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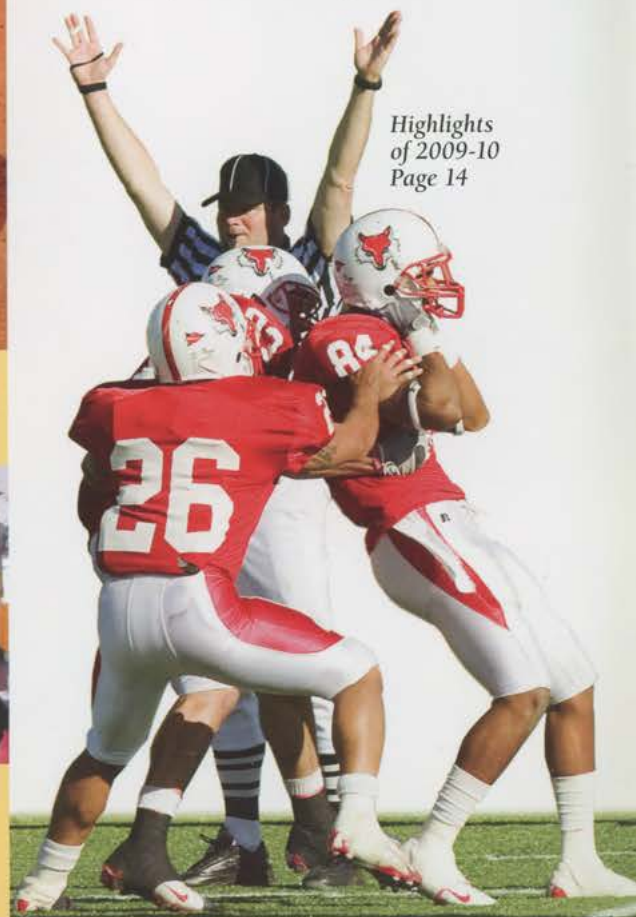
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**Above** Marist students participating in the College's first study-abroad tour of the Holy Land, atop the ancient fortress stronghold of Masada in the Judean desert, were (left to right) Timothy Owen '12, Myriah Anderson '12, Nicholas Mayr '10, Scott Mayr '13, Shannon Tota '13, and Matthew Lubrano '11. **Left** Students on a trip to Berlin, at the Brandenburg Gate on the Pariser Platz, were (front row, left to right) Gregory Kaplan '11, Darcie D'Errico '11, Elyse Brendlen '10, Taylor Raab '12, (back row, left to right) Jesenia Sanchez '12, Kim Stagg '10, Thomas DeKeyser '10, Edward Ybarra '11, Storm Heitman '12, and Michael Steier '10, shown with faculty member Steve Sansola (at far right).

**Short-Term Trips Change Lives**

**F**or the Marist community, Spring Break 2010 offered an opportunity for much-needed relaxation. Some students and faculty, however, undertook challenging educational ventures abroad. While many walked on the beach, others walked beside the impoverished, through the Holy Land, and in the footsteps of Holocaust and Hiroshima victims.

At the onset of midterm week, psychology majors Caitlin Martin '10 and Janice Feng '11 did not have elaborate plans for any vacations. Soon, both students learned Associate Professor of Psychology Sherry Dingman had arranged an eight-day trip to Haiti and was looking for students to come along. Dingman is the American Psychological Association's representative to the United Nations and leads a task force for the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) working group to stop violence against children. On the Thursday before Spring Break, after less than a week to arrange flights and receive the proper shots, Dingman, Martin, and Feng landed in the Caribbean.

The group stayed in a hospital in the Dominican Republic near the Haitian border, crossing it daily to work. Each day consisted



**Caitlin Martin '10 (left) and Janice Feng '11 helped children in Haiti.**

of different jobs. Often the group split and went with different rescue teams. The projects included counseling, reorganizing the hospital, logging information, cleaning wounds, drawing pictures with children, and setting up art therapy and other healing programs.

Both students described the difficulties of being around people in such dire circumstances. "If you have anything, from water to earrings, they're going to want it," says Feng. "It's not that they aren't grateful, but they have absolutely nothing." However, even in the most tumultuous situations, humanity remained.

"I visited the city of Port-au-Prince on Sunday morning, and what I saw was quite a revelation," says Dingman, "not the armed mobs the media presents, but families picking their way through the rubble to attend church services. The Haitian people really need the rest of the world to help them in tangible ways—beginning with not being afraid to help them." For Dingman, who hopes to spearhead further Marist relief efforts in Haiti, physical therapy for amputees is a central need.

Feng studied abroad and was close friends with Robert Stone, a Marist student who died in a tragic accident in Rome in November 2009. The two were bonded by their passion for helping the less fortunate. "Doing things like this makes me feel close to him and strengthened this as something I want to do with my life," Feng says.

For Martin, it was a three-year-old boy who changed her life. The boy had just lost both of his parents and was infected with AIDS and scabies. "I wake up every hour thinking about him," says Martin. "Just the way he held on to me, he was so scared, you could see it in his eyes. He wouldn't smile. He just wanted someone to love, and he has no one. And he's one of thousands." Now, Martin hopes to become a pediatrician to help children in need.

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BY JIM URSO '11



## (IN BRIEF)

Marist's **Hope for Haiti** fundraiser in January 2010 following the earthquake in Haiti raised nearly \$8,800 for emergency relief efforts there... In November 2009 Campus Ministry programs **raised more than \$6,000** for local food banks and distributed 45 food baskets to needy families, supported by more than 1,000 student volunteers... In December, Marist faculty, staff, and students again supported the annual Giving Tree project, donating 744 gifts to 27 local families. More than 360 students volunteered.

## FACULTY WORKS

**Dr. David J. Purvis** has added two new titles, *Chemistry* and *The Cell*, to his Dr. Dave's Teaching Manual series for science teachers. The five previous manuals are *Solar System*, *Oceans*, *Electricity*, *Phases of Matter*, and *Digestion* (Royal Fireworks Press). 📖 **Dr. Judith Saunders** has written *Reading Edith Wharton Through a Darwinian Lens: Evolutionary Biological Issues in Her Fiction* (McFarland & Co., Inc., Publishers). 📖 **Dr. Jan Stivers** and Sharon F. Cramer have written *A Teacher's Guide to Change: Understanding, Navigating and Leading the Process* (Corwin Press). 📖 *America's First River: The History and Culture of the Hudson River Valley* offers 18 essays from 25 years of the *Hudson River Valley Review*, the academic journal published by the Hudson River Valley Institute. The book is edited by **Dr. Thomas Wermuth**, **Dr. James M. Johnson**, and **Christopher Pryslopski**. ■

While the trip to Haiti was independently organized, Marist offered a number of short-term abroad programs during Spring Break. Thirty students enrolled across three programs to Israel, Japan, and Germany and the Czech Republic.

A group of six students and three chaperones led by Chief Public Affairs Officer and Adjunct Professor Tim Massie took part in the first Marist-sponsored trip to the Holy Land. Students in Massie's class, "In the Footsteps of Jesus and the Prophets," visited historical sites presented in the Bible. The sites included Jericho, the Jordan River, Tiberias, Capernaum, the Sea of Galilee, Cana, Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Masada, the Dead Sea, and Qumran.

Massie credits the success of the trip to a close-knit group and an incredible tour guide. "He made the theology, history, and architecture of Israel come alive," says Massie. "Every student told me that this trip changed his or her life."

Senior Nicholas Mayr's interest in politics and desire for religious understanding inspired him to sign up. "It was a tremendous experience to be in the places I have heard about for years in the Gospels and the Bible generally," says Mayr. "These writings mean a lot more to me now because now they are on a scale I can relate to."

Associate Dean of Student Affairs Steve Sansola headed up a trip to Berlin, Germany, and Prague, Czech Republic, to explore the fundamentals of Judaism through European Jewish history, ideas, beliefs, and customs. Students had the opportunity to meet with local residents and scholars.

"The recipe that takes place—the lectures, films, guest speakers, and then finally the travel—is really a very natural progression," says Sansola. "It comes to life when students can physically put themselves in a moment in time."

Students were most riveted by the Jewish Museum Berlin. Many were also intrigued by Prague and its unique combination of medieval Europe and modern society.



**Amanda Letchko '12 (left) and Caroline Greer '11** enjoyed a seven-course banquet while staying at a ryokan (traditional Japanese inn) on the island of Miyajima.

"Being in Prague felt like we went back in time and that we were in a completely different land," says Jesenia Sanchez '12. "Every place and building has a story."

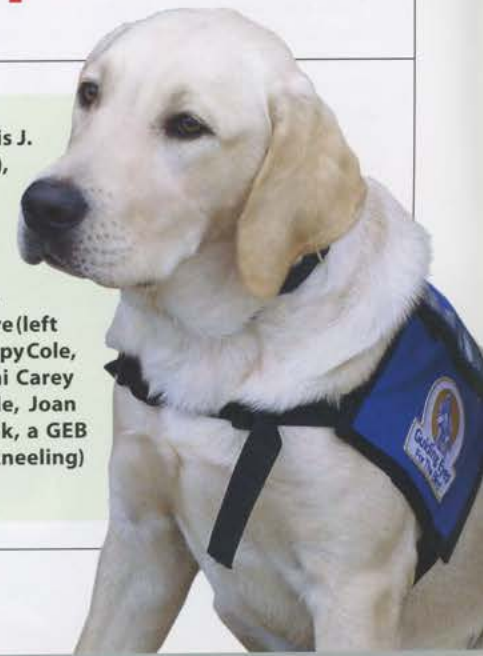
A third trip was led by Richard Lewis, chair of Art and Art History. The class, which enrolled 14 students, was titled "Visions of Japan: From Ancient Art to Animé." The 11-day journey began in Kyoto, the center of the Japanese empire for a thousand years, followed by a day trip to Hiroshima. Travels concluded in Tokyo.

Students were particularly affected by the visit to Hiroshima. "When people learn about Hiroshima, they usually have an image of an atomic bomb exploding, and then what the city looked like afterward," says Lewis. "On this trip, students really came to understand the magnitude of the bomb's effect on the people and culture of Japan."

Students on each trip recall the long, introspective conversations every night about what they had learned from their travels. And professors echo the sentiment. "When we have those conversations," says Massie, "you know students are learning a lot from their experience." ■



**Puppy Practice** President Dennis J. Murray and his wife, Marilyn (center), welcomed Guiding Eyes for the Blind (GEB) puppies and their raisers to the Marist football stadium this past fall. Exposure to crowds is an important part of training the dogs. Visiting in the hospitality suite at Tenney Stadium were (left to right, standing): Lisa Nelson with puppy Cole, Andrea Abramovich with North, Kathi Carey with Farley, Susan Eberth with Maple, Joan Morehouse with Nanette, Lisa Staryak, a GEB volunteer and Marist student, and (kneeling) Jill Snadecki with Randy.





The Campaign for Marist

Campaign for Marist Aims for New Goal of \$150 Million

With his generous \$75 million gift, the largest in Marist College history, Raymond A. Rich created an enduring legacy even greater than the leadership institute it establishes (see Pages 4 through 13 for more on Ray Rich and his gift). Indeed, the importance of this gift to the College extends far beyond the grounds of the Esopus estate that will house the institute to touch the entire Marist community through the tremendous boost it provides the Campaign for Marist.



Tim Brier '69

Thanks to gifts large and small from alumni, friends, parents, faculty, and staff, Marist's first capital campaign was already enjoying great progress toward its initial \$75 million goal when Ray Rich's gift was announced last fall and the campaign's goal consequently doubled to \$150 million. Since then, it's become clear that the gift's worth to the campaign, and thus to the College, is far greater than its dollar value. It has attracted much-deserved attention to Marist and inspired broader support for the campaign to the point where we are now 90 percent toward our new goal.

As impressive as these numbers are, I have been struck throughout this campaign with how everyone involved in it has kept sight of the overarching purpose behind the numbers, which is to continue to build Marist into a world-class institution that gives talented students of all backgrounds and means access to a life-changing education. Progress toward this goal can be seen all over campus, from the Hancock Center, which is rising at an impressive clip on a bluff overlooking the Hudson River, to the bright, accomplished first-year students whose places in the Class of 2013 were made possible by new scholarship endowments established under the campaign.

With the goal in sight, it is of course essential that we continue to work as hard to raise the final 10 percent of gifts as we did the first 10. Besides, as Marist students continually demonstrate in the classroom and on the athletic field, goals are made not just to be met, but to be exceeded.

Finally, I invite you to visit the Campaign for Marist page at [www.marist.edu/alumni/capitalcampaign.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/capitalcampaign.html) for the latest news and information on the progress of the campaign.

Sincerely,

Tim Brier '69, Campaign Chair



VICTOR WAINCAMPBET'S

**Hancock Center Takes Shape** The Hancock Center is under way. The \$35 million academic building, on a hill overlooking the Hudson River, will include classrooms, seminar rooms, computer labs, an executive presentation center, the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, and faculty offices. The center also will support small-business incubation, providing resources for local entrepreneurs, technology start-ups, and small-business owners. The building will feature a café, student lounge, and outdoor patio. For more photos, visit [www.marist.edu/alumni/capitalprojects.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/capitalprojects.html).

Kiplinger's Again Names Marist a "Best Buy"

Kiplinger's *Personal Finance Magazine* has named Marist one of the "50 Best Buys" in private college education in the U.S. for the fourth consecutive year.

