

# PC leader

Aspire. Lead. Reach.



Hello to all,

As co-chairs of President's Council, we thank you for this opportunity to lead and serve. It has been a privilege for us to experience firsthand the collegial spirit embodied by Holy Cross alumni and friends.

We are committed to building greater awareness of President's Council and what it means to be part of this special annual giving society. Our hope is that others will choose to make Holy Cross their philanthropic priority. Our efforts will focus on your ideas, thoughts and feedback, so please let us know how we are doing.

In this first edition of *PC Leader* for the academic year, you will witness the impact of your generosity through the story of Monica Polanco '16. We extend to Monica and all of our students our very best wishes for a year filled with accomplishment and meaning. You will also read about Nicholas Pelletier '13, a member of both President's Council and the Board of Trustees.

Along with the *PC Leader*, you will find a gift envelope. Please consider continuing your PC membership. Your gifts sustain and support the outstanding work demonstrated by Holy Cross faculty, staff and students. With so much to celebrate, we look forward to seeing you at President's Council Weekend this November!

*Michele David*

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

## President's Council IMPACT: Financial Aid

"If you see me in passing on campus, I will be smiling," said psychology and Spanish major Monica Polanco '16. "Smiling because I am a cheerleader and part of the Spanish choir. Smiling because I participated in World Youth Day in Brazil for three weeks with four other Holy Cross students and two amazing Jesuits. Smiling because I plan to study abroad as much as I possibly can to learn about myself and the world."

Her scholarship has made all the difference. "If you see me with a smile on my face, smile right back at me," she said, explaining that the opportunity to study at Holy Cross is the reason for her happiness.

Monica is grateful for the scholarship that allows her to be "proud of bleeding purple," adding, "An education can change someone's life forever."



Monica Polanco '16  
Lawrence, Mass.

## The Promise: Access to Opportunities

The Holy Cross experience is unique and powerful, informing the lifetime of each student. As seen in the story above, Holy Cross engages and supports students in and out of the classroom, always striving to provide a myriad of opportunities through which they can discern their gifts and talents, and how they will contribute to the world.

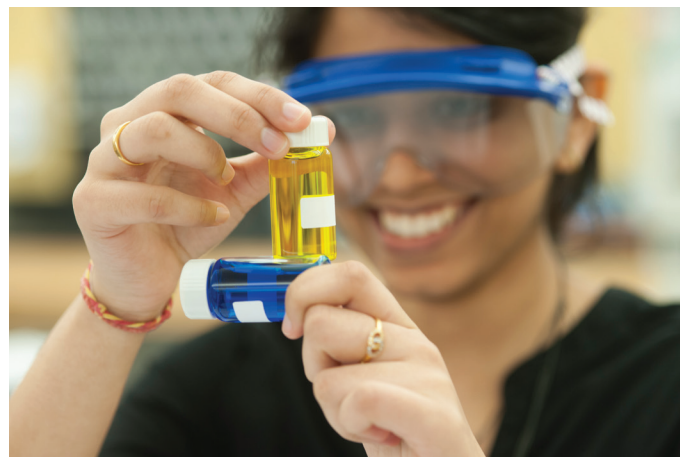
As Holy Cross President Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., has said, "Our mission dedicates us to educating the whole person — academically, spiritually and personally — so that upon graduation, our students can think critically and act conscientiously in the greater world."

From contemplative retreats to business internships to career counseling to research opportunities with experienced scholars, Holy Cross prepares students to be thoughtful leaders. Today's Crusaders are exposed to a variety of "teachable moments" made possible by the support of alumni, parents and friends who ensure that our students can make the most of their potential.

Among the ways Holy Cross expands those horizons are experiential learning, internships and study-abroad opportunities. Holy Cross also maintains its commitment to a need-blind admissions policy while providing for the perennial need for increased financial aid. The College also focuses on diversity initiatives and recruitment expansion to add breadth to the Holy Cross community.

