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A letter from Vice President of Alumnae/i Affairs Jessica Rogers

Dear Friends,

I write this letter to you having just celebrated one of the most exciting and emotional experiences on the New College campus — commencement week. It was thrilling to be able to share in the jubilation of the 2013 graduating classes’ successes this year and support them as they embark on a new phase in their lives as members of the New College alumnae/i family. The 2013 class has the distinction of being the largest graduating class in New College’s history reaching our 5,000th graduate since the first commencement in 1967.

By all accounts, New College is being the largest graduating class in New College’s history reaching our 5,000th graduate since the first commencement in 1967.

As alumnae/i, your voice and support is increasingly vital to New College’s success. As you will read in this issue, this past year, alumni have been engaged in important admissions recruitment efforts, athletic opportunities on campus for students, and fundraising initiatives. On behalf of the New College Alumnae/i Association, I would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of you who supported these efforts as well as our tireless NCAA board members and alumni serving on the College and Foundation boards, reunion and chapter volunteers, alumnae/i and student mentors, internship and job providers. It is through your supportive engagement that New College remains nimble and ready to adapt to the changing world around us all. For those of you yet to become involved, I encourage you to become active participants in your alma mater and contribute your ideas and support to improving the very best of the New College experience.

I hope your summer is relaxing and enjoyable and I look forward to seeing you in your city or on campus soon!

Sincerely,
Jessica Rogers

Mark your Calendars!

The NCAA along with New College admissions will be coming to your area during the following dates to meet with prospective students and counselors as part of our target city program. (See page 18 for more information.)

Please contact ncalum@ncf.edu or 941-487-4900 if you would like to support the college's efforts in student admissions.

- Wednesday, October 30th—Satur- day, November 2nd — Chicago, IL
- Sunday, January 26th — Friday, January 31st — New York, NY and Boston, MA
- Thursday, February 27th — Sunday, March 2nd — St. Louis, MO

Meet Your New NCAA Board Members!

The New College Alumnae/i Association Board of Directors voted on board applications at their May 2013 meeting. A governance subcommittee consisting of Susan Sapoznikoff ‘83, Bill Rosenberg ‘73, Mike Campbell ‘87, David Banks ‘05, and Katie McAuley ‘04 reviewed and recommended candidates to the board for appointment.

The NCAA received 9 applications. The subcommittee evaluated each application and voted on a recommendation slate that was submitted to the board for consideration. Six applications were selected. This included three current board members (Cindy Hill ‘89, Maia Hinkle ‘05, and Colin Boyle ‘89) and three new board members (Michael Dexter ‘07, Jordan Clark ‘04, and Frazier Carraway ‘72.)

In addition, the terms of current board members David Banks ‘05 and Bill Rosenberg ‘73 ended at the May meeting. We thank them for their many years of dedicated service.

Michael Dexter ’07 graduated from New College in 2011 with a concentration in Political Science and Environmental Studies. While at New College he served as the Vice President of Green Affairs; worked as an NCF admissions representative; founded the intercollegiate flag football team; played with the New College Funk; and co-sponsored the Jurassic Park Palm Court Party. His thesis explored the dynamics of cooperation and conflict over water resources in the Western United States using Elinor Ostrom’s Institutional Analysis and Design Framework.

After New College he received a Master’s of Public Administration in Environmental Science and Policy from Columbia University in 2012. He has been working for the past year as an ORISE Participant in the USEPA’s Water Security Division to help communities better deal with water service interruptions. He currently resides in Washington DC and hangs out with the large DC alum contingent quite regularly.

Jordan Clark ’04 graduated from New College in 2008 with a concentration in Economics. Her thesis focused on natural resource economics, specifically fisheries management in Russia. At New College, she served as the only student on the Board of Directors for WSLR LPFM, was involved in student government, and played in a band called Furniture. Currently, she works in business development for a firm that removes landmines, and enjoys traveling when she can. She lives in Washington, DC.

Frazier Carraway ‘72 grew up in Atlanta where he graduated from Tucker High School. He started New College in 1972 concentrating in sculpture. Frazier graduated from New College with a BA in Anthropology in 1976 and enlisted in the Army. He was commissioned as an Armor officer after Officer Candidate School and served 3 ½ years on active duty and a further 12 years in the Individual Ready Reserve. After the service he worked for US Home Corp, as a construction superintendent and manager overseeing and coordinating construction of houses and condominiums before attending Stetson University College of Law. At Stetson he was Editor-in-Chief of the Law Review and graduated cum laude in 1988.

Frazier is in private practice in Tampa with the firm of Saxon, Gilmore, Carraway & Gibbons PA concentrating in business and construction litigation. Frazier is counsel to the Board of Trustees of Hillsborough Community College.

Frazier is married to Claire Bailey Carraway (NC ’75) and they have two daughters, Margaret and Bailey, who are attending Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Frazier is President of Mid-Town Kiwanis of Tampa and serves on the Vestry of St. Andrews Episcopal Church. In the past he has served twice on Florida Bar Grievance Committees, twice as President of the Kiwanis Club, on the Board of the American Diabetes Association of Southwest Florida and on the St. Andrews Church Foundation Advisory Committee.

* For a full NCAA board listing visit ncf.edu/board-of-directors.
As his first academic year draws to a close, NCF’s president reflects on some of the surprises he encountered along the way—and how the journey has helped to clarify his vision for the New College of the 21st century.

Written by Linda F. Joffe

We meet in familiar territory—the book-lined Office of the President overlooking Sarasota Bay. As he apologizes for the clutter (not so bad really) and carves out a space for us at the round table, Don O’Shea warms to the premise of our interview today: the things that have surprised him during the months that have defined his first year at the helm. He divies right in with a candor that is not actually “surprising” for a man with a reputation for integrity without pretense or guile.

