



The College of Saint Rose



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Class of 2018

A Straight Up Ally

By KAYLA DEMICCO
Staff Writer

Every student has an identity, the accepting and understanding of which has been a major focus for one particular graduating student.

For the past year Alyssa Palmer has served as the president for Identity, the Saint Rose club which promotes awareness, tolerance, and understanding of people of all sexual

orientations and gender identities. This involves providing a safe space for students who are members of the LGBTQ+ community and their allies on campus.

As a sophomore, Palmer knew she wanted to make a change within the community, especially wanting to get rid of the stereotype that Identity is just "the gay club." As an ally, Palmer did not want to lose sight of this aspect of the

LGBTQ+ community. "We are Identity," she said. "I want Identity to be known in a positive way."

Originally from Sherborne, New York, Palmer will walk across the stage at commencement to receive her bachelor's degree in Childhood Education and Special Education and a master's degree in Literacy.

Upon attending an open house at the College before beginning her freshman year, Palmer was greeted by people opening doors for her and her mother when they arrived at the Thelma P. Lally School of

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Campus Leader Passionate Teacher

By KATE PIERCE
Executive Editor

Giving back to the community is a founding principle of The College of Saint Rose, and a guiding principle for a recent graduate pursuing education.

"Students need teachers who are passionate," said Rhina Allende. "Students also need to see teachers that look like them."

After studying adolescent social studies education, Allende will participate in the Teach for America program

in Memphis, Tennessee. As an affiliate of Americorps, the program allows for teachers to work with districts and students in need.

Allende spent her summer teaching students in Houston, Texas through the Breakthrough Collaborative program. She also student taught at schools in the Albany area during the academic year.

"I realized that I really wanted to tackle those issues," she said, of underserved students. The American City

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Trials and Graduations

From Mock Trial to Law School

By ELIZABETH VALENTIN
Arts Editor

The daughter of immigrant parents paves her way in America as she ventures off to Emory Law School. Maria Henain, 21, was born in Chicago, IL to Egyptian parents.

Part of her heritage and Egyptian culture makes her connection to her religion a strong part of who she is. She explains that she has strong cultural ties to her Catholic Orthodox church.

Henain also explains that she has an appreciation for the Egyptian-American community. Part of this appreciation comes from her experience with Egyptians who already live in America helping those who have recently

immigrated here. Aside from her strong connection to her Egyptian culture, Henain also feels a strong bond with her family. Her family is fluent in Arabic and she is not, although she is able to understand some words and phrases. This creates a small barrier between them sometimes, but despite this, she embraces both her Egyptian and American cultures.

"I've found myself immersed in both cultures," said Henain.

Her older brother, Joe Henain, who was born in Saudi Arabia, is graduating this year as well. He is receiving his medical degree from Albany Medical College. He also matched for residency at Emory. This became something

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Founder's Farewell

By SERIAH SARGENTON
Staff Writer

As the graduating class says goodbye to the college community, one graduating senior who's left a mark on the Hispanic community at Saint Rose is saying goodbye to her legacy.

Elenie Martinez is graduating from the School of Math and Sciences with a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice behavior law. After college Martinez plans to pursue a Masters Degree in public and non-profit management at NYU Wagner starting in the fall.

Martinez says that majoring in public and non-profit management will allow her to gain experience needed to work for the criminal justice issues for the public. In the future she hopes to help her community by organizing, coordinating, and advocating for resources to help the system progress.

"I still live in the hood and know the struggles that my

family and friends go through daily so I want to make an impact firsthand by being the voice and go to anyone who needs help," said Martinez.

During her senior year Martinez held two internships

through the criminal justice department. Currently she is a legislative intern in the District Council 37, where she has learned about New York

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KATE PIERCE

Elenie Martinez and Sabor Latino Co-Founder Michael Lopez

Access to Public Information

How Does Albany Fare?

By **KYLE PRATT**
Managing Editor

In the digital age, it takes just a few clicks to find out the value of a neighbor's home, the cleanliness of a local restaurant, or even a parole date of a prisoner, but when it comes to public information held by local and state governments, access is not always so easy.

The public has a right to most documents and information curated by government agencies within New York State per the state's Freedom of Information Law (FOIL). However, the law does allow for a few exceptions, such as information that violates one's personal privacy, or reveals aspects of a criminal investigation, among others.

For journalists, access to public records is often integral to the telling of a story. The importance of public information is one Rex Smith, editor of the Albany Times Union, knows all too well.

Editor since 2002, Smith has seen how the digital age impacts a newsroom. There are fewer reporters, meaning there is less oversight on local government.

"It's fundamentally important for us to be able to get access," Smith said, "It's fundamental to democracy."

"Some local governments just don't get coverage anymore," he said, "If you don't have journalists looking over the shoulder of public officials, information the public needs just doesn't get to them."

Additionally, Smith said, the digital revolution has allowed local governments to find new ways to deny access to public information, making it easier for information to be deleted. He cited Governor An-

drew Cuomo's use of a BlackBerry, which Smith said does not save messages.

Another exception to Foil, and one that is routinely used, according to Smith, is New York State Civil Rights Law 50-a.

The law protects the confidentiality of police, fire-fighter, and corrections officer records that are used to evaluate performance. This means that records of wrong-doing within police and fire departments are difficult to access. It allows local governments to claim "basically anything" as a personnel issue, barring access to journalists, Smith said.

Put simply, "bad behavior is protected under 50-a," he said.

Smith has seen the effects of 50-a in Albany, a city he said is "a great example of the 50-a problem." A wall his newspaper has fought to take down multiple times, even in the state's highest court.

In 2010, the Hearst Corp., which owns the Times Union, won a lawsuit against the city and the Albany Police Officers Union, challenging they blocking of information related to the purchasing of machine guns by city police officers. The process took four years, according to a July 2010 story.

The city claimed the names of the police officers were personnel records, said Brendan Lyons, a long-time reporter for the newspaper.

Similarly, in 2009 the Times Union used the New York State Freedom of Information Law to attempt to access information regarding bull's-eye decals used by police officers and others to avoid parking tickets.

The newspaper's lawyers began the litigation process.

After months of expensive preparation, Lyons said, the city released the records just before the case went to court. In a story written in October 2011, Lyons, who is now editor of the Capitol Bureau and the Investigations team, detailed a New York state appeals court's decision in the case, writing "The city of Albany disregarded the public's right to open government and must pay legal fees to the Times Union over its decision to withhold records related to dismissed parking tickets," and cited the court's decision to grant the fees. Lyons also reported on the machine gun suit.

"They got beat up," he said of the city in regard to the lawsuits.

Lyons said the ease of access to public information depends on the agency. Many local municipalities have improved. The government of Halfmoon, for example sometimes sends documents to him the same day he requests them, he said. The same is not true for the agencies, especially those at the state level. They take much longer to fulfill Freedom of Information requests, mostly because of lack of resources, he said. He also echoed Smith's sentiments about 50-a.

The law is "not only abused," he said, "It's become broadened beyond reach."

The 50-a law was originally intended to prevent attorneys from confronting police officers in court about their personnel records in order to discredit them, Lyons said. He also said that when attorneys try to access personnel records now, they are first reviewed by a judge, who decides what information is relevant to the case at hand.

"Even if 50-a was struck



City Hall in Downtown Albany

down," he added, "judges could still control their own courtroom."

Over Lyons' career, the process for requesting public information has become easier, he said. In the digital age, FOIL requests can be sent via email, or through a website, making the initial process, the sending and receiving of the request, more simple. Not everything has improved, though, according to Lyons.

"What hasn't changed, and may have even gotten worse, are response times," he said.

Agencies continue to delay their responses, sometimes for more than a year, and often don't give a reason, he added.

"That's a big hole in the FOIL law," he said, "There is no real weapon to say to these government agencies 'You can't just unnecessarily delay me.'"

Bob Freeman, the executive director of the New York State Committee on Open Government understands that officials can sometimes make accessing public information difficult but said the digital age has made information more available.

A digital public record is

still a public record, he said, meaning it's still available for the public to access. Anyone can acquire information now, that in the past would have been difficult to access, he said.

Freeman acknowledged that agencies can sometimes act as barriers between the public and information.

"They delay, they delay, and they delay," he said.

As for government openness in Albany, Freeman said the city is "sometimes good, sometimes not so good."

A "great deal" of information is easily made available by the city, he said. Albany is much better at government openness now than it was 30 or 40 years ago, he added.

"Nevertheless," he said, "human nature being what it is, in some cases there is unnecessary and unwarranted resistance."

Freeman said he is "never satisfied" with the state of access to public information. "There are always improvements to be made."

Gerald Campbell, Albany's city clerk and records access officer, did not respond to a request for comment.

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Education building. This warm welcome made Palmer want to make Saint Rose her home for the next four years, plus one and a half years for graduate school.

"It felt like I was getting a

big hug," said Palmer beaming as she recalled her open house experience. From this moment, she knew that Saint Rose was going to be a place where she felt comfortable, a place where she could be herself and grow as a person.

Palmer has been involved with Identity since her fresh-

man year when she was introduced to the club through a friend in her Introduction to Clowning class. Even though she identifies as straight, after her first meeting with the club, she fell in love and wanted to learn more about the community.

When Palmer showed interest in Identity, Mykha'el Wilson, current vice president of Identity, said he was "delighted that a straight woman thought that our community was worth love, activism and support."

Palmer became increasingly involved with Identity during her years at Saint Rose. Her junior year marked the beginning of her time on the E-Board, first serving as the club's public relations officer. In her se-

nior year, she was promoted to vice president, then when she reached her graduate level, she became president.

Palmer's promotion from public relations officer to president of Identity inspired Shannon Crotty, Identity's current public relations officer and president for the academic year, to try to work her way up the e-board.

"If [Palmer] can do it, then so can I," she said.

