# Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

### CHARTER DAY CONVOCATION

Tuesday April 9, 2024 3 p.m.



## About Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

### **CHARTER DAY**

Since its founding, Seton Hall has made, and continues to make, moral education a priority of the first rank.

— Seton Hall University Statement on Catholicity

Living out the commitment to moral education has been the foundation of Seton Hall University for more than 160 years and continues to be our mission in the 21st century. Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Charter Day offers our community an opportunity to reflect on the University's great history, and to renew our commitment to that purpose and mission. Charter Day commemorates the granting of a charter to Seton Hall College by the State of New Jersey in 1861.

Today the University will honor the recipients of the Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service. This award recognizes the unflagging efforts of members of the University community who strive with excellence to fulfill Seton Hall's mission every day. Commissioned in 1964 in honor of the first president of Seton Hall, the medal is presented to members of the University faculty, staff and administration who render outstanding service to the institution.

A complete synopsis of Seton Hall's history can be found on the Charter Day Web site: www.shu.edu/events/charter-day.

## Program

Processional

Master of Ceremonies

National Anthem

Invocation

Welcome

Presentation of Candidates for The Bishop Bernard J. McQuaid Medal for Distinguished Service

Presentation of Honorees for the President's Award for Student Service 2024

Presentation of Servant Leader Scholars

Reading of the Seton Hall Charter

Alma Mater

#### **University Bagpipers**

**Autumn Bucior, J.D.** University Registrar

Singer Eileen O'Leary '25 Accompanist Emmitt Fitzgerald '24

Monsignor Joseph Reilly, S.T.L., Ph.D. Incoming University President

Katia Passerini, Ph.D. Interim President

**Amy Newcombe, J.D.** Interim Vice President for Board Affairs and University Strategy and Assistant Provost for Faculty Affairs

Katia Passerini, Ph.D. Interim President

**Reverend Colin Adrian Kay, M.Div. '05** Vice President for Mission and Ministry

Erin Demczyszyn '25 Pamela Pajuelo '24 Ethan Wojciechowski '24

Eileen O'Leary '25 Emmitt Fitzgerald '24

## Servant Leader Scholars 2024

#### FRESHMEN

Paul Belasic, Secondary Special Education, History Emily Bruni, Social Work Jessica Burgeson, Psychology Sofia Ceballo, Nursing Elizabeth Cronk, Psychology and Philosophy Justin Mayewski, Biology Matthew Peterson, Diplomacy and International Relations Christopher Petruzziello, Biochemistry Andromeda Tong, Psychology Arianna Valte, Biology and Philosophy Gabriella DeGuzman, Psychology

#### SOPHOMORES

Anna Ausanio, Nursing Arianna Cox-McClary, Interprofessional Health Sciences — Athletic Training Michael DeMarco, Political Science Dahlia Diaz, Chemistry and Biochemistry Antonio DiBerardino, Biology Gabriella Fernandez, Diplomacy and International Relations Amanda Grace, Secondary Special Education; English Alyssa Housley, Psychology Jacob Hummel, Finance Isabella Rivera, Political Science

#### JUNIORS

John Cavanagh, Business Nina Lolli, Nursing Robert Magliozzi, Secondary Education, English Callie McCool, Biology Joseline Molina, Business Frank Rocco, Business David Smith, Communications Susanna Testa, Biology Marissa Todd, Elementary and Special Education

SENIORS Janasia Carter, Political Science Jocelyn Duallo, Mathematical Finance and Information Technology Management Kelsi Loewen, Biology Josephine McCartney, Biochemistry Cara Mia Norelli, Nursing Megan Perumpail, Biology Mary Tiffin, Diplomacy and International Business and Economics Patrick Wac, Accounting and Information Technology Management Maxwell Wheeler, Biology

#### GRADUATE

**Kathleen Mahon,** Speech-Language Pathology **Lidia Prusak,** Physician Assistant

## 2024 McQuaid Medal Recipients



### Karen E. Boroff, Ph.D.

Professor of Management and Dean Emeritus

Karen Boroff, Ph.D., is a Professor and Dean Emeritus in the Department of Management at the Stillman School of Business, Seton Hall University. She began her career in 1989, was promoted to Associate Professor in 1995, and then to Professor in 2000. Her work

spans 35 years — serving as a faculty member, Dean of the School for 10 years and Interim Provost for 3½ years. As a professor, Boroff earned several awards for excellence in teaching. Her research has been published in an array of significant outlets. Boroff has also authored award-winning cases, which have been used annually; over 1,000 times in colleges. She has been a visiting professor at the United States Military Academy at West Point, the Management Center Innsbruck, in Austria, and Anhui Normal University in Wuhu, China.

