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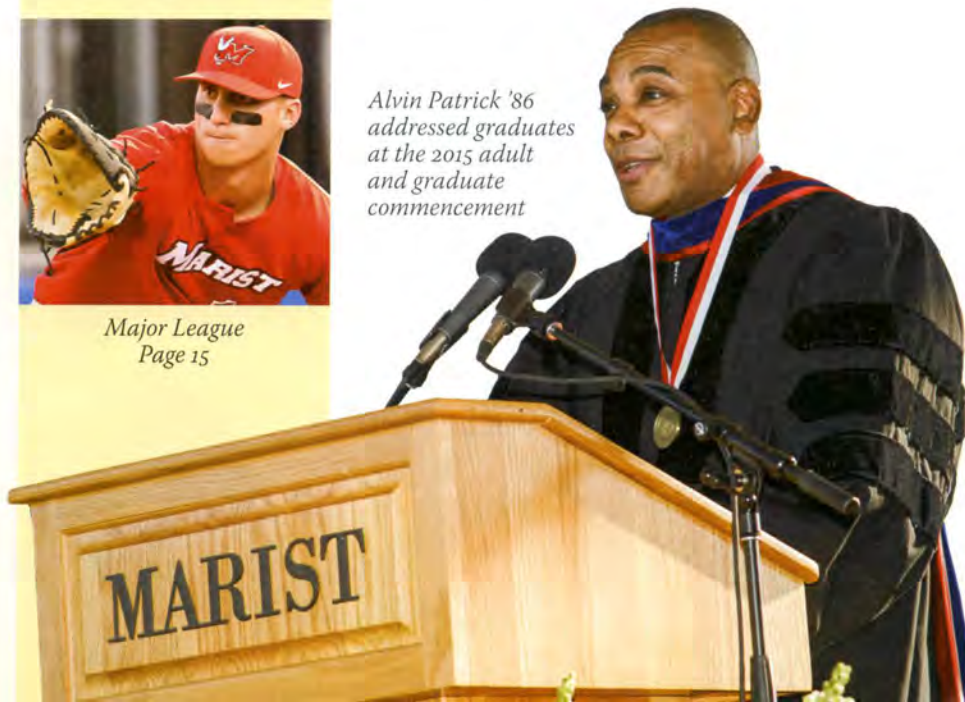
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## A Note from the President

### Dear Friends,

As many of you know, in February I announced my decision to step down as president of Marist College when my current contract expires on June 30, 2016. For the past 36 years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as president, and during that time we have been able to accomplish extraordinary things. The College today is a strong institution with exciting plans for the future, and for that reason, it seems like a logical time for new leadership.

The search for Marist's next president is underway and in very capable hands. Vice Chair of the Marist Board of Trustees Ross A. Mauri '80 is chairing the presidential search committee, and the board has selected the national executive search firm of Isaacson, Miller to assist. I will not be participating in the search, as I believe it's important for the board, with input from representatives of the College community, to independently choose the next president.

There will be plenty of time to reflect on what we've accomplished together over the years, but for now I'd like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the members of the College community who have made Marist the unique American institution it is today. As a college president, I couldn't have asked for a more dedicated faculty, harder-working staff, more talented students, or more engaged alumni. I'd particularly like to acknowledge those long-serving faculty and staff members who have played a crucial role in Marist's transformation over the past three decades. I do want to thank the Board of Trustees for their outstanding leadership; they give unselfishly of their time and resources because they

believe in the work we do here. Let me also recognize the Marist Brothers, who laid the foundation upon which we have built. Finally, I'd like to thank the people of the Hudson River Valley for their support over the years. I can't think of a better community in which to build a great college.

I do want to emphasize that I'll continue to serve as president through June 2016, and we'll be working just as hard and at our usual fast pace. There's still much to be accomplished, and I look forward to advancing the College during this period of transition. Over the next year, we will be particularly focused on completing our new allied health building and constructing new student housing at the north end of campus. These are challenging times for higher education, and we must continue our work to position Marist for success.

At the conclusion of my term as president, the board has asked me to stay on in the post-presidency role of president emeritus and professor of public policy, and I've enthusiastically agreed to do so. I've spent most of my adult life here, and I can think of no better way to finish my career than to support the institution that's been at the center of my professional life. In my role as president emeritus, I'll continue to advance the interests of the College by leveraging the relationships I've developed to create additional recognition and support for Marist. Marilyn and I plan to continue living in Dutchess County and serving both Marist and the surrounding community.

Again, it's been my honor to serve as president of Marist, and I thank you for your extraordinary support of the College.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Murray  
President, Marist College



## Alvin Patrick '86, Judy Woodruff, and Al Hunt Address Graduates

**J**UDY WOODRUFF, co-anchor and managing editor of *PBS NewsHour*, and Al Hunt, "Bloomberg View" columnist and longtime *Wall Street Journal* reporter and executive Washington editor, delivered a joint address at Marist's undergraduate commencement May 23. Both were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

The first husband-and-wife team to deliver the College's commencement address, each has forged an exemplary journalism career, rising to the top of the fields of national reporting/anchoring and political coverage/commentary, respectively. In addition to their professional accomplishments, they raise funds for spina bifida research and advocate for families who, like theirs, have children with the condition.

The previous day, Alvin Patrick '86 addressed graduates at the adult and graduate commencement. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Medal, the highest

**President Dennis J. Murray presented honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees to commencement speakers Judy Woodruff, co-anchor and managing editor of *PBS NewsHour*, and Al Hunt, "Bloomberg View" columnist and longtime *Wall Street Journal* reporter and executive Washington editor, at the 2015 undergraduate commencement.**

award presented to a Marist graduate. As specials producer for CBS News, Patrick works with special correspondent James Brown to craft important, high-profile stories for audiences across all CBS News platforms including iconic programs such as *60 Minutes*, the *CBS Evening News*, *Sunday Morning*, and *CBS This Morning*.

Marist College President Dennis J. Murray conferred a total of 1,557 degrees during the two ceremonies, which both took place on the campus green. On Friday, 140 adult students received bachelor's degrees, while 267 students received master's degrees. On Saturday, 1,150 traditional undergraduates were awarded bachelor's degrees.

This past fall, Judy Woodruff received the Marist College Lowell Thomas Award, which recognizes outstanding individuals in the communications industry whose lives and work reflect the imagination, courage, ambition, and humanity of the legendary newsman and adventurer for whom it is named. Murray presented the award at a Nov. 19 luncheon at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. Woodruff's longtime friend and onetime colleague, Barbara Walters—herself a past Lowell Thomas honoree—delivered the citation, in which she lauded Woodruff's continued dedication to objective journalism in the public interest.

Woodruff is the 24th broadcast journalist to receive the award. ■



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**Murray presented the Marist College Lowell Thomas Award to Judy Woodruff at the Metropolitan Club in New York City.**





# (IN BRIEF)

Marist College and **BlackRidge Technology** have announced a research partnership to develop advanced cybersecurity capabilities that provide an additional layer of protection for enterprises that compute “at scale” such as the financial sector, exchanges, and private cloud providers. The capability to provide advanced cybersecurity research was developed in the **New York State Cloud Computing and Analytics Center at Marist College**. The research environment includes the Software Defined Networking (SDN) Interoperability Lab, where BlackRidge will work in collaboration with eight other major network systems providers.

Marist presented its Celebration of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity, known as **CURSCA**, in the newly renovated Student Center on April 15. A record 128 students across many disciplines participated in the annual showcase of student scholarly and creative work.



**Chef I Glenne Sherman, Executive Chef Anthony Legname, Pastry Chef Cody Liriano, and Chef II Zack Bader, shown with Mohamad Charafeddine, general manager of campus dining, and Jackie Baldwin, Certified Executive Chef, Sodexo.**

A team from Marist Dining Services by Sodexo won a bronze medal in the **fourth Culinary Competition** sponsored by the American Culinary Federation, held at Skidmore College Jan. 7–9. The event drew competitors from throughout New York and New England.

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**Fulbrights have been awarded to (above, left to right) Genesis Abreu '15, Cara Mooney '15, Kelsey Boeshore '15, and (lower right) Kerianne Baylor '14. Dominique Alexandre '16 (top right) has been awarded a Gilman Scholarship.**



## Five Win Fulbright, Gilman Awards

**K**ERIANNE BAYLOR '14 received some great news this past July: she was selected for a 2015-16 Fulbright US Student Award. Baylor joins three other Marist graduates and one Marist student who recently won highly competitive, federally funded awards to support teaching and study abroad.

Baylor, of Millstone Township, NJ, majored in public relations and Spanish with a global studies minor. She is the fourth this year to win a Fulbright US Student Program grant. The Fulbright Program is the US government's flagship international educational exchange program. The US Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has identified Marist as one of the US colleges and universities that produced the most 2014-2015 Fulbright students.

The other recent Fulbright awardees are Kelsey Boeshore '15, Cara Mooney '15, and Genesis Abreu '15. Baylor, Boeshore, and Mooney all will travel abroad on their Fulbrights to teach English—Baylor to Brazil, Boeshore to Colombia, and Mooney

to South Korea. Boeshore, of Westhampton, NY, majored in Spanish with minors in global studies, social work, and Latin American and Caribbean studies. Mooney, of Delmar, NY, majored in Spanish and psychology with minors in global studies and music.

Abreu, of New York, NY, will go to Peru to study how Quechua communities are adapting the methods of subsistence agriculture to the impacts of climate change. Abreu majored in environmental science and political science/public affairs. Previously she was awarded the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship for fall 2013 to study in Costa Rica. The Gilman is sponsored by the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by the Institute of International Education.

Marist also has a new Gilman Scholarship winner this year: Dominique Alexandre '16, a psychology major from Brooklyn, NY. The scholarship will help fund his studies in Thailand this fall. ■



**HEOP AT MARIST CELEBRATES 45 YEARS** The 2014-2015 academic year marked the 45th year of the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program in the state of New York. Marist was one of the original 24 schools to sponsor HEOP programs. Approximately 60 alumni, students, staff members, and guests attended an anniversary celebration in the Hudson View Rooms of the newly remodeled Marist Student Center.

**THE FASHION PROGRAM** produced its 29th annual Silver Needle Runway and Awards program May 8 at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie. Audrey Maysek '15 won the Outstanding Senior Design Collection award for her children's collection.







Pictured are (left to right) the Marist College Hedge Jumpers investing team Dominick Corradi '15, Sean Sullivan '15, Cody Capps '15, and David Lin '15 during their "Day of Market Education" outside CME Group in Chicago.

Marist took home more awards than nearly all the nation's other leading fashion schools when eight students won \$5,000 scholarships from the YMA/Fashion Scholarship Fund at a Jan. 7 gala at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. Marist tied for the most awards among the field of 46 competing institutions.

The Marist College Center for Sports Communication hosted the first **Sports, Communication, and Technology Summit** on March 28 in Poughkeepsie. More than 100 undergraduates, faculty, and industry leaders from around the Northeast gathered to discuss skills and training needed to succeed in the area of sports communication technology.

Marist recently achieved the **Marine Stewardship Council Chain of Custody certification** as part of its commitment to offer local, regional, and sustainable foods on campus. Marist Dining Services earned certification to support sustainably managed fisheries by sourcing MSC-certified seafood that can be traced back to a fishery certified in the MSC standards of sustainability, minimized environmental impact, and effective management. Marist is one of only 13 colleges and universities nationwide that offer MSC seafood through campus dining, and one of only four in New York State. ■

## Students Place 7th in Global Trading Challenge

**M**ORE THAN 500 TEAMS from colleges and universities in 32 countries took part in the CME Group Trading Challenge, a real-time commodities trading competition. Using a simulated electronic platform, the teams traded futures contracts in gold, oil, and other goods for two weeks in February; the top 50 teams continued on to a second round in March. When all was said and done, the Marist College Hedge Jumpers ended with a balance just below \$450,000—good enough for seventh place overall.

"What was particularly satisfying about the team's performance was that it was our first year taking part in this event,"

said Assistant Professor of Finance Brian Haughey, advisor to the team. "The team demonstrated that Marist students can easily hold their own against the best in the world."

By qualifying to compete in the second round, the students were invited to visit CME Group's Chicago headquarters and attend a "Day of Market Education," where they participated in educational sessions, networked with industry professionals and other students, and dined at the John Hancock Center.

All four team members—Cody Capps '15, Dominick Corradi '15, David Lin '15, and Sean Sullivan '15—took Haughey's Greystone Equity Class, in which real dollars are invested and managed by the students. "Speaking with the different teams, we were surprised to see that not many schools offered student-run funds," said Sullivan. "This is really a credit to Prof. Haughey and the School of Management for all of their hard work and support to provide the best experiences for finance students." ■



**MIPO HOSTS PANEL IN DC ON 2016 RACE** More than 100 alumni, students, and guests gathered at the Decatur House on Lafayette Square in Washington, DC, in April for a panel discussion on the 2016 race for the White House. Dr. Barbara Carvalho (far left), director of the Marist Poll, and Dr. Lee Miringoff (far right), director of the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, moderated the discussion. Panelists were (left to right) Steve Thomma, senior White House correspondent and government and politics editor, *McClatchy Newspapers*; Chuck Todd, NBC News political director, moderator, and managing editor, *Meet the Press*; Susan Page, Washington bureau chief, *USA Today*; and Amy Walter, national editor, *The Cook Political Report*.



## Marist Hosts Learning Analytics and Knowledge Conference

**T**O FURTHER Marist's international reputation in the emerging field of learning analytics, the College's Office of Academic Technology and eLearning organized and hosted the fifth international Learning Analytics and Knowledge (LAK) conference March 16-20. The event brought more than 315 of the world's leading learning analytics researchers and practitioners to the College's main campus for a series of pre-conference half- and full-day workshops, a two-day hackathon, and more than 75 individual presentations. The conference was held in collaboration with the Society for Learning Analytics Research (SoLAR).

The first annual open-source learning analytics hackathon was co-designed and co-led by Sandeep Jayaprakash, Marist's learning analytics specialist, and Alan Berg, who oversees learning analytics initiatives at the University of Amsterdam. The event brought together, for the first time, open-source software developers from the Apereo Foundation community with learning analytics researchers from SoLAR who spent two days exploring options for visualizing data and displaying results on an open-source dashboard tool. Jayaprakash, Berg, and Josh Baron, assistant vice president, information technology for digital education, also presented a session on the Apereo Learning Analytics Initiative and work that is underway through it to develop the world's first open-source learning analytics platform. ■



## New Goldman Sachs-Duet Scholarships Established



Don Duet '88 (left), co-chief operating officer for global technology at Goldman Sachs, has funded three new four-year scholarships for underrepresented students majoring in computer science or information systems and technology through Goldman Sachs Gives. Above, he joined Dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics Roger Norton at a Marist event.

**D**ON DUET '88, an alumnus who says his professional success had its roots at Marist, is the driving force behind \$354,000 in new computer technology scholarships for incoming Marist freshmen.

Three members of the Class of 2019 will receive full, four-year scholarships from the Goldman Sachs-Duet Family Technology Scholarship Fund. The three will study computer science or information technology and systems. In addition to scholarship funds, students will be mentored by Goldman Sachs technology executives and have opportunities for summer employment with the firm.

