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What’s the best way to persuade a judge? That’s what USF law students asked U.S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia during a USF visit on Jan. 31. His answer, appropriately, was a conservative one: Keep it simple.

“Your job is to make a complicated case look simple, not to make a simple case look complicated,” said Scalia, who joined the court in 1986, and is the current court’s longest serving justice.

Scalia and Bryan A. Garner delivered the keynote address at the 2014 USF Law Review Symposium in McLaren Conference Center. Garner is an expert on legal language and writing and co-wrote two books with Scalia.

For more than an hour, they showered the audience of eager students and San Francisco lawyers with tips on how to win their cases in court, including: know your case inside and out, understand its weaknesses, lead with your best argument, be willing to concede points that aren’t essential, and avoid jargon.

Scalia also told lawyers in the crowd to leave their “Hollywood act” at home—no dramatic flourishes, no audible sighs, and no eyeglass waving just for effect—which he scolded as “childish.” And don’t even think about reading from your legal brief. “Not in my court!” he warned.

Scalia and Garner held a second event on campus the same evening to discuss and sign copies of their book, “Reading the Law: The Interpretation of Legal Texts.” During the lively and laughter-filled event, the two traded friendly jabs at each other’s political leanings—Scalia is famously conservative and Garner is liberal. Scalia seemed to take special delight in Garner’s inability to pronounce certain legal terms in Latin—a difficulty Garner acknowledged. USF’s Center for Law and Ethics and the Bar Association of San Francisco sponsored the book discussion.

Law school Dean John Trasviña said he was thrilled with the positive feedback from Scalia’s visit, including a packed house of 400 at each event.
‘Hardball’s’ Chris Matthews Talks Politics, Pope, and Putin

“Look out if you’re a Democrat. It’s going to be a tough year,” the host of MSNBC’s “Hardball with Chris Matthews” told a crowd of 400 at USF’s McLaren Conference Center on March 18. He went on to hail Hillary Clinton, praise the pope, and make a prediction about Vladimir Putin.

Matthews said the upcoming election will not be a good one for Democrats, and predicted they’ll lose seats in the U.S. Congress. The party in power historically loses seats in midterm elections, but Matthews says it’ll be worse this time because many centrist Democrats who are disillusioned by the flawed rollout of the Affordable Care Act won’t vote. He said the opposite is true for Republicans, who will “vote in droves” because they’re angry.

Matthews also said the Democrats’ best bet for the 2016 presidential election is Hillary Clinton, at least for the moment.

In world news, Matthews wasn’t surprised that Russian President Vladimir Putin annexed the Crimea region of Ukraine. “His opportunity was there laying on the table, and he took it. It would have been odd if he hadn’t.” He predicted Putin’s power play would build pride throughout Russia.

Matthews is pleased by changes at the Vatican, and he praised Pope Francis for making the church more welcoming, and for bringing a sharp focus to poverty and inequality. “People come up to me and tell me, ‘I love this new pope,’” he said.

Matthews’ talk was moderated by Robert McElroy, auxiliary bishop for the San Francisco Archdiocese.

The “Hardball” host spent a week at USF as a distinguished visiting professor, teaching “Public Affairs and Practical Politics” to graduate students. In class, Matthews shared strategies and tips for advancing the public good through politics, and when he returned to Washington, Matthews shared USF students’ questions and his answers with millions of “Hardball” viewers.

“How do we bring morality to politics?” he asked on the air. “The best answer I’ve been able to come up with, which I shared with the class at USF, is this: If you don’t enter public life with a strong moral sense of what is right and wrong, you won’t develop one once you’re in there…if you do come in with a strong moral sense…you’ll know when you’re ready to stand up against the pressures of people who don’t come in with a good moral compass.”

The Leo T. McCarthy Center for Public Service and the Common Good sponsored Matthews’ USF visit.

Watch Chris Matthews Discuss Partisan Politics, Ethics, and More in His Full Talk

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USF is the first university in San Francisco to host an on-site emergency medical service—and it’s run by students.

Emergency Medical Response pairs USF students with public safety officers during campus medical emergencies. All 18 students in the program are licensed Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) who have completed a 164-hour course taught by the San Francisco Paramedic Association. The service operates 7 p.m. Friday through 7 a.m. Sunday.

Since starting the program last August, the student EMTs have treated stomach pains and lacerations and prevented costly trips to the emergency room for students who have only minor injuries.

“An ambulance ride to the hospital can cost more than $1,000,” said Marvin Huang ’15, a nursing major who was one of the first to join the team. “Plus, there’s the cost of being admitted to the emergency room. That’s a lot of money for a student or their parents to have to pay.”

The EMTs also receive class credit in biology, good news for biology major William Glazier ’15, who served as an army medic in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2010-11.

“Where else could I learn to manage a medical response team and give back to the community while I earn my degree?” he asks. Glazier plans to attend medical school after graduating from USF.

The EMTs also teach first aid and CPR classes on campus, and maintain the university’s heart defibrillators and first-aid boxes.

USF EMTs test respirator masks for protection from airborne diseases.
Sibo Luo ’17 admits he’s not a very good swimmer, but when the freshman heard screams and saw a woman drowning in the San Francisco Bay, he jumped.

“At that time, I didn’t think that much. I just made the decision,” said Luo.

Now, San Francisco Mayor Ed Lee is calling him a hero and so is Acting Chinese Consul General Ruan Song. Both held ceremonies to honor the USF marketing student for saving a tourist’s life.

That tourist, Sho Uging, was taking pictures on Torpedo Wharf near the Golden Gate Bridge on Jan. 18 when she took one step too many, backward, and fell off the pier. She was face down and unconscious when Luo reached her. He flipped her on her back in the 50-degree water, and two more bystanders jumped in to help. The three kept her afloat until first responders arrived.

Uging was in a coma for three days, but she recovered fully and has returned home safely to her native Taiwan.

“They didn’t know each other. Yet, they acted as we would think all San Franciscans would act, which is with a big heart, without thinking about the danger to themselves,” Lee said.

Luo’s courage not only won him accolades, but also a new friend; he and Uging email frequently.
Typhoon Haiyan slammed into the Philippines last November with winds peaking at almost 200 miles an hour, killing more than 6,200 people and leveling dozens of towns. It was the deadliest storm in the country’s history.

A USF researcher says the worst could still be ahead. Jesse K. Anttila-Hughes, assistant professor of economics, studies how typhoons affect the Philippines. He says that during the next two years, 15 times more people could die from the storm’s after effects than died immediately after it hit.

Astonishingly, almost all those at risk are infant girls, and their chance of dying is even higher if they have siblings: It doubles if they have an older sister and quadruples if they have an older brother. Baby boys show no increase in mortality rate.

Anttila-Hughes made the startling discovery by analyzing 25 years of Philippine government records on typhoons, economic prosperity, and infant mortality. Solomon Hsiang from the University of California, Berkeley was the co-researcher.

“What really surprised us was that infant girls accounted for all of the deaths above the usual infant mortality rates,” Anttila-Hughes said. “About 11,300 baby girls on average die in the two years after a typhoon, far more than the 1,480 total average deaths caused by typhoon impacts over the same period.”

Researchers don’t know why the girls suffer so disproportionately, especially when they generally have a lower mortality rate than boys. USF graduate students are conducting follow-up research to learn more.
“What people should take away from this research is that the disaster in the Philippines isn’t over,” said Jay Gonzalez, USF adjunct professor of politics and Philippine studies. “For some, it’s just beginning.”

This summer, Gonzalez will lead USF students on a two-week immersion class to Palawan, a province in the southwestern part of the country, where they’ll help rebuild houses and community centers. “Students will have a chance to see the disaster as part of a bigger socioeconomic, political, and environmental web—one they’re connected to, and, if they choose, one they can influence,” Gonzalez explained.

“This is going to be the ultimate engaged learning experience,” agreed media studies student Jordan Guingao ’16. “We won’t just be in the classroom but out helping people, learning their stories and their hardships. This type of class is one of the reasons I wanted to come to USF.”

Students will also study at the Jesuit Ateneo de Manila University, one of the most prestigious universities in the Philippines.

Students Raise Relief Funds

USF students raised more than $43,000 to help typhoon Haiyan victims. Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan, a Catholic relief organization in Manila, used the money to buy and distribute rice, canned goods, and toiletry kits. Students also packed 200 care boxes with clothes, food, and medical supplies and sent them to the Philippine National Red Cross. USF’s Pilipino American Law Society raised an additional $2,300.
 Scientist Who Proved Black Holes Exist Lectures at USF

Internationally renowned physicist Sir Roger Penrose, whose scientific influence ranks with Albert Einstein and Stephen Hawking, told a packed house at USF that he believes the leading explanation for how the universe was created is wrong.

Best known for proving the existence of black holes in 1965, Penrose challenged recent claims that scientists at the California Institute of Technology have discovered proof for Cosmic Inflation, the rapid expansion of the universe after the Big Bang. Penrose has called that theory pure fantasy, and believes instead that the universe is a series of eons situated end-to-end that extend infinitely into the past and into the future.

Just days before his visit, Penrose discussed the two competing theories on National Public Radio’s “Science Friday” program and also promoted his lecture at USF.

“Imagine if you could go back 300 years and hear a lecture by Sir Isaac Newton—would you pass that up?” asked USF math Professor Tristan Needham, who called the lecture an incredible opportunity to hear from one of the world’s leading thinkers. Needham studied under Penrose at Oxford University and arranged the public lecture.

Freshman Awareness Program Adopted Nationwide

An online training program created at USF is quickly becoming a national model for educating college students about sexual violence and substance abuse.

“Existing programs weren’t very effective, so we produced our own,” said Peter Novak, USF’s vice provost of student life, who developed the idea for “Think About It.”

Nearly 70 universities have adopted the program, including large state universities like Idaho State and Ball State, and private universities such as Georgetown, Yale, and Occidental. Others plan to implement it this fall.

“Think About It” addresses four main topics: sexuality, drugs and alcohol, sexual violence, and healthy relationships. The program is required for all incoming USF students, and more than 2,000 have completed it since its introduction in August 2012.

“Sixty percent of sexual assaults on college campuses involve alcohol, and if we want to help students reduce their risk, it is critical that they understand the strong relationship between substance abuse and sexual assault,” Novak said. He continued, “We must also address the underlying cultural assumptions about power, relationships, and communication.”

The 2013 Campus Sexual Violence Elimination Act requires all universities to provide prevention and awareness programs as part of a comprehensive response to sexual misconduct. As Novak recently explained on the KQED radio program “Forum with Michael Krasny,” “Think About It” helps universities meet these requirements in an informative and engaging way.

“We’re a Jesuit Catholic school,” Novak told listeners during the hour-long radio show. “And I think the expectation from students is that because of that we cannot talk about sexual relationships, and I think we have a duty and an obligation to do exactly that.”

“Think About It” has won national awards, including a Gold Excellence Award from the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and a Gold Stevie® from the American Business Awards for best training website. It was established with the financial support of Phillip and Susan Marineau through the Marineau Family Foundation, and developed by CampusClarity, a service of LawRoom, in close collaboration with USF.
MUSHROOMS ... THE NEW PLASTIC?

USF’s Philip Ross believes he’s discovered a replacement for plastic. The future, he says, is fungal.

The assistant professor of art and architecture has invented a process for turning mushrooms—or, more specifically, their root network, mycelium—into a durable construction material.

His patent-pending technique involves growing reishi mushrooms, and then molding and baking their mycelium. The result is a durable and fireproof material that might just replace plastic in everything from food containers, and car and airplane parts, to furniture.

It’s also strong enough to stop a bullet. To test its strength, Ross once fired a gun at close range into a mycelium brick he had created. It absorbed the bullets easily, without breaking apart.

Ross recently co-founded a start-up company, MycoWorks, that will offer custom-made products from the biodegradable and renewable mushroom source. Several Fortune 100 companies have already expressed interest.

“It’s going to change the world,” says Ross. “Soon, so many things will be grown out of mushrooms.”

The inventor is also an artist, which is how the discovery was first made. Ross was experimenting with fungi as an art material when he discovered mycelium’s unique properties. “It was a long, slow process and very accidental,” he says, while recalling playing with one of his mushroom bricks. “We kept hitting it against trees and rocks, and nothing happened to it. I thought, ‘That’s weird. It doesn’t behave like other materials.’ So, I started to investigate.”

Ross has received much attention for his “mushroom art.” A number of museums have displayed chairs, tables, and footstools made from mycelium, including Parsons The New School for Design in New York City, the San Diego New Children’s Museum, and the San Jose Museum of Art. The Exploratorium in San Francisco sells some of his creations.

TAKE A PEAK INSIDE PHILIP ROSS’ STUDIO AND SEE HOW HIS MUSHROOM MATERIALS ARE MADE
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USF’s Men’s Basketball team is celebrating its best season since 1981–82, winning 21 of 33 games and scoring an invitation to post-season play in the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) in March.

The team tied for second in the West Coast Conference (WCC), where its record was even better. USF won 13 of 18 WCC games, the most since Bill Cartwright ’79 led the squad to a conference title in 1976–77.

Head Coach Rex Walters was named the WCC’s Coach of the Year, making him the first USF Men’s Basketball coach to win the title since Pete Barry in 1980–81.

