An astronaut in a white spacesuit stands on a dark surface, holding a small American flag on a wooden pole. The astronaut is positioned between the letters 'I' and 'T' of the title 'SPIRITUS'.

# SPIRITUS

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A detailed, high-contrast image of the lunar surface, showing a vast expanse of grey, rocky terrain covered in numerous craters of various sizes. The lighting creates deep shadows and bright highlights, emphasizing the rugged texture.

Alumni recount their  
**ONE SMALL STEP**  
that helped put men on the moon



### Dear Alumni and Friends of University of Detroit Mercy:

I hope that you had as productive of a summer as we did at the University! The three campuses, especially McNichols, were busier than usual. In addition to hosting two summer school sessions and five orientation programs for more than 550 of our prospective first-year students, our undergraduate student leaders convened — for the first time ever — more than 250 students and advisors from 25 Jesuit universities for the National Jesuit Student Leadership Conference (NJSLC). Detroit Mercy also hosted three dozen external organizations' youth programs in academics, fine arts and athletics, at the same time that our own similar institutional programs were in session. Most importantly though, the McNichols campus was a major parking site and provider of other resources for the inaugural Rocket Mortgage Classic PGA Tournament held at the Detroit Golf Club in June. The positive comments about the campus and the University have been energizing and the publicity priceless. Join us for Homecoming on September 20 and 21 to see how good our campuses look.

This is my favorite time of the year as undergraduate, graduate and professional students join the University. I enjoy welcoming the first-year students and their parents as they move into Shiple Hall, as well as greeting the students entering the schools of Dentistry and Law. The geographical diversity of the freshmen, who will be coming from 13 states and six countries, and the law and dental students who have graduated from more than 55 different institutions in each of those two schools, are strong indicators of University of Detroit Mercy's unique mission and brand in the country and around the world.

Our just completed strategic plan has also contributed to the previous four consecutive years of new student enrollment, despite the competitive college recruitment market. We already know that our new undergraduate tuition

reset is working because of this year's 23% increase in first-year applications: 6,351 compared with 5,154 last year. This spring we reset tuition rates for four graduate programs and applications have already increased in most of those programs.

The success of our comprehensive campaign, which reached the \$100 million goal a year ahead of schedule in January, is generating extraordinary momentum. And I thank all of you who have contributed thus far. Our focus now is on achieving an even higher goal and we are making good progress. The thoughtful and significant contributions of donors like many of you is making it possible for the grand opening in October of The Center for Practice & Research in Management & Ethics in the College of Business Administration; and departments across the University's three campuses will have new equipment, labs, programs and more. If you have not yet contributed to the *Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy* or want to make another gift, please consider making a donation of any amount in the enclosed envelope or online at [udmercy.edu/donate](http://udmercy.edu/donate).

This issue of *Spiritus* features articles that directly address our mission and provide an opportunity for readers to consider the mysteries about this world and the universe in which we live. The cover story features some of our alumni who helped our country land the first man on the moon 50 years ago this summer. Additionally, there is a story about the mysteries unlocked by dinosaur bones discovered in the Sahara during an expedition led by one of our professors. In one of our final features, we examine the importance of forgiveness, through a unique program offered by our School of Law.

I look forward to seeing you at Homecoming!

Sincerely,

Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D.  
President

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University of Detroit Mercy, a Catholic University in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, exists to provide excellent student-centered undergraduate and graduate education in an urban context. A Detroit Mercy education seeks to integrate the intellectual, spiritual, ethical and social development of students.

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# Campaign for Detroit Mercy makes a final push!

The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy reached its \$100,000,000 goal in January, but there are still two areas where we need your help: scholarships and, especially, facilities improvements.

**A**s of June 30, the University had raised \$106,451,152. This is a milestone for Detroit Mercy and shows the special place the University holds in the heart of its alumni, from whom most of the gifts have come.

- Our current total includes:**
- \$43,148,409 toward a goal of \$25 million raised for programming and faculty
  - \$38,448,401 toward a goal of \$40 million raised for student scholarships
  - \$12,869,337 toward a goal of \$10 million raised for unrestricted use
  - \$11,985,005 toward a goal of \$25 million raised for facilities improvement

**It also includes:**

- 29 commitments for \$1 million or more
- Gifts and pledges of \$39,443,493 to the University endowment

Support from generous donors has allowed us to improve programming, establish endowed chairs and scholarships and complete several large and small facility projects. Now we are focusing on a few major projects we believe will transform campus life, which will increase enrollment and retention.

**Please show your support for Detroit Mercy by making a donation of any size to The Campaign for University of Detroit Mercy in the enclosed envelope.**

You'll be investing not only in the future of your alma mater, you'll also be investing in tomorrow's leaders who will be shaped by Jesuit and Mercy values.

# THIS IS Detroit Mercy.

University of Detroit Mercy is the sum of its stories. Here are just a few. Read more stories at [sites.udmercy.edu/alumni](http://sites.udmercy.edu/alumni).

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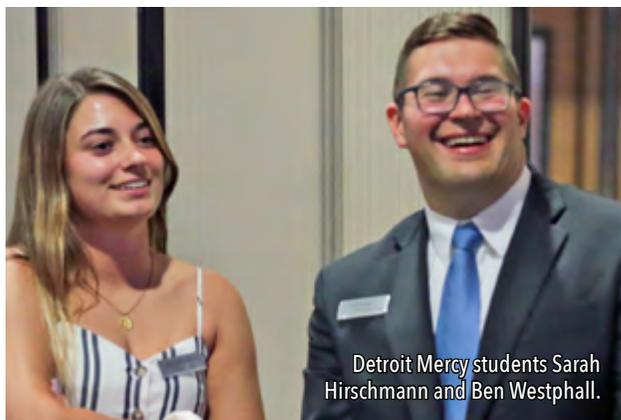
The Rocket Mortgage Classic was the first PGA Tour event held in the city of Detroit and Detroit Mercy was there in force. The University set up a viewing area on the tenth hole at the Detroit Golf Club for alumni and friends to watch 156 of the world's top players compete for a \$7.3-million purse over four days of competition in June. All proceeds from tickets to the Detroit Mercy viewing area raised more than \$16,000 toward the scholarship endowment. And we'll be back next year, too.

# Detroit Mercy is: **Leading the Way**



**"T**he National Jesuit Student Leaders Conference 2019 was beyond what we had imagined. Everything went seamlessly and better than we had planned. The 250-plus students and advisors from 27 Jesuit colleges and universities who came to Detroit Mercy in July had the opportunity to listen to more than 70 speakers, participate in a morning of service, explore the Motor City, take part in social activities at night and so much more! We were so grateful to learn the stories of many of the Jesuit student leaders and what they are doing to make an impact on their campuses and within their communities. Our theme, Rising from the Ashes, resonated well with everyone as they learned anyone can see the light within the darkness. Leaders took this theme back to their campuses to apply not only to their surrounding areas but also to themselves personally. We could not be more proud of our Detroit Mercy team that consisted of 18 student leader committee co-chairs, five co-advisors and 70-plus volunteers for helping us put University of Detroit Mercy and the city of Detroit on the map. It was a life-changing experience and made our dream become a reality. Thank you for the support and this unforgettable opportunity!"

Sarah Hirschmann  
Ben Westphal  
NJSLC 2019 co-chairs



## ReBUILDetroit renewed NIH grants \$19-million for life-changing program

**D**etroit Mercy and Wayne State University's ReBUILDetroit program has received a \$19-million renewal grant over five years from the National Institutes of Health. The ReBUILDetroit program works to encourage undergraduate students from underrepresented or economically disadvantaged backgrounds to pursue careers in biomedical research.

