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*Bishop Healy Committee  
E-Newsletter | Winter Edition*

The Bishop Healy Committee would like to ask that you keep Grace Rett '22 and her loved ones in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to mourn her loss alongside the rest of the Holy Cross community, both on and off campus. We especially keep in mind those who are returning to campus and settling in after the winter break. Despite the chill, the warmth of the community makes Mt. Saint James a worthwhile place to live and learn for students as they support each other at this time.

Meanwhile, the Bishop Healy Committee just visited Chicago for the first time, is looking forward to welcoming the newly selected members of its board, and invites you to consider joining students in Worcester as they celebrate **L.A.S.O.'s 20th Annual NOCHE!**

Welcome to the winter edition of the Bishop Healy Newsletter, an e-publication for Holy Cross ALANA alumni created by the Bishop Healy Committee of the HCAA. Read student testimonials and alumni highlights, learn how to get involved through volunteering and mentorship, and stay up to date on campus news and events!

**Welcome New BHC Members!**



**Name:** Shuvojit Dutta '17  
**Location:** Worcester, MA  
**Current Position:** Product Manager, Dell Technologies

*"I look forward to connecting with ALANA alums to develop new programs that support HC students of color in terms of their academic and personal growth."*



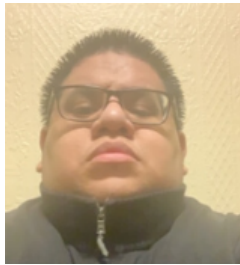
**Name:** Ameer Phillips '17  
**Location:** Cambridge, MA  
**Current Position:** Admissions Counselor for Multicultural Recruitment, M.I.T.

*"I am looking forward to working alongside fellow ALANA alum, and being a resource for current ALANA students on the hill."*



**Name:** Quinesha Tillman '14  
**Location:** Houston, TX  
**Current Position:** EMERGE HISD, Program Manager

*I am looking forward to...  
"Connecting with alumni and creating systems that will benefit future ALANA students on Holy Cross' campus!"*



**Name:** Freddy Sinchi '09  
**Location:** New York, NY  
**Current Position:** Foreign Language Department Chairperson at Manhattan, Hunter Science High School

*"One thing I am looking forward to as a new member of the Bishop Healy Committee is to learn, listen, and serve as an active member for our current and past ALANA students. How can I give back to my Alma Mater, Holy Cross, the many gifts I received from many during my time there and more importantly how can help shape and serve as a mentor for current ALANA students at the college. I am excited and humbled to be serving."*



**Name:** Danita Beck Wickwire '94  
**Location:** Towson, MD  
**Current Position:** Sr. Associate Director of Principal Gifts for Johns Hopkins University

*"I am looking forward to leveraging my 20+ years of higher education development experience to elevate fundraising efforts and endow the investments required to support the ALANA community for many years. This deed will inform our students—and others—that we take care of one another, and we are enough."*

## Chicago Reception



On Sunday, January 12, 2020, Chicago welcomed the Bishop Healy Committee with open arms. On that afternoon, the Bishop Healy Committee decided to hold a reception for current students and alumni in Chicago, IL for the first time ever. The turn out was absolutely lovely and lively, adding new faces to an ever growing community. The afternoon get together took place at Osteria Via Stato in downtown Chicago. It was freezing outside, but the company inside was warm, welcoming, and full of cheer. Steve Lovelette '78, who sits on the Holy Cross Board of Trustees, was present and gave a few remarks, as well as Melisa Alves '06, Vice Chair of the Bishop Healy Committee. It was a great way to introduce the community in that region to what the Bishop Healy Committee is and the work that it does. This effort to expand the community to new regions was well received and it was a real joy to witness the making of so many new connections and friendships.

## Alumni Highlight



### **Michelle Moreno-Silva '15 Honored as One of 30 Under 30**

In November, Michelle Moreno-Silva '15 was named one of the El Mundo Boston Latino 30 under 30. The award honors young individuals who are making an impact on the Massachusetts Latino community.

At Holy Cross, Michelle majored in political science with a concentration in peace and conflict studies. Her favorite professor was Prof. Chubb, whose Power and Protest course, she says, pushed her to look beyond the surface. She went on to receive her Master of Professional Studies at Georgetown University, and is currently the Deputy Director of Hispanic Media for Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer.

Michelle says: "It is humbling to reflect on the path that my life has taken. From growing up in a low-income community in Rhode Island, to studying

at two Jesuit institutions, to now running around the U.S. Capitol serving the American people.”

Michelle encourages current students and young alumni to seek formal mentoring and become mentors. She says, “Mentors are valuable because they provide guidance to students/recent alumni of color in navigating a competitive job market, where coveted skills as well as access to professional networks are essential. In the workforce, people of color have additional obstacles, whether it is obtaining leadership positions or even breaking through to an industry so having a mentor is instrumental.”

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## Thanks Mable Milner



The Bishop Healy Committee would like to offer our extreme gratitude to Mable Millner, who retired as the Associate Dean of Students for Diversity and Inclusion and Director of Multicultural Education in January. Dean Millner has served Holy Cross for nearly 20 years.

