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CORE COMMITMENTS



KNOWLEDGE AND TRUTH

Barry promotes and supports intellectual life, emphasizing life-long learning, growth, and development. The University pursues scholarly and critical analysis of fundamental questions of the human experience. In the pursuit of truth, the University advances development of solutions that promote the common good and a more humane and just society.



INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY

Barry is a global, inclusive community characterized by interdependence, dignity and equality, compassion and respect for self and others. Embracing a global world view, the University nurtures and values cultural, social and intellectual diversity, and welcomes faculty, staff, and students of all faith traditions.



SOCIAL JUSTICE

Barry expects all members of our community to accept social responsibility to foster peace and nonviolence, to strive for equality, to recognize the sacredness of Earth, and to engage in meaningful efforts toward social change. The University promotes social justice through teaching, research, and service.



COLLABORATIVE SERVICE

Barry is committed to serving local and global communities through collaborative and mutually productive partnerships. The University accepts responsibility to engage with communities to pursue systemic, self-sustaining solutions to human, social, economic, and environmental problems.



BUILDING A LEGACY TOGETHER

As we reflect on this past year at Barry University, I am continually inspired by our progress and the vision we share for the road ahead. We stand at the forefront of a transformative time in higher education, where adaptability, innovation, and an unwavering commitment to excellence are more vital than ever. With each step, we foster an environment that prioritizes integrated learning, elevates teaching standards, and champions scholarly inquiry—all with the singular aim of enhancing student success.

Our achievements would not be possible without you. Your investment in Barry University is an investment in the future—a future where socially conscious, highly skilled graduates emerge as leaders prepared to make a difference.

This year, we took significant strides in preserving the legacy of Operation Pedro Pan, a historic endeavor in which more than 14,000 unaccompanied minor refugees from Cuba were sent to the United States by their courageous parents, who sought to protect them from the indoctrination of Castro's communism. Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh entrusted us with his papers chronicling this profound project. In his honor, generous benefactor Max Alvarez established the Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh Endowed Director position at our Institute for Immigration Studies.

Our alumni remain the backbone of our continued success. Thanks to the dedicated work of former Alumni Board President Julia Lizotte, the university community continues to be a welcoming haven for our graduates. Under her leadership, the board served as a strategic ally in advancing the university's goals. As part of the presidential search committee, she helped uphold the university's vision.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to her and to you for your unwavering support and commitment to our shared mission. Together, we are shaping a future filled with boundless opportunities for our students and the communities they will go on to serve.

With sincere gratitude,

Mike Allen, Ph.D.
President



PURE PHILANTHROPY

On behalf of Barry University, I am pleased to present your 2022-2023 Philanthropic Annual Report. Your generosity to our students, our campus, and our shared community made a compelling difference.

Inside, you will read about some of Barry's generous donors and alumni. Max Alvarez, who immigrated to America when he was 13 years old from Cuba in the 1960s as one of the unaccompanied minors under Pedro Pan. He established the Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh Endowed Director position at the Institute of Immigration Studies. The endowment will support the director position in perpetuity. It will be led by Dr. Giselle Rios as the founding director, a daughter of a Pedro Pan herself.

You will also read our alumni spotlight on our former Alumni Board President, Jaime Lizotte. Lizotte's journey is a testament to the transformative power of leadership. Her path began at Barry University, where she balanced rigorous academic responsibilities with a myriad of leadership roles, including serving as a Resident Assistant, working with the Campus Activities Board, and participating in the Student Government Association. These experiences laid the foundation for a career that saw her rise through various human resource and product management positions, from recruitment roles to her current status as a Senior Manager and Director of Product Management.

Lizotte's commitment to Barry University did not end with her graduation. In 2016, she joined the alumni board to give back to the institution that shaped her. Her dedication led to a two-term presidency of the board while she pursued a master's degree in Human Resource Development. "Balancing my studies and board responsibilities was tough, but the camaraderie and support of my peers made it achievable," she recalls. In December 2019, Lizotte addressed alumni during her own graduation ceremony, reinforcing her belief in the importance of giving back through time and service.

I hope you feel inspired by their stories as I am. Thank you for your encouragement and support.

Best wishes,

Smilka Melgoza
Vice President, University Advancement

YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT
HAS GIVEN HUNDREDS OF BARRY
STUDENTS THE CHANCE TO REALIZE
THEIR DREAMS AND CREATE BETTER
FUTURES FOR THEMSELVES, THEIR
FAMILIES, AND OUR COMMUNITY.

