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# PARENTS

## PROGRAM

## THE SETON HALL PARENTS PROGRAM

### Stay Connected to the University

Parents and family members are an integral part of the Seton Hall community and play an important role in enhancing the student experience. Parents of all students are automatically members of the Parents Program.

The Parents Program keeps parents informed and connected with the bimonthly e-newsletter, What's New@SHU, which provides campus news, dates to remember and a host of exciting events taking place on our campus.

In addition, parents and family members have the opportunity to:

- Serve on special volunteer committees
- Attend exclusive University events
- Make a greater impact through directed philanthropy
- Become a Family Fellow, a Pirate Parent Ambassador or join the Parents Leadership Council

The Parents Program is here to offer you support — as parents and family — so that you can, in turn, provide the necessary guidance, direction and support for your student.

To sign up for the newsletter, follow our social media channels or to learn more about our other programs, visit [www.shu.edu/parents](http://www.shu.edu/parents)

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"I am delighted to welcome you as an important member of the Seton Hall Family! Your involvement is highly valued, and we encourage you to fully integrate into the University community and enrich your Pirate experience."

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Nate and Elizabeth Cleo,  
with son Aidan '22

# THE FAMILY FELLOWS PROGRAM

## Exemplary Parent Philanthropy

The Family Fellows Program was created as a way for Seton Hall to recognize the generous support of our most loyal parent donors, who each make an annual gift of \$10,000 or more to the university. Family Fellows choose their own philanthropic legacy, and these parents have made gifts to support such wide-ranging priorities as internships, scholarships, athletics and gap funding for student ventures.

The Family Fellows Program allows you to play an important role in the financial health of the university, and makes a powerful statement about how much you and your family value a Seton Hall education. As a fellow, you will:

- Witness the real-time impact of your generous gifts on our community
- Inspire other families to support the university through your example
- Join your peers in exclusive gatherings with Seton Hall's top leaders
- Create a philanthropic legacy for your student to follow

For more information, call Sandro Tejada at **(973) 382-2648**.

## Meet

### **Juan Mendoza Gimenez and Cristina Pena de Mendoza**

Juan Mendoza Gimenez and Cristina Pena de Mendoza knew their daughter, Cristina Mendoza, wanted to travel far from their home in Venezuela to attend college. The couple wanted a top-flight Catholic education for their daughter, and they supported her choice to come to Seton Hall.

Cristina's parents made a \$90,000 commitment to expand the University's international program. The gift is earmarked to increase the University's global visibility and encourage more international students to apply and matriculate. Cristina's parents seek to strengthen Seton Hall's study abroad program, as well as enhance its recruitment efforts among international families abroad.



# PARENTS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL (PLC)

## Build Your Relationship with the University

Parents Leadership Council members are parents of current and former students who work together to further the mission of Seton Hall. Members collaborate with the University to develop programs and enhance the on-campus learning and living environments. They also assist in promoting and enhancing the University nationally and internationally.

The mission of Seton Hall's PLC is to enhance communication between the University and the parents/guardians of Seton Hall students, collaborate with the University in developing programs that will enhance the learning and living environments on campus; and serve as ambassadors by promoting and enhancing the University both nationally and internationally.

Appointed by Seton Hall University, PLC members are committed to:

- supporting Seton Hall University with a minimum annual gift of \$1,000 to the Parents Fund for Seton Hall, which directly benefits current students;
- communicating with current parents about the importance of giving to the Parents Fund;
- leading and recruiting parent volunteers;
- hosting receptions, summer send-offs and other parent events;
- calling and meeting with parents from the same geographic area to support development and admission goals; and
- attending meetings regularly and communicating feedback and ideas to Seton Hall's senior administration.

All members of the PLC receive recognition at our Parents Recognition Event in May and the Bayley Society Celebration of Philanthropy Cocktail Reception in October.

## DURING FY21

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**605**  
parent donors  
gave  
**845**  
gifts.

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For more information  
about the PLC, visit  
[www.shu.edu/PLC](http://www.shu.edu/PLC)



## Meet **Lata Setty and Raja Ramachandran P'22**

Parents Lata Setty and Raja Ramachandran hail from Marin County, CA, and make up the 40 percent of Seton Hall families who are from out of state. “We are 3,000 miles away so it is especially important that we get involved as our son transitions from high school to college,” said Lata Setty. Their son, Deven, is a senior in the Stillman School of Business and a member of the University’s Division 1 golf team.

Lata is First Founding LP, Investor & Deal Flow Advisor at How Women Invest and describes herself as a “mom, scientist, serial legal-tech entrepreneur, patent litigator and world traveler.” She joined the University’s Parents Leadership Council in 2018. As a member of the Council she works with parents of current and former Seton Hall students to further the mission of Seton Hall. This ranges from financial investment to involvement in areas such as recruiting parent volunteers, hosting admitted student events and providing ideas and feedback to senior administration. Lata shared, “I look forward to working with Seton Hall’s leadership and informing the strategy as the University evolves over its next 100-plus years.”