“This is just the beginning of something very special for San Francisco Dons basketball,” said Walters. “I loved how hard our guys competed every single game. They raised the bar this season. Next season, I think we could be even better.”

The Dons will miss graduating senior Cole Dickerson ’14, a forward who led the team in scoring and rebounding this season. He averaged 15.1 points and 7.7 rebounds per game and was named to the 2014 All-WCC first team for the second consecutive year. Teammates Kruize Pinkins ’15 and Avry Holmes ’16 received honorable mentions.

In the first round of the NIT, Dickerson scored a team high 24 points in USF’s first-ever matchup with Louisiana State University.

(Top) Dons fans cheered Men’s Basketball to its best season in 30 years. (Above) USF’s leading scorer, Cole Dickerson ’14 had a game-high 24 points in the Dons’ first-round loss to LSU in the NIT tournament.

Exuberant fans packed War Memorial Gymnasium for the March 19 game, but their ear-splitting cheers couldn’t stop LSU from finishing on top 71–63.
**Basketball All-Star Ollie Johnson Joins the Greats**

“The best decision I ever made was coming to USF,” said Ollie Johnson ’65, as his jersey—No. 32—was retired on Jan. 25 in War Memorial Gymnasium.

“USF has always been like a family to me, and I was very fortunate to be surrounded by great teammates, coaches, and a wonderful family,” Johnson said during a halftime ceremony on center court. “USF has a great basketball tradition, and to be included among the great players who have had their numbers retired is extremely humbling.”

Johnson joins a prestigious league of legends at USF, where only five other jerseys in Men’s Basketball history have been retired: Bill Russell, No. 6; K.C. Jones, No. 4; Mike Farmer, No. 17; Phil Smith, No. 20; and Bill Cartwright, No. 24.

Johnson ranks second at USF for rebounds (1,323); second in field-goal percentage (.588); third in average points per game (19.9); and sixth in all-time scoring (1,668 points). He led the Dons to three consecutive conference championships and berths in the NCAA Tournament.

The Boston Celtics chose the 6-foot-7-inch power forward as their first-round draft pick, but he never broke into the team’s lineup. Johnson left to play for the amateur San Francisco Athletic Club, and he later played professionally in Belgium for three years.

Johnson was a USF Trustee from 2005–11.

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**Soccer Standout a Top Prospect for National Team**

Dons starting goalkeeper Madalyn Schiffel ’16 joined the U.S. Women’s National Soccer development team this spring for the second consecutive year.

Schiffel started all 20 games for the Dons this season and posted six shutouts. She trained in April with the women’s under-20 team at the Olympic Training Center in San Diego, where the country’s top prospects are invited for intensive professional coaching.

“Playing at the highest level is always good for your game. I’m excited to compete there,” Schiffel said about the weeklong camp. “I think things are going great.”

“Right now, it’s all about building confidence and showing the coaches I’m learning what they’re teaching me and improving,” she said.

Schiffel has her sights set on breaking into the U.S. women’s under-23 squad and then the U.S. Women’s National Team and competing internationally.
Introducing

USF’s New Pres.

By Gary McDonald
Photography by Barbara Ries
“I am absolutely elated,” says Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J., after hearing he will be USF's next president. “For a long time, I’ve had my eye on USF as a school I really respect.”

The Board’s vote was unanimous. “He rose to the top in a crowded field of exceptional candidates,” said Thomas E. Malloy, Chair of the USF Board of Trustees.

Fr. Fitzgerald starts his new job August 1.

Born and raised in the Golden State, he’ll be returning to his roots. The University of San Francisco is bringing Fr. Fitzgerald home.
There is no more joyful place for me than in the classroom,’ says Fr. Fitzgerald, USF’s president-elect. ‘Watching the light go on in the eyes of a student who ‘gets it,’ seeing a student develop an argument logically and rationally, and with consistency and depth, that, finally, is what we are all about as a university.’

As USF’s 28th president, he’ll be leading an institution with more than 10,000 students, 2,100 employees, more than 100,000 alumni living in 125 countries, and an operating budget of $385.7 million this fiscal year.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLAR
Fr. Fitzgerald’s qualifications, including his sterling academic experience, global perspective, and strong ties to the Bay Area, prepare him to lead the next generation of USF students to change the world from here.

Fr. Fitzgerald is the senior vice president for academic affairs at Fairfield University in Connecticut, and for the past five years, he has been responsible for recruiting faculty and developing curriculum. He’s created programs in Latin American Studies; Arabic, Islamic, and Middle Eastern studies; and also Cinema Studies. Previously, he was associate dean and then senior associate dean at Santa Clara University’s College of Arts and Sciences, where he earned a bachelor’s degree in history in 1980.

Fr. Fitzgerald speaks German, is conversational in Spanish, and perfected his French living in Paris, where he earned two PhDs: one in the sociology of religion from the University of Paris – La Sorbonne, and one in ecclesiology from the Institut Catholique de Paris. “I continue to work at the intersection of sociology and theology,” Fr. Fitzgerald says, fascinated by the ways people of faith engage “the gritty reality of the world.”

His love of teaching led him to diverse locations across the globe. First to Mexico in 1983, where he taught English to squatters living in the city dump in Guaymas, then to China in the summer of 1992 and to Kenya in 2004. Each of these unique experiences helped him develop his perspective on the world.

Fr. Fitzgerald joins a line of Jesuit leaders that stretches back to San Francisco’s founding. He describes his leadership style this way: “I have developed a style of academic leadership that rests upon habits of deep listening, inductive reasoning, data collection, analysis and sharing, benchmarking, best practices, and collaborative decision making.”

He goes on to emphasize that his presidency will be characterized by listening. “Every part of my presidency, from beginning to end, will be a time of listening and learning.”

TECH AND THE CITY
“It seems as if USF and San Francisco are each at a moment in their history where some amazing things are possible,” Fr. Fitzgerald says.

President-elect Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J., talks to Damon Williams, president of the Graduate Student Senate.
The tech industry’s growing presence in the city offers some of those possibilities, and Fr. Fitzgerald plans to engage its leaders.

“The city of San Francisco is becoming a vibrant center for startups and venture capital, and USF can be at the heart of this story, helping to steer the direction of change in the city,” he says. “We can align academic programs to educate the knowledge workers for these new industries, and provide continuing and executive education for the city’s evolving population. And USF can form research partnerships and joint ventures built on collaborations between faculty and firms in the city.”

Fr. Fitzgerald believes USF should be a university “for” San Francisco, and not simply “of” San Francisco, and a place “where folks from different constituencies come together to talk through the changes the city is experiencing. Whether the issue is housing, or jobs, or healthcare, I don’t think there is another organization in the city that has a better capacity to host that sort of a conversation.” He paused and added, “In some ways, it’s our biggest duty.”

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\[ \text{“FR. FITZ”} \]

After he was announced as president, local media wanted to talk to the man who will be leading the city’s first university: The San Francisco Chronicle, the San Jose Mercury News, and of course, USF’s student newspaper, the San Francisco Foghorn, all came knocking.

In speaking with Tanya Dzekon, the Foghorn’s managing editor during a 20-minute phone call, she asked Fr. Fitzgerald about everything from his morning routine (yoga for about 25 minutes, then prayer, breakfast, and reading a newspaper), to his thoughts on Pope Francis (“I love the new Pope. He is just so genuine, so warm, so loving”).

She also asked him point-blank while she had the chance: “Will you ever censor the student newspaper?”

“I promise I will never censor the newspaper,” Fr. Fitzgerald responded. “Student media is educational. Students are learning how to be journalists, but they serve a really important function of building community, and that also involves presenting difficult questions and brokering difficult conversations.”

\[ \text{Fr. Fitz Fun Facts} \]

**Favorite Easter Meal:**
Hasenpfeffer, traditional German stewed rabbit

**Favorite Fiction:**
Novels by Georges Simenon, about Parisian police detective Jules Maigret

**Favorite Classes Taken:**
Russian History, French Cinema, Introduction to Music

**Favorite Vacation Destination:**
Big cities, including Beijing, Havana, and Rome

**Favorite Recent Movie:**
Woody Allen’s “Blue Jasmine”

**Career if Not a College President and Priest:**
Lawyer

**Myers-Briggs Personality Type:**
INFP (introversion, intuition, feeling, perception)

**Never Leaves Behind:**
His smartphone

\[ \text{SF Bay Near Miss} \]

Fr. Fitzgerald learned to sail on the San Francisco Bay as a youth, and he was at the wheel of his uncle’s sailboat one day when he almost hit a tanker.

“We were coming south from Raccoon Strait, making our way back to the city,” he says. “A thick fog had come in while we were north of Angel Island. There were foghorns, but in the midst of the soup, it was hard to tell a direction.”

Suddenly, a massive tanker appeared. “All we saw was a big red steel wall directly ahead of us, and we came about with maybe twenty yards to spare.”

It was a close call, and he still had to navigate through the fog to get home. “In retrospect, it was exciting,” he says.
Dzekon was thrilled with Fr. Fitzgerald’s clear support for student journalists, because they both know that Foghorn stories can be controversial and hard-hitting.

Even before print, Dzekon enthusiastically tweeted: He is officially okay with being called “Fr. Fitz.”

'I DON’T KNOW OF ANOTHER JESUIT UNIVERSITY IN THE COUNTRY THAT IS MORE MISSION FOCUSED, OR WHERE THE MISSION IS MORE DEEPLY SHARED ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY THAN THE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO.'

COMING HOME
Fr. Fitzgerald has deep ties in the Bay Area, and he’s excited to return, having grown up in Los Gatos, after his family moved there from Southern California when he was 5. His mother and both sisters live in the South Bay, and his brother lives a few hours away in California’s Central Valley.

He first started visiting San Francisco as a boy, and he fondly remembers family pilgrimages to the city, “grand adventures” that made a big impression on a young kid. “I can remember driving up to the city, I think it was 1968,” he recalls. “My grandfather got a little lost and we ended up in the Haight-Ashbury. I was 10 years old, and my grandmother suddenly made my older sister and me lie down in the back seat of the car, so we couldn’t look out the windows. She didn’t want us to see the hippies and beatniks.”

But Fr. Fitzgerald did see a city landmark towering skyward just a few blocks away, USF’s majestic St. Ignatius Church. It would later be the site of two of the most important moments in his life: it is where he was ordained into the priesthood in 1992, and its where he’ll be inaugurated as USF’s president this fall.

SECOND TIME’S A CHARM
This is the second time USF has offered Fr. Fitzgerald a job: the first was in 1992, as an assistant professor in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies. But his Jesuit superior had other plans and sent him instead to Santa Clara University, where he reported to then Provost Stephen A. Privett, S.J., who is now USF’s president.

“I have known and respected and liked Steve for many, many years,” Fr. Fitzgerald says. “Of all his accomplishments, his ability to animate the conversation around USF’s mission so that it is deeply shared and widely owned is his most lasting and most impressive accomplishment. I don’t know of another Jesuit university in the country that is more mission focused, or where the mission is more
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deeply shared across the university than the University of San Francisco.”

Fr. Privett has served as USF’s president since 2000, making him the third-longest serving president in university history. He will remain in office until Fr. Fitzgerald arrives to help ensure a smooth transition.

COOKING UP CONVERSATION

Through his extensive travels and living abroad, Fr. Fitzgerald has cultivated an appreciation for the foods of the world. "I never met a national cuisine I didn’t appreciate," he says, and starts ticking them off: Kenyan, Chinese, Japanese, French, Thai, and the list goes on. But his passion isn’t eating, it’s cooking, and he used to prepare 500 meals at a time as a sous chef at the Hilton Hotel in Sunnyvale before he became a Jesuit. "Industrial cooking," he calls it, for big events like reunions and weddings.

These days, he prefers cooking for smaller groups of six to eight people. "Sharing a meal is an amazing opportunity to share life," he says "When the food comes out, the conversation takes off. It’s not for nothing that some of Jesus’ most important conversations came during dinner."

STORYTELLER-IN-CHIEF

The president-elect says part of his job is to be the storyteller-in-chief. To help him tell USF’s story, he wants to hear about the extraordinary lives that alumni are leading. "The story I want them to tell me the most is how USF set them up for their professional and personal lives. I want to see how their education has led to a life well lived."

To hear the stories of USF’s students and employees, he’s planning lots of structured meetings, lots of unstructured ones, and, sometimes, just walks across campus.

“We’re never done with the conversation about who we are, what our values are, what our identity is, what our mission is,” he says. “We’ll want to move forward, and we’ll do so with our eyes open, with our arms open, and with our hearts open.”

THE SELECTION PROCESS

The national search for President-elect Paul J. Fitzgerald, S.J., began last October, when the USF Board of Trustees appointed two committees: a Presidential Search Committee, composed of current and former trustees, chaired by Chuck Smith, board vice chairman; and a Search Advisory Committee, composed of USF faculty, staff, students, and alumni, and chaired by Teresa Win ’85, trustee emerita.

Isaacson Miller, a highly regarded national recruitment firm, helped guide the search.