“I’ve never seen a president be so candid with former students,” comments Kathleen McQueeney ’07, who recently spent an evening with O’Shea in Boston at an admissions event. “As the leader of an institution, it’s difficult to wade in political waters, but he’s really candid, and that’s surprising—in a good way.”

O’Shea says that every week has brought some kind of surprise. “Many are rooted in the peculiar history of the institution and how it has evolved,” he states. He begins with one of New College’s strengths—its academic program.

“I was surprised by how our academic rigor interacts seamlessly with academic freedom,” he states. “Both the faculty and students want intellectual rigor and the flexibility of personal choice—and they manage to achieve this balance.”

One of the changes he’d like to see is the use of CIP codes for each major as opposed to everyone graduating with a degree in “liberal studies,” for example a Bachelors in Anthropology or Marine Biology. (The CIP, or Classification of Instructional Programs, was developed by the U.S. Department of Education’s National Center for Education Statistics to provide a taxonomy of instructional program classifications and descriptions for institutions of higher education.) O’Shea says that New College’s current nomenclature makes it look like everyone has graduated in the same field, which can be misconstrued. Other liberal arts institutions do this, he asserts, and he feels this is one of those “unexplained relics from the USF days.” He plans to work with the faculty to change it.

Keeping with the theme of academics, he’d like to see New College strengthen its links to other institutions internationally and to have more international students on campus, building on faculty/student interest in all things international. He wants to make it easier for our students to study abroad and to participate in a global community.

O’Shea is also excited about the fact that this June and July, New College will offer for-credit classes taught by New College faculty that are open to the general public as part of an experimental summer school pilot program. He’s hoping that these classes, which range from 3D Modeling and Printing to Marine Policy, will attract students from other colleges and mature learners who have a thirst for knowledge. (For more information on the Summer Pilot Program, including enrollment requirements, course descriptions and tuition costs, visit ncf.edu/summer-classes.)

“I want New College to be perceived as the intellectual center of Sarasota,” states O’Shea. “We have a great opportunity here, and if the pilot is successful, we can expand our summer offerings in the future.”

He’d also like to consider developing some professional master’s programs, either offered on our own or in collaboration with other places, such as Eckerd, USF, SCF, Ringling or FSU. These might be in such fields as marine sciences, data analytics, education or non-profit governance.

Educational Hub

One of O’Shea’s biggest surprises has been a general lack of awareness (at New College and within the
community at large] of the number of institutions of higher education in the Sarasota-Bradenton area, which has a huge economic impact on the region. “We have a number of very good institutions here with very different missions, but there’s a lack of collaboration, even though we don’t really compete for the same students,” he states. “There’s no reason for that; there just doesn’t seem to be the will. I’m going to push very strongly for us to break down that isolation and find ways to cooperate more, from academics to athletics.” (New College and Ringling College of Art and Design play flag football, see story, page 14.)

Alumna Felice Schulaner ’78 couldn’t agree more. “Coming to Sarasota with a fresh perspective has allowed Don to recognize and appreciate the fact that each of the schools has its own niche, with virtually no competition for students or overlap of missions. He has a huge economic impact on the region, even though we don’t really compete for the same students.”

Public Influence

Although O’Shea had experience working with legislators in Massachusetts, he soon discovered that the halls of government in Florida are much harder to navigate. “I thought that I’d be more prepared to delve into the private-public sector,” he admits. “The political scene in Florida is different than in other places, compounded by the Sunshine Laws and cross-currents in Tallahassee, which are difficult to predict. In Massachusetts, you could figure out someone’s self-interest, but here there’s more of a random element to it. I’ve met wonderful people in the legislature, but I still don’t know my way through it.” O’Shea observes that New College’s small size relative to other members of the State University System can present a challenge ensuring our voice is heard. “But it’s worth the effort,” he notes, “as it was during the first pass of the state budget when it looked like our operating budget might be cut by $1.8 million. The numbers are not firm yet, but New College is now slated for an increase of more than $1 million. We’ll continue to pick up the phones to lobby on our behalf.”

Diversity and Growth

The nature of diversity on campus is a fundamental issue for Don O’Shea, yielding both surprises and specific action plans. “We need to work on diversity on campus,” emphasizes O’Shea. “For a small institution, we are fairly siloed. Most departments are focused narrowly on fund raising, recruiting a new Vice President of Advancement, Shannon Duvall, to lead that organization, and for Shannon’s efforts, he has focused the New College Foundation’s efforts more narrowly on fundraising, recruiting a new Vice President of Advancement, Shannon Duvall, to lead that organization.”

Creating a healthy environment for students is a great concern of his. This includes serving more locally sourced food, clubs that reflect a wider diversity of interests and overall tolerance of differing politics, lifestyle choices and belief systems. O’Shea just started a standing committee on Diversity, Community and Campus Life to cut across faculty, staff and student lines. This year he organized a meeting of all staff around the issue of student retention. “I perceived a general willingness to pitch in and heard a lot of good ideas,” he recalls. The issue of retention is tied directly to admissions, and to O’Shea’s vision of how big a school New College should be. “Growing the student body should counteract some of the insultary we experience,” says O’Shea. “We don’t want to change the way students support each other on a small campus, but that doesn’t preclude growing a bit to be more diverse, to increase our revenue and to offer more opportunities to the students we serve.”

