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## Class of 1987 News & Events

**Correction: A previous email stated reunion as June 1-3, which should be **June 3-5**. Hoya Saxa!**



GEORGETOWN CLASS OF 1987  
May 2021 NEWSLETTER  
*Crafted for you by the Class of '87 Committee*

### **WELCOME AND HAPPY SPRING!**

Dear Class of 1987,

We hope you're staying safe and well while enjoying this beautiful springtime! As I mentioned in our winter edition of the class newsletter, our sense of community has only become more important over the past few months, and we hope that these newsletters are a way for you to feel connected to your fellow classmates, as well as the broader Georgetown community. We hope our class initiatives will be a source of light as we all continue forging on to whatever tomorrow may bring.

In this spring edition, Beth Kissinger (SFS'87) caught up with Stephanie Rawlings von Friedeburg (SFS'87), the chief operating officer – International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group. Our very own Bill McGarvey (C'87) wrote for *America Magazine* about the legacy of John Thompson Jr. in “Confronting Racism in Basketball and the Jesuits: The Extraordinary Life of Georgetown’s John Thompson.” Larry Everling (B'87) provides an update about the most recent Peter Murphy Scholarship recipient, Jacob Montes. And for some more light-hearted fare, scroll down to find trivia, plus photos from campus then and now!

Thank you to all who have volunteered to be a part of the 35th Reunion Committee. On behalf of Georgetown’s Class of '87, **we cannot thank you enough.**

Mary Arends-Kuenning (SFS'87)	Susan Fleischner Kornspan (C'87)	David Matthews (SFS'87) Paul McCarthy (C'87)
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Note that volunteers are still welcome! Please reach out to Ciara Huey-Burns, our class liaison, at [ch1269@georgetown.edu](mailto:ch1269@georgetown.edu) to get involved.

We hope each and every one of you stay well, and we look forward to the day we can gather together *in person* to celebrate our **35th Reunion in June of 2022!** (June 3-5 if you want to mark your calendars.)

Wishing you a happy spring and brighter days in the coming year!

Hoya Saxa,

Paul McCarthy (C'87, Parent'25)  
*Chairman of the Class Committee*

## Class Events

### **Join Us To Pray The Rosary—With Hoyas from the Classes of '85, '86, '87, '88**

All are welcome to join fellow classmates during these challenging times for some quiet reflection, solace, and prayer, led by Fr. Mike Garanzini, S.J. (Consider joining us even if you haven't prayed the rosary in a very long time!)

**Thursdays at 8 p.m. EDT**

**Zoom link:** <https://georgetown.zoom.us/j/94878743032?pwd=THVaNXk3a0d2UHUvbTJJbDNLVbXhQQT09>

**By Phone:** [3017158592](tel:3017158592)

**Meeting ID:** 948 7874 3032

**Passcode:** 636458

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## **Staying Connected Despite The Pandemic**

For those that missed it, the latest addition to the series of festive Zoom calls our class has hosted was held on Blue and Gray Day. With a nod to the cocktail theme, it was dubbed the Blue (Curacao) and Gray (Goose) Day and featured a Hoya-themed cocktail competition, music by Lou Higgins, live mixology demonstrations of classmate-submitted recipes, and plenty of catching up! Many of the recipes submitted by classmates will be featured drinks at our 35th Reunion! The event was led by class volunteers Bill McGarvey, Jeff Markowitz, Patty Ducharme, Paul McCarthy, Trish Murphy Wegman, and Beth Kissinger.



## Cocktail Winning Recipes

### The LuAUInginGERAle (non-alcoholic)

**Submitted By:** Lou Higgins

#### Ingredients:

2 oz. club soda  
 2 oz pineapple juice  
 1 oz lime juice  
 3/4 oz sage simple syrup\*\*  
 3/4 cup ginger beer  
 Grilled pineapple slice and sage leaves  
 for garnish

Shake all ingredients except ginger beer and club soda until the shaker is frosty. Strain into a glass filled with crushed ice. Add soda and ginger beer. Stir. Garnish with grilled pineapple slice and fresh sage leaves.