One of Crotty's favorite qualities about Palmer is the fact that she "makes people feel like they're at home now matter what their background or history is."

In 2017, Palmer received the Outstanding Dedication Award from Student Association for her commitment and

dedication to Identity.

"Palmer has helped Identity rise from the ashes and helped it become an incredibly active and supportive club," said Wilson.

Palmer is also praised for her work with Identity by Hunter Hitchcock, current treasurer for Identity, as having a good heart and "teacher typer personality."

Hitchcock said Palmer has encouraged him to work harder even when he thought he had no fight left.

"Her influence in the community isn't easy to miss," said Hitchcock. "She's a great example of an ally, continues to educate herself on what happens in the community, and speaks out to protect her gays."



Alyssa Palmer served as the '17-18 president of Identity

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In Brief

What's happening in the community

Commencement Speaker

Parisa Khosravi, internationally-acclaimed journalist, will be this year's commencement speaker. She served as Senior Vice President for International News Gathering, National News Gathering, and Global Relations for CNN Worldwide until 2015. Throughout her career, Khosravi directed coverage of monumental events including the

Rwandan genocide, the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, the Arab Spring, and the collapse of the Eastern Bloc. Since retiring, Khosravi has continued with her mission to raise up the voices of those who are ignored. Much of her focus now is on helping young people with autism find new ways to interact with others and the world around them.

Julia White Tree

A tree was dedicated to Julia White on Monday, May 7. It was planted in the garden between Moran Hall and Gibbons Hall.

Julia, who was a freshman music education student at the College, passed away on Monday, April 16, 2018.

Pussycat Grants

The College of Saint Rose has been awarded two grants from the Pussycat Foundation. The Pussycat Foundation was founded to manage Helen Gurley Brown's estate. Brown famously wrote the book "Sex and the Single Girl" and used the revolutionary feminist concepts from it to transform Cosmopolitan when she served as the editor-in-chief from 1965-1997.

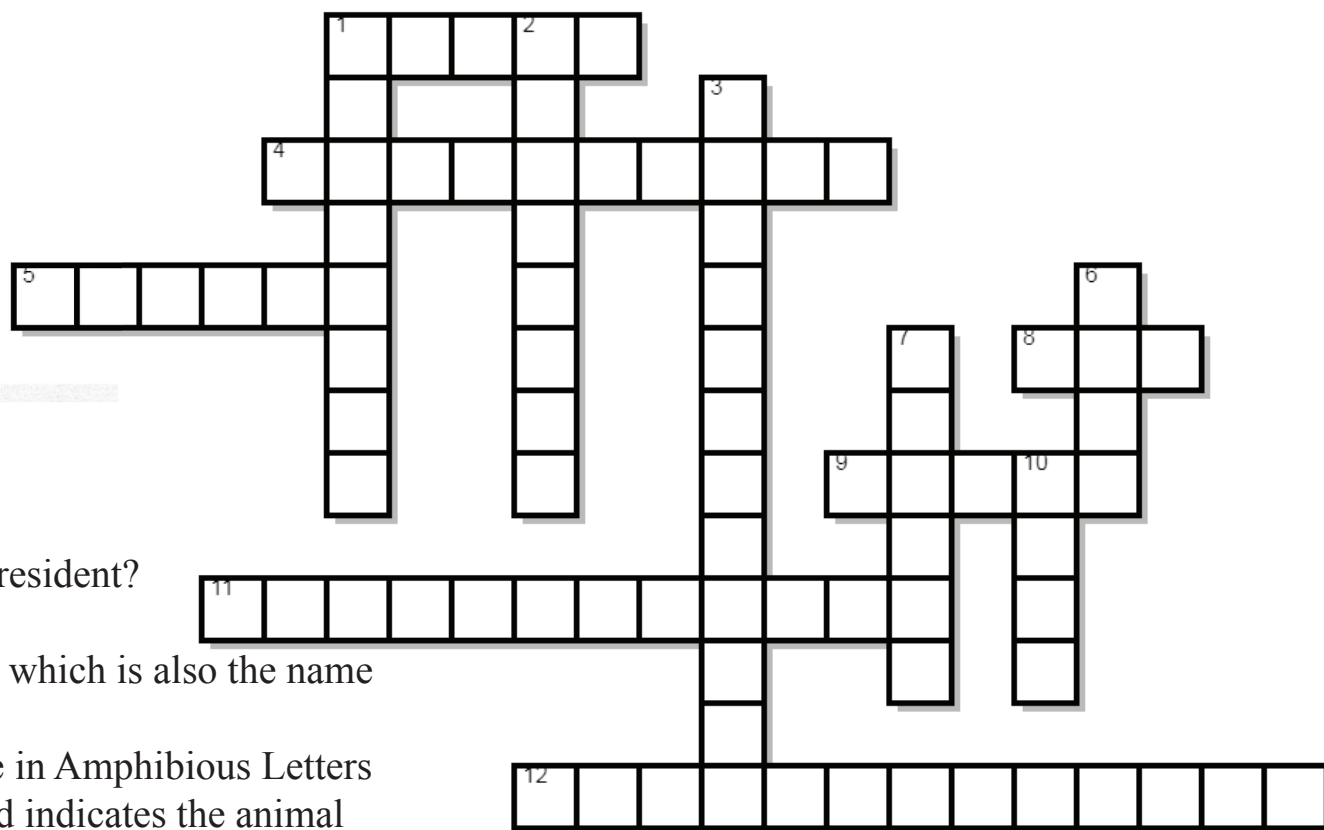
Network aims to promote diverse leadership among women enrolled in college and help them tackle pressing issues on campus. Each higher education institution that is involved with BOLD is led by a female president, and Saint Rose was invited to the Network because of its commitment to diversity.

Saint Rose has been invited to join BOLD Women's Leadership Network (BOLD) with a \$1 million grant. The

The second award was bestowed upon President Carolyn Stefanco for her leadership at the College. The \$100,000 grant will be designated for the President's fund.

Game Corner

Take a break to solve some puzzles!
Answers posted online at strosechronicle.com



Across

- Who will be next year's Student Association president? (Just her first name)
- The year 2020 will mark Saint Rose's _____, which is also the name of an upperclassmen residence hall on campus.
- This Muppet has an honorary doctorate degree in Amphibious Letters from Southampton College (Hint: his degree field indicates the animal group to which he belongs).
- The most popular boy on the Saint Rose campus is _____ the therapy dog.
- The School of Education building is named after Thelma P. _____.
- Caps are also known as _____ (Hint: it is also the name of a tool used by masons when they are laying bricks).
- The person who graduates with the highest GPA.

Down

- The ALANA Student Union on campus. They organize the annual multicultural fashion show.
- The LGBTQ+ and Ally Club on campus. This club hosts the Drag Show.
- The song "Pomp and _____" traditionally plays at graduation ceremonies.
- The tossing of caps in celebration originated in a graduation ceremony through the academy of which branch of the armed forces?
- The Communications building is named after the man who built America's largest newspaper chain. He was also the inspiration behind the main character of Citizen Kane (1941 dir. Orson Welles).
- After they are awarded their degree, graduates move the tassel over to the _____ side of their cap.

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Congratulations and Farewell to our Graduates!

Kate Pierce

Executive Editor

Major: Communications
Concentration: Journalism
Minor: Computer Science

Kate decided she wanted to become a journalist when she was in 6th grade. She decided that she wanted to write for The Chronicle as an incoming freshman. As a student in Journalism I she fell even more in love with reporting and interviewing, and the following semester Kate came on staff as the News and Features Editor. Frequently covering multiple stories each week, Kate was eventually identified by other students and professors as an editor for the student newspaper.

In her third and final year at Saint Rose, Kate began the fall semester in a dual role of



News and Managing Editor. In the Spring she took over as Executive Editor. She cannot imagine being a student at Saint Rose without being a part of The Chronicle, as the friendships and skills she gained will last a lifetime.

After graduation, Kate will work with the New York State Association of Counties as a Multimedia Specialist.

The Chronicle would like to take a moment to honor our graduating editors. Thank you for the time and effort you have dedicated to produce quality journalism each week. Best wishes for your future endeavors, and we are confident that we will see your bylines in admirable publications!

Taylor Farnsworth

Opinion Editor

Major: Communications
Concentration: Journalism
Minor: Writing



Taylor's interest in writing for the Chronicle was a result of the current political climate. Her frustrations with the 2016 election motivated her to put her fears, anger and grief into writing. As a frequent writer for the opinion section, she was labeled a staff writer her junior year, writing pieces for the section each week. Her senior year she took her interest in the paper further and became the Opinion Editor.

While at Saint Rose, Taylor tried to stay active while balancing work and being a full-time undergrad. During her senior year of college she became active on the campus

putting together a gun reform rally with Liz Valentin, arts editor. Taylor was also awarded the Sister Patricia Kane Writing Award for her article, Crave Owners Expand with The Cuckoo's Nest, at the 2018 Honors Convocation Ceremony. Taylor also had an internship this semester at the Daily Gazette where she worked on building up her portfolio with bylines.

After graduation, Taylor hopes to move to the city of Philadelphia where she'd like to be an investigative journalist. Her dream is to write non-fiction books about topics relating to true crime.

Keith Pero

Business Manager

Major: Accounting



Keith started working for the Chronicle at the beginning

of his junior year. This was one of many opportunities he received through the College of Saint Rose to gain experience in the accounting field as a student. Keith has completed other internships throughout his college career, but The Chronicle gave him an experience that he wasn't able to receive elsewhere. Keith was given the ability to run the financial side of the newspaper being in control of budgeting and

reporting. He continued to stay in this role throughout his last two years at Saint Rose and enjoyed his time learning and working alongside friends and classmates.

Keith's plan for the future is to continue to learn about different industries and accounting principles. He will be doing so at General Electric in Schenectady, NY as a member of their Executive Compensation Finance Team. Keith knows that the lessons he has learned through The Chronicle and the College will help him in all of his future roles.