Holy Cross students thrive as they learn and grow in and out of the classroom. They immerse themselves in the joy, work and service of more than 100 student organizations while lending their skills and insights to innumerable professor-student research projects.

As the next generation develops in experience and knowledge on Mount St. James, they truly follow in the footsteps of benefactors like you. In their devotion to Holy Cross, President's Council members represent a remarkable example of men and women who live for and with others.



PC member support helps broaden the learning experience for Holy Cross students by funding experiential learning, internship and study-abroad opportunities.

PC member **spotlight**

**Nicholas J. Pelletier '13**

Not long after graduation day, Nicholas J. Pelletier '13, an economics and accounting major, was selected to join the Holy Cross Board of Trustees as a young alumni representative. Following his appointment, Nick made his first President's Council level gift as an alumnus.

"PC is a wonderful opportunity to stay updated about the ongoing initiatives at the College, to connect with an expansive network of fellow alumni and to make a significant donation to the institution," Nick said.

He deeply values his Holy Cross education and the opportunities it has afforded him. During his time as a student, Nick worked as an assurance intern at PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLC, where he is now employed as an assurance associate in Boston.

He recalls the sage advice he received from two of his most influential professors at Holy Cross.

"Professor Nancy Baldiga helped me understand the importance of building a strong network of working relationships," he said. Meanwhile, Professor Kendy Hess expressed to him "the importance of seeking a career that is authentic to yourself."

One of Nick's favorite undergrad memories was Fr. Boroughs' inauguration ceremony, noting, "It was

wonderful to experience one of higher education's most special celebrations."

This spring, Nick attended the first Young Alumni PC Event held in Boston. He plans to attend future events and hopes to see more young alumni consider joining PC this year.

Nick, who started his freshman year at Holy Cross five years ago, has some heartfelt advice for our newest Crusaders, the Class of 2018.

"Don't stress about the process of figuring out what you want to do with your life," he said. "Seriously devote time to explore your interests and options; take the time to discover your whole self." He takes his own advice by exploring and hiking the White Mountains every chance he gets.



To learn more about Nick, visit [bit.ly/pcspotlight](http://bit.ly/pcspotlight).

PC Events



Rev. Philip L. Boroughs, S.J., with Gift Chair Michael Matteo '89 and his wife, Cassandra

**25th Reunion:** The Class of 1989 had a challenge to increase President's Council membership by 25 new donors. If they could meet that goal, an anonymous donor promised to give \$25,000 in honor of this 25th Reunion. All told, they added 28 new PC members prior to Reunion, giving these devoted Crusaders even more to celebrate.

**Pregame Receptions:** This year the Athletics department will host a pregame reception before select home games for men's basketball and hockey. It's your chance to interact with Director of Athletics Nathan Pine and our men's basketball and hockey coaching staffs. Visit [GoHolyCross.com/PC](http://GoHolyCross.com/PC) for more details.

**Save the Date**

**President's Council Weekend** – Nov. 8-9, 2014  
The football game will be vs. Lehigh.

QUICK LINKS

[alumni.holycross.edu/pc](http://alumni.holycross.edu/pc)  
President's Council Web page

[offices.holycross.edu/president](http://offices.holycross.edu/president)  
Office of the President

[alumni.holycross.edu](http://alumni.holycross.edu)  
For all alumni resources

[goholycross.com](http://goholycross.com)  
Keep up with your favorite Crusaders' sports teams. View schedules, statistics and ticket information on all HC teams.

[events.holycross.edu](http://events.holycross.edu)  
Our campus is a bustling place. View our upcoming programs and events and plan to visit soon.

[blogtrotr.com](http://blogtrotr.com)  
Have HC news emailed to your address (use [news.holycross.edu](http://news.holycross.edu) as the site from which you pull your news).

[holycross.giftplans.org](http://holycross.giftplans.org)  
For information on gift planning, the 1843 Society and more



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