ReBUILDetroit is a partnership between University of Detroit Mercy and Wayne State University, supported by an initial \$21.2 million grant awarded in 2014. In this next phase, Henry Ford College has joined the partnership to create pathways for students to transfer from community college to complete four-year college degrees in STEM at Detroit Mercy or WSU and eventually join graduate programs in biomedical-related fields. The first phase of the grant significantly impacted student retention rates, with most BUILD scholars graduating in four years with a STEM major.

The majority of the new five-year, \$19.4 million renewal will provide scholarships and stipends for students enrolled in the program. Prior to starting in college as freshmen, ReBUILDetroit scholars experience the excitement of scientific discovery through direct participation in research, peer and faculty mentoring and cohort building activities. They also attend lectures and presentations by guest speakers and engage in professional development while preparing for graduate school and career paths in exciting and in-demand biomedical disciplines.

Katherine Snyder, dean of Detroit Mercy's College of Engineering & Science and the contact principal investigator (PI) for the grant, is thrilled with this renewal and looks forward to impacting a greater number of students who might consider biomedical fields of study.

"This renewal allows us to build upon the impactful interventions we implemented during the first round of funding and continue to implement institutional change to sustain this impact beyond grant funding," she explained.

Students who enroll in this program receive a number of benefits, including

- Tuition scholarships
- Paid, faculty-mentored research
- Extensive mentoring by faculty and peers in and outside the classroom
- Curriculum support and programming to prepare them for graduate studies
- Networking opportunities with the scientific research community
- Opportunities to present research at national conferences

The impact of the ReBUILDetroit program is significant and life-changing. Relicious Eboh, a 2019 graduate, said she learned about research, public health, serving others and, most importantly, a lot about herself during her time in the program. During her Detroit Mercy career, she conducted public health research from her first year until she graduated. On entering the University, she had her eyes set on pre-dentistry but changed her mind early in her freshman year.

"My passion for public health started when I took a class on health disparities. I knew then that I wanted to do more people-oriented research in the area of public health and eventually become a physician," she said. "After graduation, I plan to pursue a master's degree in public health and my ultimate goal is to combine research, public policy and medicine so we can make sure people get the public health services they need.

*To learn more about ReBUILDetroit, please visit [rebuildetroit.org](http://rebuildetroit.org).*

# Detroit Mercy is: Making changes



At Detroit Mercy, Staudenmaier has been a professor, interim dean and director of the Office of Mission & Identity, where he started the popular “Work Day in a Hard Time,” a blog that looks at current events through the eyes of poets and poetry. He will continue this work he calls “one of the most important things I do.”

Catherine Punsalan-Manlimos has been named to the position. She will continue to reinforce the importance of Detroit Mercy’s Catholic, Mercy and Jesuit identity with students, faculty, staff and alumni.

“I am impressed by the level of commitment to the mission and to the city of Detroit that exists at the University,” Punsalan-Manlimos said. “I hope to bring to bear my many years of experience in Jesuit higher education to collaboratively create, coordinate and lead efforts to deepen the understanding, appreciation and integration of this mission into the life of the University and look forward to contributing to and learning from the University community.”

Punsalan-Manlimos has played an active role in Jesuit education for more than 30 years. She has won awards for her teaching and research.



**D**etroit Mercy’s Office of Mission & Identity is entering a new era, after the retirement of John Staudenmaier, S.J., earlier this year.

Staudenmaier joined University of Detroit in 1981, encouraged by former president Bob Mitchell, S.J.

Staudenmaier said Mitchell told him this: “When I look at the circumstances in Detroit, they are closer to what we Jesuits say we are about than at any of our other 27 schools. If Detroit were to go under because Jesuits would not grab an oar, we would be sending the wrong message to ourselves about our identity. So I grabbed an oar.”

That struck a chord with Staudenmaier.

“Bob helped me recognize that place matters,” he said. “‘Place,’ for me, includes our city with its promise and its wounds. Our culture of work — students, faculty, staff and leadership — is sacred. Place reminds me that working to rebuild a large city is sacred primarily because of the nature of that city.”

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## A new dean for Architecture

**D**an Pitera, FAIA, is the new dean of the School of Architecture.

For the past 20 years, Pitera served as executive director of the Detroit Collaborative Design Center (DCDC), a multi-disciplinary, nonprofit architecture and urban design firm dedicated to creating sustainable spaces and communities through quality design and the collaborative process.

Under his leadership and direction, the DCDC received several awards and honors, including the Dedalo Minosse International Prize in 2002 and 2011 and the prestigious AIA Whitney M. Young Jr. Award in 2017.

Pitera has enjoyed a successful career in architecture and urban development. In 2010, he co- led the civic engagement process for the Detroit Works Project Long Term Planning. DCDC’s engagement process from the Detroit Works project was included in the Smithsonian’s Cooper Hewitt Design Museum’s exhibition *By The People*, and the DCDC’s Roaming Table has been added to the Smithsonian Institute’s permanent collection. In late April of this year, the Center expanded its operations with the addition of the Neighborhood HomeBase storefront office location on McNichols, which it shares with Live6 Alliance. (See story Page 11.)

Pitera earned a bachelor of Science and a master of Architecture degree from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He joined Detroit Mercy in 1999.

Pitera replaces Will Wittig, AIA, who led the School of Architecture with integrity, passion and a commitment to student and faculty success for more than eight years. Wittig is on sabbatical and will return to teaching in January 2020.





## Community benefits from Detroit Mercy partnership with Ford Fund

**D**ue to the efforts of an MBA class project, clients of the Inkster-based charity Zaman International can sell hand-made clothes, bags, blankets and other goods online to support the organization's mission.

The charity's new marketing website is the culmination of weeks of work by seven University of Detroit Mercy MBA students as a class project for Professor Omid Sabagghi and was sponsored by a grant to Detroit Mercy from the Ford Motor Company Fund, Ford Community Corps.

"Zaman International has a community-driven approach to help households meet their needs and break the cycle of poverty," explained MBA student Sarah Fioritto. "Their mission is to facilitate change and advance the lives of marginalized women and children by enabling them to meet essential needs common to all of humankind."

Zaman offers sewing, culinary arts classes and English literacy classes for women, teaching skills that could earn them wages. Some women design their own items and sell them at fairs.

Abigail DeMars, volunteer coordinator for Zaman International, said her team approached the class with the idea as a way to address the expense and logistical challenges of getting clients and their handiwork to and from craft fairs.

"We were connected with the MBA class through the Ford Fund," she said.

The 13 Ford Community Corps projects funded by \$40,000 in grants included the Detroit Prevention & Awareness in the Community (DPAC), a community-engaging educational project on topics such as drugs, alcohol, sexual assault, domestic and dating violence, sex and technology and early sexual relations. Organizers of this group welcomed more than 100 attendees during an event at the Senate Theater in Detroit, who discussed these issues and are planning other large events. Student leaders with DPAC facilitate discussions that help Detroit youth discuss topics that impact them.

Another project was called Education without Technology and had Detroit Mercy students helping Detroit area elementary students develop math skills without the use of technology — usually with card games — and in ways that parents can participate as well, even if they do not have strong math skills. These strategies were developed by Associate Professor of Teacher Education Jaiwen Wang.

Detroit Mercy students also helped at several community gardens to develop volunteer engagement strategies; bring dental hygiene, career education and leadership development strategies to students in a latch-key program; and provide lessons in social skills building to young students.

"I really want to say 'thank you,'" said Farah Harb to students. Harb is Global Education Programs analyst for Ford Fund. "Ford is the funder, but without you, we wouldn't have the impact we're having."

# So they said

A collection of recent quotes  
heard at and around Detroit Mercy

"I recall the times where I would leap out of that passenger bus and admire the history that was placed in front of me; it will forever be etched in my mind. I am planning a trip for my family, so they can experience what I experienced. I am going to carry this information on and pass it down for generations to come. That is a great feeling!"

**Bethany J. Howard '19**, who participated in a weeklong trip through Tennessee, Alabama and Mississippi, visiting important sites in the fight for civil rights. The class, "Topics in African American History," is in its third year.