He mentions the long-term goal of 1,200 students, similar to Haverford and referenced in a number of New College planning documents. O’Shea feels that any increase should include many more out-of-state students (ideally 50/50). He says that the college will engage in a round of planning to determine what is feasible over the next four or five years and how to achieve it. And he acknowledges that New College will need more admissions staff to carry this out, along with “a bit of strategic planning” that would include ways to drive name recognition among high school guidance counselors.

Building the Foundation

O’Shea has been pleasantly surprised by the extent to which the college supports New College financially. “This has been very exciting and heartening,” he says. “Our mission now is to create an even greater reservoir of private philanthropy. That will result in less dependence on state funding. We just shouldn’t be that vulnerable. It causes us to behave like battered kids.”

“My goal is to fund these efforts, he has focused the New College Foundation’s efforts more narrowly on fundraising, recruiting a new Vice President of Advancement, Shannon Duvall, to lead that organization.” Shannon is great,” says O’Shea. “Her goal will be to mobilize her staff and volunteers to pump New College board chair Bill Johnston and former New College board chair Sen. Bob Johnston bestow the New College seal to President Donal O’Shea.

President O’Shea with his wife Mary O’Shea.

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President O’Shea speaks at the Joan Marciak Newmark Dock Dedication during Alumnae/i Reunion Weekend.

The Netherlands. “Dr. Michalson had to secure our place as an independent member of the State University System. Dr. O’Shea’s job is to really market the college and allow us to evolve in a way that will make New College as strong as possible. I see New College maintaining the things that make it different while also becoming an institution that people consider more like the top liberal arts colleges.”

Champion for the Liberal Arts

“With less than one year at the college, Don’s impact on the school and his growing prominence in the community are really impressive.”

President O’Shea and family pose after the inauguration.

Join the Four Winds Legacy Society

Be among the many alums who are including New College in their future plans. Establish a charitable gift annuity today for New College’s best and brightest students of tomorrow. Your gift annuity will:

• Guarantee fixed income for your lifetime (a portion of which may be tax-free)
• Allow you to realize significant tax breaks, including an immediate federal income tax deduction
• Enable you to receive the satisfaction that comes from financially supporting New College

If you are interested in learning more about how to make a planned gift, please contact Vice President of Advancement and Executive Director of the Foundation Shannon Duvall at sduvall@ncf.edu or (941) 487-4801.
Alums and students join in a lively discussion at Alums/Students: Connections Across Time.

New College Psychology faculty Heidi Harley and Gordon Bauer present on dolphin and manatee research for Alumnae/i Mini Classes.

Tom White ’67, David Jaliman ’06 and Jeanine Ashforth ’01 listen to one of the Saturday panel discussions.

New College students participate in the inauguration of President O’Shea.

Albert ’90 and Jennifer Maglio ’89 with Scott and Gilda Dennis ’89 at the Inaugural Ball.

DeAnn Gorey-Ray ’78 and Greg Roy enjoy treats at the Hyatt Place Welcome Mixer hosted by Susan “Spozy” Spaznikoff ’83.

Bill Dudley ’71 leads keynote panel discussions with a presentation on life after New College entitled “From New College to the Fed.”

The Koski Bell Tower Dedication.

Christine Hamilton-Hall ’78 speaks about the significance of the Joan Marciak Newmark dock for her family and why she chose to support New College with her naming gift.

Esther Barazzone ’64 and Abbey Misemer ’65.

NCAA Board Member Stu Levitan ’72 with New College student and managing editor of the Catalyst Corey Rodda.

Alums enjoy brunch with the NCAA board.

Cindy Hill ’89, Ray Burgman ’91, Esther Barazzone ’64, Mitch Silverman ’91, Melanie Hubbard ’84, Thomas Knight ’03, Mike Campbell ’87, Julie Morris ’70, and VP of Alumnae/i Affairs Jessica Rogers at the inauguration.

Don O’Shea, Christine Hamilton-Hall ’78 and her family gather at the Joan Marciak Newmark Dock Dedication.

* For more photos of the weekend please visit our new Facebook page at facebook.com/new-collegealumassociation.
Giving Challenge Raises $100,000

For the second year in a row New College participated in the Giving Challenge, a 36-hour long online fundraising event sponsored by the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Manatee Community Foundation, and The Patterson Foundation. Over 200 local non-profits participated in the fundraising event which gave away numerous prizes to participants including a $1,000 grant for the first 25 organizations to raise $50 from 50 donors and several scaled grant prizes based on the number of unique donors each non-profit received. In addition, non-profits were offered $500,000 in match money for gifts between $25 and $1,000. Several New College foundation board members including Felice Schulaner ’78, Tom White ’67, and Chip Gaylor also gave additional monies to be matched.

With these incentives at stake, the college reached out to its large alumnae/i and campus community for good. In addition to the usual e-mail blasts and social media campaigns, New College participated in a phonathon drive encouraging alumnae/i and parents to pre-pledge to the campaign. The New College phonathon team also volunteered to go door to door collecting small donations from fellow students and Foundation staff held a Giving Challenge Roundup Day in the Koski Plaza to ask faculty, staff, and others to donate as they walked by.

In total, New College raised $102,809 from 541 donors. This amount includes a $10,000 grant from the community foundation for having the third highest number of unique donors, $11,000 in matching funds, and numerous other prizes. New College also came in second for the most money raised. 257 alums donated $41,054 to the challenge making them the highest contributors. 130 students donated a total of $382 and were educated about the importance of giving back to their school. In all, the challenge raised $2,783,818 from 17,627 gifts for the 200 participating non-profits a large increase from last year’s $2.1 million.

We offer our sincere thanks to all of those who participated in the Giving Challenge on behalf of the many New College students who benefit from your generosity.

