

# QUniverse

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celebrating  
**diversity**

Class of  
2015  
Reaches New  
Heights



“**Diversity**’ is more than a buzzword at QU. It is a fundamental Franciscan value that inspires our strategic direction, both inside and outside the classroom.”

A recent national poll indicates that 60 percent of all Americans think that race relations in the United States are generally bad and getting worse. Violence motivated by race, ethnicity, gender, religion or sexual orientation is tragically all too frequent. The Franciscan vision of respect for each individual person, and the Franciscan commitment to dialogue that embraces differences, can seem like a utopian dream.

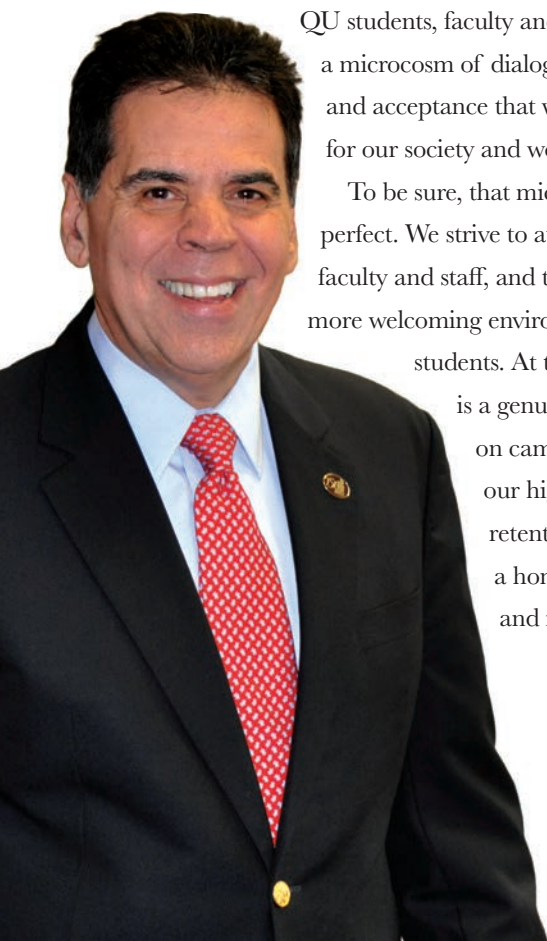
Yet it is a vision the Quincy University community is determined to affirm and promote, however long the journey to its fulfillment. “Diversity” is more than a buzzword at QU. It is a fundamental Franciscan value that inspires our strategic direction, both inside and outside the classroom.

This issue highlights some of the many expressions of QU’s commitment to diversity. From academic offerings to student clubs, from study abroad programs to students’ demographics,

QU students, faculty and staff are shaping a microcosm of dialogue, understanding, and acceptance that we earnestly desire for our society and world.

To be sure, that microcosm is far from perfect. We strive to attract minority faculty and staff, and to shape an ever more welcoming environment for all

students. At the same time, there is a genuine spirit of inclusion on campus, reflected in our high rates of student retention. We try to create a home for students here, and it shows.



Dr. Gervasi and his wife, Jen, arrive at Pepsi Arena the morning of May 17 for the university’s 152nd Commencement ceremony.

I invite you to share my pride in the people and programs reflected in the following pages, and I thank you for your ongoing engagement with QU. Together we truly are making a difference in building a better world.

Peace and all good,  
Dr. Robert A. Gervasi, President

*Bob*

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by Ben Braun '07

## Members of the **QUINCY UNIVERSITY**

Class of 2015, closing the books on their college experiences, are embarking on new and unpredictable adventures. In their years at QU, they've expanded their horizons, given back to the community, built enduring friendships, and created memories that will last a lifetime.





We have learned so much.  
 We have been given so much.  
 We have seen so much.  
 We must **RISE** to the challenge  
 and use our education for something  
 far greater than ourselves...  
 we must use our education  
 to promote justice in society.

The passionate words of graduate Julie Holdener echoed throughout Pepsi Arena, captivating the fellow members of her 2015 graduating class.

Donning the traditional black gown, mortarboard, and multicolored honor cords, the Lincoln Laureate recipient encouraged her classmates to uphold the words and spirit of St. Francis.

There is a reason that this school  
 was established 150 years ago  
 in the memory of one man.  
 And that **REASON** is because  
 the man's message became the truth;  
 the truth about humanity,  
 the truth about who we are  
 called to be as human beings.



Holdener's opening remarks, which garnered a well-deserved standing ovation, that morning of May 17, kicked off what would become...

## A COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY FULL OF ICONIC MOMENTS:



**GRADUATE EMILY FREIER** received more than a diploma as she reached the stage, where she found her boyfriend, alumnus Spencer Smith '14, on bended knee holding out a diamond ring (she said yes, by the way). The couple met in 2012 during marching band camp.







**NEW ORLEANS AUXILIARY BISHOP FERD CHERI**, longtime director of Campus Ministry, made a triumphant return to QU, much to the delight of many adoring students and former colleagues. A last-minute addition to the program, Bishop Cheri delivered a memorable invocation to the 2015 class.

Thirty years after beginning her Quincy education, **KRISTA MANARD** received a degree in biology and was named a distinguished honors scholar. Krista had sidelined her college education in the 1980s in favor of starting a family but decided to return to the classroom after many years running a natural and organic food store.

**296**  
undergraduates  
received degrees

**30**  
bonaventure  
scholars

**2**  
students from  
foreign countries

**22**  
different states  
and territories

**64**  
additional honors  
scholars



Find and celebrate  
differences.  
**LEARN** from them.  
Be tolerant.  
Be respectful.

— MICHAEL SENNETT

**ALUMNUS MICHAEL SENNETT '73** delivered the commencement address in which he advised new graduates to embrace diversity and adhere to the advice bestowed upon him by his Franciscan instructors: Respect each person—as a sister or brother—with dignity, value, and worth.

**72**  
graduate degrees  
received

**THE CHARTER CLASS** of the masters in communication program received their degrees. The program launched in 2012 under the leadership and direction of Drs. John and Barb Schleppenbach.





# ALICE

Channeling the rarely punctual White Rabbit, Cody Pezold '15 adjusts his costume backstage at MacHug Theatre.

EVENTS LIKE  
[the Poetry Slam]  
ARE IMPORTANT  
to the  
CAMPUS  
Sherika Smiley '15

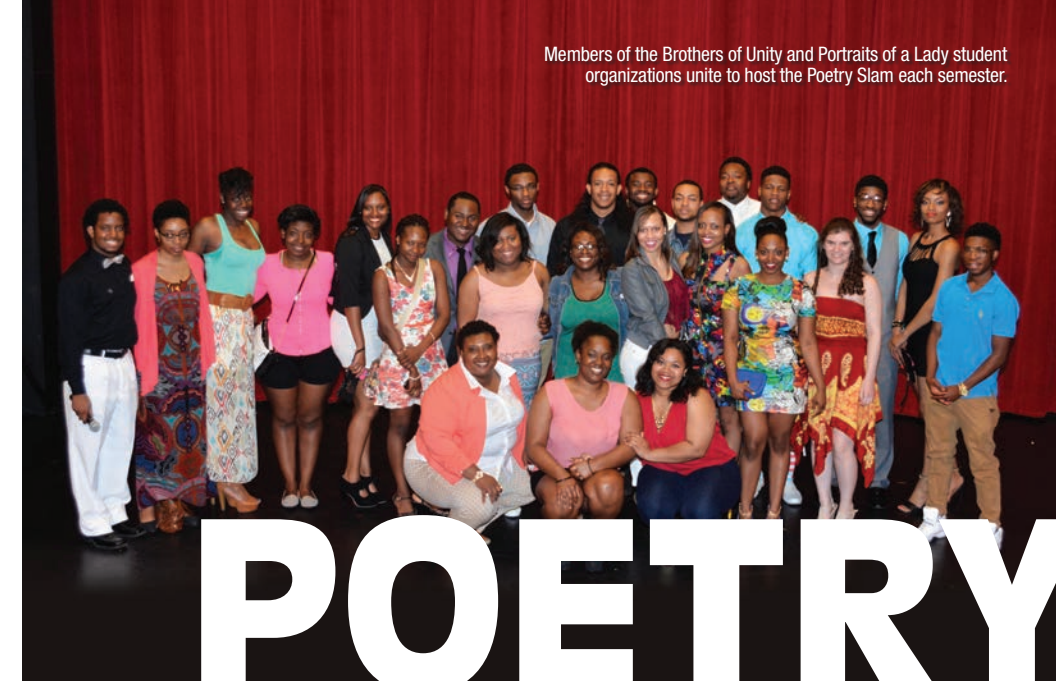
## Ventures onto the MacHugh Stage

by Ian Howell '16

Quincy University's Theatre Department wowed and delighted children of all ages in May when they presented a live stage production of *Alice in Wonderland* in QU's MacHugh Theatre in the lower level of Francis Hall. Children in the audience were invited to participate from their seats as well as on stage, resulting in a great time for both the cast members and the audience.