"To improve the oral health outcomes for high-risk infants and young children, we need to start looking at ways we can improve the perinatal oral health of the mother."

**Divesh Byrappagari**, director of dental public health and outreach at Detroit Mercy Dental, which is expanding its statewide community outreach program for pregnant women in high-risk populations, thanks to a \$630,000 grant from the Delta Dental Foundation.

"Through the PRIME Center, we will offer our students expanded opportunities to engage in experiential learning, to interact with leading thinkers in the business community and to participate in research involving real-world business problems."

**Evan Peterson '06, '09**, Arnold Jarboe Chair in Business Administration, who will run the new Center for Practice & Research in Management & Ethics (PRIME Center). The center, which is funded by a gift of more than \$6 million from alumnus **Jarboe '54**, will have a grand opening Oct. 6, during the CBA's Business Leadership Awards.

"This program strongly supports who we are and what we want to do. As an institution rooted in the Jesuit and Mercy traditions, Detroit Mercy is committed to education, service in our community and student success."

**Pamela Zarkowski**, provost, professor and vice president for Academic Affairs of a new agreement with the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine, which will provide positions for Detroit Mercy students at MSU's medical school. Detroit Mercy joins more than a dozen other Michigan colleges and Universities that assist qualified premed students from traditionally underrepresented populations into the pipeline of medical students to MSU.

To read these full stories and others, please visit [sites.udmercy.edu/alumni](https://sites.udmercy.edu/alumni).



## 'A beautiful beacon of light'

**G**overnment, civic and neighborhood leaders attended the April opening of Neighborhood HomeBase, a storefront community space in the Livernois-McNichols area that is providing residents with meeting and gathering spaces, while connecting them with neighborhood organizations, nonprofits and city government.

Kresge Foundation President Rip Rapson, University of Detroit Mercy President Antoine M. Garibaldi, San Juan Block Club President Stephanie Harbin and Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan spoke at the event held in the long-vacant former tuxedo shop now transformed into 4,000 square-feet of flexible office and meeting spaces to benefit the surrounding area.

"HomeBase will contribute to the sustainability of the Fitzgerald neighborhood and foster positive family growth by connecting residents to the resources that they need," said block club leader Harbin.

Another community champion, Denise Kennedy from the Martin Park neighborhood, called it, "A beautiful beacon of light representing hope and inclusion of the community."

The opening of Neighborhood HomeBase is a milestone in efforts in recent years – supported by Kresge, Detroit Mercy, other foundations and the city of Detroit – to engage residents and business owners in guiding revitalization of their neighborhoods surrounding the intersection of Livernois and McNichols in Northwest Detroit. Key to these efforts has been the Live6 Alliance, an economic development organization established in 2015 with continuing support from The Kresge Foundation and Detroit Mercy.

Since the inception of Live6, Kresge has granted it \$2.8 million in support, including the design, renovation and furnishing of Neighborhood HomeBase.

Neighborhood HomeBase will be anchored by the offices of the Live6 Alliance and the Detroit Collaborative Design

Center (DCDC), a unit of University of Detroit Mercy's School of Architecture, which led the design of the new building in collaboration with residents and future tenants.

Neighborhood HomeBase will also serve as a place for residents and business owners to connect with representatives of the City of Detroit Planning Department for updates on efforts such as the Livernois-McNichols streetscape improvements. However, no city representatives will have permanent offices in the building.

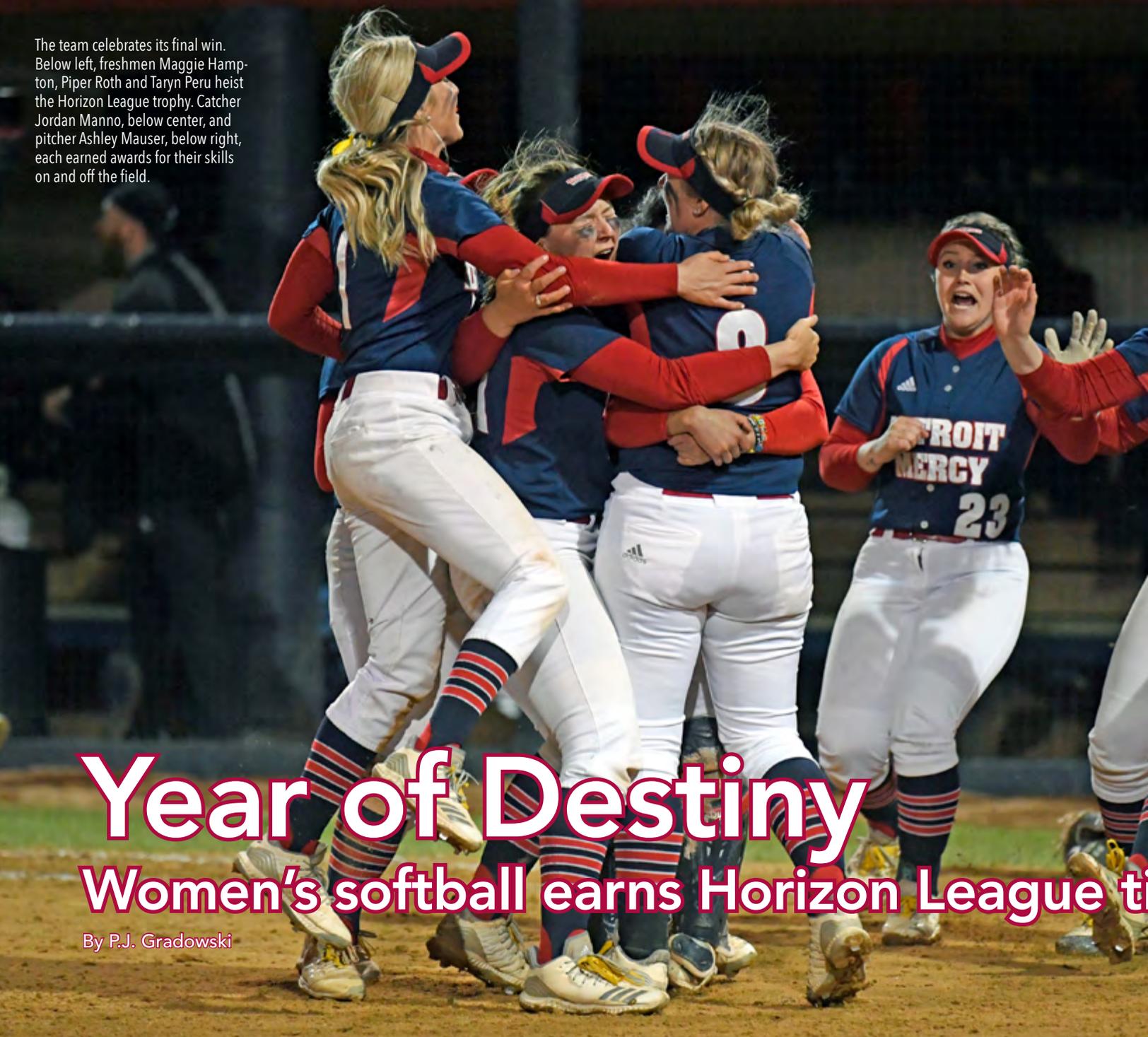
The building also offers flexible meeting space for local block clubs and neighborhood associations as well as has co-working desk space for entrepreneurs and nonprofits.

"There is no more important priority for the city of Detroit than to see an equitable recovery and revitalization that honors and elevates longtime Detroiters in the neighborhoods that have been their homes for years. Neighborhood HomeBase is a symbol for that vision and a space for the collaborative planning for making that vision a reality," said Kresge's Rapson. "It is imperative that residents impacted by decades of disinvestment in this area give shape to and benefit from the development to come.