Marist was the only New York college to make the list. Three universities in the Empire State were also named: Columbia, Cornell, and Rochester. Also making the cut with Marist were schools such as Brown, Dartmouth, Duke, Georgetown, Harvard, Penn, Princeton, Rice, Stanford, Yale, the California Institute of Technology, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kiplinger's selected 50 best values among private universities and another 50 among liberal arts colleges across the country. Marist was named to the first list because it offers a comprehensive education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Criteria focused on two areas, academic quality and affordability, with quality accounting for two-thirds of the total.

The Kiplinger's ranking, which appeared in the December 2009 edition of the popular economics and money management publication, follows a series of national rating distinctions for Marist. For the 16th year in a row, Marist was ranked in the top tier of colleges and universities in the northern United States by the *U.S. News & World Report America's Best Colleges* guide. For the second

consecutive year, *U.S. News* also identified Marist as one of the colleges and universities that are "leading the pack in improvements and innovative changes."

In the latest edition of the *U.S. News* annual guide, Marist was ranked 15th out of 172 colleges and universities in the northern United States that offer a full range of undergraduate and master's degree programs. *U.S. News* also named Marist one of 77 "schools to watch" nationwide.

"These 77 colleges and universities were singled out as schools that have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in academics, faculty, students, campus, or facilities," the magazine noted.

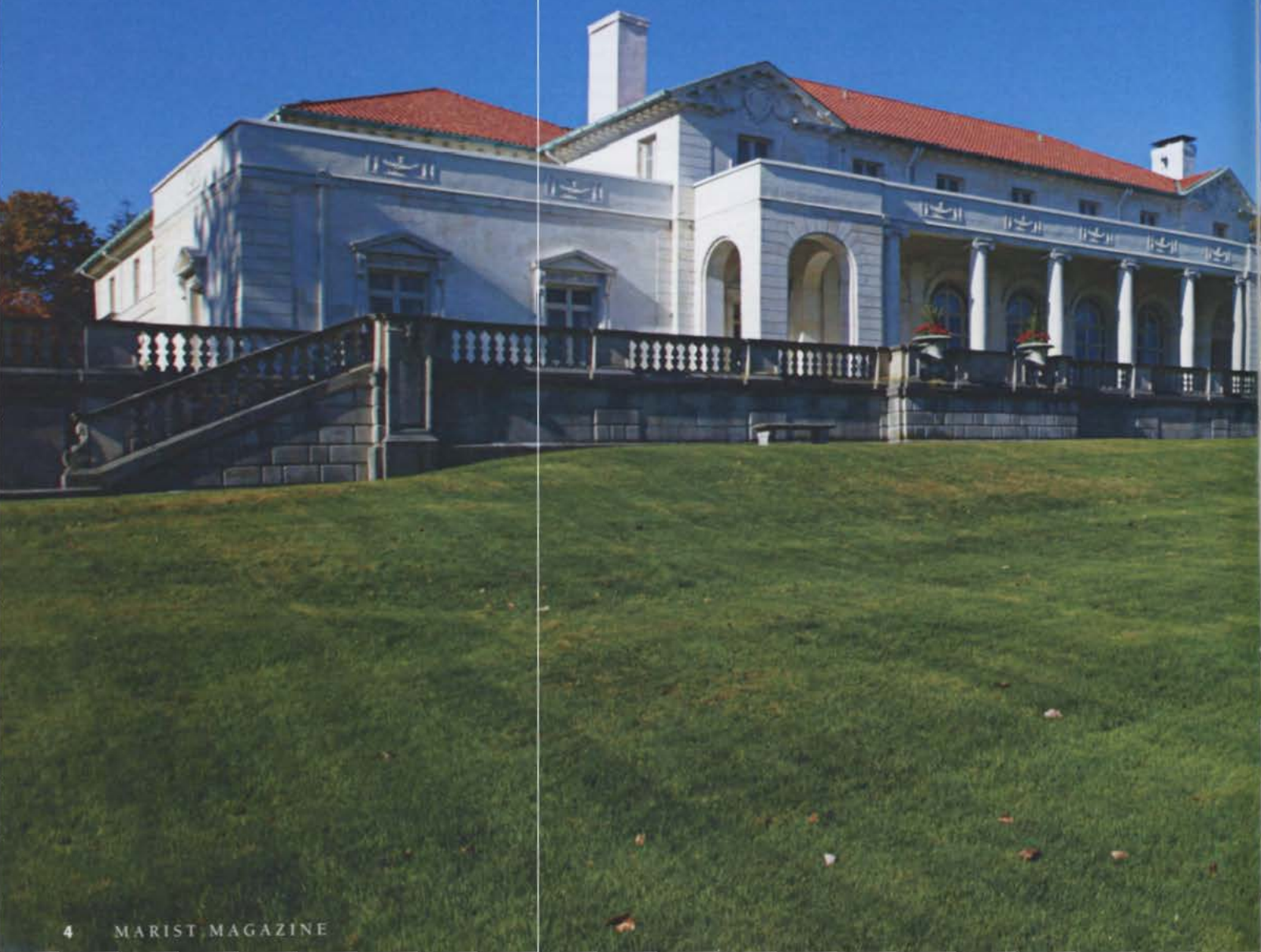
The Princeton Review's most recent ratings named Marist one of the "371 best colleges" in America and named Marist's School of Management one of the "top 301 business schools" in the U.S. Another financial publication, *Barron's*, lists Marist as one of the "best buys in college education." ■





*A \$75 Million Gift Establishes the*

# Raymond A. Rich





# Institute for Leadership Development

**A** \$75 million bequest to Marist College from one of the 20th century's leading businessmen and industrialists will establish an institute to educate and train individuals in the art of leadership in business, government, and the nonprofit sector. Raymond A. Rich bequeathed to Marist a 60-acre estate on the Hudson River that contains one of the most historically and architecturally significant homes in the Hudson River Valley. The Payne Mansion, located in the Ulster



## Cover Story

Raymond A. Rich's bequest includes a 60-acre waterfront estate on the west side of the Hudson River, in the town of Esopus, N.Y.



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— Robert R. Dyson, chair of the Marist Board of Trustees

County town of Esopus, is a 42,000-square-foot Beaux Arts-style palazzo designed by the renowned Manhattan firm Carrère and Hastings, architects of the New York Public Library and the Frick Museum.

Also known over the years as Omega and Wiltwick, the mansion was built in 1905 by Col. Oliver Hazard Payne, a brigadier general in the Civil War who founded an oil refinery later bought by John D. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Co. The replacement value of the residence has been conservatively estimated at approxi-

mately \$65 million by the firm of Robert A. M. Stern, dean of the Yale School of Architecture, whose company designed the Hancock Center now under construction at Marist.

In addition, Rich designated approximately \$10 million in cash to support the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development and its programs. The gift is the largest in Marist's history. The institute will specialize in the development of communication, interpersonal, and social skills necessary for leading complex organizations in a global setting.

Rich began thinking about a leadership-training legacy in his estate a few years ago, according to Claire Carlson, Rich's longtime companion and the executor of his estate. Following his purchase of the Payne Mansion from the Marist Brothers in 1986, he and Carlson were introduced to Marist's president, Dennis J. Murray. "It didn't take Ray long to realize that Dennis and Marist College were the ideal conduit for his personal quest to ignite his leadership concept," says Carlson. "Ray believed ethics, values, humility, and



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—President Dennis J. Murray

thoughtfulness must be inherent in leadership training as primary elements. Marist College has ethics and philosophy as required courses in its curriculum. Not many colleges do."

Rich was an avid reader of business news, Carlson says, which "in recent years has highlighted how lacking our leaders are in these endeavors, be they government, corporate, or nonprofit. He realized how dedicated Dennis Murray has been to making Marist College, over the past 30 years, a cornerstone in today's world with its emphasis on morality, opportunities for first-generation students, and razor-edge information technology programs. Ray sensed that the Marist board is also strongly supportive of making the College a special educational experience. As a result, Ray decided, based on a business leader's analysis, that his concept was a perfect fit for Marist College, and he looked no further."

The institute will be in keeping with Marist's ideals of excellence in education, dedication to service, and fostering a sense of community, says Robert R. Dyson, chair of the Marist Board of Trustees. "The board enthusi-

astically accepts Mr. Rich's very generous gift with the board's and College community's gratitude to him for his gift and for the leadership he provided throughout his life."

"Ray Rich took great pride not only in building organizations but also in the thousands of jobs and the economic prosperity created by those organizations," says Murray. "He once told me, 'The key to being a successful CEO is to hire great people, be humble in managing them, and always operate with integrity. It's not only the right thing to do, but it's also good business.'"

"This extremely generous gift presents Marist with a variety of wonderful opportunities to enhance leadership development across the nation and around the world," says Murray. "We'll work with corporations, government agencies, and nonprofits to train individuals whom these organizations have identified as having high leadership potential. We hope to instill in future leaders the qualities that made Ray Rich one of the most successful businessmen and industrialists of his time."

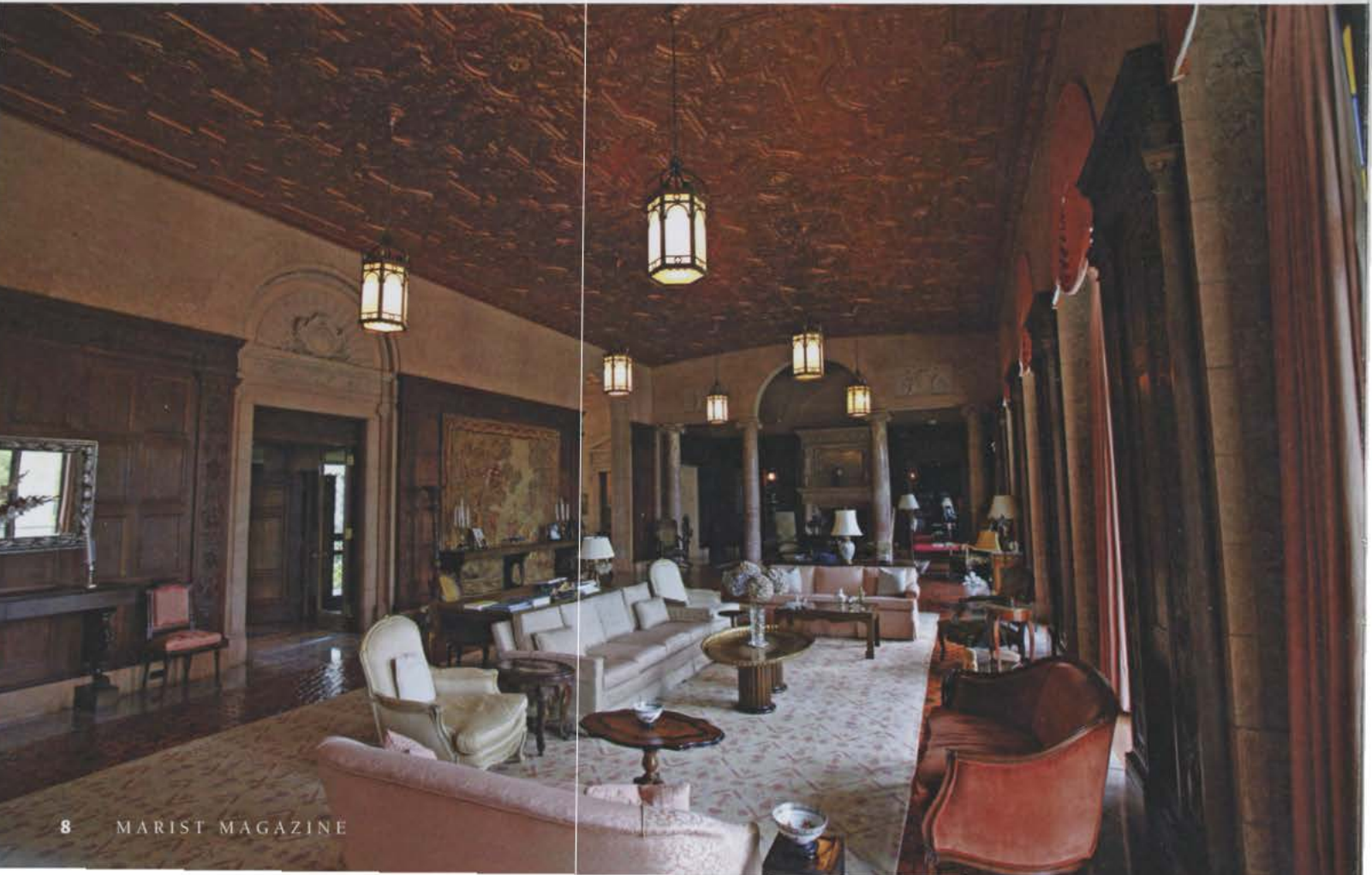


President Dennis J. Murray learns more about the estate from Claire Carlson





The main dining room (above); a great room (below) faces east toward the Hudson River





# Raymond A. Rich: From the Engine Room to the Board Room

**R**aymond A. Rich was born in Los Angeles, Calif., in 1912, the son of Arthur and Lucy Baker Rich. Raised in Des Moines, Iowa, he started his career at age 18 by hiring on with a tramp freighter for a job in the engine room. After receiving a double engineering degree from Iowa State University, he was hired in the midst of the Great Depression by General Electric Co. and became its youngest national sales manager. He was awarded the company's rare "E Award" for overseeing GE's multiple war-production plants.