Duet is co-head of the Goldman Sachs Technology Division. Three members of the Class of 2018 were the first to benefit from earlier scholarships established with a gift from Goldman Sachs Gives, a donor-advised fund.

"When we established this scholarship fund through Goldman Sachs Gives two years ago, my hope was that it would attract to Marist a more diverse group of talented students to study computer science and information technology and systems," Duet said. "I am pleased to see that has happened, and I am confident that by helping more students, this additional support will further strengthen Marist and, ultimately, the

## Schlobach Trust Makes Significant Campus Impact

**I**T SEEMS FITTING that a Hudson Valley native would champion the cause of helping the region's high school graduates earn college diplomas.

Mark Dennis, who was born in Poughkeepsie and grew up in Fishkill, is the sole trustee and the guiding hand of the Jeannette F. Schlobach Trust, which has made a special, final gift of \$500,000 to Marist.

The gift's primary focus will be to endow the Hudson Valley Scholars program, which provides scholarship money for Marist students who are from the Hudson Valley. Over the years, support from the trust for the scholarship program has helped more than 50 students. The Hudson Valley Scholars program is also supported by the generosity of local businesses.

President Dennis J. Murray says the scholarship program's rewards are many —

the recipient students benefit, the College benefits, and the region benefits by retaining local talent and future leaders.

The Schlobach gift will also support naming a classroom in Marist's new academic building in honor of Professor Emeritus Richard LaPietra '54, and naming the Red Fox Den in the James McCann Arena in honor of the founders of the Red Fox Club, Larry Menapace, Ray Duncan, and Henry "Bud" Pletcher.

**Mark Dennis, trustee of both Marist and the Jeannette F. Schlobach Trust, talked with a student in Marist's Investment Center, which was funded by the Schlobach Trust.**

The Schlobach Trust has helped dozens of worthwhile organizations over the years. Dennis, also a trustee of the College, says his Hudson Valley upbringing has been a key motivator in his endeavors on behalf of the charitable trust.

"I went away to college, but growing up in Fishkill and being local has taught me the





technology profession of which I am proud to be a part."

The six recipients from two Marist classes haven't been the only beneficiaries. The availability of the scholarships has impacted admissions, where enrollment in computer science and math has almost doubled in recent years.

"The Goldman Sachs-Duet Family Technology Scholarship, along with a similarly targeted National Science Foundation Scholarship, has had a significant effect on Marist College," said School of Computer Science and Mathematics Dean Roger Norton. "Enrollments and applications have increased significantly and the College has been able to attract a diverse group of bright students to our computer science and information technology programs. Many of these students may not have been able to attend college without this financial support."

Duet, who has lectured at Marist's Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development, says his goal is for the scholarships to help fill a need he sees in his industry for graduates with a deep understanding of the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. ■

—Kathleen Norton McNulty '79/'14 MA

importance of supporting local institutions," he said. A CPA with more than 35 years in the accounting and tax profession, Dennis received the Marist College President's Award for Community Service in 2012.

The influence of the Schlobach Trust on the Marist campus has been significant. The trust gave students the opportunity to have hands-on exposure to investing by funding the Investment Center in Marist's Hancock building. The trust has also established the Schlobach Distinguished Chair in Business at Marist.

Murray lauds Dennis's leadership and the trust's support of the College, saying both have supported "some of the most impactful and transformative initiatives in our recent history." ■

—Kathleen Norton McNulty '79/'14 MA

"I can draw a straight line between my experience at Marist and my job at Facebook."

—Michael Buckley '90



## Michael Buckley '90 Establishes Scholarship

**M**ICHAEL BUCKLEY '90 speaks enthusiastically about the Marist lessons he still uses today at the world's largest social networking company—and now he's giving back.

Buckley, vice president for global communications at Facebook, and his wife, Jennifer, have pledged \$500,000 to establish an endowed scholarship. First preference will go to participants in Harlem RBI, a youth development organization in East Harlem that provides year-round sports, educational, and enrichment activities.

Even though Buckley's professional track has taken him far from the Marist campus on the banks of the Hudson River, he says the education he got both inside and outside the classroom has served him well over the years and continues to at Facebook, where he oversees corporate, internal, international, monetization, and policy communications, as well as the company's messaging services which include WhatsApp and Facebook Messenger. Buckley is also responsible for communications surrounding Facebook's efforts to connect unconnected communities, which include Internet.org and The Facebook Connectivity Lab.

During a visit this past April to the College, where he spoke to students about his career path, he cited Marist's tradition of collaboration with outside institutions and its early adoption of technology as major

influences. The College's tradition of ethics was another critical part of his education—a part that has become particularly important at Facebook, where issues related to big data and information sharing have ethical implications.

"There was a definitive sense of right and wrong here, as well as a willingness to tackle difficult ethical issues. I reflect on it pretty frequently, actually," Buckley said. "There are a host of decisions we all face related to data and the society we currently live in, and I think back often to my time here when confronting those issues."

While the broader life lessons were important, Buckley also says practical experiences such as being a student pollster for the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, demanding classes such as political science with Dr. Louis Zuccarello, and his time on the Marist debate team, which was then nationally ranked (and beat the Harvard team, as he likes to point out), prepared him with specific skills he could use in the professional arena.

The advice he gives to current students, and those who will benefit from the scholarship, stems from a work ethic formed by watching his grandfather work long days as a butcher in Brooklyn.

"If you find something that gets you excited and gets you jazzed, go crush it. Work your heart out and embrace it." ■

—Kathleen Norton McNulty '79/'14 MA





# Bryant Gumbel to Receive Inaugural Sports Communication Award



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Bryant Gumbel, host of HBO's *Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel*, spoke as part of the Center for Sports Communication Speaker Series at Marist.

**M**ARIST COLLEGE will present its inaugural Lifetime Excellence in Sports Communication Award to veteran broadcaster Bryant Gumbel at a dinner and ceremony on Oct. 15, 2015, at the New York Athletic Club in New York City.

The award will be given to individuals who have exemplified excellence over time in the broadly defined field of sports communication.

Gumbel is already familiar with Marist, and its students with him. He spoke on campus in recent years, and the HBO program he anchors, *Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel*, partners with Marist's Center for Sports Communication and the Marist Poll on sports-related survey research.

One of TV's most accomplished broadcasters, Gumbel has been honored with numerous awards for outstanding journalism over a career of more than 40 years. Since he began hosting *Real Sports* in April 1995, the monthly series has captured a total of 28 Sports Emmy® Awards and has been a 16-time winner of the Sports Emmy® for Outstanding Sports Journalism. The program also has won two DuPont-Columbia University awards for broadcast journalism and a 2012 Peabody Award.

For more than 20 years, Gumbel was with NBC, hosting the *Today* program for 15

years. His broadcast career began in October 1972 when he was named sportscaster for KNBC-TV Los Angeles.

Gumbel joined CBS News in 1997. There he hosted his own primetime program, *Public Eye*, as well as the network's morning news program, *The Early Show*, before retiring from network television in 2002.

Prior to working for NBC News, Gumbel worked for NBC Sports (fall 1975-winter 1982), serving as host of virtually all its primary programs and championship-event broadcasts.

Born in New Orleans and raised in Chicago, he graduated from Bates College and has received honorary doctorates from Bates, Xavier University in New Orleans, College of the Holy Cross, Providence College, and Clark Atlanta University. He serves on the boards of the United Way of New York City, Xavier, and his alma mater.

The Lifetime Excellence in Sports Communication Award will honor Gumbel while also raising funds for creation of an endowment to support the Marist College Center for Sports Communication. A variety of corporate sponsorships, ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000, as well as individual tickets are available. For information, please call (845) 575-3412. ■

## Marist College Center for Sports Communication

Founded in 2011, the Marist College Center for Sports Communication is a global leader in the study of and practice in sports communication, helping to prepare an enlightened and engaged group of future leaders in one of society's most far-reaching disciplines. The center serves a variety of publics through the creation of important external partnerships, research and creative activity, production of professional sports media, presentations by leaders in the field, instruction and curricular development, and community service as relevant to the discipline.

Since its inception, the center has achieved national and international recognition of its activities, helping to extend the reputation of the College and providing unique educational experiences for Marist students. Marist student interns provide industry-standard support for the center's work under the guidance of dedicated faculty, allowing students unparalleled opportunities and access. Some center successes include building and hosting a weekly sports show on an ESPN radio station, earning the distinction of academic partner to the industry-leading Sports PR Summit, and supporting the launch of a certificate in global sports communication at Marist's campus in Florence, Italy.



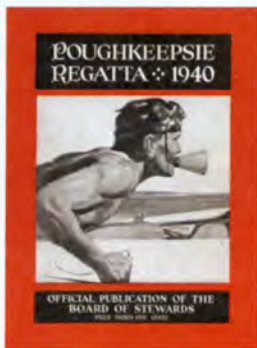


Some members of the Marist College Legacy Society gather at the spring recognition event at the historic Cornell Boathouse.

## Legacy Society Members Honored at Special Event

### President Hosts Program in Historic Cornell Boathouse

**I**N APPRECIATION of their leadership for remembering Marist in their estate plans, members of the Marist College Legacy Society were honored April 18 on campus at a special event hosted by President Dennis J. Murray. The theme of the event was "Celebrating the Hudson River Valley's Great Rowing Legacy," with guests appropriately gathering in Marist's historic Cornell Boathouse. The Cornell Boathouse is the only remaining structure from the Intercollegiate Rowing Association's famed Regatta Row and was renovated in recent years by Marist, which now owns it.



Preceding brunch and a recognition program, Murray told guests the storied history of rowing on the Hudson River and how it helped shape present-day Marist's riverfront and championship crew teams. The Poughkeepsie Regatta, universally regarded as the greatest rowing tradition in American history, took place from 1895 to 1949, its course passing what is now the Marist campus. In its

day, the regatta rivaled the Kentucky Derby, the World Series, and the Rose Bowl as a national sporting event. John Ansley, head of Marist's Archives and Special Collections, also spoke and presented photos and vintage film footage from Marist's Poughkeepsie Regatta archive.

Legacy Society member Frank P. Liantonio '70 attended with his wife, Maureen, and their daughter, Kiera.



Guests had the opportunity to view an assemblage of rare regatta artifacts and to talk with library staff about the history of the event.

The Marist College Legacy Society is a valued circle of individuals who are remembering Marist in their estate plans and encouraging others to follow their example. Membership is open to alumni, trustees, friends, faculty and staff, college retirees and their spouses, and parents and grandparents of students. Individuals automatically become part of the Marist College Legacy Society when the College is notified that Marist is the beneficiary of a planned gift or estate provision. There is no minimum gift amount required for membership in the Legacy Society nor is disclosure of the gift amount required. The College appreciates the completion of a short, confidential enrollment form to ensure its membership records are complete.

Those joining now through Dec. 31, 2015, as part of "The Founding 100 Campaign" are designated in perpetuity as Founding Members of the society. All members are presented with a membership pin and are honored annually at an event hosted by the president. In addition, they are invited to special College events. Individuals who join may also request anonymity.

To notify Marist of your estate plans or for further information on the Legacy Society, please contact Senior Development Officer Shaileen Kopec in the Office of Planned Giving at (845) 575-3468 or shaileen.kopec@marist.edu. ■



Ron Hicks '89 was among those inducted at the recent Legacy Society event hosted by President Dennis J. Murray.



# Marist Embarks on New Capital Projects



The science and allied health building will be home to two new graduate degree programs—a master’s in physician assistant studies and a doctorate in physical therapy—and will also serve the needs of undergraduate programs in biology, medical technology, and athletic training.

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## Science and Allied Health Building

**T**he science and allied health building will be home to two new graduate degree programs: a master’s in physician assistant studies (PA) and a doctorate in physical therapy (DPT). The building also will serve the needs of current undergraduate programs in biology, medical technology, and athletic training. Completion is scheduled for January 2016. Environmental science and chemistry will remain in Donnelly Hall.

The 59,000-square-foot building is located just north of the campus walkway and just east of Beck Place and the Steel Plant Studios. Designed by renowned firm

Robert A.M. Stern, the architects of Marist’s Hancock Center and music building, it has three stories above ground and one below.

The project is in keeping with Marist’s strategic plan, which calls for developing and expanding graduate programs. While the two new programs represent new net revenue, they also address the skills component of Marist’s mission: Marist is dedicated to helping students develop the intellect, character, and skills required for enlightened, ethical, and productive lives in the global community of the 21st century. The PA program, scheduled to begin in spring 2016, will be the first graduate program within Marist’s School of Science. The DPT program, to begin in fall 2017, will be the first doctorate offered by the College.

The overall market for degrees in health-care is projected to grow significantly over the next decade, according to a 2012 study by Georgetown University’s Center on Education and the Workforce. “Between 2010 and 2020, healthcare occupations will increase from 10.1 million to 13.1 million jobs,” said the study. “From 2010 to 2020, healthcare production will increase by over 70 percent, from \$1.8 trillion to \$3.1 trillion. In the same period there will be an estimated 5.6 million healthcare job vacancies.” The largest increase in demand will occur in the “professional and technical” occupations, including physician assistants and physical therapists.



## North Campus Housing

**T**he new residence halls will expand the availability of housing on campus by almost 11 percent, eliminating the need to house students at the Residence Inn in Poughkeepsie. The visually striking design of the complex, also by Robert A.M. Stern Architects, will create sight lines to the Hudson River from Route 9. Phase I of the project will include demolition of Gartland Commons and construction of two buildings for a total of 465 beds, with occupancy slated for August 2016 for the first building and

January 2017 for the second. Phase II will add two more buildings and 324 beds by August 2017, resulting in a net 483 beds. The complex will include lounges, courtyards, and other gathering spaces.

Both capital projects offer compelling naming opportunities ranging from internal spaces to the buildings themselves. Those interested in learning more are invited to contact Chris DelGiorno, vice president for college advancement, at (845) 575-3412 or [christopher.delgiorno@marist.edu](mailto:christopher.delgiorno@marist.edu). ■

**The visually striking design of the complex will create sight lines to the Hudson River from Route 9.**

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The new residence halls, shown as they will appear from Route 9, will expand the availability of housing on campus by almost 11 percent. The residential complex and science and allied health building are designed by renowned firm Robert A.M. Stern.





Matthew Plumeri '16  
and Gulliver,  
Poughkeepsie, NY,  
Spring 2015.

Helping Veterans Make the Transition from Service Member to Student:

# From Camp to Campus

**"Can you help me get my dog?"**

**T**HAT WAS THE SIMPLE QUESTION 26-year-old Matthew Plumeri, a Marist College student and United States Marine Corps combat veteran, asked at a meeting of the Marist Student Veterans Organization in October 2014.

The answer, it turned out, was yes.

Plumeri had spent two years with Gulliver, the Vizsla assigned to him in 2011 following graduation from Specialized Search Dog Training School, where working dog handlers and their K9 counterparts learn to detect explosives off-leash. Plumeri and Gulliver had trained together at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA, and then served together in Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan.

Throughout the seven-month deployment, Plumeri and Gulliver were together 24/7, whether running missions, training, or trying to wind down with their unit after

a stressful day.

Plumeri, a psychology major from rural Clinton Corners, 13 miles northeast of Poughkeepsie, would later write eloquently of his experience with Gulliver. "It's a strange feeling, entrusting your life to a dog. This notion is even stranger when the realization sets in that there is also responsibility for the other 15 to 20 Marines on patrol whose lives depend on you and your K9.