TOTAL ENDOWMENT
END OF FISCAL YEAR 2023

\$54M 



\$900k

DOLLARS SPENT
FROM ENDOWMENTS



82

ENDOWED FUNDS



106

AWARDED
SCHOLARSHIPS

TOTAL COMMITTED IN FY 23 \$8M

UNIVERSITY FACTS

7,601

UNDERGRADUATE AND
GRADUATE STUDENTS

272 FULL-TIME FACULTY

61% PERCENT OF
BARRY GRADS
ARE FLORIDA
RESIDENTS

40% OF UNDERGRADUATES RECEIVE PELL GRANTS

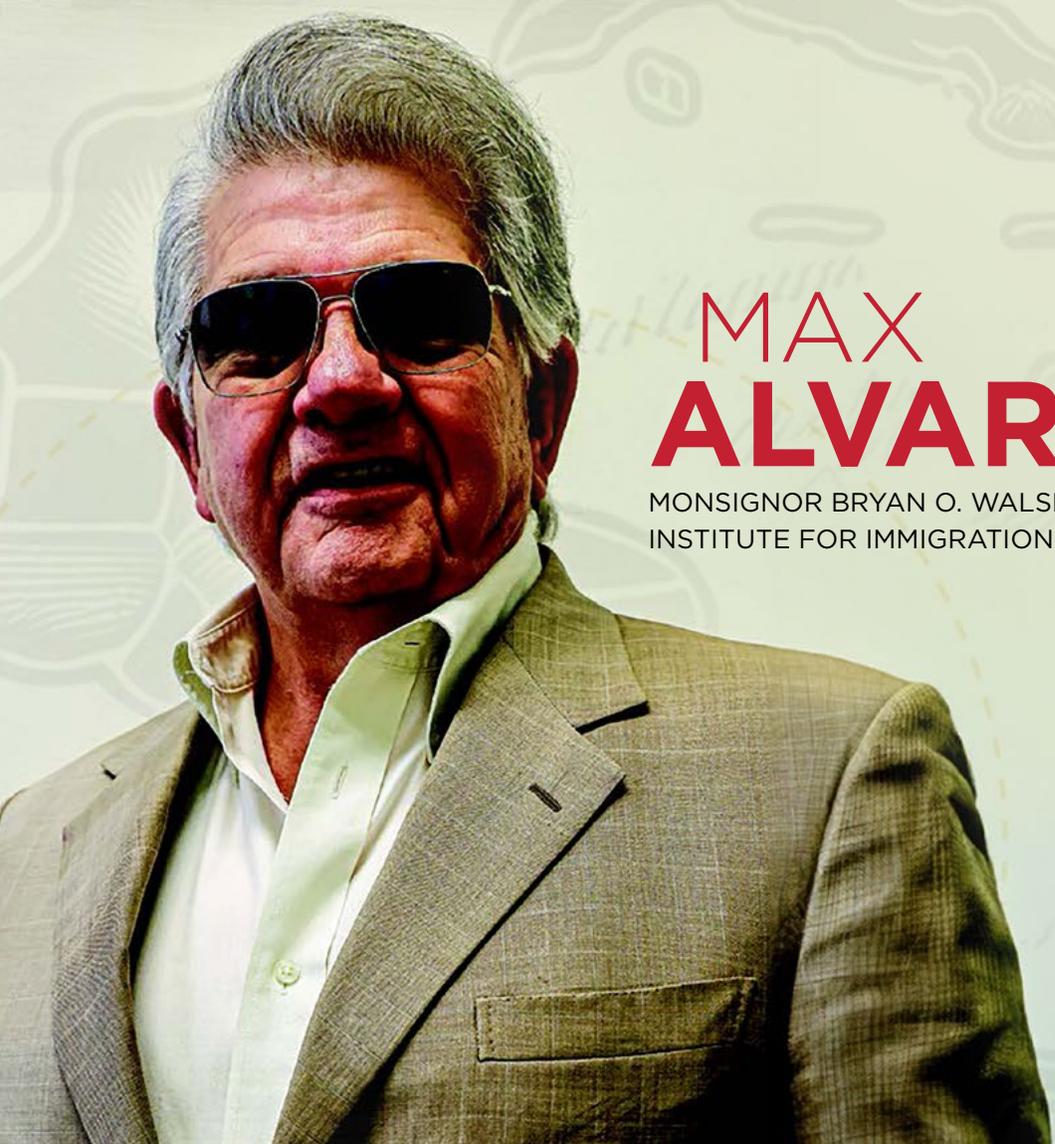
12:1 FACULTY TO
STUDENT RATIO

103
ACADEMIC
PROGRAMS

28% FIRST GEN (FULL-TIME, FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS)