\*\*boil 1/2 cup water, stir in 1/2 cup sugar until dissolved, add 1/2 cup chopped sage leaves and let simmer for 20 minutes. Let stand for eight hours. Strain and refrigerate until ready to use.

## The Happy Hoya Hibiscus Martini

**Submitted by:** Trish Murphy

### Ingredients:

1.5 oz hibiscus-infused Gray Goose Vodka

1 oz fresh lime juice

3/4 oz simple syrup

2 oz sparkling water (if poured over ice)

Sliced lime for garnish

Mixing instructions: Add vodka, lime juice, and simple syrup into a shaker with ice. Shake and strain into a martini glass, or pour over ice into a glass and top with sparkling water. Garnish with lime.

## Class Updates

### The Peter Murphy Scholarship

The Peter Murphy Memorial Scholarship for the Georgetown Men's Soccer team was established in 2008, one year after Murph passed away at 42. The fund was started by his good friends, Jim McGrail and Joe LaPlante. In 2017, as part of our 30th Reunion campaign, total funds raised for the scholarship passed the \$1 million level. **Thank you to everyone from our class who has contributed so generously.** [Donating to the Murphy Scholarship could not be easier](#), and remember, your contribution counts towards the Class of 1987's fundraising effort. On the Georgetown Giving page, you'll see a field entitled "Other" near the bottom. Just type in "Peter Murphy Memorial Scholarship."

**Jacob Montes**, a senior midfielder, has been the Georgetown University Men's Soccer team recipient of the Peter Murphy Memorial Scholarship since 2019.

Upon graduating this spring, he will finish his career for Coach Wiese's team, which won the NCAA Division 1 title in 2019, as arguably the most decorated player in Georgetown Men's Soccer history.

Among his achievements are:

2019 BIG EAST midfielder of the year

2019 unanimous first-team All BIG EAST  
 2019 third-team All-American  
 2019 lead Georgetown in goals with 11, including  
 several spectacular free-kicks  
 2021 named to the MAC Herman Award pre-  
 season watch list  
 2021 named by Top Drawer Soccer as the pre-  
 season #1 ranked top player to watch  
 Jacob finished his career on the Hilltop on Senior  
 Day, April 3, with two goals and two assists in a 5-  
 1 defeat of UConn. For this, he was awarded  
 College Soccer News Men's national player of the  
 week. He has been a pivotal leader of the team  
 that had a 27-game unbeaten streak, until the loss  
 to Seton Hall in the BIG EAST final late in April.

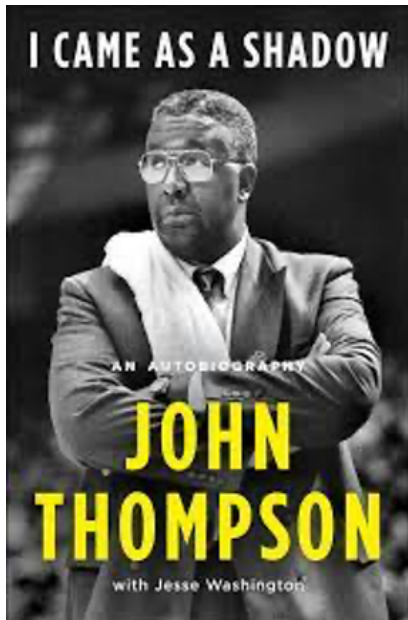


Following the UConn game, Jacob headed to Europe to become the first  
 Georgetown Men's team player to pursue offers to play for several top-tier  
 teams.