"Gulliver kept me safe for the entire seven months we were deployed. No one who walked behind us on any patrol that Gulliver and I led was ever injured, let alone killed, by an IED."

Toward the end of their deployment, Plumeri noticed signs of ill health and post-traumatic stress disorder in Gulliver, and when they returned to Camp Pendleton in December 2013, he began exploring the

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process of adopting a military working dog. However, the Marine Corps did not agree that Gulliver should retire. When Plumeri's five-year contract with the Marines expired in June 2014, he went home to New York alone.

"Leaving Gulliver behind was one of the toughest challenges I had ever faced in the Marine Corps and was ironically the one for which I had no training," Plumeri wrote.

Plumeri began classes at Marist in fall 2014 and waited for news. In October 2014, it came: he got the call saying Gulliver would soon be retired. The adoption fell into place as he had hoped.

However, now Plumeri had another challenge. He did not want Gulliver to be flown from Camp Pendleton to New York in a kennel crate in the cargo area of a plane. But traveling with him in the cabin would mean two expensive plane tickets. There was also the matter of a flight to California for Plumeri, a rental car, and a motel room.



## Gulliver's Travels

**T**HE GOAL of the Marist Student Veterans Organization is to advocate for Marist student veterans during their transition from military to civilian student life. So Plumeri approached the group in search of some support.

The MSVO decided to raise money for the travel expenses. On an October day in 2014, Plumeri met in the Marist library with MSVO's president, Britany Dising, who will graduate this December, and Marist alumnus Owen Daly '05, both also Marine Corps veterans. They set up a Facebook account and a GoFundMe site. It was on the site that Plumeri described at length his bond with Gulliver.

Their initial goal was to raise \$3,000. In less than a month the campaign brought in nearly \$10,000.

"It was pretty overwhelming," Dising recalls.

The MSVO also raised money through sales of Marist Fox Company hoodies and T shirts sold at Marist events including Veterans Day ceremonies, a Marist vs. Army basketball game, and the Music Department's Red, White, and Blue concert. And President Dennis J. Murray sent a campus-wide email to raise awareness about the fundraising effort.

In January 2015, Plumeri flew to San Diego and brought Gulliver to his family's home in Clinton Corners. Plumeri now reports that Gulliver's medication for osteoarthritis and muscle atrophy has had positive results. Gulliver gets along well with

**Plumeri with Gulliver in Afghanistan in support of Danish Special Operations Task Force 7 in November 2013.**



Left to right, Owen Daly '05, Bob Roberts '98, Matthew Plumeri '16, Britany Dising '15, and Brad Hunt '18 of the Marist Student Veterans Organization.

the other three dogs at the Plumeri home, where he has the run of five acres and a pool and stream to swim in.

"My entire family loves him like he has been here all along," Plumeri says. "He is beyond spoiled now, and he truly has the retirement that he deserves more than anything." The remaining money from the fundraising effort will go toward long-term care for Gulliver, including food and veterinary bills.

## Service and Support

**T**HE CAMPAIGN TO BRING GULLIVER HOME was the highest-profile project of several the MSVO has undertaken during the past year. Active members, who include Plumeri as vice president, Bradley Hunt '18 as treasurer, and Bob Roberts '98, also planned a Veterans Day flag-raising and luncheon in 2014 featuring Marist alumnus Capt. Paul X. Rinn, USN (ret.) '68 as keynote speaker. The event drew more than 80 alumni, students, staff, family members, and friends. The group also held a food drive and has begun volunteering at the VA hospital at Castle Point in Wappingers Falls, NY.

As president, Dising, who is from Wappingers Falls, represents MSVO frequently. She spoke about the group at an Open House Weekend panel for adult students and worked with Marist's Financial Aid and Admissions offices to develop informational brochures for veterans. She communicates frequently on the group's Facebook page and iLearn site. As far as membership,

the number fluctuates. The iLearn site has 150 participants on its roster, including staff and alumni who help the organization. Marist's Office of the Registrar reports that 59 veterans used the GI Bill during the spring 2015 semester, and 89 the previous semester.

At a recent meeting, Dising asked the handful of veterans present how things were going. She also encouraged everyone to explore a program directed by American Corporate Partners that offers career mentoring for transitioning military. Dising herself participated in a veterans immersion program offered by ACP at Jon Stewart's *The Daily Show*, a seven-week "boot camp" to help veterans enter the TV industry. A political science major, she is serving internships this summer with both Fox News and New York Sen. Chuck Schumer's Hudson Valley regional office.

MSVO collaborates with Marist administrators to help student veterans navigate the terrain of financial aid and enrollment. Staff members from Marist's offices of the Registrar and Admissions attend the group's meetings in case anyone has a question. The College Activities office is always ready to help with setting up MSVO apparel sales at campus events, Dising says, and Career Services with editing résumés.

"You don't really know where you fit into it," Dising says of entering the world of academia as a veteran. The group's mission is "to be a welcoming community, a place they can call home here on campus."

Plumeri has nothing but praise for the MSVO. "I will always be grateful to them, Marist, and President Murray for helping make this reunion with Gulliver and myself possible. It's something I'll never forget for the rest of my life." ■

## Coming Home

For a video of the reunion of Matthew Plumeri '16 and Gulliver, please go to [youtu.be/k4mkJcRoOYk](http://youtu.be/k4mkJcRoOYk).





Marist students (left to right) Patrick Mullen '15, Rebecca Losito '15, and Alejandro Lazare '15 were filming a documentary about the Adaptive Sports Foundation's programs at Windham Mountain when they met Jim Barnes '68 (second from right), a trustee of both ASF and Marist.

### An Inspiring Capping Project:

# Where All Abilities Shine

**F**ROM SCENES OF ATHLETES SCHUSSING down snowy hillsides to a coach's inspiring words about his ski team, a documentary created by two recent Marist graduates makes it clear something special is going on at Windham Mountain.

*Adaptive Sports Foundation: Where All Abilities Shine* (<https://vimeo.com/halfmoonhudson/adaptivesportsfoundation>) tells the story of the nonprofit program at the Greene County ski resort that teaches children and adults with disabilities to ski and snowboard.

"I could be skiing any day I want," says Coach Jamie Rich in the film. "I choose to come here and ski with the gang because it's fun.

"We have a good time," he says with gusto. "And that makes everything worthwhile."

Focusing on the abilities that students bring to the slopes, and not disabilities, is the key, says Mary Weafer, a parent and volunteer who is interviewed in the documentary.

"You cannot go out with a student and at the end of the day on the way home not think this was one of the best days of your life," she says.

Alejandro Lazare '15 and Rebecca Losito '15, with help from Patrick Mullen '15, made the documentary, which was a capping

project that turned into much more. Lazare and Losito worked during the summer after graduation on editing a final version for use by ASF for promotional purposes.

ASF, founded in 1984, serves participants with disabilities that range from mild learning disabilities to more severe disabilities such as paralysis, autism, amputation, cerebral palsy, and traumatic brain injury. It supports a competitive race team and has a companion summer program. It's also the regional location for Warriors in Motion—a fitness program for troops injured in Afghanistan and Iraq.

ASF has more than one Marist connection. Jim Barnes '68, a Marist trustee, is also on the ASF Board of Trustees. When the students were filming on the mountain, he introduced them to people in the program and helped them make connections for interviews.

Lazare's interest in doing the film stems from his personal experience with the program. His sister, Anna, 11, who has Down syndrome, is a participant. The big brother has watched as she's learned to take on—and conquer—the slopes.

"She's thrilled with herself," he says. In the film, Mary Costello Lazare, his mother, relates how her daughter responds when asked about her love of skiing.

"I feel free. I just go. Nothing can stop me," the young skier replies.

That fearless attitude is what Losito says impressed her most after spending about 10 days filming participants on two skis, sit skis, or snowboards.

"They were doing what many others would be afraid to do," Losito says.

The new alumni, who are forming a small production company called Half Moon Hudson Media, say the project was more work than they expected but that they got plenty of technical help from the Marist Media Center's James Duryea, manager of operations and production.

They agreed that besides the achievements of the athletes, the dedication of the volunteer instructors was amazing to see, and they were glad to be able to document that.

In the film, Lazare's mother notes one of the best things about ASF: that her family has enjoyed the camaraderie among the participants.

"Here," she says, "you're not any different than anyone else out there on the slopes." ■

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# Red Fox Roundup



The Marist men's lacrosse team won its first NCAA Tournament game in program history.

## Men's Lacrosse Enjoys Historic 2015 Season

**I**N 2015, the Marist men's lacrosse team won its first NCAA Tournament game in program history.

On May 2, the Red Foxes defeated Quinnipiac 16-14 to win their third conference championship in program history and clinched an NCAA Tournament berth for the second time. Marist was awarded a preliminary round NCAA game against Bryant, which took place on May 6. Playing before a raucous crowd of 1,873 at Tenney Stadium, the Red Foxes jumped out to an early lead and prevailed 10-6. Marist's season then came to an end against Syracuse, the tournament's #2 overall seed, at the Carrier Dome.

The program garnered significant attention nationally. Following the season, Mike Begley '15 was picked up by the Ohio Machine of Major League Lacrosse. Begley and Patrick Eaker '15 were named Honorable Mention All-Americans by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA). Eaker participated in the USILA North-South

All-Star Game, and Dave Scarcello '15 was named a USILA Academic All-American.

Marist finished the season nationally ranked in both major polls. The Red Foxes finished 19th in the Cascade/Maverik Media Poll and 20th in the final USILA Poll, which was released prior to the start of the NCAA Tournament. They finished the season with a 14-4 record.

## Marist Wins Goodworks Challenge

**F**OR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, Marist has captured the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Goodworks Challenge.

The Goodworks Challenge measures the amount of community service done by a school's students, student-athletes, coaches, faculty, and administration during the course of an academic year. The winning school receives a \$1,000 donation to the charity of its choice. Marist's donation was made to the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation.

"Our student-athletes devoted so much time and effort, and I'm so proud of them for that," says Marist Director of Student-Athlete Enhancement Alyssa Gates. "Also the Miles of Hope Foundation is a great organization that we're happy to have worked with in the past, and I'm excited that they're receiving

the donation. They do outstanding work in our community."

Marist's athletic administrators, student-athletes, coaches, and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) took part in 54 community service events and earned over 6,300 points in the academic year. Marist's largest amount of volunteered hours in the 2014-15 challenge went to Haviland Middle School Sportsmanship Day. Over a two-day span, groups of student-athletes went to the middle school to speak with each gym class about being a college athlete, the importance of academics, and good sportsmanship. Over 100 student-athletes from different teams participated in this event.

Other community service events included:

- Hagan GREAT USA (Girls Reading Enthusiastically Across the USA) & Hagan Project Mobile
- Visits to Violet Elementary School, Haviland Middle School, LaGrange Middle School, and Poughkeepsie Children's Home
- Girl Scout Sport Sampler
- Special Olympics
- Habitat for Humanity's Make a Difference Day
- Bonnie's Boxes
- Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.

The previous two years, Marist's donations were made to the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation and the Grace Smith House.



For the third straight year, Marist has captured the MAAC Goodworks Challenge. Pictured, members of the men's soccer program help out in the community.

BY MIKE FERRARO '01

*Mike Ferraro '01 is Marist's sports information director.*



### Gaye Makes Program History

**M**ICHELLE GAYE, who graduated from Marist in May, closed out her terrific career as the most accomplished distance runner in school history.

Gaye became the first Marist women's track and field athlete in school history to qualify for the NCAA East Regional Championships. Gaye competed in the 10K in Jacksonville, FL, on May 28 and placed 25th with a time of 35:13.64.

Gaye departs Marist as the school record holder in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters indoors, as well as the 5,000 and 10,000 meters outdoors. This year, she broke the MAAC record in the 5,000 at the conference's outdoor track and field championships. In cross country, she became the program's first individual ECAC champion and the first to finish in the top 10 of the MAAC Championships four times. Gaye was named Marist Female Sportsperson of the Year at this year's Senior Awards banquet.

Following the NCAA Regional race, Gaye reflected on what she gained from her Marist experience.

"It shaped who I am as a person," Gaye said. "I met my best friends, and I met lifelong mentors. I felt so much support from people I didn't even know knew me."



Michelle Gaye '15 became the first Marist women's track and field athlete in school history to qualify for the NCAA East Regional Championships.



The Marist men's tennis team won its 12th MAAC Championship.

### Men's Tennis Captures MAAC Championship

**T**HE MARIST MEN'S TENNIS TEAM WON its 12th MAAC championship on April 26. The second seed in this year's MAAC Championships, the Red Foxes defeated top-seeded Monmouth 4-2 in the final.

"What a wonderful win for our entire team and especially our seniors, Joe (Dube) and Matteo (Giudici); this win personally is the most rewarding and satisfying of any of our conference championships," said Head Coach Tim Smith following the decisive match. "We went in as the underdog to the team that beat us out for the regular-season championship and the hard work, grit, and determination by the team made this a special victory."

Rudolf Kurz '18, who was named the MAAC Player of the Year, also earned Most Outstanding Performer honors at the MAAC Championships.

The MAAC Championship was the Red Foxes' third straight, and seventh in the last eight years.

### Academic All-District Selections

**M**ARIST CLOSED out the 2014-15 academic year with eight CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District selections. Those were Connor Preece '15 (men's soccer), Mackenzie Stephens '15 (volleyball), Madeline Blais (women's basketball), Joseph Dube '15 (men's tennis), Lexi Brannigan '15 (women's lacrosse), Michelle Gaye '15 (women's cross country/track and field), Mark Valentino '15 (men's cross country/track and field), and Mark Vuono '16 (men's cross country/track and field).

### Laurino Drafted By Baltimore Orioles

**O**N JUNE 10, Steve Laurino '15 became the 18th player in the history of the Marist baseball program to be selected in the Major League Baseball Draft. Laurino was chosen in the 25th round with the 763rd overall pick by the Baltimore Orioles.

Laurino enjoyed a memorable senior year in which he hit a walk-off home run in the 10th inning on Senior Day to give Marist a 1-0 win over Fairfield. It culminated with him earning Second Team All-MAAC honors.

Laurino rounded out his career ranking eighth in program history in batting average and second in fielding percentage, putouts, and total chances.



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## Benson Inducted into Water Polo Hall of Fame

**M**ARIST WATER POLO COACH Natalie Benson has been inducted into the USA Water Polo Hall of Fame. She was honored at a benefit celebration on May 30 in Costa Mesa, CA.

A great two-way player, Benson was known as one of the best defenders to ever play for the USA Water Polo Women's National Team, and she established herself as an offensive force as well. Benson was an integral part of two Olympic medal-winning squads for Team USA in 2004 (bronze) and 2008 (silver).

During her collegiate playing career at UCLA, Benson contributed to three national championships. After red-shirting the 2004 season to compete in the Olympics, Benson resumed her position at UCLA and led the team to an undefeated season and another NCAA title in 2005. That year, she earned the Cutino Award as the top collegiate player.

At Marist, Benson has served as head coach for two seasons. In both, she has been named MAAC Coach of the Year.

## Marist Has Presence in Walkway Marathon

**M**ARIST COLLEGE had a significant presence at the inaugural Walkway Over the Hudson Marathon on June 13.

Many current and former Marist athletes, as well as several members of the Marist



Marist Water Polo Coach Natalie Benson has been inducted into the USA Water Polo Hall of Fame.



