



**SETON HALL UNIVERSITY  
MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION  
(MPA)**

**A THIRTY YEAR HISTORY  
ALUMNI TESTIMONIALS**



# SUSAN HAIRSTON

MPA 1995

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF PROGRAM SERVICES  
FORD FOUNDATION

'THE SETON HALL MPA PROGRAM WAS TRANSFORMATIVE FOR ME AS I FLOUNDERED IN MY NON-PROFIT JOBS. THE PROGRAM GAVE ME THE ACADEMIC RIGOR TO HELP BRIDGE THE MANAGEMENT GAP BETWEEN THE GOOD INTENTIONS OF KIND HEARTED BOARD MEMBERS AND WELL-MEANING VOLUNTEERS. THE NETWORK I GAINED HELPED ME LAND MY DREAM JOB AT THE FORD FOUNDATION, FOR WHICH I WILL FOREVER BE GRATEFUL.'





# WILLIAM PAWLUCY

MPA 2001  
PRESIDENT  
ASSOCIATION OPTIONS

"PURSUING AND THEN EARNING MY MASTERS IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM SETON HALL UNIVERSITY HAS MADE A MAJOR IMPACT ON MY LIFE AND CAREER. I HAVE USED THE KNOWLEDGE FROM THE MPA PROGRAM TO ADVANCE THE INTERESTS AND STRATEGIC ROADMAPS OF MANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND INTERNATIONALLY TO AREAS SUCH AS AMMAN, JORDAN WHERE WE WILL BE BUILDING CAPACITY FOR MANY NGOs. I CANNOT SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THE QUALITY AND WELL-ROUNDED EDUCATION I RECEIVED THAT I USE ALMOST EVERY DAY WITH MY CLIENTS. MY COMPANY HAS GROWN, DUE IN PART, TO THE EDUCATION I RECEIVED AND THE RELATIONSHIPS I HAVE BUILT THANKS TO SETON HALL."





# TOM RUSSO JR.

MPA 1996

TOWN MANAGER  
NEWTON, NJ

AS A SUCCESSFUL LOCAL GOVERNMENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE, I AM CONFIDENT IN SAYING THE PRACTICAL, REAL-WORLD KNOWLEDGE GAINED FROM THE SETON HALL MPA PROGRAM HAS BEEN A CRITICAL COMPONENT OF MY SUCCESS. UNDERSTANDING BUDGETS, PUBLIC POLICY, HOW TO WORK WITH OTHER PROFESSIONALS, THE IMPORTANCE OF SERVING OTHERS - THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE MANY TOOLS OF THE TRADE I LEARNED FROM THE FACULTY, STUDENTS AND STAFF OF THE MPA PROGRAM. I AM EXTREMELY GRATEFUL FOR MY SUCCESS AND THE ROLE PLAYED BY SETON HALL.





# MELISSA VAN DER WALL

MPA 2001  
RAMAPO COLLEGE  
DEAN OF STUDENTS

"THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY HELPED ME UNDERSTAND THE IMPACT THAT PUBLIC POLICY HAS IN HIGHER EDUCATION. I WAS ABLE TO EASILY SEE THE SYNERGY BETWEEN A GRADUATE DEGREE IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT SETON HALL AND HIGHER EDUCATION BY WAY OF GOVERNANCE. AS THE DEAN OF STUDENTS, I HAVE TO BE MINDFUL THAT COLLEGE STUDENTS EVOLVE AND CHANGE WHILE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES ARE ALSO CONCURRENTLY CHANGING. THE MPA AT SETON HALL HELPED PREPARE ME TO BE AN EDUCATIONAL LEADER WHO CAN MANAGE ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES."





# RYAN OUELETTE

MPA 2011

PROJECT MANAGER, ASIA-PACIFIC  
GLOBAL CORPORATE COLLEGE

"THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL WAS INVALUABLE TO MY PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. I LEARNED TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT REAL WORLD CHALLENGES FACING THE NON-PROFIT SECTOR AND HOW I COULD BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN THEORY AND PRACTICE TO SOLVE THEM."





# DOSSO KASSIMOU

MPA 2008

CHAIRMAN

THE NEWARK AFRICAN COMMISSION

" THE MPA PROGRAM GAVE ME THE NECESSARY TOOLS  
I NEEDED IN ORDER TO SUCCEED IN MY CAREER AS A  
SERVANT LEADER AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR."





