

Natasha Garrett '96, Ph.D.

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Natasha Garrett '96, Ph.D., was born in Skopje, Macedonia, and came to the United States as an undergraduate student at La Roche College through the Pacem in Terris Institute in 1993.

After graduating from La Roche, Dr. Garrett obtained a master's degree in English literature from Duquesne University and a Ph.D. in social and comparative analysis in education from the University of Pittsburgh. Today she works at La Roche as the Director of International Student Services.

"The La Roche College spirit of inclusion inspired me to pursue my career. The College's commitment to global education, the faculty and staff who are passionate about what they do and really connect with students – all of that made me the professional I am now," she said.

Dr. Garrett's dedication to international education is evident at La Roche and beyond. She has served as a translator and interpreter, a volunteer to welcome new U.S. citizens, and a liaison between international students and their respective national and ethnic groups in the Pittsburgh area. Dr. Garrett also serves on the Advisory Council for Global Pittsburgh and regularly presents at regional and national conferences related to international education and cross-cultural communication.

In 2014 the United Macedonian Diaspora named Dr. Garrett to its first-ever 40 Under 40 list, which recognizes Macedonian leaders and community role models who have excelled in their professions.