Among the Marist coaches, athletes, and alumni at the Walkway Marathon were (left to right) Chuck Williams '99, assistant coach, women's track/head cross country coach; Kelley Gould '13 (Half: 5th place, women's 20-29 age group); Annie Gould '16 (Half: 4th place, women's 20-29 age group); Ken Walshak '14 (Half: 5th place male overall); Will Griffin '12 (Half: 1st place overall); Billy Posch '13 (Half: 4th place overall); Billy Hild '14 (Half: 12th place, men's 20-29 age group); and Steven Rizzo '18 (5K: 1st place overall).

community, also participated in the event. Rising Marist sophomore Steven Rizzo '18, a Wappingers Falls native and Roy C. Ketcham High School graduate who just completed his first year on the Red Foxes' cross country and track and field teams, won the 5,000 meters in 15:41. The half-marathon champion was

Will Griffin '12 (1:11.40). Griffin became the first Marist track and field athlete to participate in NCAA Regionals in 2011, the same year he was named Marist Sportsperson of the Year. Marist's historic Cornell Boathouse served as the start and finish lines. ■







The recipient of the 2014 Alumni Legacy Scholarship was Olivia Corrigan '18, shown above with Paul Rinn '68 (left), president of the Alumni Association, and President Dennis J. Murray. Olivia is the daughter of Jeannine (Liu) '88 (right) and Bryan Corrigan.



## A Growing Tradition: The Alumni Legacy Scholarship

OLIVIA CORRIGAN was just a little girl when she first “attended” Marist as part of a summer soccer camp. She remembered that the grown-up girls who coached the participants were nice and fun, and that Marist College seemed like a pretty cool place.

Fast-forward a decade. Corrigan, now a young adult and a rising sophomore, has gotten to know Marist on a whole other level, an opportunity she says wouldn't have been possible if not for the Marist Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

Each year, a freshman son or daughter of a Marist graduate is chosen for the award. Olivia's mother, Jeannine (Liu) Corrigan, graduated from Marist in 1988.

“I just want to say ‘thank you’ to the donors for giving me a truly memorable first year at Marist,” says Corrigan, who graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie. She worked at a women's shelter all four years in high school and is interested in a career in the business world.

Corrigan and her parents recently attended the annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, which has been the main fundraising event for the Scholarship Fund, so she could offer her thanks in person.

The student says that the scenic campus and the camaraderie among students were two of the main reasons she chose Marist. It wasn't her first choice since it was so close to home. But a campus visit changed everything.

“The second I stepped on campus I was drawn in, mesmerized by the culture and warmth and the welcoming people,” she says. The College's commitment to rigorous academics was also a major draw.

The number of legacy students entering the Class of 2019 has reached a record number of 50, says Amy Woods '97, executive director of Alumni Relations. Awards are renewed yearly if

a recipient remains in good academic standing.

As of June 30, 2014, market value of the fund was \$161,017.

“I'd love for the endowment to be larger and to be able to offer more and bigger scholarships,” Woods says. “Students could really benefit from this.”

To that end, Jim Daly '72, past president of the Marist Alumni Executive Board and a Greystone Board member, created a fundraising challenge to build the scholarship's endowment.

For a three-year period, Jim and his wife, Christine '08 MA, have offered to match gifts received from a alumni, dollar for dollar, up to \$25,000. When the challenge is successfully met, the scholarship's endowment will grow by an additional \$50,000.

Daly, a former Marist vice president and dean of admission and the father of Marist graduates Owen Daly '05 and Catherine Daly

Scanlon '15 MA, says the family wants to help more children of Marist alumni achieve the goal of a degree from a school that has not only a national reputation but also a welcoming and inspirational atmosphere where friendships are made and continue long after graduation.

“Marist has been very important in my life and I'm grateful to the College for so many things,” Daly says. “Chris and I feel really good about doing this.”

Daly says people who have held alumni leadership positions, such as former alumni presidents who comprise the Greystone Board, are among those who have taken up the challenge.

In a bit of irony, Daly was the dean of admission when Corrigan's mother entered Marist.

Corrigan, who lived in Marian Hall her first year, says she hopes that Marist alumni will remember their own campus experiences and consider donating to the scholarship fund.

“The alumni know what a great school it is. I was really able to make connections, meet new people, and grow socially. It was the experience I was looking for.” ■

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Close to 100 alumni, retired faculty and staff, families, and friends, including (pictured) Jim "Ray" Morrissey '54, his wife, Jean, and their son, J.R. Morrissey '88, gathered in February at LaPlaya Beach and Golf Resort in Naples, FL, for an annual reception with President and Mrs. Dennis J. Murray.

## 1959

**Kieran Mullins** retired from Molloy High School in 2004 after 44 years of teaching science. Retired in Goodyear, AZ, for more than 10 years, he is still going strong.

## 1964

**Bro. Rene Roy** recently celebrated the 55th anniversary of his graduation from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, MA.

## 1966

**Walter Behrman** and his wife, Lois, daughters Michelle and Allison, son-in-law, Brian, and grandsons Michael and William spent two weeks visiting Rome, Tuscany, and Venice to celebrate Walter's 70th birthday. ■ **Bob Cloonan** retired from Travelers Insurance as product director in the commercial insurance division after 45 years of service. Bob continues his advocacy for the disabled through involvement with Special Olympics and Connecticut organizations HARC and Oak Hill. ■ **Charles Zoeller** has been happily retired since 2010 and with his wife has traveled to Italy, China, Mexico, Central Europe, England, Scotland, and Ireland as well as the Grand Canyon and national parks in Wyoming. Charles is also engaged with nonprofits such as the Alzheimer's Association, library, AARP, and humanities council and is active in local and state politics.

## 1967

**Philip Ambrosio** is the proud grandfather of three granddaughters.

## 1968

**Joe McCarthy** is an executive board member of Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada and the volunteer development/fundraising coordinator for KXNV 89.1FM, northern Nevada's noncommercial

public radio station. Previously Joe was the Brewery Arts Center's executive director for nearly a decade and was also Carson City's director of economic development and redevelopment for 11 years. Joe's wife, Ann, is a retired attorney and they live happily in Silver City, NV, where their grown children and their families visit often.

## 1969

**John Baker** recently retired from the Texas Veterans Commission after 10 years of service. John is also retired from the US Air Force after serving more than 25 years. ■ **Jim Duncan** is running for Congress in North Carolina's 2nd District. ■ **Steve Johnson** and his wife, Sharon, are supporting a child in Ethiopia through Save the Children. ■ **Vincent Mooney** and his wife, Cecilia, attended his 45th reunion on campus Oct. 10 during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2014. After an evening of reminiscing with classmates and old friends, he received a very early-morning phone call with the news that his first grandchild was making her debut. Vinny and Cecilia welcomed their granddaughter, Bailey Joy, on Oct. 11, 2014—a special weekend for sure! ■ **Andrew Santulli** recently lost his wife, Mary. Andrew and Mary married in July 1969.



**Paul Rinn '68**, Marist Alumni Association president, recently returned from speaking engagements in Japan where he addressed audiences in Tokyo, Yokohama, Sasebo, and Yokosuka on the subject of leadership, motivation, and effective management. His talks wove together his experiences in the business consulting world and United States Navy and lessons learned from his teachers, coaches, and fellow students while at Marist.

## REUNION 1970

**Harold Luebbert** is semi-retired. Harold's second career involves performing international food safety audits. He is the president of HL Food Safety Consultants, LLC.

## 1971

**Terence Nash** is the athletic director in the Cossackie-Athens (NY) Central School District. He retired 15 years ago from the position of principal at Schalmont High School outside of Schenectady, NY. Terence resides in Glenmont, NY, with his wife, Karen, a college professor. They have two grown children, Tara and Matt.

## 1973

**Richard Cairns** has been a deputy director in the labor relations department of the New York State Metropolitan Transportation Authority since 2008. In 2013 his daughter Corinne earned a BA in liberal studies from SUNY Purchase College. Her twin sister Amanda recently graduated from



During their visit to Florence, Italy, Sean O'Neill '69 and his wife, JoAnn, had a wonderful time visiting with Marist student Juliana Inglese '18.



## Bill O'Reilly '71's Legends & Lies Debuts

**B**ILL O'REILLY '71, cable news anchor and best-selling author, has executive-produced a 10-week run of historical episodic specials entitled *Legends & Lies: Into the West*, which debuted on Fox News Channel in April 2015. The hour-long episodes recount the tales of the most well-known characters of America's Wild West, including Jesse James, David Crockett, Doc Holliday, and Billy the Kid.

Each week, *Legends & Lies* portrays a critical moment that made each character renowned, along with firsthand accounts from direct descendants and historians. Coupled with archival photographs and special effects, the portrayal offers viewers a chance to decipher the true story behind each individual.

O'Reilly, anchor of top-rated cable news program *The O'Reilly Factor*, was named among the top ten in the Gallup Poll's most recent annual ranking of Most Admired Man. For nearly seven decades Gallup has asked Americans, using an open-ended question, to name the man and woman living anywhere in the world whom they admire most. ■

Campbell Law School in Raleigh, NC. Amanda was admitted to the North Carolina bar in October 2014. ■ **Richard Freccia** retired as a school counselor at Allentown High School in Monmouth County, NJ. He is a talent statistician for the CBS Sports network for Army football home games and college basketball broadcasts. ■ **Bro. Hank Hammer** succeeded fellow classmate **Bro. Pat McNamara** as president of Marist High School in Chicago in July 2014.

### 1974

**Gary DeFraia** recently retired. For the past five years of his career, he directed programs for the

Department of Defense supporting service members and veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder. ■ **James Keegan** began working as a leadership coach and consultant for Education Northwest and the Oregon Department of Education. This follows his recent retirement after 39 years as a teacher and principal. James has been married for more than 32 years and a dad for more than 29 years. He has two daughters, more than 20 nieces and nephews, and two great-nieces. He loves handball, softball, and golf and is looking forward to spending more time with his family. ■ **Mark Kleinhans** retired from IBM after 35 years and plans to return to Marist to obtain his paralegal certification.

The year 2015 is a landmark one for Joe Rubino '71 as he celebrates his 65th birthday as well as his 40th wedding anniversary. Joe and his wife, Diane, reside in St. Augustine, FL. Pictured in Kona, HI, are Joe and his Marist roommate and wedding best man, Bill O'Reilly '71.



### REUNION

#### 1975

**Deborah Grimmatt-Harris** volunteers as an AARP tax aide during every tax season.

#### 1976

**William Kudlacik** recently had two hip replacements and retired after 38 years with NJSEA. He's "currently living the dream." ■ **Larry Hurley** retired and moved to Florida in 2007. He misses the autumn leaves but not the snow. His granddaughter, Jacklyn, recently turned 17.

#### 1977

**Brian Bennett** had a great experience at the 2014 Marist commencement: he was thrilled to have the opportunity to present his daughter, **Kerry Jane '14**, with her diploma.

#### 1978

**Philippe Cotennec** was named vice president of finance at Guiding Eyes for the Blind, a nonprofit that provides trained guide dogs, free of charge, to men and women who are blind or visually impaired. ■ **Charles Tamlyn** recently celebrated the 42nd anniversary of his discharge from the US Army, "which of course was an honorable one!" He expected to move into a new home this past December.

#### 1979

**Thomas Conway** and his wife, **Suzanne (Marcoux)**, report that

their son Ryan was promoted to lieutenant junior grade in the US Navy and their son Daniel was promoted to captain in the US Army. ■ **Brian Rogers** was promoted to WPP Mazda client leader for Latin America and managing director of WPP Team Mazda Colombia. Brian also plays slide guitar for the Brian Rogers Band and the Lassies Rogers Band in Bogota.

### REUNION

#### 1980

**Donald Ball** and his wife, **Kathy (Sheldon) '81**, report that their son, Christopher, is getting married this year. He and Shauna will wed in California. ■ **Joseph Passaretti** has been the senior director of development at San Diego State University for the past eight years. He and his wife, Yen Tu, have two children, Marilee and Alicia.

#### 1981

**Kathy (Sheldon) Ball** and her husband, **Donald '80**, report that their son, Christopher, is getting married this year. He and Shauna will wed in California. ■ **Patti (Morrison) Hodder** recently opened her own business, PattiStudio LLC, a consulting and freelance company that works with fashion companies on special retail projects and trade shows. Patti is also a designer in the craft and hobby industry and a member of several design teams. Her work has recently been published in national craft publications.

## Barry Lewis '82 Named Exec Editor



Barry Lewis '82

**B**ARRY LEWIS '82, a longtime news editor and columnist in the Hudson Valley, has been named executive editor of the *Times Herald-Record*.

Previously interim executive editor, Lewis came to the *Record* in 1999 after serving as city editor of *The Advocate* in Stamford, CT, and editor of *The Chronicle* in Windham, CT. He also previously was editor of the daily *Tri-State Gazette* in Port

Jervis, NY. Lewis is the author of *From Brooklyn to Bucolic*, a collection of his award-winning weekly columns.

He and his wife, Bonnie, live in Neversink. They have three sons, Sean, Daniel, and Dustin.

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Chris McCann '83, president of 1-800-Flowers.com, and his wife, Kathy '83, are longtime supporters of Marist.

## Chris McCann '83's 1-800-Flowers.com Acquires Harry & David

**A**S PRESIDENT OF 1-800-FLOWERS.COM, Chris McCann '83 directs the world's leading florist and gift shop. In September 2014, that empire expanded as the company announced it had completed its acquisition of Harry & David Holdings, Inc., a leading specialty retailer and producer of fruit, gourmet food products and other gifts marketed under the Harry & David, Wolferman's, and Cushman's brands.

"This combination will propel our total annual revenues to more than \$1.1 billion and offers numerous opportunities to accelerate our top and bottom-line growth going forward," said Chris's brother, Jim McCann, CEO of the company.

The signature Harry & David product line includes its flagship Royal Riviera pears, Fruit-of-the-Month Club products, Tower of Treats gifts, Moose Munch caramel and chocolate popcorn snacks, Wolferman's specialty English muffins and other breakfast products, and Cushman's HoneyBells citrus gifts, among other items.

"Combined with our expanded family of great gourmet gift brands, including Fannie May, Cheryl's, the Popcorn Factory, FruitBouquets, 1-800-Baskets.com, and Stockyards.com, the acquisition of Harry & David will increase our revenues in the gourmet food gift space to nearly \$650 million, making us a leading player in this growing, multibillion dollar category," said Jim McCann in a company news release.

The acquisition includes Harry & David Web sites as well as its headquarters, manufacturing, and distribution facilities and orchards in Medford, OR; a warehouse and distribution facility in Hebron, OH; and 48 Harry & David retail stores located throughout the country.

Chris and his wife, Kathy '83, are longtime supporters of Marist. Chris, a member of the College's Board of Trustees, currently serves as national chair of the Marist Fund campaign. He and Kathy have co-chaired the fund's Alumni Division for the past two years. ■

## 1982

**Edward Tucker** (MPA) was recently reelected trustee of the Grinnell Public Library in Wappingers Falls, NY.

## 1983

**Nancy Palatucci** married Tom Konrad on April 11, 2015. ■ **Joseph Seminara** has retired from his Wall Street career. Joseph and his wife, Cecilia, an attorney, have been married for more than 26 years and have one son, Christopher.