In Their Words

Fr. Fitzgerald is an accomplished scholar and professor, an adept, seasoned administrator and an ideal fit for the university. The board looks forward to welcoming Fr. Fitzgerald to USF in the fall. At the same time, we are deeply grateful to the USF President Stephen A. Privett, S.J. for his inspired, dynamic, and collaborative leadership these last 14 years.

Thomas E. Malloy ’61, Chair, Board of Trustees; President, Trench Sharing Company (retired)

First and foremost, we know he will sustain and advance the university’s Jesuit mission and identity. He also brings impressive experience in connecting with the business community, in fundraising, and in strategic planning.

Charles H. Smith, Chair, Presidential Search Committee; Vice Chair, Board of Trustees; President and CEO, AT&T West (retired)

He possesses characteristics of a strong business executive: high standard for excellence, deep listening, collaboration, financial acumen, data driven, and inductive reasoning that are finely balanced with traits of an inspirational Jesuit leader, including profound care of individuals, constancy to faith and justice, inclusiveness, and masterful story telling.

Teresa Win ’85, Chair, Search Advisory Committee; Vice Chair, Presidential Search Committee; Trustee Emerita; Investment Consultant (retired)

Fr. Paul’s true global perspective, balance of academic rigor and relevance will certainly engage Bay Area technology leaders and entrepreneurs.

Claudio M. Chiuchiarelli ’79, Trustee Chair Emeritus; Managing Partner, Banyan Securities Company LLC

Fr. Fitzgerald is a true renaissance man with a command of several languages and a stellar academic record. He has a real appreciation for academic excellence in the Ignatian tradition.

Dr. Margaret A. Tempero, Vice Chair, Trustee Academic Affairs Committee; Director, UCSF Pancreas Center

He will build on the strong leadership of Fr. Privett in staying focused on our mission for the good of education and the formation of USF students. who are our best hope to make our world a better place for all.

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Although I had gone into the search with a bit of a bias toward a lay president, listening to Fr. Fitzgerald talk about the Jesuit mission and core values changed my mind. He made me re-evaluate and re-value the importance of having a Jesuit president at USF.

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Ollie Matson '52, the star running back for the '51 Dons. He went on to play in the NFL and won two medals in the 1952 Helsinki Olympics.
THE GAME THEY NEVER PLAYED

by Gary McDonald and Monica Villavicencio

The 1951 Dons is arguably one of the best college football teams of all time. They had a perfect season—nine wins, no losses, no ties—and the players were so talented, the National Football League drafted nine of them and named three to its Hall of Fame, a record for one college team.

But that perfect season didn’t have the perfect ending: There was no bowl invitation, no national championship, and no more football at USF. And yet, the 1951 team’s unwavering friendship, and integrity, created a legacy that is more powerful today than it was a half century ago.

This is the story of the 1951 Dons and how the players’ greatest victory came from a game they never played.
On a Sunday afternoon in February, dozens of students are gathered at University Center, eager to watch the premiere of an ESPN documentary honoring USF’s 1951 football team: “51 Dons.” The film is the cornerstone of the network’s Black History Month programming, shining a national spotlight on USF.

University President Stephen A. Privett, S.J., is sitting in the front row when the documentary begins, surrounded by students. Most of them have no idea USF once had a football team. That’s about to change.

A RARE INTEGRATED TEAM

USF’s 1951 football team was ahead of its time for its African-American and white players competing side-by-side. Racially integrated teams were relatively rare in the early 50s, but USF had already been fielding one for two decades, starting in 1930.

The team was a rag-tag group of war veterans, city kids, and farm boys from across the country, but still close-knit, and they treated its two African-American players—running back Ollie Matson ’52 and linebacker Burl Toler ’52, MA ’66—like equals.

“We judged people on their own merit. If a guy was a good guy, he was a good guy,” said Bill Henneberry ’52, MA ’61. “We were very, very close.”

They bonded by surviving the toughest thing any of them had ever endured: Camp Kuharich. Named for Dons coach Joe Kuharich, it was a brutal two-week ordeal near Sacramento in 115-degree heat. Kuharich rationed the players’ drinking water, and his practices went for hours on end, with few breaks.

“Even those who went on to great heights in professional sports said that was the toughest two weeks they ever spent in a camp,” Henneberry recalled.

Camp Kuharich worked, and the Dons were on fire from the first game of the season. After the team crushed San Jose State 39-2, the wins just kept coming.

And so did Irene. “In the fourth quarter, when we were ahead, fans would pull out their handkerchiefs and sing ‘Goodnight, Irene’ to the other team,” said Henneberry. The popular folk song soon became the Dons’ unofficial theme song.

It was a heady time to be a Don, but as the ’51 team raced toward a perfect season, racial tensions in the country were growing. That July, a huge crowd of more than 3,000 people attacked a black family in Cicero, Ill., after they moved into an all-white apartment complex.

“This was a moment right before you had a burgeoning civil rights movement,” said Candice Harrison, an assistant professor of history at USF. It would be three more years before the U.S. Supreme Court ended school segregation with its landmark decision in Brown v. the Board of Education. Toler, one of the Dons’ African-American

(clockwise from top left): Linebacker Burl Toler ’52, MA ’66 (left) and running back Ollie Matson ’52 (right) in their cap and gowns; Matson ’52 breaks a tackle against Fordham University in New York in 1951, when the Dons went undefeated; Pete Rozelle ’50 was the Dons’ sports information director, and later, NFL Commissioner; Toler ’52 became the NFL’s first African American referee; Head Coach Joe Kuharich (center) led the ’51 Dons to an undefeated record.
American players had experienced this segregation first-hand when he attended a black-only high school.

In 1949, USF’s football team got a dose of reality while they were hanging out in a hotel room in Oklahoma, the night before playing the University of Tulsa. It was getting late, and the black players got up to leave, because they weren’t allowed to stay in that hotel.

“That was something we weren’t familiar with at all,” Henneberry says, calling it “a stark example of where the country was at that time.” Some of the white players accompanied the black players to their hotel, and stayed with them for the night.

Things got even uglier at the game the next day. “I got hit with everything: fists, elbows, knees,” Matson told The Saturday Evening Post in 1966. “Finished that game with two black eyes, a bloody nose, and my face puffed up like a pound cake. I scored three touchdowns, and they were all called back.”

At that time in America, segregation was still enforced, often with laws, and sometimes with violence.

THE DECISION

In Stockton, Calif., the ’51 team was preparing for the biggest game of the season. Forty-five-thousand fans would be watching as USF challenged the University of the Pacific, a team that had already toppled two national powers, Oregon and Clemson.

In the locker room before the game, Coach Kuharich had some exciting news: representatives from the Orange Bowl would be among those watching from the stands.

The game wasn’t even close. The Dons pounded UOP 47-14, and word got out that the Orange Bowl had shortlisted USF. The dream of playing in a bowl game seemed closer than ever.

Everything was on the line in the season’s last game, when USF played Loyola University (now Loyola Marymount) in Los Angeles. If the Dons won, they would become the first undefeated team in USF history, and it might be enough to score a spot in the Orange Bowl.

The Dons trampled Loyola 20-2, and Henneberry remembers the trip back as “the greatest train ride in history.” But when the train arrived in San Francisco, there were no cheering fans. Instead, an empty platform greeted the team, and devastating news: Baylor and Georgia Tech were going to the Orange Bowl. USF was out, and the ’51 Dons had ended the season “Undefeated, Untied, and Uninvited,” as Kristine Setting Clark called it in her 2002 book of the same title.
Some blamed the snub on an easy season, noting that top teams were conspicuously absent from USF’s schedule. But the team was so strong, few agree with this challenge. “Schools had openings, but they wouldn’t schedule us,” Henneberry said. “The message was ‘Look out for the Dons. They’re loaded.’”

Ira Blue suggested a different reason. The 1950’s-era sportscaster reported on KGO radio that the Orange, Sugar, and Gator Bowls had all decided to exclude teams with “Negro players” that year. Gator Bowl president Sam Wolfson told Blue that Matson and Toler “absolutely could not play” in any bowl game in the South. Wolfson later disputed the account.

In a 2007 interview with College Sports TV (CSTV), Carl Nolte ‘55 from the San Francisco Chronicle asked, “Was there overt racism in not getting a bowl bid? They didn’t want a team that had black players on it because it was a political problem for them.” The bowls were usually held in the South because of the good weather, he said, and southern teams were usually white-only.

This wasn’t just the end of the season for the Dons, it was the end of an era. The best football team USF ever produced would also be its last. With no money from championship games to help offset expenses, football was just too expensive to continue.

USF canceled its football program the following year.

‘THEY STOOD TOGETHER IN QUIET DEFIANCE OF RACISM, SO THAT MY TEAMMATES DIDN’T HAVE TO.’
—CAMERON TOLER

A STANDING OVATION

On graduation day in May 2006, it was standing-room only in St. Ignatius Church on USF’s Hilltop Campus. Students could barely contain their excitement, more focused on getting their diplomas than hearing a speech by the university’s president.

But as Fr. Privett talked about a racially segregated society, and about USF’s 1951 Dons’ integrated football team, the students suddenly understood why a group of older men was sitting in the front of the church, and they began listening closely to the president’s words.

“Despite the Dons’ perfect football record in 1951, the team was not invited to any post-season bowl games, which should have been a given for a team with USF’s spectacular season,” he said. “Several teams with inferior records were invited to bowl games. The reason the USF team was not invited soon became clear: racism.”

“The team members exemplify the values that remain at the core of USF’s identity as a Jesuit Catholic university: dedication to a common good rather than the interests of any one individual; respect for the dignity and worth of every human being; and an unwavering commitment to excellence.”

Eleven of the original 48 players were there that day, sitting side-by-side in one long row. When Fr. Privett finished, he signaled for them to stand and receive an honorary doctoral degree.
As they did, the audience leapt to its feet with thunderous applause. The players seemed taken aback by the ovation. With a slight nod of their heads, they began to acknowledge those standing in their honor, at the back of the church, in the balcony, and along the far sides. Some had tears in their eyes.

Two years later, the team was honored at a halftime ceremony during the 2008 Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Az., broadcast live on Fox TV. After 57 years, the team was finally on the field at a post-season, college championship game.

LASTING LEGACY

At USF's student center, Malina Terrell '14, an African-American volleyball player, just finished watching the ESPN documentary. She says her current teammates have the same spirit she saw in the 1951 team. “I think those players pretty much defined what a great teammate is,” she said.

Burl Toler’s grandson, Cameron, inherited some of his grandfather’s talent, and played football as a wide receiver for UC Berkeley from 2005-2008. “In 1951 my grandfather’s team went 9-0, destroying opponents and staking their claim to a bowl bid that never came,” he told CSTV.

“The spirit of the 1951 USF Dons is alive in the racially diverse rosters of modern-day college football teams like mine. They stood together in quiet defiance of racism, so that my teammates and I didn’t have to.” ///

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EXTRAORDINARY CAREERS

The ’51 Dons were undefeated, and its players enjoyed stunning success after leaving USF: The NFL drafted many of them, including both African-American players, linebacker Burl Toler ’52, MA ’66 and running back Ollie Matson ’52.

Known for his amazing speed, Matson won two medals in track at the 1952 Helsinki Olympics, a silver and a bronze, before launching a spectacular career in professional football. He was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals, and played both defense and offense during his 14 years in the NFL. Toler was widely considered to be the Dons’ best player. He was the No. 1 draft pick of the Cleveland Browns, but a knee injury ended his career before it even started. He still managed to make NFL history though by becoming its first African-American referee—and then once again as San Francisco’s first African-American principal.

Three members of the ’51 team were inducted into the NFL Hall of Fame: Matson, Gino Marchetti ’52, and Bob St. Clair ’52. It was the first time three members from one college team received that honor.

Other players also went pro in the NFL: quarterback Ed Brown ’52, halfbacks Joe Scudero ’55 and Roy Barni ’51, and linemen Lou Stephens ’52, Ralph Thomas ’52, Merrill Peacock ’52, Dick Stanfel ’51, and Mike Mergen ’52.

There was also extraordinary talent off the playing field. Pete Rozelle ’50, the team’s sports information director, later became a household name as the commissioner of the NFL. He revolutionized pro-football and invented both the Super Bowl and Monday Night Football.

Bill Henneberry ’52, MA ’61, one of the team’s quarterbacks, later became USF’s director of athletic development. He has coordinated the team’s reunions and communications since that 1951 season.
“I tell my cops on the very first day that if they think it’s all about this uniform or gun, they joined the wrong police department,” says Police Chief Greg Suhr ’88.

That’s one of many things he wants you to understand about the SFPD and his experience policing the city he loves.
Occasionally, he’s had some movie-worthy moments: He hunted “Night Stalker” Richard Ramirez, the serial killer and rapist who terrorized California in the mid-1980s; he once found $1.4 million in cash stuffed in duffel bags during a drug bust; and he helped “Batkid” Miles Scott save both the city and a damsel-in-distress, as millions watched online.

But it’s day-to-day policing that gives Suhr his greatest satisfaction. He worked his way to the top; from patrolling the Tenderloin on the graveyard shift to serving as captain at both the Bayview and Mission stations. It’s a job he’s loved for 33 years.

For our interview, Chief Suhr invited USF Magazine to his office in San Francisco’s Hall of Justice.

What’s the biggest misconception San Franciscans have about police officers?