Quincy University's Theatre Department, headed by Director Connie Phillips, lecturer in theatre, believes that letting children participate in the play is a wonderful way to cultivate their love for the arts.

"It is so exhilarating to have all these school children in the audience and participating on stage. I know they are our future actors



Members of the Brothers of Unity and Portraits of a Lady student organizations unite to host the Poetry Slam each semester.

# POETRY

## Slam in Motion

by Amy Damron '16



and arts-lovers," Phillips says. "Children's theater is my favorite genre to direct."

The all-student cast leads were Ann Schuhriemen '16 as Alice, Cody Pezold '15 as White Rabbit, Hale Brown '17 as March Hare, Cameron Walker '16 as Mad Hatter, Suzanne Molinaro '15 as Tweedle Dum, Colleen McCormack '15 as Tweedle Dee, Linda Bellamy '15 as Caterpillar, Jessica Fleeman '17 as Queen of Hearts, Emily Freier '15 as Duchess, and Jennifer Williams '17 as Cheshire Cat. Other cast members were Corrina Ordonio '17, Bola Osundairo '15, Kirk Brown '16, Lanie Wade '15, Connor Dumoulin '17, Torie Olson '17, Jevante Francis '15, Cory Smith '15, and Bridget Bicek '15.

Quincy University student organizations Brothers of Unity and Portraits of a Lady hosted the biannual Poetry Slam on April 18. This event provides an avenue for students on campus, as well as faculty, staff, and friends, to showcase their talents by way of poetry and song. The evening culminated with a traditional open mic setting to allow for and encourage all performers.

"It is very therapeutic for me to be able to express myself in a way that some may enjoy," Sherika Smiley '15 said following her performance of an original piece entitled, "A Moment Within." "Events like this are important to the campus ... some may not like to get up on stage and perform but may enjoy listening and being around others who enjoy the art."

The most recent showcase even included a live band, Syncopated Sound, and attracted people from throughout the community. In conjunction with the Office of Student Engagement, both Brothers of Unity and Portraits of a Lady are hoping to build the event in the years to come.



# ON STAGE



Connor Dumoulin '18 and Cameron Walker '15, along with the QU Concert Choir, prepare for their Carnegie Hall debut.

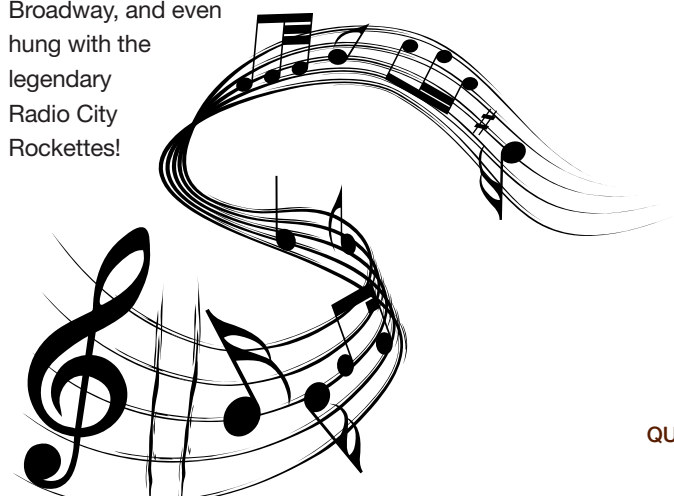
## at Carnegie Hall

by Ben Braun '07

Following the wisdom of the age-old “How do you get to Carnegie Hall?” joke—the answer? Practice, practice, practice—members of the Quincy University Concert Choir did just that and performed at the historic New York City venue in March. Joining other choirs, soloists, and a professional orchestra, the students performed Mozart’s “Coronation Mass” under the direction of Z. Randall Stroope, one of the leading choral conductors and composers in the country.

“The experience of going to New York was amazing. I never thought I would get to go to New York, at least in college,” Cameron Walker '16 says. “Performing in Carnegie Hall was surreal. It was something that most people dream of, but we actually got to live that dream out!”

Following their performance, the nine students and Allen Means '98, assistant professor of choral music, toured Radio City Music Hall, saw *Phantom of the Opera* on Broadway, and even hung with the legendary Radio City Rockettes!



On the field at Busch Stadium, students interpret the national anthem in American Sign Language before a Cardinals game against the Cincinnati Reds. From Left: Bridget Jones '18, Taylor McCollough '18, Ashley Reese '15, Micki Brehe '17, Ann Schuhriemen '17, Mary Helen Otrembiak '16.

# SIGNING

## Stars at the Cardinals Game

by Ben Braun '07

Decked out in customized, St. Louis Cardinal-red t-shirts, nine members of Quincy University’s Interpreter Training Program took the field at Busch Stadium in St. Louis during the April 19 pregame festivities to interpret the singing of the “Star Spangled Banner” in American Sign Language. This year marked the second-consecutive opening weekend for which the club was asked to perform.



“Getting to stand on the field and sign in front of all those people was a spectacular feeling,” sophomore Jessica Fleeman says. “I would do it all over again if I could!”

Prior to the game, members of the club and their guests were invited to a special reception with fellow students, alumni, and friends of Quincy University. Fans of the hometown Redbirds were treated to a 2-1, nationally televised victory over the visiting Cincinnati Reds.

I WOULD

do it

ALL OVER

again if

I COULD

Jessica Fleeman '18



# our arms wide open

Quincy has reason to be proud of its history in diversity. After all, Augustus Tolton, the first African American Catholic priest, is an alumnus of St. Francis Solanus College, QU's forbearer. So, although the university's history on diversity has had its fits and starts, QU can claim to have been integrated as early as the early 1880s.

Women swept on to campus in 1932 under the auspices of Fr. Vincent Frochtman, OFM, president of the until-then male-only school. In retrospect, he explained that he welcomed the women because "no Catholic college within a 100-mile radius allowed women." And Quincy's basketball coach Harry Forrester was well ahead of the national curve, when he integrated both black and white basketball players beginning in 1954.

by Helen O'Guinn

But today diversity looks different. It isn't a just a matter of treating women and students of color equally. It is, in fact, simply more diverse. Diversity can mean embracing economic, cultural, gender, religious, and physical diversity.

"A robust commitment to diversity as a policy and aspiration for our QU community is the practical expression of our core Franciscan value of respect for each individual," President Robert Gervasi says. "We are all God's sons and daughters in the human family, so we celebrate our unity as well as our diversity. That is the spirit we aim to promote at QU."



Graduates Linzy Henaifesh '15, Rally Nguyen '15, and Leon Spears '15, along with members of the Nguyen family, gather in the Francis Hall courtyard following the May 17 Commencement.

## go figure

### Current Portrait of the Quincy Student Body.



**56%**  
women

**44%**  
men

**71%**  
white

**29%**  
minority

**33%**  
catholic

34% Protestant; 33% Other (includes "non" or "atheist," as well as faiths such as Muslim, Jewish, and Mormon).



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hat philosophy has translated into policy, emanating from the Diversity Action Council, which sprouted as a grassroots ad hoc committee of minority faculty and staff. Chaired by associate professor of counseling, Dr.

Ken Oliver, the group was brought under the university's official umbrella in 2014. By the end of the year, the group had crafted the five-pronged Diversity Action Plan.



Steve Swink, instructor of the course Racial and Cultural Relations, explains, "Kids from rural Missouri and downtown Chicago have different ideas about what diversity is."

And although the class has been offered for many years, there's never a shortage of topics, Swink says, saying that this last year, they talked about events in Ferguson and Baltimore.

Swink is passionate about raising awareness of diversity in and out of the classroom. A member of Oliver's Diversity Action Council, he sees Quincy University as playing a part in changing the national conversation. "I like to think that this university with its Franciscan tradition has a value; that it promotes equality; that we move the needle in the right direction."

Jeanine Riley '16, a senior from Chicago, brims with enthusiasm over the progress Quincy is making. She can rattle off a list of activities and organizations that cater to the interests and needs of a diverse student body. She is involved in Portraits of a Lady, a group organized for women who don't want to join a traditional sorority but are interested in sharing a sisterhood. She is also involved in working to bring a traditionally black sorority to campus. At the beginning of the 2014-2015 school year, Quincy announced that Phi Beta Sigma, a traditionally black fraternity, would be joining the school's Greek community.

"I like to think this university with its Franciscan tradition has a value; that it promotes equality; that we move the needle in the right direction." - Steve Swink

programs

**Program implementation at the co-curricular level as well as promotion of new academic programs that are diversity-centric**

employment

**Pertains to recruitment, hiring, and retention**

planning

**Diversity-centered inclusion in university-wide strategic planning initiatives**

retention

**Graduation**

community

**Community engagement as well as diversity-centric community building on campus**

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hile the plan is ambitious, ultimately, even branching into the community, it will begin with something measurable and achievable: improving the retention and graduation rates of minority students."

