



## The New Face of emmanuel.edu

Upgraded website offers multiple ways to connect and engage with the College

Emmanuel's presence in cyberspace took a quantum leap forward in September with the relaunch of emmanuel.edu. The website features a dynamic new design optimized for tablets and mobile devices, enhanced imagery and videos, and integration of the College's outposts on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and other social media. Audiences ranging from prospective students to alumni will find comprehensive College news and information, as well as compelling stories about the Emmanuel community today.



The section devoted to alumni has received a substantial upgrade. By creating an account at alumni.emmanuel.edu, graduates may now gain secure access to "MyEmmanuel," where they can:

- Search a directory of fellow graduates
- Update their own profiles (choosing what information to display in the directory)
- Read and contribute to online class notes
- View and register for upcoming alumni events
- Find information about class reunions, regional alumni clubs, and career networking and volunteer opportunities
- Make a secure online gift to Emmanuel

All site visitors will find a digital-age expression of the College's 94-year-old Catholic educational mission. Student profiles provide insights into the Emmanuel experience and the lifelong benefits that result from engagement in a rigorous liberal arts and sciences curriculum complemented by real-world experiences and participation in a values-centered community.

"The site captures the people, programs and spirit that make Emmanuel so distinctive," says Emmanuel College President Sister Janet Eisner, SND. "Alumni of all generations will find exciting new ways to strengthen ties with one another and to continue to play a vital role in the life and work of the College."

The redesign of emmanuel.edu was a two-year community-wide effort that began with in-depth research into user needs, best practices and the latest web technologies. The College engaged prospective and current students, parents, alumni, faculty and staff in a collaborative process to ensure a consistent and authentic online experience.



The energy, spirit and values of the Emmanuel community have been on remarkable display in 2013.

Students have earned national honors for their achievements as scholars, researchers, artists and athletes. The transformation of our campus has continued with the completion of a four-year-long restoration and renovation of our historic Administration Building, including 17 leading-edge multimedia classrooms. In cities around the country, alumni and friends have come together to celebrate their common Emmanuel ties and to honor the importance of the College's mission.

This *Emmanuel Update* offers details on these and other recent developments at the College. It is our way of keeping you informed while we prepare to bring you a redesigned *Emmanuel Magazine* in 2014. These communications, along with our relaunched website, reflect our ongoing commitment to enhancing the unity and vibrancy of the wider College community.

The approach of Emmanuel's centennial in 2019 makes this an especially exciting time to play a part in the life of the College. The new *Emmanuel College Strategic Plan 2013-2019: Tradition, Transformation and Trajectory* sets forth this bold new vision for the College:

*Emmanuel will be widely esteemed as the college in the heart of Boston that leads the nation in combining an extraordinary liberal arts and sciences education in the Catholic intellectual tradition with a commitment to strong relationships, ethical values and service to others. Students will choose Emmanuel as the place to develop in every respect while preparing for lives of leadership, professional achievement, global engagement and profound purpose.*

With these two sentences, we affirm what Emmanuel has stood for since its founding as we continue to transform lives and meet the evolving needs of our society. With your engagement and ideas, we will bring this vision to life and set the stage for Emmanuel's second century.

In this season of Advent, may we experience the blessings of our God with us—Emmanuel.

**Sister Janet Eisner, SND**

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## SCIENCE FACULTY RECEIVE NSF GRANTS

Two Emmanuel faculty members received grants from the National Science Foundation (NSF) during the 2012-13 academic year. Associate Professor of Physics Allen Price and Associate Professor of Chemistry Aren Gerdon were each awarded approximately \$250,000 to fund multi-year projects and to involve undergraduate students in their research.

The grants, the first awarded to Emmanuel by the NSF, are part of the foundation's Research in Undergraduate Institutions (RUI) program. Students engaged in the two projects will receive training in numerous instrumental and research methods, broadening their opportunities to enter science-related professions and graduate studies. Research findings will be presented at local and national conferences and in peer-reviewed publications.