The New College community participates in the Giving Challenge round up.

New College Interns: A High Return Investment

Written by Zeke Brustern ’06

Note: This story is a follow up to an article written by Henry Smyth ’76 which appeared in the fall 2012 issue of Nimbus.

I first met New College alum Henry Smyth ’76 when he came to give a mentorship coffee talk sponsored by the Alumnae/i Association in 2008. I was quite interested not only in what he had to say, but also to see what happened to New College graduates who didn’t pursue academia. During the talk he asked us all about our backgrounds and interests, and it was readily obvious that even the most forward thinking among us were still very much caught in the New College “bubble.” Don’t get me wrong, I loved that bubble, but it certainly has a way of shielding one from many of the harsh realities of the outside world.

Knowing the importance of internships for future employment, I convinced Henry to take me on as an intern. As one might expect I worked in a fashion that would be a good match for New College? If so, please participate in our Alumnae/i Referral Program. Alumnae/i referrals are a great source of qualified applicants because our alumni have a unique understanding of the type of student who would thrive here. The office of admissions truly values and is very grateful for referrals!

To participate simply visit ncf.edu/alumni-referral and fill out a quick and easy electronic form.

through this internship I gained two important foundations. First, I realized that my paradigms lacked some of the wholeness that comes when one applies theory to practice and second, I began to develop a burgeoning skill set that allowed me a generous toolbox for approaching work and my career later on as a trader.

One thing I need to make clear was that my decision to take on this opportunity was not easy. Graduating from New College and not immediately pursuing higher education is probably difficult in the best of times, much less during one of the worst employment climates we’ve seen in generations.

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New College Alums Assist in Providing More Athletic Opportunities to Students

Written by Linda F. Joffe

We all know the reputation: New College is about brains, not brawn. The historical absence of hard-core competitive sports like football has been worn like a badge of honor. Frisbee and Fullbrights—not that’s our thing. But all of that is changing, thanks to the initiative of individual students, a determined fitness director, and a more holistic approach to learning and shifting student demographics. Getting physical at New College is marked by an exciting evolution in both non-competitive and competitive sports—some of which have been around since the days of the charter class—along with a newfound rivalry among local schools with some surprising rewards.

Nowhere was that more apparent than at the recent match-game of flag football between New College of Florida and Ringling College of Art and Design. New College won (just), but according to student Michael Long, “The best part for me was looking at the fans in the stands,” comments Long, the team’s captain and quarterback. “It was about seeing how we could bring New College to life and Ringling together both on the field and off. Playing sports, especially at New College, shouldn’t be about winning or losing or pushing oneself to the limit to meet someone else’s expectations. It’s about building a good community of friends, about alums and students coming together to show their school spirit, and of course raising money for a good cause—in this case, the American Cancer Society.”

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It was quite the spectacle for the community to see two stereotyped colleges come together in an athletic event,” he says. “There are a lot of students who want more opportunities to engage in sports. Some students contemplate leaving because they want broader extra-curricular options. I’m getting more emails and phone calls from prospective parents and students who ask about sports.”
The New College sailing team participates in the four winds invitational regatta held in April 2013.

New College and Ringling face off in the big game.

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New College Admissions partners with the NCAA to Balance the In State and Out of State Student Ratio

This year, New College Admissions partnered with the Alumnae/i Association to implement a pilot program to increase out of state admissions. While many alums may remember New College as having predominantly out of state students, in recent years about 80% of students have come from in-state and just 20% from out of state. Increasing out of state admissions is important not only from a funding standpoint, but also for campus diversity. It is critical for students to interact with students of other races, cultures, religions, and more in order to develop a broader worldview.

For the purposes of this program, three cities: DC, New York, and Boston were selected by Admissions due to the high number of applications they receive from students in those areas. The NCAA arranged for a small group of recent New College graduates to attend informal gatherings with prospective students and parents. The alums spoke about their New College experience and answered questions about the college with assistance from an admissions representative.

In Boston and New York, two additional meetings were organized for guidance counselors. A breakfast meeting held within the city center and a lunch meeting held in the suburbs allowed guidance counselors from all surrounding areas to participate and learn more about New College from key staff including President O’Shea, Vice President of Alumnae/i Affairs Jessica Rogers, and Admissions Representative Mark Johnson.

The guidance counselors who attended expressed a strong interest in New College. Nearly all were eager to offer their advice for ways to increase our reach in the North East. Suggestions included hosting counselors at New College for a weekend and participating in counselor conferences.

This school year, the NCAA and Admissions will be heading to Chicago November 17-20, New York and Boston January 26-31, and St. Louis February 27-March 2. Admissions will also be inviting guidance counselors to New College for a weekend and participating in counselor conferences.

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Educational Replication: Passing on the New College Experience One Student at a Time

Written by Eric S. Piotrowski ‘93

Attending New College was a vital and transformative experience for me. Throughout my secondary schooling career, I felt suffocated by regimented curricula. I read books in high school and worked hard to do well, but I always knew I could do so much more if only I had the freedom to explore and really interrogate the world -- both its multifaceted realities and my own perspective toward it.

I had decided in my junior year of high school that I would become an English teacher in order to challenge students as I had been challenged by the best of my educators. My time at New College only reinforced the significance of this choice, and provided me with a plethora of important perspectives and resources. I was able to figure out why reading literature is important per se. I was able to construct an independent intellectual identity. I was able to place myself in the river of history.

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Working with juniors and seniors also meant that I could watch my students sort through decisions for life after high school. I have always talked about New College in glowing terms, but I know it’s not for everyone. Mostly it was a chance to intrigue students with the thought of a school without grades. Once in a while a student would show a passing interest, but for various reasons none of them applied.