Logan Ripley

Sports Editor

Major: Communications
Concentration: Journalism
Minor: Film and New Media

Logan started writing for The Chronicle second semester of his freshman year. It was an experience that was completely new for him. He had mostly written only sports up to that point in his life and adding news made it that much more

exciting.

Fast forward three years and he's still working with the paper with an even bigger role as the sports editor. He loved every minute of attending games, talking with players and coaches and being around this great college community.

Logan's plan for the future is to continue writing and



hopefully get into golf media. He's learned many things here at Saint Rose and specifically at The Chronicle and he plans on using all of that in the future at a job he loves.

Kyle Pratt

Managing Editor

Major: Communications
Concentration: Journalism
Minor: Political Science

Kyle went to the first Chronicle meeting during his first semester at Saint Rose, and was immediately hooked. The Chronicle is what made him declare his Communications major. Kyle became a Staff Writer that semester, and continued his work until his first semester of his junior year, when he became Opinion Editor, where he remained until the beginning of his senior year. Kyle entered his final year at Saint Rose as Executive Editor. In the fall semester, he co-wrote "Vacant Buildings Remain Unoccupied" with four of his colleagues. The story won The Chronicle an American Scholastic Press Association award for "Outstanding Investigative Reporting." Kyle became Managing Editor in the second semester of his senior. Outgoing Executive Editor

Kate Pierce and him received the Chronicle Editor Award in April of this year. He will forever cherish his time at The Chronicle, as well as the close relationships he formed with his fellow editors and staff. His time at Saint Rose would have been much less enjoyable without them.

Kyle is in the process of determining his future career path. When he figures it out, he'll let you know.



Elizabeth Valentin

Arts Editor

Major: Communications
Concentration: Journalism

Liz's interest in writing for The Chronicle came through her love for music. She knew for a long time that despite having little musical ability, that she wanted to write about music. Liz gained the title of Staff Writer after she wrote numerous times for the arts section of The Chronicle. This encouraged her to pursue the position of Arts Editor so that she could improve her journalistic writing skills and learn the process of putting a newspaper together. Through this, she learned about journalism and newspapers, but also gained a deeper knowledge about herself. She also formed relationships with the other people on the staff that she will always cherish.

While working on journalistic pieces, Liz also learned that her writing and journalism gave her a voice that she didn't know she had. She realized that she had the ability to write about and cover topics beyond music and entertainment in order to touch on subjects that truly matter to her. She did this through her coverage of a hurricane relief event held to help those affected by last



year's string of disastrous hurricanes. This newfound voice allowed her to believe that she had the ability to do more. This is part of what led her to organize a gun reform rally with her friend and opinions editor for The Chronicle, Taylor Farnsworth.

While Liz still has a love for music and the arts, she is willing to venture into different forms of journalism. After graduation, she hopes to write for a publication that enables her to either write about music and entertainment or a publication that strengthens the voice that she learned she had this year.

Tiernan Foley

Advertising Manager

Major: Communications
Concentration: Public Relations and Advertising

Tiernan has been the Advertising Manager for The Chronicle since the beginning of the academic year. However, he

served as a contributing writer in previous years. Tiernan will be attending graduate school at either the University at Albany or The College of Saint Rose in the fall, while also continuing at the New York State Department of Health.

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by reading The Chronicle, both
in print and online.



Letter from our Advisor

2018-2019 Staff

To our readers,

Our students who choose to work for their school newspaper, The Chronicle, are generally an eclectic and devoted group of thinkers and learners who once again demonstrated their commitment to telling stories about Saint Rose and its community.

This year's staff was just recognized by the American Scholastic Press Association with two awards, a second place for college's of our size, and one for outstanding investigative journalism. This staff has much to be proud of.

Under the leadership of seniors Kate Pierce and Kyle Pratt, who took turns serving as Executive and Managing editors, the staff produced a strong weekly publication that delivered stories about the people who make up our college and neighborhood communi-

ties. Their positive attitudes and humor in the face of countless challenges will be missed and remembered.

Our other graduating seniors, Arts Editor Liz Valentin, Opinions Editor Taylor Farnsworth, and Sports Editor Logan Ripley, spent their precious time researching and writing stories, taking photographs, laying out the paper, and managing their staff writers. The work Liz, Taylor and Logan produced for the paper showed they care - about their fellow students, about the college and about the discipline of journalism.

Business Manager Keith Pero and Advertising Manager Tiernan Foley, both seniors, kept the business and financial functions of the paper running smoothly and efficiently.

These seven seniors served as leaders and mentors for next year's staff and we are grateful

for their generosity of time, spirit and commitment. We are fortunate each of you chose Saint Rose and we are confident that your work at the newspaper will help you in your careers. Thank you for all you have done to advance the mission of journalism and as a result, the mission of the college.

Fondly,

Cailin Brown
Adviser, The Chronicle



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- Advertising Manager** - Jessica Polistena
- Web Editor** - Brianna Carnegie

Congratulations and Good Luck!

The Next Chapter

By TAYLOR FARNSWORTH
Opinion Editor

From mom and pop shops and cows at every corner to the fast pace of the city and 2 a.m. pizza runs, for Alexandra Gibson, senior at Saint Rose studying Sociology/American Studies, Albany was nothing like her hometown of Otisville, New York.

Four years were spent adapting to the new scenery and ever changing positions she's held at the college, but now as one journey comes to a close another one is just beginning - Grad school.

"I feel like there is still so much to learn," said Gibson about working towards her Masters in Higher Education at the University of Albany in the fall. "I want to be involved with research for higher education institutions or even secondary institutions."

During her undergraduate studies, Gibson has taken on numerous leadership roles that have helped to prepare her for her future endeavors. As Circulation Assistant, she could be found helping her peers locate and checkout books at the Neil Hellman library. Gibson was also an Admissions Tour Guide, Orientation Leader, an International Student Orientation

Leader, a Resident Assistant (RA), Week of Welcome Team Leader, Reach Out Saint Rose participant and Team Leader, Student Events Board (SEB) Novelties Chair, and for this past year she was the President of SEB.

"Words alone cannot express how very proud I am of Alexandra," said Danielle Gibson, Gibson's mother. "Not just for her achievements as an undergrad, but for her visions for her future and how she is planning for it."

Miss Gibson said she has seen her daughter grow over the last four years and is excited for this new chapter to begin. Frequent visits and daily "Good-morning" and "Goodnight" texts were routine between the two of them throughout her daughter's undergraduate years. Miss Gibson says she and her daughter share a relationship "pretty consistent with that of the Gilmore Girls."

"Alexandra is an only child from a single parent household," she said. "For many years it was just us and we were connected at the hip."

When Gibson left for Saint Rose, Miss Gibson said she suffered from Empty Nest Syndrome, but her daughter's excitement and busy schedule at school eased her.

"I am fortunate she shared

both her accomplishments as well as her challenges with me."

Gibson said during her time at Saint Rose she has encountered many obstacles that have tested her, but it's because of the obstacles that she says she is now a lot stronger than she once was.

"Alex has always been faced with adversity," said Courtney Varnum, senior at Saint Rose. "But she's always been able to overcome it."

Varnum said she and Gibson have been good friends since freshman year. Both Varnum and Gibson are involved in clubs on campus: Gibson with SEB and Varnum with Student Association (SA). Even though the two will not be living in the same area after graduation, Varnum says she knows Gibson will always be there for her and is "blessed" to have gotten to know her over the last four years.

Another friend of Gibson's said that the two getting close with one another was the highlight of her Saint Rose career.

"I am so grateful for her," said Jordyn Veiheffer, a student at Saint Rose. "Alex is such a hardworking, determined, and beautiful person from the inside out."

Veiheffer met Gibson the day she moved into her dorm room at Brubacher. Gibson was her RA. This semester, both Gibson and Veiheffer had leadership roles at SEB: Gibson as President and Veiheffer was chair.

"I was her mini me," said Veiheffer.

Gibson attributes her success and ability to stay grounded during her time at Saint Rose to her friends, family and professors. The two professors who inspired her the most were Risa Fausette, associate professor, Stephanie Bennett-Knapp, associate professor of sociology, and Jen Hankin, vice president of academic affairs.

"She [Fausette] set the standard for what college was really like," said Gibson. "She set such a high expectation for me



Alexandra and her mother, Danielle Gibson

as a student, that I just created a high expectation for myself for the rest of my college career."

Bennett had been Gibson's advisor for the last three years and believes Gibson is ready for the challenge of grad school.

"Alex has always been looking for advice on future plans and where her skills would make the most difference," said Bennett.

Bennett said Gibson is always full of energy and enthusiasm, "bringing her smile and laughter with her" anywhere she goes. Bennett recalled a time when Gibson convinced her to attend a trivia night for SEB. The event had faculty members playing against the students.

"If it were not for her enthusiasm, I don't think I would have said yes," said Bennett about attending the event.

It's been teaching others in all of the different roles Gibson has held that has been most rewarding to her. She said she takes pride in seeing others grow and is grateful to have been able to assist in helping anyone in whatever way possible. Saint Rose was her home away from home.

"I've had so many opportunities to grow as an individual," she said about Saint Rose.

It's the numerous roles that she took on while at the college that she says helped her have a better understanding of the concept of leadership and teamwork.

"These four years had a lot of tears, laughter, joy and growth," she said. "At times I wish it was a lot smoother than it actually was. However, a quote that I have found really helped me to understand that everything happens for a reason, 'You were given this life because you are strong enough to live it,'" she said, a quote by Ain Eineziz.

As Gibson prepares for her next adventure taking with her all that she has learned throughout her time at Saint Rose, Miss. Gibson says her advice to her daughter would be to continue to stay true to herself, to expect the unexpected, and to treat everyone the way she would wish to be treated.

"No matter what happens at home or in life, there is a plan and it is to be continued."



