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Marti and Frank Milone

Frank P. Milone, M.D. '53

Saint Peter's College: A Strong Academic and Spiritual Foundation for My Life

As a senior at Saint Peter's Prep, Dr. Frank P. Milone was called into the office of Rev. Paul J. Swick, S.J., the principal. He was offered a scholarship to enter the seminary for the Jesuits. Although he seriously considered a Jesuit vocation, he decided to pursue a medical career instead.

When Frank revealed his intention to enroll in Columbia University, however, Fr. Swick refused to accept this choice of a non-Catholic school. He called the registrar of Saint Peter's College and Frank enrolled as a premed student at the College. "This was the best decision that I never made!" Frank says.

Frank recalls his first memories of the College, impressed by the camaraderie among the students as well as the friendliness that the professors exhibited toward the students. "I was equally impressed by the professionalism of the teaching faculty."

After graduating from Georgetown University School of Medicine and

completing fellowships with Georgetown, the Walter Reed Army Hospital and the Mayo Clinic, Frank requested and was granted the privilege to be assigned as a captain and board certified orthopedic surgeon to the 101st Airborne Division. He retired from surgery in 1996 after a surfing accident that led to a physical disability.

The Saint Peter's Way of Life

Throughout his life, Saint Peter's College provided a strong academic and spiritual foundation for Frank, whose parents were Italian immigrants. He considers the Jesuit character of the College as something "that is reflected in my relationships with other people, particularly my patients and my family. It has been a primary factor in developing a foundation for who I am."

Several family members are also associated with the College. His brother, orthodontist Dr. Andrew Milone, is a 1957

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graduate. His sister, Terry LaRocca, worked at the College until her recent retirement.

Frank is proud of his status as a Saint Peter's graduate and hopes other alumni share his view: "As graduates of Saint Peter's, we are the example of that education. By maintaining our activities and our future accomplishments that we fostered at Saint Peter's College, I want that tradition maintained by the graduates who follow us." Frank suggests that the reputation of the College improves with every generation of graduates who achieve success in their fields.

Helping Others

As someone who once considered becoming a Jesuit, it is no surprise that Frank feels strongly about giving to others and improving society. He believes that those who have the material means to do so are obligated to help the less fortunate. Frank is a benefactor of his church, Saints Peter and Paul Parish, where he was chairman of the building committee and campaign committee to build the church and rectory. He is a fourth degree Knight of Columbus; is on the board of directors for Talbot County Cancer Society, the Mental Health Association of Talbot County and The Hugh Gregory Gallagher Motivational Theatre Inc.; and is also involved with rehabilitation programs for returning veterans with post-traumatic stress disorders.

Frank chose to make a bequest to the College, saying, "It is something I have always

thought about. I'm in a position to do it and I owe it to the school for what they have done for me. I feel a moral and ethical obligation to the school for their preparation of me as a Catholic professional and for helping me to attain lifetime goals in spiritual growth and family medicine." His gift will be made in memory of his parents, Pasquale and Elvira Milone, and will be directed toward scholarship aid for students in the sciences.

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Frank's hope is that others "strongly consider leaving a settlement to Saint Peter's College not just as a token, but as a reward for what they've been granted by their education." He remains profoundly grateful for what he has received in life and attributes his successes to his Saint Peter's experience. Frank says, "The College has not only given us an education academically, but has also ingrained in all of us who attended Saint Peter's the values that have sustained us both professionally and in our relationships with our families and with others in all the communities we're involved in. We owe Saint Peter's who and what we are. We are trained to follow the Jesuit tradition of being people for others."

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Science Breakthroughs at Saint Peter's College

Saint Peter's College is home to significant scientific research under the direction of Leonard Sciorra, Ph.D., FACMG chairman of the Department of Applied Science and Technology and Reverend Joseph E. Schuh, S.J. Professor in the Health and Natural Sciences.

Over the past several years, Dr. Sciorra and a group of undergraduate students have developed a tissue culture procedure that yields numerous multipotent cells capable of *in vitro* differentiation into cells with the morphologic appearance of nerve, adipose, hepatic and muscle tissue using human fibroblast cells taken from adults. For this promising innovation, Saint Peter's College has filed for its first patent in its history.

Funding Brings Research Opportunities to Students

Connected with this project, the College's Pfizer PURE Science Program recently received funding from the Independent College Fund of New Jersey. This program is a research opportunity for four undergraduate students to investigate the field of non-embryonic stem cell research. Research with genetic



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Leonard Sciorra, Ph.D., and a group of students in the Vickers Tissue Culture Lab

materials at this complex stage is typically found in graduate level programs at research universities and professional laboratories.