Dr. Price's grant will advance his team's work in determining how proteins that bind to specific sequences in DNA find their target sequences, while the team led by Dr. Gerdon will develop an understanding and control of calcium phosphate mineralization through improved analysis.

"The research lab is simply an extension of the classroom and is the ideal place for undergraduate learning," Dr. Gerdon says. "With this important support from the National Science Foundation, we will be able to teach and train undergraduate researchers in a way that is unique to Emmanuel College."



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## AUTHOR DAN ARIELY KEYNOTES ACADEMIC CONVOCATION

What are the factors, rational and irrational, that drive honest and dishonest behavior? Author Dan Ariely explored this question in his keynote address at Emmanuel's Academic Convocation September 18. The James B. Duke Professor of Psychology and Behavioral Economics at Duke University, Ariely is the author of *The (Honest) Truth About Dishonesty: How We Lie to Everyone—Especially Ourselves*, which serves as the College's EC Reads reading selection for first-year students.

In his address, Ariely cited findings from his research indicating that lying or cheating increases when subjects use questionable justifications (for example, "it is permissible to be dishonest in certain domains of life as long as one maintains high moral standards in others"). Conversely, the simple mention of religion—for example, asking a study sub-



ject to recall the Ten Commandments—increases the likelihood of ethical behavior.

Dishonesty on both large and small scales has a significant impact on society, Ariely said. If everyone in a society is honest, then everyone benefits. People would be able to leave their doors unlocked. But if there is dishonesty in a society, everyone loses. "Honesty is a precious public resource," he said.

## HOLY CROSS HONORS SISTER JANET EISNER, SND



SISTER JANET WITH HOLY CROSS PRESIDENT REV. PHILIP L. BOROUGHS, SJ

Emmanuel's President, Sister Janet Eisner, SND, received an honorary Doctor of Humanities degree from the College of the Holy Cross at its 2013 commencement exercises in May.

"With great love, strong determination, and inspired leadership you have brought Emmanuel, closing in on its centenary of offering a Catholic liberal arts education, to new heights," her citation read. "You have done so by always keeping your beloved students and their promising futures as your guide, with a laser-sharp focus on the College's mission and values, and with a profound faith and love of God."

Sister Janet is a current member of Holy Cross's Advisory Board and a former member of the Board of Trustees. She also participated as a guest panelist in a Holy Cross Faculty Symposium held in conjunction with the inauguration of President Philip L. Boroughs, SJ, in September 2012.



## CONSAVAGE '15 AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDY PUBLIC HEALTH IN BRAZIL



**K**ate Consavage '15 will study public health and Portuguese in Brazil during the spring 2014 semester thanks to a \$10,000 Boren Scholarship she received from the National Security Education Program (NSEP).

The junior biology major will participate in a 15-week course examining Brazil's health care policies and observing firsthand how these policies are put into practice. The program will combine lectures with field study in urban and rural communities and culminate in a four-week independent study project.

Consavage became interested in public health through her Emmanuel coursework in her major and in a range of other subjects. "I took a class on justice, which focused on the rights all people should have, and a class on health care systems in different countries," she says. "All of these courses led me in the direction of public health."

## HORGAN '13 RECEIVES FULBRIGHT FELLOWSHIP TO TEACH IN LATVIA

**J**oseph Horgan '13 is spending the 2013-14 academic year teaching English and serving as an ambassador of U.S. culture in Latvia after being named last May as a Fulbright U.S. Student Grant recipient. His selection marked the third consecutive year that Emmanuel students have received Fulbright grants.

During his time at Emmanuel, Horgan gained substantial teaching experience as an instructional writing assistant for first-year students, as a peer tutor in history, and as an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) tutor both at the College and with Catholic Charities. During his senior year, he worked as a teaching assistant at Matignon High School in Cambridge. When the faculty member he was assisting took a leave of absence, his role expanded to include teaching five sections of U.S. history to a total of 109 students, including 25 international students from South Korea, China and Vietnam.