He then was asked to lead the federal Northeast District for the Council for Economic Development. He volunteered for active duty in World War II in the Navy and Marines, serving in the South Pacific and in Tokyo after the Japanese surrender. He received numerous decorations for his service.

After the war, he became vice president and director of Philco Corp. and then accepted the presidency and directorship of Avco Corp. He went on to hold simultaneous CEO and chairman positions in a number of companies. The sectors ranged from oil and gas exploration and production to publishing, banking, and environmental engineering. As chairman and CEO of U.S. Filter Corp., he led the company to play a significant role in its field, increasing its revenues twentyfold in the 1970s.

After retiring from active corporate life, he focused on acquiring a range of real estate properties. In addition to his primary residence in Boca Grande, Fla., and his estate in Esopus, N.Y., he owned, at various times, cattle



**Ray Rich was CEO and chair of a number of companies including U.S. Filter Corp.**

ranches in Arizona and Oklahoma, corn and soybean farms in Iowa, townhouses in New York City, homes in Maine, a castle in the Scottish Highlands, a 12th-century castle in Austria, and a chateau in France. Rich was a member of the University Club for more than 60 years and the Union Club, both in New York City, as well as the Boca Grande Club and Gasparilla Inn & Club in Florida. ■



**Ray Rich volunteered for active duty in World War II in the Navy and Marines**



**Ray Rich and his longtime companion, Claire Carlson**





The Payne Mansion

## The Payne Mansion Joins Marist's Historic Properties

The 42,000-square-foot Payne Mansion, built in 1905, is a palazzo in the Beaux Arts style, designed by the premier architectural firm of the time, Carrère and Hastings. The firm's renowned projects include the New York Public Library and Frick Museum, both in New York City. A definitive book about the architecture of John Mervyn Carrère and Thomas Hastings by Kate Lemos, William Morrison, Charles D. Warren, and Mark Alan Hewitt describes the home as exceptional, built on one of the most picturesque pieces of property in the Hudson Valley. The authors say Col. Oliver Hazard Payne spared little expense in building a grand concrete and stone house overlooking the river, with formal entrances on two sides

and a walled garden to the south. "The stately proportions and massing recall the strong forms of the New York Public Library, which was taking shape in the office during these years. Yet it is hard to avoid the comparison with canonical Italian masterpieces such as the Villa Garzoni, Palazzo del Te, and Palazzo Iseppo da Porto."

The Payne Mansion's distinctive boathouse was designed by Julian Burroughs, the Harvard-educated son of the naturalist John Burroughs, who lived in nearby West Park. Julian Burroughs became the superintendent of the Esopus estate in 1912. He created the boathouse based on specifications from the captain of Payne's yacht, the *Aphrodite*.

### Distinguished Architecture

The Payne Mansion joins several other historically important buildings at Marist. The College's oldest structures, built around 1865, are Greystone, St. Peter's, and the Kieran Gatehouse. They are listed in the National Register of Historic Places because of their significance as highly intact examples of the Gothic Revival style, the prominence of their architect, and their importance to the history of the College. All were designed by Detlef Lienau, a co-founder of the American Institute of Architects, who created them as a carriage house, gardener's cottage, and gatehouse for landowner Edward Bech.



Greystone



St. Peter's (above) and the Kieran Gatehouse







MATTHEW GELUS

STEPH WADLOW



The Payne Mansion Boathouse

### The Cornell Boathouse

Marist's riverfront Cornell Boathouse is unique among American historic properties because of the role it played during the golden era of collegiate rowing. It is the only structure remaining from Regatta Row, where competing universities built boathouses to lodge their crews for the premier rowing event in the nation, the International Rowing Association's National Championship, held on the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie almost every year from 1895 until 1949. Also represented on Regatta Row were the University of California, the University of Washington, and the University of Wisconsin. Marist completed a restoration of the Cornell Boathouse in 2008.

### Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel

Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel is one of a kind among places of worship at colleges and universities. Built by the Marist Brothers in 1954, its octagonal shape was innovative for its time, allowing worshippers to sit anywhere and still be equidistant from the altar at the center.

To design the building, Br. Nilus Donnelly, director of construction at the College, tapped Clarence H. Pratt of the architectural firm Ashton, Huntress, and Pratt in Lawrence, Mass., with whom he had worked previously. Br. Nilus led the construction crew of brothers who lived, studied, and worked on the campus of what was then Marian College. Br. Paul Ambrose Fontaine, the superior of the College, also played a major role, most memorably organizing a team of brothers to carry the chapel's roof beams on their shoulders across Route 9 from a railroad stop to the building site.

The shape of the chapel lent itself to installation in 2002 of a 360-degree stained-glass window. Designed by Ellen Miret for Rohlf's Studio of Mount Vernon, N.Y., the window reflects symbols related to the Jewish and Christian scriptures, the Marist Brothers, and Marist College and is made of glass from around the world.

Francis Cardinal Spellman attended the dedication of the chapel on May 2, 1954. "This is the church of the future," he said. ■



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The Cornell Boathouse



Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel





COLONEL OLIVER H. PAYNE.



## Col. Oliver Hazard Payne and His Mansion on the Hudson

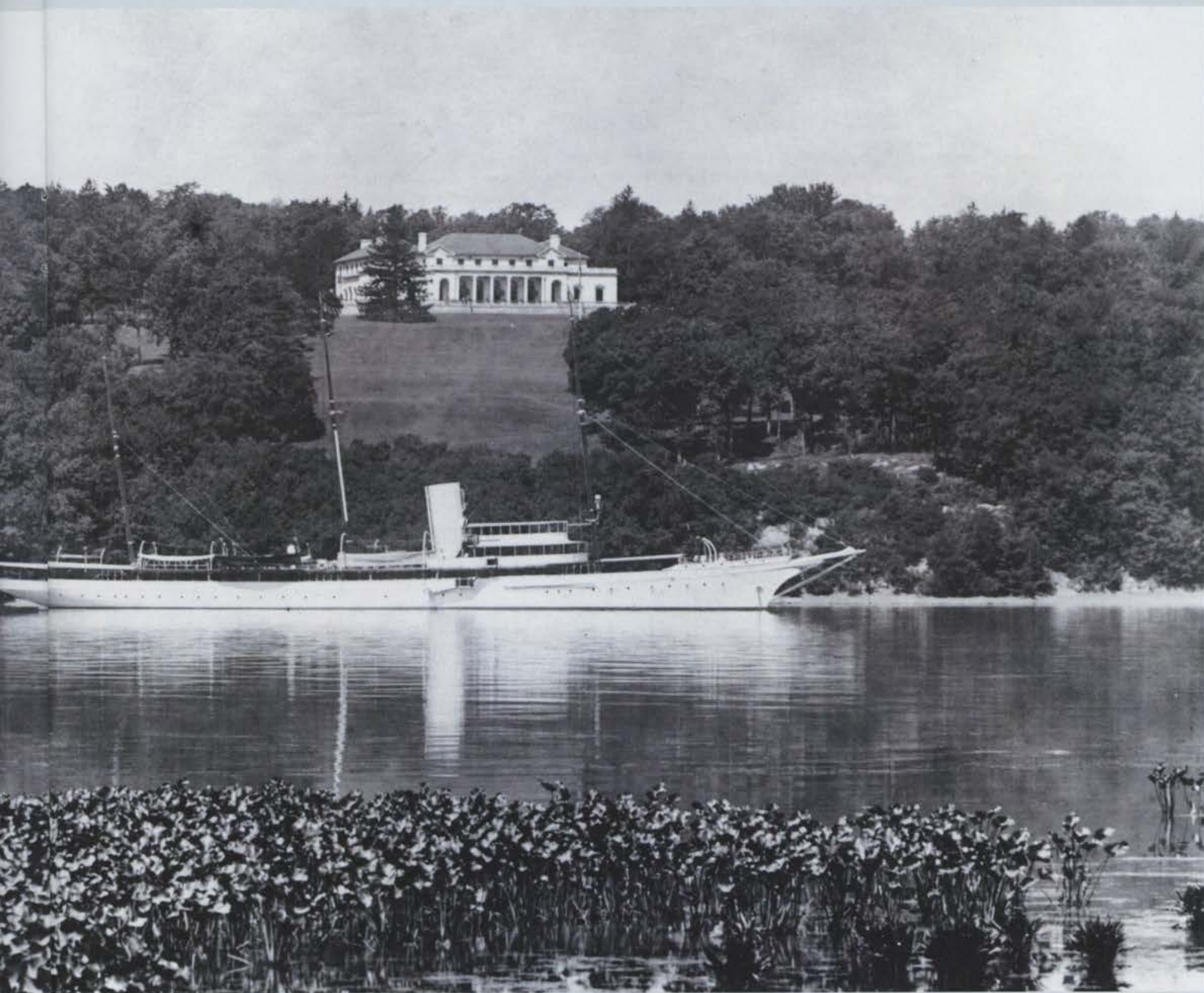
**C**ol. Oliver Hazard Payne was born in 1839 and named for Oliver Hazard Perry, the U.S. naval officer who became a national hero when he defeated a British squadron in the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812. Growing up in Cleveland, Ohio, Payne was a primary school classmate of John D. Rockefeller. He attended Yale University, where he was a classmate of William C. Whitney, and entered the 124th Ohio Infantry as a first lieutenant in 1862, serving through the Civil War. After

being promoted to colonel, he was brevetted brigadier general of volunteers in recognition of his meritorious service during the war.

After the war, Payne became interested in iron manufacturing and oil refining in Cleveland, founding Clark, Payne & Co. In 1872, his company was purchased by Rockefeller, and Col. Payne went on to serve as treasurer of Rockefeller's Standard Oil Co. and to become one of the richest men in America. In 1998, *American Heritage Magazine* placed

**Col. Oliver Hazard Payne (above), the original owner of the mansion, served in the Civil War (left). One of the wealthiest men of his era, he spent most of his later summers on his 330-foot yacht, the *Aphrodite*, shown above moored at his Hudson River estate.**





him at number 26 on a list of the "40 wealthiest Americans of all time."

In 1905, he purchased the estate of John Jacob Astor in Esopus, N.Y., and supervised the construction of a mansion designed by the firm Carrère and Hastings. He became a philanthropist, donating to many educational and medical causes. Cured of a serious illness by physician Alfred Loomis, Payne became interested in assisting the medical profession. In 1887 he endowed the Loomis Laboratory in New York City for teaching and research in chemistry, biology, and pathology. In 1889 he donated \$500,000 to found Cornell Medical School, and his subsequent donations to the school totaled more than \$8 million. He gave New York University \$150,000 for its medical school and \$100,000 each to New York City's Post-Graduate Hospital, the University

of Virginia, and Western Reserve University to establish laboratories of experimental medicine. He also donated \$1 million to Lakeside Hospital in Cleveland, \$200,000 to St. Vincent's Charity Hospital in Cleveland, and \$200,000 to the Cleveland Jewish Orphan Asylum.

In his will he left \$500,000 to Phillips Academy in Andover, \$200,000 to Hamilton College, \$200,000 to the University of Virginia, and \$1 million to Yale University. He also left \$1 million to the New York Public Library.

Payne was also considered one of the best yachtsmen in America. He spent most of his later summers aboard his yacht, the *Aphrodite*, which he had built by Bath Iron Works of Maine. Delivered in 1898, it was the longest steam-powered yacht in the world at 330 feet. He traveled to Europe and the Mediterranean every year from 1898 until 1914, after which

he confined his sailing to United States waters.

Payne died in 1917, leaving the Esopus property to his nephew Harry Payne Bingham. In 1933, Bingham donated the Esopus estate to the Episcopal Diocese of New York. From 1937 to 1966, the site served as the Wiltwyck School for Boys, a noted home for troubled children in which First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt took great interest.