Each student researcher spends a minimum of 100 hours engaged in this research during the academic year or summer session. Preliminary work of the research team has also resulted in a private grant of \$15,000 from the Catholic Human Services Foundation.

Recent student researcher Luan To noted, "Getting the research position also encourages me, as a student, to pursue my future career in the science field."

In addition to grant funding, support for Dr. Sciorra's revolutionary work has come in the form of a challenge by Charles Vickers '47. He will match all gifts pledged to the project in 2010 up to \$100,000. Dr. Sciorra commented, "I have been able to hire one of our recent graduates, Rezma Shrestha '10, as a full-time research technologist to help me with the work. The hiring of Rezma came directly from the Vickers Challenge funds."

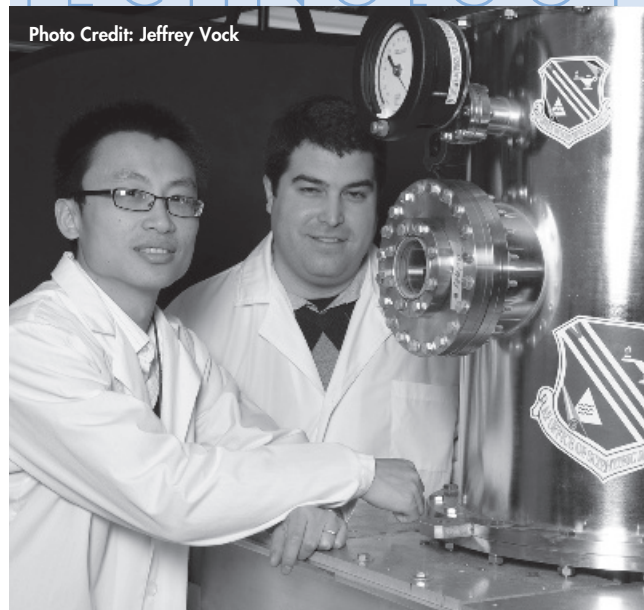
Research Leads to Results

Data from these experiments could lead to the development of drugs effective in fighting nerve-based cancers. Beginning results have been promising with major implications for treating various serious diseases.

For more information about the Vickers Challenge, please contact Ana Cravo at (201) 761-6104.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

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The Center for Microplasma Science and Technology (CMST) at Saint Peter's College, the first and only scientific and educational center devoted entirely to the field of microplasma research in the United States, held its official opening on Sept. 10. Research conducted by Jose Lopez, Ph.D. '00 and Wei-Dong Zhu, Ph.D., earned the College the initial \$2 million federal grant needed to establish the CMST. Above, Dr. Zhu (left), director of research, and Dr. Lopez (right), the CMST's director, with their new vacuum chamber, which is used to create an environment similar to upper atmosphere where air is very thin, or even as it is in space, where almost no air is found.



For more information about the CMST, please go to www.spc.edu/cmst.

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Make a Difference in the Lives of Our Students This Holiday Season

Holiday celebrations offer a time to reflect on all that has happened and to acknowledge the blessings that have been received during the year.

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Meet Jeanette Wilmanski, Ph.D. '00, Department of Biology

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"I am proud to tell my students that I am a Saint Peter's College alumna. I always tell my students, 'If I can do it, you can, too,' when facing academic challenges," Jeanette Wilmanski, Ph.D., says. She is an outstanding faculty member as well as a 2000 graduate of the College,

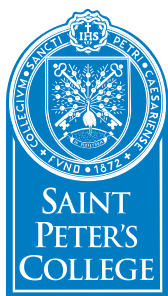
who received a partial academic scholarship when she attended as an undergraduate.

When Jeanette first came to campus, she was intimidated but quickly put at ease by the warm and caring faculty members and staff. She recalls, "I found that during my college career, not only was I developing intellectually, but also as an individual as well."

Saint Peter's College prepared her for a career in biomedical sciences and teaching. Jeanette completed her Ph.D. at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey and immediately began working in a research laboratory at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute/Harvard

Medical School. Shortly after this experience, Jeanette reports that she "jumped at the opportunity to apply for a faculty position in the Department of Biology because of the fond memories that had stayed with me and a chance to teach again."

Jeanette is now in her fourth year as faculty and cites the strong sense of community as a unique characteristic of Saint Peter's College. To Jeanette, the College community is not only students, staff, administration and faculty, but also alumni who wish to pass on their positive experiences through gifts of time, compassion and resources. Jeanette's academic and personal success is an inspiration to current students.



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