Jordyn Veiheffer is Gibson's "mini-me."

Feature: Student, Advisor, Administrator, Friend

By **ALEXANDER WHEELER**
Saint Rose Alum and
Area Coordinator

On any typical weekday you can find Mathew Vincent, Area Coordinator at The College of Saint Rose and student in the Higher Education Leadership and Administration Program, in the Camelot Room between the hours of 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m..

"I like to schedule my lunch for this time because I usually end up speaking with and interacting with students during this time," said Vincent.

I find that this is a very subtle and important aspect to understanding Vincent's omnipotent role here at the College. Whether he is balancing a strenuous workload at different times of the year through Resident Assistant Training, Relay for Life planning, or Resident Assistant selection, Vincent always finds time for the students he is here to support.

It was a very hot April morning when I sat down at my desk in Brubacher Hall to telephone Vincent to gain a better understanding of his Saint Rose journey for his long overdue senior profile. Vincent, caught off-guard by this request for an interview, took us both on a journey filled with fond memories and self-growth. Believe it or not, Vincent did not always want to work in higher education. Vincent always wanted to be an Elementary School teacher.

Q: Why Saint Rose?

Vincent: I actually chose Saint Rose because my best friend, Christopher Surprenant (previous Managing Editor for The Chronicle) chose to go here. I went to Mohawk Valley Community College for my first year of college due to financial reasons and because it was close to home (Vincent hails from Utica, NY which he is immensely proud of). I knew I needed someone as a basis of support once I go to college and Chris was that. Once I started at Saint Rose I knew that it was the greatest decision of my life.

Q: What was your undergraduate major?

Vincent: I graduated with a BA in Childhood Education 1-6 and I am a certified teacher in New York for those ages. After I graduated in December 2014 I moved back to Utica, NY to work as a substitute teacher. I tried to get my foot in as many doors as possible at the time.

Q: What was your graduate program?

Vincent: The Higher Education Leadership and Administration program.

Q: Why the shift away from Childhood Education?

Vincent: It was in June of 2015 when I received a call from Jennifer Richardson the Director of Residence Life at Saint Rose when she asked me if I was interested in applying for an open Area Coordinator position. At first, I laughed it off. This was not something that I wanted to do. After twenty-four hours, however, and speaking with my parents and my wolf-pack (Vincent's intimate group of



Mathew Vincent posing with a radio show billboard featuring "Matty in the Morning"

best friends, including his best friend, Chris) I decided to apply for it. It made sense – it paid for my Master's degree, offered free housing, and kept me at the school that I loved so much. I intended for this to be temporary, however. Through the position I found a passion for working with students and student leaders in particular. However, I did start my graduate journey in the Curriculum and Instruction program and took two courses (six credits). I didn't feel completely fulfilled through my coursework and coupled with the interactions I had with my students I realized that I really wanted to work with college students. One of my Resident Assistants, who had yet to graduate with his bachelor's degree, already knew this was the field he wanted to go into and his passion helped me to see that this was where I wanted to be, too.

Q: What was your favorite class in the HLA program?

Vincent: The pro-seminar (HLA 501) taught by Wendy Neifeld-Wheeler. Wendy was a great professor and the discussion of different contemporary issues facing higher education made for some robust discussion in class. I also was able to take the class with two of my best friends so it made it something I looked forward to every week.

Q: What were your favorite activities and memories as a student?

Vincent: My interactions with students and my resident assistants will always be a highlight; watching student growth. I enjoyed my involvement with Colleges Against Cancer (CAC) as a student, Relay Chair, and Club Advisor. Whether it was being a shoulder to cry on or an open ear for students I will always look back on my one-on-one experiences with them.

Q: What are your current plans for the future?

Vincent: I am currently searching for a job – one that is the best fit for me. I'm hoping to stay in either Residence Life or Student Life. If I could stay at Saint Rose for the rest of my career, I would love to do that, too.

It has been apparent to Vincent, at least from a younger age, that assisting students was what he always wanted to do with his life. I guess he was just unsure what age those students would be.

"[Matt] has a huge heart. He is truly devoted and dedicated to students to ensure that they have the best experience at college," said Jennifer Richardson, Vincent's current supervisor.

As Vincent undergoes his current job search I know that if he finds a new home at a different college that they will be more than lucky to get him. On the other hand, if Saint Rose has the chance to retain him, I think we'll continue to be all the better for it.

"Matt is one of the most

dedicated people I know. He will go above and beyond every chance he gets, regardless of what else is going on. I'm so happy to see how far he's come in the last few years, he's going to do great things," said Brian Graham, a friend of Vincent's and a fellow Area Coordinator.

Before I end this highly awaited senior profile I would like to leave you all with two things: a personal story and a quote: I once took Vincent on a run to Dunkin' Donuts to buy him a breakfast sandwich and a coffee just because he was my friend and I wanted to show him my appreciation of that friendship. I, myself, had already made coffee at home and ate breakfast after a morning workout. Vincent, having noticed my travel mug of coffee in my Jeep, began to wonder why we were going to Dunkin' to get coffee if I had already made mine, but he didn't ask any questions. When we got to Dunkin' I bought him his breakfast and didn't get anything for myself and he proceeded to argue with me that this wasn't the proper way to get breakfast with him.

Vincent himself is very much a giver – so much in fact, that I believe it isn't in his DNA to be able to accept appreciation through gifts. Vincent is a doer and in the words of one of his mentors - words that I will leave you with - "Dream, try. Do good," and Vincent dreams, he tries, and he definitely does good.



Vincent and a friend from his undergraduate days at Saint Rose

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State politics and lobbying. She learned how bills were passed and the different factors that played a role in it, including the do's and don'ts of lobbying. Prior to working for District Council 37 she interned Albany's District Attorney's office in the crime victims unit.

While she was focusing on her career, Martinez helped to diversify the campus by founding Sabor Latino, the first Hispanic dance team at Saint Rose. She founded the team during her junior year with fellow graduating senior Michael Lopez and founding members Keneth Diaz, Yanieriez Diaz, Dayana Pichardo, Carlos Mora, and Luis Rodriguez. Sabor Latino means a lot to Martinez and she is proud of the things the

team has done thus far.

"I'm excited to see the amazing work things Sabor Latino's first new e-board will accomplish," said Martinez.

Although Martinez will no longer be at Saint Rose to guide the team. She made sure to leave the team in good hands. Next year's president Liana Morales will miss Martinez and the memories they have created together.

"One of my favorite moments was when we were able to chat once in the main lounge before I became president. I asked her for advice and things along that line of what she'd like to see for the future of Sabor Latino," said Morales.

She describes Martinez as a highly responsible and an important person to the team. As vice president of Sabor

Latino Martinez is described as a sweet and dependable leader that anyone can go to.

"I still don't feel like I'm graduating...It's so surreal"
Elenie Martinez

"I also love performing with her and getting her criticism after performances. She tends to look at the positives of our performances and hypes us up about future performances," said Morales.

Morales first encountered Martinez during the spring semester of 2017, around the time Sabor Latino was founded. However, Morales mentions that she has always known about Martinez be-

cause she was an orientation leader during her freshman year.

Lopez says that graduating high school and college with the love of his life has been amazing.

"In contrast to other college students, my experience differed from many because I was able to attend college with the love of my life. Elenie was able to make my college experience one that I will never forget," said Lopez.

During his time at Saint Rose Lopez witnessed Martinez go through a journey of finding self independence and strength. He says that his fondest memory with her at Saint Rose was in the summer of 2016 when she started her natural hair journey.

That summer Martinez participated in the "big chop"

in which she cut most of her hair in an effort for her hair to regrow healthier. "She's cut it and her growth is truly jaw dropping," said Lopez.

Her hair growth isn't the only thing that's grown since that summer. Lopez said he was able to grow because Martinez helped to teach him how to be an independent man all while finding her own independence.

Lopez said that having a girlfriend on campus is one of the best things to do and he's happy he's done it. He hopes that he and Martinez will live fulfilling and happy lives together.

"I still don't feel like I'm graduating. I feel like I've been here forever and the thought of not being here anymore does not seem real, it's so surreal" said Martinez.

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that “strongly influenced by decision to go to Emory for law school,” said Henain.

Henain has had a successful college career in the field of criminal justice, which ultimately led her to law school. Professor Alfred Chapleau has worked with Henain in classes as well as through her work on the Loretta Preska National Collegiate Mock

Trial Team. She was a member of this team for two years, and was captain during her last year. While she worked with the team, she won the title of best attorney four times.

“Maria has been recognized all over the east coast,” said Chapleau.

Chapleau also commented on Henain’s character as an intellectual. He said that she wants to achieve perfection.

“She has a combination of drive, motivation, and desire that are second to none,” Chapleau said.

Henain is commended by Chapleau for being “one of the best participants of the Mock Trial Association.” Professor Angela Ledford also commented on her successes in mock trial, saying that she is a “well respected member of the team.”

When asked to describe Henain, Ledford said “She came in as a smart, poised, and curious individual. She leaves that way, with more sophisticated thinking.”

Ledford also said that Henain is an ideal student because she is so willing to ask hard questions and press her own beliefs.

“She does this willingly,” said Ledford. “She goes where the questions and evidence lead her.”

Ledford also built a relationship with Henain when she interned with the New York State Assembly. Through this internship, she was able to develop both intellectually and professionally, according to Ledford. Henaine was one of 160 student interns during her time there. Of these 160 students, she was awarded one of 10 paper awards presented to outstanding students, who were able to work through policies.

Ledford describes Henain as a role model, which Josephine Rivera, who is best-friends with Henain, can attest to. She said that Henain has been an inspiration for her throughout college. “She has won so many awards in mock trial and been published by the NYS Assembly, I mean who wouldn't want her to look up to,” said Rivera.

Rivera also explains that Henaine is a person who cares about everyone around her and who “only wants to make the world a better place. Her love for civil rights will only continue to flourish in law school.”