# VELVA DAWSON

MPA 2002

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

CENTRAL JERSEY FAMILY HEALTH CONSORTIUM

*"I'M SO GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY WITH SUCH OUTSTANDING PROFESSORS. THE SETON HALL MPA PROGRAM HAD A PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE WORK I DO IN GRANTS ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT. I CONTINUE TO APPLY LESSONS LEARNED TO THE FIELD OF MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH ON A REGULAR BASIS. I WAS ALSO VERY FORTUNATE TO BE ABLE TO COMPLETE THE PROGRAM WHILE I WORKED FULL-TIME AND RAISED A YOUNG FAMILY."*





# CHRISTIAN WARNEKE

MPA 2014

CAMPAIGN MANAGER  
THE STEIER GROUP

*"AS A FUNDRAISING CONSULTANT WORKING WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, SETON HALL'S MPA PROGRAM PROVIDED ME WITH VALUABLE INSIGHT THAT ALLOWS ME TO BETTER POSITION MY CLIENTS FOR LONG-TERM SUCCESS. HAVING THE LETTERS 'MPA' AFTER MY NAME ALSO GIVES ME FAR GREATER CREDIBILITY, AS CLIENTS KNOW I HAVE AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE THEORY AS WELL AS THE PRACTICE."*





# JILLIAN GREEN

MPA 2011

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR TEAM ENRICHMENT  
HARLEM RBI

"THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT I GAINED THROUGH THE MPA PROGRAM HAS AIDED ME GREATLY IN MY CAREER. AS SOMEONE WHO DIRECTLY IMPLEMENTS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO DEMONSTRATE ITS SUCCESSES TO THE MANY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDER'S OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF ALL FACETS OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, THAT I GAINED FROM SETON HALL, HAS ALLOWED ME TO BECOME A THOUGHT LEADER WITHIN MY ORGANIZATION AND A DRIVER OF SUCCESS WITHIN THE PROGRAMS THAT I MANAGE."





# MICHAEL SCLAFANI

MPA 1998

ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT  
UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE

"THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE TO LEAD IN THE NONPROFIT SECTOR. FROM CAPITAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES TO FUND DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGIC PLANNING THE PROGRAM GAVE ME AN UNDERSTANDING OF ALL OF THE PARTS THAT DRIVE AN ORGANIZATION."





# CHINGWELL MUTOMBU

MPA 2002

DIRECTOR OF FUND DEVELOPMENT  
MYPATH

“GETTING THE MPA DEGREE FOR ME WAS A STEPPING STONE THAT LAUNCHED ME INTO MY CAREER AS A NONPROFIT EXECUTIVE. FOR THE LAST TEN YEARS, I HAVE BUILT AND SUCCESSFULLY MANAGED HIGH IMPACT SOCIAL INITIATIVES BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY. I AM GRATEFUL THAT MY MPA DEGREE PROVIDED ME WITH THE GROUNDING I NEEDED TO LAUNCH MY CAREER.”





# STEPHEN COULTHART

MPA 2010

POLICY RESEARCHER

NATIONAL SECURITY STUDIES INSTITUTE

"THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY PROVIDED ME WITH A TRULY UNIQUE EXPERIENCE. IT PROVIDED NOT ONLY APPLIED SKILLS IN PUBLIC MANAGEMENT BUT ALSO AN INTERNATIONAL FOCUS THROUGH STUDY ABROAD EXPERIENCES AND ACCESS TO ALL THAT NEW YORK CITY HAS TO OFFER AS A WORLD CAPITAL OF CULTURE AND POLITICS."





# ALISDAIR MACRAE

MPA 2007

ADMINISTRATOR

CARLETON UNIVERSITY

"THE MPA PROGRAM HELPED DEFINE HOW I COULD POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO SOCIETY. ALL OF THE COURSES SPURRED MY INTEREST IN WORKING WITH NON-PROFITS, OFFERING RESOURCES TO THOSE LESS FORTUNATE THAN MYSELF, AND CONDUCTING MYSELF IN A WAY THAT WOULD ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO DO THE SAME."





# CYNTHIA ROBERSON

MPA 2011

ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF GRANTS  
ESSEX COUNTY COLLEGE

"THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY HAS HAD A VERY POSITIVE AND LASTING IMPACT ON MY LIFE AND CAREER. SINCE OBTAINING MY MASTER'S, I HAVE WORKED FOR A SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO HELPING THE HOMELESS, HUNGRY AND ADDICTED RECEIVE THE CARE THEY NEED TO IMPROVE THEIR QUALITY OF LIFE. IN THAT POSITION, I WAS THE GOVERNMENT GRANT WRITER AND BROUGHT IN FUNDS TO THE TUNE OF 60% OF THE ORGANIZATION'S \$8 MILLION ANNUAL BUDGET. I AM VERY PRIVILEGED [AND EXCITED] TO NOW WORK FOR AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WRITING AND FACILITATING INSTITUTIONAL GRANTS. IN BOTH POSITIONS I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO INTEGRATE MY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION BACKGROUND IN MATTERS THAT I FEEL PASSION ABOUT ADVANCING, MAKING MY WORK REWARDING AND ENJOYABLE."





# DANIEL NUGENT

MPA 2010

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY

ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT OF ADVANCEMENT  
SERVICES AND CAMPAIGN MANAGER

"THE M.P.A. PROGRAM PREPARED ME FOR A  
LEADERSHIP ROLE IN THE NON-PROFIT WORLD. THE  
FACULTY FOCUSED ON PRACTICAL, REAL-WORLD  
CONCEPTS I WAS ABLE TO PUT TO USE IMMEDIATELY IN  
MY DAY-TO-DAY WORK."