A lot of people think our job is just enforcement—using force, arresting people, giving people tickets. That’s certainly part of it, but our job is to help people. I tell my cops on the very first day that if they think it’s all about this uniform or the gun, they joined the wrong police department.

We’ve instituted a requirement that while they’re in the academy, officers have to spend four hours of work time and four hours of their own time a month volunteering at a Boys & Girls Club, Bayview YMCA, or some other youth organization—nothing to do with policing.

I need them to connect with young people, and not just as police officers, so that we can see generational change with regard to violence. Ninety-four percent of the homicide victims under 25 didn’t graduate from high school. Over 80 percent of the prison population didn’t graduate from high school. And so we’re focusing on jobs and making youth college ready. We’ve helped get more than 300 summer jobs for kids to try to get young people engaged, wanting that every other Tuesday paycheck, and feeling valuable. Most people wouldn’t think any of this is base police work, but I think it’s all police work.

You’ve been in the department for more than 30 years. What’s the biggest change you’ve seen in the officers?

I’ve seen a lot of generational change. When I came in, most of the bosses were Vietnam War veteran types. We barely had computers. There were no cell phones. Now you still have a group that’s resisting smartphones but can connect with people and get information unbelievably well.

And then there’s the generation that would rather text than talk. The thing is, if you can’t talk to people, you just can’t get the job done. If you can’t make that personal connection to develop an informant or to make a witness or a victim feel comfortable that you’ll protect them, they won’t tell you what happened and you won’t have information to put into the computer to figure things out.

So my challenge is to get the best of both—to get some guys to use technology and other folks to learn how to talk to people. We need to be able to do both.

How did your USF education prepare you to be police chief?

I think the best thing about a Jesuit education is it teaches you early on that it’s not about you. Even if you get to be chief of police, it’s not about you. Knowing that grounds you. My buddies and I give ourselves regular humility pills so that no one gets too big for themselves.
So I think the best thing about a Jesuit education is the message of service to others. It really sunk in with me.

With new restrictions on signature street parties like Bay to Breakers and the Folsom Street Fair, do you think the city is losing its edge?

As a San Franciscan and as a police officer, I would say no.

The only restriction that’s been placed on Bay to Breakers is no alcohol, and that’s because it got to be so problematic. A couple of years ago there were some pretty ugly sexual assaults and a lot of public urination up and down the route. It just got out of hand. So, as has happened with many events in San Francisco over the years, we reached a tipping point. We’re the most tolerant city in the world until we can’t tolerate it anymore. There’s also a new nudity ban, but even with the nudity ban, there are exceptions for certain events, like the Folsom Street Fair.

I don’t want anyone’s constitutional rights and civil liberties getting infringed, but I have no patience for violent crime.

In February, one former and five current officers were indicted for theft, extortion, and drug dealing. Although the alleged crimes weren’t committed under your watch, you’re dealing with the charges. What was going through your mind when you found out?

Having five sitting San Francisco police officers standing accused of federal offenses is certainly not good under any circumstances, so my heart goes out to them and their families because of the uncertainty of being innocent until proven guilty, when certain people would paint you guilty at the mere accusation because you’re a police officer.

What I was really upset about was that I knew what was going to come next. I was here when Rodney King happened. [L.A. police were acquitted of beating King, an African-American construction worker, sparking deadly race riots in 1992] San Francisco didn’t have anything to do with it, and yet probably for a year, if not years after that, every time you touched somebody when making an arrest, there were unseemly allegations and complaints. It made it really hard on everybody.

Here we have a police department that’s

Police Chief Greg Suhr prerecorded a series of messages for Batkid, 5-year-old Miles Scott, guiding the pint-sized superhero through the city, helping him stop a bank robber, and saving a damsel-in-distress. The event was organized by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Scott is in remission from leukemia.
Eighty percent of SFPD's 1,729 officers are assigned to patrol duty.

‘COPS ARE LIGHTHEARTED. WE’RE FUNNY. WE’RE THICK SKINNED. AND WE HAVE GREAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOME OF THE FOLKS WE DEAL WITH ALL OF THE TIME.’

Do you think San Francisco residents mistrust the police?

I think in some neighborhoods people see the police as I did as a child, like that Norman Rockwell picture at the soda fountain. They’re who you run to for comfort and security, and they’re going to be honest and forthright and caring and compassionate. That’s how I want my cops to be.

But having been a captain in the Mission and Bayview, I can tell you that there are neighborhoods in which people’s only experience with the police has been when there was a big fight or when something bad happened. And I think a lot of neighborhoods have seen the police as the invading army. We came in when it was bad, and then we left again.

So my message to my cops is to take an extra three to five minutes to explain to whoever why you did what you did. Sometimes, at the time folks don’t want to hear it, but I think that after all is said and done and time passes, most people will reflect back and appreciate the conversation. They still may not like the action taken, but I believe they deserve the explanation. If we would do that 100 percent of the time, some of that mistrust would go away.

What’s the most pressing challenge the police department faces?

When I was a kid, the population of San Francisco was in the high 600,000s to low 700,000s. Now we have more than 825,000 people. There are twice as many bicycles on the street as there were in 2007. There’s more construction. And everybody’s preoccupied with their phone—GPS on the windshield or texting while driving, biking, and walking. So everybody’s distracted, and everybody’s in a hurry.

People think the police department’s job is suppressing violent crime and seizing guns, but we’re also responsible for traffic control and making sure everyone on the street is civil to everyone else. And while violent crime is down 20 percent and we’ve hit a 30-year low...
for homicides, it’s a challenge to manage traffic, pedestrians, and bicycles on the street. It’s our responsibility to make people feel safe.

The SFPD is the 11th largest police department in the country, and yet, you’re the nation’s highest paid police chief. Why is that?

Well, the salary was set when I got the job. San Francisco is obviously a very expensive city, but it is a substantial salary. I do put in a lot of time, a lot of hours. I try to earn it.

What would you have been if you weren’t a police officer?

Actually, I was all set to go to law school. My family has a lot of lawyers, and one of my uncles went to the USF School of Law. I wanted to be an attorney in criminal court. To be honest, I think I would’ve been a defense attorney at the time because of my leanings before I became a cop. Then, after I joined the police department, I wanted to be a prosecutor. And then I got promoted, and I stayed because I just loved being a police officer.

Who is your favorite TV or movie cop?

It was all about Harry Callahan when we were growing up. Dirty Harry is the coolest. He put the SFPD on the map. He solved everything. He was just that guy.

But as far as my favorite cop when I watch TV, I have to go with Barney Miller. I think Barney Miller is way more how it is in station houses. Cops are lighthearted. We’re funny. We’re thick skinned. And we have great relationships with some of the folks that we deal with all of the time. It’s funny, when I see guys that I arrested in my early days as a cop, we talk about how it was back in the day.

I think most police shows try to be dramatic. It’s not all action and violence. There’s a lot of downtime in police work where it’s about engaging people and building relationships.

Can you share one of your favorite memories from your time at USF?

It’s probably going to be the people. The current book store used to be called the Fog and Grog, and they had beer on campus back in the day. I remember long, long study sessions with my friend John Bacchini ’83 who recently passed away from cancer, at the Fog and Grog. I made some lifelong friends. The thing about San Francisco and USF is that it’s all about relationships. It’s not always what you know. Many, many times it’s who you know.

What’s next?

I don’t have a plan. It took 30 years to get to here, and I know that if you want your initiatives to stick, you have to stay. So for the foreseeable future, I hope I get to stay the chief of police.

I’d like to continue my focus on youth. If we can get a couple of generations of young people to know how important it is to graduate from high school, 10 to 15 years from now, we could see a decidedly different southeast sector—with all these unbelievably talented kids that didn’t have opportunities before thriving. And then it’ll be like any other neighborhood when it comes to being safe.

I hope the next chief of police comes from inside the San Francisco Police Department because if that happens, then it means that the people don’t want to lose the momentum that we have going, that they think I have us going in the right direction. ///

Suhr was scheduled to deliver the commencement address to USF School of Management graduates on May 17, sharing advice and insights from his work leading the SFPD.

The SF Police Department has a variety of common crimes that occur on campus. Here are some of the most frequent:

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SF’s Most Common Crimes

Frank Jordan ’75
1986-1990
After his tenure as police chief, the San Francisco native served as the city’s mayor from 1992 to 1996.

Tony Ribera
1992-1996
Ribera directs USF’s International Institute of Criminal Justice Leadership, and sponsors an annual Law Enforcement Leadership Symposium.

Heather Fong ’79
2004-2009
Fong was the SFPD’s first female police chief and the first Asian American woman to lead a major U.S. police department.

Chief Suhr Answers More Questions

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A Class for the Ages

by Monica Villavicencio
Illustrations by Sam Kalda

20 undergraduates.
20 retirees.
One classroom.

These students don’t learn from textbooks or lectures. They learn from each other.
Several classmates meet for an early dinner and are deep in discussion when the conversation turns quickly to careers. “When I graduated from college, I was told the only thing I could do was answer phones,” says 78-year-old Mary Ann Bendel.

Twenty-two-year-old Valeria Garcia ’14 nods as Bendel tells her what it was like to be a woman in the workforce in the late 1950s and early 1960s, having to choose between marriage and work, and the other twists, turns, and trade-offs she faced before landing a successful career in TV journalism, interviewing everyone from the Dalai Lama to Gloria Steinem.

Garcia and Bendel are enrolled in “Generation to Generation,” a semester-long psychology course where half of the students are in their 20s, and the other half are in their 70s and 80s.

Over the course of the semester, they tackle topics that are both personal and political, from sex and gun control to health care, and even what makes life worth living. It’s good, old-fashioned conversation—the kind that moves you, gives you pause, and, sometimes, teaches you.

“Generation” is the brainchild of USF’s Lisa Wagner, an associate professor of psychology. She’s taught the class on and off for about a decade and had students as young as 18 and as old as 93.

Wagner believes this gulf in age—and experience—offers a unique opportunity for both the young and old to learn from each other. She’s had students who marched in civil rights-era protests and others who weren’t old enough to vote when Barack Obama was elected the country’s first African-American president.

“Generation” is co-sponsored by USF and the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning. The Fromm Institute is located on USF’s Hilltop Campus and offers dozens of courses every semester for retired adults over 50, who call themselves “Frommies.” The institute’s concept of offering non-credit courses to older adults was a radical concept when it opened in 1976, but the model was so successful it has spread nationwide.

Lost Connections

One of Wagner’s goals with “Generation” is to bring together young and old at a time when it’s gotten easier not to interact. American society has become increasingly age segregated, and the number of households with three or more generations has steadily declined since the 1950s.

“What we’re finding across the country is that we’re losing connections to our elders,” Wagner says. “If we lose connections with our history, then how are we able to move forward? And if we lose connections to our youth, then how do we know that we, as a society, are going to move forward in meaningful ways?”

A number of factors make connecting across generations increasingly difficult. There’s stereotyping in both directions: The young are lazy and entitled, and the old are close-minded, conservative, and fragile. There’s also a fixation on staying young and beautiful forever and a fear of aging that is deeply ingrained in mainstream culture.

“We never hear about the positives that come with aging,” says 21-year-old Sienna Williams ’15. “When that’s the only frame of reference we have, old age is something we don’t want to get to, and we’re not going to want to interact with people who are older.”

Seventy-two-year-old Jim Galvin says society’s judgment on the elderly is harsh. “I think the assumption in our society is older people are done and need to move on,” he says. “We need to be on another planet, or under the ground.”

Equals

Bringing together young and old is only half the battle. The tricky part is getting them to sit down as equals, and that’s the foundation of Wagner’s class. She designed it based on psychologist Gordon Allport’s contact theory that the key to reducing prejudice of any kind is friendly, informal engagement between equals.

But engaging as equals is far from the norm.

“In my family, there’s a lot of respect toward older adults, but there isn’t a lot of conversation,” says 21-year-old Stephanie Rodriguez ’14. “That’s just the way it is.”

Wagner hears about this dynamic a lot from younger students. In fact, they often tell her at the end of the semester that they know the Frommies better than their own grandparents.

“What they realized is that the interaction styles between their grandparents and them had followed the stereotypical pattern of the grandparents asking them questions, but them never asking their grandparents questions,” says Wagner. “And so that’s one of the things
we talk about—the importance of breaking that habit and starting to ask questions.”

**Life Lessons**

Every week, Wagner assigns students a newspaper or magazine article to read on a topic that offers rich material for intergenerational discussion. “We’re not talking about areas that different people have different levels of expertise in,” she says.

“We’re talking about an article that everyone has read, so all students come in on equal footing.”

She divides the students into groups, usually two older and two younger, and the discussion begins.

Today’s reading is from The New York Times: “The Importance of the Afterlife. Seriously.” Philosophy and law professor Samuel Scheffler writes that the belief that humanity will continue long after we’re gone “plays an extremely important role in our lives, quietly but critically shaping our values, commitments and sense of what is worth doing.”

In their small groups, students talk about the difference between living for themselves and living for others, and wrestle with the discussion questions Wagner has handed out, for instance: If you believed the end was near, how would it affect how you live?