Al Celentano '85



## 1985

**Al Celentano** recently launched Liquid Capital of Northwest Atlanta. Liquid Capital, a company with offices in the US, Canada, and Mexico, provides financing and working capital to businesses ([www.liquidcapitalnwatl.com](http://www.liquidcapitalnwatl.com)). Al previously was with CarMax as an executive in its consumer finance division since 1997. He has lived in Atlanta since 1998. ■ **Gregory Hart** was appointed to the board of directors of the Catholic Guardian Society and Home Bureau of the Archdiocese of New York by Timothy Cardinal Dolan. ■ **Janet Lawler** and her spouse recently relocated from New York City after 14 years to sunny California. They now call San Diego home and they're loving the tropical temps, the outdoor activities, and the beach. ■ **Daniel Spuhler** and his wife, **Laurel (Dickson)**, report that their son, Karl, is in the PhD program at Stony Brook University for radiology/oncology in the biomedical physics department. Their daughter, Rose, rows for Poughkeepsie High School crew and medaled at nationals in Princeton, NJ.



Ian O'Connor '86

## 1986

**Anthony DeBarros** ('97 MS) was named director of product development for DocumentCloud, a service for investigative reporters and editors. ■ **Chuck Fillizola** was named CIO of Orchid Underwriters Insurance Agency, LLC. ■ **Ian O'Connor**, senior writer for ESPN.com and national host for ESPN Radio, was named one of the 10 best columnists in America in the recent Associated Press Sports Editors (APSE) annual contest. This marks the 10th time that Ian has been ranked among the top 10 columnists in the country in his circulation category by APSE. ■ **Alvin Patrick** was nominated for a national Sports Emmy® Award in the Outstanding Sports Journalism category for a *60 Minutes* story he produced on poker champion Phil Ivey. It was his sixth national Emmy nomination. Alvin also was guest speaker at the Catharine Street Community Center Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., breakfast on Jan. 23, in Poughkeepsie and keynote speaker at Marist's adult-undergraduate and graduate commencement ceremony on May 22 (see page 3).

## 1987

**Kevin Kaley** has been with Verizon for more than 16 years and is currently with its program management group. Kevin was promoted to colonel in the US Army Reserve in 2012 and has completed his second year of Army War College. He has been assigned to Region 6 as chief emergency preparedness liaison officer.





On March 17, Marist alumni, families, and friends joined (right) President and Mrs. Dennis J. Murray, the Amerscot Highland Pipe Band, and (left) Marist's honorary Grand Marshals Dan Hickey '66 and Michele Cross at the 254th St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City.

## 1988

**Rocco Cocco** ('96 MS) recently celebrated 37 years at IBM. Daughter Melissa '09 lives in New York City and is an associate designer at MJC International Group. Daughter Sarah recently graduated from Mount St. Mary College with a degree in business finance. Children Katie and Christopher are in preschool, and Austin is a busy one-

year-old at home. ■ **Mark Husted** and his wife, **Stephanie (Wing)**, have a daughter, Katherine, attending Marist. Katherine will graduate with the Class of 2017. ■ **Jeff Nicosia** recently founded Industrious Films, a turnkey provider of video content for both clients and agencies ([www.industriousllc.com](http://www.industriousllc.com)). Prior to founding the company, Jeff had an award-winning, 25-year career in advertising as a copywriter and creative director.

## 1989

**James McCloskey** earned a master's/EdS from Seton Hall University's education leadership, management, and policy program. ■ **Susanne (Lynn) Wilson's** son, Zachary, recently completed his freshman year at Yale. Her daughter, Lyndsey, is the No. 1 ranked sophomore high jumper in New York State and is considering attending Marist.



## 1990

**Melissa (Reilly) Ellard** won her ninth Andrew Carnegie Medal. The honor was for *Me...Jane*, an animated short based on the children's book about Jane Goodall. Melissa had the opportunity to interview Jane Goodall for the project. The medal recognizes the most outstanding video productions for children released during

the previous year. Melissa and Paul Gagne of Weston Woods Studios won a 2014 medal for producing *Bink&Gollie, Two for One*. ■ **Sean Graham** recently launched [www.12HourWeek.com](http://www.12HourWeek.com) and [www.PerfectFollowUpSystem.com](http://www.PerfectFollowUpSystem.com). ■ **Edward Miller's** son, Ryan, attends Marist and will graduate with the Class of 2018. Ryan is on the Marist crew team.

## 1991

**Tom Hanna** is head volleyball coach at the University of Akron. ■ **Sheila (Clancy) O'Donnell** created a fashion event in Cork, Ireland, in November 2014. The Media and Fashion Celebration Day featured a fashion workshop, a designer roundtable, and a trunk show. For news of her recent book, see the Alumni Authors section. ■ **Jeanne Rebillard** is the owner of Rebillard Public Relations.

## 1992

**James Alecca** is running for town councilman in his hometown of Esopus, NY. ■ **Elizabeth (Murphy) Lynch** earned her second Sports Emmy® Award in the Outstanding Technical Team Studio category for MLB Network's *MLB Tonight*. Recent travels have taken Elizabeth to the Alaskan Inside Passage and through the Panama Canal. ■ **Frank Mora** is a full-time state court judge in New York, serving in the Poughkeepsie City Court. Frank is also a candidate for county court judge in Dutchess County Court. ■ **Michael Prout** graduated with an MS from Johns Hopkins University, shortly after welcoming his second daughter to the world. In March 2014 he was named assistant dean for witness security of the US Marshals Service, leading the Federal Witness Security Program.

## 1993

**Maria Licari Cohen** continues working at her PR company, Maria Cohen PR. She has booked clients on *Today*, *Rachel Ray*, and *Nightline*. She also has freelanced at Phaidon Press on a cookbook. Maria is involved in her children's school, where she serves on the school board. ■ **Pedro Figueroa** rejoined global commodities merchant E.D. & F. Man in its sugar division as new director for business development, covering the US sugar market. Pedro has been working in the inter-

national sugar industry for more than 21 years. He continues to offer mentoring advice for Marist seniors and recent graduates. Recently Pedro met with two Marist students on a trip to Havana, Cuba. Pedro resides in Cutler Bay, FL, with his wife, **Jeanny (Ortega) '93**, and their three children. ■ **Rebecca (Smith) LaVallee** returned to Marist to work in the Advancement Office as an associate director of alumni and donor programs. Previously she worked at SUNY Empire State in Saratoga Springs, NY. Rebecca resides in the Hudson Valley with her husband, Andre, and their two-year-old son, Luke. ■ **Aaron Ward** performed at the Tuscany Suites and Casino in Las Vegas as part of the World Series of Comedy.

## 1994

**Mark Bennett** rejoined Bayer as head of digital communications. He is responsible for developing and overseeing all digital communication and social media efforts for Bayer in the US. Mark most recently served as group director at PR firm W2O Group and has been named special advisor, social and digital media, for the SAMFund ([www.thesamfund.org](http://www.thesamfund.org)). ■ **Claudine (Martini) Caruso** returned to the workforce as a part-time senior publicist for a Westport, Connecticut-based boutique firm, MontnerTech PR, after more than 10 years at home with her children. Within a year, she was promoted to full-time account director and works closely with **Alyssa Pallotti '13**, a Montner account executive. Claudine lives on Long Island with her husband, Jeff, and children Paul and Elena. ■ **David Triner** graduated with an MBA in risk management from St. Peter's University in May 2014.



## 1995

**Charles Lynch (MA)** retired from IBM and works for Health Quest. ■ **Michael Murray** began working for NBC Sports as a technical project manager. He and his wife adopted a son, Cayden, in January 2013. ■ **David Saco** and his wife, **Vicky (Keresztes) '96**, welcomed their second child, Sophia Elizabeth, born Oct. 26, 2014. Sophia joined big brother Joseph at home, and he loves being a big brother. ■ **Brian Smith** moved back to Washington,



Marc Hamlin '89 of the Tampa (FL) Police Department shares a photo taken with NFL Miami Dolphins defensive end Terrence Fede '14.



DC, after working for two years in Switzerland. He began a new job with Hospira as director of state government affairs.

## 1996

**Matthew Lacomchik** was named vice president of operations at L&M Distribution and Logistics, LLC/ Teutonic Transportation, LLC. He also welcomed twins, Max and Ellie, born Aug. 6, 2014. ■ **Beth (Kershaw) Mahoskey** is employed by Camp Herrlich. Beth is also site director for Matthew Paterson Elementary School's before- and after-care programs, a summer day camp director, and a Zumba fitness instructor. ■ **Vicky (Keresztes) Saco** and her husband, **David '95**, welcomed their second child, Sophia Elizabeth, born Oct. 26, 2014. Sophia joined big brother Joseph at home, and he loves being a big brother. ■ **Scott Sullens** has been named vice president of sales at Legacy Classic Furniture and Legacy Classic Kids in High Point, NC. He previously held senior sales and marketing positions with Lexington Home Brands and Broyhill Furniture. He and his wife, Vanessa, and their two daughters live in High Point, NC.

## 1997

**Kimberly Byda-Sullivan** and her husband, Jason, welcomed a baby girl, Ava Byda, born Nov. 19, 2014. ■ **Craig Scribner** married Linda Ribaldo on Aug. 13, 2014, in Cefalu, Italy.

## 1998

**Sean Connell** and his wife, Patricia, welcomed their second child, a daughter, Shaelyn Maeve, born Dec. 22, 2014. ■ **Patrick Cuddy** made a career change and is now northeast regional sales manager for Klein Tools Inc. ■ **David Hartman** was promoted to sergeant of the Wilton (CT) Police Department. ■ **Fernanda Leventhal** is a freelance French, Italian, and Portuguese translator and interpreter for language agencies, law firms, and hospitals. She also does phone interpreting in Portuguese and translates reinsurance documents from Portuguese to English. ■ **Elyssa (Kimmel) Liebl** and her husband, Eric, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Emma Riley, born Sept. 7, 2014. ■ **Mary Beth (Ostrowski) Sica** was recognized with one of the 2014 American Society for Clinical Pathology's 40 under 40 Awards. ■ **Courtney (Blair) Spector** and her husband, Steven, welcomed a son, Isaac Robert, born March 2014. Isaac joined big brothers Ryan and Noah at home. ■ **Bethann (Stanger) Steiner** has been appointed to the advisory board of the Humphreys Institute for Political Social Work at the University of Connecticut School of Social Work. Bethann received her MSW from UConn in 2000 and has worked in Massachusetts state government and politics for 14 years. She also has served as chief of staff to State Sen. Ben Downing (D-Pittsfield).



Jerome Pickett '98

## Jerome Pickett '98 Named NBA's Chief Security Officer

**J**EROME PICKETT '98 has been named senior vice president, chief security officer, for the National Basketball Association. Pickett oversees all aspects of the league's domestic and international security operations.

Pickett joins the NBA with 16 years of experience with the U.S. Secret Service (USSS). Most recently, he served as a supervisory special agent of the presidential counterassault team, which provides global tactical support for the president in the event of various potential threats. Prior to that, Pickett held a variety of positions and responsibilities within the USSS, from leading forensic investigations into electronic crimes and managing protective services for the president and first lady to participating in search and rescue operations at Ground Zero and working with a team of USSS agents that investigated the terrorists involved in the Sept. 11 attacks. He has received numerous awards, including the US Secret Service Medal of Valor for his heroic actions during 9/11.

"Jerome is expert in a broad range of security disciplines that are relevant to the NBA's global business," said the NBA's Joel Litvin, president, league operations. "This knowledge, together with his extensive operational experience, both domestically and abroad, will be of immense value to the NBA and its teams."

"I am thrilled to serve in the role of chief security officer for the NBA," said Pickett. "I look forward to putting my knowledge and skills to work for the league and its owners, players, teams, and fans in achieving a safe and secure environment for the NBA's activities around the world."

After earning a BS in criminal justice from Marist, Pickett earned a master's in homeland security from American Military University. He is a member of the Marist College Alumni Association Executive Board. ■

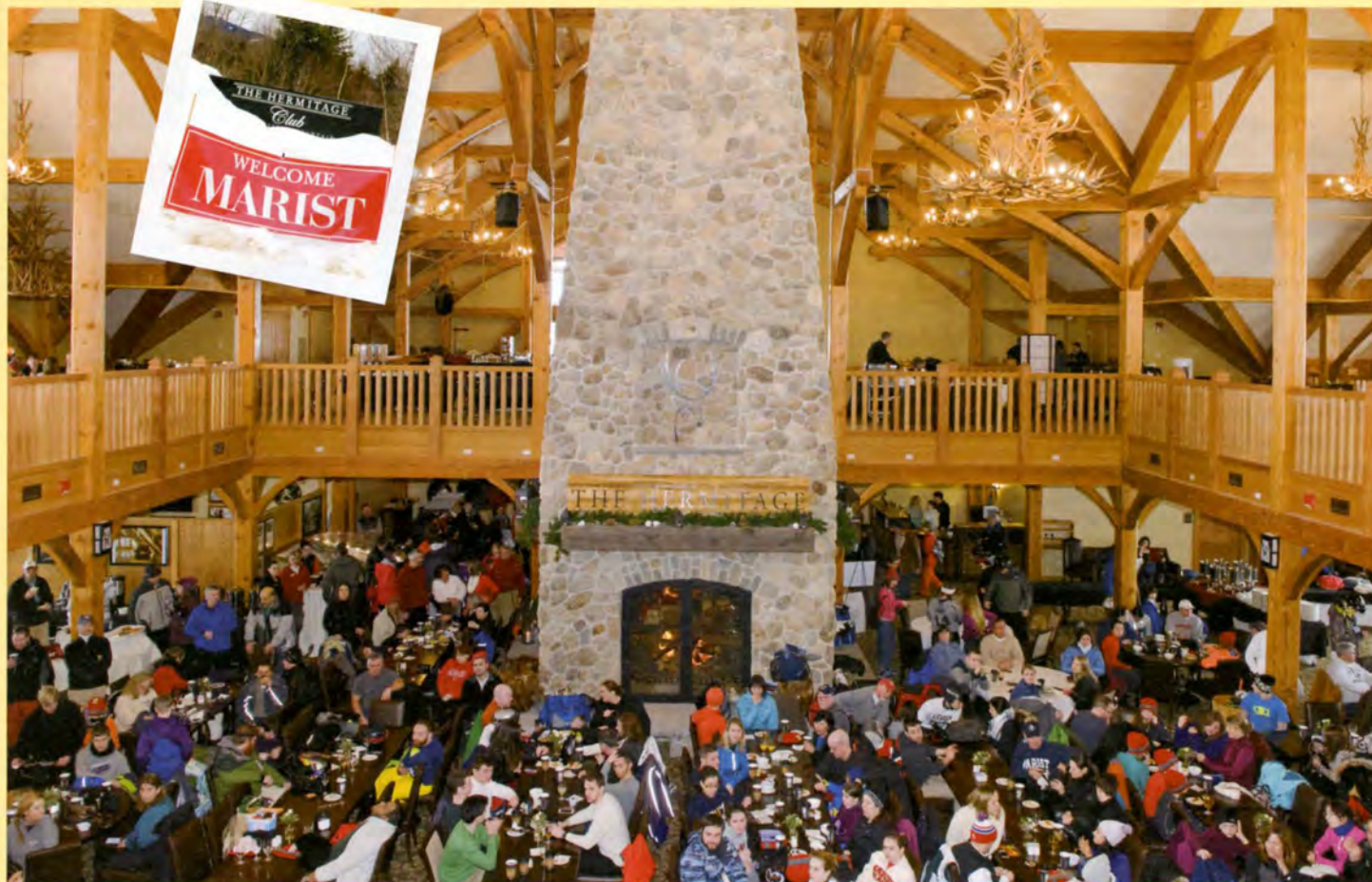


**John Pinna '97** (front, far right), in his former role as executive director of the Development Organization for Societies in Transition in Washington, DC, hosted an event in February featuring the Dalai Lama (front, center). Among those attending were **Deanna DeVito '15** (back row, second from left) and **Samantha DeVito '15** (back row, third from right). The event received coverage on *Time.com*. Pinna recently co-wrote an article published in the *European Scientific Journal* on the nature and impact of the Department of Homeland Security's "See Something, Say Something" campaign. He is currently vice president of development at the American University of Afghanistan, based in Kabul.