## CLASS OF 2017 BEGINS THE YEAR WITH SERVICE DAY



**O**n September 3, just two days after their arrival on campus, members of the Class of 2017 joined other members of the College community for a longstanding Emmanuel tradition: the annual New Student Day of Service.

After attending a presentation by Emmanuel's Mission and Ministry team, students boarded buses that took them to volunteer sites throughout the city, including the Greater Boston Food Bank, St. Ambrose Family Shelter, St. Mary of the Angels Parish and ReVision Urban Farm. In all, 481 students volunteered for a total of

1,443 hours of service.

Deirdre Bradley-Turner '98, Director of Community Service and Service Learning, said, "New Student Day of Service invites students to be part of our community—a community that has a long tradition of serving others."

## EMMANUEL APPOINTS FAWTHROP, DUKE TO SENIOR ADMINISTRATIVE POSTS

### IN JUNE, THE COLLEGE WELCOMED LYNN M. FAWTHROP AS VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

**AND MARKETING.** In this newly created role, Fawthrop provides broad and strategic oversight of several key areas at the College, including undergraduate and graduate student recruitment and retention, student financial services and marketing. Fawthrop brings three decades of higher education experience in admissions practices and policies, financial aid strategies, integrated marketing, retention outcomes, fundraising, public relations and college advancement. She most recently served as Senior Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. She holds a bachelor of science degree in management from Rhode Island College.

### IN NOVEMBER, GEORGE R. DUKE BEGAN AS EMMANUEL'S NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS.

Duke comes to Emmanuel from the University of Notre Dame, where he served for 21 years in the area of development. He began his tenure at Notre Dame in corporate relations, and in 1998 became the first director of the university's development program in New England. In this role he organized events, developed long-term donor relationships and built a successful regional fundraising program. Throughout his time at Notre Dame he gained extensive experience in major and planned gifts and played key roles in three capital campaigns. He also earned the esteem of colleagues and donors alike for setting a high standard of excellence and for helping individuals find opportunities to share their talents and resources to advance Notre Dame's educational mission. Previously he worked in finance administration and marketing for IBM. He is a graduate of Notre Dame and holds an MBA in finance from Rochester Institute of Technology.

## BRUNO '14 EARNS ALL-AMERICA HONORS

**N**athan Bruno '14 made history last April when he became Emmanuel College's first-ever student-athlete to earn All-America honors in track and field. He joins the College's three other All-America student-athletes: Lesa Dennis '88, a Kodak All-American in women's basketball; Curtis Abram '10, an American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) All-American in men's volleyball; and Fiona O'Dwyer '13, a D3hoops.com All-American in women's basketball.

Bruno's All-America performance in the national 400-meter hurdle championship was a perfect finish to his record-breaking junior year, which included a New England Division III Championship, four All-ECAC performances, four All-New England performances, three Emmanuel Most Valuable Performer honors, and eight new Emmanuel College program records.



## SCHOAF '16 RECEIVES ECAC AWARD OF VALOR

**T**he Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) honored Craig Schoaf '16 in September with its Award of Valor in recognition of his courageous acts following the tragic events at the Boston Marathon April 15.

Moments after hearing of the bombings, Schoaf, a student-athlete on the Saints cross country and track and field teams, sprinted from campus to the finish line, where for the next six hours he worked alongside Boston's first responders and helped displaced runners, many of whom had no means of communication or places to go. Schoaf walked runners one-by-one to hotels and various meeting points throughout the city to ensure they would be accounted for and receive necessary care. It wasn't until after dark that he finally returned to campus.

In addition to receiving the ECAC Award of Valor, Schoaf was named the 2013 Great Northeast Athletic Conference (GNAC) Sportsman of the Year and was nominated for the NCAA Award of Valor.