Until now.

Last year I began teaching A.P. English and met a young lady named Courtney Ruehl. She distinguished herself quickly with a thorough and rigorous interrogation of the course material. Because she was a junior, she wanted to continue with literary analysis in her senior year, so we set up an independent study project. She has continued to show remarkable prowess during this process. And eventually the matter of tertiary education came up. She asked about New College and I convinced her to apply. During her spring break she toured the campus and came back more in love with the place than ever. A few weeks ago she received word that she had been accepted. As I said in my recommendation letter, I’ve never had a student that is more perfect for the educational challenge and freedom of New College than Courtney. When she finds an intellectual pursuit that interests her, she will pursue it with a dogged determination. (In addition to literary analysis and other AP classes, she has distinguished herself with the Academic Decathlon, taking top honors at the state level.) I cannot wait to see how she grows in the fertile academic soil that made me who I am.

Best of all, some of my favorite professors are still at New College. I’m elated at the prospect of her taking a class with the inimitable Andrea Dimino, who served on my senior thesis committee. Perhaps she’ll enroll in a class with Douglas Langston, who sponsored my first ISP and provided such helpful feedback. Maybe she’ll take a fantastic course with Amy Reid about French literature. (I’ve already had her read Balzac’s La Cousine Bette!)

I don’t have any biological children, but (perhaps as a result) I see myself in the lives of my students, and guiding Courtney to New College has been a special process for me. Everyone wants to replace her/himself in some way; this process has given me a sense of deep joy and relief. While our experiences will of course not be identical (nor should they be), I trust that the pillars of New College excellence will offer Courtney the same mental training and personal growth they offered me.

Did you know?

12 students from the fall 2013 entering class are siblings or children of New College alums.

New College Alumnae/i Association

New College On The Road

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Spring 2013 Alumnae/i Events

- **Mar 10**: New College Young Alum Event in New York, NY.
- **Apr 21**: New College Alumnae/i Game Night in DC hosted by Hazel Bradford '75 and Carmela French '06.
- **May 6**: New College Night Out hosted by Charlie Lenger '78 in honor of Ray Burgman '91.
- **May 25**: New College Alumnae/i Association Board Meeting (Telephonic).
- **Jun 24**: New College Alumnae/i Association Graduate Reception following the 2013 commencement ceremony.
- **Jun 12**: New College Young Alum Event in Boston, MA.
- **Jun 28**: New College Alumnae/i Bay Area Sunset Potluck in Oakland, CA hosted by Miriam Schwartz ‘03.
New College Professor Sarah Hernandez Among Top 20 Latin and Hispanic Professors at Florida Colleges
Sarah Hernandez, associate professor of sociology at New College, was named one of the Top 20 Latin and Hispanic College professors in Florida by the website Online Schools Florida.

The listing recognizes post-secondary educators who have received awards for excellence in the classroom, on campus or in the community. The website is a division of StateStats.org, which develops online tools for education. “While dozens of Latin and Hispanic professors call Florida home, these 20 made a more-than-noticeable difference in 2012,” its report said.

It noted that Hernandez received a 2008-2009 Fulbright Garcia-Robles grant to assist her in research into how Mexican labor unions further their goals via collaboration with labor unions in other countries.

Her research in Mexico sought to understand what is the significance of transnational labor collaboration for the workers’ local goals, while also identifying the factors (internal, external, ideological, structural, and economic) that obstruct and facilitate such collaboration.

“The influence free markets have had on the global economy highlights the importance for citizens and workers to work together, ascertaining their human dignity is not sacrificed in this economic system,” Hernandez said.

Her findings confirmed earlier research in noting a clear difference in the way corporatist and independent unions relate to U.S. labor unions, but also showed for the first time the tendency for Mexican unions to look more toward the south than the north when seeking transnational interaction, and that ideological alignment and common strengths play an important role in these relations.

The lived experience within both independent and corporatist unions is more complicated than the simplistic representation seen in most previous research, she found.

Dr. Hernandez was born and raised in Mexico. She received her bachelor’s degree from Earlham College and her master’s degree and doctorate from University of Michigan, and has been on the New College faculty since 1996.

New College Student Michael Long Receives Prestigious Truman Scholarship
New College student Michael Long is one of 62 students nationwide to receive a 2013 Truman Scholarship, a prestigious award given to college juniors with exceptional leadership potential and who are committed to a career in public service.

Long is the second New College student to receive a Truman Scholarship, and the only Florida student to receive the scholarship this year. New College alumnus Eric Schickler was awarded a Truman Scholarship in 1989.

Truman scholars have gone on to prominent positions in government, nonprofits, academia and journalism. Past recipients include John Kroger, president of Reed College; Janet Napolitano, secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security; Susan Rice, U.S. National Security Advisor; and George Stephanopoulos, former White House advisor and ABC news anchor.

Dr. Donal O’Shea, president of New College, said Long shows many of the traits of those public servants.

“Michael epitomizes the tradition of New College students not only learning but using that knowledge to act with conviction and improve the world we live in,” O’Shea said.

“Truman Scholars are among the most respected and coveted national awards. We’re thrilled for Michael, and absolutely delighted that the Truman Foundation has selected him for this fellowship that will allow him to build on his interest and strong record of public service.”

The Truman Foundation was established by law in 1975 to honor President Harry S. Truman. Scholars are selected after a rigorous application and interview process. They are chosen on their academic achievement and likelihood of becoming leaders in public service. Each scholar receives up to $30,000 for graduate study, and priority admission and supplemental financial aid at certain graduate institutions. They also receive leadership training, career and graduate school counseling and a 10-week internship in Washington, D.C.