## THE PARENTS FUND FOR STUDENT LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

### Enrich the Student Experience

The Parents Fund for Student Life and Leadership provides the University with valuable resources needed to create a premier student experience that is equitable and consistent, enhances student support and retention, and prepares students to be impactful global citizens.

- **Academic Success**

Academic Resource Center / Academic Support for Student-Athletes / Career Center / First-Year Advising

- **Campus Inclusion and Community**

Educational Opportunity Fund / Upward Bound

- **Student Engagement**

University-wide series of events / Fraternity/Sorority Life Recruitment / New Student Orientations / The Student Leadership Conference

- **Wellness and Support**

Counseling and Psychological Services / Disability Support Services / Health Services / Housing and Residence Life

For more information and to donate, visit [advancement.shu.edu/parents-fund](https://www.shu.edu/parents-fund)

## PIRATE PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

### Set an example for Seton Hall families

The Pirate Parent Ambassador Program is an opportunity for parents and family members of current students and recent alumni to get involved at Seton Hall University by reaching out to both prospective and current students and families, locally and regionally. Ambassadors share their knowledge and offer support as well as assist with recruitment, involvement, retention and philanthropic support.

As an ambassador, you will become increasingly knowledgeable about Seton Hall, which will equip you to serve as mentors to other parents and families, as well as better support your student.

For more information, visit [www.shu.edu/ambassador](https://www.shu.edu/ambassador)

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Seton Hall parents are active and engaged in their student's learning and play a vital role in our community. Read about their experiences at [www.shu.edu/MeetParents](https://www.shu.edu/MeetParents)

## Meet

### **Dr. Maria Sicat-Fagel and Dr. Pantaleon Fagel P'18**

Dr. Maria Sicat-Fagel and Dr. Pantaleon Fagel are honoring the experiences the University provided their daughter Adeline '18, who fell in love with Seton Hall when she was choosing a college. But she got off to a rocky start as a pre-med student and contemplated taking a leave of absence. She told Associate Dean Christopher Kaiser about her passion for Asian studies and Japanese language courses, and he connected her with Professor Shigeru Osuka, who became her mentor. Adeline went on to major in Asian studies, graduating summa cum laude and winning an academic award for excellence in the study of Japanese. She's now teaching English in Japan and is considering a career in international business.

The Fagels have established an endowment honoring Osuka that will support study abroad opportunities through the Seton Hall-Japan Exchange Program with Sophia University. "If not for Dr. Kaiser and Dr. Osuka, who became a second father figure to Addie, she would not have had such a wonderful experience," Dr. Sicat-Fagel said.

The couple also joined the Parents Leadership Council, hosting prospective and current Seton Hall students in their home, including students from Osuka's home state of Hawaii.



## Meet

### **Kevin and Beth Farrell, P'20/'22**

Kevin and Bath Farrell knew from the start that Seton Hall was the right choice; but, as parents, they felt they had to let their kids make their own journey. "When our eldest Conor was looking at colleges, no one from our town had gone to Seton Hall," said Beth. "Now, we are starting a trend in our area of Massachusetts."

Conor graduated in 2020 from the Stillman School of Business and his younger sister

Kathrine is majoring in psychology, with the career goal of becoming a school counselor. When Kathrine visited Conor during his freshman year, she attended a basketball game and knew she had to come here. "I loved the school spirit and the big-school feel, even though the campus is not too big or small. It's the perfect size and just far enough from home," said Kathrine.

Parents Kevin and Beth have school spirit as well. Beth finds It very easy to talk about Seton Hall, such as answering other parents' questions on the Seton Hall's Parents Facebook page, where she can help clarify and direct people to the right answers. They have also hosted admission events at their house for accepted students for the past three years.





## FAST FACTS

### ACADEMICS

Majors and Programs: **90+**  
Average Class Size: **21**  
Student-to-Faculty Ratio:  
**13:1**  
Internship Opportunities:  
**17,000+**  
Students in Internships: **81%**  
Employment Rate: **93%**  
Mid-Career Earnings:  
**50% higher than  
national average**

### APPLICATION PROFILE

Average GPA: **3.63**  
Average SAT: **1285**  
Average ACT: **28.5**

### STUDENT LIFE

Student Organizations: **130+**  
Greek Societies: **22**

### FINANCIAL AID

SHU Dollars Awarded  
to Students:  
**\$100 million annually**  
Students Receiving  
Financial Aid: **98%**

### STUDENT PROFILE

Undergraduate Enrollment:  
**5,900**  
Freshmen Living on Campus:  
**80%**  
Diversity Rate: **45%**  
States Represented: **50**  
Countries Represented: **70**  
Female: **55%** | Male: **45%**  
Graduate Enrollment: **3,900**



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