"I am very pleased that HomeBase is a reality and available as another convening space for neighborhood residents as well as current and prospective businesses. Live6 Alliance's new home, along with its partners, will become the one-stop-shop we imagined for the further enhancement of this northwest neighborhood and commercial area," said Garibaldi.

"The opening of Neighborhood HomeBase is just another step forward in the revitalization of the Fitzgerald neighborhood," said Mayor Mike Duggan. "We're doing all of this in close partnership with the residents and our partners like Kresge, and we're going to continue to expand on this work citywide."

The team celebrates its final win. Below left, freshmen Maggie Hampton, Piper Roth and Taryn Peru heist the Horizon League trophy. Catcher Jordan Manno, below center, and pitcher Ashley Mauser, below right, each earned awards for their skills on and off the field.



# Year of Destiny

## Women's softball earns Horizon League title

By P.J. Gradowski





title

Facing elimination and playing on the road against a team that won the first four against the Titans — two by way of mercy and three via a shutout — did not bode well for the 2019 Detroit Mercy softball team.

But having their backs against the wall was nothing new for the red, white and blue as no one knew what to expect when the season began. The Titans were coming off a disappointing and injury-plagued 2018 campaign and head coach John Conway announced he was retiring before the season even started. Even the preseason poll had the squad finishing out of the top six and not even qualifying for the postseason tournament.

“Coming here, I knew the program was rebuilding and going through some tough years, but I wanted to be a part of turning it around and making it something great,” said senior catcher Jordan Manno. “I knew that when I got here, and I saw the group of girls and the freshmen class that I started with, that we could do something special.”

Yet with all that stacked against them, the program posted one of the best seasons in school history and it ended with the first championship since the early 90’s and the first NCAA Tournament bid in school history.

“These girls deserve it,” Conway said. “They worked so hard and they deserved all this success. I was hard on them because I knew how good they can be, but they also believed it and that is what made it special.”

The Horizon League Championship — a four-day tournament to see which team from the conference would represent the league in the NCAA Tournament — was a microcosm of the season. It saw the Titans play at their best and at their worst, getting run-ruled by regular-season champion UIC only to record back-to-back shutouts against the Flames to win it all. It saw senior leadership rise to the top, pitching as dominant as it was during the regular season and a team playing for its life to absolutely shock the naysayers.

“If you want to be the best, you have to beat the best,” said Manno.

In the Horizon League Championship, the Titans had already lost to UIC 8-0 and that was after getting swept in the regular season by the Flames on the road 9-0, 10-8 and 2-0. Detroit Mercy had one more crack at the Flames after they beat NKU in the semifinals, 4-1, setting up a scenario where it had to defeat UIC twice without dropping another contest.

On the road facing the best offense in the league proved to be a daunting task, but one that the Titans were up for — especially junior hurler Liz Murphy. In the first championship game, Detroit Mercy got on the scoreboard first as senior Courtney Gilbert singled to center field with two outs followed by back-to-back walks. Senior Kori Keyes then stepped up to the plate and came up with a two-run single through the left side to give the Titans a 2-0 lead.

Murphy did the rest, scattering just three hits and two walks, while striking out five in the complete-game victory.

As if trying to win two-straight was tough enough, Mother Nature showed up with a five-hour rain delay. Would

all the momentum come to an end for the Titans?

“I think it actually helped,” said Conway. “You can look at it and say we just played two great games against NKU and UIC so we don’t want to take a break, we just want to play. But, I also believe the five hours helped Murphy recover so she could go back out there for the final game.”

Murphy did start — her third time in a 24-hour span — and the rest proved to be crucial. In another pitchers’ duel, the Titans used some great defense to keep UIC scoreless. In the bottom of the second, with runners on first and second and no outs, the Flames tried to bunt, but Keyes came crashing down from third and made a great diving catch — one that was highlighted by the NCAA — and the Titans got out of the inning.

Detroit Mercy got on the board in the fourth inning as Manno ripped a one-out double to right-center and that was followed by an RBI double to right field

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by Gilbert. Murphy made that lone run hold up giving up just five hits and striking out five hitters, including two in the final inning, clinching 1-0 triumph.

"We came together as a family and this was a run of a lifetime," added Murphy. "We are so close and that helped us throughout this entire year."

So it was off to the NCAA Tournament and even though the Titans dropped both games in the Northwestern subregional, Detroit Mercy ended the year with 31 wins (the most since 1991), a school record 16 conference wins and its fifth conference championship (the first since 1992).

Senior Ashley Mauser was named the Horizon League Pitcher of the Year — the first time a Titan ever earned that award — and was NFCA Third Team All-Region after leading the team with 18 wins and tallying a school-record 184 strikeouts.

"We went through all of those highs and lows together," said Mauser. "I love the school, and I love my teammates."

Murphy was First Team All-Horizon League and was the conference tournament's MVP as she went 3-0 with a .62 ERA in the postseason, allowing just three runs and 17 hits and striking out 19 in 22 2/3 innings. In the regular season, she led the HL in ERA with 1.55 during league play and tossed the first no-hitter by a Titan since the early 1990s against NKU in the regular season.

Gilbert and Manno were also First Team All-Horizon League, the third-straight year they were both honored as All-League selections and Manno was also nominated as a candidate for NCAA Woman of the Year following her great academic and athletic career.

"There are moments where I sit back and wonder if playing was really worth all of the blood, sweat, hard work and tears, but holding up the Horizon League trophy this year made that evidently clear; you were worth it, without a doubt," said Gilbert in an online blog. "Working hard beside 20 girls has taught me to believe in something and work for something much bigger than myself."

"This was an awesome way to go out and these ladies have been great to work with," said Conway, the 2019 Horizon League Coach of the Year.

## Titans raise academic achievement bar

**D**etroit Mercy had three student-athletes earn national Academic All-American in 2018-19, the most ever in a single season. Softball senior Jordan Manno was named to the Second Team and classmate Ashley Mauser was tabbed to the Third Team. Men's lacrosse senior Matthew Vangalen was named to the Division I Men's At-Large Third Team, the first-ever men's lacrosse player to be named an Academic All-American.

## Runner earns league's highest honor

**D**etroit Mercy cross country and track and field standout Ben Kendell was given the Horizon League's 2019 Cecil N. Coleman Medal of Honor. The award is presented annually to the league's top male and female student-athletes who best exemplify the dignity and high purpose of the league and its membership and who demonstrate outstanding achievements in academics, athletics and extracurricular activities. He is just the sixth Titan to receive the Coleman Medal and the third in the last five years.



## Women's golf among nation's best

**T**he women's golf team earned high praise from the nation and from the Horizon League with its impressive 3.818 team GPA in 2018-19. The Titans earned the Horizon League Raise Your Sights Award winner for female sports, given annually to the best sport teams academically and is based on combined grade point average. The teams was also named an All-Scholar Team by the Women's Golf Coaches Association as their GPA was the sixth-highest in the NCAA Division I and 11th-best across Divisions I, II and III.

## Fencer reaches NCAA championship

**J**unior men's fencer Wiley Dressell qualified for the NCAA Men's Fencing National Championship, placing 24th overall in the men's sabre. He was the first sabre fencer to compete in the national finals for the Titans since 2007.



## Titan trio earns Player of the Year

**T**he men's lacrosse team once again posted a winning campaign and three student-athletes took home major conference awards as senior Matthew Vangalen was named the MAAC Offensive Player of the Year, sophomore Logan Shamblyn was tabbed the Defensive Player of the Year and sophomore Paul Manuszak was selected the Long Stick Midfielder of the Year.

# Making a mark

Stories by Ron Bernas



In the 1960s, thousands of people from around the world worked together toward the unthinkable goal of landing men on the moon and returning them safely to Earth. Here are the stories of nine alumni of University of Detroit who played a part in a feat that united humankind.



## Anthony Ignagni, 85

Bachelor in Civil Engineering 1957

**What he did:** Designed, prepared drawings and specifications and supervised work on the foundations that held the fixtures, or machines, on which missile components were built.