Having identified this first prong for action, Oliver explains that they are evaluating the data so they can form a clear picture of the profile of students unlikely to graduate. Then they can tailor programming, such as linking each student with an advisor who will stay with them from their first day on campus to the day they toss their tassel. That advisor or mentor can help the student navigate the complexities of college life, including living away from home and managing finances. These are tough issues for most kids but even tougher for minority students who are apt to be the first in their families ever to attend college.

**Oliver is aiming for a culture that not only welcomes a diverse student body but also supports it.**

Sherika Smiley '13, a graduate assistant in the Office of Multicultural Leadership, points to organizations—both fledgling and well-established—that represent and mirror the school's increasingly diverse population. For example, she says, the school now has an organization called GLSEN, which is the Gay, Lesbian, and Straight Education Network moderated by

Fr. John Doctor, OFM '71, vice president of mission and ministry. Smiley describes it as "an environment for students who might not identify as heterosexual." Begun in 2014, it is an on-campus organization that meets weekly to talk about the LGBT [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender] community. They talk about anything that they might feel uncomfortable talking about elsewhere."

During the last academic year, students could participate in Conversations in Color, African-American history through poetry; Women's Empowerment Week, focusing on women's history and struggles for equality; and National Hunger and Homeless Week, when students, faculty, and community members gathered in a makeshift shantytown to talk about what it's like to have no home and to struggle each day with food insecurity.

Is the campus spreading its arms wide open



Smiley says that diversity wasn't a big issue when she searched for a college, but she did consider it. Of Quincy, she says, "As far as my own experience, this university has provided me with everything I need. I feel like I belong. I felt that way from the moment I got here."





by Brendan Bittner

When home is referred to as "the islands," you know you're likely to encounter a literal change in the weather when you relocate to the banks of the Mississippi River in Quincy. No one told QU men's volleyball player Charles Ka'ai'ai '15, a native of Honolulu exactly how much of change that would be.

"At home it never goes below fifty degrees," Ka'ai'ai says. "When I first got here I was like, 'It won't be that bad. I'll just throw on a hoodie.' Luckily, Chelbie Hanohano ['14, former women's volleyball player and fellow Hawaiian] and I went shopping for actual winter clothes."

Ka'ai'ai came to QU with an interest in aviation after growing up in a family that traveled constantly. His mother has family in San Francisco and his father often flew to other areas in the Pacific region. At the same time, Ka'ai'ai was able to tour the United States, Japan, and Australia with his club volleyball team through various camps and tournaments.

**On his decision to become a pilot, Ka'ai'ai says "I love traveling, so I thought instead of paying to go somewhere, why not fly myself there and they'll pay me?"**

Aviation majors must dedicate countless hours to their craft both on the ground and in the air. And adjusting such a rigorous schedule around that of the volleyball team was not always the easiest task. Ka'ai'ai says he has not been able to go back to Hawaii in several years because he needed to catch up on his flight hours.

"Usually, we fly two times a week, but since [the volleyball team] left consistently on Thursdays, I was only flying once a week," he says. "It's pretty intensive. I would say our flight hours are like our lab. I had to make sure I was on top of all my studying and make sure I retained the information for my one flight a week."

Four years on the mainland have not touched Ka'ai'ai's Hawaiian core. On his volleyball senior day, he presented each of his senior teammates and members of the coaching staff with traditional Hawaiian leis. He welcomes questions about his home state of Hawaii—even if the inquiries are not always the brightest. "One of the crazier questions was, 'Do you use American cash?'" he recalls with a smile. "Yes, we're still the fiftieth state."

With his undergraduate education and volleyball career completed, Ka'ai'ai is able to focus on his career goals as he continues his licensure process. Ka'ai'ai currently interns at Quincy Regional Airport, where he assists with parking and refueling planes while absorbing all he can about the aviation industry. He is also continuing the licensure and certification processes that will allow him to eventually become a commercial pilot. One day, Ka'ai'ai hopes to fly cargo planes or passenger planes for Honolulu-based Hawaiian Airlines.

# Aloha Quincy!

**Hawaiian takes wing at QU**

Charles Ka'ai'ai '15 delivers a serve during a March 4 match against Lincoln College at Pepsi Arena. The Hawks won the match 3-0.



Joined by little sister Hannah, eleven-year-old Sydney Mead tours the softball practice facility with her Lady Hawk teammates.

# Team Sydney!

by Nick Kedzuch '15

**"Who is your favorite Lady Hawk? asked sports editor Matt Schuckman of the Quincy Herald Whig. "Umm...me!" she replied with a sheepish grin, much to the delight of those in attendance.**

After addressing hot topics including her favorite sports team, movie, and ice cream flavor (the New York Yankees, *Just Go With It*, and chocolate, respectively), another reporter asked about the best part about being around the Lady Hawks softball team. "They understand how I feel about softball and not being able to play," she said. "They understand."

The Lady Hawks and Mead were first introduced during a "Team Sydney" Hit-A-Thon benefit this past January. Associate head coach Carla Passini '12 says that Mead connected with the players right away. "Sydney asked if she could hit in the cages, and our players had a blast seeing her laugh and smile, knowing that she came home from treatment a couple weeks before," Passini says.

Shortly after, Passini contacted Team IMPACT, an organization that pairs children facing life-threatening and chronic illnesses with

local college teams, to discuss the possibility of making Sydney an honorary Lady Hawk. Passini and

head coach Charlene Obert '81 selected Rebecca Powers '16, Samantha Ledbetter '16, Krista Reese '17, Lindsey Greene '17, Meghan Quirk '18, Karli McLaughlin '18, and Geri Westerhoff '18 as team advocates for Sydney leading up to Team IMPACT Draft Day.

"Sydney is a spark--at her age, to be dealing with what she is dealing with and to be a ball of energy who is always smiling. On a team, you need someone like that to keep everyone's spirits high," Passini says. "It has been a great experience for everyone at Quincy. I think it is more than just our players. There is a greater population at QU that is being touched by Sydney. The way that this community has responded is a true testament to our Franciscan values here at QU."

A large, wooden softball with Sydney's name and number now graces the outfield fence alongside those of her teammates. She also has her own locker

filled with QU gear in the softball locker room at North Campus. Throughout Mead's treatment, the Lady Hawks would often send letters of encouragement to their youngest teammate. Some even went as far as to decorate the Meads' house with balloons,

**"Sydney is a member of this team," Coach Passini explained. "She can come to games, practices, Blessing of the Athletes, and all other team events. We are excited for Sydney to be a part of our family."**

handmade posters, sidewalk chalk drawings, and gift baskets containing some of Sydney's favorite treats.

**Meet the Newest and Youngest Lady Hawk**



# Flying High!



Krystal Felderman takes things to a new level

The Lady Sky Hawks prepare for takeoff. From left: Krystal Felderman '16 and Casie Schaffer '11.



Usually members of the Lady Hawks soccer team don't start soaring until the season begins. This summer, however, junior goalkeeper Krystal Felderman took things to a new level. A level more than 5,000 feet off the ground, actually.

by Ben Braun '07

In June, Felderman, an aviation and aviation management double major, along with QU alumna Casie Schaffer

'11, became the first Quincy University-affiliated team to enter the historic Air Race Classic—a cross country air race exclusively for female pilots.

Now in its thirty-ninth year, the race spans 2,400 miles with ten nationwide checkpoints or “fly-bys” along the way. This year’s course kicked off in Fredericksburg, Virginia, and concluded in Fairhope, Alabama. Teams are given a maximum of four days to complete the journey.

**"It was a lot harder to race as a first-timer. There is much to learn and understand about the race that is not in the rulebook. There was never a dull moment," Felderman says.**

In their first year, the Lady Sky Hawks finished in thirty-second place out of forty-nine teams, completing the course in just under sixteen hours in the air.

The great-niece of a World War II fighter pilot, Felderman credits her family for sparking her interest in aviation at a young age.

“My parents fueled my passion for aviation by taking me to air shows across the Midwest,” she says. “Then one day I got the opportunity to fly, and it was one of the best experiences of my life.”

Felderman currently serves as a reserve goalkeeper on the QU women's soccer team, and was a member of the squad that advanced to the NCAA Division II Sweet 16 in 2013. In the classroom, Felderman maintains a 3.96 GPA and has hopes of one day being a corporate pilot.

“It means a lot to be a part of the Lady Hawks soccer team,” Felderman says. “It definitely adds a lot of challenges being an athlete and an aviation major, but I have a great coach [Dave Musso '04] who fully supports my aviation adventures. One thing I love about aviation is that there is always something new to learn.”



# GO

## AND YOU WILL GROW

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by Megan Duncan '14

## STUDY ABROAD

### SEMESTER

an entire semester of study dedicated in another country

### SHORT TERM

eight-week course on destination, followed by trip to study location

### STUDY AWAY

course at QU with a ten-day trip to study location

Carly Schmitt '15 takes in the sights of the Blue Mountains in Katoomba, New South Wales during her semester abroad in Australia.



