

***A Message from the President
April 2, 2018***

Dear Felician Community,

This being Easter Monday - the second day of Eastertide here in the western world - the conclusion of Holy Week, and the observance of Passover, I hope you and your families had a meaningful time together. I am very pleased to once again share "all things Felician" in this April update. As I reflect on the many achievements since my last message, I am grateful to each of you for your contributions. It's even more exciting to consider all that lies ahead for Felician University as spring finally arrives.

Transforming Lives Campaign

On the campaign front, our Friend Raising and Alumni events in Delray Beach, Florida last month were successful, and we expect our journey south will soon bear some fruit in the form of financial support for the build out of our ARC project. More Friend Raising events are planned in Camden, New Jersey later this month (April 11), at Trustee Beth Lenke's home in Manhattan (April 25) and in New York City (May 22). We will also be hosting a Planned Giving Tea on June 15 to showcase the many ways in which to support our University. Please contact John Farkas if you have anyone interested in attending these Friend Raiser events and supporting Felician University.

Athletic Recreation Complex (ARC) Update

On March 16, 2018, Felician University's application for the Site Plan approval for the ARC Complex to the Borough of Rutherford Planning Board. If all paperwork is approved as complete, we may go before the Planning Board on April 19, 2018.

New Hires for the Fall 2018 Semester

Efforts to hire new staff and faculty for the 2018 fall semester continue. **Dr. Manuela Caciula** - currently adjunct faculty at Felician - has accepted a full-time position to lead our new Exercise Sports Program. Within our criminal justice program, retired FBI agent, **Theresa Fanelli** - also formerly adjunct faculty - has accepted a full-time position. **Drs. Melany Rivera-Maldonado** (PysD) and **Lavina Sequeira** (Philosophy) have accepted full-time and half-time positions, respectively.

Other Faculty Appointments

- **Dr. John C. Burke:** School of Education, Professor and Executive Director: International Center for Autism and Disabilities Research and Education (ICADRE)

Noteworthy Events, Programs and Recognition



U.S. Rep. Gottheimer Outlines Vision for Tech Jobs in NJ

On March 19, U.S. Representative for NJ's 5th District, Josh Gottheimer, spoke with local business leaders at a tech forum held at Bergen Community College, where he outlined his vision for the future of technology jobs in New Jersey. Gottheimer discussed opportunities for private firms and public education institutions to work together to create a workforce prepared with the technical education necessary to fill New Jersey's middle skill jobs. According to Manpower Group's Talent Shortage Survey, 44% of employers cite the absence of technical skills as the most significant barrier to fulfilling their needs. In his speech, Congressman Gottheimer stated . . . "In North Jersey, Felician University

is offering a range of degree programs on cybersecurity to prepare the next generation for this growth sector.” The complete transcript of Congressman Gottheimer's remarks can be found [HERE](#).



Honored by NJBIZ as one of Best 50 Women in Business

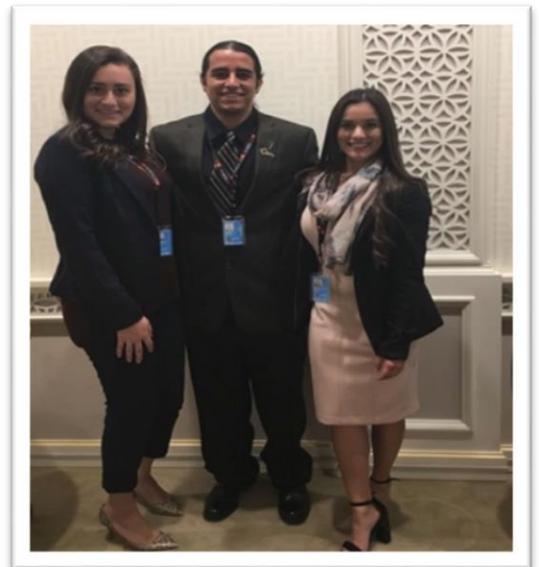
Also on March 19, I joined notable New Jersey women honored by the state's leading business journal NJBIZ as one of the year's Best 50 Women in Business. I am so grateful to be in the position to help others better their lives and improve the world condition through higher education.