Things get personal when 69-year-old Barry Krantz talks about his aunt and her battle with Lou Gehrig’s Disease, and 22-year-old Garcia talks about her pastor’s wife, who gave birth to a stillborn baby. “People in the class cried, had glassy eyes, and really had a lump in their throat,” says Krantz.

At the outset, they expect awkward silences and disagreements. But that’s not what they find.

“I was surprised by the absence of conflict,” says Galvin. “We share a lot of the same attitudes.” But, he admits, the students are a self-selecting group, living in one of the most liberal cities in the country. “They’re people who are looking for this reach across generations.”

Wagner also asks her students to take two field trips in their small groups. They’ve walked Crissy Field, visited the sea lions off Pier 39, explored the Conservatory of Flowers in Golden Gate Park, and had dinner at each other’s homes.

**Lasting Impact**

Each group gets something from engaging with the other. The undergraduates get perspective, advice, and stories about growing up in a world that is alien to their own, like not being allowed to wear pants to school as a woman, or getting a ‘B’ in biology because an ‘A’ was reserved for boys. “It’s so wonderful to put historical events in a social and personal context,” says Williams. “That’s what the Fromm students are able to offer us.”

Fromm students also love the class. They get a window into a different mindset and an energy that comes simply from being around youth.

“It’s very easy at my age to end up in a bit of an age-based ghetto,” says Galvin. “This is a really nice relief from it.”

“I take the class to be around young people,” says Bendel. “They get a bad rap sometimes. People say they’re selfish and don’t care, but they’re terrific and they’re so alive.” She hopes to take “Generation” again.

Bendel’s comments aren’t unusual. Student feedback is overwhelmingly positive, and other universities hope to replicate the class model. After giving an overview of the program at the Gerontological Society of America conference in 2012, Wagner was flooded with interest.

Stephanie Rodriguez, who took the class last year, had planned to minor in child and youth studies when she first entered USF. But after taking “Generation,” she learned something important about herself and switched her minor to gerontology. “My calling is working with older adults,” says Rodriguez, who is now Wagner’s research assistant.

But perhaps the deepest impact of the class is the simple realization among students that even as the world changes, people are people.

“If you think about how different life is today, it is hard to say that life produces the same type of people that it did before,” wrote one student in an evaluation. “And yet, here is proof that it does. I find that amazing.”

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**About the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning**

The Fromm Institute offers college-level, non-credit classes in the arts, humanities, and sciences for retired adults over the age of 50. Founded in 1976 by San Francisco philanthropists Hanna and Alfred Fromm, it was one of the first of its kind in the nation and has served as a model for more than 120 other universities.

About 600 students a day take classes like Great American Choreographers, Concealed Biblical Narratives, and The Civil War in Retrospect. The average age of a Fromm student is 71, and students as old as 97 have enrolled. The institute offers three eight-week sessions per year and about 50 classes per session.

The Fromm Institute is an independent nonprofit. It established a permanent home on USF’s Hilltop Campus in 2003, following a $10 million capital campaign led by Hanna Fromm.
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'52 WILLIAM "BILL" MITCHELL was named Santa Rosa Junior College’s (SRJC) employee of the month for February. Bill has been with SRJC since 1964 and has dedicated 50 years of service to the college. Bill is SRJC’s longest serving employee and ranks at the top of SRJC’s faculty seniority list. He is an adjunct college skills instructor and is responsible for teaching math courses, offering academic support, and assisting students with subjects such as math, accounting, and English.

'53 LOU BARTOLINI recently completed 20 years as a member of the Board of Westamerica Bank and serves on the bank’s audit committee. He is a member of the parish council of Our Lady of Loretto in Novato.

'54 EUSENE NUNZIATI is the proud grandfather of SCOTT FRANZ ’14 and CLARE SORENSEN ’16. He writes that the Jesuit tradition continues in the Nunziati family with two more members attending Gonzaga University and Boston College.

'56 FRANK R. PIRO is a retired priest and is still active at St. Patrick in Merced.

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USF students ham it up for the camera in 2002.
'57 CHARLES COLEY worked for many years with the Recreation and Park Department of San Francisco and is now retired. He continues to reside in the city, where he serves on the parish council and sings in the choir of Our Lady of Fatima, Russian Byzantine Catholic Church. With the recent passing of his wife, he is now in the process of moving to Marin, where he maintains a large garden. Charles has taken many courses at USF’s Fromm Institute and is now following his musical interest at the College of Marin. Charles is the father of two sons, one in Boston and the other in Los Angeles.

'58 MICHAEL D. JOHNSON celebrated his 77th birthday last Christmas. He’s enjoying life as much as he can, and so far has survived a terrible winter in Chicago. He misses San Francisco very much and gives his very best to those survivors of the Class of ’58.

'59 BERNARD (BILL) AMES reports that even after 53 years of marriage to the same lovely lady, 42 years of teaching in secondary schools, 11 years of retirement, three terrific children, six amazing grandchildren, and two broken legs, he will still be working out at the YMCA twice a week, God willing.

DR. EDWARD CHOW was reappointed to his seventh term on the San Francisco Health Commission. He has served for more than 24 years with five mayors and is currently vice president of the commission.

'60 RUSSELL R. MILLER writes, had two books on Asia published in January, “An American in Shanghai: Reflections on Living in New China” and “SNAPSHOTs: A Brief Stroll Through Asia.” Russell has lived in Asia for over a decade and in Shanghai for the last five years. He has written two previous books with an Asian focus, one on Singaporean entrepreneurs and one on living in rural Japan.

'61 TERRENCE A. CALLAN was named 2012 California Antitrust Lawyer of the Year.

'62 DANIEL (MIKE) HANLON JD ’64 is currently president of the Corporate Board of Directors for Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Santa Rosa and is a retired presiding justice for the First District Court of Appeal.

EDWARD A. MUSANTE is a retired U.S. Navy Commander and Porsche/Audi/Bag/BMW salesman. He is married to Arline T. Musante and lives in Chesapeake, Va.

'63 DUOLEY L. POSTON published his 17th book earlier this year, “The Family and Social Change in Chinese Societies.” He is a professor of sociology at Texas A&M University, where he teaches undergraduate and graduate courses in demography and statistics.

MARY SCHMIDT PRATT MILLER and her husband, John, have sold their condo and are moving into a beautiful new home in Northville, Mich. She invites her fellow Dons to stop by for a visit!

STEVEN REDLICH has retired after almost 40 years in the property/casualty insurance and reinsurance business, working primarily in Latin America and the Middle East. He lives in Miami with his wife of 48 years, ROSARIO GALINDO LM ’45, who teaches Spanish at Miami Dade College. The couple enjoys spending time with their five grown children and grandchildren, who live close by in Florida.

'64 ANNE GRYCZ, TEACHING CREDENTIAL ’64 retired as director of the Institute for Leadership in Ministry in the Diocese of San Jose in 2010 and shortly thereafter became associate director of the Pastoral Year Program at St. Patrick’s Seminary in Menlo Park. Anne took a trip to the Holy Land in March and has plans to retire (again) at the end of June.

IRENE DANIELS LEWIS serves as historian for the National Black Nurses Association and is the leading editor of the National Black Nurses Association History Book Volume II, which is set to publish this spring.

'65 JOHN P. McGLOTHLIN was recently appointed vice president of the San Bruno Community Foundation. This new foundation was established by the city council to administer the $70 million settlement PG&E provided to compensate the city for the impact of the September 2010 explosion and fire.

'66 RICHARD NIELSEN remembers his closest USF buddies from the Class of ’65 and wants to express his gratitude to those who voted him senior class president, which he says was a wonderful growth opportunity.

MIKE RUEF is completing his 15th year as professor and coordinator of special education programs at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo.

'67 FRANCIS A. DOMHERTY and his wife, Catherine, live in Norwalk, Conn. Francis has spent 46 years in aviation, first as a pilot with the U.S. Army in Vietnam, then for Western and Delta Airlines, and finally as a senior check pilot/examiner with Boeing. He says he’s had a great time getting paid for having too much fun!

'BOWMAN OLDS MA ’74 is currently serving as chairman for the Fairfax County, Va., Joint Local Emergency Planning Committee and has just been elected president of the Association for Contingency Planners in Washington, D.C.

After many years, PETER QUITTMAN closed his law office. He met his wife Julia while teaching contracts at USF, and they can be spotted at St. Ignatius Church on the weekends. Peter plans to travel in retirement and is hoping to get in touch with his ’68 classmates.

JOHN ANTHONY VIGNOL is in his 30th year working primarily in Latin America and is completing his 15th year for the impact of the September 2010 explosion and fire. After 24 years, PETER A. LYNCH is retired from his position as a financial adviser with Merrill Lynch. As a permanent resident of Mexico, he spends half the year there. His summers are spent in the Eastern Sierras, fly fishing in his float tube.

'69 GARY ANDREGG retired from the IRS in 2011 and now lives in Las Vegas. He married his longtime domestic partner, Phuck, on July 30, 2013, in Los Angeles.

DAN FREEMAN is semi-retired and living in Novato. He serves as grand knight of the Knights of Columbus Council for Our Lady of Loreto.

For the last two years, MICHAEL CAREY has had his stone sculptures shown and sold at the Krevsky Gallery in San Francisco. Last December, the Carey household, with DIANE MCCARTHY ’72, was part of the Sebastopol Holiday Home Tour charity event.

RICHARD POE ’67 IS PERFORMING IN HIS 14TH BROADWAY SHOW, “ALL THE WAY,” WITH BRYAN CRANSTON. RICHARD HAS BEEN A BROOKLYN RESIDENT SINCE 1985 AND IS GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITIES AND SuCCESSES HE’S HAD IN FILM, TV, AND THEATER.
TIMOTHY L. CARVALHO is finishing up his term as state deputy of the California Knights of Columbus. He has had the chance to travel all over the state visiting councils and chapters, from Rohrert Park to San Diego, Brawley, and Fresno.

RAY MICHAUD announced his retirement as headmaster of the John Thomas Dye School in Los Angeles after a 36-year career there.

'71 VIDA M. HOLGUIN is married to CORKY JOHNSTON '73 and practices law in Hermosa Beach. She has a 7-month-old granddaughter and a 4-year-old grandson. Corky manages CJ’s Pantry in Redondo Beach. The couple reports that they’re still crazy after all these years.

'72 J. L. BRODERICK recently stepped down as chair of the clinical psychology program at Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, where he continues to serve as core faculty. He also maintains a private practice in clinical psychology.

KEVIN MCNAMARA is a retired commercial real estate investor. He splits the year between Poway and a cattle ranch in Charlo, Mont.

KAY HERMANN GERY and her husband, TOM GERY ’70, have retired from the Washoe County School District after 40 years in education. Tom taught fifth and sixth grades, and Kay was a special education resource teacher. They are contemplating a move to the Oregon coast.

'73 STEPHEN M. BOREMAN is a partner in the law firm of Slote, Links & Boreman, LLP, with offices at the Embarcadero Center in San Francisco. Steve telecommutes from his home in Folsom.

ROSARIO MIRANDA MARTIN ’73 WORKS AT CALIFORNIA PACIFIC MEDICAL CENTER IN SAN FRANCISCO. THANKS TO HER LAST CLASS NOTE, SHE WAS ABLE TO CONNECT WITH THREE DEAR FRIENDS AFTER NEARLY 30 YEARS.

'74 GLORIA EDMONSON FERGUSON is a retired educational research administrator, securities arbitrator, and medical malpractice reporter. She also writes self-help books. Gloria has seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

AL SCHUBERT has been named one of four general managers of VSP Vision Care, a $2.3 billion nonprofit eye care services company in Rancho Cordova. Al has been with VSP 26 years and started his post-USF career as a high school religious education instructor and coach.

'80 JOHN BLOCK III was appointed executive director of the New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

EVA MARIE CARNEY recently enjoyed a visit from USF history professorUidia Kruze and her wife, Ann, in Washington, D.C. Eva’s daughter, Elise, who studied Chinese at Middlebury College, joined them for dinner and great conversation.

MASATAKA TANAKA plans to visit San Francisco soon!

'81 SIAMAK DOWLATSHAHI is divorced and lives with her friend Sue and dog Prince in South Windsor, Conn.

ANITA (NITZI) QILDEA-PHILLIPS has a family full of proud Dons. Her youngest son is now a freshman and is enjoying college life, while her eldest child graduated in 2008. Her husband, SAM PHILLIPS ’92, JD ’95, is capital partner at his firm, Norton Petrin. Anita is happily retired and holding down the home front.

ALBERTO GONZALEZ is founder, president, and executive creative director of Pulsar Advertising. Alberto just led his team to become the agency of record along with Arcade Creative Group for MTA, the largest transportation system in North America. Pulsar has specialized in transportation and TDM marketing and advertising for more than 20 years, and has worked with Arlington County Commuter Services, Amtrak Virginia, The Tide light rail, HRT, WMATA, MARTA, BART, Foothill Transit, and many others. Alberto started his advertising agency in 1992 with Metrolink as his first client.

JUDITH GUMBA KEATING and KEVIN KEATING ’77 are married and have two sons: Casey, who is a medical doctor, and Nicholas Kevin Keating, a senior airman with the U.S. Air Force.

'82 STEPHEN H. FITZPATRICK is a retired San Francisco probation officer who wrote many court reports for the San Francisco Superior Court but has since discovered the joy of writing about the city of San Francisco across various genres and also memoirs. He attends classes at OLLI through SFSU.