CREATING **IMPACT**



**MAX
ALVAREZ**

MONSIGNOR BRYAN O. WALSH ENDOWED DIRECTOR
INSTITUTE FOR IMMIGRATION STUDIES

Max Alvarez was only 13 years old when he emigrated to the United States of America in the 1960s, one of over 14,000 unaccompanied minor refugees from Cuba during Operation Pedro Pan. The children were sent by their courageous parents, who were deeply concerned about the indoctrinating influences of Castro's communism.

Alvarez experienced a generous welcome to a country of opportunity. He lived his teen years in Miami under the care of Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh, leader of the Catholic Welfare Bureau that orchestrated the ambitious wave of immigration. The experience was one of the most formative of Alvarez's life, and Walsh became a lifelong mentor and friend.

The two had lunch just before Walsh passed away. The older man shared his hope of preserving the legacy of Operation Pedro Pan and that this unique and important piece of history would continue to be taught and shared. Alvarez matched Walsh's passion and decided to help fulfill his wish.

Barry University is an essential partner in that work. Walsh entrusted his papers about the project to the school's archives. In honor of his friend, Alvarez established the Monsignor Bryan O. Walsh Endowed Director position at the Institute for Immigration Studies.

"As I get older, I realize how my success is because of the education and love I received when I arrived in this country," said Alvarez. "The least I could do is pay it back. What I give today is only a fraction of what I was given."

The Endowment supports the director in perpetuity. The Founding Director is the daughter of a Pedro Pan herself. Dr. Giselle Elgarresta Rios says with the operation as the cornerstone, the institute is embracing a comprehensive study of immigration.

"The diversity of south Florida and the Barry student body is so rich," said Dr. Rios. "We want to honor and celebrate that diversity and create moments of encounter through art and programming."

Creating an Immigration Studies Minor was one of the institute's first major accomplishments. Under Dr. Rios' guidance, 2022-23 academic fellow Dr. Sabrina Des Rosiers developed the curriculum and the first students entered the minor in the fall semester of 2023. The coursework emphasizes historical, social, cultural, economic, political, and psychological elements of immigration and is offered to undergraduates from all majors.

Students in the minor study a range of disciplines. A child and adolescent psychology course examines how biological and environmental influences, including cultural background and immigration status, shape development. In biology, a human nutrition class emphasizes the rationale for food choices grounded in cultural diversity. A social work course explores trauma-informed practices mainly focused on immigrants and refugees. A speaker series, another institute initiative, engages the entire Barry community in immigration issues. Faculty researchers, attorneys, and community-based advocates have spoken about the current needs of immigrants.

The institute is also facilitating research. Four students presented their projects at Barry's 15th Annual STEM research symposium. Sadia Campbell studied differences in perceived discrimination between immigrant college students of diverse national origins. Rebecca Lampert presented a retrospective of the association between parental monitoring, helicopter parenting, and academic achievement in immigrant college students.

The first exhibit in the Institute for Immigration Studies' new gallery was an exploration of Operation Pedro Pan, curated by local residents who were part of the original group of 14,000 children. Students, faculty, school children, professional groups, and book clubs visited and interacted with the intimate immigration story. As a new display rotates in this winter, a small permanent gallery space will remain dedicated to the Pedro Pan project, fulfilling Walsh's — and Alvarez's — dream to keep this specific history alive.

A LIFELONG BOND

Alumna's faith in Barry culminates in two decades of leadership, connection



JAIME LIZOTTE

For Jaime Lizotte '05, MA '19, a “blind date” turned out to be a life-long relationship that would elevate her personal and professional life. Lizotte, a native of Maine, committed to Barry University without ever having visited. The child of middle-class parents, she was attracted to the university by scholarships and the promise of warm weather but didn't know anything about it. What she discovered was a warm, uplifting community that to this day is more like family.

Two decades later, Lizotte's successes have been profoundly intertwined with Barry University—from earning her bachelor's and master's degrees at the university to serving as the alumni board president for two terms before handing over the reins earlier this year.

But her relationship with Barry almost didn't get off the ground. On the eve of Lizotte's move to South Florida to attend the university, her father expressed concern about being able to afford tuition and living expenses. Steadfast in her commitment, Lizotte said, “God will make a way.”