United Nations RASIT Fellowship Program

Earlier this year, Felician University senior Kevin Cataldo, and sophomore Arvin Narvaez were nominated and appointed as Felician University's United Nations – Department of Public Information (UN-DPI) Youth Representatives. Kevin and Arvin were honored to be representing Felician in this capacity at the United Nations. Joseph Leone, a sophomore, was also nominated and appointed as a UN Youth Student Leader for Felician. All three students have been interning at the United Nations for the entire 2017-18 academic year through Felician's UN-RASIT Fellowship Program and are excited about continuing their work at the United Nations through the spring semester. Kristina Tawadros and Marcela Alvarado, both seniors at Felician University, were also nominated and appointed as UN-DPI Youth Representatives for RASIT. Kristina and Marcela began their work at the United Nations through Felician's UN-RASIT Fellowship Program.



Left to right) Arvin Narvaez, Kevin Cataldo, and Joseph Leone.



(Left to right) Kristina Tawadros, Kevin Cataldo and Marcela Alvarado.

Dr. Kathy Vito (center) and her two students, Marie Cadet and Julie Grayson arrive in Haiti.



Felician Brings Nursing Skills and Clinical Services to Haiti

Just two weeks after Sister Marilyn Marie Minter and SM Inga Borko moved into their new Felician Mission complex in Jacmel, Haiti, Dr. Kathleen Vito, Ph.D., professor of Clinical Nursing at Felician University and two of her students traveled to the coastal commune to share their nursing skills and offer clinical service to a country still recovering from the devastating earthquake of 2010. Accompanying Dr. Vito were Marie Cadet, RN, BSN, from Maplewood, NJ, and Julie Grayson, RN, BSN, from Ridgewood, NJ. Together with their professor, Marie and Julie worked with the Mother Angela Clinic, and made home health care visits to some of the poorest neighborhoods in Jacmel. Both students are in the Family Nurse Practitioner Track MSN program, and the experience of Marie and Julie

in Haiti was part of their final clinical coursework. Both will be graduating this summer as Primary Care Nurses. I am so proud of Dr. Vito, Marie, and Julie for demonstrating our Franciscan values and offering their time and expertise to help those in need. Their presence brought joy and comfort to their Haitian brothers and sisters.



(LEFT) Dr. Vito and one of her nursing students wash the feet of a young girl.



(RIGHT) Testing the blood pressure of a young girl.

Breaking Bread with the Felician Sisters

Smiles and joy abounded as our administration, faculty, staff, and students enjoyed lunch with the sisters at Immaculate Conception Convent in Lodi. Dr. Sylvia McGeary, executive director for mission integration, was quoted by Our Lady of Hope Province newsletter: "Members of the University are always amazed with the past and present ministries accomplished by the sisters. Inevitably, there's a smile on my face when the sisters thank me for bringing our personnel for lunch."



Medicine (SIIM) Club Hosts CPR Course at Felician

On March 24, Dr. Gaby Fahmy, faculty mentor for the Students Interested in Medicine (SIIM) Club, hosted a 4-hour CPR course for 17 of our students.

Nationwide Walk-Out in Remembrance of the Parkland Tragedy

We had about 25-30 students on our Rutherford and Lodi campuses participated in the nationwide *Walk Out* on March 1 to honor and remember the victims of the tragedy at Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School. Many participants also signed a statement of support and took part in a prayer service.



Our young future teachers stood outside Sammartino Hall together in quiet reflection to honor those lives lost in Parkland Florida and to show solidarity for peace in our schools.

Golden Falcons Athletic Highlights

Felician ended its fourth year of varsity intercollegiate women's bowling competition with a dual-match won-lost record of 52-58. Of the Golden Falcons' 12-player roster, seven members were four-year seniors who helped establish the women's bowling program at Felician – (below) right-handers [Heather Androvich](#) (Carteret, N.J./Carteret), [Michelle Gulino](#) (Howell, N.J./Howell), [Kristen Keller](#) (Reading, Pa./Schuylkill Valley), [Alex Laurenzano](#) (Brick, N.J./Brick Township), [Kristin Natoli](#) (Freehold, N.J./Howell), [Kaitlyn Stapleton](#) (Washington Township, N.J./Westwood Regional) and [Jessica Zalewski](#) (Barnegat, N.J./Barnegat).