*"The foundations were mostly at least three-foot-thick reinforced concrete. They were massive because it was critical that zero deflection would occur in the fixtures that were placed on them."*

**Later:** Ignagni, who later changed his last name to Victor, was done with his role in the moon landing in 1965, four years before the actual landing. When it happened, he was back in the Detroit area, working for Chrysler, where he stayed in various operations until he retired in 1989.

*"It is nothing short of a miracle that such a complex*

## Mario Ignagni, 83

Bachelor in Electrical Engineering 1958

**WHAT HE DID:** While his brother Anthony was in Alabama engineering foundations, Mario worked as an analyst and design engineer on the command module thrust vector control system, which steered the spacecraft by means of measured, periodic thrusts.

*"It is nothing short of a miracle that such a complex mission could have been carried out so successfully, given the technology existing at the time. There were very limited computer resources and there were very limited ways to disseminate the information between other contractors and NASA. But there was so much that came out in terms of all kinds of technology from the space program."*

**LATER:** After a long career, he continues to work as a consultant at age 83. The space program, he says, "was the highlight of my career, nothing really competes with the Apollo."



## Maurice Hoyt, 91

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering 1950

**WHAT HE DID:** Worked for the Boeing Company when it was awarded the contract to design and build the first stage of the Saturn rocket. He volunteered and was sent immediately to Huntsville, Ala., where he worked out of a converted cotton bale warehouse. His wife, Lillian, followed later with their five children. "She kind of thought it would be a good adventure for the kids." He was later transferred to New Orleans as lead engineer in the design of the fuel tank, which also served as support for the upper stages and provided the mounting for the engines.

*"The people who thought up the system of getting out of the Earth's orbit in stages, they're the real heroes. My role was the first stage and I worked on it for several years. Two and a half minutes after takeoff, my job dropped into the ocean."*

**LATER:** His engineering focus turned to wind turbines and he worked for 30 years on the design team that built some of the world's largest. He and Lillian were married for 68 years before she passed away.



*mission could have been carried out so successfully"*



## Paul LaHoud, 77

Bachelor of Civil Engineering 1965

**What he did:** Shock and vibration testing of Saturn V, the three-stage launch vehicle developed to take humans into space.

*"It's hard to describe the excitement of the whole town of Huntsville, Ala., on that day. Nearly everybody in the town had ties to the project."*

**Later:** He later worked on the Apollo Telescope Mount on Skylab, the first U.S. space station, which orbited the Earth for six years beginning in 1973. He also took part in an emergency project to create a sort of umbrella to protect it and the astronauts inside from the sun when the original sunshade was torn off shortly after its launch. LaHoud says he "never had a boring moment" in his 30-year career with the Army Corps of Engineers where he worked on some very initial studies for the space shuttle program. Today, though, he says his grandchildren are "far more exciting than the moon launch." One of them just finished her first year of engineering school and, he says, "she's way smarter than I ever was."



## Robert Lozina, 82

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering 1963

**What he did:** Senior rocket test engineer at Bell Aerospace Company, assigned to test the lunar ascent engine that was to lift the astronauts off the moon. He says testing the various design iterations, propellant feed pressures and temperatures was a 24-hour-a-day, seven-day-a-week effort in 1967 and into 1968. "Unlike many components of the Apollo 11 spacecraft, the lunar ascent engine had no backup. It had to work," he said. "And it did. You also have to remember all this was done with a slide rule."

*"The whole damn program was nerve-wracking for me. By the time I was 30 I had an ulcer."*

**Later:** Lozina spent his entire career in the aerospace industry for various companies and, at one point, for the British Royal Navy, working on communications satellites and Minute Man missiles.

## Joseph Lucido, 85

Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering 1959

**WHAT HE DID:** Chief designer of the Micro Meteor Detector Sequencer, a satellite that was part of the Apollo's third-stage test. In addition to testing whether the third stage of the rocket worked, NASA hoped to evaluate the effects of micro meteors on the craft. Panels of various thickness were extended from the body of the rocket during testing and when a micro meteor hit the panel, it and its trajectory were recorded. With this information, designers determined the best way to shield the capsule from the possibly dangerous effects of being hit by tiny meteors.

*"It was the most exciting job in engineering, even though I broke out in hives that were stress-related. We all felt we were doing something great for the country. You always felt that you were doing the right thing. We always knew it would work."*

**LATER:** "I had a very nice career, mostly in defense-related projects," he said. He retired in 1998.



## David Moore, 82

Bachelor of Mechanical  
Engineering 1959

**WHAT HE DID:** Led the team responsible for the design of the pressurization, venting and propellant management systems for the second stage of the Saturn V rocket, which launched the astronauts on their journey to the moon. "I think we built about 17 Saturn II's at 85 feet high and 33 feet in diameter. They were built in California then shipped through the Panama Canal to be launched."

*"The first time you test something you worked on, you always cross your fingers, but it's not like a rocket engine had never been tested. We always knew it would work."*

**LATER:** He was involved with Apollo 7 through Apollo 17, then focused on commercial communications satellites and infrared targeting for aircraft in a career devoted to space exploration.



David Moore in 1967 with a scale model of the Apollo Saturn Rocket.



Wolfgang Weber displays a mug commemorating his participation in the 1969 moon landing.

## Wolfgang Weber, 75

Bachelor of Electrical Engineering 1967

Master of Engineering Management 1981

**WHAT HE DID:** Monitored Astronaut Buzz Aldrin during the moon walk. While at University of Detroit, he joined ROTC and, upon graduation, went into the Air Force. He was promptly loaned to NASA and was sent to Texas to work on the Manned Orbital Laboratory, the precursor to Skylab and eventually worked in the Extra Vehicle Activity Group in Flight Control, monitoring the space suits. They were designed to keep the astronauts at the proper temperature, which was achieved through a system based on a metabolic formula doctors determined through the astronaut's heart rate. "It looked like the guys were heating up because their heart rate was up, but their heart rate was up because they were excited. They were on the moon!"

**ON THE DAY OF THE MOON LANDING:** "I don't remember any great celebrating. I watched it, then got dressed. We had work to do. Celebration would take place after splashdown."

**LATER:** In 1994, he started Weber Engineering, which designs electrical systems for large commercial facilities.

## Glynn Lunney, 82

Bachelor of Aeronautical Engineering 1958

We were unable to reach Lunney. This information is based on other written reports, including an oral history that can be found on NASA.gov.

**WHAT HE DID:** Shortly after graduation he worked for the Lewis Research Center in Cleveland and he saw a drawing of what was to become the Mercury capsule and thought: "Wow! That looks like a lot of fun." He was with the program right from the beginning and became one of NASA's first flight directors in Mission Control. Flight directors oversee all aspects of the mission as it happens. After years of training from the Gemini project on, he was on duty during the Apollo 11 mission.

*"There's still a real comradeship amongst the people who recognize themselves as being contributors and players in that time frame, and there's a lot of satisfaction, a lot of reward in it. I feel good about it... America called, and a lot of us answered, and mostly we got the answers right."*

**LATER:** He is credited with coming up with the plan that saved the lives of the astronauts of the ill-fated Apollo 13 mission that returned them safely to Earth. He spent nearly 30 years with NASA, retiring in 1985 when he went to work for Rockwell International. He is recognized as one of the giants of the U.S. space program.

A photograph of two men in a desert setting. The man on the left is wearing a brown hat, sunglasses, and a blue and white striped shirt. The man on the right is wearing a light blue hat and a light blue shirt. They are both looking at a rock specimen held by the man on the left. The background is a sandy, rocky desert landscape.

# *Into the desert*

**Students, professor  
unearth the past**

By Dave Pemberton



**T**he Sahara Desert is one of the most remote places on Earth for a reason: It's unbearably hot, there's virtually no rainfall and the high position of the sun makes for extremely long days.

