Jim Connolly ’83
2nd Term: 2012-2015

Jim Connolly has been teaching math and music, and playing music in the tri-state area for the past 30 years. But, whether it’s performing in a New York City club, struggling to explain the nuances of Geometry to teenagers, or training instructors for a private test company—all roads lead back to Manhattanville.

Since receiving his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music from Manhattanville, Jim has continued to surround himself with the College’s alumni community. In 2003, he toured the West coast with the Latin-pop band, Fiesta (a band managed by another Manhattanville alumnus) and twice appeared on the Spanish language channel, Univision. Another band, The Muggy Dews, is one of Jim’s favorites. The musicians are all Manhattanville alumni and have played together since their college days. When not working, Jim gets away from the fast pace of New York City by retreating to the Catskill Mountains where hiking, biking, skiing, and reading are the orders of the day.

Jim says the magic of Manhattanville is in its’ people. “My education gave me the knowledge and skills but the college community gave me the ability to use them.”