**FAR FROM CAMPUS**, Quincy University students are living the mission to become global leaders. From an entire semester abroad to a short term study, classroom borders have expanded over oceans and through rough terrains.

QU’s study abroad program is giving students legs for a journey into worldwide studies.

Carly Schmitt ‘15 finished her degree in May at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. During her tour, Schmitt was enrolled in three classes at Macquarie and participated in worldview-enhancing programs, which were instrumental in her growth as a student and a person. “I had the opportunity to participate in a global leadership program here and that has really opened my eyes to other cultures and the importance of being a global citizen,” Schmitt says. “Studying abroad enhanced my educational experience and was the perfect way to end my undergraduate career.”

Quincy University’s long-standing partnership with the College Consortium International Studies (CCIS) makes semester abroad trips possible. Because CCIS provides study locations on six continents and in thirty countries, students like Carly can choose from an elaborate list of locations. They are also able to browse ninety-four academic programs and decide which best meets their educational goals.

Such a task might become overwhelming without the help of Kristen Liesen ‘98, director of career services, who has been working with the study abroad program for several years now. Liesen begins to work with students as early as their freshman year to prepare them to study abroad.

“Students sign up for the CCIS program through Quincy University, and we help them choose and enroll in classes,” she says. “We usually have sophomores go because there are more elective classes to sign up for, but in Carly Schmitt’s case it worked for her to go during her senior year. What is great about us being a small school is that we can work on that case-by-case basis to give a full experience.”

Liesen says options also exist for students who cannot get away for an entire semester. The **SHORT-TERM STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM** teaches students about their destination in a course taken during the final eight weeks of the semester, the class then travels to the location for an unforgettable experience.

The last eight weeks of 2013’s fall semester, Danielle Dunn ‘14 took a history course titled Cultures in Comparison: The London Experience. She then traveled to London—with a weekend trip to Paris—in January 2014.



Danielle Dunn ‘15 tours the London’s Churchill War Rooms as part of a short-term study abroad course.

“We researched topics connecting our culture with London’s culture. We each decided on a topic to talk about and then presented the project while we were on the trip.”

Dunn gave her presentation 443 feet above London aboard the London Eye (the fourth-tallest Ferris wheel in the world), which sits on the South Bank of the River Thames. “It was cool to talk about what I had researched while I was actually standing on it,” she says.

The eight-week course did more than prepare students for presentations. Dunn said it gave her an entirely different perspective than the usual

tourist might have. Armed with knowledge of the culture, she had a deeper understanding of her surroundings.

“The course made me pay more attention to the people—the natives—and how they interacted with us.”

Each experience, Dunn said, contributed to a heightened worldview and gave her a new perspective. “It makes you more humble and grateful. With group travel, you can’t be selfish or narrow-minded. You have to be willing to work and survive with others for a period of time which is something a lot of people could stand to learn,” she says. “It doesn’t matter where you go, just go, and you will grow as a person.”

Liesen also said students can grow spiritually while connecting with QU’s Franciscan roots offered in a three-credit-hour theology course: the Pilgrimage to Assisi.

Fr. John Doctor, OFM ‘72, vice president for mission and ministry, and Fr. Ken Capalbo, OFM ‘70, travel with students to Italy every two years to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis through Assisi, Florence, and Rome.

Spending time across seas, Liesen said, is not the only study abroad option. Though open to all students who academically qualify, financial restraints or time limitations encumber some students. The regional culture in the United States is an enriching and more affordable experience that Quincy University now offers.

The program—**THE STUDY AWAY PROGRAM**—currently offers a course on Washington, D.C., capped with a ten-day trip to the nation’s capital. Liesen said more opportunities are to come. “We want to expand on the Study Away,” she says. “Whether it is in New York, Chicago, or wherever, a study away in the states is as big of an impact on some people as a study abroad.”

As student horizons expand, cultural divides unite through education, understanding, and a heightened worldview. Be it a short-term abroad trip, an entire semester away, or a regional study of the United States, Quincy University’s dedication to creating global leaders is met through the study abroad program.

## ’40s

**Luetta Ackelson Hall ‘49** and her husband, Charles, celebrated sixty-five years of marriage on December 24, 2014, in Quincy.

**Leo Stegeman ‘49** and his wife, Marilyn, celebrated sixty-five years of marriage on April 29, 2015, in Quincy.

## ’50s

**John Ley ‘56** and his wife, Betty, celebrated fifty years of marriage on February 14, 2015, in Quincy.

## ’60s

**George Schneider ‘61** and his wife, Jovita, celebrated sixty years of marriage on May 26, 2015, in Quincy.

**Daniel Cook ‘62** of Quincy reports the passing of his brother, Joseph Cook, on February 21, 2015, Racine, Wisc.

**John Miller ‘65** of Whitehall, Mont., reports the passing of his mother, Mathilde Miller, at age 101 on April 10, 2015, Butte, Mont.

**Signe Jacobson Oakley ‘65** reports the passing of her husband, Peter "Tony" Oakley, on January 23, 2015, Quincy.

**Ann Mahoney ‘66** of Prospect Heights, Ill., is retired from the United Airlines after thirty-eight years. She was service director in the United Club.

**Carol Davis Meierotto ‘67** is the owner of Meierotto Midwest Jewelry in Kansas City, Mo.

**Beth Young ‘69** of Quincy received the 2015 QU Franciscan Service Award at the QU end-of-the-year reception. Beth is a part-time adjunct instructor for the school of education at Quincy University.

## ’70s

**Dennis Steinkamp ‘70** and his wife, Marcia, celebrated forty years of marriage on November 9, 2014, in Quincy.

**Judy Brock Teichen ‘70** of Warrenville, Ill., reports the passing of her mother, Madelyn Brock, on August 6, 2014, Bolingbrook, Ill.

**Fr. Thomas Nairn, OFM, ‘71** is the ecclesiastical advisor of the International Catholic Committee of Nurses and Medico-Social Assistants in St. Louis.

**John Doctor, OFM ‘72**, vice president of mission and ministry with Quincy University, was presented the Five Years of Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

**Tom ‘72** and **Leslie Kussman Nacke ‘73** celebrated forty-two years of marriage on December 22, 2014, in Highland Village, Tex. Tom passed away on January 4, 2015.

**Patricia Ferguson Schley ‘72** is a retired literacy coach with Pinellas County School System in Largo, Fla.

**Nancy Knoche Crow ‘73**, assistant librarian with Quincy University, was presented the Fifteen Years of Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

**Susan Quackenbush Metternich ‘73** reports the passing of her father, Derek "Van" Quackenbush, on January 25, 2015, Valley Center, Calif.

## 60s | PROFILE

### Laura Stenger Paunan ‘65



Laura Stenger Paunan likes to think of her life’s path as that of a humanitarian, and she is generous in crediting Quincy and her professors with helping her pursue that way of life. “Mr. [George] Schneider, Dr. [William] Gasser, Brother Clete [VanAckeren], Father Peter [Holzer] and Dr. [David] Costigan—these individuals were interested in me as a person and tried to help me become an adult who would contribute to society,” Paunan says.

Paunan’s first big plunge into the world of humanitarian work was as a Peace Corps volunteer in the Philippines, Paunan wrote curriculum guides and demonstrated modern methods in science and math education, while encouraging farmers to adopt modern farming methods.

While she had planned to return to the U.S. after her Peace Corps stint ended, Paunan extended her overseas stay after meeting Antonio (Tony) Paunan. They married in 1968 and moved to the Chicagoland area in 1978. Since returning to the United States, Laura has worked as a librarian and in various healthcare position including, most recently, a physician credentialist. She retired in 2010.

Laura and her late husband were married for forty years. She has five adult children and several grandchildren. For her family, coming to QU is a tradition. “QU prepares its students to take their place as productive, responsible individuals. My granddaughter now attends QU and is the ninth member of my family who has,” Paunan says.

In her free time, Paunan enjoys gardening, attending plays at Webster Repertory Theater, attending League of Women Voters events, and connecting with her large, extended family.



70s | PROFILE



Mario Camacho ’73

At Quincy, Mario Camacho explains, “I got a faith foundation based on the teachings of St. Francis. My classroom was a comfortable setting where everyone felt secure and valued, and everyone had a voice.” That atmosphere, instilling self-worth in students, became a template for Camacho, who modeled his own classes in that fashion during his thirty-nine-year teaching career.

While he was in Quincy, Camacho, along with his brother Edmundo, played on the soccer team that won the 1971 championship, led to victory by QU soccer coach Jack Mackenzie. Camacho says that his former coach has been a lifelong mentor and he has embedded many of his former coach’s qualities into his own life. Soccer star Camacho was inducted into the QU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1998. His love of soccer spans his entire life.