Three University of Detroit Mercy students and a 2019 Detroit Mercy graduate were willing to endure the elements of the Sahara for 10 days in July for the opportunity to go on an expedition with world-renowned paleontologist and Detroit Mercy professor Nizar Ibrahim.

"Professor Ibrahim stepped into our first class and mentioned his expeditions and he said four words that caught my attention immediately, 'adventure of a lifetime,'" said Detroit Mercy student Farzad Baghaie. "I took that to heart and realized an opportunity like this was not going to be offered twice."

Also on the expedition were Detroit Mercy students Amanda Emke and Saleh Karim, as well as Jacob Tuttle, who graduated from Detroit Mercy in May.

Ibrahim began making expeditions to the Sahara more than a decade ago and he gained worldwide attention for his work on unlocking the mystery of the Spinosaurus, a sail-backed predator larger in body length than a Tyrannosaurus rex.

Ibrahim is attempting to reconstruct the entire ecosystem of the Sahara of approximately 100 million years ago, which featured a huge river system home to a wide variety of dinosaurs and other prehistoric animals.

"It was very, very different from the Sahara today," Ibrahim said.

The grueling conditions in the Sahara make it difficult for scientists, but the conditions are also what make it an untapped resource of fossils.

"It's one of the last places on Earth that – for the most part – hasn't been colonized in some way by humans," Ibrahim said. "Africa, as it turns out, is extremely underrepresented in our global narrative of the 'age of dinosaurs' and in our paleontological data sets. The Sahara is a place that's continuing to reveal really



unexpected and very important new pieces of the history of life on Earth.

"That's one thing that continues to draw me back to the Sahara, being able to fill big gaps in our knowledge and finding completely unexpected things. Some of this will be revealed later this year, but we found some really, really bizarre things that are forcing us to rewrite some of the textbooks. And for a scientist, that's a very addictive thing."

Ibrahim is required to be secretive about some of his recent discoveries in the Sahara and what he hopes to discover, but he also admits a big part of the fun of an expedition is never knowing what he might find.

"If you know what you're going to find then it's probably not a real expedition," Ibrahim said with a laugh.

Ibrahim knew he wanted to take some students on the expedition, but his philosophy wasn't to necessarily recruit them.

**Ibrahim will discuss his findings during this excursion and others in a presentation at 10 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 as part of Detroit Mercy's Homecoming 2019. Visit [udmercy.edu/homecoming](http://udmercy.edu/homecoming) for more information. For more information on Ibrahim, search his name at [udmercy.edu](http://udmercy.edu).**

Tuttle, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Biology, wanted to go on an expedition with Ibrahim and he wasn't shy about it.

"I used to joke with my friends that it was my dream to be able to go on a dig with him in the Sahara," Tuttle said. "But it soon became something that I seriously wanted to happen." He sought out time with Ibrahim when he wasn't in class and when Ibrahim offered Tuttle the opportunity, he took it.

"The expectation is by the end of it, they will all be very competent at finding fossils and interpreting incomplete finds, identifying quite a few different types of bones and teeth and just being knowledgeable about what it takes to collect data in very challenging environments," Ibrahim said.



## Law clinic brings hope to rural areas

By Katherine Ganick

I was one of eight Detroit Mercy Law students who participated in a traveling expungement clinic in mid and northern Michigan this summer. Working on this unique project was an honor, because it allowed me to live the law school's mission of educating the complete lawyer, while serving others.

An expungement is a legal process that can clear a person's criminal record under certain circumstances. Clearing a criminal record can remove barriers to employment, housing, federal aid and more. The project, funded by a grant from the Michigan State Bar Foundation through Project Access, focused on helping people in underserved parts of the state.

To provide assistance, five clinics offered free services to help individuals determine if their criminal record was eligible for expungement and, if so, assist them in navigating the process, which can be complicated.

Detroit Mercy Law alumna, Adjunct Professor and 29th Circuit Court Judge Michelle Rick '91 teaches a course called Access to Justice, so she is keenly aware of the need for these types of services in rural areas. She spearheaded this project.

"Project Access is a daring innovation designed to restore dignity, pride and, in some instances, life necessities to persons among us who have paid their debt to society and who have otherwise atoned for their past wrongdoings," Rick said.

The project began with a press conference at the Michigan Supreme Court and later in the week Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist visited the clinic that served Wexford and Missaukee counties. This high-level attention really illustrated the importance of the work we did. It also helped raise the public's awareness about expungement, which is important given that a recent study found that only 6.5% of adults eligible for expungement apply.

Students worked with volunteer attorneys and with court officials, judges, sheriffs and Detroit Mercy faculty and staff.

The collaboration of these groups made the traveling clinic a one-stop shop. Documents were prepared and hearing dates were secured.

Local partners waived the costs of obtaining certified records and funds from the grant paid for other fees. The grant from the Michigan State Bar Foundation paid the \$10 cost to run a criminal record check.

Many people attending the clinics said they were intimidated and confused by the complicated nature of the application. They also said they had trouble paying the fees for the paperwork, let alone an attorney to see whether they qualified for an expungement. Others had no idea expungement was possible.

Through this work, law students honed their knowledge of Michigan's expungement statute and sharpened their legal research and client interviewing skills.

The project also collected useful data about the people who came to the clinic — both those eligible for an expungement and those who were not. Some who were not eligible had a one-time offense that was very old, such as traffic offenses which are not eligible for expungement under current Michigan law. Others who were ineligible had made one mistake when they were young, which prevented them from obtaining a better job, furthering their education, or securing housing. Many have carried this blemish on their otherwise clean record and have atoned for their mistake. To see the relief of those we were able to assist was energizing and made me realize what setting aside a conviction means to those we assisted and how an expungement can change a life.

This project has opened my eyes to the inequities of this particular statute given the ineligibility of certain crimes. But even those who were not eligible appreciated receiving the information and assistance. The hope of this project is to

# “Project Access is a daring innovation designed to restore dignity, pride and, in some instances, life necessities.”

*Judge Michelle Rick*

bring awareness and attention to the inequities of the statute in order to bring about change, which is already in the works.

This project is driven by Detroit Mercy Law’s mission of educating the complete lawyer while serving others – the very reason I chose this law school. As a law student, I value Detroit Mercy’s commitment to experiential learning. The School’s clinical program offers invaluable learning experiences for aspiring attorneys, while working with real clients. We provided assistance to more than 100 people either during the pre-registration process or during their visit to the clinic.

Becca Zarras, a second year law student at Detroit Mercy Law described the process as “a great example of how collaboration and dedication can

benefit many. As students, we are lucky to have been a part of this experience and to see the courts, legislature and academia join together to make this possible. The individuals we assisted along the way kept telling us they were grateful for our help, but really we are the grateful ones because they trusted us to help them. I know this project will keep growing and more people will get access to the legal help they need.”

In all, the Project Access Traveling Expungement Clinic was an experience I will never forget. Helping people in this way is my passion and the reason I wanted to become a lawyer.

*Katherine Ganick is a second year law student at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. She received her undergraduate degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio. Ganick is passionate about serving others while ensuring access to justice for all.*

Collaboration was key in the expungement clinic trip to northern Michigan.



# CLASSNOTES

Have you recently been promoted, honored or published? Have you switched employers or career paths? Share the news with fellow Detroit Mercy alumni, parents, friends, faculty and staff. Send your Class Notes to [alumni@udmercy.edu](mailto:alumni@udmercy.edu).

## 1970s

**Donald J. Barchand '73, '76** was named president of Saginaw Valley State University. He previously was dean of Arts and Behavioral Sciences, provost and vice president of Academic Affairs at the University.

**Maura Corrigan '73** has been named to Michigan Lawyers Weekly's inaugural Hall of Fame Class of 2019. The former chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court is now Of Counsel to the Detroit office of Butzel Long.