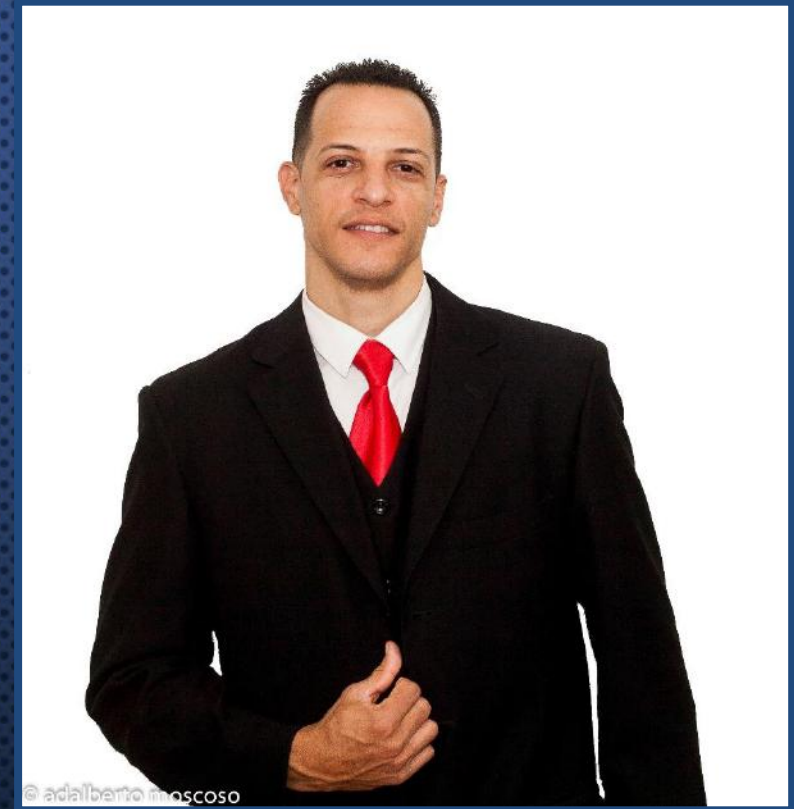


# CHRISTIAN VILLAR

MPA 2006

OWNER, CONSULTANT  
VILLAR CONSULTING

"THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY WAS THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH I WAS ABLE TO BUILD A BUSINESS AND CAREER IN WHICH EVERYDAY I WAKE UP I KNOW I AM MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES AND LIVING A PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE."





# DARLENE HANLEY

1997

PRESIDENT & CEO  
MORRIS HALL/ST. LAWRENCE INC.

"MY CAPSTONE PROJECT WAS ON THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF LONG TERM CARE BEDS IN MERCER COUNTY. BASED ON THAT RESEARCH AND HOURS OF STUDY I WAS ABLE TO USE THAT EXPERIENCE TO OBTAIN MY LICENSED NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATOR (LNHA) LICENSE. MY MPA – HEALTH CARE TRACK DEGREE AND WORK EXPERIENCE ASSISTED ME IN OBTAINING MY CURRENT POSITION AS PRESIDENT AND CEO OF MORRIS HALL/ST. LAWRENCE, INC. AND ADMINISTRATOR OF ST. LAWRENCE REHABILITATION CENTER."





# SCOTT MILLIKEN

MPA 1998

BOARD OF TRUSTEES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
ST. JOSEPH'S HOSPITAL, DIOCESE OF PATERSON

"I AM HONORED TO HAVE RECEIVED MY MPA FROM SETON HALL AS IT GAVE ME A FOUNDATION IN LIFE THAT I CAN NEVER REPAY. CURRENTLY I AM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, A CATHOLIC CHARITIES AGENCY IN THE DIOCESE OF PATERSON; A NONPROFIT 501(C)3. WE CARE FOR HUNDREDS OF ADULTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES IN BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND VOCATIONAL SETTINGS, WE PROVIDE FAMILY SUPPORT IN THE FORM OF CASE MANAGEMENT ALONG WITH RECREATIONAL AND SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES WITH A BUDGET OF 7 MILLION DOLLARS PER YEAR. I WOULD NOT BE SO POISED OR HAVE LEARNED THE TOOLS NECESSARY WITHOUT THIS GREAT PROGRAM. "





# DENIS O'CONNELL

MPA 1995

RETIRED

FORMER MEDICAL DIRECTOR AT BLUE CROSS  
BLUE SHIELD NORTH CAROLINA

"AFTER GRADUATING FROM THE MPA PROGRAM I  
STARTED ATTENDING THE MEDICAID HMO MEETINGS IN  
NEW JERSEY, AND THEN BECAME AN ASSOCIATE  
MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR A MEDICAID HMO. THEN IN  
1997 TOOK A FULL TIME POSITION WITH BLUE CROSS  
BLUE SHIELD NORTH CAROLINA. I TOOK EARLY RETIREMENT  
IN 2014 AND AM PLANNING TO WORK FOR DOCTORS  
WITHOUT BORDERS SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE.

THE MPA MOTIVATED ME TO GET MORE INVOLVED IN THE  
CHANGING HEALTHCARE LANDSCAPE AND LEAD TO MY  
ROLE AS REGIONAL MEDICAL DIRECTOR FOR BLUE CROSS  
BLUE SHIELD NORTH CAROLINA."





