academy. As the parents of *Jillian '11* and *Shannon '15*, and *Christina '13*, *Meghan '15* and *Libby '16* respectively, they have cheered on their daughters, chaired and served on committees, hosted prospective parent receptions in their own homes, and supported the initiatives of Ursuline Academy with enthusiasm, dedication and a smile.

Life-long citizens of West Roxbury, Bob and Bill Lawler are the owners of the Robert J. Lawler & Crosby Funeral Home and, like their father before them, are active members of their community. Bob is a member of the Knights of Columbus #3049 and Co-Commissioner for the West Roxbury Parkway Youth Soccer League. He is also the Past President of the West Roxbury Neighborhood Council and the West Roxbury Business and Professional Association. Bill Lawler is presently the Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus #3049 and serves on the board of the West Roxbury Main Streets Association.

Bob and Suzanne along with Bill and Sue have devoted their lives to their daughters by showing them the importance of being engaged members of the community they belong to, whether it be their school or their town. Throughout the years, their generous and consistent contribution of time and energy in service to Ursuline Academy is exemplary. It is clear to all who know them that they have made a life-long commitment to *Serviam*.

THANK YOU TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Ursuline Academy wishes to extend a heart-felt thank you to all of our volunteers who helped to make this event a success. We are especially grateful to the executive committee who chaired this year's event. Thank you to:

TRACEY FINCH P'19
KATHLEEN MCDONALD P'20
ELIZABETH KING P'20,'22
STEPHANIE WALDECK P'18



From left to right: Honorees William and Sue Lawler, President Rosann Whiting, and Honorees Suzanne and Robert Lawler



The Ursuline chorale group fed everyone's soul with their singing.



Left to right: Sister Marcella Savoie, Joe Ziska P'22, Peggy Lannon Thorne '63, P'90, GP'22, David Thorne, Sr. Angela Krippendorf '59, O.S.U., and Carolyn Thorne '90, P'22



Left to right: Julia Fraone, Olivia Hanna, Avery Ambrefe, and Kathleen Furey help out with the top hat raffle.

SAVE THE DATE! 11th Annual Brescia Ball Saturday, November 3, 2018

Kick up your heels and get ready to have some fun as we transform this annual event with our "Denim and Diamonds" themed evening featuring live bluegrass music and Southern fare. For the first time, the Brescia Ball will be on campus in the new Reynolds Family Athletic & Convocation Center.

The Brescia Ball is the Academy's largest fundraiser. The money raised goes directly to support the scholarship program for today's girls. For more information, contact the Advancement Office at 781-493-7711.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2018!

Avery Ambrefe
Nina Calderone
Jinah Cappuccino
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Kiara Cronin
Margaret Dailey
Shannon Dennehy
Gabriella DiMartino
Heddia Djusberg
Caitlin Donahoe
Jessica Dow
Marguerite Droney
Taylor Eck
Mackenzie Enos
Megan Everett
Isabella Faggiano
Katherine Fazekas
Bridget Fox
Kathleen Fox
Julia Fraone

Kathleen Furey
Erin Gillis
Amanda Giordano
Marie Gormley
Olivia Hanna
Emma Hastry
Jacqueline Hayes
Margaret Heffernan
Sara Hernando
Grace Higgins
Mariana Horton Gómez
Joan Kaster
Grace Kelley
Meabh Kennedy
Maria Kennedy
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Kate Lauro
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Caitlin Lewis

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Catherine Treseler
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Aisling Walsh
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Brianna Westenfield
Lillian Wood
Abigail Wukitch



Valedictorians *Emily Lewis* and *Catherine Treseler* and Salutatorian *Emma Hastry*



“Be courageous! Make no mistake. You can change the world. You can make it a better place for yourselves and future generations. We need you more than you can imagine. I tell my students at Roger Williams this: not since the time when I was at University are the voices and actions of a generation more critical in making the changes for a peaceful and equitable world. We are counting on you!”

— **Dr. Rachel L. McCormack '70**,
Commencement Speaker

AWARD WINNERS

Serviam Award: *Avery Ambrefe*

The Serviam Award is a great honor in Ursuline schools worldwide and seeks to reward outstanding traits of leadership in service, awareness of others, acceptance of responsibility and academic achievement.



Sister Mercedes Videira Medal: *Olivia Hanna*

Established in 2009, this special award is presented to a student who best embodies the qualities of an Ursuline woman as embodied by Sister Mercedes herself: integrity, humility, generosity and concern for others, coupled with a deep love for the Academy.