Lizotte spent her freshman and sophomore years acclimating to her new surroundings and working to

make ends meet. By her junior year, her parents were able to help more, and she began pursuing more social and leadership opportunities on campus.

Lizotte built a leadership portfolio that was as diverse as it was impressive. Active in the Student Government Association and mentoring students within the business school, she was a linchpin in student life.

“Training undergraduate students to be orientation leaders and developing comprehensive training programs sharpened my organizational and mentorship skills,” Lizotte recalls.

She was also the Resident Assistant. Hall of the Year accolades and the highest student leadership honors became a testament to her drive to foster a sense of community.

Perhaps most memorable was her time with the Campus Activities Board, where she orchestrated large-scale events.

“Negotiating with the Hard Rock Café at Bayside for an exclusive Barry event was a pivotal moment. It honed my negotiation and event planning skills like nothing else,” she says. A senior slideshow project—collaborating with an off-campus production team—further sharpened her project management expertise.

Balancing these multifaceted roles while keeping her academic performance sharp demanded an ironclad work ethic. It was a pattern she’d repeat throughout her career.

Leveraging Barry’s career resources like mock interviews and job fairs, Lizotte swiftly secured her first post-graduate role. Though she pivoted from athletic training to earn a business degree, the shift led to an unexpected calling: human resources.

“My first job as a travel nurse recruiter was a turning point,” Lizotte reflects. “Event budgeting, negotiation—it all came into play.” Success there catapulted her into a

per diem recruiting role where she overhauled payroll systems and sharpened her operational acumen.

Each new position, from coordinator to senior manager and director of product management, was a step built on the foundation laid during her Barry years.

“Barry’s leadership training and the exposure to various conferences equipped me with the confidence to guide my own career path,” she says. Now, in her dual role that fuses HR with product development, she’s proof of the transformative power of those formative experiences.

“This position brings together everything I’ve learned—it’s the ultimate synthesis of my skill set,” she notes.

Her story comes full circle when she talks about her ongoing relationship with Barry. In 2016, she joined the alumni board, motivated by a desire to give back. That commitment deepened through her work on the scholarship committee and eventually led to her two-term tenure as board president—a role she took on while pursuing a master’s degree in Human Resource Development.

“Balancing my studies and board responsibilities was tough, but the camaraderie and support of my peers made it achievable.”

Standing at the podium in December 2019, addressing alumni during her own graduation, Lizotte experienced a moment that encapsulated her journey. “It reinforced the importance of giving back through time and service,” she says.

For Lizotte, the greatest reward lies in witnessing Barry’s growth while staying true to its core.

“What’s most fulfilling is bringing friends to campus and seeing that same welcoming spirit that was there when I was a student,” she notes.

Barry University isn’t just an alma mater for Lizotte—it’s a lifelong community, a springboard that launched her career, and a home that continues to inspire.



Stem symposium student with her project and her family

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President Allen and Scholarship Recipients at the 2023 Scholarship Recipient Dinner

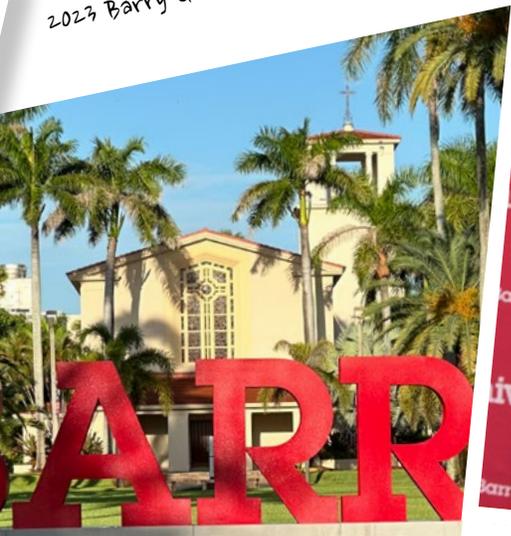
Associate Vice President, Alumni & Donor Relations, Dr. Shaunie Wall Marshall, welcoming a group of students for Barry Admitted Students Day



2023 Barry Graduates



Founder's Day of Service week



Engagement Symposium award winners



Group photo of all volunteers for community engagement in day of service project



Look What You Did!

We are so grateful to the alumni and friends who believe that a gift to the Barry Fund is the best investment they can make toward improving access to education and changing the lives of our students, their families, and communities.

THANK YOU! Barry would not be Barry without You.

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