As Dean of the School, the School dedicated its focus to transforming concepts into practice and advanced its reputation — with rankings in *U.S. News and World Report* and highlighted in *Business Week* and *Bloomberg.* The School's Trading Room was built, propelling its prowess into preparing students for careers in finance. The Stillman School developed its stronghold in Entrepreneurship. The Sharkey Sports Polling Institute was founded. And, international relationships also expanded. Beyond this, the School maintained its accreditation status with the AACSB and also earned its specialty Accounting Accreditation. Boroff spearheaded the creation of the NJ Business Honor Society, a statewide honor society for undergraduate business students in the State's 2- and 4-year colleges. She served as President of the Middle Atlantic Association of Colleges of Business Administration and has served on several governing boards.

As Interim Provost, among other work, she led the creation of the University-wide Undergraduate Leadership Development Program and the development of academic credentials in cyber-security. With the KAREN E.BOROFF, PH.D. continued >>

University's CFO, Boroff transformed the University's budgeting system — creating revenue and expense budgets for all divisions at the University, and making these transparent to all stakeholders.

Boroff earned her undergraduate degree from Cornell University, her M.B.A. from Lehigh University and her Ph.D. from Columbia University. She is married to Joel Boroff, now for 43 years, and has relied steadfastly on his unwavering support in her work endeavors. The Boroffs have two children, Major Alex Boroff and Major (Promotable) Austen Boroff. She and Joel also have two grandchildren, sons of Alex and his wife, Adriana. She volunteers her time as a teacher of religious education and is also a Eucharistic Minister at St. Patrick Parish in Chatham, New Jersey. Gardening is her passion, where she unearthed a 400-million-year-old fossil imprint of a brachiopod.

## 2024 McQuaid Medal Recipients



### Jacqueline E. Harper

Secretary CIO Administration

Jacqueline Harper began her career at Seton Hall University in 2003, as the Receptionist of the Teaching, Learning and Technology Center. Her exceptional dedication and service resulted in a promotion to her current position as Administrative Assistant to the CIO.

Throughout her 20-year tenure, Jackie has consistently upheld the core values of Seton Hall. As a student herself, she deeply understands students' needs and extends her support beyond her role in assisting the CIO, ensuring students can access essential tools to advance their education. Additionally, Jackie actively participates in various university committees and initiatives, including Charter Day, the Middle States Self-Study and the recent restructuring of Human Resources forms and procedures.

Mrs. Harper's support within the Department of Information Technology has been pivotal in driving progress and success. Collaborating with colleagues in the Teaching, Learning, and Technology Center, Jackie has contributed to staffing the University Mobile Computing laptop distribution, supported the migration to SharePoint, and coordinated the logistics of the University's Cyber Security Boot Camp. Additionally, amidst the University's ongoing adjustment to a rapidly evolving technological landscape, Jackie has consistently provided outstanding support. She played a key role in facilitating adjustments within the Department of Information Technology during the transition to remote work in March of 2020 and participated in a working group to help formulate a return-to-work plan thereafter.

Serving as a Local 153 Union Shop Steward, Mrs. Harper's commitment to inclusion and equity has been instrumental in fostering a healthy work environment. She has devoted countless hours to negotiating fair contracts aimed at improving work conditions and enhancing the quality of life for her fellow union members. As a member of the Labor-Management Committee, Jackie actively resolves issues and promotes

#### JACQUELINE E. HARPER continued >>

collegiality within the Seton Hall community. Her commitment to organizational improvement extends to serving on the Reclassification Committee and assisting new staff during New Employee Orientation.

As a dedicated lifelong learner, Jackie actively pursues professional development opportunities, such as attending conferences like the NJ State AFL-CIO WILD (Women in Leadership Development) Conference. Moreover, she engages in Local 153 educational training and workshops to continually enhance her skills as a Shop Steward, thereby benefiting the entire Seton Hall community.

Outside of her commitments at Seton Hall, Jackie devotes her time to philanthropic endeavors — supporting the homeless, organizing clothing drives, participating in NBA Cares events and participating in various health awareness walks for cancer and autism. Additionally, she serves as a member of Seton Hall's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and actively participates in national political campaigns promoting the democratic process through her affiliation with OPEIU.

Jackie is married to her supportive husband, Anthony, and is the proud and loving mother of three sons: Troy, Tyrique and Tamir. She also cherishes her role as a co-parent to four children and finds joy in being a grandmother to Troy Jr. With a tight-knit and supportive family, she shares a special bond with her mother, June.

# 2024 McQuaid Medal Recipients



### **Robert M. Sheppard Sr.**

Head Coach Seton Hall Baseball Team

Rob Sheppard was named the head coach of the Seton Hall baseball program on June 30, 2004, becoming the 17th head coach in the history of the baseball program, and just the third since 1948. Prior to being elevated to head coach, Sheppard served as

an assistant coach for seven seasons, and associate head coach for two seasons.