*Mary Beth O'Leary '05,
Meaghan Bradley Zisk '05,
Caitlin Moczula Perry '05,
Amanda McLaughlin '05,
and Halina Terajewicz*

Elizabeth McGoldrick Trought '63 writes: “Well the old saying is correct—aging is not for wimps. Age 71 saw some slowing down of travel as I had two eyes operated on and then a knee replaced. So glad it is done and now almost back to my usual frantic life. With my summer rehabilitation I had my daughter Dara and two granddaughters Jordan and Rye come to NH for a summer visit. Josh, who runs the sustainable permaculture farm D Acres of NH just down the street, remains our primary crutch if I need some extra help. Hope this finds classmates healthy and happy in their journeys thru life.”

Sharon Reed-Eramian '68 sailed the Rhine from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland in October 2017. “My UA Travel mug is coming with me !!”

Ellen Fagone Huntley '70 has lived in beautiful Kailua, Hawaii for the last forty years and just welcomed grandson #2 into the fold! “After a full-time career of teaching, I now teach part time English courses at Hawaii Pacific University. Life is grand. I always look back so very fondly at my four years at Ursuline.”

Jayne Graham Hayes '72 writes: “Please pray for the Hayes family as we mourn the loss of my husband, Rick Hayes. He died September 16, 2017 after a courageous battle against cancer. Thank you.”

Susan Leonard Repetti '73 writes: “Nice to get birthday greetings from Ursuline. Today was a snow day with office closed, I’ve made two snowblower rounds. Now back to Words with Friends with *Alexandra Carr Baker, '72*. She’s really good!”

Danielle St. Germain-Gordon '87's son, Penn Dewey, is 20 and a junior at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, and her daughter, Sophia Gordon, is a sophomore at Southwest High School in Minneapolis.

Jeanie Zmijewski Taddeo '89 has just celebrated being 10 years cancer free in March of 2018. “I was diagnosed with

Triple Negative Invasive breast cancer when I was 16 weeks pregnant with my twin daughters. We had two surgeries and 4 chemotherapy treatments TOGETHER until I gave birth to them at 25 weeks. They weighed in at 2 and 3 pounds! Their names are Gillian Alyssa and Giavanna Clare (named both after St. Gianna, and my Mom who passed 30 years ago...Clare Zmijewski).”

Jill Courville '90 is now a business leadership development coach for MAPS Coaching, one of the world’s largest coaching companies. Jill will remain as the CEO of Keller Williams Pinnacle Central in Worcester where she just earned the prestigious Black Belt award for recruiting.

Patricia Glynn '93 graduated in Fall 2017 with a Master’s in Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling and Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling from the University of South Florida and was honored to have been chosen to be an RSA Scholar by the U.S. Department of Education, Rehabilitation Services Administration. “I maintained a 4.0 GPA throughout my time at USF and as such was invited to join the USF Golden Key International Honour Society and The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. Further, I was an Association of University Centers on Disabilities/Florida Center for Inclusive Communities Trainee member. I have been hired by my internship site and am now employed as a Senior Counselor with the Florida Department of Education’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.”

Krissy Canavan Greene '01 announced the birth of her daughter, Isla Gabrielle Greene, born on March 15, 2018 at 6 lbs 8 oz and 19 3/4 inches long. “We currently reside in Braintree, MA and Isla was born at South Shore Hospital in a Weymouth. She is a fabulous baby!”

Stacie Manning '04 has started working on her Doctorate of Nursing Practice through UMass Amherst College of Nursing.

Elise Reynoldson Kroll '09 was married at St Anthony Church in Cohasset, MA on August 12, 2017. Her wedding party included two of her besties from UA: Lizzie Key and Kathryn Machado.



Isla Gabrielle Greene, daughter of Krissy Canavan Greene '01

*Caitlin Perry '05 married Andrew Moczula in Kingston, New York on September 30, 2017. Fellow alumnae **Mary Beth O'Leary '05, Meaghan Bradley Zisk '05, Amanda McLaughlin '05, and Halina Terajewicz** (attended UA for junior high) were there to celebrate.*

*Bridget Bussell-Brujic '08 married her husband, Steven Brujic, on November 3, 2017. Fellow alumnae in attendance included **Kathryn Tarlin '84, Amy Kline '08, Carolyn Arnish '08, Julianne O'Connor '08, and Erin O'Connor '03.***

Marie Chammas Fields '09 writes: "I was recently married in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia. We were the first couple in over 200 years to marry at the Governor's Palace."

Victoria Howe '10 attended GWU on a nearly full scholarship ("thank you UA for strong academics"), during which she held jobs and internships in DC Public Schools and the US Government. She worked in Federal Consulting at Deloitte from 2015-2017, where her clients included the IRS, FDA, and TSA-in service areas; including business, technology, and communications. "Last year I transitioned into Commercial Real Estate, and now work for one of the most prominent real estate developers, located and operating in the heart of Washington, DC. I would love to give back to a school that gave me so much, and encourage other young women to enter into male-dominated fields, somehow."