Four Marist alumni who work at ESPN came to Marist in May to share their perspectives with students on working at the sports broadcasting network and their own career paths as well as advice on getting a job with the company. The panelists were (left to right) **Marty Sinicola '97**, manager, TV ad operations; **Dan Garaffa '07**, product manager, global sales system strategy and product management; **John Lasker '97**, vice president, programming content strategy and acquisitions; and **Christopher Smith '98**, associate manager, TV ad operations.





Nearly 1,000 Marist guests were given exclusive access to the Hermitage Club at Haystack Mountain's new, private, 80,000-square-foot clubhouse.

## Record Crowd Attends Marist Day at the Hermitage Club

IT'S NOT VERY OFTEN that an alumnus and trustee of a college or university opens his mountain and ski lodge unconditionally to graduates, parents, families, and friends. But for the third year in a row, the Marist College community received this special opportunity.

On March 1, all Marist guests were given exclusive access to the Hermitage Club at Haystack Mountain's new, private, 80,000-square-foot clubhouse by founder and owner Jim Barnes '84.

Close to 1,000 members of the Marist community traveled to Deerfield Valley, VT, to partake in a variety of complimentary winter activities including downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, snow tubing, and more. For those who preferred a more temperature-controlled environment, the clubhouse offered a fitness center, spa, movie theatre, pool, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, and mini bowling alley.

All guests who attended Marist Day at the Hermitage Club and also supported the College's annual giving campaign, the Marist Fund, between July 1 and March 1 were entered in a drawing for one of two gift baskets full of Marist and Hermitage Club goodies. The winners were Ron and Margaret (Saltarelli) Marchand '91/'92 and Michael and Allison (Clifford) Uttley '07/'07.

Marist would like to offer a huge thank-you to Jim and Donna Barnes and the entire staff at the Hermitage Club. ■



Activities on Marist Day included downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, and snow tubing.



Jim Barnes '84 and his wife, Donna (left), and President Dennis J. Murray and his wife, Marilyn, enjoy a sleigh ride at the Hermitage Club at Haystack Mountain. The Barnes family opened their Vermont resort to Marist graduates, parents, families, and friends March 1 for a day of complimentary winter activities.





Michelle Almeida '99

## 1999

Michelle Almeida was recognized as a rising star in healthcare law by Super Lawyers, a rating service of lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. She is an associate with Iseman, Cunningham, Riestler & Hyde LLP. ■ **Kimberly (Svoboda) Biegel** and her husband, Patrick, welcomed their second child, a boy, Aiden Andrew, born March 27, 2014. Kimberly accepted a position with PricewaterhouseCoopers as communications and management leader for global IT. ■ **Melissa (Maples) Cassidy** has launched a new globally inspired swimwear line for boys called Bud & June, made in the US. Melissa's husband, Michael, recently graduated from law school. ■ **Steven Coogan** married Jennifer Rossignol '00 ('01 MA) on June 1, 2014, in Las Vegas. ■ **Veronica (Finch) Edwards** and her husband, Derek, welcomed two daughters, Felicity Skye, born Feb. 22, 2013, and Charlotte Rose, born Jan. 9, 2014. Felicity and Charlotte joined siblings Emily Faith and Blaise Alexander at home. ■ **Martin Kappus** and his wife, Dawn Marie, welcomed a baby girl, Aubrey Noelle, born Sept. 4, 2014. Aubrey joined big brothers Cameron and Blake at home. The family resides in Monroe, NJ. ■ **Michael Milby** and his wife, Catherine, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Caitlin Jialin, born Nov. 4, 2014. She weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. ■ **Tom Schwab** is a freelance news reporter and communications consultant and continues to teach high school journalism and English in northern New Jersey. Tom and his fiancée recently purchased a home in Lincoln Park, NJ.

## REUNION 2000

Korin (Daniels) Chisholm won a Sports Emmy® Award for graphic design for ESPN's X-Games. She has transferred to the Charlotte, NC, offices of ESPN to work on the SEC network. ■ **Cassandra (Giarrusso) Holdridge** ('07 MPA) and her husband, Sean, welcomed their second daughter, Siobhan Maureen, born June 26, 2014. Siobhan joined big sister Lauren at home. ■ **Ryan Hunter** completed his 11th year in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. Ryan works in the special investigations bureau. ■ **William Marko** and his wife, Katie (Feeney), announce the birth of their daughter, Eva Jean, born July 12, 2014. ■ **Kristi (Bouthillette) Mount** achieved her Certified Management Accountant (CMA) professional designation in September. Kristi and her husband also welcomed their second child, a boy, Reuben. He joined big brother James at home. ■ **Jennifer (Cassella) Pace** ('01 MA) and her husband, Jay, welcomed their second daughter, Madison, born in December 2013. Madison joined big sister Marisa at home. Jennifer has worked for 13 years as a school psychologist for Bristol (CT) public schools. ■ **Heather (Suydam) Herrington** and her husband, Scott, welcomed a son, Finch Evans, born Sept. 21, 2013. Heather was named vice president, legal, on the board of the Philadelphia Society of Human Resource Management and was named assistant litigation department chair of Jacobs Law Group, PC, in March 2015. ■ **Kate (Tamas) Temple** and her husband, Shawn, recently moved to Cheshire, CT. Kate and Shawn have two daughters, Sarah and Sydney. ■ **Jennifer Rossignol** ('01 MA) married Steven Coogan '99 on June 1, 2014, in Las Vegas.

## 2001

Melissa Giandurco was one of the first teachers in her district to win a 2015 Fund for Teachers Fellowship; only 6,500 teachers are selected nationwide. She was awarded a professional development grant to explore the Hawaiian Islands for several weeks. While there, she will study historical and cultural traditions and incorporate her findings into a study of myths and folklore

to help strengthen vocabulary and story-writing skills for special education, ELL (English Language Learners), and mainstream students. Melissa has also been working with the Norwalk Kiwanis Club for the past three years, serving on its board for the past two. ■ **Steven Nigro** (MBA) works for Montefiore IT as a senior project portfolio manager. ■ **Patrick Spence** has been a producer with Al Jazeera America in New York City for two years. ■ **Christy (Barr) Yaccarino** accepted a job transfer within her company, TriNet, and moved to Tampa, FL. She continues to be the director of benefits and wellness for TriNet's premium product, Ambrose. TriNet is a professional employer organization serving clients nationwide under several product lines.

## 2002

Benjamin Brenkert is beginning a PhD program at the University of Aberdeen. His memoir about his life as a gay Jesuit is due from



In his former position as US Airways executive services manager, Chris Blasie '01/'07 MA (right) had the opportunity to visit recently with U.S. Transportation Secretary Anthony Foxx (left) and tour Department of Transportation headquarters. Blasie now works for Rockwell Collins as a product manager for airport operations technology.



Kathleen Sands '03 has launched Yellow Girl Press.

## Kathleen Sands '03 Launches Yellow Girl Press

**K**ATHLEEN (VAZOULAS) SANDS '03 has launched a publishing company, Yellow Girl Press, fulfilling her dream of having her late father's books published. *Rocky the Rock and Robbie...too*, a picture book by her father, has a companion art program that schools, libraries, and organizations can hire her to run. Other books have related crafts for purchase. The press recently completed its first writing contest for local children at Marlborough Elementary School in Marlborough, CT, and is preparing a compilation of all the participants' stories. The company has a Web site, yellowgirlpress.wordpress.com, and Facebook page, and books are available on amazon.com.

After graduating from Marist with a BA in history, concentrating in secondary education, Sands earned a master's in geography and a master's in library science from the University of Maryland. She and her husband, Brian Sands '03, have two children, a boy and a girl. ■





Dr. Margaret Quinlan '03, associate professor of communication studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (center), Evan Shaw, chief videographer/editor, WOUB (left), and Dr. Lynn Harter, professor, Scripps College of Communication, Ohio University, accept a regional Emmy Award for the documentary series *The Courage of Creativity*.

## Dr. Margaret Quinlan '03, Colleagues Win Regional Emmy Award

**"My experiences at Marist helped to pave the path for this series," says Quinlan.**

**D**R. MARGARET M. QUINLAN '03, associate professor in communication studies at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, and her colleagues (Dr. Lynn Harter and Evan Shaw, Ohio University) have been recognized with a regional Emmy Award for *The Courage of Creativity*, a documentary series that explores the role that artists and creativity can play in people's well-being in health-related contexts. The series earned its award from the Ohio Valley regional chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences in the arts/entertainment category.

Quinlan served as an associate producer for the series. The first documentary in the series, *Beautiful Remedy*, which features the Arts in Medicine Program at MD Anderson Cancer Center, was accepted through a competitive review process for distribution by the National Education Television Association. It has been nominated for an Ohio Valley regional Emmy in the cultural/topical documentary category. The series has been supported by the Barbara Gerald Schoonover and Joe Berman Professorship at Ohio University. Other organizations featured in the series are DoorR: Healing Arts Program in Chapel Hill and Collaborative Art International.

While at Marist, Quinlan, known to her Red Fox family as Maggie, majored in psychology-special education. She went on to earn an MA and PhD in communication studies, focusing on disability. ■

Bloomsbury in spring 2016. ■ **Shannon Gibbs** is communications manager at Telluride Ski & Golf in Telluride, CO. Shannon completed Ironman Lake Placid in summer 2014. ■ **Gilbert Hawkins** ('03 MA) and his wife, **Tricia (Collins)**, welcomed a baby boy, Weston Joseph, born in August 2013. ■ **Stephen Kruk** and his wife, Xochil, welcomed their first child, a son, Michael John, born Sept. 25, 2014. ■ **Michael Maloney** was promoted to global account director at Ogilvy, where he has worked for the past 10 years. ■ **Mariel Sosa** married Carlos Juarez in September 2014. ■ **Justin Spraker** is a franchise owner in the financial industry. A recent construction project was completed for a new branch office, expanding staff and internship programs. A second expansion is expected to be completed this October.

### 2003

**Melissa (Payne) DiNunno** was promoted to associate director, operations, at the Bushnell Center for Performing Arts in Hartford, CT. ■ **Christine (Barnett) Gagnon** was recognized in the *Long Island Business News* 40 under 40 Awards. Christine is a senior audit manager at EisnerAmper, LLP. ■ **Nicole (Williams) Glass** and her husband,

Tommy, welcomed their second son, born Sept. 11, 2014. Nicole recently celebrated her clothing line entering its second season and being sold at a major US retailer among various high-end boutiques. ■ **Juwan Jackson** has been named head coach at Bridgton Academy in North Bridgton, ME. Previously he served as defensive line coach at Monmouth University. He has also been on the football staff at Oregon University, Rutgers University, Wagner College, and Marist, where he was an All-Conference center during his playing days. ■ **Anthony LoCurto** and his wife, **Nicole (Davis) '04**, welcomed a son, Angelo Joseph, born Nov. 17, 2013. ■ **Scott Lucente** was promoted to director of Web marketing for the Culinary Institute of America. ■ **Kelly Naughton** was named a partner at Burke, Miele & Golden, LLP. She was also named a 2014 New York Rising Star by Super Lawyers, a rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement. ■ **Peter Palmieri** and his wife, Ashley, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Clara, born Aug. 5, 2014. ■ **Brian Shaughnessy** has been a U.S. postal inspector since 2007 in Honolulu, HI. From



Kelly Naughton '03

March to June 2013, he served as supervisor of a financial crimes task force in Fresno, CA. Brian's unit made more than 20 arrests during that period for federal crimes such as mail theft, identity theft, bank fraud, credit card fraud, and felon in possession of firearms.

### 2004

**Michael Babic** and his wife, **Christin (Psak)**, welcomed their second child, John, born in December 2013. Michael is vice president, Americas head FX eCommerce sales, at Goldman Sachs.

Michael and Christin relocated to Berkeley Heights, NJ, in 2013. ■ **Kylie (Streck) Bianco** and her husband, Ralph, welcomed a son, William Anthony, born March 18, 2014. William joined big sister Taylor at home. ■ **Erin (Sandrowicz) D'Alessandro** welcomed her first baby, a boy, born in April. She is a nurse at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. ■ **Thomas Frost** and **Rachel Flanagan '06** married on Aug. 9, 2014, in Hopewell Junction, NY, and reside in the Hudson Valley. Tom works for Time Warner Cable as a human resources business partner and Rachel manages her own law practice in Fishkill. ■ **Kathryn (Muller) Jones** blended her love of fashion and of helping others by co-founding a company in Massachusetts called SuperHealos, dedicated to easing the stress and anxiety children face while undergoing medical issues. Using her Marist fashion degree, Kathryn helped design the first SuperHealos cape, one example of SuperHealos products that kids can wear to feel brave during tough times. Kathryn holds a master's degree in occupational therapy. ■ **Nicole (Davis) LoCurto** and her husband, **Anthony '03**, welcomed a son, Angelo Joseph, born Nov. 17, 2013. ■ **Michelle (Cappelli) Martinetti** joined



# Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Set for Sept. 25-27

More than 1,000 Attend 2014 Events



Members of the family of Bro. Joseph L. R. Belanger '48 gathered for the dedication of the International Programs Suite in the Hancock Center in his memory. Brother Joe founded the Marist Abroad Program and served as its director for 17 years.



President Dennis J. Murray watches to members of the Class of '64 during a reception to honor their 50-year reunion. Members attending were (standing) John Depew, Kevin Finn, Bro. Rene Roy, John Doss, Deacon Peter R.C. Haight, Patrick Berardi, Fr. Edward Doran, Stephen Slack, Fred Weiss, Gerry LaForge, David Flynn, (seated) Daniel Verrico, John King, Ronald Diss, John Reynolds, Deacon Philip Hannigan, Paul Margentino, and Don Murphy.



Three alumni were honored with Alumni Awards. Former Trustee Mary (Monsaert) Joyce '74 (left) received the Marist College Distinguished Service Award; Marist Trustee Timothy G. Brier '69 (center) received the Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50 Outstanding Alumnus Award; and Amanda (Augustine) Kane '04 (right) received the Marist College Young Alumna Award.