## Administration Building Restoration Complete

Project equips historic structure with leading-edge spaces for teaching, learning and creativity

In early 2013, Emmanuel marked the completion of a comprehensive, four-year-long restoration and renovation of the Administration Building, the campus's oldest and most iconic structure. The project has provided additional outstanding settings for teaching and learning, for the arts, and for gathering as a community.

In 2009, the College began the first of four phases to renovate every space within the building, originally constructed in 1914. The first two phases resulted in new faculty and staff offices, and additional meeting spaces and classrooms in the east wing. The Art Department's 8,500 square feet of space was completely renovated to include studios for painting, drawing, printmaking, ceramics and 3D graphics; new faculty offices, gathering space and classrooms; and a wood shop, darkroom and computer lab.

The final restoration phases, completed in January 2013, brought additional improvements, including:

- 17 renovated classrooms with the latest academic technology, including dual 80-inch, high-definition LED displays
- A new and expanded Muddy River Café
- Additional meeting and conference rooms
- A new elevator that makes the building completely wheelchair accessible
- Improved, energy-efficient infrastructure throughout the building

The project also included a spectacular restoration of the Auditorium, a room used continuously since September 1919. The finished space features contemporary elements and original English collegiate Gothic architectural details—an interplay that symbolizes Emmanuel's commitment as a forward-looking college rooted in the educational values of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur.

"This grand building stands at the dynamic intersection of our Catholic educational mission and the evolving needs of our students and of our global society," said Sister Janet Eisner, SND, President of Emmanuel College. "It symbolizes the integration of 'what's timeless' and 'what's next' that is at the heart of this College's identity."







*The photos on these pages are taken from a brief video showing day-in-the-life scenes of the Administration Building, past and present. To view the video, please visit [www.emmanuel.edu/administrationbuilding](http://www.emmanuel.edu/administrationbuilding).*

## Hugh Blaisdell '05: Bridging the Gap Between Art and the Sciences

As an artist, Hugh Blaisdell '05 likes a challenge.

The senior art director of New York-based global health care marketing agency Harrison and Star, Blaisdell is responsible for creating and evolving health care brands in both digital and print media. His day-to-day work ranges from designing applications for smartphones and tablets to high-level conceptual thinking—the latter a component of the job Blaisdell finds the most engaging.

“Being an art director in health care is tough but interesting,” he says. “Since you can’t just show a pill on your ad, you have to think in metaphors. I once had to Photoshop together a picture of a phoenix breaking out of a birdcage made of metal DNA strands.”

His position at Harrison and Star wasn't Blaisdell's first foray into designing for the health care sector. After graduating from Emmanuel, his first job was as a graphic designer for Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, where he designed print materials and signage for campaigns in and outside the hospital, created and maintained multiple web and Flash projects, served as a director for photo shoots, and, once, performed surgery on a robot in the hospital's practice operating room.

Art direction and graphic design positions at Kallir Phillips Ross, Inc., and Saatchi & Saatchi Health Communications followed, further fostering his ability to create meaningful visual concepts for the medical and pharmaceutical fields.

Blaisdell has always been drawn to the arts, but it was his high school art teacher, Deborah Haverty, a 1977 Emmanuel graduate, who helped him focus on his goal of becoming a designer. She recognized his artistic strengths and pushed him through tough assignments and extracurricular projects. When it came time to choose a college, Blaisdell followed in Haverty's footsteps and selected Emmanuel because of its small class sizes and the faculty's commitment to students and their success.

“Emmanuel's design classes taught me the right tools to get a job,” he says. “It was also good to be part of the Colleges of the Fenway so I could take more advanced typography and design courses at Massachusetts College of Art and Design.”

Blaisdell also credited Emmanuel's liberal arts education and internship opportunities for the breadth of experiences it brought to his professional life—the writ-



ing classes helped his work with copywriters and the public speaking classes prepared him to give presentations.