KIM KOVASALA is back in Boca Raton, Fla., coaching swimming and tennis.

THERESE KELLAGHAN is taking a sabbatical year to teach law at eight different universities across Asia and several countries. She will be lecturing in Cambodia, Laos, Hanoi, Hong Kong, Beijing, and South Korea. She has taught at the University of Aix Marseille School of Law in France for the past 22 years. She invites fellow Dons interested in hearing about this experience to contact her at tk@cabinetkeel.com.

STEPHEN MULLIN was featured on the cover of the National Catholic Reporter in January for his work as the parish life director of All Saints Church in Hayward.

'83 SALVADOR D. ACEVES EdD ’95 will be appointed vice president, chief financial officer, and professor of accounting at Regis University in Denver. He can be reached at saceves@regis.edu.

'84 LEE WILSON is finishing his 18th year teaching history at Silver High School in Silver City, N.M., and 11th year as assistant baseball coach. He is also a full-time grandpa to grandson Ryan.

'85 SUSAN VIVIAN SERVER works as a senior accountant in San Jose and is looking forward to retirement in a few years. Her post-retirement plans include an around-the-world cruise, oil painting, and relearning to play the piano. Her career has been challenging and exciting, and she’s hoping retirement will prove to be a wonderful experience as well.

SCOTT TRUE became a career federal employee with the Internal Revenue Service. He’s just five years away from retirement eligibility and resides in Mexico while working out of the IRS office in San Diego.

'86 PETE COMERFORD is the 2013-14 president of the Northern California Chapter of the Knights of Columbus, which covers the Diocese of Sacramento, from Vallejo and Galt in the south to Yreka and Mt. Shasta in the north. Pete and his wife, Mary Ellen, are enjoying a very busy retirement in the Sierra Nevada community of Pollock Pines. Although Pete graduated in ’86, he was part of Class of ’65 for three years.

SAMUEL CRUMP SR. MPA ’02 married fellow USF graduate COLLEEN MccARTHY CRUMP ’84.
SHERRIE SELIBER FRIEDMAN joined the Private Defender Panel of the San Mateo County Bar Association in September of last year. She specializes in juvenile law and represents parents and children in child abuse and neglect cases.

PATRICIA COSTA TAGUE has lived in Louisville, Kentucky, for the last 20 years, mostly as a stay-at-home mom. She has two children, Max (20) and Sydney (18). Her husband, Michael, has his own Internet/telephone company, Win.net. She has done a great amount of volunteer work over the years, and her youngest will be off to college in the fall. “I’m looking for a real job, somewhere in education,” she writes.

CHRISTINA RODRIGUEZ LASKOWSKI serves as president of the Science and Technology Advisory Council - Silicon Valley, a nonprofit focused on promoting self-sufficiency and industry growth in the Philippines through entrepreneurship. She welcomes any interest to grow and support her efforts. Fellow alumna ESTELLA LULUGUISEN HUNT also serves on the board.

MARTHA MURRAY is associate director of security, safety, health, and environmental facility services at Genentech.

JUDY RICE is serving as chair of the Sonoma County Human Rights Commission and was recently appointed to the Community and Local Law Enforcement Task Force.

CHRISTINA PAZSITZKY ’99 SCORING LAUGHS AS A HEADLINING STAND-UP

You’d have to be a lunatic to choose a career in stand-up comedy, says headliner Christina Paziasky ’99. You’re on the road constantly. You stay in dingy motels and eat bad food. You’re broke. You’re lonely. Sometimes you bomb. And yet, she loves it. “It’s still a thrill to make people laugh. It’s better than anything else.” Paziasky says. “It’s still a thrill to see my name on a marquee.”

Paziasky’s been at it for more than a decade. She’s performed in every state, across Europe and Asia, and in Afghanistan for U.S. troops. She’s also written for popular late night talk show “Chelsea Lately.”

She’s one of just a handful of women who headline at comedy clubs. “There’s absolutely a societal bias against women being perceived as funny,” she says. But she’s managed to pack comedy clubs with her honest, brave, and, at times, self-deprecating humor.

Her current one-hour stand-up act is personal and political, and everything is fair game—from racism and sexism to her Hungarian immigrant parents and her husband, comedian Tom Segura, with whom she co-hosts a popular podcast “Your Mom’s House.”

“It’s like philosophy in some ways,” she says of writing stand-up. “You’ve got your premise. You’ve got your theories on the world, and then you’re convincing people of your arguments. It’s an intellectual game.”

The philosophy graduate says that if she weren’t a comedian, she’d be a philosopher, like her mentor, the late Bob Makus, a USF philosophy professor who encouraged her to pursue creative work.

“He taught me how to think,” she says. “If you can read and use your mind, you can do anything, and that’s what I learned studying philosophy. And I think that’s the secret to having a good career and a good life emotionally and spiritually.”

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STEVE ANGLIN is now an applied mathematician specializing in partial differential equations through one-on-one consulting and workshops. He’s also a lecturer in mathematics.

JOE DUGAN is the director of coaching and player development at the SF Glens Junior Soccer Club, and he is also on the Executive Committee of the USF Alumni Board of Directors.

After 30 years in the homebuilding industry, KELLY HERRING retired last year.

MARY PARKS-LUNTAO and her husband, Willie, are both retired. They recently traveled to Southeast Asia to visit their son, Lange, who works there. They hope to travel more in the future.
USF Celebrates Alumna of the Year

Annette Anton ‘69, MA ‘83

Annette Anton’s career has been shaped by a love of education in general, and USF in particular. For more than 50 years, she has been an educator, and a tireless advocate for the University of San Francisco.

As a freshman, during her first week on campus, John Lo Schiavo, S.J. (later USF’s 25th president), recruited her to help with a photo project. That day started a lifelong friendship; it was also the day USF learned something important: if you need something done, ask Annette.

She was a teacher and administrator at San Francisco’s Presentation High School for more than 20 years. When the school closed its doors, an opportunity opened for USF, and the university hired her as the assistant director of alumni relations. Her energy and enthusiasm later landed her the director post.

“I love USF, which is really saying I love the amazing people at USF,” Anton said. “Most of my friends have a USF connection, and whether we’re having dinner, or exploring the city, these are the people I count on the most, who support me, and inspire me. They’re not just part of my community, they are my community.”

There’s one more thing that Annette really, really loves about USF: Dons basketball. She’s been a season ticketholder for more than two decades, in both men’s and women’s hoops. A bigger fan simply doesn’t exist.

When Annette retired in 2012, there wasn’t even time for her to miss USF before she returned to campus—as a student at the Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning, where she takes classes on subjects such as presidential inauguration speeches, and the Book of Psalms.

Annette has never lived more than a mile away from the Hilltop Campus, and her warmth, enthusiasm, and deep love of USF reminds us that a university isn’t defined by its building, or its coursework, but by its people, which is perfect, because Annette Anton is one of the best people we know.
More than 425 alumni and friends gathered at Nob Hill’s Fairmont Hotel to celebrate the winners of USF’s 2014 alumni awards. The spring gala and dinner also honored University President Stephen A. Privett, S.J., for his 14 years of service to USF.

WE ASKED THE AWARD WINNERS THIS QUESTION:

What role did USF play in helping you to lead and succeed?

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ALISSANDRA DRAMOV is proud to announce the release of her book, “Carmel-by-the-Sea, The Early Years (1903-1913).” She is committed to historic preservation and is a member of the California Historical Society and the Carmel Heritage Society. Alissandra is also the author of “The Bohemian Biographical Guide for Northern California (1865-1915),” and is currently researching her third book, “Carmel-by-the-Sea, The Growth Years (1913-1943).”

CHRISTINE RENNE is living in Houston with her husband and three sons, ages 12, 14, and 16. She is partner at Werner Ayers, LLP, where she primarily handles business litigation matters. She hopes to catch up with classmates at one of the alumni events in San Francisco this year.

LORRIE BROWN has been leading her successful interior design practice in Wellington, Fla., for 18 years. She focuses on high-end residential projects and offers her clients on-the-go design, making it possible to collaborate around the clock. She also has a passion for animal rescue and advocacy, and recently spearheaded the passage of an ordinance in her village that disallows puppy mill puppies from being sold in pet stores. She devotes her time to “no-kill” efforts in her community.

MARK FENNELL has solved the mystery of particle-wave duality for electromagnetic energy, a puzzle that has baffled scientists for more than a century. This and many other discoveries have been published in his latest book, “Fundamental Properties of Electromagnetic Energy.” Other discoveries in this book include the long sought “hidden variables” of quantum mechanics and the composition of the photon. Mark’s book includes full-color illustrations and is available in paperback and as an e-book.

KNUT S. KVNDESLAND is married, with two daughters and one son. He recently moved from his home country of Norway to Switzerland to become procurement director of the Trans-Adriatic Pipeline (TAP) AG. This will be his fourth foreign assignment. Knut has also worked for StatOil in Canada, the Bahamas, and the U.S.

ELIZABETH O’FLAHERTY has been happily married for almost 17 years and has three great kids: (14-year-old Mikey, 12-year-old Lily, and 6-year-old Bonnie). They live in Rhode Island.

HEATHER HACKMAN just celebrated 10 years with Genentech and is currently operations manager for the Strategy Group in U.S. Medical Affairs.

NATHALIE (HUANG) CAMPOS enjoys her work as a utilization nurse at John Muir. She has a 15-year-old son, Mitchell, who enjoys football and soccer. She and her partner, Dave, recently traveled to Paris. She would love to hear from her fellow nursing alumni.

After 40 years of practicing family medicine, JAMES NOVAK retired. He continues to teach at Cascade East Family Medicine Residency. His two sons went to USF for post-graduate work. One is a lawyer at Morrison Foerster, and the other is a doctor at Kaiser.

KELLY TURNER, her 7-year-old niece Madilyn, and 3-year-old nephew Owen signed up to adopt a U.S. soldier. They chose brothers FA Robert Schulz and PFC Dylan Schulz, and send greetings and goodies to them while they are serving in the military.

JANET GIDDINGS teaches religious studies at Santa Clara University and philosophy of religion and ethics at San Jose State University. She is working on a book about American poet Edwin Markham. Janet is a descendent of Markham, and her work is in memory of her mother, Mar cellul Markham Mikulin. Janet spoke on Markham and his work at the Swedenborgian Church in San Francisco in March.

JAMES DUNCAHN BROWN PARKE and his wife went on a trip to Egypt over the New Year.

CATHY CHANG is director for executive education immersion programs at the University of San Francisco School of Management, where she is responsible for designing, organizing, and delivering executive education programs with an emphasis on innovation and entrepreneurship in Silicon Valley. Prior to joining USF, Cathy held positions in marketing, PR, and project/program management in the U.S. and Korea. Cathy enjoys the cultural diversity of San Francisco and finds her career in higher education with a Jesuit mission truly rewarding and meaningful.

JOSUWA BERNARDO married Dolly Jap last March at the Blackhawk Auto Museum in Danville. RICH PIO RODA ‘97, JD ‘01 and ROCKY MITARAI ‘99 were best men, and many other Dons were in attendance. Josuwa is a senior hazardous materials specialist, and Dolly is a financial analyst.

After more than 25 years of active duty in both the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy, MICHAEL J. QUIGLEY transferred to the U.S. Navy Reserve. He is assigned to the Directorate of Intelligence on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon. Last June he joined Human Rights First, a Washington, D.C.-based human rights organization, as senior adviser for national security. Michael was further honored in October 2013 with his investiture as a Knight of Magistral Grace in the Sovereign Military Order of Malta.

CRAIG BLAIS recently won the Gold Medal in Poetry from the Florida Book Awards for his first book of poetry, “About Crows,” which was published by the University of Wisconsin Press.

MARY ANNE R. BRADY is a project coordinator for Programmatic Excellence & Innovation in Learning (PEIL) Projects at California State University, East Bay.

ILISA KESSLER was promoted to chief operating officer at the Special Olympics of Northern California and Nevada. She also recently joined USF’s Sport Management Program as an adjunct professor and taught an event operations course.

JO-ELLEN RADERECHT serves as fundraising chair for the San Francisco Police Activities League. Jo-ellen and her family have a long history of involvement with league, and she enjoys every moment of it!

JUDE LED WATTERS currently assists special needs students at Pomona Unified School District. He continues to be involved in political and social activism, with a focus on ending the military industrial complex philosophy in the U.S. and feeding the hungry.

RAYZMIN AREVALO-CARBALLO is working on a paralegal studies certificate. She gave birth to a beautiful and healthy baby boy named Damian Mateo in August. This is her first baby.

MARIO DAHDAH became a partner at the law firm Delaghes, Linder & Dury, LLP in January.

DEIDRE SMITH MA ‘06 and DEREK CHIN MBA ’03 were married last November on Treasure Island. In January, the couple
traveled to Burma to hold a traditional Burmese wedding ceremony and then explored Southeast Asia on their honeymoon. Deidre and Derek live in San Francisco.

'03 ALEXANDRA TOLLETTE BIERING and husband, Brian Biering, welcomed their first child, Charles Stuart, last November.