# CAROL VENDITTO

MPA 1998

RETIRED

FORMER NJ STATE DRUG COURT MANAGER AT  
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE COURTS, NEW JERSEY

“THE IMPACT THAT THE MPA PROGRAM HAD ON MY CAREER HELPED ME TO THINK CRITICALLY ABOUT POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND LEARN HOW TO IMPLEMENT POLICIES, TO UNDERSTAND VARIOUS PUBLIC BUDGET MODELS AND TO WORK WITH FINANCIAL SPECIALISTS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF PROPOSED BUDGETS THAT WERE REASONABLE AND WOULD MEET THE NEEDS OF THE PROGRAM STATEWIDE, INSTILLED A VERY STRONG SENSE OF ETHICS IN PUBLIC SERVICE THAT HELPED ME TO MAKE CRITICAL DECISIONS AND GAVE ME THE CONFIDENCE I NEEDED TO EXCEL IN THIS FIELD AND TO ADVOCATE LOCALLY FOR THE CHANGE NECESSARY TO GUIDE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PROGRAM THAT ESSENTIALLY CHANGED THE WAY THAT COURTS DID BUSINESS WITH ADULT DRUG OFFENDERS. FINALLY, THERE WAS NOT ONE CLASS THAT DID NOT IMPACT MY ABILITY TO BE A SUCCESSFUL PUBLIC MANAGER. I FEEL THAT I MADE A DIFFERENCE AND THAT WAS THE GOAL OF MY CAREER.





# JOSEPH LICATA

MPA 2011

DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT AND SPECIAL  
PROJECTS, PRESIDENT  
BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF AMERICA, LODI BOARD  
OF EDUCATION

"I BEGAN INTERNING AT THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF LODI/HACKENSACK WHILE I WAS AT SHU, WHICH TRANSFORMED INTO A JOB FOR THE PAST 6 YEARS. AT THE END OF 2015 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE ORGANIZATION WILL BE RETIRING, AND JUST THE OTHER WEEK I WAS SELECTED AS THE REPLACEMENT. EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2016 I WILL BE THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS OF LODI/HACKENSACK.

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF MY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION, SERVING IN THE CAPACITY OF PRESIDENT SINCE 2012. LAST SUMMER, I FOUNDED A LOCAL EDUCATION FOUNDATION CALLED LODI CARES (CITIZENS ALLOCATING RESOURCES FOR EDUCATION SUPPORT), A REGISTERED 501C3, AND WERE ABLE TO GIVE OUT OUR FIRST SCHOLARSHIPS THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

IT WOULD BE WRONG OF ME IF I DID NOT CREDIT THE EDUCATION AND VALUES THAT I LEARNED AT SHU IN GUIDING MY PATH OF SERVICE IN MY CAREER AND LIFE, ALL THANKS TO THE MPA PROGRAM! "





# Lynnette King-Davis

MPA ?

Public Relations Manager  
Atlantic Health System

“The MPA program has impacted my career tremendously. The variety and quality of courses in the health care management track in particular gave me the skills and ability needed for a career in health care marketing”.





# FRANK BENEDETTO

MPA 1994

SENIOR VP FOR SECURITY AT MADISON SQUARE  
GARDEN COMPANY  
FORMER U.S. SECRET SERVICE AGENT

I RECENTLY RETIRED FROM THE UNITED STATES  
SECRET SERVICE AFTER A 26 YEAR CAREER.





# JANELLE M. LOBELLO

MPA 2013

Director of Communications  
Seton Hall School of Law

THE THREE YEARS I SPENT AS AN MPA STUDENT WERE BY FAR THE MOST ACADEMICALLY CHALLENGING, BUT THEY WERE ALSO THE MOST REWARDING. I AM PROUD TO HAVE RECEIVED SUCH A PRESTIGIOUS DEGREE FROM SETON HALL AND HAVE COME FULL CIRCLE WORKING FOR THE LAW SCHOOL, BE ABLE TO COMBINE MY UNDERGRADUATE KNOWLEDGE WITH WHAT I LEARNED THROUGH MY HIGHER EDUCATION DEGREE. I VALUED MOST PROFESSOR WINKLER'S CLASSES AND THE TECHNIQUES SHE TAUGHT WHICH I CONSTANTLY APPLY IN MY WORK TODAY.





# TATIANA M. MOJIDI-GALLEGO

MPA 2013

External relations Manager,  
Creative Associates International

THE MPA PROGRAM PREPARED ME FOR THE REAL WORLD, IT WASN'T JUST THEORIES AND EXAMPLES BUT RATHER REAL LIFE SCENARIOS AND APPLICATIONS OF WHAT WE WERE LEARNING THAT MAKES THE MPA THAT MUCH MORE VALUABLE.





# ADRIANA TOVAR

MPA 2008

Lead Investigator

New Jersey Division on Civil Rights

I GRADUATED IN 2008 WITH A CONCENTRATION IN GOVERNMENT. I AM WORKING WITH THE NEW JERSEY DIVISION ON CIVIL RIGHTS AS A LEAD INVESTIGATOR. THE MPA ENHANCED MY CAREER BY AFFORDING ME WITH A BETTER POSITION IN MY FIELD. I ALSO LEARNED A LOT OF VALUABLE CONCEPTS OF SERVANT LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT STYLES. THE BEST PART WAS THAT I HAD AMAZING PROFESSORS AND CLASSMATES.