“To be a good designer or art director, you need as much experience as possible,” he says. “Emmanuel set me up with four internships—at Know Your Boston magazine, CB Design, The Daily Jolt, and the Massachusetts Teachers Association. I kept the last internship as a client for three years after graduating.”

When he's not working, Blaisdell likes to travel to places like Scandinavia, Peru, Thailand and Prague, just to name a few.

“It's good to step outside of what's comfortable and expose yourself to foreign patterns and color schemes,” he says. “I find this re-charges my creative batteries.”

—Amy Stewart

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## Inspired by Dorothy Day

Class of '71 endows a new lecture series named for the renowned Catholic social justice advocate

**T**hanks to outstanding efforts and generosity on the part of members of the Class of 1971, the College established recently a lecture series named for the co-founder the Catholic Worker Movement. The annual Dorothy Day Lecture will focus on topics that reflect the interplay between sociology, history, economics and political action, as well as on the connections between the era of the late 1960s/early 1970s and the present.

The lecture series grew from a desire by '71 alumni to create a living legacy that would honor not only classmates who have died, but also the accomplishments, achievements and lives of those still living; the unique years when they were students; and the ways in which they were shaped by those times. In fall 2012, the class formed a Governing Committee, which developed a proposal for an annual lecture for alumni to be held early on a Sunday afternoon with a reception. Classmates generously responded to the call, contributing over \$100,000 in record time.

Last April, the College celebrated the success of the fundraising campaign by hosting a Class of 1971 Dorothy Day Endowment Panel Discussion titled "Changing Times, Changing Lives" and featuring six distinguished alumni from the early 1970s: Mary Morris Anderson '71, Executive Director, the Family Pantry of Cape Cod; Susan Cocco '74, Chairman, Ridgefield, Conn., Democratic Town Committee and Executive Marketing Director, Colangelo (Omnicom); Mary Lou Frisbie '72, Vice President and Compliance Manager, JP Morgan Chase Bank NA; the Honorable Mary McCauley Manzi '71, Judge, Essex County (Mass.) Family and Probate Court; Louise Schiavone '72, Contributing Anchor, NPR and P.O.T.U.S./ SiriusXM Radio, and Lecturer, John



The Class of 1971 Dorothy Day Lecture Series Endowment Governing Committee included Rosemary Hanrahan Maher, Marie Mancuso Cromwell, Cathy Carr and Leslie Perry Blank.

Hopkins University's Carey Business School; and Diane Bonneau Tillotson '70, Partner, Hemenway & Barnes.

The inaugural Dorothy Day Lecture will take place at the College April 27, 2014, and feature an address by Sister Simone Campbell, SSS. A Sister of Social Service, Sister Simone is Executive Director of NETWORK, a national Catholic social justice lobby, and the leader of NETWORK's "Nuns on the Bus" tours, which transport members of women's religious communities across the country to press for change in economic and social policies. In announcing her as the inaugural Dorothy Day Lecturer, the Governing Committee described Sister Simone as "a champion for economic and social justice with the grace and courage that defines the inspiration for this Lecture Series."

## Regional Alumni Events

Emmanuel graduates make connections around the country

### BALTIMORE



Mary Cummings Hatcher '74 and her guest, Kris Vereen, enjoyed the Emmanuel College Night at Camden Yards in June. Many of the 35 attendees mingled at the Pratt Street Ale House before the Orioles squared off against the Boston Red Sox.

### CAPE COD



*Left:* The Cape Cod Alumni Club's 36th annual luncheon drew 154 alumni and their guests to the Wianno Club in Osterville in July. Joining in the fun were Mary Leonard Halpin '58 and Joanne Donovan Kelly '58.

*Right:* Norma Stapleton '52 and Clara Stapleton '51 were on hand for the summer celebration.

### BOSTON



Alumni who served as New Student Orientation leaders during their years at the College returned to campus in June for the fourth annual Orientation Leader Volleyball Invitational. Liz Humphries '10, Ashley Pacheco '09 and Esperancia (Espy) Paul '10 got in the game.