Although Camacho is retired today, he is an assistant coach for the Quincy High School girls’ soccer team and still works as a Spanish translator for the Illinois School for the Deaf.

Camacho also volunteers time with patients at hospitals and senior centers, doing magic tricks, telling stories, and playing cards. “It’s very similar to working with my kids. It’s about connecting with people, and I enjoy it,” Camacho says.

Graduation weekend is one of Camacho’s fondest memories at Quincy because he got not only a diploma but also a wife: fellow 1973 alumnus Virginia (Ginny) Johnson. Today, Mario and Ginny have two adult children--Carrie and Chris--and seven grandchildren. Beyond his volunteer work and time with his family, Camacho enjoys coaching, fishing, and playing sports.

PEORIA



Alumni gathered at Richard’s on Main in Peoria, Illinois, for a happy hour networking event on January 29.

**Jerry ’73 and Susan Quackenbush Metternich ’73** celebrated forty years of marriage on May 3, 2015, in Hamilton, Ill.

**Janet Foiles Bick ’75** retired after twenty-eight years as principal of St. Peter School in Quincy.

**Dennis Boudreau ’76** reports the passing of his father, George M. Boudreau, on February 27, 2015, Quincy.

**Maureen Breakey O'Donnell ’76** of Chicago, was presented the Five Years of Service Award during Quincy University’s 2014-2015 academic year.

**Kevin ’78 and Sue Pierantoni Breheny ’79** celebrated thirty-five years of marriage on May 16, 2015, in Forsyth, Ill.

**Jean Fruehe Green ’79**, associate vice president for finance with Quincy University, was presented the Thirty-Five Years of Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

’80s

**Ralph Oakley ’80** reports the passing of his mother, Anne McDonald Oakley, on January 30, 2015, Quincy.

**Mary Salrin Betts ’81**, executive assistant of academic affairs with Quincy University, was presented the Twenty-Five Years of Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

**Dan Henke ’81** is president with KCX.V2, LLC., in Richardson, Tex.

**John O’Gara ’83** of Belleville, Ill., received the 2015 Chief Judge Richard A. Hudlin IV Award by the St. Clair County Bar Association to the attorney who most reflects commitment to service and charity to the people of St. Clair County.

**Lori White Harrison ’86** of New York City and her husband, Robert, announce the birth of Robert William James on March 24, 2014, Sydney, Australia. Robert joins big sister Sophia.

**Ralph Fantasia Jr., ’87** received the Exeter Academy Early Educator Award by the Phillips Exeter Academy in April of 2014. Ralph is the assistant principal and the athletic director with Eastern Regional School Unit #39 in Limestone, Me.

**Jeannie Winking DeLuca ’88** of Ballwin, Mo., is the assistant director/ MBA advisor of the School of Adult and Online Education with Maryville University in St. Louis.

**Dr. Scott LeMaire ’88** is the new editor for the *Journal of Surgical Research*. Scott is professor of surgery and professor of molecular physiology and biophysics with Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

**Dr. Elizabeth Taliaferro Keavney ’89** of Lakewood, Calif., has been promoted to associate professor at American Public University Systems (American Military University and American Public University), where she has been an adjunct professor for three years.

**Patty Smith Lanning ’89** of Quincy retired after a twenty-three year career in teaching with Blessing Hospital’s Laurretta M. Eno Early Learning Center, Quincy.

**Sue Rummenie Winking ’89**, coordinator of mail and copy centers for Quincy University, was presented the Forty Years of Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

’90s

**Maureen Loftus Brennan ’92** reports the passing of her mother, Mary Susan Fehling Loftus, on December 8, 2014, Chicago.

**Frank Arnold ’94** and his wife, Heather, announce the birth of Kiersten Louise on January 8, 2015, Lafayette, Ind.

**Sarah Lawless LeMaster ’94** is a senior sales executive with Pandora Media in St. Louis.

**Dr. Holly Hubbs ’95** received the 2015 Laughlin Distinguished Teaching Award at Ursinus College in Collegeville, Pa. Holly is an associate professor of music at Ursinus since 2003.

**Dr. Mark “Oily” Mueller ’95** and his wife, Sandra, announce the birth of Kambry Mae on March 3, 2015, Valparaiso, Ind.

**Kristen Roof Liesen ’98** of Quincy received the 2015 QU Tower Award at the QU end-of-the-year reception. Kristen is director of career services with Quincy University.

**Tracy Balfour Marold ’98** and her husband, Steve, celebrated twenty-five years of marriage on February 17, 2015, in Quincy.

**Allen Means III ’98** and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Alexah Jo on May 4, 2015, Quincy.

**Lori Ritterbusch Miller ’98** is a marketing coordinator with Adams Networks in Quincy.

**Randall Smith ’98** received indefinite tenure from Franklin College, Franklin, Ind. Randall is an associate professor of political science, a political science department chair, a faculty parliamentarian, and the faculty marshal with Franklin College.

**Brian Thomas ’98** and his wife, Amy, announce the birth of Ava Grace on February 14, 2015, Quincy. Ava joins siblings Benjamin and Alexander.

**Jay Zanger ’98** and his wife, Claire, announce the birth of Anderson Elizabeth on April 3, 2015, Hannibal, Mo.

**Dr. Megan Boccardi ’99** of Quincy, assistant professor of history at Quincy University, was awarded a Fulbright scholarship to study and teach in Italy for the 2015-2016 academic year.

**Dr. (Lt. Col.) Claire Hoelscher Gould ’99** of Portland, Ore., will be separating from the United States Air Force after twelve years of service.

’00s

**Annett Stone Finlay ’00** is director of care coordination for Memorial Hospital in Carthage, Ill.

**Benjamin Hobbs ’00** and his wife, Amelia, announce the birth of a daughter on December 31, 2014, Quincy.

**Stan Baker ’01** married Shannon McDaniel on September 20, 2014, Quincy.

**Kate Brooks ’01** of St. Louis is an assistant language teacher with Matsuyama Board of Education in Matsuyama, Japan.

80s | PROFILE

Claes Sandstrom ’84



Alumnus Claes Sandstrom has always had an interest in being active through sports and exercise. “It was logical that I ended up as a physical education teacher,” says Sandstrom, who began his teaching career in 1995. “I get the pupils interested in how physical activity, food, and sleep affect their well-being now and in the future,” he says.

For the past three years, Sandstrom has instructed students in sixth to ninth grade at Appelvikksskolan, a school in Stockholm, Sweden.

Born and raised in Sweden, Sandstrom and friend Tor Duner ’84 found Quincy by way of the US Soccer Federation and writing letters to more than twenty colleges offering soccer scholarships.

“We were impressed by how Quincy’s soccer program was presented to us,” Sandstrom says. “It was a choice we never regretted.”

Sandstrom credits his education in international business and the lessons he learned in college for his successes. He worked in sales for Digital Equipment Corporation for eight years before applying to the Swedish School of Sport and Health Sciences and beginning a career in education.

Sandstrom and wife, Madeline, have three children, all young adults: Markus, Therese, and Erik—and in October, the Sandstroms visited Quincy to be a part of the annual Hall of Fame ceremony. Already a member of the 1994 induction class, 2014 marked the induction of the entire 1981 National Championship soccer team.

“It was great to meet with good friends and to experience and be reminded of the generosity and warmth that I think personifies my time at Quincy College,” Sandstrom says.



90s | PROFILE



Kathy Bianchi '91

Thinking back to how Quincy University shaped her life and best prepared her for her career, Kathy Bianchi says it was something more than the classroom education; it was also a summer internship in the Dean of Students' office at Quincy University.

“It really prepared me for the ‘tackle-anything-that’s-dropped-on-your-plate’ aspect of business and life in general,” she says. “We’re thrown curveballs all the time, and I feel like my experience that summer taught me how to deal with them.”

Bianchi spent fifteen years in executive recruitment in the United States and Europe, most recently as the recruitment director in the London office of Ernst & Young, an audit and tax practice firm. But her focus changed after finding success in purchasing flats, fixing them up, and selling them. She successfully “flipped” five residential flats in central London over the course of just six years.

“When property development started paying off better than my day job, I left the corporate world and have been working for myself ever since,” she says. “I guess you could say I’m semi-retired now!”

Bianchi currently lives in Mexico City (and has a second home in Acapulco) with her two pets: a dog and a cat. She travels back to the United States a few times a year to catch up with family. In her free time, she enjoys lounging on the beach, trying new foods and wines, reading, and attending the theatre.

CHICAGO



Quincy University hosted its annual Chicago gathering at Maggiano's in Oak Brook, Illinois, on March 13. From left: Nancy LaChance Makowski '76, Larry Pawelski '75, and Maureen O'Donnell '76.

Greg '01 and Kim Parchem Huelsman '02 announce the birth of Colette Josephine on March 1, 2015, Mokena, Ill. Colette joins big brother Jameson.

Incumbent Chuck Davis '02, a partner at Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, in Springfield, Ill., won an uncontested election to serve a second term on the Board of Governors of the Illinois State Bar Association (ISBA).