# JAMES W. FIRE

MPA 2012

Retired Police Captain

New Jersey, Springfield Police Station

"THE DEGREE I ATTAINED IN MY EARLY 40'S HELPED ME GET PROMOTED THREE TIMES FROM SERGEANT, LIEUTENANT AND FINALLY CAPTAIN."



# BRITTANY M. BETHEA

MPA 2011

Pharmaceutical Associate Meeting Planner  
Clinical Mind

**QUOTE?**





# JOHN MUHANNA

MPA 2014

Financial Rep.

National Financial Network

MY MPA PROVIDED ME WITH THE TOOLS TO IMPROVE THE VARIOUS WORK PROCESSES OF THE COMPANY, AS WELL AS CLIENTS I WORK FOR. I AM ABLE TO ENHANCE PRODUCTIVITY AND CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE BY PROVIDING QUICK AND METHODICAL SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGES AS THEY ARE PRESENTED.





# JOHNATHON STERNESKY

MPA 2014

Legislative Director

Office of the New Jersey State Assembly Woman Nancy Pinkin

- **A BRIEF QUOTE ABOUT HOW THE MPA CONTRIBUTED TO YOUR SUCCESS:** WILL DO AT A LATER DATE. \*\*\*\*\*





# KATHLEEN MARTIN

MPA 1996

President

K Martin Consulting, LLC.

THE SHU MPA PROGRAM GREATLY ENHANCED MY CAREER IN OPENING MANY DOORS FOR ME FOR EXECUTIVE POSITIONS. I WAS CEO OF FACILITIES FOR CARE ONE IN NJ AND SEVERAL OTHER EXECUTIVE ROLES. DR. DiSALVIO WAS A KEY PERSON WHO ADVISED ME AND TAUGHT THE CLASSES WITH HIM IN AN EXCEPTIONAL AND USEFUL MANNER. I STILL HAVE HIS FINANCE MANUAL THAT HE MADE FOR THE CLASS. HE WAS RIVETING. THE DEAN OF THE PROGRAM, DR. WISH, WAS ALSO VERY SUPPORTIVE AND EXCELLENT.





# NICOLE JORDAN

MPA 2011

Assistant Director, Membership  
Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts

- QUOTE?





# JIM BAZEWICZ

MPA 1999

Professor & Director

Drew University, Performing Arts Administration Minor

MY MPA HAS HELPED ME IN SO MANY WAYS AS I WORK WITH VARIOUS VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONS, AND WITH THE ADMINISTRATION HERE AT DREW UNIVERSITY. BUT MOST DIRECTLY, IT HAS PREPARED ME TO TEACH OUR UNDERGRADUATES IN OUR PERFORMING ARTS ADMINISTRATION MINOR. WE'VE HAD MANY STUDENTS GO ON TO WORK IN ARTS MANAGEMENT POSITIONS AFTER COMPLETING THE MINOR. THE SUCCESS OF THAT PROGRAM IS A DIRECT REFLECTION OF MY TIME AT SETON HALL.





# ZENAIDA STEINHAUER

MPA 1997

Quality Assurance Specialist  
NJ Department of Health

THE MPA PROGRAM ALLOWED ME TO BE  
CONSIDERED AND ACCEPTED INTO A STATE POSITION  
THAT WOULD NOT HAVE OTHERWISE BEEN AVAILABLE  
TO THOSE WITHOUT A MASTER'S DEGREE. SETON HALL  
PREPARED ME WELL FOR THE POSITION I AM IN, IN  
DEALING WITH THE PUBLIC AND SERVICE SECTORS,  
AND IN UNDERSTANDING HEALTH CARE POLICIES.



# LIEUTENANT EDWARD C. CIEMPOLA

MPA 1992

Patrol Division Commander, Lieutenant  
Borough of North Plainfield, NJ

MY TITLE IS LIEUTENANT EDWARD C. CIEMPOLA, AND I AM THE CURRENT PATROL DIVISION COMMANDER. IN MY POSITION I AM IN CHARGE OF THE PATROL DIVISION, TRAFFIC SAFETY BUREAU AND THE RECORDS BUREAU. I AM ALSO THE COMMANDER OF THE SOMERSET COUNTY SWAT TEAM. THE TRAINING FROM THE MPA PROGRAM HAS ASSISTED ME THROUGHOUT MY CAREER BY ENHANCING MY DECISION MAKING SKILLS AND MY ABILITY TO ANALYZE, EVALUATE AND FORM NEW DEPARTMENT POLICY AND PROCEDURES. IT HAS ALSO HELPED ME IDENTIFY THE AREAS THAT REQUIRE POLICY CHANGE AND THEN LATER TO EVALUATE THE EFFECT OF THOSE POLICY REVISIONS.