KRISTIN MARIE GEDDIS MA '09 will marry Zachary Adam Christopher Stone in October in Nashville, Tenn.

'04 SARAH LEDESMA received her master’s degree in communication management from the Annenberg School of Communication and Journalism at the University of Southern California in 2013. She now works at the American Film Institute in Los Angeles. She previously worked at the University of California, Santa Cruz as an instructional designer for Save Mart Supermarkets.

LINDA LEVINGTON-MADRIGAL is working as an instructional designer for Save Mart Supermarkets.

'07 JILLIAN FISH recently joined the Office of Alumni Engagement at USF, bringing six years of high-profile executive leadership experience to the office. She recently led her coworkers Monica, Shelley, Dylan, Ja’Nae, and Jay in a four-hour Class Notes Hack-a-thon to benefit everyone reading this.

SAM KANG is running for the State Assembly in the 15th District in the East Bay. If elected, Sam would be the first person of color to represent Berkeley. Currently, Sam is the general counsel of the Greenlining Institute, a civil rights organization headquartered in Berkeley.

STEPHEN LUCIA teaches English at Carlmont High School in Belmont and is completing a master’s degree in educational administration at Santa Clara University.

JUSTIN OHANESSION launched College Labor (collegealabor.org), an online marketplace that connects people hiring for odd jobs and errands with local college students. He wrote the business plan for College Labor in his USF entrepreneurship class under Brett Bonstrom back in 2007. Since its launch, College Labor has created over $100,000 in earnings for students in the Bay Area, including 23 USF students.

JESSICA RINGER partners with JESSICA DRAGOTTO in operating a graphic design boutique called Monella Designs. Monella Designs has offices in San Francisco and Modesto.

ROBERT STANLEY graduated with a dual master’s degree from Johns Hopkins University’s School of Public Health and School of Advanced International Studies in 2012. He is currently working for USAID in South Africa on the Presidents Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR).

'08 KANJIA CHIBIARA recently completed a master’s degree in science in nutrition and food service management, and now serves as the catering manager for Stanford Hospital and Clinics and Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital.

SHAYNE MASON currently teaches at USF and maintains multiple clinical practices as a nurse-practitioner in San Francisco. He is the co-host of the internationally syndicated radio talk show “Nurse Talk” and is pursuing his doctorate at USF.

TODD WYNN purchased a home in Northern Virginia with his family. He also landed a new job working on behalf of the electric utility industry on policy priorities at both the state and federal levels.

'09 JOSHUA MICHAEL HARRISION is currently deployed to Afghanistan as an aeromedical physician’s assistant for the U.S. Army. He takes care of more than 700 soldiers and flying medevac missions, serving as the frontline medical care provider for our injured servicemen and women.

SANDRA JEWETT EdD is CEO of Synchronous Education, the first synchronous platform that successfully utilizes a blended learning model to provide certificate programs and post graduate degrees from a number of colleges and universities around the world.


'10 LEANDRA CARTAGENA is the bilingual event marketing representative at St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Atlanta, primarily planning events to raise money for children suffering from cancer. She organized the Unvision Radiothon, which raised $34,000, and is currently planning another one. She loves her job and the opportunity to give back to her community.

KAMILLA NOSOVITSKAYA serves as the content marketing evangelist for TDA Group, an award-winning content marketing solutions agency in Mountain View. Kamilla is also a contributing writer for Miss A, an online publication covering the intersection of charity and style in 21 cities, with over 1.2 million unique readers annually.

JOSE VAZQUEZ is the housing administrative aide for the City of Downey, where he coordinates the Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Fund. Last August, Jose married NALLELI PADILLA ’09 at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Modesto. Nalleli is studying to be a dental hygienist.

JENNIFY YI is a first-year law student at Hofstra University’s School of Law. She is also a 2014 New York City Bar Diversity Fellow.

'11 DAVID ANDRADE has filed various roles at Dolby Laboratories, including financial analyst and most recently business systems administrator. He successfully completed a 100-mile bike ride around Lake Tahoe and the Waikoloa Lavaman Triathlon in Hawaii as part of the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society’s “Team in Training.” David raised nearly $10,000 for blood cancer research in the process.

GLEN FERNANDEX and KELLY SANDERS were married last November in Los Angeles. For the last two years, JAKE NAGASAWA has worked as a program assistant in USF’s Department of Theology and Religious Studies. He is now a PhD student in religious studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

ELIZABETH QUINTERO OSUNA was hired at Cal State East Bay, where she educates students on practicing healthier habits.

DAVID ANDRADE ’11 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED A 100-MILE BIKE RIDE AROUND LAKE TAHOE, AND ALSO THE WAIKOLOA LAVAMAN TRIATHLON IN HAWAII AS PART OF THE LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY’S “TEAM IN TRAINING.” DAVID RAISED NEARLY $10,000 FOR BLOOD CANCER RESEARCH.
Jack Howell ’64 is building and distributing thousands of portable solar cookers to refugee families in Afghanistan, and they’re changing lives.

“These families don’t have much. They’re part of the country’s half-million internally displaced people, forced from their homes by 30 years of war,” Howell says. They live in tents and mud houses, and have no electricity or running water.

Howell’s cookers don’t need electricity. On a sunny day, they can heat up to 250 degrees Fahrenheit, which is hot enough to pasteurize a gallon of water in 45 minutes, and cook a whole chicken in two hours.

Howell has distributed about 2,000 cookers to villagers outside Kabul during the past two years.

And he makes them from a Bay Area throw away: Mylar bags from Peet’s Coffee and Tea, which the company uses to store wholesale beans. The shiny Mylar is stapled to panels, which are arranged so that their reflective surface focuses sunlight on a cooking pot, converting the sunlight into heat.

The ovens help Afghans in a number of important ways: they help kill waterborne bacteria in a country where only 27 percent of people have access to clean water, and they’re smoke-free. Worldwide, about two million people die every year from the effects of breathing smoke from open fires, according to the World Health Organization.

The cookers also alleviate the need for costly firewood. “Families save up to $12 a month. That’s a lot, considering Afghans make only about $30 a month on average,” Howell said.

It costs about $15 to build each cooker; that expense is covered by Trust in Education (TIE), a nonprofit where Howell works as a volunteer. They’re shipped for free through the U.S. Agency for International Development, and Peet’s donates the Mylar bags—tens of thousands of them so far.

Howell plans to build and distribute another 5,000 cookers by the end of the year. To get the job done, he has recruited students from 100 Bay Area high schools, all members of Interact-Rotary clubs.

Howell says giving back is something he learned at USF. “Service and a global perspective have always been at the core of USF’s values. That’s something I carry with me.”

A family receives a solar cooker and attends a demonstration on how to use it in a village outside Kabul, Afghanistan.
HYDER MIR ALKHAN is currently a marketing intern at Yelp and is also pursuing a master of science in organizational change management at The New School in New York City.

EMILY HARBOURNE moved to Chicago to pursue a master’s degree in journalism at the Medill School at Northwestern University.

HALIE COULBOURNE has been working at a small architecture firm in the North Bay since the summer after graduation.

ANGELA KRISTINA “LIANNE” M. ENGAGE lives in Charlottesville, Va., where she has started her nursing career at the University of Virginia Medical Center’s Orthopedic and Trauma Unit.

WALLACE (LACEY) LIEBERTHAL works at the Society of California Pioneers in San Francisco, where she had interned as temporary collections assistant while still a student at USF. Lacey assists the director of library & archives in managing a variety of museum and library collections. She hopes to attend the museum studies program at John F. Kennedy University in the fall.

ILYSE LIFREING works as an ESL teacher in Shanghai and freelance writes for the largest English-language magazine in China, City Weekend. She’s in the process of applying to graduate school.

GRADUATE

THOMAS LITTLE JD and several other members of his USF law school class regularly meet for lunch at Original Joe’s. Thomas is the de facto class secretary for these lunches.

CARMENCITA QUESADA FULGADO MA recently published a coffee book table, “Memories.” She also started the Fulgado and Friends Scholarship Fund for students at the University of the Philippines, which has funded 19 scholars.

After more than 40 years of practicing law, RALPH R. GARCIA JD retired. He was in private practice with JOHN GARCIA JD ’76 and retired as a public defender in March 2014.

PETER A. BAGATELOS JD and his wife, Anne, celebrate 40 years of marriage in July. They have two grown children and one delightful 2-year-old grandson. Peter has practiced political law for 38 years. “Perhaps 40 is the right year for retirement. Time will tell,” he writes.

ROBERT M. DORES MS is editor-in-chief of the journal, General and Comparative Endocrinology. He is also director of the Pre-professional/Allied Health Advising Center at the University of Denver.

MARY CHRISTINE ATHANS MA recently published a new book, “In Quest of the Jewish Mary: The Mother of Jesus in History, Theology and Spirituality.” She is currently lecturing on this topic at universities. She is professor emerita at the University of St. Thomas and adjunct faculty at Catholic Theological Union and Loyola University Chicago.

JEANNE POWELL JD published “Carousel,” a collection of essays, in March. She had two-second edition poetry books published last year and will have four additional books of poetry published this year.

MICHAEL A. HARPENDING MA left the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in 2012 to become director of the English Language Learning Center at Seattle University. His wife, REIKO HARPENDING MA ’78, retired in 2012.

PETER JAY LOGAN JD is enjoying both solo practice and collaborating with other lawyers and firms. His flexible schedule allows him to play much more music. He plays the drums with a great rock band that includes lead guitar player, PAUL GORDON JD ’75.

HOWARD K.K. LUKE JD was named 2014 “Lawyer of the Year” in Non-White Collar Criminal Defense, Best Lawyers in Hawaii. He is also the fellow and current state chair for the American College of Trial Lawyers.

RON DOODGE JD and his wife, Sandy, are semi-retired and farming in Sonoma County. They also volunteer for the Family Justice Center. The couple’s son, Corey, recently graduated from Dominican University of California and works in tunnel administration at the Presidio Tunnel in San Francisco. Their daughter, Sonya, also a Dominican graduate, is an RN working in Baton Rouge, La.

RICHARD GARCIA MA has been married for 32 years and has two daughters. He works as a civil rights investigator with the State of Ohio and is also a Latin percussionist and a disabled Vietnam veteran. He’s currently enrolled at Ohio Christian University’s MBA program.

JAYNE KELLY NORDSTROM JD remarried (again) and is happily residing in Nevada City while working in San Francisco. She is now the proud grandmother of nine grandchildren and recently won a complicated case at the California Court of Appeal.

PAUL D. HUNT JD is an estate planner with offices at Marina Village in Alameda. He lives in Oakland with his wife, Melissa, and still goes backpacking every summer.

CARL BOZZO MHS lives in Carmel-by-the-Sea with his wife of 58 years, DIANE FELICE BOZZO ’56. They have seven children and 21 grandchildren. Carl is a retired dentist and most recently served as CEO and chairman of the board of National Health Care Systems. He successfully merged the company with Foundation Health in 1992 and delivered to his shareholders $4-$8 for every dollar they invested.

ROBERT LAMONT JD married David Jones in February of last year on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. He is currently directing an American Bar Association rule of law project in the Philippines, aimed at improving the Philippine court system through automation. Robert bought a home in Hawaii and is looking forward to vacatining there until retiring permanently to the islands. He would love to hear from other members of the School of Law Class of 1984.

After three years in North Carolina, SUE ROKAW JD is happy to be back in San Francisco. She works as in-house claims counsel at Deans & Homer and plans to volunteer with the School of Law through activities offered by USF Career Planning.

KIM JAMIESON EdD serves as an adjunct professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at Tarleton State University, where she supervises aspiring administrators in their internships. She lives in Granbury, Texas.

CAROL M. LANGFORD JD just published the fourth edition of her nationally adopted textbook, “Legal Ethics in the Practice of Law.” She is an adjunct professor at the USF School of Law, and her son will graduate from USF in May.

CARMENCITA QUESADA FULGADO MA ’66 STARTED THE FULGADO AND FRIENDS SCHOLARSHIP FUND. IT HAS FUNDED 19 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES.
CLAUDIA ROMERO MA is currently the director at St. Joseph Residence, a home for students located near the University of Southern California campus in Los Angeles. Many of its residents are foreign students, mostly from Asia. Through this position, Claudia was afforded the opportunity to travel to Colombia for two weeks in February.

SCOTT PATTON JD was appointed Alameda County Superior Court judge. He is enjoying his new role.

'88 MICHAEL LEO MBA is proud that his daughter, Kathleen, is graduating from USF this year. Kathleen will hold a bachelor of science in business administration with a concentration in hospitality industry management.

JAN MELSEN MBA is still working as corporate trainer in Brussels, as well as in other European countries. He enjoys lecturing on leadership and negotiation at various European business schools and being single. Every year, he holds a three-day alumni meeting of 1988-90 USF MBA graduates (the “USF CIRCLE”). This May, the group met in Lyon, France. The trip was organized by TERESA COOPER MBA ’90. Other attendees included WILFRED KAIGNZ MBA ’89, JOS PIRON MBA ’89, LARS JOHNSON MBA ’89, BERNARD GANDER MBA ’89, ANNE SORENSEN MBA ’89, and DIRK HARO MBA ’89.