In 1942, the Wiltwyck School became nonsectarian and the property was divided, with a portion sold to the Marist Brothers, the founders of Marist College. Until 1986, the brothers' part of the estate, including the Payne Mansion, was used as a school and retreat house. Raymond A. Rich purchased the mansion, boathouse, and 60 acres from the brothers in 1986 and restored the estate and its boathouse to their former glory. ■

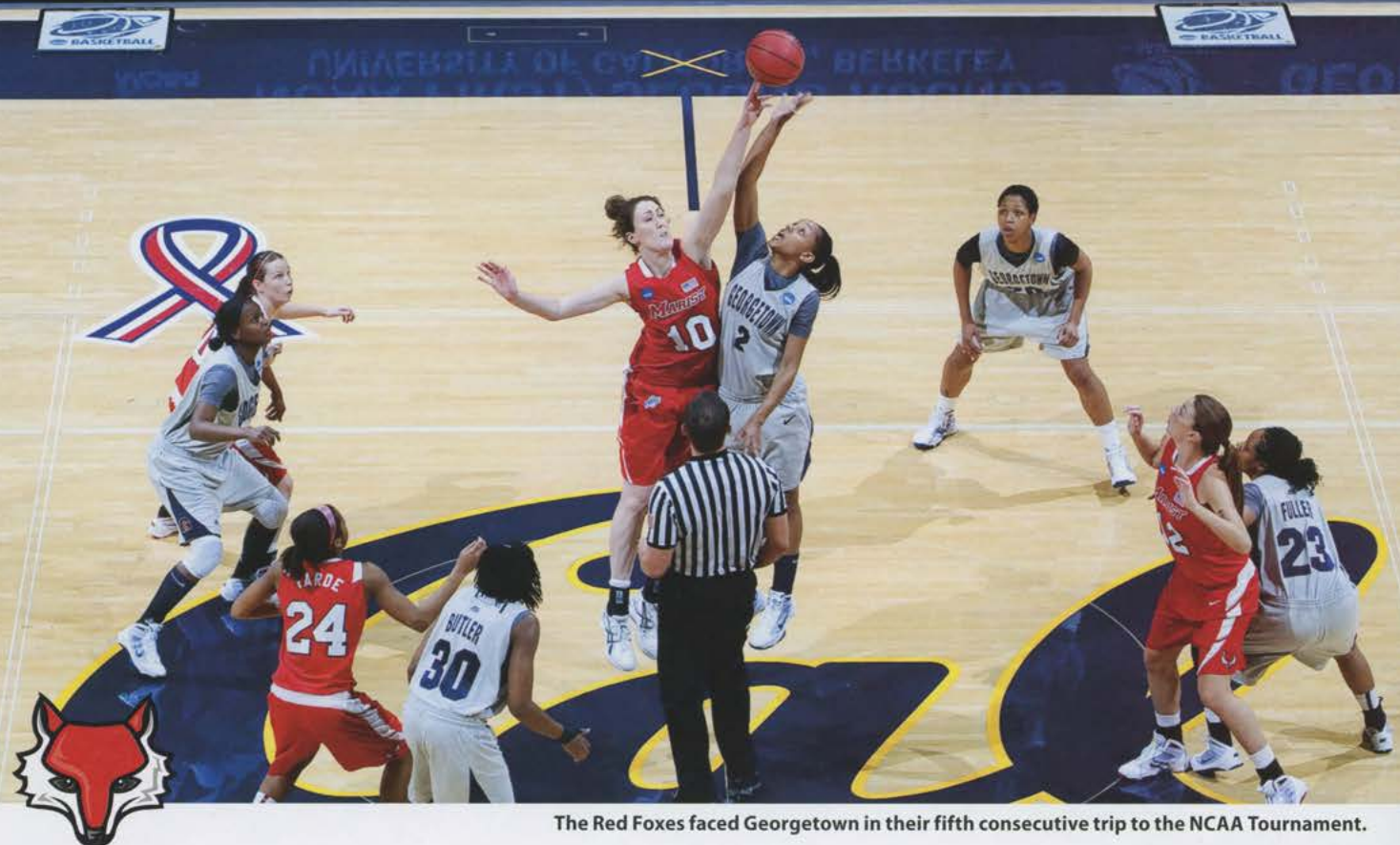




NCAA FIRST/SECOND ROUNDS  
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY



GEOR



The Red Foxes faced Georgetown in their fifth consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament.

**Red Fox Report**

# Basketball Returns to NCAA Tournament

**T**he Marist women's basketball Class of 2010 will be remembered as the most successful in program history. A quick look at the numbers shows the remarkable success achieved by the trio of Rachele Fitz, Lynzee Johnson, and Brittany Engle over the past four seasons:

- A combined career record of 116 wins against just 21 losses—an average of 29 wins per season
- Four consecutive Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) championships and trips to the NCAA Tournament
- Three victories in the NCAA Tournament, including two in the 2006-07 season, when the Red Foxes reached the Sweet Sixteen
- The first national rankings in the Associated Press and ESPN/USA Today Coaches' Polls in program history.

As for Fitz, her individual numbers in several different categories were quite simply the best in program history. In her senior year,

she became the first player in program history to score 2,000 points in her career, and she also became the first Red Fox to grab 1,000 career rebounds. She was named MAAC Player of the Year for the third consecutive season, becoming the first player in conference history to earn the honor three times. Fitz then went on to win MAAC Tournament Most Valuable Player for the second time in her career, becoming the first player in program history to earn

Tournament MVP honors twice. The 2009-10 edition of the Red Foxes went 26-8 and won more than 25 games for the fourth consecutive year. The season came to an end in the first round of the NCAA Tournament with a 62-42 loss to Georgetown of the Big East Conference. But one loss was not enough to overshadow a season—and for that matter, an era—of greatness.

### Student-Athletes Excel

**M**arist has tied a school record set last year with 13 *ESPN The Magazine*/CoSIDA Academic All-District selections. Marist football had five First Team selections: Ray Fiumefreddo '09, Timothy Moller '11, Terrence Turner '10, John Van Aman '11, and Greg Whipple '11. Other honorees included Alexandra Schultze '10 (First Team), Dawn Jan '10 (Second Team), Joanna Foss '11 (Second Team), and Allie Burke '11 (First Team) from volleyball; Amy Tillotson '11 (Third Team) and Lauren Tillotson '11 (Second Team) from women's soccer; Joe Touloumis '11 (First Team) from men's soccer; and Rachele Fitz '10 (First Team) from women's basketball.

Additionally, Touloumis and Fitz both became Third Team Academic All-American selections, giving Marist 10 Academic All-Americans in school history.



## One of the most anticipated seasons in Marist football history also turned out to be one of the most successful.

### Swimmers, Divers Top MAAC and ECAC

The winter season was a spectacular one for the women's swimming and diving team, which captured the MAAC and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Championships.

At the MAAC Championships, the Red Foxes totaled 921 points, an incredible 324.5 points more than second-place Rider. It was the team's largest margin of victory since its first MAAC championship in 1997, and it was the 11th MAAC crown in program history. Kate Conard '13 was named Women's Most Outstanding Swimmer of the Meet after setting conference records in the 500-yard freestyle, 1,000-yard freestyle, and 1,650-yard freestyle.

Marist then went on to capture the ECAC Championships for the second time in program history and first time since 2006. The Red Foxes totaled 503.5 points to hold off second-place Harvard by 11.5 points. Head Coach Larry VanWagner was named ECAC Coach of the Meet.

The story of the men's swimming and diving season was Brian Bolstad '11. A diver, Bolstad won MAAC Diver of the Week honors seven times, established school records in the 1- and 3-meter dives, won the 3-meter dive at the MAAC and ECAC Championships, and was named ECAC Diver of the Meet.

### Football Team Tastes Success in Inaugural PFL Season

The Red Foxes joined the Pioneer Football League in 2009, becoming the 10th member of a league that extends from coast to coast. After competing as an independent in the 2008 season, the Red Foxes joined the likes of Butler, Campbell, Davidson, Dayton, Drake, Jacksonville, Morehead State, San Diego, and Valparaiso in their new league.

After a highly competitive training camp in August, the Red Foxes entered the season



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with a new attitude, one that was on display as the season opened on Sept. 5 at Sacred Heart. Buoyed by two interception returns for touchdowns by Jaquan Bryant '12, Marist rolled to a 31-12 triumph.

However, the remainder of September would not be as kind to the Red Foxes. After falling to Drake 34-6 in the league opener a week later, the Red Foxes suffered two heart-breaking losses to close out the month—a

17-10 defeat at San Diego, and a 17-16 loss at Bucknell.

How did the team respond? By going on a program-record six-game winning streak, defeating Campbell, PFL champion Jacksonville, Morehead State, Valparaiso, Davidson, and Georgetown. Although the season ended with a 27-16 loss at Dayton, the Red Foxes tied a program record for victories in a season with seven.

The season was also one for the history books from an individual standpoint. Wide receiver James LaMacchia '11 became the first player to top 1,000 yards receiving in a season, finishing with 1,075 yards. LaMacchia also set a single-season program record with 62 receptions and set a single-game record with 195 receiving yards in the triumph over Jacksonville. He was named a unanimous First Team All-PFL selection.

Linebacker Nick Andre '10 was also named First Team All-PFL. Andre was one of the premier playmakers in the league, finishing with team-high totals of 95 tackles, 16 tackles for losses, and three-and-a-half sacks. He concluded his career with 265 tackles, good for the second-best total in program history.

Additionally, four Red Foxes—the aforementioned Bryant, running back O'Neil Anderson '10, offensive lineman Kevin Ulrich '10, and linebacker Kevin Foley '10—were named All-PFL Second Team. A total of 12 Marist players were named All-PFL Honorable Mention. Additionally, cornerback Kwame Carlor '10 was selected to play in the East Coast Bowl.

### Volleyball Marks Best Season

Under the guidance of third-year Head Coach Tom Hanna '91, the Marist volleyball team enjoyed its most successful season in program history. The Red Foxes compiled a record of 18-13 and advanced to the championship match of the MAAC Tournament for the first time in school history. The match gave the team exposure on the national stage, as it was televised by ESPN.

This past fall also saw the student body step up to help one of its own. In March 2009, Raeanna Gutkowski '11 of the volleyball team was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, a form of bone cancer. This past fall, a group of four Marist students—Christopher Barnes '10, Alicia Mattiello '10, Cody Lahl '10, and volleyball captain Dawn Jan '10—started "A Rae of Hope," a class project that consisted of three events designed to raise awareness of osteosarcoma. The events included "Dining to Donate" at Applebee's, an information session on osteosarcoma, and a benefit match that raised money through donations and a raffle. In all, the project raised approximately \$5,000 for research and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center pediatric unit. ■

**After volleyball team member Raeanna Gutkowski '11 was diagnosed with osteosarcoma, the team played a benefit match that, through donations and a raffle, raised more than \$4,000 for research and the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center pediatric unit.**



VICTOR VAN CAMPERS





## ESPN's Monday Night Football Boasts Four Marist Alumni



Left to right, Trevor Gavin '07, Ken Menard '98, Rob Adamski '01, and Chris Damiani '96 travel more than 30 weeks a year as part of ESPN's Monday Night Football production crew. Nov. 2 found them at work at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans.

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It's Friday, Aug. 7, 2009, a little over a week before the kickoff of the first Monday Night Football game of the 2009-10 season. ESPN's Monday Night Football core production crew is gathering in a board room at the network's headquarters in Bristol, Conn. In this small room sit 13 of the most talented production specialists that ESPN has to offer, and of these 13, four hold degrees from Marist College. Chris Damiani '96, Ken Menard '98, Rob Adamski '01, and Trevor Gavin '07 have a lot more in common than just their Red Fox pride. They have all received the premier assignment that anyone in production at ESPN could hope for—Monday Night Football.

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Chris Damiani began his career in production even before college graduation, as an intern at ABC Sports in 1996. Chris joined the ESPN crew when ABC Sports and ESPN merged in 2006. The merger led to Chris relocating from Queens, N.Y., to Connecticut to be closer to Bristol. But the length of his commute is irrelevant most of the time; Chris and the rest of the *Monday Night Football* crew spend an average of 30 to 35 weeks per year traveling. "I'm on the road so much," he says, "it really doesn't matter where I live."

Ken Menard, a Long Island, N.Y., native, has been with ESPN for 10 years and assigned to *Monday Night Football* for three of those years. He credits his first interview at ESPN to longtime Marist friend and classmate Brittany King O'Connor '98. Brittany, who also works in production at ESPN, encouraged Ken back in 1999 to send his résumé.

As ISO producers at ESPN, Chris and Ken are responsible for all production involving instant replay and cameras that isolate key players or other individuals during a live broadcast. On a typical game day, they monitor 30 cameras, including 18 that have replay capabilities and four that have super-slow-motion capacity.

Chris and Ken have only seconds to sort through every possible angle of a replay and then convince a producer of which shot is the best. Such skills are acquired only through experience, they say. "There's really not much you can do in college to prepare for live television production," Chris says. "The technology moves too fast."

"A lot of it is just instinct," says Ken.

Each Thursday, the crew gathers to discuss the upcoming *Monday Night Football* matchup, determining any highlight packages that will be germane to the game. Two Marist alumni are critical to the composition of the packages: Rob Adamski and Trevor Gavin.

Rob is an in-game-highlight producer. He has been with ESPN for eight years and on the *Monday Night Football* production crew since the program came to ESPN from ABC-TV in 2006. An avid boxing fan, Rob decided to send his résumé to the staff of ESPN's weekly boxing show, *Friday Night Fights*. The letter ultimately secured him an interview at the network.

Rob is responsible for the production of highlight packages shown throughout each game. Some features are prepackaged, while others are compiled on location from footage taken during the game. In-game highlights are typically devoted to a specific player or to recapping major plays of the game. Rob also oversees a team of four production assistants who help create pre-edited content for game day. Trevor is one such production assistant.



Game day buzz (clockwise from top left): Trevor, Rob, Chris, and Ken

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Trevor started his career with ESPN in 2008. He credits colleague and fellow football alumnus Ken Menard with giving him that opportunity. The two met when Ken offered to mentor football players during a visit to Marist in 2005. Ken was confident that Marist football produced individuals with a strong work ethic. "Trevor's persistence helped him get a foot in the door, but his hard work earned him a spot on the MNF production team," Ken says.

As a production assistant, Trevor's responsibilities vary from day to day and game to game, but his typical tasks include assisting with and transcribing player and coach interviews, collecting footage for and producing highlight packages, and logging game-day events. "It's a lot of behind-the-scenes stuff that no one notices if you're doing a good job," says Trevor. "But if you screw up, everyone notices!" Trevor's favorite part of the job is producing his own packages. "They don't always make it to air, but when they do, it is surreal!"