The award is the latest in a series of achievements for the Sarasota native. In 2010, he was elected as a freshman to the first of two terms as co-president of the New College student government. And in June 2011, at age 19, he became the youngest person elected to chair the Florida Student Association and the youngest person to serve on the Florida Board of Governors, which directs the State University System.

In 2012, he was named a Kremlin Fellow, one of 15 college student leaders nationwide selected by the Russian Federation’s Federal Agency on Youth Affairs to travel to Russia and meet officials, business leaders and students. In spring 2013, he studied at Yonsei University in South Korea as one of 40 U.S. college students chosen by the Council on International Education Exchange. Long also serves on the advisory group to the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, a way of giving back.

After an arrest for minor offenses in high school, he completed a program that rehabilitates juvenile offenders. Long, an avid sailor and captain of the New College Sailing Team, also recently founded SailFuture, a nonprofit group that teaches juvenile offenders how to sail and pairs them with community mentors.

His sailing hobby had him planning to study marine biology, but his experiences have led him to change course. “I came in thinking I would go into natural sciences, but I realize my strength is in working with people,” he said. “I realized when I was smil- ing the most wasn’t when I was in the biology lab, it was when I was out working with people.”

He credits New College for developing his critical thinking skills, and the ability to communicate and work with people. It started, he says, with the way that students have intense conversations with advisors about their coursework and academic plans. It continued in student government work with the College’s Board of Trustees and with the Board of Governors.

“New College taught me to listen when people say no, but not to let a bump in the road stop you from getting to where you want to go,” he said.

Long decided to apply for the award after talks with New College staff and advisors, and with a 2010 Truman Scholar he met during the Kremlin Fellows program. The friend encouraged him to apply, if for no other reason than as a self-awareness exercise.

“Prior to a year ago, I had no concept of graduate school,” Long said. “The Truman forced me to start thinking about graduate school. The rigor of the application process forces you to think about yourself and your future.”

After graduating from New College, he plans to attend a graduate school program in public policy with a focus on criminal justice and juvenile justice.

New College Student Joseph Shepherd Named 2013 Newman Civic Fellow
New College student Joseph Shepherd has been named a national 2013 Newman Civic Fellow by Campus Compact for his work in building a tutoring program in one of Sarasota’s poorest neighborhoods.

“Young people who are working on social justice issues are not being recognized and I think that’s a problem,” New College President Michael O’Shea said. “Joseph is exemplifying that leadership and extending the College’s mission into our community.”

In his recommendation letter, O’Shea called him “the ultimate problem-solver: Calm, supportive, low-key and cerebral, he thinks through the layers of intertwined issues to come up with a pragmatic solution.”

Shepherd, a second-year student studying literature, began working as a tutor at the Robert L. Taylor Community Center in January 2012 as part of a group study project. He and other New College students began researching best practices in after-school programs and studied socioeconomic issues and educational philosophy.

The one-month project grew into a semester-long tutorial, and this year, Shepherd has applied his work-study position at New College to serving as a liaison between the College and the center, recruiting, scheduling and even transporting tutors to ensure consistent coverage four days a week.

“We began as a small group — less than a handful of us going to the shelter on a not-entirely-regular basis — but word has spread about the work we do now and how much fun we have doing it, and there are...
now at least three or four of us ready to help out every day,”Shepherd said. “Having a diversity of volunteers is allowing us to meet students’ personal and academic needs more fully than ever before. For me and my fellow volunteers, our experience at the Community Complex has been one of the most enriching, challenging and informative periods of our lives.”

Shepherd, from Greensboro, N.C., is one of 180 students nationwide honored as a 2013 Newman Civic Fellow. Fellows are invited to participate in a private online network designed to let them share information on the work in their communities and retain the title for life. He is considering joining Teach for America and becoming a secondary-school teacher.

Campus Compact is a national coalition of almost 1,200 college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibility.

New Book from Professor Susan Marks Explores Early Jewish Weddings, Without Ritual or Rabbis

It may be difficult today to imagine a Jewish wedding without rituals led or performed by a rabbi. But in her first book, Susan Marks, associate professor of religion at New College, finds that in the early days of Judaism, most weddings did not include familiar rituals, let alone rabbis, who later gravitated toward the ceremonies as a way to grow their religious movement.

“First Came Marriage: The Rabbinic Appropriation of Early Jewish Wedding Ritual” combines ritual and historic perspectives to examine the processes by which early Jews married and the ways rabbis minimized, elaborated or codified the practices.

“The earliest rabbis, the Tannaim, were not interested in wedding ritual. They were probably a fairly ascetic movement,” Marks said. “So that’s actually a big change when in the fifth century, in the Talmud, the rabbanim begin to articulate blessings for weddings. I think that change hasn’t ever been observed. And one of the reasons it hasn’t is because of the presumption that whenever there were marriages there would have been blessings.”

Marks juxtaposes sources ranging from the Mishnah and the Tosefta, texts written by early rabbis, to inscriptions on headstones and vases that detail relationships between men and women, often slaves, who would have been excluded from marriage rituals.

“Just because slaves couldn’t legally marry didn’t mean they didn’t do things that looked like marriage,” Marks said. “This is the kind of extra-Talmudic evidence that helps fill in what we’re talking about.”

Examining the restrictions on those relationships helps us understand how rabbis construct citizenship, while the literary sources reveal the limited extent of early rabbis’ stake in those practices. Later rabbis, the Amoraim, appear more frequently at weddings, appropriating ritual as a way of legitimizing their role and expanding their reach.