'89 MARLENE SMITH-BARANZINI MA was recently appointed editor for the Overland Journal, the scholarly quarterly of the Oregon-California Trails Association. She and her husband, JB, an acupuncturist, live in Tracy.

BARABRA SCHAFER MIHRD is president of United Thank Offering (UTO) of the Episcopal Church. UTO is a missionary grant program for Episcopal diocese throughout the world.

'91 MIRIAM ZIMMERMAN EdD is volunteer interim director for The Helen and Joe Farkas Center for the Study of the Holocaust in Catholic Schools at Mercy High School in San Francisco.

'94 ANDRE PIERRE HADDAD MBA established a financial services company dealing in insurance and investments in the Middle East and North Africa. He is married with three daughters.

JOANN JELLY EdD retired after 20 years of teaching psychology at the community college level. She continues to teach online.

JOHN MICHAELIDIS MBA lives in Athens, Greece. He runs his own company, Hospitality & Tourism Ltd., which focuses on destination marketing and tourism investments.


'97 ELIZABETH BREKHUS JD was elected president of the Marin County Bar Association and was elected mayor pro tem of the Ross Town Council. Elizabeth practices law in Marin County and focuses on civil litigation with an emphasis on real property litigation.

AMY MARSH (Development Director Certificate) is a clinical sexologist who is happy to announce three encyclopedic entries in the upcoming “Cultural Encyclopedia of the Penis,” which will be published by AltaMira Press in August. She is currently analyzing the results of a small descriptive survey of 225 erotic “recreational” hypnotists and has a private practice in Albany and El Cerrito.

LUKE PERKOCHA MBA recently joined Kaiser Permanente as a physician at the San Rafael Medical Center, where he works part-time. Outside of work, he enjoys time with his family and friends and maintains interest in new technology and start-up businesses.

WANDA SABIR MA recently traveled to Brazil to meet women who are a part of a sorority called “The Sisterhood of Our Lady of the Good Death (Irmãndade da Nossa Senhora da Boa Morte),” a small but renowned Afro-Catholic religious group in the state of Cachoeira, Bahia, Brazil. Last summer, she also traveled to East Africa (Ethiopia, Zanzibar, Tanzania, and Zimbabwe), where she met many activists, artists, and educators, among them Emze Pete O’Neal, co-founder of the Kansas City Black Panther Party chapter. She was accepted into a depth psychology doctoral program at the Pacifica Graduate Institute, and her work will take her back to Cachoeira this summer. Her focus is the effect of trauma on memory, specifically genetic memories connected to enslavement and colonization.

'98 VERONIKA BRIGGS BENION JD lives in Arizona, where she opened The Christian Law Office. She practices family, juvenile, and personal injury law. Veronika has handled at least one case per year on either a pro-bono basis or at a greatly reduced rate.

In January, JEREMY BRAHMA MA started a new job at TECT Corporation in Cincinnati as a marketing analyst.

JOHN GARRISON MBA teaches English literature at Carroll University. In 2012-13, he received research fellowships from the Folger Shakespeare Library, the American Philosophical Society, and the Beinecke Library at Yale University. He recently published his first book, “Friendship and Queer Theory in the Renaissance.”

DEBORAH GRANT MNA was named director of development for the Western U.S. at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The trust was founded in 1949 and now has more than 300,000 members and supporters nationwide.

FRED J. KUO MA and Cristina Dieguez-Kuo welcomed their third child, Anabel Penelope, last December. Fred is currently director of student involvement at Fairfield University.

'00 JOHN BALDWIN MNA retired in November of last year and is spending most of his time volunteering and acting.

JULIA YEIT JD is a member of Hanson Bridgett’s Pro-Bono Committee and is organizing a group of attorneys at her firm, including DENNIS MCGUAID JD ’70, to get accreditation from the Veterans Administration to provide legal services to veterans. This is part of the firm’s ongoing commitment to give back to the servicemen and women who have given so much and have so many unmet needs for legal assistance.

'02 After 17 years in the corporate world, CARMINE DEL SORDI MBA wrote “Welcome to the Big Leagues: Nine Innings of Essential Tips for the Corporate Rookie.” His book provides survival tips to young professionals.

LOIS MERRIWEATHER MOORE EdD was appointed by Governor Brown to the State of California 4th District Agricultural Association. She serves as chair of the Legislative Committee for the Sonoma-Marin Fair Board.
Coffee with Cal Ripken Jr., a quick call with Charles Barkley, and a meeting with Shaquille O’Neal—that’s all in a day’s work for Tara August MA ’04.

As vice president of talent relations for Turner Sports—one of the largest broadcasters of televised and online sports programming—August recruits and oversees all on-air announcers and commentators. Her lineup includes NBA, MLB, NCAA Division I Men’s Basketball, NASCAR, and professional golf broadcasts for TNT, TBS, and TruTV.

August manages a roster of 50 on-air personalities, including sports superstars like O’Neal, former MLB All-Star pitcher Pedro Martinez, and outfielder Gary Sheffield. She juggles everything from their contract negotiations to their show placements and special appearances. And she often coaches them through broadcasts, both on set and at some of the highest profile sports events in the U.S. and abroad.

“I’ve been to the British Open twice. I’ve been to a few Super Bowls and the World Series,” says August, who studied sport management at USF. “I love it. There’s nothing like it—that energy, that excitement.”

It also means long hours and many seven-day workweeks. “The days can get really grueling and long,” she says. “But if I’m stressed out and I’m tired, it’s still fun. These guys have such great personalities. We’re always cracking jokes. It’s hanging out with friends.”

That’s exactly how August wants viewers to feel when they tune in to a Turner broadcast—like they’re watching a game with their friends. She’s always on the lookout for the next great announcer or commentator. During her time at Turner, she’s developed an eye for spotting talent. “You have to give people a real hard look. You have to pay attention to chemistry and attitudes, whether they’re comfortable or whether they’re holding back,” she says.

One of her goals is to diversify Turner’s all-male talent pool. “We’re always trying to grow female talent. They offer a different perspective than the men.”

The sports industry is just as male-dominated behind the camera as it is in front of it. Turner’s production team is also mostly staffed by men.

“Before I got my graduate degree at USF, I felt I had to prove I was knowledgeable and serious about sports,” says August.

Studying sport management at USF enabled her to build that knowledge base and to land the job at Turner. “I liked being educated about the industry,” she says. “It’s like any industry. You have to know your craft. Whether you’re a woman or a man, you have to be credible.”
'05 KRISTEN BAUER PROSCHOLO JD was elected partner by Baker & McKenzie, LLP, where she represents companies in all stages of tax controversies. She advises companies facing potential tax controversies pre-audit, during the audit and administrative appeals process, during alternative dispute resolution proceedings, and in U.S. Tax Court. Earlier this year, Kristen became a licensed certified public accountant in California. She also co-authored an 800-page international tax treatise, “U.S. Corporations Doing Business Abroad.”

MYSTI BERRY MFA is a principal content strategist at Salesforce.com. Two of his short stories were published in anthologies in 2013. He will be appearing as a featured speaker at the Center for Information-Development Management in Seattle and as a panelist at Left Coast Crime, Monterey. He currently serves as Campus Ministry, Peer Ministry, and KAIROS Director. He is also starting his 22nd year as head boys’ volleyball coach this spring.

OREN JAFFE MBA has been working with Underwriters Laboratories for the past three years, focusing on brand/retailers’ ethical supply chain programs. Oren has recently had his second child, a girl named Zoey, who is now little sister to 3-year-old Jonah.

'06 JASON FELLNER JD is a partner at Murphy, Pearson, Bradley & Feeney in San Francisco, where he serves private and corporate clients across California. He was selected as a 2014 Northern California Super Lawyer. Jason and his wife, Nathalie, are expecting their third child in June.

After graduating from USF, MATTHEW PEFFER JD worked for the Madera County District Attorney’s Office for more than five years. He now works at the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office.

DEBORAH WILLIAMS MA is working on publishing a book of poetry and has launched a Kickstarter campaign to raise funds.

'07 AGUSTIN MAES MA was one of two runners-up for the 2014 Miami University Press Novella Contest for his novella, “Newborn.”

JASON TRIMIEW MA is building on a 15-year career with various social sector organizations in the U.S. and overseas. He launched a consulting venture, Trimiew Strategy Group, to help mission-driven firms deliver sustainable, scalable social impact programs.

'08 JENNIFER APPLEGATE JD became a partner at Parranto & Applegate, LLP. She practices family law almost exclusively, which she describes as “equal parts rewarding and maddening.” But, she adds, “It certainly feels good when we can get people to put their children’s interests first.” She was sorry to miss the reunion due to illness but invites classmates to drop a line if they’re in Sonoma, where she lives.

HEATHER BOSHEARS ROBBINS JD joined Fox, Ghio, Hartley & Babu, LLP, a law firm based in San Mateo specializing in estate planning, probate litigation, business and real estate transactions, civil litigation, employment disputes, and bankruptcy. She is a member of the executive committee of the San Mateo County Bar Association’s Estate Planning, Probate and Elder Law Section and serves as co-chair of the Section’s New Attorney Group. Heather is a long-term volunteer at the San Francisco SPCA.

'10 MARY GRACE ALMENDrez EDO received a Managing for Excellence Award at Brown University for her commitment to empowering, educating, and supporting staff.

GARY W. CRISS MAT is a HERS II rater with CalCERTS and is consulting and teaching building science as a building performance contractor in Sonoma County. He is also an associate with RBCLife.com.

'11 While not yet a rabbi, RANDI WREN MA has been studying theology for many years. Randi’s passion is to discuss and reflect upon life’s ultimate issues. He specializes in counseling of interfaith relationships, general relationship issues, and teen angst.

'13 RACHEL MARIE BRUNSON MA moved to Columbia, S.C., to begin her career in the higher education and student affairs field. She is currently the coordinator of supplemental instruction in the Student Success Center at the University of South Carolina. She reports that she now says “y’all” even more than she did when living in San Francisco.

LEIGHIA FLEMING MA ’13 LANDED HER DREAM JOB AS COORDINATOR OF STUDENT JUDICIAL AFFAIRS AT UC MERCED. SHE ENJOYS HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH STUDENTS ABOUT HOW THEIR EVERYDAY CHOICES CAN AFFECT THEIR FUTURES.

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in memoriam
Bitcoin is a virtual currency, existing only on computers and in the cloud, but some believe it is the future of money. Bitcoin made big news recently when the value of one “coin” quadrupled to more than $1,100 in just six months, and again when $450 million in Bitcoins went missing from a “virtual vault” at the world’s biggest Bitcoin exchange in Japan.

John Veitch, an expert in financial analysis, and the associate dean for graduate programs at the USF School of Management, answers five questions.

1. **Bitcoin is called a digital currency. But is it money?**
   No, it’s not money in any traditional sense. It doesn’t hold its value and it’s not a common medium of exchange. That’s partially because Bitcoin has no physical presence and exists only on the Internet. If you want to buy something in the real world with a Bitcoin, you generally have to exchange it for legal tender.

   That said, about 30 merchants in San Francisco already allow you to use Bitcoins, and you can buy anything from groceries at Buyer’s Best Friend market to a bowl of ramen noodles at Ramen Underground. Merchants use Bitcoin as a marketing tool to attract a certain kind of clientele, mostly techies.

2. **How does a Bitcoin work?**
   You can buy or sell Bitcoins through your online bank account. Once you’ve opened a Bitcoin account, or “wallet,” and converted your cash into Bitcoins, you can pay for things at the register by scanning a QR code on your smartphone. You can also buy things directly from some online merchants like Overstock.com and pay in a similar manner to PayPal.

3. **Why has Bitcoin attracted such attention?**
   While Bitcoin isn’t money, it has made some people a lot of money as an investment. Its value is entirely speculative, which is why it fluctuates so dramatically. It’s a craze, like tulip mania in Holland in 1637.

   People love stories about things that double and triple in value. Over the past 12 months, the value of a Bitcoin ballooned from about $250 to more than $1,100, but then tumbled to about $595.

   Those gyrations have attracted the attention of famous investors like the Winklevoss twins, who are famous for their lawsuit claiming Facebook was their idea. They reportedly own $40 million in Bitcoins, and spent a half million dollars in profits buying seats on Virgin Galactic’s space plane. That just fed the frenzy.

   Before their value skyrocketed, about the only folks interested in Bitcoin were techies and people who distrust government.

4. **What’s ahead for Bitcoin?**
   I think it will either disappear because exchanges collapse and people lose lots of money or it will be professionalized and brought into the fold of legal currency. Right now, the U.S. government is allowing Bitcoin to be used for purchases because it’s a small player in the grand scheme of things. If Bitcoin usage continues to grow, the government will take further steps to regulate it—as it did in March when it said Bitcoins should be treated like stocks for IRS tax purposes.

5. **Is Bitcoin the future of money?**
   I don’t think Bitcoin is a bellwether for anything. We already have digital currency and we’ve had it for a long time. It’s called online banking, and we use it on our computers and phones every day. Banks and countries make billion-dollar transactions with the click of a mouse.

   One thing Bitcoin has shown, however, is that there’s an interest in streamlining our current banking system, and to make it faster and cheaper. The best-case scenario might be that the U.S. banking system and others move in that direction in response to customer demand.
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