All four alumni believe that the most difficult aspect of working on the broadcasts is the need to think and act quickly. "With live TV, you don't have time to sit back and think, and it only gets exponentially worse as you move up the food chain," says Chris.

The best way to describe live TV, they agree, is "controlled chaos." But, they also agree that all the challenges make it rewarding. "We go in with a plan, but that plan is only as good as the paper it's printed on," Rob says. "Once the game

starts, everything goes out the window. You're reacting and leading, and trying to guide your talent and your production team. That's what good producers do."

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Trevor also remembers the game well. "Going into it, you knew that it had this potential to be something great. It just had this buzz around it."

Another unforgettable broadcast was the Dallas Cowboys' defeat of the Philadelphia Eagles on Sept. 15, 2008. "When you come out of a game like that, you're on a high," Rob says. "We nailed every replay, highlight, and package. Anyone can nail a 15-5 blowout game. To nail a 40-37 kind of shootout in your best game of the year is very special."

These four Marist alumni have much in common, including a favorite day of the week. While most people dread Monday, these Marist grads look forward to it. "My favorite part of this job is game day," Chris says. "There are very few jobs where you get nervous, anxious, and even an occasional adrenaline rush. At this job, when something big happens, you can't help but get excited!"



## 1956

**James P. Friel** is the editor of *Humanities* magazine, now in its 37th year. He co-chairs the Long Island Philosophy Society and is working on several books. His wife, Kate Kelly Friel, is an artist and curator of the Tasting Room, an art gallery in Northport, N.Y. ■ **Fr. Francis X. Gallogly, OSA**, retired from active ministry two years ago. He reports that he has spent his life teaching in either high schools or one of his order's three colleges. He spent many years in parish work in the Northeast and Florida and loved each assignment. "I have been gifted with a very happy life." He lives with about 80 other friars in a state-of-the-art monastery on the Villanova University campus. His great joys are the Villanova students who frequently visit to chat or get help with papers. ■ Since retiring from teaching

in 1992, **Ken Murrin** has acted in about 20 plays, mostly as an amateur. He is also a volunteer with St. Vincent DePaul and Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

## 1962

**Patrick Murphy** is retiring after 47 years in education and his fourth child's graduation from college.

## 1964

**Peter Hanley** has been named president of Green Bull Products in Washington, D.C. The company markets environmentally beneficial industrial-strength cleaning products. ■ **John Reynolds** retired in June 2009 after 45 years of teaching and counseling. ■ **Br. Rene Roy, FMS**, became the first vice president for mission effectiveness in the 75-year history of Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, Mass.

### Remembering Br. Cornelius J. Russell, FMS '50

Professor Emeritus of Business and Marist College Heritage Professor Br. Cornelius J. Russell, FMS '50 died Oct. 27, 2009, at age 89. He had been a longtime resident of the Cabrini Center in New York City.

Br. Cornelius left his mark on the College both as a faculty member and administrator, leading the establishment of the Department of Business and Economics and serving as the College's first controller. He was brought to Marist College in 1962 to incorporate a business major into the day division, supporting the College's initiative to widen its curriculum and draw more students. At the time, the day-student population was 722 men, with 120 of the students Marist Brothers. Br. Cornelius became the first full-time business faculty member and the first Business and Economics Department chairman. President Linus Richard Foy appointed him controller in 1964, a position he held for several years.

He was a Marist Brother for 63 years, after joining the order at a later age than most of his peers. As Technical Sergeant John Joseph Russell, he served three years in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. His major assignment was in Tindouf, Algeria, at a weather station that cleared military air missions critical to that part of the world. He joined the Marist Brothers in 1946 and graduated from Marian College in 1950 with a degree in history. Before returning to the College as a faculty member and administrator, he taught at Marist Brothers schools in the Bronx and Briarwood, N.Y.; in Wheeling, W.Va.; and in Augusta, Ga. Br. Cornelius held an MBA from Columbia University and in 1983 was awarded a Ford Fellowship to study at the Wharton School.

Throughout the years, his sisters, Genevieve and Mary, enthusiastically participated in numerous College activities with him. In 1994, to honor their brother's years of service as a religious and a professor, they established the Br. Cornelius J. Russell Scholarship to aid accounting and business students who graduate from Marist high schools or high schools where the brothers have apostolates. Br. Cornelius was always proud of the young men and women at Marist who benefited from this scholarship.



## 1965

**Thomas Finucane's** first grandson, Brendan Thomas, was born May 2, 2009. He is loving every moment of babysitting. ■ **Dr. Stan Morris**, a board-certified orthodontic specialist with practices in Ridgewood and Ringwood, N.J., went to Moscow and Warsaw with his wife, Peggy, in March 2009. He traveled as an ambassador for the American Association of Orthodontists to discuss a myriad of treatments for adults and children. ■ **Robert O'Handley** retired from MIT in 2008 to work at his own high-tech company. Prior to settling at MIT, he completed a postdoc in a government lab and worked at Allied Chemical and IBM research centers. He now finally has time to read something other than science! He is enjoying reading, learning piano, and spending time with his grandchildren.

## 1966

**James Mulvey** has retired after 41 years of teaching high school Latin and college philosophy and religion. He is enjoying New Hampshire and Cape Cod in addition to snowboarding, kayaking, swimming, and hiking. ■ **Pete Nesteroke** sold his house in San Francisco. He is living on the Russian River in Monte Rio, Calif., 77 miles from San Francisco, fixing up a river house, riding his motorcycle, and having a good time. ■ **Charles Zoeller** and his wife are happy and proud first-time grandparents to Justine Perry, born April 8, 2009.

## 1967

**James Clancy** has two grandchildren. ■ **Edwin Hammond** retired in 2005 from the Diocese of Albany, N.Y., after 37 years as a teacher, counselor, coach, and high school principal. He is now involved as a volunteer at parish, community, and state levels. ■ **Peter Higgins** made it to Kabul in 2009 to work with the local police. He also lectured at the Naval Academy and Princeton. ■ **Charles McDermott** retired in July 2004 after 35 years with the Suffolk County (N.Y.) Police Department, the last 24 with the arson squad. He has two grandsons, Brian and Matthew, and a third, Andrew, was born Nov. 20, 2009. ■ **Dennis Mega** and his wife, Palma, are delighted to announce the birth of their third grandchild, Erin Frances, born Jan. 9, 2010. She is their first granddaughter and the first child of their daughter, Laura, and her husband, Steve Tommony.

## 1968

**Thomas Bauer** is enjoying retirement after 40 years of teaching. He is still coaching football and managing the town pool. ■ **Jim Baynes** retired on June 1, 2009, as chief of police for the New Castle Police Department in Westchester County, N.Y. ■ **Vincent Boccalini** and his wife, Judy, live in Plymouth, Mass. They have been married for 41 years and have six children and seven grandchildren. ■ **Lawrence Carr** is still professing at Babson College and just published a book, *Delivering Results: Managing What Matters* (see "Alumni Authors"). He joined the Board of Trustees of Union Graduate College in 2009. ■ **Charles Howlett's** son, Cpt. Patrick Howlett, West Point Class of 2006, was awarded a Bronze Star during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His other son, Capt. Sean Howlett, Air Force Academy Class of 2002, recently returned from Iraq after flying numerous missions. ■ **Jeffrey Kegler** is still alive and kicking, although he has been having his lungs tested as he deals with medical issues from 9/11. He would love to hear from any classmates; his e-mail address is jeffreykegler@msn.com. ■ **Kevin McIntosh** and his wife welcomed their fourth grandchild, Connor Welsh, on June 7, 2009. It's the first child for their oldest son, Brian, and his wife, Kate. ■ **Edward Manganel** is still teaching at Msgr. Farrell High School on Staten Island and at the CUNY College of Staten Island. ■ **Thomas Nolan** has a practice in Ridgewood, N.J., providing therapy to individuals, couples, and families. ■ **Martin Scanlan** welcomed a grandson, Thomas Patrick Kilduff, born July 24, 2009.

## 1969

**Max Basye** is hoping our soldiers will be brought home from Afghanistan. He is a retired U.S. Army sergeant first class. ■ **Stephen Dennison** planned to retire at the end of 2009. He received the Billy G. Tennant Award from the Florida Environmental Health Association for his accomplishments over his 37-year career as an environmental health professional with the Florida Department of Health. ■ **Bill Henn** and his wife, Patricia, are the grandparents of 15 and counting. ■ **Michael Migliore's** vision as a winemaker and founder of Hudson Valley winery Whitecliff Vineyard received coverage in the Oct. 31, 2009, edition of the *Wall Street Journal*. WSJ writers gave the wine high praise and enjoyed their visit to the vineyard in Gardiner, N.Y. ■ **Richard Mourino** is now retired. ■ **Arthur Norman** retired





## Remembering Dr. George J. Sommer

One of Marist's leading scholars, Professor Emeritus of English and Heritage Professor Dr. George J. Sommer, passed away July 10, 2009, in South Dennis, Mass., where he had resided with his wife, Anne, during their retirement years. He was 82.

Dr. Sommer joined the Marian College faculty in 1951 and taught literature for 39 years. He was the second non-Marist Brother to teach full time at the institution. In 1957,

when the College opened its doors to laymen, he was appointed the first chairman of the English Department and continued in that role until 1971.

Dr. Sommer is also remembered for founding the Mid-Hudson Modern Language Association. For 16 years he directed its annual conference which drew several hundred English and foreign-language scholars to Marist from throughout the country. Upon his retirement he was honored by alumni, colleagues, and friends with the establishment of the annual George J. Sommer Lecture on Literature, now in its 17th year.

A graduate of Manhattan College, he held a master's in English from New York University and a doctorate in English from Fordham University. He was a Chaucer and Shakespeare scholar but also taught numerous other courses in English and American literature. Upon retiring in 1990, he estimated he had taught more than 3,000 students in more than 300 courses. After Marist, he taught for more than 10 years at the Academy for Lifelong Learning on Cape Cod.

Dr. Sommer is survived by his wife, who worked at Marist for a number of years, four children, and nine grandchildren. His son, Bob, is a member of the Class of 1974.

in 2007. He is a volunteer docent at the Museum of Russian Icons in Clinton, Mass., and is taking classes at Assumption College.

## REUNION 1970

**Robert Brown** and his wife, Mary Ellen, have celebrated 38 happy years together. Son Connor recently graduated. Daughter Kate's current clients include Shaq and LeBron. Daughter Erin is in her first year of law school. ■ **Col. Andrew Fallon** welcomes a grandson, Gavin Christopher, born Dec. 21, 2008. Gavin joins big brother Mason at home and is the son of Sean and Melissa Fallon of Crofton, Md. ■ **Anthony Lofaro** recently retired after 38 years of federal government service, including the military, most recently as an assistant director in the U.S. Government Accountability Office. He is now enjoying retirement in a Del Webb community in Fredericksburg, Va. ■ **Peter Masterson** was recently reelected deputy mayor and police commissioner of the Village of Asharoken, N.Y. ■ **Dr. Neal Sondergaard** retired in July after 29

years of service as a scientist with the Naval Surface Warfare Center. He has joined a small engineering firm as a part-time senior consultant. ■ **Douglas Stuart** is director of the Dickinson Center for European Studies in Bologna, Italy. He is also author/editor of eight books, two monographs, and more than 30 published articles on U.S. foreign policy.

## 1971

**Ray Charlton** retired from National Grid as of Aug. 1, 2009.

## 1972

**Bill Carey** and his wife, Robin, live in North Carolina. Their four adult children with spouses live nearby and they also have a grandson who will turn 2 this year. ■ **William Haggerty** has repatriated to the United States after five years in the Netherlands. ■ **Bryan M. Maloney** has been appointed director of development at Poughkeepsie Day School.

## 1973

After 15 years as a fiber artist manipulating textiles, **Morna Crites-Moore** is adding "jewelry maker" to her repertoire. She is having a wonderful

time with her new muse. Her only dilemma is not having enough time to do both, but she's not ready to give up textiles yet. In 2009 her husband celebrated 40 years of working for IBM, and they celebrated their 29th wedding anniversary. Their 21-year-old daughter is a senior at Hamilton College. ■ **Richard Freccia** received a special service award given by the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling. He is a school counselor at Allentown High School in Allentown, N.J. ■ **Tanny Jones** is delighted to have been inducted into the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2009. ■ **Walter Niccolls** has owned the Coach & Four restaurant in Roanoke, Va., for 21 years. ■ **Kurt Strolis** marked his 25th anniversary with law firm Finkelstein & Partners, Esq., in Newburgh, N.Y., on June 4, 2009.

## 1974

**James Keegan** has completed his 36th year in education. He taught for 11 years at Marist Brothers high schools in Eugene, Ore., and Chicago, Ill. He has been a principal for the past 18 years. ■ **Susan Kelly, PhD**, was honored with the Fellow Award by the New York State English Council at its annual conference in 2009. She is director of curriculum and instruction for Island Trees School District on Long Island, N.Y. ■ **Mark Takacs** celebrated 35 years with IBM in May 2009. He is a senior engineer/chemist.

## REUNION 1975

**Pastor MaryAnn Paradiso Berry** is co-host of the television broadcast *Faith for Today*. ■ **Edward Kosinski** is a manager at Trump International Golf Club in West Palm Beach, Fla. He is also a caddy on the Champions Tour and periodically works with NBC on major golf productions during the summer. ■ **Brian McCulloch, MD**, is a medical director and is board-certified in maternal fetal medicine. He is the most senior member of a seven-group practice.

