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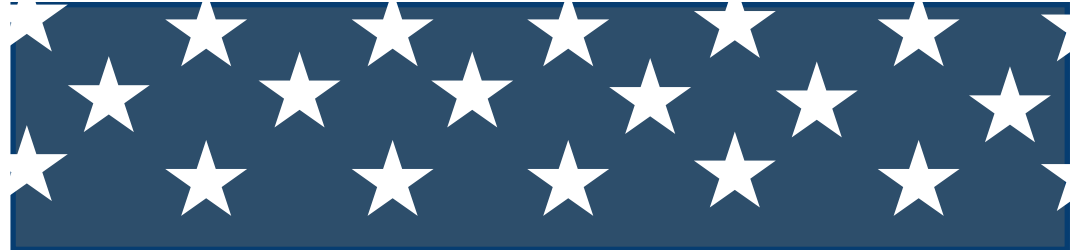
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UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Veterans Day Observance & Award Ceremony

Crystal Room, Mercy Hall
1678 Asylum Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06117

November 10, 2017
10:30 a.m. — 11:30 a.m.



Have you thanked a Veteran today?

Keynote Speaker
Vivian Garibay-Presa,14, M'16
U.S.A.F.

Vivian Garibay Presa, MSW'16; BSW'14 is a retired Master Sergeant who served 21+ years of active duty in the United States Air Force. Her major military decorations and awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (2 Oak Leaf Clusters), AF Commendation Medal (3 Oak Leaf Clusters), Joint Meritorious Service Achievement Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal. She was named Air Education and Training Command's "Educator of the Year", McGuire NCO Academy "SNCO of the Year", 45th Space Wing "NCO of the Year", Lieutenant General Leo Marquez Technician-Supervisor of the Year, and Air University's Lance P. Sijan Leadership recipient.

Graduating Summa Cum Laude, Sergeant Garibay-Presa earned her BSW with a minor in Latino Community Practice and a Concentration in Criminal Justice from USJ in 2014. She went on to earn her Masters of Social Work, with a specialization in Veterans Services, from USJ in 2016. For two years, she facilitated the Adelante Circle of Support Group as part of her work as the Graduate Assistant for the Institute for Latino Community Practice and was a valuable member of the LCP LOOP, an advisory group to I-LCP. In 2014, Vivian was awarded USJ's Antonia Pantoja Award for Latino Community Practice. In May 2016, Vivian served as the lead organizer for the *Caritas Conference: In Praise of Veterans* .

On November 11, 2016, she was awarded the first USJ Frances Shea Buckley Award.

We are thrilled to welcome her back to campus as this year's Keynote Speaker.

Oliver Priesnitz
2017 Recipient of the
Colonel B. Catherine Noble Award

Oliver served 20 years as a combat engineer with Bravo Company, 242nd Engineer Battalion of the Connecticut Army National Guard. His unit's mission included supporting the State in times of crisis, and was called up several times for weather emergencies. The unit was also deployed to the Dominican Republic to construct schools and other public structures that could double as hurricane shelters.

In his six years at USJ, Oliver has presented the best example of the citizen-soldier in his continued commitment to service and excellence. Oliver says that he still believes one of the core ideas of the military: "It's not about you, but the person to your left and right". In that light, it is easy to see how his service on behalf of the institution has always been emphatic and welcoming, with genuine concern for solving problems.

Oliver's commitment to mentoring young people does not stop with USJ students at the helpdesk; he has volunteered as a Leader in the Boy Scouts for 10 years.



Colonel B. Catherine Noble '47, DAA '75

Colonel B. Catherine Noble received a Bachelor of Science in Nutrition from the University of Saint Joseph (then Saint Joseph College) in 1947.

Noble, a native of Hartford, started her career at Veteran's Hospital in the Bronx, where she earned her certificate as a dietician. She then worked on the staff of McCook Memorial Hospital in Hartford, followed by Veterans Hospital in Rutland Heights, Massachusetts.

In 1951 Noble entered active duty with the Army, beginning a 28-year military commitment. She served as staff dietician at Percy Jones Army Hospital in Michigan, then, as Chief of the Clinical Dietetics Branch, was posted to facilities in Denver; Fort Carson, Colorado; and Frankfurt, Germany. Through the 1960s, Noble assumed executive assignments at the 10th Evac Hospital, Würzburg, Germany; Fittsimmons General Hospital, Denver; and US Army Hospital, Camp Zama, Japan. The 1970s returned Noble to the U.S., with back-to-back tours at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, first as Assistant Chief of Food Service, then as Chief of the Production and Service Branch. Noble's final assignment was at Tripler Army Medical Center, Honolulu, where she served as the Chief of Food Service Division. At the time of her retirement in 1979, Noble was among the highest-ranking African-American female officers in Army history and the first African-American woman to hold the rank of Colonel in the Army Medical Specialist Corps.

Noble greatly valued education, taking a Master of Science in Institutional Administration at Michigan State University and a Doctor of Education at George Washington University. After she retired, Noble shared her enthusiasm for education by tutoring with the Muscogee Alliance for Literacy Advance, the Prison Ministry of Israel Memorial CME Church, and teaching at Columbus College, Columbus, Georgia. Noble gave tirelessly to her church and as a volunteer dietitian at Saint Francis Hospital, Hartford. She maintained professional memberships and contacts in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the American Dietitian Association, the Retired Army Medical Specialist Corps Association, and the American Hospital Association.