In addition to all of this, Henaine also has a love for music. She has a particular liking for rock and alternative music, including bands like Blink-182 and Pvriss. According to Rivera, she “may be really passionate about school but honestly she's a walking Shazam because she loves to listen to music in her spare time.”

Henain overall thanks any of her professors, peers and advisors who have helped her along the way through her college experience. Similarly, her professors wish her luck after her graduation from college.

“I know she is going to be successful beyond this,” said Chapleau.



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program she participated in while at Saint Rose really helped Allende to focus on the unique issues students in urban environments face.

Without care and passion, Allende believes that underserved students will fall through the cracks of the education system

“Rhina has an unusual capacity to build relationships,” said Bridgett Williams-Searle, an associate professor of history. “She’s an excellent student but she’s also an excellent human being, someone who understands that caring is the essence of teaching.”

As she is a caring teacher in the classroom, Allende is also very caring for the students at Saint Rose in various leadership roles on campus.

“She has taken several students under her wing and served as their direct mentor, friend, and advisor,” Lamara Burgess, associate director of the office of intercultural leadership, of Rhina. “She guides them through personal, academic, and social challenges, as well as celebrates their many successes as well.”

During her time at Saint Rose, Allende was very involved with leadership opportunities through the office of intercultural leadership, which among many resources offers support through the ALANA is Leadership. The program was designed for mentorship with students of African, Latin, Asian, and Native American descent.

“It’s hard being an ALANA student sometimes,” said Allende. “It’s helpful to have a place like the office to be that support.”

Allende has provided support to other students as a mentor in the program, as a resource for other students of color and their unique experiences. It is this support and leadership skills that earned her the President’s Diversity Award last year.

“In this work, she is not only an example to College of Saint Rose students but to young women and youth in the community who have had to overcome challenges to survive and succeed,” said Shai Butler, the vice president for student success and engagement as well as the College’s chief diversity officer.

“She is a role model of overcoming adversity and sets the bar high for excellence,” said Butler.

Many of the students in the program see Allende as their “campus peer-mom,” a role which she has fully embraced.

“In comparison to all of her other roles on campus, I’d consider Rhina’s mentorship role to students as most impactful to the Saint Rose community,” said Burgess.

Burgess has enjoyed spending time with Allende in the office, and believes that she is leaving a void in the program in need of filling following graduation.

“Rhina realized I wasn’t having one of the best days and said ‘I think you need a hug’ and proceeded to open her arms and hug me. She often did little things like that. Another time, she left a post it on my computer that said ‘I appreciate you.’ I’ve taped it to my monitor for daily inspiration and often glance at it when feeling down.” said Burgess

Allende was also heavily involved in many student clubs and organizations on campus, including the Friday Knights recreational program for young students who have autism. She has been a member of Identity, Spectrum, and served as an orientation leader and commuter assistant.

“Rhina sets an example of resiliency and excellence. She has had to overcome many life challenges. She has used her resources, network and her own innate abilities to succeed,” said Butler.

Performance clubs are a large legacy that Allende is leaving behind, as she performed with Golden Knights Dance team, the Knightz in Motion hip hop team, the ALANA Steppers, and has been a part of four productions in the Saint Rose Theater.

“She is an amazing person, one of the best I know, and she’s going to be an amazing teacher. I’m truly privileged that I get to love her and count her among my friends,” said Lauren D’Annibale, a friend of Allende’s through the Theater program.

One of D’Annibale’s favorite memory of their friendship was how they connected following Allende’s in Pippin. It was the first time the pair had been together in months, and they went out for dinner and chatted for “something like six hours.” It felt like there was no disconnect at all among the friends.

“It’s not often you find a true friendship like that, and while I’d always known we were close and that I adore Rhina like nothing else, that the night I really knew that this was something good real and true,” said D’Annibale.

From her campus in-



KATE PIERCE

Rhina Allende will participate in Teach for America

volvement to her passion for teaching and being a resource to students of color and underserved communities - Allende is a one of a kind student to have such an impact on the Saint Rose community.

“Following Rhina’s path

would mean cultivating a heartfelt of joy by seeking out work that completes you, connecting with mentors, and engaging courageously with the world around you,” said Searle.

Making Art and Sharing Laughs

By **SERIAH SARGENTON**
Staff Writer

Spending countless hours working in the studios of Picotette Hall and making people laugh are two of the main aspects of one senior's college experience.

Courtney Bernardo will be graduating from the School of Arts and Humanities with her bachelor of science degree in studio art with a concentration in sculpture with a minor in art history. She plans to pursue a master in the fine arts at The State University of Albany while student teaching at the college. Bernardo hopes to one day become a professor and is thankful to

"It's bittersweet."

Courtney Bernardo

have discovered this program at SUNY Albany.

"It's bittersweet. I'm so happy to be moving forward, but there's many things I wish I did that I didn't get a chance to do. Plus, I'm going to miss the staff and friends," said Bernardo.

While at the College Bernardo spent much time perfecting her artwork for her showcases. Her final showcase was in the senior art show on April 6 where she debuted her best work.

"It was really beautiful. It was simple yet it evoked a lot of emotions. The artwork I saw definitely had numerous ways of looking at it and there were many ways to interpret it," said Christopher Wilson, a fellow graduating senior at Saint Rose.

Wilson has been best friends with Bernardo since

their freshman year of college when he met her through a mutual friend in the dining hall and began to hang out with her more. They've shared many fond memories including a concert in Clifton Park that they planned a month in advance.

"I got a lot of good memories, but one that comes in mind would have to be when we went with a friend to see the Bouncing Souls concert," said Wilson.

Wilson wishes the best for Bernardo and plans to keep in contact with her after graduation, yet Wilson isn't the only one that Bernardo has positively affected.

During her time at Saint Rose she spent time doing improv comedy as a member of Crate of Apes Comedy Club.

"She may have floundered a bit when I gave her a vague prompt during one

of the games, but she stuck with it and made the scene all the more funnier," said Dan Gauvin, a senior at Saint Rose.

She is described as a sweet and caring person who'd do anything for her friends. Gauvin says he will miss her enthusiasm and the times he has spent with her. He describes the time he helped Bernardo plan and execute a surprise birthday party in Centennial Hall for Nikos Assimakopoulos, an upcoming junior at Saint Rose.

"I'm extremely happy I go to know Courtney when I did. She knows how to have fun and I never fail to smile when she's around. No doubt my strose experience would have been duller without her. I have come to consider her one of my best friends here," said Gauvin.



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Courtney Bernardo at her last Saint Rose showcase

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The Student Behind the Television Studio

By **LAUREN KASZUBA**
Staff Writer

Often times, you will find Saint Rose student Samuel Lund in his office in the television studio in Hearst. If he isn't there, he is most likely out and about in the television studio, a place he calls his home.

"I had the responsibility of making sure everyone was comfortable and knowledgeable with using the equipment," said Lund. "I love being able to teach others how to do something they might not have done before."

Lund, who is graduating in December with a bachelor's de-

gree in communications with a concentration in film and new media, played a prevalent role in the communications department at Saint Rose. He is the founder of the Saint Rose Television club and a co-equipment manager for the department. If you've ever walked through the Hearst building vestibule you will most likely have seen one of his films playing on the large screen.

"He would regularly spend his free time learning about the TV studio," said Kimberly Van-Vloodorp, an alum and former executive board member of SRTV.

Born in Las Vegas, Lund

moved to New York at just over a year old. He lived in Watervliet for a short amount of time before moving to Latham. Originally, Lund held interest in being a teacher for a computer-related subject. However, after watching a live broadcast of his morning announcements at his junior high school in the control room, he began to gain interest in the technical side of television. This marks an interest that would change his life completely.

"In high school, they have the same sort of thing with the morning announcements, so I joined the broadcasting club and over the years I worked my way up to co-president," Lund said. "I became the resident tech support, and with the help of my friends in the club we were able to do a lot of new and exciting things that the school hadn't seen before."

Lund had gone on to intern with the NYS Senate Media, participating in "live C-SPAN-esque shows of Senate hearings." In addition to the internship, Lund recalls visiting Saint Rose and being asked to run camera for a mock news show, which he said "meant the

world." After graduating high school in 2015, he wanted to bring a broadcasting club to the Saint Rose campus.

"There was this studio space that was only being used for classes, not to its fullest potential," Lund said. Communications professor Karen McGrath had notified professor Liz Richards about Lund's interest in starting a club, and Richards jumped on the opportunity.

"I approached him about his interest in TV production, and asked if the rumor I heard that he would be interested in starting a TV club was true," Richards said. Richards met Lund as a high school senior; he sat in her "22 Minutes" class during a college visit.

Little did Lund know that he would be starting a club that would turn out to be a popular one on the college campus. Saint Rose Television went on to produce several shows, including popular "Knightly News," "A Knight at the Movies," "Grades of Our Lives," and produce live shows in collaboration with Saint Rose's improv comedy group, Crate of Apes.

"He could always be found

in the control room in front of the switcher learning everything he could about it," said Van-Vloodorp. "I have no doubt that he knows the television studio better than any current, or past student, and maybe more than the professors."

There's no doubt that Lund had started a legacy at Saint Rose and he's more than proud to be the club's founder.

"It just makes me happy whenever it clicks with them, because that's how I know I'm making a difference. Seeing everybody come to club meetings each and every week with new ideas or different methods/perspectives on how to accomplish a goal or tackle an issue makes me realize that this club can be whatever it wants to be, and that's the beauty of SRTV," Lund stated.

Lund will surely not be forgotten by the club or his professors after he graduates.

"Sam has always been extremely eager and engaged, both in class and outside of class. You can always count on him to sit in the first or second row of seats," said Richards. "I have been so lucky to know Sam and work with him closely."