## 1976

**Dr. Chrysoula Komis** has retired from the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration and has joined the Colden Corp. in Philadelphia as a senior scientist doing occupational safety and health consulting. ■ **William Kudlacik** recently completed his 33rd year with the New Jersey Sports and Exposition Authority. He is director

of security, parking, and traffic for Meadowlands and Monmouth Park racetracks. ■ **Robert Orlando's** daughter, Cecelia Davis, gave birth to his first grandchild, Gregory, on Sept. 24, 2009. ■ **Mary Ellen Fletcher Redmond's** father, Roy J. Fletcher, passed away suddenly April 24, 2009. Her mother, Dolores E. Fletcher, passed away June 7, 2009.

## 1977

**George M. Castiglione** graduated from Nova Southeastern University in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., with a doctorate in education. A graduate of John A. Coleman High School, he received an AAS in environmental technology from Paul Smith College and a BA in environmental science from Marist. He also received an MS in biology education and a CAS in education administration from SUNY New Paltz. He is the director of research, evaluation, and testing for the Poughkeepsie City School District. George is extremely grateful for assistance with the statistical analysis component of his dissertation provided by Dr. James Helmreich of the Marist College Math Department. ■ **John Gavigan's** daughter, Stephenie, married Justin Skaferowsky, Esq., on Nov. 14, 2009. His best friend's daughter, Emma O'Connor, announced she will be playing basketball for the Red Foxes next season! They are building the team to beat! ■ **Thomas Murray's** daughter, Erin, recently gave birth to his second grandson, Aidan Brian Robilotta. ■ **Robin Smallwood Redeker** and her husband, Warren, have been married for almost 24 years. They have three boys: Harry, a junior at Marist, Tim, a freshman at SUNY Delhi, and Nick, a freshman in high school.

## 1978

**Fino Celano** was recently elected president of the New York State Association of School Personnel Administrators. NYSASPA is a professional organization with a membership of about 250 school administrators serving in public school districts throughout New York State. Fino holds an EdD from St. John's University and is also the assistant superintendent for personnel in the Garden City Public Schools on Long Island, N.Y. ■ **Sam Delgado** is vice president of external affairs at Verizon. He is a trustee of the New Jersey State League of Municipalities Education Foundation. ■ **Joseph Higgins, MD**, is a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, board-certified in pediatrics and in neurology with



special qualification in child neurology. He has National Institutes of Health postdoctoral training in metabolism and developmental molecular neurobiology. A professor in the Division of Pediatric Neurology at Weill Cornell Medical College, he has extensive clinical and laboratory experience with strong academic accomplishments. His career has been focused on translational research in neurogenetics. He has held leadership positions in the federal and state governments as well as in the private sector. ■ **Virginia Keller's** family boasts a number of Marist graduates. Her late husband graduated in 1980, her daughter Kristin in 2005, her daughter Caitlin in 2007, and her daughter Claire in 2009. ■ **William McLaughlin's** second grandchild, Margaret (Maggie) Ann, was born April 26, 2009. She joins sister Mary Grace at home. The girls' mother is Michelle Ann Melchionda, William's daughter. ■ **David Richardson** is director of credit with Big Rock Sports, LLC, in Morehead City, N.C.

## 1979

**Russell Beckley** continues as director of security at Greenrock Corp. in Pocantico Hills, N.Y. ■ **Glenn Milner** and his wife, Beth Straut, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary by enjoying a relaxing cruise to Bermuda. Their children, Jenny and Anthony, both attended college and traveled extensively in the United States before embarking on careers. ■ **Carol Vecchio** is writing a book with the working title *The Time Between Dreams: Successfully Navigating Change and Uncertainty in Your Life and Career*. She was a guest on the PBS series *Life (Part 2)* that aired in fall 2009 ([www.pbs.org/lifepart2](http://www.pbs.org/lifepart2)). She



While the Class of '84 celebrated its 25-year reunion at Marist this past October, **Karyn Magdalen O'Donnell '84** and **Rick O'Donnell '84** were visiting their daughter, **Allyson '11**, in Dublin, Ireland, where Allyson was studying for a semester. The trio made an Irish toast to the Class of 1984 from the Temple Bar in Dublin on the night of the reunion.



During the Class of 1959's 50-year reunion during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2009, President **Dennis J. Murray** (second from left) presented watches to (left to right) **Ernest Belanger '59**; **Anne Sheridan**, widow of **Francis "Barney" Sheridan '59**; **Br. John Malich '59**; **Br. James Adams '59**; and **Br. Pat Lally '59**. **Barney Sheridan** passed away shortly before the reunion.

has been quoted in print, online, and on radio and TV concerning issues of transition, passion, purpose, and work. She is a sought-after speaker to groups throughout the United States and Canada for everything from keynote speeches to team-retreat facilitation.

## REUNION 1980

**John Shannon's** son Brian, a graduate of Chaminade High School, is on the Marist College swim team. His daughter Megan is a senior at Marist and spent the spring 2009 semester studying in Vienna, Austria.

## 1981

**Paul Jahn's** and **Maribeth Whitesell Jahn's** son, **Geoffrey**, is a Price Waterhouse Coopers Scholar at Binghamton University. ■ **Valerie Costa Vandermeer** recently relocated to Simsbury, Conn., and is consulting to nonprofit organizations and small businesses. She is happy to get back in touch with old friends: [www.linkedin.com/in/valvandermeer](http://www.linkedin.com/in/valvandermeer).

## 1982

**Nancy Fitzpatrick** is an associate court clerk at Westchester Supreme Court in the specialized guardianship part.

## 1983

**Thomas Schaffer** was promoted to full partner at the Raleigh, N.C., general office of New York Life Insurance Co. ■ **Jane Hill Stapf** recently became a New

York State Local Assistive Technology Specialist (LATS), certified by New York State to recommend technology for students.

## 1984

**Alison Corcoran** received a master's in education with a special education certification from the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, N.J., in May 2009. ■ **Eric Delahoyde** was appointed to a tenured position, teacher of special education at the BOCES Salt Point (N.Y.) Education Center for grades six, seven, and eight. ■ **Steven Eggink** is a basketball analyst for Time Warner Cable in Poughkeepsie. He broadcasts all men's and women's basketball home games at Marist's McCann Center for Time Warner Cable. He also worked for ESPN Regional Television this past year. Steven is in his fifth year with Time Warner Cable. ■ **Wendy Del Signore Schiavi** "retired" in 1994 to raise her children. She is very active in volunteer work at their school, plays lots of golf, and enjoys traveling with her family.

## REUNION 1985

**Patrick Farley** reports that he has a "great church, great family, and great friends. Life is good!" ■ **Tom Lehrkinder** is semi-retired. His wife, **Lynne McGahan Lehrkinder '86**, is employed by Monmouth University as a psychological counselor. They recently visited Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where they met. ■ **Carla Russo**

**Lowe's** oldest daughter, **Rachael**, is in college at the University of Arizona. Her younger daughter, **Jacquie**, is a sophomore in high school and plays on the varsity volleyball team. ■ **Richard Patterson's** daughter, **Marina**, is a member of Marist's Class of 2012. ■ **Lisa Farabaugh Pilewski** and her husband are enjoying life with their four children, **Kelsey**, 15, **Dan**, 13, **Olivia**, 9, and **Brendan**, 7. ■ **Margaret Soltis** is proud to report that her husband, **Joe**, is enrolled in Marist's Organizational Leadership and Communication program at the College's Fishkill location. "We are now both part of the Marist family!"

## 1986

**Lynne McGahan Lehrkinder** is employed by Monmouth University as a psychological counselor. Her husband, **Tom Lehrkinder '85**, is semi-retired. They recently visited Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., where they met. ■ **Michael Melkonian** was confirmed by the New York State Senate as a judge of the New York State Court of Claims and was appointed as an acting justice of the New York State Supreme Court in December 2008. ■ **Ronald Young** married **Cora McEnroe** in Cold Spring, N.Y., in June 2007. They welcomed twins, **Frank** and **Aoife**, on March 30, 2009.

## 1987

**Elizabeth Willems Rylaarsdam** recently moved to Carlsbad, Calif. ■ **Michael M. Tallman '87/93MSIS**, a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army





**Michael M. Tallman '87/'93MSIS**

Medical Service Corps, was mobilized to active duty in February 2006 to the Community-Based Warrior Transition Unit—Massachusetts as the Patient Administration Division (PAD) officer, Physical Evaluation Board Liaison Officer (PEBLO), and Acting Inspector General. The primary focus of the organization is to get Reserve soldiers closer to their support network, such as family and friends, to help them better heal and make the transition from active duty. The goal is to return these soldiers to their original civilian careers or, through vocation rehabilitation from the Department of Veterans Affairs, into a new civilian career field. As the PAD officer, Mike's role is to ensure the proper handling of medical records of wounded and injured soldiers. As the PEBLO, his role is to counsel soldiers who have conditions that preclude them from performing their basic soldier skills and/or their military jobs about the Physical Disability Evaluation System.

## 1988

Rocco Cocco and Sharon Weed were married in 2009 and were expecting a baby girl in 2010. His daughter, Melissa Rose, graduated from Marist in May 2009. ■ **Edgar Glascott** and his wife, Danielle, welcomed their second son, Luke Thomas, on June 20, 2009. Edgar, a principal in the Poughkeepsie City School District, has been awarded early tenure as an administrator. ■ **Glen Middleton** and his wife, Rocio, announce the birth of Scott Charles, born March 31, 2009. ■ **Elizabeth Riess** works with Community Services Programs, Inc., developing affordable housing in the Hudson Valley area.

## 1989

Alan Affuso is coaching 6- and 7-year-olds in the Wallkill Youth Football League and coaching 10- and 11-year-olds in Wallkill Area Little League. He is a certified home-plate umpire.

## REUNION 1990

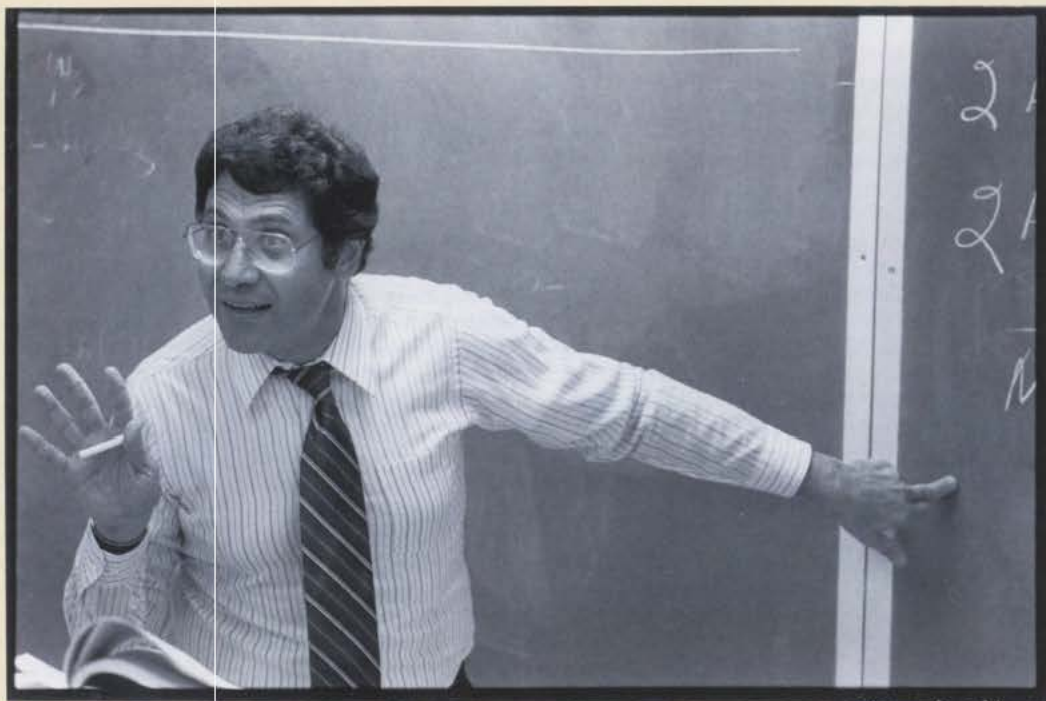
Donna Duncan DuBois retired from IBM in 2003 and was married that same year. She spends winters in Florida and summers in New York. ■ **Michael Medley**, a CPA, was admitted to the Deloitte partnership in August 2007. ■ **Melissa Reilly** married Bruce Ellard on May 2, 2009. ■ **James Reynolds** believes he is the last remaining Facebook holdout. He says if he were to Tweet, you'd learn that

the family still lives in Connecticut; that his daughter is prepping for first communion in the spring of 2010; and that his son is in preschool. Jay is still anchoring SportsCenter updates on ESPN Radio and is the host of *SportsCenter AM*.

## 1991

**Stephanie Beals** is no longer in the computer field. She received a master's in adolescence and special education in 2007 and is now teaching special education and mathematics at the Dutchess County (N.Y.) BOCES

alternative high school for at-risk students. ■ **Anthony Capozzolo** began working at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of New York in January 2009. ■ **Reginald Gaut** and **Monique Stevens '94** welcomed a baby girl, Regina, born Dec. 9, 2008. ■ **Linda Louden** and Darrin Canonico married in the summer of 2008. Their first baby, a girl, Ava Elizabeth, was born March 5, 2009. Linda has been teaching fifth grade for 13 years. Her husband is a chef. They live in Babylon Village on Long Island. ■ **Dominic Odescalchi** has formed two



## Remembering Dr. Joseph Richard LaPietra '54

Dr. Joseph Richard LaPietra '54, former academic dean and professor emeritus of chemistry, died on Feb. 10, 2010, at age 77 after a long illness.