Wes Cowles '12, Greg Brown '12, Stephanie Mariano '12 and Ike Brochu '12 competed for 2013 bragging rights.



Liz Pontes-Higgins '10, Aly Hurney '10 and Sam Sokoloski '10 enjoyed a post-game mini-reunion.



WASHINGTON, DC



Metro DC Regional Alumni Club Co-Chairs Chris Flanagan '10 (left) and Lizzie Donovan '09 (right) welcomed special guest Dr. Joyce A. De Leo, Emmanuel's Vice President of Academic Affairs, to an afternoon tea at the home of Joan Naake '64 in April.



Anne Marie Hilton Roubachewsky '65 and her daughter Chantal were among the 45 alumni and guests in attendance.



Washingtonians Marya Pickering '68 and MaryEva Candon '72 connected at the spring event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Connect with Emmanuel alumni in your area! Register for events online at [alumni.emmanuel.edu](http://alumni.emmanuel.edu). Or call the Alumni Relations Office at 617-735-9771.

Rhode Island

Annual Alumni Holiday Gathering at Eleven Forty Nine Restaurant in Warwick Sunday, December 8

Metro DC

Mount Vernon by Candlelight group tour followed by dinner at the Mount Vernon Inn Restaurant Sunday, December 8

Naples, FL

Naples St. Patrick's Day Parade viewing, followed by lunch at the Inn on Fifth Saturday, March 15, 2014

Boston

Young Alumni Holiday Event at the Emmanuel College Auditorium Monday, December 17

Dorothy Day Lecture Series inaugural lecture on the Emmanuel College Campus Sunday, April 27, 2014

Alumni Weekend

Emmanuel College Campus May 30-June 1, 2014

NAPLES, FL



Top: Last March, Naples-area alumni and their guests gathered at the Inn on Fifth to view the annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and enjoy lunch. The event drew 71 attendees, including Marion Burns Dauwer '47, Betty Gravelle '64, Mary Dunigan '66, Louise Galyo, Kathy McNulty Hart '63, Mary McNulty McMahon '61, Mary Jo Skayhan Rogers '77 and Juleen Donovan Gantley '77.

Right: Joining in the festivities were Anne Ockerbloom '51 and Dori Loudon-Vaillancourt '57.





## Alumni Weekend 2013

Graduates of class years ending in “3” and “8” gathered in early June for a weekend of friendship, fun and reflection



(A) They've got the beat: Maura Bradley '96, Jacquie Granfield Hoskins '97, Deirdre Bradley Turner '98, Beth Clemmey Colburn '97 and Melissa Tremblay Brimmer '97 at a dinner for 1990s graduates Friday night. (B) Emmanuel President Sister Janet Eisner, SND (standing fourth from left) joined members of the Class of 1988 for their 25th reunion photo. (C) Members of the Class of 2008 showed their Emmanuel spirit at their fifth reunion. (D) Beth Greenhagen '98 joined Kristen Tozza '96 and Jennifer Baker Jones '98 at the 1990s dinner. (E) Mary Ann French Howarth '73 and Anne Eisner '73 shared a laugh at the Welcome Back buffet Friday night. (F) President Sister Janet Eisner, SND greeted Elmire Pett '43 at the Post-50th Brunch. Happy 70th, Elmire! (G) Eleanor McKinnon '48 and Lucille Kelley '48 caught up at the Post-50th Brunch.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF '63

Members of the Class of '63 began planning for their milestone 50th reunion shortly after their 45th in 2008. Efforts by the Reunion Committee to strengthen connections among all classmates resulted in a greater sense of class unity, as well as a 50th reunion class gift that exceeded expectations. More than three-quarters of the class—77 percent —participated in the class gift, which totaled \$531,076, surpassing the class's \$500,000 goal.