Brad '02 and Donna Galluzzo Graves '04 announce the birth of Shanna Amber on February 9, 2015, Quincy. Shanna joins siblings Joshua, Mary, and Christina.

Timothy Johnston '02 of Milwaukee, Wisc., published the book Pocket Prayers for Troubled Times (Twenty-Third Publications) as well as a digital collection of Advent-Christmas reproduces entitled Keeping the Seasons (Liturgy Training Publications).

Erika Oetker Zimmerman '02 and her husband, Ty, announce the birth of Mallory Rae on September 19, 2014, St. Charles, Mo.

Christian Spears '03 and his wife, Erica, announce the birth of a son on April 6, 2015, Quincy.

Julie Truskowski Turner '03 and her husband, Trevor, announce the birth of Tenley on November 29, 2014, St. Louis.

Abby Symonds Wayman '03 was promoted to director of admissions with Quincy University. She was presented the Ten Years of Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Jared '04 and Katie Lammers Holbrook '04 announce the birth of a daughter on March 13, 2015, Quincy.

Trish Thoele Mathews '04 and her husband, Christopher, announce the birth of a son on March 9, 2015, Quincy.

Amanda Kemme Rogers '04 and her husband, Jacob, announced the birth of Alexander George on July 22, 2014, Decatur, Ill. Alexander joins siblings Addison and Jack.

Jenny West Maman '05 is the assistant director with Goddard School in Round Lake, Ill.

Stephanie Baker Whitney '05 and her husband, Adam, announce the birth of a daughter on December 20, 2014, Quincy.

Bryan '06 and Amber Dvorak Feldner '05 announce the birth of a daughter on March 21, 2015, Quincy.

Bryn McDonald Peters '06 and her husband, Tyler, announce the birth of Lynus Damian on December 14, 2014, Quincy. Lynus joins siblings Cayson, Breckyn, Vaylea, and Cyra.

Ben Braun '07, university writer and editor with Quincy University, was presented the Five Years of Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Brandon Berg '07 and his wife, Janelle, announce the birth of Casen Reid on February 7, 2015, Hebron, Ill. Casen joins siblings Madison and Hunter.

Leanne Phillips DeMoss '07 and her husband, Jonathan, announced the birth of a daughter on May 9, 2015, Quincy.

Sean Doheny '07 married Marcy Farrell on April 25, 2015, Orland Park, Ill.

Greg Dowdall '07 and his wife, Danielle, announce the birth of Ryan James on January 25, 2015, Hamilton, Ill.

Scott '07 and Emily Betts Finnigan '08 announce the birth of Jackson Thomas on April 2, 2015, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Melinda Miller Grenwald '07 and her husband, John, announce the birth of Jason Greenwald on April 1, 2015, Hannibal, Mo.

Rebecca Schmidt Haskins '07 and her husband, Charles, announce the birth of a daughter on April 21, 2015, Quincy.

Matt Hensiek '07 married Janice Frazee on May 30, 2015, St. Louis.

Melissa Buckner Hildebrand '07 is a counselor with Jerry Walker Therapy Services in Quincy.

Joanna Kester '07 married Ryan Hoffman on May 9, 2015, Grafton, Ill.

Ryan Kirby '07 and his wife, Julie, announce the birth of Rhys James on April 7, 2015, Wellington, Colo. Rhys joins big brother Jensen. Ryan is an avionics technician for the Wyoming Air National Guard.

Lyndell Lomax '07 is a certified nurse practitioner with Quincy Medical Group in Quincy.

Sarah McClain Meehan '07 and her husband, Brandon, announce the birth of a son and a daughter on February 25, 2015, Quincy.

Jenny Wisser Shaw '07 and her husband, Kyle, announce the birth of Molly Marie on December 9, 2014, Granger, Ind.

Ryan '07 and Kari Bakken Walker '06 announce the birth of Myles Bakken on April 14, 2015, Spartansburg, S.C. Myles joins siblings, Mason and Marcus.

Brian Brady '08 is a junior high school social studies teacher with St. Elizabeth's Catholic School in Chicago.

Tana Logue '08 announced the birth of a daughter on May 9, 2015, Quincy.

Bessie Routt Goerlich '09 and her husband, Duane, announce the birth of Conlee James on March 2, 2015, Lewistown, Mo.

'10s

Michael Berndt '10 entered the Catholic Seminary at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary in August of 2014 and is now on the path to becoming a Catholic priest for the diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

Andrew Dow '10, assistant professor of aviation with Quincy University, was presented the Five Years of Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Kerwin Henderson '10 is a technical assistance specialist with American University, School of Public Affairs, in the Justice Programs Office in Washington, D.C.

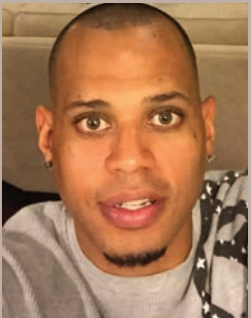
Keith Jones '10 is a sales representative with Penske Truck Leasing in Indianapolis.

Andrew Kling '10 is a solutions engineer with Datalink in St. Louis.

Jacob McGuire '10 married Rachel Ahrens '13 on February 7, 2015, Springfield, Ill.

00s | PROFILE

Joel Box '07



Joel Box has never been one to back down from a challenge, so when he signed his first professional basketball contract with Beskitas in Istanbul, Turkey, he remembered the lesson instilled in him by his father. “He told me that nothing in life is ever easy,” Box says. “I kept that in mind during the early struggles. Eight years later, I am so glad I stuck with it.”

Thanks to his teammates, Box quickly adapted to the new cultures, foods, and languages—he’s now fluent in Arabic and Turkish.

Box has become a globetrotter through basketball. He has toured the world playing the game he loves. In 2009, he even made the game-winning basket and was named most valuable player in one of Asia’s biggest basketball tournaments. In 2014 he relocated to United Arab Emirates and is now a celebrated member of team Al Ahli in the Dubai Champions League—a role that even caught the eye of Dubai’s prime minister. “I actually got a call from one of his representatives inviting me to have dinner with him,” Box says.

This past summer, Joel and younger brother Jeremiah hosted the inaugural Joel Box Basketball Camp in Quincy. In addition, Joel was recently named to the coaching staff of Quincy High School.

Of his nine-year career, Joel states: “I have been able to really grow in every area of my life while making a really good living playing basketball.”

QUINCY



Lady Hawks basketball alumni reunited February 15 to celebrate the wedding of teammate Courtney VonderHaar '04 and Kevin Benfield.



10s | PROFILE



Alonso Marroquin '10

Through his education at Quincy University, Alonso Marroquin gained the knowledge and skills to enter the global retail market. "Earning a degree from Quincy University helped me to possess an understanding of what makes the business world work and what makes it fail," Marroquin says.

Marroquin, who also studied at Universidad Politecnica de Catalunya in Barcelona, currently works as division manager of innovation and business development for PORTA, a Peruvian company that develops backpacks, lunch bags, and travel bags. At PORTA, Marroquin heads a team of product managers, designers and analysts and is responsible for the development of products in all categories of the company.

"I have very good memories of all faculty [members] of the university, especially Dr. [Cynthia] Haliemun and tennis coach Bill LaTour," Marroquin says. "They both taught me that hard work and being organized will help you to achieve great things in life."

Alonso lives in his home country of Peru and in his free time, he enjoys going to the gym, playing sports, and reading.

Jessie Mowen '10 married Casey Lee Shoopman on October 25, 2014, Quincy.

Trevor '10 and Jessica Wiley Pullinger '10 announce the birth of Ellanor Danielle on February 9, 2015, Keokuk, Iowa. Ellanor joins siblings Elijah and Emma.

Alexandra Roznowski '10 is a certified registered nurse anesthetist for Racine Anesthesia Services at Wheaton Franciscan All Saints Hospital in Racine, Wisc.

Jordan Slee '10 and his wife, Shannon, announce the birth of a daughter on January 28, 2015, Quincy.

Samantha Poppe Wilson '10 is a physical therapist with Quincy Medical Group in Quincy.

Justin Dietrich '11 is a licensed certified public accountant with Sikich LLP., in Springfield, Ill.

Josh Gain '11 is a financial analyst with Document & Network Technologies in Fenton, Mo.

Whitney Heinecke Hays '11 and her husband, Travis, announce the birth of a son on December 25, 2014, LaGrange, Mo.

Gavin Huber '11 married Elizabeth Young on December 21, 2014, St. Charles, Mo.

Jane Schroer Meirose '11, instructor of interpreter training; director, interpreter training program with Quincy University, was presented the Five Years of Service Award and the 2015 QU Franciscan Service Award during the 2014-2015 academic year.

Chrissy Mueller '11 married Grant Bailey on April 25, 2015, Columbus, Ind.

John Parrish '11 is an adjunct faculty in the school of education with California State University, Stanislaus in Turlock, Calif.