# MARITZA AHMED

MPA 2003

Bilingual Senior Probation Office  
State of New Jersey

**THE MPA PROGRAM CONTRIBUTED TO MY SUCCESS BY  
GIVING ME THE TOOLS NECESSARY TO SERVE THE PUBLIC.**





# PAIGE FETZER

MPA 2012

International Policy Advisor

Department of the U.S. Treasury

MY MPA PROVIDED ME PRACTICAL SKILLS TO NAVIGATE THE MANAGEMENT SIDE OF GOVERNMENT, LEADERSHIP SKILLS TO WORK THROUGH TO POLICY PROCESS ON A DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL SCALE AND KNOWLEDGE THAT IS APPLICABLE IN ALMOST EVERY PROFESSIONAL SCENARIO I FACE.





# ELISA DANIELSON

MPA 2004

Director of Operations

CCG Advisors

MY MPA FROM SETON HALL UNIVERSITY EMPOWERED ME TO BE THE BEST LEADER, MENTOR, TEAMMATE, AND INDIVIDUAL, IN THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR ALLOWING ME TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN OTHER'S LIVES.





# KATHY MATTA

MPA 1989

Associate Athletic Director  
Seton Hall University

**THE KNOWLEDGE I ACQUIRED IN THE MPA  
PROGRAM WAS THE PERFECT COMPLEMENT TO MY  
UNDERGRADUATE FINANCE DEGREE TO ADVANCE  
MY CAREER IN COLLEGE ATHLETICS.**



# ANS CLAIBORN

MPA 2006

Vice President Cyber Security  
State Street Corporation

The MPA program did not directly attribute to my success; however, I have used the management techniques as part of my management of my global team.





# PETER DENIO

MPA 1998

Project Manager

Leadership Roundtable

Working for a nonprofit that serves the Catholic Church by advocating and training Catholic leaders in leadership and management my degree has directly contributed to my success in my position. In trainings and workshops we provide I regularly use what I have learned in my degree





# JONATHAN CASTANEDA

MPA 2014

Chief of Staff

Town of West New York

A MAJOR COMPONENT OF MY SETON HALL EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY MY MPA COMPONENT, WAS THE FOCUS ON ETHICS. I LEARNED TO LEAD WITH DIRECTION, COMPASSION, AND WITH EFFICIENCY - AND I WOULDN'T TRADE MY TIME THERE FOR ANY OTHER SCHOOL.





# KENNETH MAILLY

MPA 2010

Instructor & Academic Coordinator of Clinical Education  
Essex county College

ATTAINING MY DEGREE NOT ONLY QUALIFIED ME FOR A  
FACULTY APPOINTMENT BUT HELPED BOLSTER MY  
CREDENTIALS TO TEACH IN MY AREA OF EXPERTISE, WHICH IS  
PROFESSIONAL ISSUES AND THE US HEALTHCARE SYSTEM.





# JILLIAN GREEN

MPA 2011

Director of Middle School Programming  
Harlem RBI

THE KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE THAT I GAINED THROUGH THE MPA PROGRAM HAS AIDED ME GREATLY IN MY CAREER. AS SOMEONE WHO DIRECTLY IMPLEMENTS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMING, IT IS ESSENTIAL TO DEMONSTRATE ITS SUCCESSES TO THE MANY PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDER'S OF THE ORGANIZATION. THE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF ALL FACETS OF A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, THAT I GAINED FROM SETON HALL, HAS ALLOWED ME TO BECOME A THOUGHT LEADER WITHIN MY ORGANIZATION AND A DRIVER OF SUCCESS WITHIN THE PROGRAM TEAMS THAT I MANAGE.





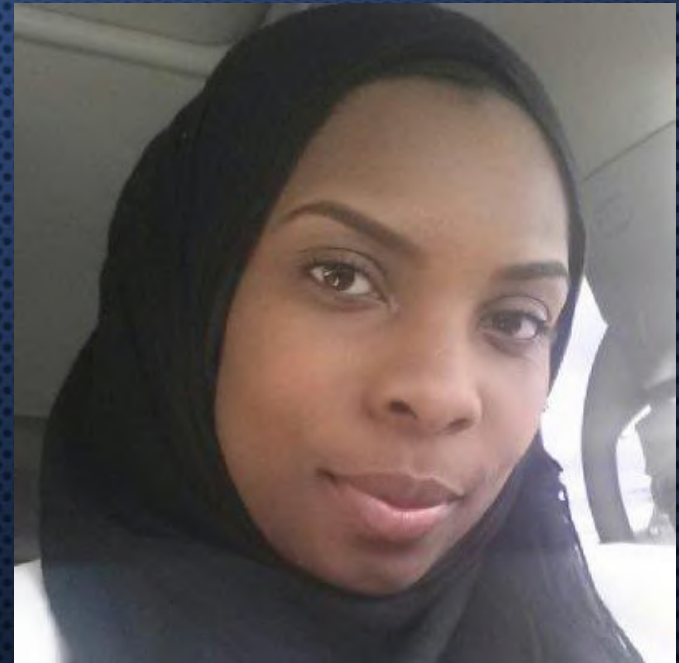
# MARSHA JONES-NIVINS

MPA 2004

CEO

Starting Points, Inc.

**THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL CONTRIBUTES DAILY  
TO MY SUCCESS AS A CEO OF A NONPROFIT CAREER  
SCHOOL.**





# MARY-ALEXIS BARRY

MPA 2003

Retired Executive Director, Part-Time Training Instructor  
HomeCare Options

QUOTE?





# VALERIE ROSSI

MPA 2012

Assistant Director, Nursing Administration  
Hospital for Special Surgery

It gave me the flexibility to work in a health care environment without having a clinical background but to think what is best for patients





# TOM LAFORGIA

MPA 2014

Major Gifts Officer

York College of Pennsylvania

QUOTE?





# LORNA SEARS

MPA 2002

Operations Manager of claims  
Health First Insurance

This degree has helped me in my current role. I was downsized two years ago and this degree and my years of experience moved my resume to the top of the pile. I was only out of a job for three months.



# KAITLYN DELENGOWSKI

MPA 2010

Assistant Director of Campus Engagement  
Drexel University

**MY SHU MPA ALLOWED ME TO HONE MY LEADERSHIP  
SKILLS AND THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX TO CRAFT MY WAY  
THROUGH HIGHER EDUCATION.**





# CARLEY ANASTASIA LESINSKI

MPA 2015

Research Associate

GFK

SETON HALL UNIVERSITY'S MPA PROGRAM HELPED ME GROW AS BOTH A PERSON AND AS A PROFESSIONAL. I WOULD NEVER BE ABLE TO EXPRESS HOW THANKFUL I AM FOR THE MPA'S PROFESSORS, CURRICULUM, AND LEARNING ENVIRONMENT. I AM WHO I AM TODAY BECAUSE OF THE MPA PROGRAM.



# GENEVIEVE BOEHM CLIFTON

MPA 2004

Manager

State of New Jersey Department of Transportation

**“CLASSES TAKEN AND RELATIONSHIPS MADE AT SETON  
HALL PROVIDED THE BASIS FOR AN ON-GOING AND  
REWARDING CAREER IN PUBLIC SERVICE.”**



# LEE NAVE JR.

MPA 2015

Development/Program Associate

Citizens for Juvenile Justice

**MY MPA GAVE ME A GREAT UNDERSTANDING OF THE  
THE DIFFERENT DYNAMICS THAT MAKE UP A NONPROFIT  
ORGANIZATION.**





# HENRY E. RACELIS

MPA 1999

Executive Hospital Sales

Merck & Co., Inc.

**THIS DEGREE ALLOWED ME TO ACQUIRE MY FIRST EXECUTIVE POSITION IN HEALTHCARE AT NYC AS A DIRECTOR OF TISSUE SERVICES FOR THE NEW YORK ORGAN DONOR NETWORK (NYODN). NYODN IS A NONPROFIT FEDERALLY DESIGNATED ORGAN PROCUREMENT ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO THE RECOVERY OF ORGANS AND TISSUES FOR THE NINE TRANSPLANT CENTERS OF NYC METROPOLITAN AREAS.**



# LISA VALE REBIMBAS

MPA 1996

Director of Special Services

Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools

**THE MPA PROGRAM OFFERED ME THE FOUNDATION TO ANALYZE CRITICAL ISSUES THOROUGHLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY. ALTHOUGH I FOCUSED ON PUBLIC POLICY, THE MPA PROGRAM PROVIDED ME A SOLID FOUNDATION OF SKILLS AS I MOVED INTO EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION. IT PREPARED ME FOR THE FAST-PACED, MULTI-FACETED PROFESSIONAL LIFE I HAVE CHOSEN.**



# TOM SHEA

MPA 2001

Assistant Professor  
Centenary University

**IT HELPED ME TO STRIVE FURTHER, LEADING TO  
SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF MY DOCTORAL  
DEGREE.**





# JAMES L. LOTT JR.

MPA 1987

Partner & Co-Chair Government **AFFAIRS PRACTICE GROUP**

RIKER DANZIG SCHERER HYLAND PERRETTI LLP

**BEFORE DECIDING TO PURSUE A LAW DEGREE, I WORKED IN SEVERAL STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS THAT SUPPORTED POLITICALLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE OFFICIALS. THE SETON HALL MPA PROGRAM ALLOWED ME TO UNDERSTAND THE VARIOUS CONNECTIONS BETWEEN FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND PROGRAMS AND PUT A BETTER ANALYTIC FRAMEWORK ON THOSE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS. EVEN TODAY AS AN ATTORNEY IN PRIVATE PRACTICE, I USE WHAT I LEARNED IN THE MPA PROGRAM ON AN ALMOST DAILY BASIS.**





# PARFINE MUDACUMURA

MPA 2015

Certified Property Specialist

Philadelphia Housing Authority

**MY SPECIALIZATION COURSES IN THE MPA PROGRAM HAVE GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE SUCCESS IN MY CURRENT POSITION. LEARNING ABOUT THE POLICY AND PLANNING PROCESS WITHIN A NONPROFIT AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION, UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF ETHICS WITHIN HUMAN RESOURCES, AND PARTICIPATING IN GROUP PROJECTS TO ESTABLISH THE IMPORTANCE OF TEAMWORK WERE ALL VERY INSTRUMENTAL IN GAINING A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE SIGNIFICANCE AND FEASIBILITY OF THE WORK THAT I DO ON A DAILY BASIS.**