Baseball and Softball are in Full Swing

Wow, Michael Gutierrez's incredible 13 strikeouts this past Saturday against Jefferson were a Felician Baseball freshman *record* and just one shy of our school's overall record. Felician University freshman [Trevor Cykowski](#) (Woodbridge, N.J./Woodbridge) has been chosen as the [Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference](#) (CACC) Baseball Player of the Week and Rookie of the Week. Go Trevor! Junior right-hander [Will Kazura](#) (Saddle Brook,

N.J./East Stroudsburg North [Pa.] pitched 5 2/3 scoreless innings to lead Felician to a 3-1 Game 2 victory over visiting Chestnut Hill College on March 28. Talk about winning streaks, our women's softball team won their last five games - the most recent wins last week against Goldey Beacom at home. Check the schedules on the Felician website for upcoming games and please join us in cheering on your Golden Falcons. Go Felician!

New Virtual Tour Videos on the Felician Website

Speaking of the Felician website, please check out the new video tours of our University, our schools, academic programs, and our many study abroad opportunities by clicking [HERE](#). The new streaming videos offer a great way to learn about our University. The new videos allow prospective students to tour Felician from the comfort of their own homes. Please encourage your constituents to view the videos to explain "Why Felician". Special thanks to admissions, marketing, and the academic deans and students for their participation in this very creative and high energy production.



Internship Information Sessions

The Felician Career Development Center hosted an information session in the Lodi Library to answer questions and offer guidance about summer and fall internships. Deadlines for submitting applications for summer and fall internships are April 16 and July 30, respectively. Those students unable to attend the event but who are interested in either a summer or fall internship can reach out to the Felician Career Development Center at either 201-559-3619 or email at careerdevelopmentcenter@felician.edu. A student internship checklist and list of the University's internship employers is [HERE](#).

Stigma Free Programs to Prevent Suicide and Quit Smoking

Two important initiatives as part of our Stigma Free commitment include a mandatory completion by students, faculty, and staff of a suicide prevention program - "Ask, Listen, Refer". Offered in accordance with the Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act in New Jersey, the online program takes roughly 15 minutes to complete - required to be done in one sitting. We have asked our Felician community to register for the short online program by visiting <http://www.asklistenrefer.org/felician>. The second Stigma Free initiative took place on March 27 when those in our Felician family who were thinking about quitting cigarette smoking had an opportunity to stop by the Counseling Center's table in the Rutherford Dining Center.



Additional Reminders:

- All are invited on **April 4, 2018 1:15-2:15pm in the Obal Lecture Hall** to President Prisco 's update and our Middle States Kick-off.
- On April 26, 2018 at 7:00pm, The Pope John Paul II Lecture (JPPII) will be held in Obal Hall. More information to follow.
- Baccalaureate Mass will be held on Friday, May 18th, 2018 at 7pm in the Lodi Campus, Sisters Chapel.
- Commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 19, 2018, The School of Arts and Sciences along with the School of Education will begin at 10:30am and the School of Nursing along with the School of Business will begin at 3:30pm. Both will be held on the Lodi Campus, in the Performing Arts Center (PAC).



- The Girl Scouts will be in the Rutherford Dining Center today (April 2) from 4:00 until 6:00 p.m. selling cookies. With Lent behind us, please consider stopping by for a box of these irresistible treats in support of a good cause. Of course, it's part of our on-going community outreach program.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events over the next several weeks. As I previously mentioned, we need your support in attending - and recommending folks to attend – our Friend-Raisers. Of course, I welcome your presence at campus events, Baccalaureate Mass, and Commencement.

Peace and All Good,

Anne M. Prisco, Ph.D.