He was one of the true giants in the history of Marist, said President Dennis J. Murray. "He had a six-decade-long relationship with Marist College and impacted it in virtually every way. As a student, he literally helped build Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel. As a professor, he was a master teacher who served as an inspirational mentor and advisor to thousands of students of all ages. As academic dean, he provided leadership for our faculty and set a high standard for all to meet."

Raised in the Bronx, Dr. LaPietra graduated from Mount St. Michael Academy in 1949 and joined the Marist Brothers. In 1954, he became the second summa cum laude graduate of what was then called Marian College, where he received a bachelor's degree in Spanish.

He taught for several years at St. Helena High School in the Bronx while he took courses in chemistry at Fordham before earning a PhD in chemistry, summa

cum laude, in 1960 from the Catholic University of America. Upon graduation, he taught at CUA and at the Marist School in Kobe, Japan. In 1961 he returned to Marist, where he spent the remainder of his teaching career as a professor of chemistry and chair of the Chemistry Department.

Dr. LaPietra enjoyed music and made it a part of the College's culture. He helped establish the College's music program and wrote the Marist Song.

To inaugurate an award for teaching excellence in 1990, the Marist Board of Trustees selected Dr. LaPietra as the honor's first recipient. After retiring in 2000, he and his colleague Gus Nolan founded the Retired Faculty Association, which has been active for many years. He was designated a Marist Heritage Professor in 2003.

In addition to his wife, Barbara, Dr. LaPietra is survived by his sister, Sr. Cecilia LaPietra, O.P., of Sparkill; and a brother, Frank LaPietra, his wife, Donna, of Lee's Summit, Mo., and their children, as well as several grandnieces and grandnephews.



residential companies, Oasis Holdings, LLC, and Oasis South East, LLC, with rental properties all across the U.S. He does this in addition to his full-time employment at IBM.

## 1992

**James Alecca** has applied to Marist to obtain a second bachelor's degree. He finished filming a mini-documentary about vexillology—the scholarly study of flags—and completed its package design and artwork. He has scheduled its release tentatively for 2010. ■ **Francesca Burns-Huss** welcomed her third child on Oct. 19, 2006. Patrick Thomas joined big brother Jack and big sister Ava at home. ■ **Craig Gloede** began a new job with SpectraWatt, a company that manufactures solar cells. ■ **Kelly Lagan-Moynahan** opened Psychological and School Services of Eastern Carolina, a private practice in Greenville, N.C. The practice ([www.passec.net](http://www.passec.net)) focuses on autism, Asperger's Disorder, learning disabilities, and low-incidence handicapping conditions. ■ **Joey Stanford** started a new job at Canonical Ltd. in its OEM Services group. ■ **Jennifer Johannessen VanKeuren's** husband received a promotion with his company, Sikorsky Aircraft, which moved the family to the Corning, N.Y., area this past fall. Jennifer now works as a media specialist in the Prattsburgh Central School District. ■ **Joy Williams** is acting president and CEO of the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation in Silver Spring, Md. ■ **Vincent Zurlo** and **Kelly Ann Kneer** married on Feb. 15, 2009, in West Orange, N.J.

## 1993

**Greg Caires** was appointed vice president of media relations for Cobham in Arlington, Va. He recently achieved Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) from the Public Relations Society of America and continues to serve with the U.S. Navy Reserve. He was recently admitted to the Naval War College's postgraduate education program. ■ **Jennifer Flynn** married **Bela August Walker** on July 25, 2009. She is managing director of Health Global Access Project (Health GAP, Inc.), an international AIDS advocacy organization. ■ **Cathy Galleher** and the love of her life, **Joe Pulcinella**, married on Dec. 12, 2009. ■ **Maria Licari-Cohen** and her husband, **David**, welcomed a baby girl, **Riley Sarina**, on July 10, 2009. Riley weighed 7 pounds and 1 ounce and was 19.75 inches long. ■ **Kelley Day Macaluso** and her husband, **Frank Macaluso**, welcomed a son, **Alexander John**, born April 27, 2009. Alexander joins big brother **Daniel James** at home. ■ **Thomas Mulryan** and his wife, **Jill**, welcomed their second child, **Matthew Thomas**, on June 25, 2008. Matthew joins big sister **Laura Elizabeth** at home. ■ **Andrea Preziotti** was promoted to senior manager of business communications at AOL and transferred to the Global Business Operations Division, where she manages internal global communications. ■ **Suzanne McNamee Snyder** welcomed her second son, **Nathaniel Quinn**, on April 23, 2009. He weighed in at 10 pounds and 7 ounces. Nathaniel joins big brother

**Jonah** at home. ■ **Colleen Russell Susko** is vice president of corporate compliance and internal audit at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, N.Y. ■ **Herb Weinman, MD**, partnered with his son, **Steve**, also an MD, and daughter, **Ginny**, a physician's assistant, in opening FirstCare Walk-In Medical Center in Highland, N.Y. ■ **Jaclyn Wheeler** attained SPHR (Senior Professional in Human Resources) status in May 2009. She is assistant vice president of employment at Boat U.S. in Alexandria, Va. ■ **Brenda Long Wittman** is pursuing physical education teaching certification and a master's in education at Ashland University. She teaches spinning at local gyms in the western Cleveland, Ohio, suburbs. ■ **Douglas Wood** was promoted to vice president, overseeing planning and strategy for the Estee Lauder Companies IT Department and supporting the corporate Project Management Office.

## 1994

**Jeff Barker** relocated to England in 2008. ■ **Amy DeFazio Barsanti** was appointed to the positions of assistant coordinator of field education and lecturer in the Department of Social Work at UNC-Charlotte. ■ **Michael Cote** and his wife announce the birth of their second daughter, **Gwyneth Lorette**, born July 4, 2009. They have been living in their new home for one year now. ■ **Capt. Jay Gavigan** of the U.S. Army finished a two-year command assignment at Redstone Arsenal, Ala. His current assignment is at Fort Gordon, Ga. "I'll have to put my Marist education to the test," he writes.

"The course is Telecommunication System Engineering—a whole lot of math, electrical engineering, and IT. It's a nine-month course that will prepare me to ensure the networks are secure." Jay and his wife have a new addition to their family, **Connor Joseph**, who turned 1 in September 2009. ■ **Jason LaScolea** and his family moved from Painted Post, N.Y., where he was the adult ministries pastor at Victory Highway Wesleyan Church, to Bangor, Maine, where he is the lead pastor of Pathway Wesleyan Church. ■ **Nella Licari** was promoted to manager, ABC News Editing Operations. She worked with the *Good Morning America* team that won an Emmy for "Best Morning Show" for the third consecutive year. ■ **Beth Keenan Meyers** and her husband, **Steve**, welcomed a son, **Brendan Reid**, born Feb. 4, 2010. Brendan joins big brothers **Nolan** and **Clay** at home. ■ **Monique Stevens** and **Reginald Gaut '91** welcomed a baby girl, **Regina**, born Dec. 9, 2008. ■ **Kevin Stranahan** was unable to attend his 25th homecoming reunion celebration; he was getting married the same weekend! Kevin was appointed security coordinator for St. Vincent's Behavioral Health Services in March 2008. He is responsible for managing Security Department training, planning, and site security operations and emergency preparedness for the hospital's 76-bed rehabilitation facility in Westport, Conn. Kevin and his wife, **Diana**, live in Bridgeport, Conn. ■ **Paul Timpa** is a full-time professional travel photographer. See his work at [www.timpa.com](http://www.timpa.com). ■ **Jeffrey Wright** is the mayor of Newington, Conn.

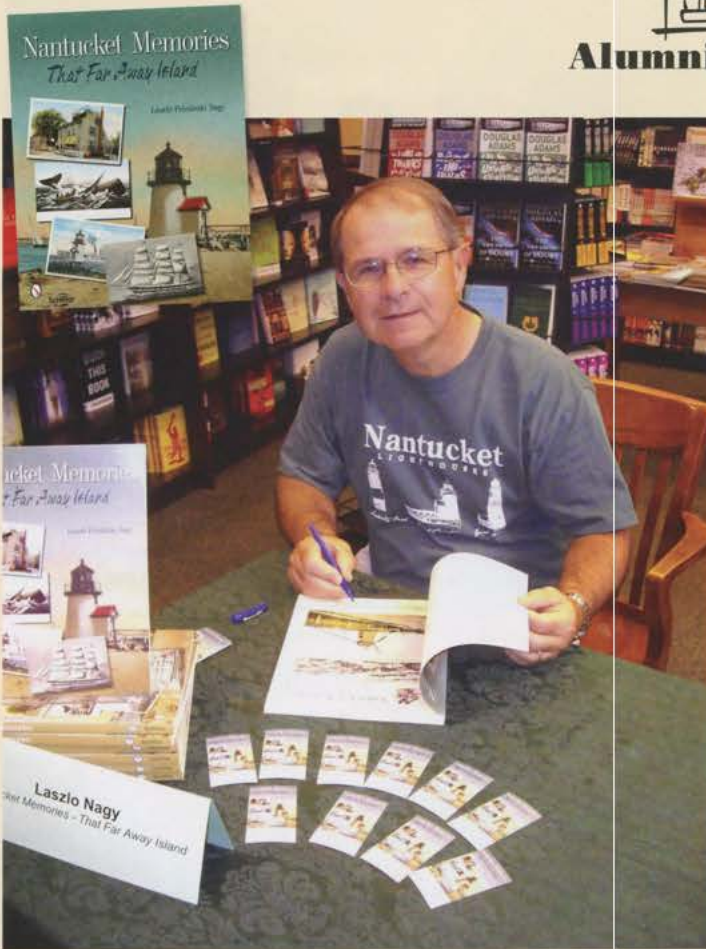
The 2009 Alumni Legacy Scholarship was awarded to **Kelley Gould '13**, daughter of **Chris Gould '04** and **Kathy Ansbro '83**, on Homecoming and Reunion Weekend during the Alumni Association Executive Board meeting. Kelley is a graduate of **Carmel (N.Y.) High School** where she was captain of the varsity cross-country team and the varsity indoor and outdoor track teams and president of the Interact Club. She is a member of the Marist cross-country team and is majoring in mathematics while seeking teaching certification in adolescence education. Pictured (left to right) are President **Dennis J. Murray**, **Chris Gould '04**, **Kelley**, **Kelley's sister, Annie**, **Kathy Ansbro Gould '83**, and **Jeff Schanz '94/'99MPA**, president of the Marist Alumni Association.



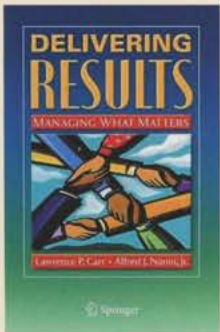




## Alumni Authors



*Nantucket Memories: That Far Away Island*, by **Laszlo F. Nagy '68** (Schiffer Publishing) features 275 vintage postcards illustrating the Massachusetts island's history, charm, and character. Text accompanying the postcards, which date mostly from the early 1900s, recounts the history of Nantucket from its early days when the island was considered the whaling capital of the world. The author, a retired school administrator, emigrated from Hungary to the United States in 1956 and began collecting postcards in the early 1970s. His postcard interests range from Nantucket, which he came to know on summer vacations, to Yellowstone National Park, the Hudson Valley, Hungary, and Eastern Europe.



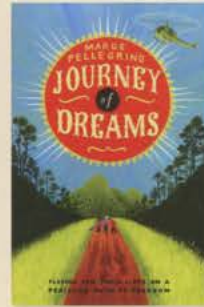
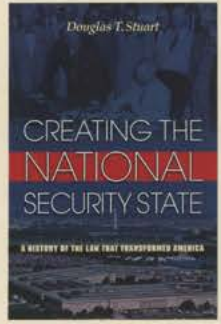
**Lawrence Carr '68**, professor of management accounting at Babson College, has co-written the book *Delivering Results: Managing What Matters* with Alfred Nanni (Springer). In the book, the authors develop a management system built on human rather than quantitative reasoning. They show managers how to create a management system, unique to their organization, that aligns internal resources with objectives, motivates and rewards employees, and provides continuous feedback, ultimately enabling them to reach their goals faster and more efficiently than their competitors. A management consultant, he has published more

than 30 articles and co-authored *Total Quality Management: A Cross-Functional Perspective* (Wiley).

**Leonard Gallo '69** has co-written a college textbook, *Yo Soy Asi* (Kendall Hunt Publishing), that is used at Middlesex County College for elementary Spanish I and II classes.

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The most recent book by **Douglas Stuart '70** is *Creating the National Security State* (Princeton University Press). He is director of Dickinson College's European Studies Center in Bologna, Italy. He has been a NATO Fellow, a State Department Scholar-Diplomat, and a guest scholar at the Brookings Institution, George Washington University, and the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London. He is an adjunct professor at the U.S. Army War College. He has received Dickinson's Ganoë Award for Inspirational Teaching and its Award for Distinguished Teaching.