Noble's achievements were celebrated by her beloved alma mater in 1975, when Saint Joseph awarded her the Distinguished Alumna Award. She later served the University as a member of the Board of Trustees and represented USJ at the inauguration of the LaGrange College president in 1997. Her extraordinary generosity continues through the Dr. B. Catherine Noble '47, DAA '75 Endowed Scholarship, which she funded to support students majoring in nutrition and health sciences.

Catherine Noble's selfless commitment to service reflects our founding Mercy values and brings great credit upon herself, her community, and all who prospered from her care.

"If I have accomplished anything praiseworthy, it is because God sent you to help and to bring out the best in me"--B. Catherine Noble, letter to family and friends, 1993

Veterans Day Observance and Awards Ceremony

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Opening Remarks.....	Tom Borjas Director, Advancement Services
Prayer	Reverend Emmanuel Ihemedu University of Saint Joseph Chaplain
National Anthem	Sung by Kristi Mullings
Welcome.....	Kenneth Bedini Interim VP of Student Affairs
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Cindy Dodge Associate Director, Academic Affairs
Keynote Address	Vivian Garibay -Presa'14,M'16 "I Stand" 2016 Recipient of the Frances Shea Buckley Award
Award Presentation	Kenneth Bedini Interim VP of Student Affairs
Closing Song: "America the Beautiful"...	Performed by Blue Jays in Spirit

*Veterans, please join us for lunch in the cafeteria
following the ceremony.*

Rear Admiral Frances T. Shea Buckley '50, DAA '79, H '10

Rear Admiral Frances Shea Buckley received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Saint Joseph (then Saint Joseph College) in 1950.

With the outbreak of the Korean War, Buckley joined the Navy and was assigned to Portsmouth, Virginia as a nurse. After a three year tour of duty, she remained in the Naval Reserve while teaching nursing at Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Massachusetts. She next pursued further training at the University of Chicago, followed by a Master of Science in Nursing Management from DePaul University.

In 1960, Buckley returned to active duty and served in a variety of teaching, nursing, and counselling assignments in the United States and Rota, Spain. In 1968, Buckley joined the hospital staff aboard *USS Repose*, serving as the operating room supervisor. At that time, *Repose* was stationed off the coast of Vietnam and treated over 2,000 combat casualties.

Buckley's subsequent assignments attest to the Navy's confidence in her abilities: Assistant Director, then Director, Nursing Services, National Naval Medical Center, Bethesda, Maryland; Director, Nursing Service, Naval Regional Medical Center, San Diego; and finally, Director of the Navy Nurse Corps in 1979. In assuming this final assignment, Buckley was promoted to Rear Admiral. At that time, she was the only active duty female Rear Admiral and one of the highest-ranking women in Navy history.

After her retirement from the Navy in 1983, Buckley remained active and engaged in her profession and her community. She was a member of the Catholic Nurses Association, the National League of Nursing, and the American Legion; served as a consultant to the Federal Emergency Management Agency; as a member of the Secretary of the Navy's Medical Research Committee; and as a Jurist on the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project Selection Committee. She also served on the board of directors for the Veterans Medical Research Foundation, The Retired Officers Association, and the San Diego Medical Federal Credit Union. She chaired the Veterans Administration Women's Advisory Committee and served on the faculty of the United States Air Force School of Aerospace Nursing.

Buckley's extraordinary achievements were recognized with a Distinguished Citizen Award by the city of Chicopee, Massachusetts; recognition as "One of America's Most Important Women Leaders" by *Ladies Home Journal*; an honorary degree from Elms College; Distinguished Alumna Award in 1976 and a Doctorate of Humane Letters *honoris causa* from her own University of Saint Joseph in 2010.

Frances Shea Buckley lived a life of distinction, compassion, and service. Our University, our country, and our Mercy Community are richer for having known her.

"I am comforted in the knowledge that we who served loved our fellow man with an intensity that sustained us while we shared his pain and despair with courage and dedication" --Frances Shea Buckley, dedication book, Vietnam Women's Memorial Project

Brian Tracey, M'17 2017 Recipient of the Frances Shea Buckley Award

Brian enlisted in the U.S. Air Force as a member of the Security Forces and served on active duty from 2006 - 2012. He fulfilled a vast range of law enforcement duties in both combat and peacekeeping missions. His deployments include Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2007 - 2008 and Operation Enduring Freedom in 2009 and 2011 - 2012. Selected individual decorations include Iraq Campaign Medal with 1 Service Star, Afghanistan Campaign Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Air Force Expeditionary Service Ribbon with Gold Border & 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Force Achievement Medal, and the Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster.

Brian earned his M.A. in School Counseling from USJ in 2017. While a student at USJ, he demonstrated his commitment to the USJ Mission through his leadership and dedication to others, as evidenced by his active role on the Veterans Affairs Committee. As a Veteran himself, Brian was able to raise the committee's awareness regarding Veteran's issues. In addition to serving on the Veterans Committee, he served on the 2016 - 2017 Veterans Day Observance & Awards Sub-Committee.

In the spring of 2016, the Institute for Latino Community Practice at USJ hosted the *Caritas Conference: In Praise of Veterans*. At the conference, Brian served as a student speaker on the panel regarding the experience of Veterans returning to school and society. He did an outstanding job answering questions and engaging effectively with the audience. He also helped set up a display table of Veteran memorabilia in the exhibit hall where he made the display very interactive by encouraging people to ask questions.

Brian clearly lives a life which reflects the USJ Mission of "strong ethical values, personal integrity, and a sense of responsibility to the needs of society".