Jacob Venvertloh '11 and his wife, Ashley, announce the birth of a son on February 19, 2015, Quincy.

Charlie Breder '12 married Kala Griffin '15 on December 13, 2014, Quincy.

Cody Courter '12 married Elisa Schott on October 3, 2015, Marine, Ill. Cody is a bodybuilding regional amateur champion.

LaRon Grant '12 of Bolingbrook, Ill., is a teaching artist fellow with Red House Arts Center in Syracuse, N.Y.

Amanda Kline Hays '12 is a parole officer with the State of Missouri in Monroe City, Mo.

Alyssa Wied '12 is a sales operations manager with Bissinger's Handcrafted Chocolatier in St. Louis.

Sherri Abbott '13 is a registered nurse with Illinois Veterans Home in Quincy.

Lisa Allen '13 is a special education teacher with Dallas City Elementary School in Dallas City, Ill.

Caleb Arns '13 is employed with Hollister-Whitney Elevator Corporation in Quincy.

Melaney Bass '13 is the Starbucks manager with Hy-Vee in Quincy.

Lauren Bentzinger '13 is a special education teacher with the Payson-Seymour School District in Mendon, Ill.

Moleta Brown '13 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Martisha Bush '13 is a pharmacy technician with Wal-Mart in Quincy.

Jodeen Gavin Campbell '13 and her husband, Nicholas, announce the birth of a daughter on April 6, 2015, Quincy.

Robert Cane '13 is the human resources generalist with Gardner Denver in Quincy.

David Carter '13 is a teacher with the Elsberry School District in Granite City, Ill.

Toni McMillen Doggett '13 is a fifth-grade teacher with New London Elementary in Frankford, Mo.

Kayla Fry '13 is a first-grade teacher with Western Elementary School in Quincy.

Travis Giesing '13 is an accounts payable clerk with Titan Wheel in Quincy.

Monica Gray '13 is a special education teacher with Chicago Public Schools.

Rebecca Gray '13 is a music teacher with Dongola School in Dongola, Ill.

Brett Henson '13 is a police officer with the Dixon Police Department in Dixon, Ill.

Tara Hibbert '13 is a laboratory technician with Prince Agri Products, Inc., in Quincy.

Morgan Higgins '13 is an assistant manager with Buckle in Quincy.

Douglas Hubbard '13 is a merchandiser with Coca-Cola in O'Fallon, Ill.

Mozar Jerome '13 is a QA lab technician with Rich Products in Chicago.

Todd Jordan '13 is a football player for Curitiba Brown Spiders in Brazil.

Brady Killion '13 is a regional sales manager with Cobra Systems Inc., in Anaheim, Cal.

Ryne Kirlin '13 married Kalyn Hull on September 9, 2014, Peoria, Ill. Ryne is a marketing analyst with Caterpillar, Inc., in Peoria, Ill.

Andrew Koester '13 is the financial decision support analyst with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Megan Lalis '13 is a bank teller with First National Bank of Sparta in Steeleville, Ill.

Nicholas Lantz '13 is an outside sales representative with Fastenal in Quincy.

Linsey Laughlin '13 is a universal banker with U.S. Bank in Hannibal, Mo.

Mary Ann Makowski '13 is a registered nurse with Palos Community Hospital in Oak Lawn, Ill.

Sarah Mallmann '13 is a data entry clerk with Washington University in St. Louis.

Matthew McDaniel '13 is an officer with the Transportation Security Administration in Mililani, Hawaii.

Eric Munier '13 is a special events assistant/coach with Lentz Field & Sports Complex in Mascoutah, Ill.

Abigail Nesbit '13 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

William Nord '13 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Kelsey O'Brien '13 is a reading interventionist with the Quincy Public School District in Quincy.

Sheila Raddatz '13 is a substitute teacher with the Oswego Community School District in Plainfield, Ill.

Michael Ragsdale '13 is a sales associate with Sleep Tight in Quincy.

Megan Shaw '13 is a registered nurse with Hannibal Regional Healthcare System in Hannibal, Mo.

Luke Simmons '13 is a special education teacher with the Quincy Public School District in Quincy.

Larvell Stevens '13 is an assistant store manager with TMX Finance in St. Louis.

Andrew Talavera '13 is an assistant basketball coach with Payson-Seymour High School in Payson, Ill.

Crystal Taylor '13 is a special education teacher with UNO Soccer Academy High School in Chicago.

Melissa Torres '13 is a group leader with Catholic Charities in Chicago.

Jacob Voigtmann '13 is a nurse technician in the psychiatric ward with St. Mary's Hospital in St. Louis.

Melina Warring '13 is a registered nurse with St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Ill.

Samantha Wike '13 is a case worker with Lutheran Home in Galesburg, Ill.

Joseph Williams '13 is a manager in training with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Kirksville, Mo.

Ashleigh Ancell Zanger '13 and her husband, Austin, announce the birth of a son on April 8, 2015, Quincy.

Devin Allen '14 is a security officer with U.S. Security Associates in Natick, Mass.

Brittany Atkinson '14 is a lab technician with Derick Dermatology in Crystal Lake, Ill.

Ariel Baldwin '14 is a chemist with Lloyd, Inc., in Shenandoah, Iowa.

Jaclyn Barnhouse '14 is a registered nurse with Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Ill.

Elizabeth Bowles '14 announces the birth of Charles on November 26, 2014, Loraine, Ill.

Rachel Burns '14 is a special education cross-categorical teacher with the Quincy Public School District in Quincy.

Jennifer Buss '14 is a teacher with Washington Elementary School in Quincy.

Aaron Cassner '14 is a bank teller with Wells Fargo in Naples, Fla.

Jasmine Chase '14 is an office manager with Kip Create College Prep in Chicago.

Scottie Chatfield '14 is a special education teacher with the Quincy Public School District in Quincy.

Lili Coval '14 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Marcia Cuenca '14 is a marketing assistant with Redbox in Elmwood Park, Ill.

Hadley Defraia '14 is the vice president of business, banking and data processing at Bank of Quincy in Quincy.

Jacquelyn Diaz '14 is a teacher with Country Trails Elementary Schools in Round Lake, Ill.

Nancy Dixon '14 is a volunteer coordinator with the Quincy Museum in Quincy. In November, her first full-room exhibit was about World War II, focusing on a local man who served in Quincy.

Daniel Duffy '14 is a behavioral technician with Preferred Family Healthcare in Quincy.

ST. LOUIS



A foursome of golfers at the St. Louis Soccer Golf Shootout on May 29 show their support of Head Coach Mike Carpenter '02 with customized T-shirts. From Left: Mike Mathison '99, DJ Newsom '00, Matt Rakers '00, and Jay Wright '01.





Ashton Dunlap '14 is employed with Adams Telephone Cooperative in Golden, Ill.

Tabitha Ensminger Durdle '14 is a program manager with KCCDD in Quincy.

Morgan Ebner '14 is a logistics specialist with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in Independence, Ky.

Robbi Fuqua '14 is a third-grade teacher with Barrian Elementary School in Quincy.

Nancy Rigsbee Geissler '14 and husband, Mark, announce the birth of Claire on May 6, 2015, Quincy.

Bryan Gibbons '14 is in customer service with Kohl's Wholesale in Quincy.

Kaitlyn Goodwin '14 is a residential treatment specialist with the Baby Fold in Normal, Ill.

Ramone Grayson '14 is a psychiatric rehabilitation service coordinator with Warren Park Nursing Home in Chicago.

Christa Haase '14 is employed with the Adams County Clerk's Office in Quincy.

Jesse Hank-Anders '14 is a residential case manager with Heartland Human Services in Effingham, Ill.

Chelbie-Lyn Hanohano '14 is an intramural coordinator with University of Hawaii in Hilo, Hawaii.

Stephanie Haught '14 is a community support specialist with Mark Twain Behavioral Health in Hannibal, Mo.

Carra Hays '14 is a veterinary technician and receptionist with Quincy Animal Medical Clinic in Quincy.

Kelsay Heitmeyer '14 is a quality analyst with Teva Pharmaceuticals in Paris, Mo.

Elijah Hibbert '14 is an overnight product scientist with Integrated DNA Technologies in Iowa City, Iowa.

Erica Holtmeyer '14 married Jay Finley on September 20, 2014, Quincy.

Garret Huber '14 is a technical writer with Gates Air in Liberty, Ill.

Samantha Inman '14 is a seventh-grade teacher with Quincy Junior High School in Quincy.

Christopher Kalvig '14 is a transportation safety analyst with DOT Foods in Mt. Sterling, Ill.

Matthew Kasate '14 is a midwest representative with Easter Seals in St. Louis.

Clayton Liesen '14 is a dental assistant with Barry Dental Clinic in Barry, Ill.

Lori Mannion '14 is a registered nurse with Mercy Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo.

Rebecca McCartan '14 is a personal care provider with Imboden Creek Living Center in Decatur, Ill.