“As Rabbinic Judaism is trying to grow its movement, there is actually a need for rabbis to appear at weddings, even if they’re not of their own disciples,” Marks said. “If somebody’s cousin is getting married and would like a rabbi to say a blessing, you have a good way to grow the movement.”

Judaism scholars have been re-evaluating the role of rabbis in the early days of the religion, but Marks is unique in doing so through an investigation of marriage ritual. It contributes to an evolving perception of the Rabbinic Movement. “The rabbis become the predominant voice for Judaism. What we have nowadays is the legacy of Rabbinic Judaism,” Marks said. “But people have begun to recognize that they were one of a variety of alternatives in the year 300. They weren’t the big show in town.”

Marks is the Klingenstein Chair of Judaic Studies at New College. She received her doctorate in Religious Studies from the University of Pennsylvania, her master’s degree and rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College/Jewish Institute of Religion, and her bachelor’s degree from Reed College. “First Came Marriage” was published in January by Gorgias Press.

She got to practice with them and became an unofficial extra on the Mexican competitive fencing team. Throughout her life she has continued swimming, running and dancing. A former Foundation board member, Landesman feels that fencing is the perfect sport for Novo Collegians.

“It’s really about your pre-frontal cortex,” she observes. “Fencing is a brainy sport, requiring planning, anticipating, being strategic. It’s a good match for the type of student who goes to New College.

“I think New College is a place where things have always been wide open,” she adds. “Being physically active is one of the great things in life. The healthiest form of college sports is when students choose what they want to do as part of their college experience, but it’s not the only reason they are going to college.”

The fencing team also has a coach, alumnus Lawrence Levine, who entered in 1992 and recently returned to complete his studies. Since 1996 he has been living in Charlottesville, VA, where he became a “serial entrepreneur.” In a serendipitous event, physical chemistry professor Steve Shipman spent the summer there and fenced at Levine’s club. When Levine decided to move back to Sarasota in June 2011, Shipman connected him with then student Rose Marx ’08 who had invigorated the New College fencing club, and he became the team coach.

“Fencing is a phenomenal sport because it’s very individual and a natural fit for a place like New College,” states Levine. “Although it has team components, it really is one person being challenged by another. It’s physical chess, a thinking sport where you use strategy to set your opponent up, many moves ahead. You can’t just muscle your way through.”

“All of this accentuates why New College should continue to be supportive of the sport,” he continues. “Fencing is associated with the best academic schools and all the Ivy Leagues. So why not New College? It’s perfect for the students who are already here and could be really attractive for those who aren’t.”

Levine says that the team recently attended its first intercollegiate competition, traveling to Florida Atlantic University, where they competed with three schools and took second, third and fourth place. The team practices four times a week usually for about two hours in the yoga and dance room, which he notes is too short for a fencing strip. “We do the best we can,” he says. “We’d love to have a place that’s big enough. We also desperately need some modern equipment, some of which I donated, and more clothing.”

When he’s not fencing, Levine has been building technology companies under the umbrella of Comet Capital. He has eight active companies right now, including one of the leading computer security companies in the world. Levine is currently helping to set up a technology business accelerator for the college as part of his thesis.

“I personally believe New College is a school of student entrepreneurs,” he says. “It’s just a question of giving them the right tools to be capable of who they are. I think it’s going to be a real boon for the school.”
The Certifying Commission in Medical Management (CC MM) designated Robert a Certified Professional Executive (CPE) in March, 2013. The CPE designation, used in signatory, indicates that a physician has achieved superior levels of professional excellence and management education, while also demonstrating effective knowl-
edge and leadership skills. The Certifying Commission in Medical Management currently lists more than 1700 Certified Professional Executives.

CMFM is the national certifying body for physicians specializing in medical management, and is a non- for-profit corporation char-
tered by the American College of Professional Executives (ACPEP) to establish and maintain the high standards required for physician executive certification. The ACPE is the nation’s largest organization of physicians in healthcare leader-
ship. The college is recognized by the American Medical Association (AMA) as the specialty society representing physicians in management, and holds a seat in the AMA House of Delegates.

James McDonald ’78 For the seventh consecutive year, Fisher & Phillips LLP’s Irvine, Calif. Man-
aging Partner James McDonald, Jr. was selected for inclusion in 2013 Southern California Super Lawyers®. For more than 28 years, James has practiced labor and employment law exclusively representing employers.

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yers are chosen by their peers and through the independent research conducted by the Thomson Reuters, Le-
lage division. Each year, the research team at Super Lawyers under-
takes a rigorous multi-phase selection process that includes a statewide survey of lawyers, inden-
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This year’s honorees will be featured in the February issues of Los Angeles magazine, Orange Coast magazine and the Los Angeles and Orange County distribution lists of The New York Times along with the San Diego edition of Southern California Super Lawyers magazine.

James’ practice involves litiga-
tion of all types of employment disputes, including jury trials, bench trials and arbitrations, with special focus on wrongful termination, sexual harassment, employment discrimination, the Americans with Disabilities Act, mental health issues in the work-
place and trade secrets and unfair competition matters. He also counsels employers on labor and employment aspects of mergers and acquisitions. James is lead editor of the treat-
ise Mental and Emotional Injuries in Employment Litigation (BNA Books 2001) and author of more than 50 published articles on la-
bor and employment law and also serves as Vice Chair and General Counsel of the Irvine Chamber of Commerce.