Since taking over, Sheppard has continued to foster the culture of hard work on the field and academic excellence. During his 20 years at the helm, he has mentored six All-Americans and 71 Pirates who have earned All-BIG EAST honors. Furthermore, 43 of his Pirates have gone on to sign professional baseball contracts with Major League Baseball affiliated franchises, including seven in 2018, a program record.

Sheppard's 20 years at the helm rank second all-time at Seton Hall behind only Hall of Famers Mike Sheppard, Sr. and Owen T. Carroll. His 523 victories are second only to his father.

Sheppard is 1992 graduate of Seton Hall's Stillman School of Business. As a college player, he helped Seton Hall to four BIG EAST Tournament appearances and served as a captain of the Pirate team that finished as the runner-up at the BIG EAST Tournament during his senior season.

Sheppard holds master's degrees in Business Information Systems (December 1996) and Sport Management (May 1997) from Seton Hall. His wife Kelly is also a Seton Hall University Graduate (May 1993). They have two sons, Robert Jr. (May 2022) and Patrick.

## 2024 President's Award for Student Service



### **Ghana Imani Hylton**

Director of Inclusion and Business Affairs

Ghana Imani Hylton spent two decades as a Human Resource Director and event planner in New York City. She is currently the Director of Campus Inclusion and Scheduling and Operations at Seton Hall University, where she co-teaches Anti-Racism classes, is

co-facilitator of the National Coalition Building Institute [NCBI], and other inclusion efforts on campus. She facilitates Heritage celebrations like Black History month, the National Day of Racial Healing, Women's History month and assists with the weekly DEI newsletter. She also oversees two event spaces which host approximately 1,500-2,000 events per year. She received the Outstanding Faculty Advisor Award in 2021 for her work with AOII sorority, the Campus Champion Award from Athletics in May of 2023 and the Campus Partner Award from Student Services in May of 2023. Ms. Hylton was also recognized by the NASPA African American Knowledge Community as a Stellar 50 recipient for making an impact in professional development, engagement, equity, inclusion, social justice, research and scholarship.

In her personal life, Ghana is a published writer and poet who wrote her first book at eight years old. She honed her skills in the Brooklyn poetry scene as a featured artist at the Brooklyn Tea Party, Nuyorican Poets Café, The Point, African Globe Studio Theater and other spoken word venues. She led the #SayHerName Creative Writing & Poetry cipher for girls in Newark.

Ghana was raised celebrating Kwanzaa since birth and named after the 7th principal (Imani). She has taught Kwanzaa at schools, community centers, universities and for city celebrations in both New York City and Essex County, New Jersey. Her parents were part of the early civil rights movements in their communities and raised her with great pride for her culture. Her father was a community organizer and an architect turned artist. Her mother was a college professor and journalist who taught Black women's studies and wrote an encyclopedia on the Harlem Renaissance. She often displays their works in her Kwanzaa presentations.

Ghana is involved in her religious community, heading the Religious Education Committee, teaching the Coming of Age (high school) group. She would like to pursue a Master of Divinity, and has already given several homilies (sermons) within her congregation. Ghana's passions are social justice, writing, music, education, inclusive leadership, women's empowerment and addressing the intersectionality of racism, sexism and other oppressions. She returned to her hometown of Montclair, New Jersey; after several decades in Brooklyn, New York, where she met her husband. They are raising three children together.

## 2024 President's Award for Student Service



### Susan Hynes-Scherreik, M.B.A.

Founding Director, Stillman Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship

Susan Scherreik joined Seton Hall University in 2003 as the Founding Director of the Center of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) in the Stillman School of Business. She oversees CIE's activities, teaches

Entrepreneurship Lab, an advanced course for undergraduates and M.B.A. students, and is the academic advisor for the entrepreneurship concentration. Scherreik has also co-taught an Entrepreneurs in Cosmetics course with the chemistry department, and two M.B.A. entrepreneurship courses, Introduction to Entrepreneurship and Growing a Small Business.

Under Scherreik's leadership, CIE created the Pirates Pitch Startup Competition, as well as Pirates Pitch for High School Students a contest that annually draws 150 applicants from across the United States. She created the Pirates LaunchPad Summer Accelerator Program and the Entrepreneur Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. In February, Scherreik partnered with the Singleton Foundation and Seton Hall Esports to launch Seton Hall University's Venture Valley Collegiate Challenge, which engaged 155 student participants. In addition, Scherreik worked with the Hult Prize Foundation to sponsor a student-led social impact hackathon that included the Seton Hall Hult Prize Competition. Scherreik directs Seton Hall's participation in the Big East Startup Challenge, including hosting the 2023 Big East competition. CIE annually distributes \$26,000 in scholarships to entrepreneurship students, \$21,000 in startup contest seed funding awards, and \$10,000 in accelerator grants.