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### **Men's and Women's Georgetown Basketball Celebrates!**

Georgetown, under Patrick Ewing, won their first BIG EAST championship in  
 13 years. Great timing for the publication of classmate Bill McGarvey's (C'87)  
 review of Coach John Thompson's autobiography, *I Came as a Shadow*. Bill  
 states " I was fortunate to play drums on the sidelines with the band during  
 some of Thompson's most successful years. He was controversial in his day,  
 but in a post-George Floyd world, in many ways, we are just catching up to his  
 analysis of race in America." Read Bill's article, ["Confronting Racism in  
 Basketball and the Jesuits: The Extraordinary Life of Georgetown's John  
 Thompson."](#)



### Classmate Spotlight

**Stephanie (Rawlings) von Friedeburg  
(SFS'87, Parent'18, '20)**



In each *Class of '87 Newsletter*, we feature one of our classmates whose accomplishments or personal experiences uniquely demonstrate the spirit of Georgetown and the Class of 1987.

In this edition, we feature Stephanie Rawlings von Friedeburg (SFS'87), the chief operating officer – International Finance Corporation of the World Bank Group.

### **What have you been up to since Georgetown?**

Stephanie's language and areas of study at Georgetown were Russian and the Soviet Union. She began her career in New York working for Equitable in a leveraged buyout group. After three years, as Russia was beginning to open, she began an MBA/M.A. at the Lauder Institute in Russia area studies. At that time, there was not much focus on traditional investment banking in the former Soviet Union, so she applied to the IFC with the aim to stay for six months and then re-enter the private sector. Notably, she has been there for 29 years, spending the first nine years working on Russia and Eastern Europe projects helping those countries transition to a market economy, doing privatization work, and working on investment projects outside a typical industrial base. Stephanie then transitioned to run the IFC's telecom and technology team developing mobile networks in emerging markets at a time when there were few cell phones worldwide and they were still considered luxury items. She was promoted to chief information officer, working to consolidate all the technology sectors in the IFC, and subsequently became the COO, running the IFC's operations. The IFC is a cooperative owned by 189 member countries; on any given day, she may have to manage or confront issues that involve global political considerations, and the next, focus on management issues on the individual investment level in the developing world. Stephanie's job involves a lot of travel all over the developing world, oftentimes having to travel to multiple countries in the course of a week with weekends spent back in the States with family.

### **How did your Georgetown education and Jesuit training impact your career?**

Stephanie believes that the core of a Georgetown Jesuit education is all about the idea of 'service'. Her Jesuit training not only shaped her life view but has been foundational in her decision to work in development with the IFC that twins 'profit and purpose' to elevate prosperity in the developing world. Stephanie's extensive travels to the developing world and witnessing the poor conditions that families and children live in has changed her "life lens," and as a result, being in service to the idea of alleviating poverty and creating shared prosperity carries great personal and professional importance.

### **You have two daughters who graduated from Georgetown. What is the most significant change you have seen?**



Stephanie believes there is now a greater focus on learning outside of the classroom, with an emphasis on real-world application of the lessons taught. She is excited about a new joint program between the School of Foreign Service and the McDonough School of Business that integrates business and diplomacy. Similarly, there is an effort to have a cross-pollination of cyber technology and artificial intelligence studies and humanities, diplomacy, and politics, in addition to a global health major that partners the sciences and issues of global health.

### **What was your favorite time at Georgetown?**

Stephanie's favorite memories of her time on the Hilltop are fun times in the pub as well as having the opportunity to study abroad in Warsaw, Poland, which offered a unique opportunity to travel, study, and live behind the Iron Curtain.

## Then & Now

### **Class of '87 and Georgetown Trivia!**

*What do you really remember about our senior year?*

Test your knowledge with these questions:

#### **1. What was the number one song on the Billboard charts the week of our graduation?**

- A. Livin' on a Prayer (Bon Jovi)
- B. With or Without You (U2)
- C. Nothing is Going to Stop us Now (Starship)

#### **2. Who was the Hoyas leading scorer in 1986-1987?**

- A. Ronnie Highsmith
- B. Reggie Williams
- C. Charles Smith

#### **3. The Hoyas completed the 1986-87 season by:**

- A. Not making the NCAA tournament, and losing in the quarterfinals of the NIT to Nebraska.
- B. Making the NCAA Elite 8, but losing to Providence.

