Hello to all,

Thank you for making our first year as co-chairs of President’s Council both successful and meaningful. Early on, we shared that one of our main goals was to strengthen communications and make sure all members feel connected to Holy Cross, to Father Boroughs and to each other. Because you choose to give at such a generous level to Holy Cross, it is important that you feel appreciated and proud. Please continue to let us know how we are doing.

In this final edition of PC Leader for the academic year, we hope you’ll enjoy seeing the impact of your generosity through the story of Sam Poryanda ’16; by hearing from Amy Murphy, director of Career Planning at Holy Cross; through reading about President’s Council members and Holy Cross parents Joe and Patty Siebecker; and in seeing photos from the first-ever Young Alumni President’s Council reception.

If you haven’t done so already, please make your President’s Council gift by June 30, 2014, to maintain your membership for next year. Enjoy every minute of the summer! We look forward to seeing you again for President’s Council Weekend, Nov. 8-9, 2014, if not before.

Michele and David Joy ’74, P11 Co-chairs, President’s Council

President’s Council IMPACT: Financial Aid

“To be a member of the Holy Cross community is an honor. The educational opportunity I have been given is tremendous. My classes have challenged me to excel,” says Samuel Poryanda ’16. “At Holy Cross, I am forming relationships with my peers and with my professors that will contribute to my success.”

Sam has been involved with several campus groups including HC Goes Unified, which pairs Holy Cross students with Special Olympics participants, and the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. A member of the rowing team, he has been selected for the Athletics Department’s Leadership Academy.

“Both on and off the water, rowing has shaped me not only into a better athlete but also a more well-rounded person,” he said. “I am becoming a master of time management, and I am constantly pushing the limits with the idea that anything can be accomplished with hard work. I can’t adequately express how thankful I am to be a part of the Holy Cross community.”

The Value of a Liberal Arts Education

a message from Amy Murphy, director of Career Planning at Holy Cross

Today the possibilities are unlimited for our graduates, and yet they face the future with some trepidation. Questions about the relevance and value of a liberal arts education are ubiquitous. The media is saturated with statistics about the unemployment and underemployment of newly minted college grads. Graduate and professional school tuitions have skyrocketed. The stakes are high indeed.

Our graduates will be part of the workforce for the next 40+ years. They will hold jobs that do not exist today, and the pace of change, brought about by new technologies, will quicken. To excel in this environment, students need to think critically, to communicate clearly, to adapt and to solve complex problems. A liberal arts education at Holy Cross provides the skills necessary to succeed in the world these students will enter. Additionally, they receive an important grounding in ethical values, the basis for lives of meaningful achievement. We have great confidence that our students are well prepared for the challenges they face.

As the economy slowly recovers, work experience is often a deciding factor for hiring. Employers seek candidates who can immediately make contributions, and internships have become a common prerequisite. We are committed to providing career opportunities before and upon graduation, including a robust Summer Internship Program. As one internship supervisor said, “The talent coming from Holy Cross is second to none. I have raved about it to fellow business owners as well as to other large companies. I hope to partner with Holy Cross for many years to come.”

The Holy Cross Alumni Network is also second to none, with graduates eager to help the next generation. I am grateful for everyone who invests in today’s Crusaders.

212 new members have joined President’s Council in Fiscal Year ’14

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Joe and Patty Siebecker P14, 18

Joe and Patty Siebecker met while playing tennis in college, but not at Holy Cross. They were student-athletes at New York University together and never dreamed they’d make the drive from White Plains, N.Y., to Worcester for eight years in a row. Their ties to Holy Cross are strong because their oldest son, Brendan, just graduated from the College, and their youngest, Matthew, will start this fall as a member of the Class of 2018. Middle son Jack just finished his freshman year at Santa Clara University.

Even before Brendan arrived on Mount St. James there were solid family ties on The Hill: Joe’s cousin Maggie had graduated in 1994. “One of Brendan’s first-year professors asked him if he had a relative named Maggie,” Joe recalls — one of those stories that could only happen in the tightknit community of Holy Cross.

The boys’ great uncle, Leo Racine, also attended the Cross as a member of the Class of 1942. He met their Great Aunt June on the steps of the library. June and Leo have now been married for 65 years, and their son, Timmy Racine, is a member of the Class of 1966.

“When we started looking at colleges for Brendan, Holy Cross was our first stop on the way to Boston,” Joe says. “After the tour, we walked around campus and, on the way back to the car, Brendan said, ‘This is where I want to go to school.’ After six months and numerous college tours, his feelings never wavered and he applied early decision.”

Brendan enjoyed a great experience on The Hill, including being a member of the rowing team and the Student Advisory Committee for his history major. He was even selected to travel to Omaha, Neb. this spring to meet with financial wizard Warren Buffet.

For more on the history of this Holy Cross family, visit bit.ly/pcsspotlight.

PC Events

On April 1, 2014, members of President’s Council met at Towne Stove and Spirits in Boston for the first Young Alumni President’s Council event. The evening was hosted by trustee Bill Teuber ’73, P02 with other members of the Board of Trustees in attendance. Current members were encouraged to bring a friend who may also be interested in joining, which has led to a growing group of young alumni members. See more photos at bit.ly/YAPC_Towne.

Save the Date

President’s Council Weekend — Nov. 8-9, 2014

The football game will be vs. Lehigh.

Gift Reminder

Please make sure your President’s Council gift is received by June 30, 2014. Have a wonderful summer!

QUICK LINKS

alumni.holycross.edu/pc
President’s Council Web page

alumni.holycross.edu
For all alumni resources

alumni.holycross.edu/reunion
Reunion news and updates

goholycross.com
Keep up with your favorite Crusaders sports teams. View schedules, statistics and ticket information on all HC teams.

events.holycross.edu
Our campus is a bustling place. View our upcoming programs and events and plan to visit soon.

blogtrottr.com
Have HC news emailed to your address (use news.holycross.edu as the site from which you pull your news).

holycross.giftplans.org
For information on gift planning, the 1843 Society and more

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