Scherreik has been instrumental in creating opportunities for students beyond campus. She is the lead founder of UPITCHNJ, an innovative statewide collegiate startup competition involving 12 universities in partnership with Nokia Bell Labs. In 2020, the N.J. Office of the Secretary

### SUSAN HYNES-SCHERREIK, M.B.A. continued >>

of Higher Education named UPITCHNJ one of the state's most innovative higher education initiatives. Elsewhere, Scherreik has obtained PSEG grants to fund a series of Seton Hall University conferences focused on student internships and jobs in the cybersecurity industry.

In 2022, ROI-NJ named Scherreik an Entrepreneurship Influencer in Higher Education, and the International Council for Small Business recognized Scherreik with its Excellence in Entrepreneurship Student Engagement Award. Scherreik has spoken at conferences sponsored by the Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers and United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship (USASBE), and has published an article in USASBE's Annals of Entrepreneurship Education and Pedagogy. Scherreik holds an M.B.A. in finance from Columbia University, where she was a Knight-Bagehot Fellow. In addition, she has earned a B.A. in history from Rutgers University.

## 2024 President's Award for Student Service



### Angela Weisl, Ph.D.

Professor and Chair, Department of English

Angela Weisl has been at Seton Hall University since 1995, teaching a wide range of English and Women's Studies courses, including Medieval Literature, Chaucer, Women and Literature I, History of the English Language, and Literature of

Adolescence. She also teaches in the College's English and Core programs. Since 1998, Weisl has been the Director of Graduate Studies in English, coordinating the M.A. Program.

Chair of the English Department since 2018, and Weisl is the author of several books: Conquering the Reign of Femeny: Gender and Genre in Chaucer's Romance (1995); The Persistence of Medievalism: Narrative Adventures in Contemporary Culture (2003); Medievalisms: Making the Past in the Present (with Tison Pugh, 2012), and the co-editor, with Robert Squillace, of Medievalisms in a Global Age, scheduled for publication in July, 2024.

Weisl research interests are in Medieval Literature, Medievalism, cultural studies, and gender theory. Besides, and often alongside, medieval literature, she has written about baseball, science fiction and reality television. Because Wiesl loves studying languages, she writes on Old and Middle English, Old French, Spanish, Italian, and Old Norse literature, with occasional ventures into Latin, Provencal and Ladino.

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Turner, George	1970
Warren, Rebecca	2006
Wefing, John B	1988
Weiss, Charles J	1989
Wong, Mabel A	2010
Zuchowski, Stephen	2020

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### ACT TO INCORPORATE SETON HALL COLLEGE

- I. Be it Enacted by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey, that James Roosevelt Bayley, Patrick Moran, Bernard J. McQuaid, John Mackin, Michael Madden, Henry James Anderson, Orestes A. Brownson, Edward Thebaud, Jr., Daniel Coghlan, William Dunn, Dominic Eggert, Michael J. Ledwith and John B. Richmond, and their successors, being members of the Roman Catholic Church, shall be and they are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name of "Seton Hall College," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and may sue, and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and may purchase and hold property, whether acquired by purchase, gift or devise, and whether real, personal or mixed, and may make and have a corporate seal, and the same break and alter at their pleasure, and shall have all other rights belonging to similar corporations by the law of this State.
- II. And be it Enacted that the object of said Association be the advancement of education.
- III. And be it Enacted that the entire management of the affairs and concerns of the said corporation and all the corporate powers granted, shall be and are hereby vested in a board of thirteen trustees, a majority of whom shall always be citizens of this State, and a majority of the trustees shall constitute the necessary quorum for the transaction of all business matters connected with the said institution; the persons named in the first section to be the first trustees; the Roman Catholic Bishop of Newark for the time being to be also a trustee ex-officio and the President of the board.
- IV. And be it Enacted that the trustees shall have power from time to time to enact by-laws, not repugnant to the constitution or laws of the United States, or of this State, or to this act, for the regulation and management of the said corporation or college; to fill up vacancies in the board, and to prescribe the number and description, the duties and powers of the officers, the manner of their appointment, and the term of their office: and special meetings of said trustees may be called by the President, or any six or more of said trustees, upon ten days' notice in writing of the time and place thereof being given or sent to each of said trustees.
- v. And be it Enacted that for the purpose of carrying out of the object declared in the second section of this Act, the said corporation shall have power from time to time to purchase, have and hold real and personal estate, and to sell, lease or dispose of the same.
- vI. And be it Enacted that the said corporation shall have and possess the right and power of conferring the usual academic and other degrees granted by any other college in state.
- VII. And be it Enacted that this act shall take effect immediately.

Approved by the Governor of the State; March 8, 1861. Text of the Original Charter Day (c. 1861)

## The Seton Hall Alma Mater