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[alumni.emmanuel.edu/  
connect/reunion](http://alumni.emmanuel.edu/connect/reunion)



### CLASS OF '03 TRIUMPHS IN PARTICIPATION CHALLENGE

The race is run, and the Class of 2003 is the winner. The GOLD (Graduates of the Last Decade) classes took part in the "Count Me In" challenge to be the top class in participation in the 2012-13 Emmanuel Fund Congratulations to the 10th reunion class!

(H) Scores of alumni came out for the Throwback Pub Crawl in Emmanuel's Fenway neighborhood. (I) Emmanuel Professor of Art Kathy Soles '73 welcomed Betty Lee '73 back to the College. (J) Reunion classes joined in a procession to the Chapel prior to Sunday's Liturgy.

## An Advent Reflection

BY PATRICIA A. RISSMEYER, VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

If you Google “Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord” (Is: 40:1-11), you will find a YouTube clip from the 1973 film *Godspell*. The scene, set in New York City, shows college-age adults hurrying to meet John the Baptist at the Bethesda “Angel of the Waters” Fountain in Central Park. The gathering is silly, playful and joyful.

This scene captures the Christian message that shaped me, a child coming of age in an evolving Vatican II Church—the centrality of faith, the importance of community and the joy in one’s relationship with God. Always, I am inspired by those who find joy in their relationship with God; lay, religious and ordained women and men whose lives give witness to the glory and goodness of God.

Certainly our lives are not always joyful. In today’s world, many of us, and those we love, suffer from challenges large and small—illness, natural disasters, poverty, injustice, unemployment and broken relationships. Those we love disappoint us, and we disappoint them. We repeat mistakes. We are selfish and unkind.

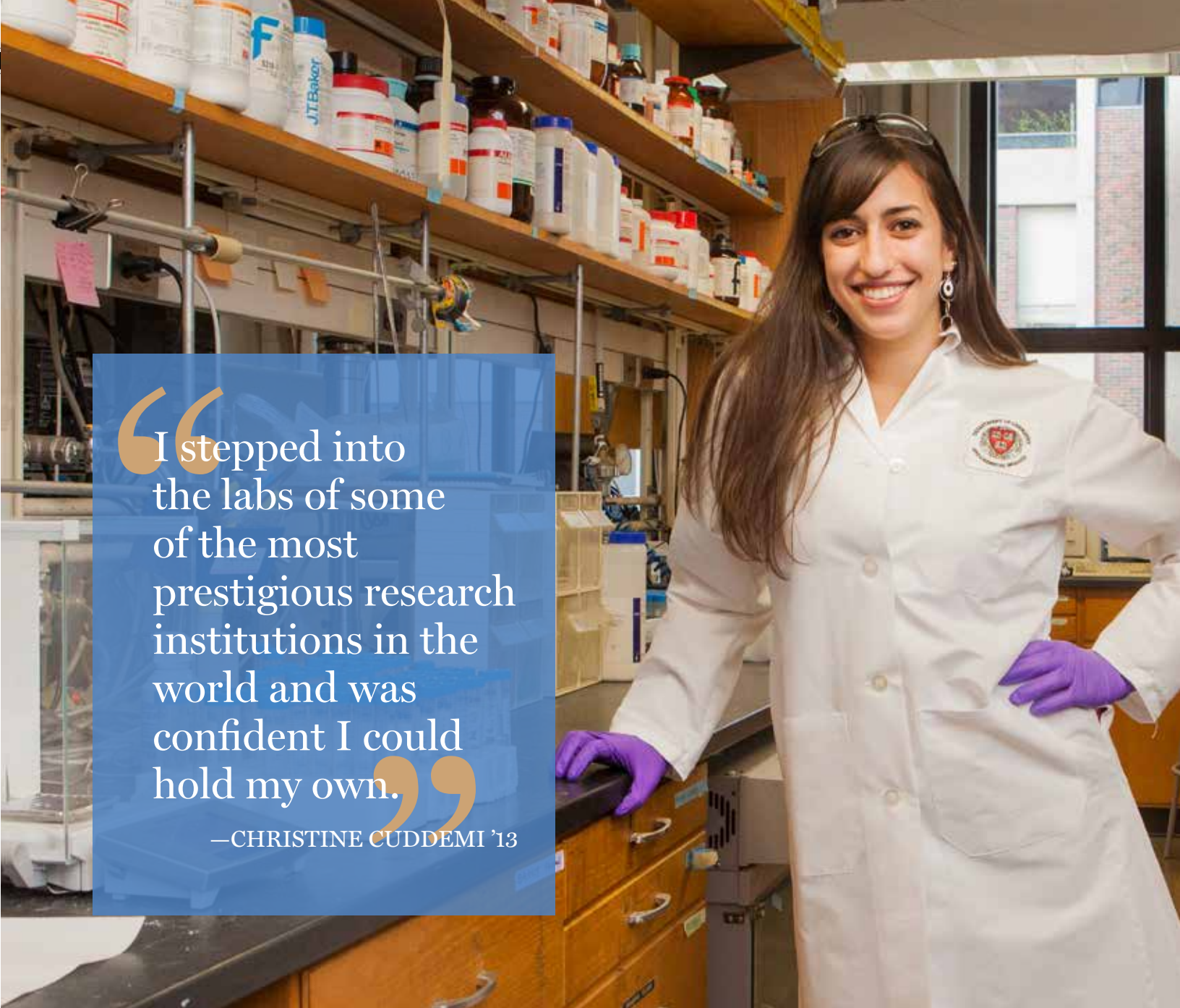
Of course, the good news is that Jesus is born! And no matter how sinful we are, no matter how many times we fail, each one of us, without exception, is loved. Christianity is a faith of repentance and salvation. As Matthew 18:12-14 suggests, the Good Shepherd, our God, searches when we stray, and rejoices in our return. And if we pray in our suffering, and act in solidarity with our poor and marginalized brothers and sisters, we may see the face of God.