Jason McCoy '14 is a buyer with Trinity Containers in Quincy.

Austin Menz '14 is a detention officer with the Quincy Juvenile Detention Center in Quincy.

Robenson Merci '14 is a correctional officer with Charlotte Correctional Institute in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Nichole Miller '14 is a business office manager with Courtyard Estates of Canton in Canton, Ill.

Kelsey Mingee '14 works in extended care with St. James Lutheran Church & School in Buckley, Ill.

Gavin Mueller '14 is a physical education teacher with Deltona High School in Orange City, Fla.

Samantha Nielsen '14 is a sales representative with Edmond Nielsen Woodwinds in Arlington Heights, Ill.

Sara Parry '14 is a registered nurse with Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Ill.

Danielle Patch '14 is a child care counselor with Kemmerer Village in Shelbyville, Ill.

Daniel Pedraza '14 is an employment specialist with Thresholds in Chicago.

Joshua Pitcher '14 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Jacqueline Pohlman '14 is a group sales facilitator with the Saint Louis Zoo in St. Louis.

Blair Powell '14 is a member of the finance department with Homebank in Palmyra, Mo.

Abigail Pyse Rockhold '14 is a first-grade teacher with Carod Elementary School in San Diego, Calif.

Brennan Rakers '14 is a property and casualty agent with Freiburg Insurance in Quincy.

John Root '14 is a manager with Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Groveland, Ill.

Julie Rose '14 is an audit analyst with the Audit Group in Chesterfield, Mo.

Meagan Sanderson '14 is a case manager with Transitions of Western Illinois in Quincy.

Larry Sartin '14 is a manager with Sherwin Williams in Dolton, Ill.

Elizabeth Seago '14 is a registered nurse with Hannibal Regional Healthcare System in Hannibal, Mo.

Candace Slee '14 is a registered nurse with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Spencer Smith '14 is a master control operator with KHQA in Quincy.

Sarah Stoltz '14 is a registered nurse with UnityPoint Health in Peoria, Ill.

Kim Kuhn Stratman '14 is a school bus rider with the Quincy Public School Department of Transportation in Quincy.

Daniel Terwelp '14 is an individual retirement account administrator/operations with Bank of Quincy in Quincy.

Andrew Thompson '14 is a police officer with Chatham Police Department in Chatham, Ill.

Emily Veihl '14 is a second-grade teacher with St. Peter School in Quincy.

Kristine Vogt '14 is a psychiatric technician with Blessing Hospital in Quincy.

Jawaun Webster '14 is a manager with Hertz in Peoria, Ill.

Hannah Weedman '14 is a professional basketball player with St. Louis Surge and is a part of the Woman's Blue Chip Basketball League in St. Louis.

Cory Williams '14 is a teacher with Transitions of Western Illinois School in Quincy.

Barrington Williamson '14 is the owner of Excel First in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Shanae Yancy '14 is a laboratory technician with American Red Cross in St. Louis.

## IN MEMORIAM

Ralph A. Bonaccorsi '57 on April 21, 2014, Elmwood Park, Ill.

Joan Mary Rupp Cason '48 on January 29, 2015, St. Augustine, Fla.

Joseph E. Cook '51 on February 21, 2015, Racine, Wisc.

Robert D. "CZ" Czarniewski '71 on May 2, 2015, Ocean Gate, N.J.

Joanne B. Procido Eckert '72 on January 7, 2015, Arlington Heights, Ill.

Donald F. Ferris '66 on December 8, 2014, Tucson, Ariz.

Robert B. Fisher '64 on February 6, 2015, Bradford, Ill.

John P. Gorman '57 on March 21, 2015, Marion, Iowa.

Mark S. Harris Jr., '12 on April 19, 2015, St. Louis.

Fr. Peter J. Heidenrich '72 on February 11, 2015, Chicago.

Carl William "Bill" Humke '58 on February 20, 2015, Quincy.

John J. Jardine '70 on March 28, 2015, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Fr. Kieran Kemner '55 on January 12, 2015, Quincy.

Christine M. Knuffman '82 on February 19, 2015, Liberty, Ill.

Mary Susan Fehling Loftus '68 on December 8, 2014, Chicago.

Linda Marie Kelch Lundborg '70 on November 15, 2014, Crystal Lake, Ill.

Joseph E. Matticks '39 on April 5, 2015, Moline, Ill.

Robert R. McDonald Sr., '44 on March 27, 2015, Naples, Fla.

Thomas J. Nacke '72 on January 4, 2015, Highland Village, Tex.

Joann M. Schmitt Navratil '57 on December 30, 2014, Houston.

Dr. William F. Nolan '56 on January 4, 2015, St. Peters, Mo.

Fr. Arturo R. O'Campo '79 on December 14, 2014, San Antonio, Tex.

Timothy J. O'Rourke '70 on January 28, 2015, Bonita Springs, Fla.

Ann F. Dolezal Pogge '76 on January 17, 2015, Quincy.

Joseph J. Simeone '43 on May 1, 2015, St. Louis.

Robert J. Stark '50 on February 24, 2015, San Mateo, Calif.

Matthew C. Stormer '88 on January 24, 2015, Quincy.

Earl Terwische '64 on February 22, 2015, Jacksonville, Ill.

Richard M. Williams '63 on December 29, 2014, Ballston Spa, N.Y.

## Ken Nesbit (1932-2015)

A 1963 alumnus, Ken Nesbit of Quincy served his alma mater for thirteen years as a visiting professor of finance and completed three terms as a member of Quincy University's Board of Trustees. He spent forty years as a partner with Gray Hunter Stenn certified public accounting firm where he cared deeply and worked hard for his clients. He is survived by his wife Rose Mary '73 and sons Kirk '83 and Corey as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

*Memorial gifts in honor of Ken can be made online at [quincy.edu/support-qu](http://quincy.edu/support-qu).*

## Linda Godley (1949-2015)

Linda served as Quincy University's Dean of Academic Support from 1975 until her retirement in 2011, helping thousands of students find success both in the classroom and professionally along the way. Linda cared deeply for the university, her colleagues, and students and had recently completed a term as President of the Quincy University Retirees Association. For many years, she faced her own health-related adversity with courage and dignity. She is survived by her mother, father, sister and two nieces.

*Memorial gifts in honor of Linda can be made to the Linda Godley Memorial Scholarship. Visit [quincy.edu/support-qu](http://quincy.edu/support-qu) for details.*



# Fulbright Program Recognizes **MEGAN BOCCARDI**

**D**r. Megan Boccardi, assistant professor of history and 1999 Quincy University alumna, will spend the 2016 spring semester teaching abroad in Venice, Italy, thanks to her receiving the Fulbright scholarship. There, she will teach two graduate classes at Ca' Foscari University of Venice.

by Megan Duncan '14

A top international educational exchange, the Fulbright Program awards grants based on academic merit and leadership qualities. This high honor is one that Boccardi believes will benefit her as well as the QU community.

"They look at who could teach cross-culture and I was honored to be chosen," Boccardi says. "I hope to form a relationship with students there and then bring that connection home to our students. I want to broaden that horizon for QU."

Boccardi's resumé already includes cross-cultural leadership qualities through her participation in Campus Ministry and QU's Study Abroad program. From mission trips to study abroad trips, Boccardi has traveled with students to cultivate cultural understanding and awareness. She believes that cultural gaps are bridged as they cross state borders or the seas.

In her first trip to New Orleans in 2013, Boccardi helped fifty-one students serve the New Orleans community as they rebuilt a food shelter, washed windows, and helped organize storage rooms at the NO AIDS Task Force headquarters. In 2014, she helped with Hurricane Sandy recovery through home restoration and repairs in Long Beach, New York. With several other trips under her belt, Boccardi says her goal is to participate in one service trip per year.

**"I really like traveling with students and doing service work. It is a cool experience to see students learning about what issues are impacting our country."**

She has also traveled overseas with students through Quincy University's Study Abroad program. Teaching the eight-week class students take before embarking on their trips, Boccardi says she loves to watch students embrace the destinations they visit.

In 2014 Boccardi received QU's "Excellence in Teaching Award" and was featured in the *Quincy Herald-Whig's* "20 under 40" section, which annually chooses young individuals who have made an impact on the Quincy community.



**"My leadership roles taught me the importance of empathy, acceptance, and understanding. I learned so much about digging deeper into the motivations of others. That skill helps with everything I do now."** – Jay Austin '15

*Kansas City, Missouri*

Jay graduated in May with a degree in marketing and a minor in sport management. He served as president of Delta Tau Delta for two years and was a co-founder of the First Year Leadership Experience program. An Honors student and Bonaventure Scholar, Jay's accolades include Quincy University Emerging Leader (2012), Outstanding Leader (2014), and Greek Man of the Year (2015). He is now the President of his own startup company, InitialSignatures, based out of Kansas City.

Jay is a four-time recipient of the John Duns Scotus Scholarship.



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