
Holy Cross Parent and Family Newsletter

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Pictured above is the main reading room of the Dinand Library. It is a beautiful space with tall ceilings and columns. It is a favorite space for many students to study.

Greetings, Families!

Here on campus, we are finally taking a deep relaxing breath as Commencement has concluded. This is one of my favorite times of year at the College – we experience so much joy watching graduates celebrate their accomplishments during commencement, and welcoming new students and families to our community! We hope this newsletter gets you excited for whats to come and helps you get a sense of what is coming up for students.

What's Ahead?

Students recently received information from their Class Dean, Rob Bellin, about signing up for virtual academic advising appointments this summer. This will be an opportunity for your student to meet 1:1 with a faculty member and talk through their course interests, ask questions they might have about upcoming academic deadlines, and feel better prepared for enrollment. There are a handful of [academic deadlines](#) in June, so please encourage your student to check their email and sign-up for advising if they haven't already. Visit the [incoming student website](#) for more information.

Student Accessibility Services

If your student believes they may need accommodations (academics, housing, or dining) due to a disability, we encourage them to start the request process now with our wonderful team in the [Office of Student Accessibility Services](#). Review [documentation guidelines](#) online and consider joining us for their upcoming webinar on Monday, June 10. See our upcoming webinars section for more information.

Class Reading

Each year the class dean asks students to read a common text. The first-year reading connects students to the Holy Cross community through a shared reading experience, welcoming them into a culture that values the thoughtful discussion of ideas.

This year, Dean Rob Bellin has selected *World of Wonders* by Aimee Nezhukumatathil. We encourage students to read this over the summer so that they may engage with their peers when they join us in the fall. Excitedly, the author has also agreed to come to campus this fall to present her reflections on the book. We encourage you to consider joining along or engaging them in conversation about what they are reading. [Dean Bellin has posed some questions for them to consider.](#)

“From the Hill to You” Webinar Series

The Office of Parent and Family Engagement presents the “From the Hill to You” webinar series designed specifically for parents and families. Throughout the year, sessions will be offered on a variety of topics with the goal of providing information and highlights from life on the Hill to help families support

their students. We kick-off the series this summer with sessions specifically geared towards the transition of incoming families. Upcoming sessions are listed below. Review the full schedule and register [here](#).

[Learn More and Register Here](#)

From the Hill to You: Preparing for Your Student's Academic Experience at Holy Cross

Tuesday, May 28 | 7:30 PM ET



Rob Bellin
Class Dean



Mary Roche
Director of Vocare
Academic Advising & Mentoring

At Holy Cross, we encourage students to explore – to take risks, ask questions, and pursue varied interests. Join Class Dean, Rob Bellin, and Director of Vocare, Academic Advising & Mentoring, Mary Roche, as they discuss what students can expect during their academic experience at Holy Cross. They'll also discuss how students can make the most of academic advising and maximize opportunities during course preference selections. Join us for this webinar and discover what you can do to support them as they navigate this process.

[Register Here](#)

From the Hill to You: Student Accessibility Services

Monday, June 10 | 7:30 PM ET

As students enter Holy Cross, we hope they engage early with the Office of Student Accessibility Services should they need to. The process for self-advocating and applying may look different from their experiences in high

school. We encourage parents, guardians, and/or support people to join the Student Accessibility Services team to learn more about our office, the steps your student should take to engage with the office, and how you can help support your students during this transition into and throughout college.

[Register Here](#)

Stay Connected!

Complete the Family Information Form so that we can stay connected with you! Completing this form helps ensure you are on the College's email and mailing distribution lists.

[Complete the Form](#)

Meet Katie Hardy

As you write to the Office of Parent and Family Engagement or call with questions, Katie Hardy might be on the other end of the line to help offer support! Katie is a Worcester native and an alumnae of the College, Class of 2000. She was excited to return to the College a few years ago after spending 20 years in Texas. With two daughters in college, she loves the perspective it gives her in helping parents best help their own students.

Conversation Starters

- Have you read through the [Montserrat course descriptions](#) yet? What is sounding interesting? Anything excite you that you were surprised by?
- What are you most excited about? Do you have any fears you'd like to share?

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