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At press time, planning was underway for reunions of the classes of 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000, 2005, and 2010. This year's Homecoming football game will pit the Red Foxes against Jacksonville on Saturday, Sept. 26. For a list of area accommodations and to register for events, please visit [maristconnect.marist.edu/homecoming](http://maristconnect.marist.edu/homecoming).

In fall 2014, more than 700 alumni, family, and friends attended reunion celebrations for the Heritage Classes 1947-1966, the Classes of 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2009, and Young Alumni (2009-2014) during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Oct. 10-12.

The weekend was full of special tributes. On Saturday morning, three extremely dedicated alumni were honored with Alumni Awards: Marist Trustee Timothy G. Brier '69 received the Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50 Outstanding Alumnus Award; former Trustee Mary (Monsaert) Joyce '74 received the Marist College Distinguished Service Award; and Amanda

(Augustine) Kane '04 received the Marist College Young Alumna Award. For more about these alumni, and the awards, please visit [maristconnect.marist.edu/alumni\\_awards](http://maristconnect.marist.edu/alumni_awards).

Later on Saturday, a packed house of alumni and friends of the College paid tribute to Gerard A. Cox '55 when the Theatre Lounge in the Student Center was dedicated in his honor. Cox retired from Marist in 2001 after 34 years of service as a faculty member, administrator, and longtime advisor of MCCTA (Marist College Club on Theatre Arts), including 22 years as vice president and dean of student affairs. Among the many special guests at the event were Jerry's wife, Peggy '73, the couple's three children, Stephen '95, Anne Marie '99, and Anthony, and their six grandchildren.

Following the dedication, four alumni were inducted into the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame. The honorees were Nancy Dean Thomas '75, David Laffin '93, Keith "Sonny" Sunderland '98, and Stephanie Speranza '07.

On Sunday, the College dedicated the International Programs Suite in the Hancock Center in memory of Bro. Joseph L. R. Belanger '48, the

legendary Marist figure who in 1963 founded the Marist Abroad Program and served as its director for 17 years. Over 50 years later, more than 6,500 Marist students have studied around the world. Twenty-six members of the Belanger family joined an enthusiastic crowd of Marist Brothers, alumni, and members of the College community in celebrating this special occasion. Tim Brier, who studied at the London School of Economics, and Mary Joyce, who studied at the American College, L'Etoile, and the Parisian Center for Ballet Dancers in Paris, gave moving tributes to their mentor.

To read more about Jerry Cox and Brother Joe and the scholarships named in their honor, please visit [maristconnect.marist.edu/coxandbelanger](http://maristconnect.marist.edu/coxandbelanger). ■



Left: The Theatre Lounge in the Student Center was dedicated in honor of Gerard A. Cox '55 (right). Among the many guests were Jerry's wife, Peggy '73 (left), the couple's three children, Stephen '95, Anne Marie '99, and Anthony, and their six grandchildren.



Right: Alumni inducted into the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame were (left to right) Nancy Dean Thomas '75, David Laffin '93, Keith "Sonny" Sunderland '98, and Stephanie Speranza '07.





**G. Patrick Gallagher '57** has written his second book on a critical subject for law enforcement: *Successful Police Risk Management: A Guide for Police Executives, Risk Managers, Local Officials, and Defense Attorneys* (lulu.com). Gallagher has conducted training sessions in all 50 states, performed audits and management studies of police departments, and been involved as an expert witness in a number of police cases.

**William Reger-Nash, EdD '65**, has published *Foundations of Wellness*, a text for university health and wellness courses. The book focuses on mindfulness and positive psychology, recommending standard wellness practices within a mindful context. Reger-Nash taught at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and School of Public Health, where he is a professor emeritus, for 21 years. The book is available through [www.humankinetics.com](http://www.humankinetics.com) or standard retailers.



**Jerry Della Rocca '71** has written two books about what to do when faced with early retirement after a 30-year career: "Still on the short side of his fifties, and accepting that it's too soon to put away his briefcase, he diligently searches for a new occupation/profession/job, one that will fulfill the passions that he didn't know he had. But in between here and the perfect career is one obstacle—the unending Honey-Do List." *No More Ties... But Will There Be Donuts?* and its sequel, *Too Few Donuts... Too Many Honey-Do Lists*, are available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

**Gary W. Griffen '72**, who has produced four national award-winning TV specials on white-tails for the Discovery Channel, recently published *Whitetails in America*. Through images and more than 30 years of studying and filming whitetails, Griffen examines the natural history, behavior, and conservation of white-tailed deer. The book and companion DVD can be purchased at [www.griffenproductions.com](http://www.griffenproductions.com) and an ebook version is available at Apple iBooks.



In his book *Turn Back*, **John (Jack) Fagan '74** presents the findings of his 14-year exploration into the validity of his concerns that the true meanings of some Biblical verses have been taught incorrectly or lost to history. The book is available through Dorrance Publishing Co. ([www.dorrancebookstore.com](http://www.dorrancebookstore.com)).



## Alumni Authors

**Jim DeFelice '77** has written more than 50 books, 15 of which have been on the *New York Times* best-seller list. DeFelice co-authored *American Sniper*, the autobiography of former US Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle, and more recently *American Wife* with Taya Kyle, the widow of Chris Kyle. At press time both books were on the *New York Times* best-seller list. Look for a feature about DeFelice in a future issue of *Marist* magazine.



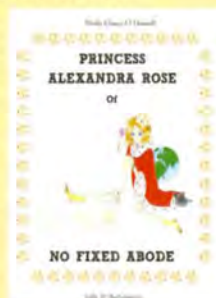
**Sharon Struth '81** signed a deal with Kensington Publishing for three books in her Blue Moon Lake Novels series.

Book One, *Share the Moon*, was released in August 2014 and is available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and other retailers.

**Don Eustace '84** recently published his first book, *Fire! A History of Firehouses and Fire Companies of the Hudson Valley*. He also finished his second book for children, *Keenie's Alphabet Book*, and is launching Sebec Publishing Co.

**John Roche '87** has written a crime novel, *Bronx Bound* (Black Opal Books). It was among the top 100-selling books on [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com) after its release this past spring. Roche teaches journalism at Marist as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Communication and the Arts.

**Sheila (Clancy) O'Donnell '91** has written a children's book about a Donegal, Ireland, girl who is half-American. *Princess Alexandra Rose of No Fixed Abode* follows the girl's experiences in Ireland and the USA. The book is available through stores listed on its Facebook page of the same name and at [www.princessalexandrarose.com](http://www.princessalexandrarose.com). A portion of proceeds from sales goes to the Marie Keating Foundation and the Michaela Foundation, charities in Ireland.



Gold's Gym of Dutchess County as marketing manager. ■ **Jessica Revoir** was promoted to assistant vice president of marketing at First Financial Federal Credit Union. ■ **Lauren Selke** celebrated her 13th year with Christmas Tree Shops. ■ **Bobbi Sue (Gibbons) Tellitocci** ('14 MA) and her husband, **Travis** ('14 MA), welcomed their first child, a baby boy, Tyler Joseph, born Oct. 31, 2014. ■ **Stacey Trapani-Barber** ('11 MA), and her husband, Stephen Barber, welcomed a baby boy, Joseph Constancio, on Dec. 12, 2014. Joey

joined big sister Caralyn Daye. After working in the nonprofit sector with individuals with autism and related disabilities for the past decade, Stacey recently started her own company, Traber, LLC, which provides services for individuals and families impacted by autism and related disabilities. After earning a master's from Marist, Stacey obtained her mental health counseling license in 2012. She is pursuing a doctorate in psychology from California Southern University. She recently became a licensed behavior

analyst. ■ **Maria (Johannesdottir) Weinberg** is working toward her Silver Life Master designation as a duplicate bridge player.

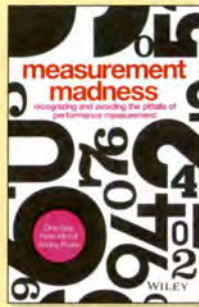


**Julia Braun** and classmate **Michael Annunziato** married on Oct. 11, 2014, in Greenwich, CT. ■ **Kelly Dengos** ('05 MA) married John Ruminski on Aug. 10, 2014, in South Boston, MA. ■ **Caitlin Donahue** married her law school classmate

Heath Goldstein on Nov. 1, 2014. Caitlin and Heath have a family law and criminal defense firm in Queens, NY. ■ **Matthew Doran** founded a sharing economy start-up called Advntur that connects athletes away from home with local athletes ([www.advntur.com](http://www.advntur.com)). ■ **Matt Grant** is an investigative reporter with WESH 2 News in Orlando, FL. He earned an Emmy Award in the Business Consumer category for his three-month investigation into a local charity which sparked a statewide review of the program.



John Wiley and Sons recently published *Measurement Madness: Recognizing and Avoiding the Pitfalls of Performance Measurement* by **Andrey Pavlov '02'03 MBA**. The book, about measuring performance in organizations, "aims to help leaders avoid the dysfunctional and often bizarre unintended consequences of relying on performance indicators," Pavlov says. "It does so by using real-life examples of performance management measurement gone mad from the US, UK, and around the world."



Houghton Mifflin Harcourt will publish *The Ashes of Fiery Weather* by **Kathleen Donohoe '94** in spring 2016. The novel is about the women of a Brooklyn, NY, family of firefighters whose stories interconnect across time.



**Abdul Lloyd-Bey, Esq. '94** has released *No Throwaway Boy*, recounting the journey of a young man who served nearly 13 years in New York prisons before becoming a criminal defense lawyer. The book is available at amazon.com.

**Gretchen E. Schultek '06** has published *Elementary EDUC 101: What They Didn't Teach You in College* (Outskirts Press), offering tips based on her experiences in the elementary school classroom. Schultek earned a master's

in curriculum and supervision from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, has attained national board certification as an early childhood generalist, and has taught second, third, and fifth grades. The book is available through outskirtspress.com and amazon.com.

**Pari Forood '15 MPA** has written *The Gates of Light*, a novel about immigration, based on her life and that of her family. The book jacket describes part of the story: "While working in Washington, DC, in 1984 as a press secretary for Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., Pari Forood gets a phone call from her father. Her 17-year-old Iranian cousin has been drafted during the Iran/Iraq war. He must flee from Iran or face an almost certain death. ... Forood uses her ties in Washington to help extricate her young cousin whom she has not seen in 14 years. Ms. Forood was born to an immigrant Muslim Iranian father and American mother who can trace her lineage back to this country's early American settlers." The book is available at www.westcornwallpublishing.com. ■



**Matt Grant '05**

It was the third Emmy of Matt's reporting career. ■ **Kevin Henry** and his wife, Jessica, welcomed a son, Brayden Patrick, born Jan. 28, 2014. ■ **Christine (Pulaski) Lynch** opened a mobile shop, Local Color NYC, which features and promotes artists, designers, and manufacturers exclusively from the New York City area. You can find her shop in a truck popping up around the New York City area (www.localcolortruck.com). ■ **Craig O'Brien** married Kimberley Murphy on Sept. 20, 2014, in Pittsburgh, PA. ■ **Tanya**

(Hudson) **Savino** and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Liliana Marie, born in September 2014.

## 2006

**Colleen (Kelly) Crocker** and her husband, Andrew, welcomed a baby boy, Patrick "Paddy" Vaughn, born May 6, 2014. ■ **Rachel Flanagan** and **Thomas Frost '04** married on Aug. 9, 2014, in Hopewell Junction, NY. They reside in the Hudson Valley. Rachel manages her own law practice in Fishkill and Tom works for Time Warner Cable as a human resources business partner. ■ **Lindsay Liquori** married Matthew Quackenbush on June 7, 2014. ■ **Andres Oranges** was promoted to vice president of the chief investment office at JP Morgan. He also has been appointed chairman of a poverty reduction nonprofit organization and chosen as a board member for a dog rescue not-for-profit foundation. In his spare time, he works to strategically redevelop a family business specializing in consulting and import/export services. ■ **Alicia Wells** and **Thomas Schiller** married Oct. 18, 2013, in Brookfield, CT. Alicia is assistant director of undergraduate career development at Columbia University and earned an MA in higher education from Columbia's Teachers College in 2013. Thomas recently joined World Wrestling Entertainment as an associate producer for creative media after spending eight years in TV production at the National Hockey League and collaborating on an award-winning independent documentary, *The Great Chicken Wing Hunt*. Alicia and Thomas reside in Mamaroneck, NY.

## 2007

**David Barton** married Hailey Apter on Aug. 31, 2014, at Knowlton Mansion in Philadelphia, PA. ■ **Christine (Beirne) Gilsinger** and her husband, **Ted '08**, recently celebrated ten years together and their fifth wedding anniversary. They purchased their second home and are thrilled to be expecting their first child in September. ■ **Barry Correia** married Kelly Killelea in March 2015. ■ **Sara Galeotti** is enrolled in Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine. ■ **Christina Goldsmith** graduated from NYCOM in 2011, completed a family medicine residency at Ellis Hospital, and is

practicing in Saratoga Springs, NY. ■ **Timothy Griffin** and his wife, **Rebecca (Conradi) '08**, welcomed a daughter, Joanna, born Jan. 20, 2015. ■ **Stephen Krill** married **Natalie Gardner '08** on April 10, 2015, at Tappan Hill Mansion in Tarrytown, NY. Stephen and Natalie met at Marist while living next to each other in Upper West Cedar. ■ **Michael Lima** and **Kristen DeMeo** married on July 23, 2011, at Fox Hollow in Woodbury, NY. Members of their bridal party included **Angela Gallo**, **Juliana Easlon**, **Erin Tyrol**, and **Joel Consolati**. Michael and Kristen also welcomed twin boys, Avery James and Benjamin Martin, born Aug. 1, 2014. ■ **Joe Macho** and Himani Jani plan to marry this summer at the Lake Mohawk Country Club in Sparta, NJ. Joe and Himani met in grad school at American International College in Springfield, MA, where he was a graduate assistant football coach. He graduated in May 2011 from American International College with an MEd. ■ **Christopher Massey ('15 MPA)** completed his master's at Marist and was promoted to rank of police sergeant. ■ **James Scariati** married **Lindsay Furman** on April 18, 2009, in Lindsay's hometown of Westerly, RI. Lindsay began her writing career at IBM and James is a lead front end developer for Guthy-Renker in Santa Monica, CA. They reside in the LA area with their two children, Jonah and Lydia. ■ **Andrew Smith** presented at the National Intramural Recreational Sports Association annual conference in Dallas, TX. NIRSA is the premier professional association of collegiate recreation. ■ **Sankung Susso** earned a certificate of advanced graduate studies (CAGS) in educational leadership from Cambridge College in Cambridge, MA, and is pursuing a doctorate in educational leadership, also from Cambridge College. Sankung began his eighth year as a special education teacher in New York City. ■ **Laura (Hickey) Trivitt** and her husband, Keith, welcomed a baby girl, Sydney Harper, born Nov. 5, 2014. ■ **Jaime Vice** recently became engaged. ■ **Douglas Ward** married on Sept. 10, 2011, and purchased his first home in December 2012. He and his wife, Jenna, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Olivia Rose, born May 21, 2015.