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Samuel Lund is the founder of Saint Rose Television

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Feature: Kate Pierce

"The Most Amazing Person You'll Ever Meet"

By BRIANA SPINA
News Editor

The title was lifted from my interview with Vivian Leung, a freshman student who has Kate Pierce as a Resident Assistant. In fact, this is the first thing she said about Pierce, and one would be hard-pressed to find someone who dissents.

Pierce, the executive editor of The Chronicle, has attended the College of Saint Rose as a communications major with a concentration in journalism and a minor in computer science for the past three years, and because she put her mind to it, she is graduating with her bachelor's degree two full semesters early with the class of 2018.

On graduating early, Pierce talked about how it was not her original intention, but was able to work it out with the help of the college credits she took through her high school.

"Overall," she said, "it's been an emotional rollercoaster, from being proud of my accomplishments to being sad that I'll miss out on a year with my friends."

Elizabeth Richards and Dr. Cailin Brown, two of Pierce's COM professors, can attest to her stellar academic performance and attitude.



As the executive editor, Pierce dedicates hours upon hours to The Chronicle. She is pictured here working on a computer in the Chronicle office.

"Every day," Richards said, "Kate is always alert in class and eager to be there. She loves to learn, and loves to see the practical application of what she is learning."

As Pierce's academic adviser and her professor for three courses, Richards said that the COM department and Saint Rose as a whole are "so lucky to have had Kate Pierce as a student."

Brown also lauded Pierce for her dedication to her studies, which "resulted in a paid internship which resulted in a job immediately after graduation."

Since the Fall 2017 semester, Pierce has been an intern at the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), where she has written press releases, published articles in the news magazine, created advocacy and conference videos, and designed informational materials. Her photo of the Capitol Building was used on the front cover of the NYSAC News 2018 Legislative Guide. Starting later this month, Pierce will be working at NYSAC full-time

as a multimedia specialist, a position which was created specifically for her.

"Kate Pierce is living proof that hard work pays off," Brown said.

One of Pierce's favorite courses was Journalism 1, taught by Brown, which she took during the spring semester of her freshman year.

"That's what started my career with The Chronicle and really fueled my passion for reporting and truth-seeking,"

"There are people who go through life doing the bare minimum just to scrape by, but Kate is the exact opposite."

Samuel Lund,
a senior and friend of Pierce's.

Pierce said of her experience in the class.

Brown is also the faculty adviser of The Chronicle; she and the editorial staff are grateful to have an executive editor as competent as Pierce.

"Kate devoted an extraordinary amount of her time to managing the business of The Chronicle," Brown said. "Kate is a strong writer, and she delivers well-researched thoughtful stories. She earned the Editor's Award this year because of her ability to lead a staff that is united and collaborative."

On her experience with The Chronicle, Pierce said "It's changed who I am as a journalist, from my very beginnings to where I am now. It has also really helped me to develop my leadership skills, both with the staff and on campus."

Brown describes Kate as someone with a "strong work ethic," who is "an initiator and a problem-solver, both [of which] have served her here at school and outside of school." Though Pierce's hard work has made her stand out, and rightfully so, her friendliness is what immediately comes to Brown's mind.

"Kate Pierce is a kind human. She is empathetic and compassionate, and both of those qualities have contributed to Kate's success," Brown



At Reach Out Saint Rose Fall 2017, Pierce volunteered at the Regional Food Bank Farm

said.

These welcoming traits had a big impact on Leung when she arrived at Brubacher Hall on move-in day. As a first-generation college student, Leung said she didn't know what she was expecting or what was going to happen during her time here at Saint Rose. She recalls being one of the first residents to move into Pierce's hall, Bru 1 Center.

"She was the first person to have ever made me feel welcomed and at home," Leung said.

Throughout the course of the year, Pierce had many memorable moments with her floor. She had a weekly program called Thirsty Thursdays during which she and her residents could hang out and decompress at the end of the rigorous school week.

Leung's favorite memory with Kate was at one of these events. She and her floor, along with RA Tyler Bushey from a different hall, played the game "Werewolf" for the first time, which Leung remembers was a blast because "it was fun trying to figure out who the werewolf was and catching each other in lies."

Though their hall was the smallest, Leung said "I believe that we had the strongest bond, and that is all because of Kate."

"All in all," Leung continued, "Kate was someone I could go [and] talk to and just



Leung and Pierce at Relay for Life

hang out with. She's the best RA I could have ever asked for as she had made my freshman year the most memorable year of my life and I am so thankful for that."

Sam Lund, a senior, has known Pierce for a longer time, or as he explained, "since the literal beginning of [his] college career." The two first met at a Meet Your Major freshmen orientation event and became friends after attending the first Chronicle meeting of the Fall 2015 semester. He remembers that they walked back to Pierce's dorm building, Lima Hall, after the meeting, as Pierce thought Lund lived there as well, but he was a commuter student. At the time he "didn't realize she was going to become one of [his] best friends."

Lund talked about how

"If we switched bodies for a day I wouldn't be able to handle the amount of work she does," Lund said. "There are people who go through life doing the bare minimum just to scrape by, but Kate is the exact opposite."

He further described how Pierce goes above and beyond to help out anyone. She is dependable, loyal, and always there for Lund when he needs her.

Richards also has been on the receiving end of Pierce's altruism, describing her as the "number one babysitter" for her young daughter, Octavia. She sees that Pierce's altruistic nature goes far beyond childcare, though.

"Kate is an advanced human," Richards said. "Her capacity for caring about others is huge, and sadly, not typical in our society. She has the confidence and maturity to make herself vulnerable to others, which is no easy feat."

Brown, too, knows that Pierce is a "distinguished" individual: an optimist, "an achiever, and a striver."

Both professors hope for Pierce's future happiness and

"Her capacity for caring about others is huge."

Elizabeth Richards, Associate
Professor of Communications

"Her kindness in the face of adversity will serve her well."

Dr. Cailin Brown, Communications
Department Chair



Pierce and three of her residents attended the semi-formal

Pierce was considering being a commuter student like him, but she chose to stay on campus to be more involved with the Saint Rose community, though "involved" is a bit of an understatement.

He is "always amaze[d]" with how Pierce "can put herself out there and do such a great job," mentioning the many roles Pierce has played on campus during her time at Saint Rose: The Chronicle, Saint Rose Television, the e-board for the National Society of Leadership and Success, an RA, all while keeping up with her duties as a student.

Richards is sure that Pierce, ever-determined, will "challenge herself intellectually, professionally, and personally." Along with wishes for Pierce's good health, Brown notes that "her kindness in the face of adversity will serve her well."

Likewise, Lund wishes the best for Pierce, describing her as "an amazing person, a great friend, and an overall wonderful human being who will do great things in the world." He concluded with an even more heartfelt sentiment.

"When I grow up, I want to be just like her," Lund said.

Halsey Opens Up About Endometriosis

By **LAUREN KASZUBA**
Staff Writer

After revealing her endometriosis battle to fans in 2016, singer Halsey has been quite open about her battle with the condition.

Most recently, the singer made an appearance on the television show "The Doctors," stating she is going to freeze her eggs at the age of 23.

"And when I tell people that, they're like, 'You're 23, why do you need to do that? Why do you need to freeze your eggs?' Doing an ovarian reserve is important to me because I'm fortunate enough to have that as an option, but I need to be aggressive about protecting my fertility, about protecting myself," Halsey said.

Halsey also mentioned that she suffered a miscarriage in the past. She found out about the miscarriage just hours be-

fore her 2015 VEVO Lift Live event. She asked her assistant to buy adult diapers from a drugstore and took two Percocet before going on stage (even though no one had forced her to perform).

"I found out I was pregnant, and before I could even really figure out what that meant to me, and what that meant for my future, for my career, for my life, for my relationship, the next thing I knew I was on-stage miscarrying in the middle of my concert," she said.

Endometriosis is a condition in which uterine tissue grows outside the uterus, potentially causing inflammation, cysts and scarring. It can also affect fertility.

Halsey stated that for quite some time, she thought the pain brought on by the condition was due to rough menstruation cycles. Usually, it takes about ten years to receive an official endometriosis diagnosis.



Halsey's endometriosis caused her to miscarry during a performance

The singer had received multiple surgeries in 2017 for the condition.

This isn't the first time that Halsey has spoken out on an important topic, either. In January of 2018, she gave an extremely powerful speech at the Women's March in New York City. A speech in which she gave details about her multiple sexual assaults and miscarriage, the video of the speech has been viewed millions of times. I highly recommend watching this video if you have not seen it yet as it is quite moving.

The singer is optimistic in the measures she is taking to fight her endometriosis battle. "Taking these measures to make sure that I get to have a hopefully bright future and achieve the things that I want to achieve by doing the ovarian reserve is really important," she said.

Childish Gambino Returns With an Important Statement About Gun Violence

By **ELIZABETH VALENTIN**
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Donald Glover returned as Childish Gambino in his newest song and video "This is America," which he dropped on May 5. This video immediately became the topic of controversy and conversation because of the content that it presents.

The video starts with Glover dancing alone and acting in the relaxed manner that he typically does as the Childish Gambino character. This is then followed by snippets where he breaks out of his dancing to shoot other artists around him. This is a major point of debate that came out of this video. It is believed that this segment is meant to be a depiction and a reminder of the Charleston shooting, where an armed gunman shot and killed nine Black churchgoers.

Throughout the video, there are also riots happening behind Glover, which are meant to depict Black Lives Matter protests. Glover seems to be taking a strong stand on gun violence, racial inequality and discrimination, and the policies that the government places, all of which he uses to describe America.

There is also the fact that Glover commits acts of vio-

lence and is witness to violence by others and simply dances through it. This is thought to show the ways in which Americans are either desensitized or ignoring the problems around them.

This video immediately caused people to have a conversation about what this means. One twitter, user, @AliyahLeshae said "Childish Gambino literally playing out what's happening in America... all of this turmoil and we focused on the wrong things especially when he did every fad dance there was."