During her tenure, Dean Millner has made incredible strides in diversity and inclusion at Holy Cross. She expanded the Multicultural Peer Educator Program, added the diversity component of summer and fall Gateways orientation, created the MLK Emerging Student Leader Luncheon, and implemented the Hate: Not Here! Bias response program. Under her leadership, OME has also sponsored the Rites of Passage ceremony, as well as the MSO Retreat and MSO Roundtable. She has seen to the advancement of students of color in leadership positions such as RAs, orientation leaders, and student government; with many students from underrepresented populations receiving high honors such as the Presidential Service Awards and the George B. Moran Award.



Much has changed at Holy Cross since Dean Millner first joined the community in 2001. The physical landscape has transformed, several new residence halls were added, and the Hogan Oval (affectionately known as the Hoval) was created. The demographics of the student population has also evolved, with the increase in student diversity going from 6% to over 25% ALANA students. "Walking the campus will show a mixture of student identities; you can hear a variety of languages being spoken, and the community interacting and engaging with each other."

Dean Millner is proud to have been a presence on campus and to have been considered a resource for students, alumni, and campus members in promoting diversity, equity, and inclusive excellence; as well as the continued progress and success of our students, and the rise and visibility of alumni support. She hopes the commitment to a campus climate of belonging and inclusion will continue to support, encourage and inspire our students towards excellence, success, and service. She has helped to bring alumni back to celebrate the 40th, 45th, and 50th anniversaries of the Black Student Union; and her latest accomplishment was introducing the Ogretta McNeil Emerging Scholars Lecture Series, which launched earlier this fall.

While she is open to the possibilities of the future, Dean Millner is looking forward to the down time for relaxation, traveling, and spending time with friends and family. She will return to her hometown of Winston-Salem, NC to enjoy and care for her 102 year old mother.

## Upcoming Events



### **SAVE THE DATE: BSU Fashion Show | March 14th**

Save the date to come join the Black Student Union in the Hogan Ballroom as they bring their Fashion Show back to campus!



### **Holy Cross "Day at the Races" | March 28th**

Pete Mitchell '78 and the HC Club of Florida Suncoast are hosting this annual event at Tampa Bay Downs for alumni, parents & friends. [Click here for more information and to register.](#)



### **SAVE THE DATE: A.S.I.A.'s ExplorASIA | April 4th**

Put it on your calendars to come back to Holy Cross and join ASIA in the Hogan Ballroom as they celebrate their annual ExplorASIA show!

**L.A.S.O.: 20th Annual NOCHE |**



### April 18th

Join L.A.S.O at Union Station in Worcester as they celebrate their 20th Annual NOCHE!

[Register here.](#)

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## How to Get Involved

### Support the Bishop Healy Emergency and Support Fund

Thank you to all of our alumni who have made a gift to the Bishop Healy Emergency and Support Fund. The impact your generosity has on our community is immeasurable.

If you have yet to make a gift, there is still time to do so! Make your gift to the BHC online, under the designation "Bishop Healy." (Please note that you will be asked for your designation *after* entering your credit card information.)

MAKE A GIFT

### Alumni Job Shadowing Program

Every winter and summer break, Holy Cross alumni host a current student for a one day visit at their job site. Through this experience students are able to learn more about specific job responsibilities, industries and companies. Students connect with alumni like you to learn about your career journey and gain new insight and advice. If you are willing to host a student for a day during one of the breaks, contact Lauren O'Neil at [loneill@holycross.edu](mailto:loneill@holycross.edu)

### Alumni Mentoring Program

The Center for Career Development Program is looking for alumni of color or first generation alumni who are interested in serving as a mentor for a Holy Cross student. Mentors connect with mentees once a month via phone, email or in person (if possible). To learn more about the program and how to sign up contact Shirley Konneh at [skonneh@holycross.edu](mailto:skonneh@holycross.edu)

### Regional Clubs

Find your local Crusaders (and get involved)! Regional Clubs are a great way to stay connected, get involved as a volunteer and meet alumni & friends in your backyard. To learn more about a regional club in your area, check out the [Holy Cross Regional Clubs website.](#)

## Career Development

### Alumni Career Development is Looking for Charismatic Professionals

Holy Cross Alumni Career Development is looking for suggestions for our [Alumni Career Webinars](#). We are searching for topics and presenters. If you have a topic in mind, want to present, or know anyone (alumni or non-grad) who you think would be a great presenter, send an email to [alumniCareers@holycross.edu](mailto:alumniCareers@holycross.edu).

## Our Mission

The mission of the Bishop Healy Committee of the Holy Cross Alumni Association of the College of the Holy Cross is to achieve and maintain a diverse and multicultural campus. A campus that is welcoming to ALANA students and everyone. We are supportive of the administration and ALANA students in the effectuation of our mission.

[Visit our page](#) to learn more about the work we do with students and alumni at Holy Cross.

The Bishop Healy Committee is a group of dedicated alumni volunteers and student ambassadors. [See who's on the committee.](#)



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