# SUZANNE SMITH JABLONSKI

MPA 2001

Executive Director

Tompkins County Public Library Foundation

**MY MPA GAVE ME THE CREDIBILITY I NEEDED TO GET THE POSITION I CURRENTLY HAVE, WHICH I STARTED IN MY EARLY 30s. I RELY ON WHAT I LEARNED CONSIDERABLY IN MY DAY-TO-DAY WORK, ESPECIALLY ABOUT THE HISTORY OF THE NONPROFIT SECTOR, PROGRAM EVALUATION AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT. I USE MY EXPERIENCE IN MY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS TO UNDERSTAND HOW TO WORK IN GROUPS AND HOW TO MOBILIZE VOLUNTEERS.**





# ANDREA MARTINEZ-MEJIA, MPA, MA

MPA 2008

Coordinator Community Health Services

Department of Health and Human Services, City of Trenton

“THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL EXPANDED MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE PUBLIC SECTOR, ALLOWING ME TO COMBINE THEORY AND PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS TO EXCEL IN THE FIELD. IT GAVE ME THE TOOLS NEEDED TO BECOME A BETTER PROFESSIONAL WHETHER WORKING IN THE NON-PROFIT OR GOVERNMENT SECTOR”





# VALERIE COUSIN

MPA 1997

Executive Minister

Bridge Street African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church

Since graduating from Seton Hall's MPA program, I have worked as a senior level finance manager at several colleges and universities in New York and New Jersey. In 2006, I returned to school to earn a Master of Divinity degree from Columbia University/ Union Theological Seminary in NYC. Since graduating in 2009, I have married my MPA and MDiv degrees to effectively lead the senior level operations of nonprofit agencies including servicing on several boards in the community.





# JEFF FUCCI, MPA, M.A.

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Attorney

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**"THE SETON HALL MPA FUELED MY UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF GOOD GOVERNMENT, AND PREPARED ME TO BE A SERVANT LEADER IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION. THERE IS ONE CLASS THAT STANDS OUT IN MY MIND MOST OF ALL - COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP. DURING THAT COURSE, STUDENT PROFESSIONALS WERE EXPOSED TO TEAM-BUILDING CHALLENGES AND POLICY SCENARIOS. WE WORKED TOGETHER, TO MOVE FORWARD, TOGETHER. A SHINING EXAMPLE OF WHAT WE NEED MOST IN THE CURRENT POLITICAL CLIMATE."**





# TOM RUSSOMANO

MPA 2008

Hemophilia Therapy Manager

Novo Nordisk

THE MPA PROGRAM WAS VALUABLE TO ME BECAUSE IT WAS A PRACTICAL CURRICULUM WITH REAL WORLD USEFULNESS. I WOULD LEARN SOMETHING IN THE CLASSROOM AND UTILIZE IT IN MY LOCAL GOVERNMENT JOB ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.





# HEATHER SMALL

MPA 2005

Associate Director of Major Gifts  
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**"WITHOUT MY MPA I WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO PURSUE A CAREER IN NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDRAISING. I'VE BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN THIS FIELD SINCE I GRADUATED AND HAVE CONTINUED TO ADVANCE IN MY CAREER OVER THE YEARS."**





# Heather McGreevy

MPA 2011

Freelance Volunteer & Event Manager

"THE MPA PROGRAM LEVELED THE PLAYING FIELD FOR ME AND ALLOWED ME TO HAVE DEEPER, MORE MEANINGFUL CONVERSATIONS AROUND THE INTERSECTION OF PROGRAMS AND FUNDRAISING. I COUNT MYSELF AS A LUCKY PIRATE EVERYDAY!"





# Jana La Sorte

MPA 2008

Founder/Creative Director

Ambassadora

"THE MPA PROGRAM AT SETON HALL UNIVERSITY PROVIDED SMALL CLASS SIZES THAT ENABLED HELPFUL DIALOGUE AMONG CLASSMATES AND DIRECT CONVERSATION WITH PROFESSORS. IT WAS STRUCTURED TO FIT WELL WITHIN MY FULL-TIME WORK SCHEDULE, AND IT SHOWCASED THE RANGE OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS REQUIRED IN THE NONPROFIT LANDSCAPE."





# EUGENE K. NATOLI

MPA 1998

Administrator with the Mayor  
Township of Parsippany

MY CURRENT EMPLOYER IS THE TOWNSHIP OF PARSIPPANY WHERE I WORK IN ADMINISTRATION WITH THE MAYOR AND BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR. THE PROGRAM BENEFITED ME BY PROVIDING AN INTENSIVE PROGRAM THAT HAD REAL WORLD IMPLICATIONS. IT WAS NOT ONE OF THOSE "PAY YOUR TUITION AND WE WILL GIVE YOU A DEGREE PROGRAMS." IT IS WHAT I WANTED; WORK HARD , GET REWARDED!!



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