**Maureen Lahiff '71** received the 2019 Zak Sabry Mentorship Award from the University of California School of Public Health, where she is a lecturer in biostatistics.

Merrill Lynch financial advisor **Frank Migliazzo '79** was named to the Financial Times' FT 400 Top Financial Advisors list.

## 1980s

**Michael S. Bogren '82** was elected chairman of Plunkett Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms. He is managing partner of the firm's Kalamazoo, Mich., office.

**Zenjell (Beard) Brown '85** was awarded the Geraldine Bledsoe Ford Award by the Women Lawyers Association of Michigan for her work in diversity and inclusion.

**Rita L. Facchini '88** has been appointed senior vice president of Mi Bank in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

**Lenora Hardy-Foster '88, '96** has been named to Crain's Detroit Business prestigious Health Care Heroes list for 2019 for her efforts in expanding autism programming at the Judson Center, where she is CEO and president.

**Robert Kret '84** is the new CEO of the Connecticut Historical Society, a Smithsonian affiliate. He will be overseeing the organization's museum, library and Edgar F. Waterman Research Center in Hartford, Conn.

**Pamela (Sparks) Linton '87, '08** was named one of *Crain's Detroit Business'* Notable Women in Business for her role in re-establishing Schoolcraft College's Apprenticeship Program.

**Leo Valentino Mendez Jr. '88** joined Olympia Development of Michigan as vice president of design.

**Matthew J. Stanczyk '86** has been elected to the board of directors at the Michigan-based law firm Plunkett Cooney. He serves at the firm's product liability practice group leader.

**Robert D. Wilkins '88** was appointed to a two-year term on the newly created Sandoval County (N.M.) Ethics Board. He will serve as board chair this year.

*Crain's Detroit Business* named **Michele A. Williams '85** a Notable Woman in Human Resources. She is the executive director of the Rochester Hills, Mich.-

based Leadership Resources Consulting.

## 1990s

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer appointed **Steve Bieda '92** to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. He is the director of legislative affairs for the state Department of Treasury. He will represent attorneys on the tribunal through June 2023.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer reappointed **Kyle R. Dufrane '98** to the Michigan Military Appeals Tribunal. He is with Dykema's Financial Services Litigation Practice Group in the firm's Detroit office.

**Douglas E. Jahner '98** has been named business banking relationship manager of the Tennessee-based First Farmers & Merchants Bank.

**Stephen C. Ruschak '92** has been named CEO of the Southfield, Mich.-based insurance corporation The Guarantee Company of North America and The Guarantee Company of North America USA, where he has been president since 2009.

**Lisa Wittmer '91** has joined VenatoRX Pharmaceuticals, a Pennsylvania-based private pharmaceutical company. She will oversee nonclinical and clinical development and global regulatory affairs.

## 2000s

**Myra Ebarb '05** was named one of *Crain Detroit Business'* 2019 Notable Women in

Human Resources. She is director of People and Perks for Sachse Corp., a Detroit-based construction company.

**Bernard J. Fuhs '03, '06** has been elected to serve on Butzel Long's board of directors.

## 2010s

**Spencer T. Jaskiewicz '14, '15** was recently promoted to associate of Stanec's Detroit Studio, where he had been a project architect.

**John F. Keep '18** was recently named a marketing content specialist at Jomar Valve, a Warren, Mich.-based manufacturing firm.

**Fr. Adam Nowak '13** graduated summa cum laude from Sacred Heart Major Seminary with a masters of divinity degree and cum laude from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas in Rome with a bachelor's degree in sacred theology. Fr. Nowak was ordained a Roman Catholic priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit on June 8, 2019.

**Alexander Reuter '15** has joined the Detroit-based law firm of Dalton and Tomich PLC specializing in religious land use and zoning law.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has named **Kristina Robinson '10** to fill an open seat on the bench in Detroit's 36th District Court.

# ALUMNI EVENTS

Every year Alumni Relations plans dozens of events to bring together alumni of University of Detroit, Mercy College of Detroit and University of Detroit Mercy. Here are a few events that happened since spring.



Nearly 100 golfers came out to support Titan Athletics at the annual golf outing Aug. 5 at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center in Plymouth.



More than 300 people attended the Spirit of Detroit Mercy Alumni Achievement Awards in the spring. Eight alumni were honored for their contributions to their field and for their work in the community. For more photos, visit our Detroit Mercy Alumni Network Facebook page.

## Coming up

### Sept. 20-21 — Homecoming

A weekend of fun, education and remembering at this fall festival-themed event. See inside back cover for more information and to register, visit [udmercy.edu/homecoming](http://udmercy.edu/homecoming).

### Oct. 29 — Titan Tailgate

Join alumni and students for a tailgate before the men's soccer game, complete with bonfires, s'mores, cider, cocoa and giveaways. Free event to include tickets to the game and tailgate.

### Nov. 19 — Detroit Mercy Night at LCA

Last year's event was such a hit, we knew we had to do it again. The event includes a complimentary tailgate party with alumni before the Red Wings take on the Ottawa Senators at Little Caesars Arena.

### Titan Winter Blast – (TBD)

Titan Winter Blast is our biggest winter event and you don't want to miss out. Cozy up inside for chili, food, beverages, and numerous winter accompaniments.

*Watch for your monthly e-Connect alumni newsletter for more details as they are available.*

# In MEMORIAM

WE REMEMBER ALUMNI AND FRIENDS WHO HAVE PASSED ON TO ETERNAL LIFE \*

## 1930s

Francis D. Ryan '39, '43

## 1940s

Rosemary (Dolan) Arnett '46  
Eileen (Finn) Bahra '46  
Rev. Thomas J. Brennan, Jr. '49  
Jeannette (Robert) Breznau '44  
Kenneth Coburn '49  
Anne (Schultz) Diehl '48  
Rosemary (Longe) Dudenhofer '49  
Dorothy (McDonald) Foss '48  
Robert G. Frank '49  
John B. Irvin '43  
Michael O. Lareau '49  
Edward Montagne '41  
Leona (Jasin) Schneider '48  
Gertrude Strale '43  
Mary (Barr) Wilmers '44

## 1950s

John R. Bowker '59  
Leo P. Bracciano '53  
Joseph M. Brady, D.D.S. '52  
Russell F. Brockmiller, Jr. '56  
John N. Campe '53  
Larry J. Cinat '54  
William D. Cohan '53  
Hon. Joseph V. Colaianni '56  
Betty (Keller) Collar '50  
Eugene L. Donnelly '50, '55  
Raymond A. Doumar '51  
Willard E. Elliott '53  
John W. Fasse '56  
Raoul Fett '57  
Suzanne L. Filiatrault '52  
Paul E. Gies '51  
Michael J. Goggins '56  
James A. Handloser '55

Ralph B. Hinderleider, D.D.S. '55  
Patrick C. Houle '53  
Richard J. Judge '57  
Edward L. Korte '52  
Michael J. Kratochwill, D.D.S. '54  
Barbara (King) LaFave '50  
John J. Lank '51, '55  
William V. Latimer '57  
Charles Lee '53  
Donald S. Lewandowski '59  
Donald G. McDonald '52  
Priscilla (Warras) McNelis '52  
Michael L. Mead '57  
Louis C. Mihaly '52  
Anna (Kubiak) Mollo '56  
Barrie P. Murphy '59  
Leonard C. Nawrocki '50  
Daniel A. O'Donohue '53  
Arthur F. Okarski '58  
Joan (Ray) Rosser '59  
Raymond W. Ruddon Jr., M.D. '58  
Fred S. Selling '50  
Hilary H. Sheeter '58  
John G. Spath '50  
Garth M. Stanton '56, '59  
Lois (Smith) Steffy '50  
Sam Taub '54  
Bernadine (Sherby) Teipel '58  
Frances (Flowers) Traskos '57  
Phyllis (Andring) VanDeKeere '57  
Shunso F. Watanabe '51