Another user, @TheYoDude, said "Going into a Childish Gambino song looking for a good head banger versus coming out of a Childish Gambino song with social awareness."

There were also several people who compared Glover to Kanye West, who has used Twitter as a platform to voice his views. One user, @AI>YourPal, said "Donald Glover has become what we wanted Kanye to be in 2018 #ThisIsAmerica"

Another user, @Freeyourmindkid, said "Childish Gambino is what Kanye aspires to be but fails to attain #ThisIsAmerica."

The video has several subtle details that speak volumes if noticed. One subtle feature of

the video lies in Glover's wardrobe, which is similar to the trousers that would have been worn by Confederate soldiers.

There is also the fact that every time a gun is used in this video, it is taken away and wrapped in a cloth, while bodies are being dragged and brutalized. This shows the ways in which the guns in this country are more cherished and are treated better than human lives.

There is also an image of a horse, whose rider is unidentifiable. This is thought to be a reference to Death riding on a pale horse while followed by Hell. The horse and its rider pass by police cars in this image. The exact Bible quote that his is referenced comes from Revelations 6:8 and reads, "And I looked, and behold a pale horse: and his name that sat on him was Death, and Hell followed him."

There is so much that happens in this video with so many representations of Black oppression. Despite this, it is difficult to catch anything happening because it is so difficult not to focus on Glover's dance fads throughout.

This is representative of the fact that Black people are acceptable and appreciated when they are talented and entertaining. Despite this, the second Black people unify with one



Donald Glover's newest song and video takes a serious stance on gun violence in America

another in order to try to better their lives and in many cases fight for their lives, they are looked down upon and ignored.

While it is difficult to take in everything that is happening in the video, especially the first time you watch it, that is exactly the point. You're not meant to see everything in the background the first time you watch it full through. It should take at least three times to understand the depth. I watched this three times originally, the first time it was difficult to take my eyes off of Glover. I then watched it again and forced myself to pay

attention to the background, but found that I was still distracted by the music. I watched it a third time muted. This video and song are masterpieces that already feel so timeless in a time where musicians are all trying to release the next catchy hit song. This song is not super catchy, yet is still amazing.

Glover is expected to release his newest not yet titled album soon. If this track and video are any indication of what is to come, it'll be interesting to see what else he has up his sleeve.

An Anthem for a Generation: Shawn Mendes' "Youth" Brings Hope After Tragedies

By **ELIZABETH VALENTIN**
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Shawn Mendes dropped his newest single, Youth ft. Khalid, on May 3. This song is emotional and heart wrenching, while possessing a positivity that is much needed right now.

This song is supposed to be about the violence that occurred last year during the London Bridge attack and the Manchester concert bombing. Mendes was in Europe when these events took place and

witnessed the way that the violence took a toll on everyone.

This song also provides hope for a generation that has witnessed so much violence during their childhood. Members of the Millennial and Gen X have fallen witness to countless terror attacks and mass shootings. Many members of these generations have first memories surrounding these events.

The chorus of the song has lyrics that include "You can't take my youth away. This soul of mine will never break. As

long as I wake up today, You can't take my youth away."

This can easily resonate with anyone who feels as though their youth has been tarnished by the horrific attacks that we have seen happen in our lifetimes.

The bridge of the song also has strong lyrics including "Pain, but I won't let it turn into hate. No, I won't let it change me." These words can also allow the young generation who has witnessed the carnage understand that they must be strong through these

difficult times.

This song easily becomes an anthem for those who have felt low in a time where violence prevails. This song also

shows that this generation must come together and find a way to unite and hold one another through this.



Shawn Mendes' song, "Youth," is for a generation whose youth has been corrupted by violence

Oklahoma's New Adoption Bill

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The OK government has made it feasible for foster agencies to deny the adoption of a child on religious grounds. This specifically targets same-sex couples who are looking to adopt.

This is problematic as there are about 9,600 children in the custody of the state's foster care system. According to the Oklahoma Fosters Initiative (OFI), "More than 1,000 children in state custody have a goal of adoption."

To deny the adoption of a child or children to same-sex couples could be detrimental to a child who has been in the foster care system. This is especially true when most children who are adopted by the state "are adopted by their foster families" while only a small percentage are adopted by their extended biological family. By restricting the ability of a same-sex couple to adopt shrinks the pool of options that the children have for being adopted according to OFI.

Also according to OFI, 36 percent of children in the state live in single-parent families. This is to say that one third of children live without only one parent, which means that they either grow up without a mother or without a father. Rarely do people make the claim that this

hinders a child's development on the grounds of religion.

The fact of the matter is that this is an issue of religion. This country is not meant to have any set religion, but time and time again, we see that religion is instituted as law on a state and national level.

There is no reason that lawmakers should have the option to impose their religious beliefs on their constituents. This is because the people who came to America first and who developed the foundation of this country did so, in part, to escape religious persecution. That is a fundamental reason why there is no national religion and why people have freedom of religion.

That being said, it seems as though those who do not follow Christianity are forced to follow the religious doctrine regardless. This is because the people who are in power use their own beliefs to dictate what everyone should follow. This is despite the fact that Christianity is not a religion that the entire nation follows on an individual level.

According to a poll conducted by ABC News and Bellefnet poll, 83 percent of Americans identify themselves as Christians. Most of the rest, 13 percent, have no religion." This is to say that of all Americans, 45,851,000 have no religion, while 13,028,000 Americans fall into some other

religion that is not Christianity.

There is no reason why over 50,000,000 Americans should subscribe to a religion that they do not truly belong to in the form of law. To make this large number of people who are supposed to have freedom of religion follow laws that are solely based on Christianity suggests that we don't truly have freedom of religion in this country.

Laws should provide secular rules for all to follow, but instead, we continue to see that this is not actually the case.

The adoption of a child should not be determined by whether the person or people looking to adopt are single, married, same-sex, hetero-sexual, male, or female. The adop-

tion of a child should focus on whether the person looking to adopt the child is able to financially provide for the child and whether they are able to provide a loving, caring, and safe environment for the child.

If there is no reason to believe that a person or people are not capable of doing all of these things for the child, there should then be no reason that they should be denied the adoption.

While this is said, many argue that if a person does follow the doctrine of Christianity they should be allowed to deny services based on their beliefs. The fact of the matter is that this should not be the case. Religion should not be used as a mask to hide in order to

discriminate against others for whatever reason.

While this is all what should happen, it is clear that the state and federal governments do not believe this to be true. We can see this through the Muslim Ban, anti-abortion laws, and the controversy surrounding bathroom laws for members of the transsexual community.

This is something that goes further than the adoption of a child. There are too many discriminatory laws that have been attempted to pass or have succeeded in passing, which all hinder the livelihood of people in minority groups and people whose cycle of oppression continues to perpetuate in this country.



Denying the adoption of a child to same-sex couples could be detrimental to a child.

Nobel Peace Prize

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On Monday April 30, the president of South Korea, Moon Jae-in, has changed his opinions about President Trump from what he thought of him several months ago. The president of South Korea used to believe that Trump was just as dangerous as the North Korean president, Kim Jong-Un. However, now that he has helped start the peace process between North and South Korea, so Moon Jae-in now believes that Trump should win a Nobel Peace Prize.

In my opinion, just because someone is helping start a peace process between two countries that have been fighting against one another for many years, doesn't automatically mean we excuse all of the other negative things that the person throughout their life has done. A person wins the Nobel Peace Prize for doing multiple great things for the world throughout their life, not just for one positive thing.

In order for a person to be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize and the nomination be valid, the person that nominates them has to fall within one of the eight categories. For example, someone from a member of a national assembly and national government (cabinet members/ministers) of a sovereign state and a current head of state would have to nominate Trump. However, I have a feeling that with the amount of people that have left his cabinet in the past two months, I don't think anyone wants to nominate him.

President Trump has also been involved in many scandals throughout his whole career and is repeatedly getting involved in scandals that continue to shape his reputation to this day. I want to know what had to go through Moon Jae-in's head to make him decide that Trump would be a good choice to consider for this type of nomination.

The president of South Korea could have picked anyone else in the whole world to consider to be nominated for a Nobel Peace Prize.

The president of South Korea put all of his eggs into one basket and bet on the fact that Trump should win a Nobel Peace Prize because he's starting a possible "peace process" between North and South Korea.

The president of South Korea is clearly not aware of all the controversies that President Trump has been involved in and continues to get involved in. For example, the president recently got caught lying (thanks to his lawyer Rudolph W. Giuliani) about his statement saying that he had no knowledge of paying off this actress Stephanie Clifford who performs with the stage name Stormy Daniels to keep quiet about the fact that they had an affair while he's still married to his current wife Melania Trump.

I believe that the president of South Korea should sit down and take a minute to really think about his decision of wanting to nominate Donald Trump for a Nobel Peace Prize before sending in that recommendation letter.

My Farewell

By KYLE PRATT
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The time has come for seniors to reflect on their Saint Rose experience. This seemingly obligatory process, especially for seniors at The Chronicle, is also among the most important.

They say this time is supposed to be bittersweet, but I find myself filled with more sadness than joy. In a weird way, this sadness is a good thing. It signifies the amazing relationships and immensely strong bonds I have formed since August of 2014. The sadness is here because those relationships and bonds may no longer be.

During my time here, the community has hit some low points. We've experienced (or produced) negative press coverage. We've seen protests, and we've seen some of our beloved friends pass, but through these struggles we've also witnessed an already inseparable community come even closer together.

I only applied to one college and committed to com-

ing to Saint Rose before I ever visited the school. My first experience on campus was during my summer orientation. I remember being mesmerized. As my mother and I were walking on the quad, I turned to her and said, "I think I made the right choice," and to this day, I know I did.

Many schools offer a great education, and many for less money, but very few have such a sense of community as Saint Rose. I commuted to campus for all of my eight semesters and although I didn't keep a tally, there is a good chance I spent a healthy majority of that time on campus. There were many nights when I didn't want to leave and a few when I didn't.