## 2008

**Wendy Baron** was promoted to business analyst at ESPN. ■ **Jocelyn Bishop** married Stefan van den Akker on Sept. 27, 2014. ■ **Daniel Cruger** married **Cynthia Palumbo '09** on May 3, 2015, overlooking the Hudson River, as a way to celebrate where they met. ■ **Taryn Fitsik** married Sean Kane in Lake George, NY, in October 2011. They welcomed their first child, a son, Logan, born Aug. 19, 2014. Taryn worked as a television reporter for News10 ABC in Albany, NY, from 2008 to 2013; she is now the communications specialist for the North Colonie Central School District in Latham, NY. ■ **Natalie Gardner** married **Stephen Krill '07** on April 10, 2015, at Tappan Hill Mansion in Tarrytown, NY. Stephen and Natalie met at Marist while living next to each other in Upper West Cedar. ■ **Ted Gilsinger** and his wife, **Christine (Beirne) '07**, recently celebrated ten years together and their fifth wedding anniversary. They purchased their second home and are thrilled to be expecting their first child in September. ■ **Rebecca (Conradi) Griffin** and her husband, **Timothy**, welcomed a daughter, Joanna, born Jan. 20, 2015. ■ **Jon Infanti** works and lives in both San Diego, CA, and Hoboken, NJ. Jon heads the creative department of a San Diego-based mortgage company. ■ **Lauren Pavlick** married **Matt Soriano** on Sept. 21, 2014, at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie. Lauren started a new job at Cone Communications, relocating to Boston. ■ **Eric Zedalis** was promoted to assistant director of athletics for communications at the University of the District of Columbia. ■ **Laura Zuccaro** married **Robert DeVito '09** in fall 2013.

## 2009

**Nicholas Battaglia** was appointed to the New York State Supreme Court, Green County, as senior law clerk/court attorney to the Hon. Lisa M. Fisher. ■ **Catherine Becker** and **Ryan Smith** became engaged in February 2014. They are planning a wedding in Portland, OR, for Sept. 5, 2015. ■ **Robert DeVito** married **Laura Zuccaro '08** in fall 2013. ■ **Kevin Glover** has been authorized by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards to use the certified financial planner and CFP certification marks in accordance

with CFP board certification and renewal requirements. Kevin specializes in financial planning for young professionals. ■ **Staci Makovich** became the communications and Web strategies manager at the Rensselaer County Regional Chamber of Commerce in Troy, NY. ■ **Cynthia Palumbo** married **Daniel Cruger '08** on May 3, 2015, overlooking the Hudson River, as a way to celebrate where they met. Cynthia earned an MS Ed in higher education administration in 2012 from Baruch College. ■ **Meredith Scott** married **Austin Wright** on April 18, 2015, in Plymouth, MA. They reside in Newton, MA. ■ **Sarah Shoemaker** and her fiancé, Benjamin Perramant, became engaged just before the New Year in London. They married May 19 in Manhattan, followed by a small private ceremony in New York and another in Niort, France, with Benjamin's family.

## REUNION 2010

**Jaime Bonventre '14 MA** is a social media producer for News 12. Previously, Jaime worked as a strategist at McCann in New York City as part of the McCann Always On team, helping brands develop their social footprint. In May 2014 Jaime graduated from Marist's educational psychology master's program. ■ **Nicole Brown** works for North Shore-LIJ Health System Foundation. ■ **Elizabeth Horowitz** is engaged to David Castellani. David is from Poughkeepsie and is a systems administrator for New York Law School. They plan to marry on Sept. 20, 2015. ■ **Caitlin Martin** is vice president of sales and marketing at Safeguard of the Hudson Valley. ■ **Alison Novak** received a PhD in communication, culture, and media from Drexel University and joined the faculty of Rowan



Caitlin Martin '10

University in communication and the arts. ■ **Kaitlyn Smith '14 MA** and **Eric Lanthier '11** are engaged. They plan to marry in the Marist Chapel in 2016. Kait began a new job in marketing at Babson College as manager of student experience communications. ■ **Kimberly Spallone** and **Vito Pignatelli** are engaged. They plan to marry in 2015. ■ **Francis Spinelli (MPA)** continues to serve as a deputy chief in the Hartsdale Fire District and as director of the Westchester County Chiefs Career Fire Academy in Valhalla, NY.

## 2011

**Christina Campanile** left her teaching job in Queens, NY, to teach English to Spanish-speaking students in Madrid, Spain. Christina earned a master's degree from Adelphi University in 2013. ■ **Colin Cartwright** is in his third year of teaching English at a high school in Toyama, Japan. ■ **John Florio** and **Jaimie Little** are engaged. They plan to marry this summer at Marist. ■ **Renee Gennarelli** is a data analyst at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. ■ **Eric Lanthier** and **Kaitlyn Smith '10/'14 MA** are engaged. They plan to marry in the Marist Chapel in 2016. ■ **Rachel Maleady** and **James Ferrigno** became engaged in October 2014 and plan a September 2016 wedding. ■ **Julianna White** is an editorial assistant at the Yale University Art Gallery. Julianna previously interned with the American

Wing at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City and Morven Museum & Garden in Princeton, NJ.

## 2012

**April Bourlier** works at Marist in the Office of Housing and Residential Life as a resident director for Leo Hall. ■ **Deirdre Burns** recently welcomed a baby girl. ■ **Michael Cullen** is a videographer for the Lakeland Central School District in Shrub Oak, NY. Michael also works as a freelance videographer. ■ **Joanna Foss** received a Student Diversity Award from the Association for Applied Sport Psychology. ■ **Cassandra Izzo** was hired in the advertising department at the *Democrat and Chronicle*, a Gannett company, in Rochester, NY. Cassandra will contribute to the local business team as a digital account manager. ■ **Kara Lightowler** works at the Department of Children and Families in Connecticut, investigating child abuse/physical neglect and assisting families with treatment and/or needs. In November 2013, Kara ran the ING NYC Marathon, where she saw several Marist fans. She then ran in the Boston Marathon in April 2014 which she says was an incredible experience. ■ **Julie Maio, Kelley Sullivan '13,** and **Caitlin Landsman '13** each earned an MS in communication from Illinois State University in May. They've been living together and teaching undergraduate courses at ISU together for the past two years. Julie recently began working for ISU's admissions office as a communication specialist. ■ **Katie Meena** was promoted from production assistant to associate producer at VH1 in the multiplatform production and programming department. As an associate producer, Katie prepares, programs, and manages video content for multiple series on various platforms, including VH1.com, VH1 App, and VH1 Mobile Web. ■ **Robert Palko** is in his second year of teaching high school in his hometown. ■ **Joseph Papiro** is an international operations consultant for Domino's Pizza. He works in Leiden, The Netherlands, supporting operations in Belgium, France, Denmark, and The Netherlands. ■ **Christina Sutton** and her US Army unit returned from a peace support deployment in time to spend the 2014 holidays with family and

**Igor Volsky '08** delivered the keynote address at Marist's Celebration of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (CURSCA) in April 2015. Volsky is director of video and contributing editor at ThinkProgress.org. CURSCA is an annual showcase for students to share their work and be celebrated by the Marist College community.





## Alumni

Bro. Richard J. Rancourt, FMS '53  
 Dr. Michael J. Kelly '54  
 Richard Holena '58  
 Bro. Thomas Coyne, FMS '60  
 Bro. John Bantz, FMS '63  
 Stafford J. Pelish '63  
 James F. McGee '64  
 John C. Romeo '64  
 John Barry '66  
 Daniel J. Millicker '66  
 Alan W. Drake '67  
 Norman P. Bailot '68  
 Robert W. Callaghan '68  
 James P. Cauldwell '68  
 Hugh W. Goss '68  
 Harold Clark '70  
 Kevin J. Devine '71  
 Donald R. Vleming '71  
 Richard S. Harbison '72  
 Nicholas Siciliano '72  
 Meroslaw D. Sienty, Esq. '73  
 Bernard W. McGinnis '74/'77 M  
 Elizabeth C. Spiro '74  
 Joseph W. Tomecek '74  
 Susan M. Dunderdale '75  
 Duane A. Smith '78  
 Gerrilynn A. Sprague-Damon '78  
 Sadie Levine Efron '79  
 Jeffery Christian '81  
 Edmund H. Orchowski '81 M  
 Harvey B. Buckwald '82  
 Donald Bleakley '84  
 Frances Dowling '84 M  
 Ms. Monsita Y. Scholten '88  
 Gregory A. King '90  
 Susan Dagher Panettieri '90  
 Terence Brennan '91  
 Catherine Steuwer Gary '91  
 Tusharbhaj Patel '91  
 Diana M. Kelly '92 M  
 John B. Chapin '93  
 John G. McAuliffe '93  
 Darren Duffy '98  
 Robert A. Casinghino '01  
 Gregory J. Salamone '01  
 John Petersen '12  
 Daniel W. Zajac '12  
 Joseph M. Nesheiwat '13

## Friends

Theresa Z. Baker  
 Mabel E. Conklin  
 Salvatore Di Palma  
 Roy DuPilka  
 Joan E. Fay  
 Sigmund B. Friedman  
 Lore Grishman  
 Marcia Helleman  
 David W. Hill  
 Stephen Horowitz  
 Louise Kelly  
 Sylvia Kurkhill  
 Dr. Henry Pletcher  
 Lorraine M. Roberts  
 Roger W. Smith  
 Mildred Sturcken  
 Richard B. Wilson

## Staff

Dr. J. Gerard Breen  
*Assistant Professor of Sociology 1971-1992 and Tennis Coach*  
 Anna Griffin  
*Executive Assistant (1981-1989)*  
 Katharine (Kit) Hardy  
*Adjunct Instructor of Physical Education (1980-2014)*



Left to right, Sean Stellato '02, Marist football coach Jim Parady, and NFL Miami Dolphins defensive end Terrence Fede '14 were among the former and current players, coaches, and friends attending the 2015 Spring Football Alumni Day at Marist.

loved ones. ■ **Phil Terrigno** graduated from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and started work as the Lubbock (TX) *Avalanche Journal's* high school sports editor. He has recently been published in the *New York Times* and is an MBA candidate at Texas Tech University. This fall, Phil will teach journalism as an adjunct at Texas Tech.

## 2013

**Victoria Brienza** ('14 MA) is an associate teacher with Success Academy Charter Schools in New York, NY. ■ **Hannah Furlong** is a complex case manager at Liberty Mutual Insurance Co. ■ **Victoria Huntsinger** was promoted to assistant manager, digital product development, at Penguin Random House. ■ **Ashley Lampman** received a master's in industrial and organizational psychology from the University of New Haven and is a talent acquisition coordinator at Indeed.com. ■ **Brianne Macalena** teaches at South High School in Clarkstown, NY, and is earning her master's in students with disabilities education. ■ **Eleanor Majetich** married Calder Kaatz on May 25, 2014, in Lenox, MA. ■

**Robert Peterpaul** was promoted at the Fox entertainment news show *TMZ*. He is now a production assistant and on-air correspondent. ■ **Gina Sirico** continues to share her love of Marist through the Marist Alumni Recruitment Team (MART) at local college fairs. She is active in the Connecticut and New York chapters of the Alumni Association and is also looking forward to the opportunities that her Marist integrated marketing communication degree could bring. ■ **Kelley Sullivan, Caitlin Landsman, and Julie Maio '12** each earned an MS in communication from Illinois State University in May. They've been living together and teaching undergraduate courses at ISU together for the past two years. ■ **Eric VanderVoort** accepted a full-time job as an interactive producer for NCAA.com at Turner Sports. ■ **Kyle Yantz** completed all parts of the CPA exam. ■ **Annamarie Zito** is a graduate student at Teachers College, Columbia University, studying arts administration. She expects to graduate in spring 2016.

## 2014

**Joseph Amodeo** (MPA) was appointed adjunct lecturer of

Five alumni working in finance returned to campus for career development activities with students and faculty in the School of Management in February 2015. The alumni were (left to right) Bryan Christian '97, senior vice president, head of U.S. sales, BATS Global Markets, Inc.; David DeVito '97, managing director, Madison Investment Advisors; Jamie McGurk '97, partner, Corporate Development, Andreesen Horowitz; Sean Keating '87, managing director and head of New York office, CME Group (Chicago Mercantile Exchange); and Christine Martello '09, associate vice president, Electronic Trading Group, Knight Capital Group.



political science at St. Francis College. ■ **Kerianne Baylor** traveled to Barranquilla, Colombia, to teach English for 10 months. ■ **Owen Cobb** has been pursuing a master's degree at Notre Dame. He begins a career with GE this summer by starting a two-year training program for an upper-management marketing position. ■ **Christa Cottone** is pursuing a master's in strategic communication at Seton Hall University in South Orange, NJ. ■ **Nicole Domkiw** recently purchased a home in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Alyssa D'Onofrio** ('15 MA) is a teaching assistant in the Graham School in Hastings on Hudson, NY. ■ **Eric Fischer** (MPA) was offered an adjunct teaching position at Berkeley College. ■ **Philip Gableman** is a graduate of the Certified Auctioneers Institute (CAI) at Indiana University. The CAI program is a three-year course run by the National Auctioneers Association. Philip was recently elected to the New York State Auctioneers Association board of directors, a three-year position. ■ **Casey Galasso** celebrated her one-year anniversary at Cornerstone Communications, a luxury-lifestyle public relations agency in New York City. ■ **Camillia Harris** (MA) is developing a communication platform for youth. ■ **Erica Jordan** ('15 MA) moved from Pennsylvania to Long Island after receiving a promotion within her company. Erica is the youngest employee at Sanofi Pasteur. ■ **Robert Nisco** moved to the Pacific Northwest soon after graduation to start his career as a software engineer at Microsoft, headquartered in Redmond, WA. ■ **Ernest Pucillo** (MPA) is an adjunct faculty member at Long Island Business Institute and is also the commanding officer of police operations in Suffolk, Nassau, Brooklyn, Staten Island, and parts of New York City. ■ **Kimberly Ross** is a graduate student in cognitive sciences at Georgia State University. She works in Dr. Chris Conway's lab, studying implicit statistical learning in adults and working with the event-related potential (ERP) technique. ■ **Victoria Saperstein** began working at Trunk Archive, a creative image licensing agency. ■ **Tiffany Stapleton** is the first full-time athletic trainer in the Pine Plains (NY) Central School District and is building the program.



Thomas Collalto '09 married Theresa Domanico '10 on July 26, 2014, on Long Island. Twenty Marist alumni celebrated with them on their wedding day.



Meaghan Calnan '07 married Matt Sacco '07 in Frederick, MD, on April 26, 2014. They were celebrated by fellow Marist alumni including Marissa O'Donnell '07, Laura (Perugini) DiDomenzio '07, Marissa Connelly '07, Erin Rutkowski Brown '07, Kristin (Grimsgaard) Bishop '07, Jack Bishop '07, Dan Garaffa '07, Matthew Walsh '07, Matthew Maynes '08, Michael Bamberger '07, and Scott LaPiedra '07.



Bride and groom Marina Patterson '12 and Kevin Gangeri '12 showed their Red Fox pride at their wedding with plenty of fellow Foxes in attendance and an ice sculpture bearing a familiar mascot. Red Foxes at the wedding included, left to right (back row), John Driessen '12, Joe Brosnan '12, Mel Lamorte '12, father of the bride Richard Patterson '85, Angela Scherba '12, Steve Schramm '09, Doug Davis '13, Pete Rottenbacher '12, (front row) Eric Chasse '13, Jen Gangeri '14, Tony Phillips '85, and Tyler Spence '12.



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