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Herbert J. Schneider, Esq. '59 Hard Work Pays Off

Thomas A. Edison once wrote, "There is no substitute for hard work." For Herbert J. Schneider, Esq. '59, hard work has always been a part of his life.

Born and raised in Newark, N.J., to German (paternal) and Polish (maternal) parents, Herbert graduated from Saint Mary's Abbey Parochial School in 1949 and Saint Benedict's Prep in 1953. During his high school years, Herbert worked as a copy boy for the *Newark Evening News* three out of the four years he attended Saint Benedict's. This work ethic continued upon graduation. Herbert had to "first work in order to earn enough for my first year's tuition." But his resolve paid off. Two years after graduating from high school, he was able to matriculate to Saint Peter's.

"In some respects, starting my college life two years after prep school made me appreciate going to college even more, especially when I had to work to pay for my tuition," he says. "As a consequence, I never considered any of my courses as dull or uninteresting."

The retired lawyer, husband and father of four recalls his time at Saint Peter's as a period of intellectual growth. While majoring in economics, Herbert also took an interest in mathematics, biology and philosophy. "The access to the humanities, philosophy and theology all helped in defining my character and how I would live my life, both on a personal basis and as a member of the law profession," Herbert says.

Herbert attributes his passion for these courses to the professors who instructed him, citing the late Professor John F. Dunn of Modern Languages and Professor

Emeritus of History Thaddeus Tuleja as some of his favorites. "Saint Peter's was able through its faculty to provide its students, and me in particular, with a lot of individual attention. That is something that is not always possible at larger institutions."

The Jesuits also made a favorable impression on Herbert. He calls the late Fathers Paul Curtin, John Gormley, Aidan McMullen, Wallace Pangborn, Matthew Rooney and Joseph Schuh "delights," whose teachings prepared him well for both the physical and spiritual world outside of Saint Peter's.

In his senior year, Herbert was one of 10 students inducted into the Most Noble Order of the Peacock, the oldest scholarship society at Saint Peter's, for attaining the highest scholastic average in all courses throughout his first three years at the institution. He was also the recipient of *The Wall Street Journal* Award for student achievement in economics.

After graduating from Saint Peter's with a bachelor's degree in economics in 1959, Herbert attended the University of Miami Graduate School of Business and obtained his master's in 1961. He went on to attend Boston College Law School and received his juris doctorate in 1964.



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Men and Women for Others

Students Participate in Service Trip to Ecuador

Recently, 12 Saint Peter's University students participated in a nine-day service trip to Ecuador through Campus Ministry's Global Outreach: Service and Solidarity Program. The team volunteered at the Working Boys' Center (WBC) in Quito—a Catholic institution that assists children and their families by strengthening moral values and providing help through programs of information and social assistance.

Richard Palma '15 decided to join Global Outreach Ecuador three years ago. "The primary reason was because my nationality is Ecuadorian and this was an opportunity to give back to my country," Richard says.

He adds, "My first time coming to the Working Boys' Center, I knew that I was going to do volunteer work and help out the poor people of Quito. What was very unexpected was the good feeling of helping those in need that I felt and the relationships I built with the children. This made me want to return for a second year."

This Jesuit call to *Magis*—the restless desire to do more, think bigger and work harder all for the greater glory of God—wasn't limited to Richard. "There were 14 of us (myself; Walvi De Jesus, junior/senior counselor of the Educational Opportunity Fund Program at the University; and 12 students), and we were the largest Global Outreach team in the program's history," says Dwayne

Paul '08, assistant director for faith and global justice for the Office of Campus Ministry. "The team was very enthusiastic to help out, spend time with the children of the center and share how they processed the experience during our reflections."

Volunteers are involved in all aspects of the center's services, including the day care center, accredited school education program, vocational training, small business management and home building, and play a key role in assisting the Ecuadorian staff with services to families. The team prepared and served food, cleaned, visited houses, shadowed classes, played with children, and conversed with teenagers and adults.

The group also joined together in prayer regularly, and had discussions and reflections guided by the group leader, Dwayne.

"It is often a lesson in humility and managing expectations for my students to realize that they were not invited to Ecuador to save the world, but that they are the primary beneficiaries of their time here," Dwayne says.

The WBC was founded in 1964 by Rev. John Halligan, S.J., in order to provide schooling for local shoeshine boys who dropped out of conventional day school in order to help support their families. Today, the center operates three sites in Quito and serves more than 2,000 people each day.



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Richard, who is currently a junior and has participated with the Global Outreach service trip to Ecuador every academic year, says, "Over the three years that I've been coming to the center, I learned many things. First, one of the most important missions of the center is not helping the poor, but helping the poor to be able to help themselves. Second, every child that I've seen had happiness in themselves despite their needs and conditions, and it is something that many people don't see. Happiness is not found in money or material things but in the unity of people. Third and lastly, I've seen the hope that this center gives to many people and the opportunity that it gives to them to excel in their lives."

Due to the success of volunteer efforts in Ecuador, campus ministry will be expanding Global Outreach this year with trips to Mexico from May 22 to 31 and the Dominican Republic from June 3 to 11.

"It is an alternative educational space where students can learn a great deal about themselves and the world in a different culture," Dwayne concludes.

For more information about Global Outreach or to learn about ways you can help, please contact us at (201) 761-6104 or acravo@saintpeters.edu.

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Herbert spent his working career as an attorney, mainly in the pharmaceutical industry and principally in their international transactions. He retired in 1995 and now spends his time with wife, Diane, sailing on Penobscot Bay in Maine during the summer months or catching a game of golf in Florida during the winter months.

In 2000, Herbert decided it was "time for me to pay back some of what was provided to me" and established an endowed scholarship. Also, he has provided for Saint Peter's in his estate plan through a revocable trust.

"The Bible tells us that when we pray, we should do it silently because the Father hears us, even though no one else does," he says. "That is enough of a legacy for me: to know that I have helped or will help someone in need, much as Pope Francis is encouraging us to do."

While Saint Peter's continues to undergo many positive changes, Herbert hopes one thing about the Jesuit institution will remain the same. "Being the only Jesuit college or university in New Jersey, I feel it is important that the school maintain its Catholic identity and continue to offer theology courses for those students who wish to participate in such undertakings," he says. "In order to help in maintaining justice in our society, not only are theological subjects of importance, but also ethics and philosophy programs as well."

Herbert adds, "The liberal arts also contribute to that goal as they help us learn about and understand our fellow citizens."



Herbert encourages other alumni to make their own mark at Saint Peter's. "Don't hesitate in providing someone with the opportunity that we as alumni had," he states. "It doesn't have to be a large gift to help in working miracles, as even small gifts help to support the school and its students."

Herbert J. Schneider is married to Diane. He is the father of Claire, Erich, Kurt and the late Karin. He resides in a summer residence in Kingston, Mass., but spends the better part of the summer on a sailboat in Maine. During the winter, he and his wife call Florida home.



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