## 1960s

Gerald R. Alpers '68  
Robert P. Baker, D.D.S. '62  
Joann (Sherry) Bernadich '69  
Frank P. Cancro, Jr. '62  
John T. Cavanaugh, Jr. '61  
Robert J. Clancy '66

A. Frank Corti, D.D.S. '64  
Ann (Gable) Cronin '62, '67  
Leonard H. Daley '66  
Donald L. Edmunds '67  
Carol (Legg) Elliott '66  
Louis J. Florence '62  
Michael E. Graham '69  
James C. Greenlees, D.D.S. '66, '69  
Herbert N. Harmon '66  
William J. Herbert '61  
Robert C. Hodges '63  
Nancy (Ujczak) Holstein '62  
Denis I. Howe '66  
Charles H. Jones '64  
Thomas R. Knight, D.D.S. '66  
Harry J. Komajda, D.D.S. '63  
Robert P. Kroll '62  
Cherie (Murphy) Kulwicki '66  
Floyd W. Ladd '61  
James R. Lizenby '63  
Michael A. Luberto, D.D.S. '61  
Louis J. Mahoney '65  
Sister Felicia Mann, SSJ '68  
Patricia (Griffis) Marzolf '63  
Patrick McElmurry '68  
Gerard H. McMaster '63  
Barbara (Barden) Monacell '60  
Thomas P. O'Sullivan '64  
James Pasikowski '65  
Henry J. Pietrzak '62  
Mary A. Pineau '63, '71  
Frank P. Piontek '65  
Victor C. Poleni '63  
Rosemary (Sobah) Poulos '62  
Pauline (Florence) Reilly '69  
Edward L. Ritz '60  
Beatrice (Crona) Roelofsz '66  
Arthur P. Ronan '61  
Tania (Kushmir) Salem '69

Theodore S. Schwallie '65  
 Wayne T. Shalla '60, '64  
 Thomas J. Shanahan '63  
 John F. Sobetski '60  
 Charles M. Sochowicz '61  
 John Suchower '60  
 Thomas A. Wieszkowiak '67

## 1970s

Sundersingh G. Bala '72  
 Joseph M. Bernert '76  
 Leslie (Getsoff) Borushko '79  
 Patrick J. Bruetsch '70  
 Elmer F. Cote '73  
 Donald E. Dombrowski '72  
 Linda M. Durham '77  
 Joseph C. Goss III '75  
 Joseph B. Guiffre '76  
 James C. Hineman '73  
 Terene M. Hotke '73  
 James R. Howard, D.D.S. '72  
 John A. Junga '74  
 Ronald F. Karchefski '76, '80  
 Joel Karczewski '76  
 Beatrice A. Marx S.S.S.F. '71  
 William C. McCormick '72  
 Henry J. Miga '71  
 William R. Moilanen '76  
 Elizabeth Morison '76  
 William Rowe '73  
 Theodore M. Sudomir '73  
 Joseph M. Turk '72

## Notable

**L. Brooks Patterson '61, '67** an important and controversial name in metro Detroit politics. He served as Oakland County executive for 24 years, a post he held when he died at 80.

John Vasilco '72  
 Thelma Wiese O.S.F. '71

## 1980s

Dorothy J. Armstead '80  
 Albina A. Balkus '83  
 George Ferber Jr. '81  
 Patricia M. Fryer '81  
 Robert G. Ireland '82  
 Ronald W. Kesner '86  
 Vernon R. Klein '84  
 Yvette Knowlton '82  
 Anne (Flaughter) Kupstas '87  
 Randy K. Martin '82  
 Lorraine H. Morin, O.P. '82  
 Denise M. Popp '88  
 Margaret (Radford) Sherman '88  
 Gennie M. Smith '89  
 Gloria (Hicks) Szkolnik '80  
 Walter R. Tilson '81

## 1990s

Rodney M. Brown '92  
 William E. Craig '93  
 Robert S. Dobine '98  
 Perry (Muda) Lemelin '96  
 Laura (Cercola) Milkey '96

Leonard N. Naumenko '96  
 Robert H. Ollison, Jr. '98  
 Michael Segesta '94

## 2000s

Minh T. Dang, D.D.S. '05  
 Jacqueline Grady '06  
 Mark Renner '08  
 Kara (Marsh) Vos '02

## Faculty and Friends

**Larry Charles Anderson,**

former professor of biomedical sciences  
 at Detroit Mercy Dental

**Paul N. Brown, D.D.S. '86,**

former faculty at Detroit Mercy Dental

**Richard Kughn,**

former chairman of the board of trustees

**Lyn E. Lewis,** former professor of

sociology and social work

**James Louis McDonald,**

former chair of the English Department

**Donna M. Roe '99,** professor emeritus,

library sciences

**Robert H. Tucker,** professor emeritus,

School of Architecture

*\* Known to the University as of July 31, 2019*



**The Feasts of All Souls and All Saints** call to mind our deceased family and friends. As members of a faith community, we invite you to submit the names of your departed loved ones so that we might join you in prayerful remembrance of them during our Masses throughout November. Please email the list of names to [alumni@udmercy.edu](mailto:alumni@udmercy.edu) or mail this form to Alumni Relations, University of Detroit Mercy, 4001 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, Mich. 48221-3038 or go online at [community.udmercy.edu/allsouls](http://community.udmercy.edu/allsouls).

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University Ministry wants to replace its aging hymnals. Please consider a donation to this project.



## PARTING THOUGHTS

**T**he Classes of 2019 heard stirring advice from their commencement speakers, some of which is printed here. For full texts of their speeches, visit [sites.udmercy.edu/alumni](https://sites.udmercy.edu/alumni).

*"The beauty in living with a simple heart and a radical trust is that no tragedy, disappointment or unforeseen circumstance can shake a peace built on this foundation. We are all going to face difficulties. There will be periods of high intensity and stress. Our careers may seem like the single most important thing — after all, we have spent years and thousands of dollars in pursuit of these dreams. In the midst of the craziness ahead, I hope that you won't forget to look at the person next to you and be present to them with a simple heart. And when you face hardships, sadness or loneliness, look up to a God who loves you and trust radically that He does, in fact, see you and has a unique plan for your life."*

**Mary Payne, Valedictorian, to the undergraduate class**

*"I'm going to give you three simple rules... Do the right thing. Do your best. Treat other people the way you want to be treated."*

**Mark T. Murphy, D.D.S. '81, lead faculty member for clinical education at ProSomnus Sleep Technologies, to Detroit Mercy Dental graduates**

*"Be kind. People will forget what you do and say, but they never forget how you made them feel. And the things you will regret the most in life are the times you weren't as kind as you should have been."*

**Joe Vernon '05, senior principal at Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, to Detroit Mercy Law graduates**

*"We can make progress both big and small when we have a big tent – a tent that is inclusive of all our colors and beliefs and experiences, a tent in which communities can secure the tools they need to fashion their own path, a tent in which leadership is distributed among the public, the private, the nonprofit, the philanthropic and the civic sectors according to their strengths, a tent in which leadership is defined less by power and position and more by care, compassion and community connection."*

**Rip Rapson, president and CEO of the Kresge Foundation, to the undergraduate class**



- 50th Reunion
- Tour du Titan Bike Ride
- Car Show
- Carnival Games
- Flag Football
- Casino Games
- Family Fun Zone
- Cultural Performances
- Campus Tours
- Black Alumni Reunion
- Greek Reunion
- ROTC Reunion
- Educational Workshops

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## Meet the newest Titans

**U**niversity of Detroit Mercy President Antoine M. Garibaldi, Ph.D., poses with most of the 541 freshmen who began their Detroit Mercy education in August. These students come from 13 states, six countries and have an average high school GPA of 3.6. Of these students, 128 are the first in their family to attend college. Welcome to the Detroit Mercy family!