Mikaela Prego '11 reports that she is moving from Denver, CO to Providence, RI and will continue teaching 4th grade at an EL Education charter school in Massachusetts.

Caitlin Bradley '12 is licensed to be an English teacher in Massachusetts and is working in the Dedham Public Schools in various capacities, including preparing students for English MCAS and choreographing the Dedham Middle School 2018 musical.

Charlotte Marquis '13 qualified as a veterinarian on June 30, 2018 from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies,

University of Edinburgh. She has accepted a rotating small animal internship at 1st Pet Veterinary Centers in Arizona. She is pictured below, bottom, with some members of her graduating class.



Top: Bridget Bussell-Brujic'08 with Kathryn Tarlin '84, Amy Kline '08, Carolyn Arnish '08, Julianne O'Connor '08, and Erin O'Connor '03

Bottom: Charlotte Marquis '13, first row, 4th from right.



Alumnae

Paula Wild Buckley '76 | mother of *Rachel Buckley '07* | September 2, 2017

Karen Beissner Elliott '79 | sister of *Margaret Beissner Carell '81* and *Amy Beissner Centrella '83* | November 14, 2017

Lauren Power Ledwith '82 | June 23, 2017

Wendy Kelley McNeil '89 | June 4, 2018

Heather Germano Jansky '90 | sister of *Meredith Germano '97* | February 26, 2018

Relatives and Friends

John Butler | brother of former faculty, Sr. Frances Butler SSND | February 5, 2018

Giovanna Compagnone | grandmother of *Francesca Coughlin '11* and *Elizabeth Coughlin '16* | July 27, 2017

Stephen A. Dowling | husband of *M. Patricia Leary Dowling '52* | January 6, 2018

William Fearnley | father of *Caroline Fearnley '11*, *Annie Fearnley '13* and *Marie Fearnley '17* | May 9, 2018

Dr. James C. Ferrucci M.D. | father-in-law of Co-Principal Mary Ferrucci | December 1, 2017

Ruth Flynn | mother of *Rosemary Flynn O'Koren '77* | January 2, 2018

Michael Gulla | husband of *Elinor DiIorio Gulla '81* and stepfather of *Colleen Gallahue '07* | February 22, 2018

Richard Hayes Jr. | husband of *Jayne Graham Hayes '72* | September 16, 2017

Thomas "Red" Martin | grandfather of *Renee Martin '18* | July 27, 2017

Joseph McCartney | father of *Amanda McCartney Hayes '89* and *Jacqueline McCartney Angell '92*, and grandfather of *Jacqueline Hayes '18* and *Madelyn Hayes '21* | April 22, 2018

Thomas Nee | father of *Maura Nee '81* | January 21, 2018

Bridget "Bridie" O'Connor | mother of Athletic Director Michael O'Connor | November 22, 2017



Jayne Graham Hayes '72 with her late husband, Rick Hayes

CALL FOR MEMORABILIA!

Parents of the Class of 2018 have donated a gallery space to be installed in the Convent in honor of their daughters. The gallery will house memorabilia and historical items from the Academy's presence in Boston, Dedham, and Charlestown, such as the Charlestown chapel bell, award ribbons, and photographs.

We are in the early phases of collecting items for this gallery space. If you have something you are willing to donate—an old yearbook, photograph, uniform, accessory, varsity letter, pin, ribbon, or other memorabilia, please contact alumnae@ursulineacademy.net.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22	Homecoming & Reunion
October 10	Grandparents Day for 7th & 8th Grade Students
November 3	Brescia Ball
December TBD	Alumnae Service Program at the Italian Home for Children
December 6	Serviam Society Reception
February 7	2nd Annual Alumnae v. Parents Trivia
February 14	Legacy Valentine's Day Breakfast
March 8	Women in Leadership
April 11	Alumnae Networking Reception
May TBD	Fore the Girls Golf Tournament

To ensure you know about these and other events, please make sure Ursuline Academy has your current email and mailing addresses. Contact the Office of Advancement at 781-493-7714 or visit ursulineacademy.net to update your information.

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Serviam Society is a giving society that recognizes our most generous donors and is made up of alumnae, parents, grandparents and friends with annual contributions of \$1,000 or more.

Each December we celebrate these individuals at a special donor reception. This year's Serviam Society reception, to be held on Thursday, December 6 on the Ursuline campus, recognizes donors who have made leadership gifts from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

Join our over 170 members today and be a part of it.

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