C. Making the NCAA Final 4 but losing to Syracuse.

**4. Which dorm was opened for the first time in our senior year?**

- A. Nevels
- B. Village C
- C. Arrupe Hall

**5. What was the top grossing movie in 1987?**

- A. St. Elmo's Fire
- B. Beverly Hills Cop 2
- C. Fatal Attraction

**6. The Dean of Students in 1987 was:**

- A. William Stott
- B. Peter Krough
- C. Jack DeGioia

**7. Which legendary Georgetown professor is sitting on the pictured campus bench?**

- A. Thomas M. King, S.J.
- B. Jan Karski
- C. Charles Pirtle

- 1) Answer is B: *With or Without You.*
- 2) Answer is B: *Reggie Williams.*
- 3) Answer is B: *Hoyas made Elite 8 but lost to Providence.*
- 4) Answer is B: *Village C.*
- 5) Answer is B: *Beverly Hills Cop 2.*
- 6) Answer is C: *Jack DeGioia.*
- 7) Answer is B: *Jan Karski*



## Ways to Get Involved

**Class of 1987 Newsletter:** Want to work with classmates on our future newsletters? It's a light lift and fun. Learn more by emailing [ptm2@georgetown.edu](mailto:ptm2@georgetown.edu)

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**Class of 1987 Facebook Group:** Join hundreds of fellow classmates by joining our Facebook group! There is so much wonderful content to keep everyone connected. We use this platform as a fun space to post throwback photos and share ongoing updates across the board. Our group is a good resource to keep updated on Class social events including webinars and virtual cocktail parties.

Follow this link to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GUClassof1987/>

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**Alumni Mentorship Georgetown Scholarship Program (GSP):** Join over 400+ alumni to offer support to a first-generation undergraduate student beginning in their sophomore year as they navigate networking, career paths, the college experience, and job search process.

Please reach out to [gspmentors@georgetown.edu](mailto:gspmentors@georgetown.edu) for mentorship opportunities.

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**Georgetown Alumni Career Network:** Are you an established alumni professional? Make valuable connections and help fellow Hoyas by lending your expertise through the Georgetown Alumni LinkedIn Group, Hoya Gateway, or Connect with Professional Alliances.

Learn more here: <https://alumni.georgetown.edu/careers/joining-the-network>

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**Regional Clubs:** Check in with your local Georgetown University Alumni Club to get involved in your area. Regional clubs hold virtual and in-person events throughout the year and offer several ways to get connected with local Hoyas!

Visit: <https://alumni.georgetown.edu/club-membership>

## University News

### [Georgetown University to Hold 2021 Commencement at Nats Park:](#)

Georgetown President John J. DeGioia, announcing the news Thursday, wrote that he wanted to “express my deep appreciation to the Nationals” and D.C. Mayor Muriel E. Bowser for working quickly with the university on the plan. “This is a special opportunity for us to celebrate the Class of 2021,” he wrote.

### [Georgetown Women’s Soccer Wins BIG EAST Title in Overtime Against Butler](#)

### [Georgetown Men’s Soccer Logs Late 1-0 Win over Creighton in BIG EAST Semifinals](#)

[Rediscovering the 1925 Georgetown University Women Graduates:](#) Degrees were awarded to Sisters of the Visitation of Holy Mary from neighboring Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, and to the Sisters of Saint Francis (SSF or OSF), who administered Georgetown’s hospital and nursing school.

The Lombardi Center launches [BellRinger](#), a bike ride and community movement to end cancer, benefiting Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center. BellRinger is a year-round grassroots initiative named after the triumphant moment when a cancer survivor rings their last treatment bell. The very first inaugural ride will be October 23, 2021.



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