Sister Janet reminds us that Advent is the season of Emmanuel, our God with us, and the College offers many opportunities for seasonal reflection and celebration. May these all help us, as Isaiah says, to “prepare the way of the Lord!”

*Each year during Advent, the College posts to its website daily reflections by Emmanuel students, faculty, staff and alumni. The above meditation appeared in a previous year. We hope you will take a few moments during this busy time of year to enjoy more reflections (starting Monday, December 2, 2013). Visit “Reflect Emmanuel: A Series of Advent Meditations on Our God with Us” at [www.emmanuel.edu/reflectemmanuel](http://www.emmanuel.edu/reflectemmanuel).*





“I stepped into the labs of some of the most prestigious research institutions in the world and was confident I could hold my own.”

—CHRISTINE CUDEMI '13

Confidence. Know-how. Professional trajectory. These are just some of the results of Christine's four years at Emmanuel. Guided by outstanding faculty, she immersed herself in the liberal arts and sciences while engaging in hands-on research internships at Harvard University and Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center. These experiences—rarely available to undergraduate students at other institutions—have prepared her exceptionally well to pursue an advanced degree in genetic counseling and to make a difference in the lives of patients and their families.

Emmanuel's continued ability to transform lives like Christine's depends on the steadfast generosity of alumni, parents and friends.

Please participate in the 2013-14 Emmanuel Fund. Your support will ensure the vitality of the College's 94-year-old Catholic educational mission—and help Emmanuel prepare today's students for lives of leadership, service and profound purpose.

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## COMING SOON: A New Look for Emmanuel Magazine →

We are preparing to deliver a fully redesigned Emmanuel Magazine in 2014, complete with:

- Class notes
- College news
- Stories of the people who make up Emmanuel's worldwide community

Meanwhile, visit [www.emmanuel.edu](http://www.emmanuel.edu) for the latest College news and information on regional alumni events, class reunions, volunteer opportunities and more.