Jennifer Granick ’89 was named as a PBS for a series on the constitution. Jennifer is the Director of Civil Liberties for the Center for Internet and Society at Stanford Law School. She is best known for her work with intellectual property law, free speech, privacy law, and other things relating to computer security, and has represented several high profile hackers. Other ex-
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60’s

John Lentini ’69 spent on 60 Minutes Sunday this year to talk about the 1970 Pio-
neer Hotel fire in Tucson, Arizona which took the lives of 29 people. Read more about the episode here

70’s

Randall Moon ’73 was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and will be inducted along with Bruce Springsteen, Robert DeNiro, and John Glenn this October.

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Justine Clarke-Doane ’01 has taken a permanent position as an associate professor at the Uni-
versity of Birmingham (UK). He taught previously in the Philosophy Department at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia, and will remain Honorary Research Fellow there. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from McGill University in 2011.

Laura Ginsburg ’01 earned her M.S. in Environmental Studies from the University of Montana in May 2013. Her studies focused on supply management in Montana’s dairy industry. Laura also received a Fulbright to study dairy policy in New Zealand, and will be headed there next year. Additionally, she is working as a project coordina-

90’s

Laurel Isbister Irby’s ’91 song writing was recently featured on the vistamississippi.org website as a part of the project “A Poet’s Mississippi.” The tumble and Sound Cloud pages associated with this project showcase the literary and visual work of Isbister Irby and poet Brandi Herrera as well as a week-
long journal of Herrera’s sojourn in Mississippi. In the alien place, Isbister watches everything she knows about relationships get flipped upside-down and attempts to hide the eating disorder she developed, which threatens both her marriage and her life. Part travelogue, part cultural documentary, Historia, Historia combines journalistic excellence with the gripping style of personal memoirs to bring you this lyrical, moving portrait of an enchanting, little-geographed place. Fans of factually informative and emo-
tionally moving nonfiction will be drawn towards this haunting meditation on love, fidelity and selfimage.

Jeremy McMilin ’93 graduated from the University of Illinois with a Ph.D. in Physics. He is working at Lawrence Livermore National Lab developing algorithms to study the universe.

Amanda Loos ’95 is Assistant Professor of Humanities & Fine Arts (Cinema Studies/Art His-
tory) - and Chair of the Department of Humanities and Music at Harvard University. She is well known for her work with intellectual property law, free speech, privacy law, and other things relating to computer security, and has represented several high profile hackers. Other ex-
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For more information about The Get Right Band consists
of Chris Pyle (drums/percussion). Jesse Gentry (bass/vocals), and
the volume turned way up. The Right Band's distinctive style. The
Get Right Band has rocked hard and jammed recently.

The Get Right Band's debut CD, entitled Shake, was released on February 22nd.

The Get Right Band have released their first CD. Mary Barnes '06 received a Crit-
ical Language Scholarship from the U.S. State Department to continue her study of Indonesian. Mary is a graduate student at the University of Washington where is pursuing her M.A. in Museum Studies.

Obituaries

Stephen Coats '69

Stephen R. Coats, 61, beloved husband of Kim Bobo, loving father of twin sons Benjamin and Eric, cherished son of Rev. Robert and Patricia Coats, fond brother of Margaret Spors, Mark Coats, John Coats and Scott Coats, uncle of many nieces and nephews, and a force for social justice in Central America and human rights around the world. Lying in state Saturday, April 6th at 10:00a.m. until time of service 11:00a.m. at North Shore Baptist Church, 3244 N. Lakewood, Chicago, IL. Visitation Friday, April 5th from 4:00p.m. till 8:00p.m. at Drake & Son Funeral Home, 5303 N.Western Ave., Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to LULAC.

To read a remembrance of Steve, please visit http://nc.edu/remembrance.

For more information about Steve's incredible work in defending the rights of Latin American workers please visit http://en.maquiladorachair.org/node/1121

Norbert Musial '67

Norbert Musial passed peacefully on April 29, 2013, of complications due to Alzheimer's disease.

Norbert was born in Walldürn, Germany, on May 21, 1949, and was raised both in Germany and Pensacola, FL.

Norbert was a devoted son, husband, father, brother and friend. He was married to his wife Peggy for 25 years and together they raised their son Matthew, now age eighteen. Norbert was a member of Mensa, an avid river kayaker, world traveler, defender of his beloved Welkova River, nature photographer and gourmet chef. He was both an accomplished classical pianist and accordionist; and he never met a piece of technology he couldn't master.

Norbert graduated in 1974 from New College, Sarasota, FL, and found a rewarding career as a senior systems architect and consultant with NCR for 30 years. Both in work and in his private life, Norbert was a brilliant and kind man, a combination that drew many people to him as lifelong friends.

*Below is a photo from a ceremony held in memory of Norbert Musial.*

The NCAA Unveils its NEW Facebook Page!

The New College Alumni/i Association is relying more and more on social media to get the word out about events, opportunities, and alumni news. We have re-assessed our presence on Facebook and recognize that some changes are long overdue. We will be discontinuing and deactivating the Facebook user N.C. Alumni and the New College Alumni/i Facebook group as of August 1, 2013. We have recently launched an official New College Alumni/i Association Facebook Page which can be found at the link on the right. While this page will serve as our exclusive Facebook communication tool to the entire New College alumni/i body, there are many smaller Facebook groups which remain active and which we encourage you to join in order to get to know members of your local communities including the 50th Charter Classes Reunion, New College of Florida New York Alumni, and many more.
Congratulations 2013 graduates!

The NCAA welcomes you to the alumnæ/i community. We are here to be your resource in the years ahead so please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns pertaining to life as an alum. Reach us at ncalum@ncf.edu or 941-487-4900.