I almost preferred to stay here, especially when performing with Crate of Apes. Few experiences build comradeship like being laughed at by large groups of people, but we did it regularly, and it will be tough knowing we'll never do it again.

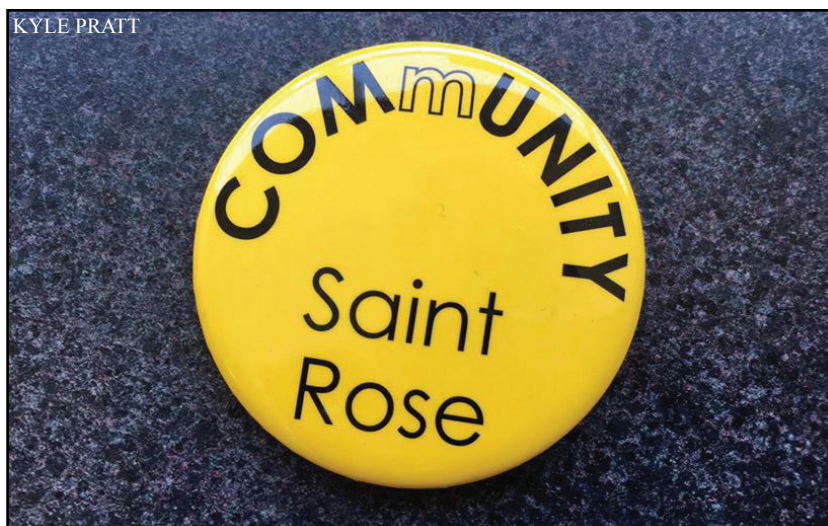
Although I began college with no declared major, I quickly realized I wanted

to be a Communications student, or as we say it, a member of the "COMmUNITY." I can honestly say now that the communication department is less of a community and more of a family. Those bonds mentioned earlier, they are the strongest within the walls of the Hearst Center. This is why the sadness is here.

I've spent so much time alongside my colleagues learning, bickering, and creating content. I've wasted countless hours of my own and my professors' time by invading their offices just to chat, which I know I appreciated and I hope they did too. The professors at Saint Rose, across all majors, are second to none. They challenged us to think, and to work hard, but most importantly, they cared so deeply about us and our futures.

Even closer to me are the friends who made it possible to produce this newspaper every week. I'm not sure how a crazy bunch like us pulled it off, but we did, and in the process, we've become a family. I am truly thankful for that.

The goal of going to college is to get an education. I believe I succeeded in that, but to be honest, it's not what I value most from my time at Saint Rose. The learning and the skill development were great and important, but it was the people that made my college experience so enjoyable and so difficult to move on from. The sadness is here, because I no longer will be.



Golden Knights Sports A Year In Review for 2018-2019

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As the 2017-2018 academic year draws to a close, it's time to look back on some of the memorable accomplishments of the Golden Knights this season.

The men's basketball team finished the season at 21-10 and made their second straight NCAA Tournament appearance, going all the way to the regional semifinals before being eliminated by the Le Moyne Dolphins 67-63.

Graduating seniors on the team include Julian Lipinski, Mical-Ryan Boyd, and Jack Jones, who all entered the 1,000 point club this season as well as Jamaal Greenwood and Anthony Russell.

Women's basketball finished this year at 10-17 and qualified for the NE-10 Conference Tournament but were defeated in the first round by the Southern New Hampshire Penmen 75-62.

The team will retain most of its current roster as there are only two graduating seniors, Morgan Sullivan and Analiese Dublin.

The lacrosse team finished 9-8, capped off by an

impressive five-game winning streak to close out the regular season but lost in the first round of the NE-10 Tournament 19-9 to the Saint Anselm Hawks.

The team is graduating four seniors this year: Lucas Frese, Liam Guiton, Evan Doherty and Matt Graham. Graham finishes his Golden Knights career as the top goal scorer and points leader with 104 goals and 145 points respectively, passing class of 2015 grad Kevin Fleming.

The women's soccer team improved on their performance from a year ago finishing 12-4-2 on the season compared to 11-7 in 2016.

The team made it to the conference tournament but lost in the first round to the Assumption Greyhounds 3-0.

The team has four graduating seniors: Raven Small, Totianyu Guadalupe, Roxana Hernandez, and Meghan Hake.

Men's soccer finished this season at 6-9-2, qualifying for the NE-10 Tournament but were defeated in the first round by the Southern Connecticut State Owls 3-1.

The team will have a new look next season as they are

graduating six seniors: David Haston, Suleiman Haruna-Iya, Elidon Bardhollari, Justyn Verbraska, Michael Morris, and Joshua Rasmussen. Haruna-Iya was named a NE-10 All-League pick this season.

The softball team finished at 13-26 this season improving on their record from a year ago when they finished 11-24.

The team will be graduating four seniors who were all big parts of the Saint Rose offense this season: Taylor Solomon, Sydney Cimini, Katie Shevlin, and Dana Nicoletti. Shevlin led the team on the year in on base percentage with .397.

The baseball team will have a brand new look next season as 12 senior will be graduating: Brain Stanczuk, Alex Tomlinson, Michael Shine, Brian Uliana, Tyler Childrose, Tom Moore, Kody Shaw, Caleb Gregg, Joe Foran, Mark Powell, Matt McKinnon, and Dominic Razzano.

The men's cross country team had its best finish of the season at the James Earley Invitational this season, finishing 25th out of 37 teams, and will maintain most of its current roster as only one senior,

Trevor Drapeau, is graduating this year.

The women's cross country team had its best finish at the Oswego State Invitational in September, finishing third out of 14 teams.

They have no graduating seniors this year.

The men's golf team's top performance took place back in October at the Saint Rose Fall Shootout, finishing 3rd out of ten teams.

The team will be graduating two seniors and a junior: Logan Ripley, Brian Pesavento, and Mike Pilkington respectively.

The women's golf team had its best finish this season at the NEIGA Championships in October finishing 2nd out of three teams.

The team's roster will remain the same next year as there are no graduating seniors.

The men's swimming and diving team finished 4-6 in head to head competitions this season and will graduate two seniors this year: Chris Vesic and Richard Smith.

The women's swimming and diving team finished 4-7 in head to head this season and had its best team finish

in January at the FIU Sprint Invite finishing 5th out of ten teams.

The team will only graduate one senior, Jessica McMillen.

The men's track and field teams had their best team overall performance in Capital District Classic in April, finishing 7th out of 12 team.

The team will have the same roster next season as there are no graduating seniors.

The women's track and field team also had their best finish at the Capital District Classic, finishing 3rd out of 12 teams.

The team will have a very similar roster next season as the team will only be graduating one senior, Amanda Harrington.

The women's tennis team had a disappointing 0-13 season and will look to rebound next season.

They are only graduating two seniors, Keriann Mahoney and Averie Bowen.

Finally the women's volleyball team ended this year's campaign at 12-17 and will graduate only two seniors, Cara Kullman and Maddy Halverson.

The Seniors Say Goodbye

Graduating seniors reflect on their time at The College of Saint Rose



"It feels surreal to be graduating.

I can't believe how fast the past four years flew by. Looking back, I'm so thankful I chose St. Rose because of all of the opportunities, friendships and experiences I've had.

As for track, it was a really hard goodbye.

I've been competing for 9 years and I couldn't help but bawl my eyes out when

I crossed the finish line for the final time.

Track has helped shape me into the person I am today and I'm thankful for all of my teammates who made such an impact in my life as well."

Track and Field

Amanda Harrington



Matt Graham

"Throughout my time here at Saint Rose with the lacrosse program, I was able to meet such great people and play with some incredible athletes.

The growth that this program has seen since my freshman year is just a testament to the type of men we have on our team.

Closing my career with the type of season we had and brotherhood of this team is something that I'll carry with me for the rest of my life."



Mike Pilkington

Brian Pesavanto

"I've had a great time during my golf career at Saint Rose.

Over my three years here I had a bunch of great memories playing on the team.

From traveling down to West Virginia for NCAA's last year, to the one day tournament in Rhode Island my freshman year, I will be able to look back and be able to appreciate the time I spent as a member of the golf team.

I and saddened because I am departing the team a year early, due to the fact I know I am cutting myself short of further fond memories to be made as a saint rose athlete.

This year has been a rollercoaster ride from us just missing NCAAAs as a team, and myself just missing NCAAAs as an individual."

"It was a great four years playing golf for The College of Saint Rose.

The highlight by far was my junior year when we made it to the NCAA Tournament in West Virginia.

This was a great experience playing golf here and I wouldn't have wanted to do it anywhere else.

Though we would have liked to make it back to NCAA's this year we fought hard and still had a successful season.

I would like to thank my coach Scott Warren for the opportunity he gave me four years ago."



Jack Jones

"Saint Rose was somewhere I was able to succeed both on and off the court. I was fortunate to go to back to back NCAA tournaments and the bonds I've made with my teammates are something I'll never forget. And a big thank you to all the Saint Rose community who supported me in any way, it's very much appreciated."

Julian Lipinski

"Being a student-athlete for Saint Rose has been a great privilege. I've absolutely loved being part of the Men's Basketball program, especially going to back-to-back NCAA tournaments the last two years. I will never forget the feeling of the Saint Rose home crowd erupting when the ball goes through the net. Off the court, the school has provided a lot of opportunities for me and I've done my best to maximize them. Wherever my career takes me, I will always be proud to represent Saint Rose. It will always be my home away from home."



Jessica McMillen

"I will always cherish my time at Saint Rose.

I have gained a valuable education and had the opportunity to swim at the NCAA Division II level all four years.

I have gained lifelong friendships, traveled to Puerto Rico for training trips and have been a part of record breaking relay teams.

Thank you to St. Rose for the memories and Go Golden Knights!"