*Journey of Dreams* (Frances Lincoln Children's Books) by **Marge White Pellegrino '74** has won the 2009 Judy Goddard Award for young-adult literature. The novel describes how one family survives the civil war in Guatemala in the 1980s that forces them from their home. Marge works with families of survivors of torture, trauma, and traumatic displacement in a leadership and expressive arts program, thanks to her Marist degree in psychology, she notes. For more information visit [www.owlandpanther.org](http://www.owlandpanther.org).

**John F. McMullen, '94MSCS/'95MPA** has recently published three collections of poetry: *Cashing a Check*, *Writing in My Head*, and *With a Chip on My Shoulder* (all available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)). Prior to his entry into poetry, John co-authored a book on telecommunications and more than 1,500 articles, columns, and news stories for such publications as the *Chicago Tribune*, *PC Magazine*, *National Review*, *Lear's*, *Infoworld*, *Newsbytes*, and *Computer Shopper*. He is a professor of information technology at Monroe College, which is a partner with Marist in various government technology grants.

### WOODY'S GARDEN



**Dara Boland-Bonomo '86** has written and illustrated *Woody's Garden: An Illustrated Book for Pet-Lovers of All Ages* (Xlibris). Previously she wrote and illustrated *How To Eat Like a Tree: Uncarthing the Moderate Eater in You* and *How To Sleep Like a Bear: Putting Insomnia to Bed* (Ten Speed Press).



**Michael A. Smith '72** has written *Business-to-Business Golf: How to Swing Your Way to Business Success* (InfoPro Publishing), a practical guide to developing new or enhancing current business relationships on the golf course. Using a scorecard format, the book offers 18 actual situations and 18 key principles to successful business golfing. The book also offers tips on golf etiquette and behavior as well as a range of advice on building a successful business.

**Julie Dumont Rabinowitz '92** recently completed editing four volumes in a series of social studies textbooks for fourth through seventh grades. Printed by Gibbs Smith Publisher in Salt Lake City, Utah, the North Carolina Journeys series includes student volumes, teacher's editions, and an online version of the series. Julie edited and wrote extensively for the volumes on North Carolina geography; North American geography and United States history; European, Russian, and South American cultural geography; and the cultural geography of Africa, Asia, and the Pacific Realm. Adopted by the state of North Carolina for the 2008-09 school year, the series is used by students across the state.



REUNION  
1995

Amy Anderson-D'Amico and her husband, Peter, welcomed a son, Jaden Carl, on May 23, 2009. Jaden joins big brother Lucas. ■ **Kathleen Dick Boland** and her husband, Brian, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Sydney Elizabeth, on May 29, 2009. They live in Norwalk, Conn. ■ **Chris Cordaro** and his wife, Nicole, moved back to New York City after living and working in Japan for almost three years. ■ **Wendy Crocker Egan** and her husband, Michael, welcomed a baby boy, Sean Patrick, on Feb. 16, 2009. ■ **Scott Haywood** and his wife, **Janis Russell Haywood '97**, welcomed a baby boy, Alexander Vincent, born May 19, 2009. ■ **Cathleen Kosiewicz Morzello** and her husband, Anthony, welcomed a son, Sean Anthony, on Aug. 5, 2009. He joins big sister Ashleigh. ■ **David Saco** and his wife, **Vicky Keresztes Saco '96**, welcomed a son, Joseph Charles, on April 21, 2009. ■ **Jo Ellen Paczkowski Sofilkanich** and her husband, Don, have two daughters, Ashley, born in October 2004, and Taylor, born in November 2007. Jo Ellen is a leasing manager for a communications company. ■ **Jonathan Sorelle, MD**, has been busy developing new, less invasive procedures to cure problems with the hand. He is an attending hand surgeon at the Brown Hand Center in Henderson, Nev. ■ **Kristina Wells** recently left journalism after 13 years to pursue a career as a communication strategist and specialist with Prudential Retirement in Hartford, Conn.

1996

**Christopher Berinato** married Jody Benedict. He won his second Emmy for Outstanding Newscast and his first Associated Press Award for Outstanding Newscast. He is a senior producer for WBFF in Baltimore, Md. ■ **Christina Bisirri** is an English professor at Seminole State College in Florida. ■ **Staff Sergeant Mikael Carlson** was mobilized to active duty and deployed to Special Operations Command South at Homestead Air Reserve Base in Homestead, Fla. ■ **Raul De La Rosa** launched his own advertising agency in March 2009, focusing on the growing Hispanic market. ■ **Dina Wehren Keleher** and her husband, Ted, are thrilled to announce the birth of their daughter, Eva Marie, born Aug. 4, 2009. Eva joins big brother Jamie. ■ **Dr. Jason LaVoie** earned a PhD in computer

Two Grads Win Big on Deal or No Deal

Although they were both communication/public relations majors at Marist, Kaitlin Brennan '09 and Erin Leavy Merrell '00 may have bright futures in finance.

The two showed they were proficient in the art of the deal when they each won more than \$50,000 on the syndicated game show *Deal or No Deal*.

The program, hosted by comedian Howie Mandel, involves guessing what's in 26 sealed briefcases containing various amounts of money, from 1 cent to \$1 million. Contestants get one case to either keep or trade. The program's Web site describes what happens next:

"The pressure mounts as in each round, after a predetermined number of cases are opened, the participant is tempted by a mysterious entity known only as 'the Banker' to accept an offer of cash in exchange for what might be contained in the contestant's chosen briefcase... As each case is opened, the likelihood of the player having a valuable cash amount in his or her own case decreases or increases... The contestant knows that as long as the larger cash prizes haven't been opened, the Banker's deals will only get higher. And if the contestant accidentally opens a case with a bigger cash value, the Banker's offer could suddenly evaporate."

During the broadcast on Nov. 3, Kaitlin traded her briefcase to the Banker for \$57,000. It turned out her case was worth \$25,000. In the show that aired Nov. 19, Erin relinquished her case for \$55,000. It was worth \$5,000. "I made a very good deal," she says.

Their methods of choosing cases differed. "I was not making calculated decisions as I chose my cases, but rather just picked whatever number I felt like picking," Kaitlin recalls. "Lucky for me, the lack of strategy seemed to work out well because I walked away with the most money all week."

Erin analyzed the demeanor of the people offering the numbered cases. "I didn't pick specific numbers per se, but I did tend to shy away from selecting people who were more energetic and outgoing than the rest. I was

convinced they were the ones holding the cases with the most money."

Kaitlin, who is pursuing a graduate degree in educational counseling at Monmouth University, and Erin, who is an events manager for the National Football League, both landed on the program as a result of casting calls. Kaitlin says the show was an incredible experience. "If it taught me anything, it was that no matter how silly your goals may seem, it is always worthwhile to go for them. Getting on this show was a goal. I had talked about being on this show in high school, so the fact that I actually got on is unbelievable."

Erin says after the first few cases were selected, she was able to settle in and just have fun. "Howie was great. It was an experience of a lifetime and one that I will certainly never forget!"

Now to the important part: what will they do with the money? Erin and her husband, who live in Great Neck, N.Y., will visit Thailand and put the rest of the money toward a down payment on a house.

Kaitlin, who lives in East Brunswick, N.J., also plans a trip. "I was adopted from Chile when I was a baby, so I plan on a nice vacation to see where I was born with family and a few friends. Beyond that I'll be saving the money and waiting for the Alumni Office to call."



Kaitlin Brennan '09 (second from left) joins other hopefuls auditioning to become *Deal or No Deal* contestants.



Erin Leavy Merrell '00

science from Polytechnic Institute of NYU. ■ **Vicky Keresztes Saco** and her husband, **David Saco '95**, welcomed a son, Joseph Charles, on April 21, 2009. ■ **Lynne Dominick Sager** and her husband, Scott, welcomed their third daughter, Serafina Marie, born June 29, 2009. She joins big sisters Gabi and Mia at home. ■ **Andrew Shore** entered investment banking after graduation, working for Morgan Stanley and Lehman Brothers. He is a survivor of Sept. 11, 2001, as his office was on the 39th floor of World Trade Tower I. After 9/11, he joined the

New York City Police Department and was promoted to detective. He now investigates financial crimes involving bank fraud, counterfeiting, stock fraud, and identity theft. He hopes to transfer into the counterterrorism bureau in the near future. ■ **Karen Teufel-Mushorn** and her husband, Michael, announce the arrival of Matthew Joseph, born May 1, 2009. Michael joins big brother Connor and big sister Kathryn at home. ■ **Brandon Tierney** was promoted in March 2009 to middays on 1050 ESPN Radio. *The Brandon Tierney Show* airs Monday

through Friday at 10 a.m. He is in his second year with SNY-TV, regional home of the New York Mets, on *The WheelHouse*, which airs Monday through Friday at 5:30 p.m. He and Jennifer Freeland recently became engaged and plan an August 2010 wedding.

1997

**Bernadette Goebel Cekuta** and her husband welcomed their third son, Gavin Nicholas, on Feb. 17, 2009. ■ **Stephanie Figura** married Bryan Carmody on June 12, 2009, in Old



Wethersfield, Conn. Three members of the bridal party were Marist alumnae. Stephanie is a vice president with DeVries Public Relations in New York, N.Y. ■ **Jack Flaherty** and his wife, **Shannon Hirsch Flaherty '98**, welcomed a baby girl, Makenna Elizabeth, on May 27, 2009. ■ **Janis Russell Haywood** and her husband, **Scott Haywood '95**, welcomed a baby boy, Alexander Vincent, born May 19, 2009. ■ **Michelle Lopez Hughes** and her husband, F. Dalton III, announce the birth of their son, Nathaniel Thomas, born March 31, 2009. Nate joins big brother Jake Dalton, born Dec. 16, 2006. ■ **James Lord** was promoted to president of operations for Surf Club Inc., located on Cape Cod. ■ **Matthew McAlear** was promoted to vice president and chief program officer at Easter Seals Bay Area, headquartered in Oakland, Calif. Matt has spent the past 15 years working with individuals with autism and their families. ■ **Michele Verdino** married Anthony Ostler on April 24, 2009. ■ **Alycia Libby Winter** and her husband, Sean, welcomed their first child, daughter Finley Hays, on March 20, 2009. Alycia was promoted to senior account manager at the advertising/marketing firm where she has worked for a little over a year. ■ **Ellen Kalas Wolfe** and her husband, Rob, welcomed a baby girl, Ella Kathryn, born Sept. 1, 2009.

## 1998

**Michele Araneo Anderson** and her husband, Michael, welcomed their third daughter, Maya Eve, born March 31, 2009. ■ **Bill Bell** and his

wife, Alison, welcomed twins, Megan Georgina and Benjamin George, born July 23, 2009. ■ **Christian Bladt** married Heather Jeng on Aug. 22, 2009. Heather is a graduate of the University of Southern California's Class of 2005. This past summer Christian commemorated his second year as producer of *The Dennis Miller Show*, which airs on 257 stations for Westwood One Radio. ■ **Darren Duffy** recently moved back to New York to start his own business. ■ **Shannon Hirsch Flaherty** and her husband, **Jack Flaherty '97**, welcomed a baby girl, Makenna Elizabeth, on May 27, 2009. ■ **Nazareth Garabedian** and his wife, **Jennifer McHugh Garabedian '00**, welcomed their second daughter, Madelyn Grace, born in November 2008. ■ **Stephanie Hajjar** and David Billingslea are happy to announce their engagement. They plan to marry Sept. 25, 2010, in Calabash, N.C. ■ **Fernanda Leventhal** is a translator and interpreter. ■ **Betsy Liddycoat** and her husband, Greg Graham, welcomed their second son, Mason James, born Nov. 24, 2008. ■ **Kathleen Milhaven '98MS** is aspiring to a new career after many years with IBM. ■ **Edward Millar** and his wife, Lydia, celebrated the birth of their daughter, Madelyn, born Sept. 23, 2008. ■ **Stefanie Sardilli Pacheco** and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth of their second son, Michael Joseph, born March 9, 2009. ■ **Jolene Barnao Plant** and her husband, **Christopher Plant**, announce the birth of their daughter, Stella Rose, born Sept. 16, 2009. ■ **Christine Winter Silver** and her husband, **Brian Silver**, announce

the birth of their third child, Brady Joseph, born Aug. 25, 2009. Big sister Gracie and big brother Grayson are very excited about their youngest brother. ■ **Alison Willmott** and her husband have a 3-year-old daughter, Grace, and are expecting another baby in July 2010.

## 1999

**Philip Adams** was promoted to supervisory customs and border protection officer for the Department of Homeland Security. The promotion, along with lower house prices and interest rates, allowed him to take advantage of the housing market in Washington and purchase his first house. ■ **Jennifer Canonico Avroch** and her husband, **Bryan Avroch '00**, live in Stamford, Conn. Jennifer is teaching fourth grade in Harrison and Bryan is teaching reading/the AVID program in Stamford. Their 3-year-old daughter, Marissa, keeps them busy. ■ **Brian Dawson** is a psychiatric social worker for East Orange General Hospital in East Orange, N.J., and also is a licensed clinical alcohol and drug clinician for SAMHSA Homeless Health Care in Newark, N.J. ■ **Jeannine Burrus** married Francis Mattison Jr. on June 7, 2009. ■ **Rich Cocchiara** was recently elected to the IBM Academy of Technology. ■ **Jessica Spencer DeLorenzo** and her husband, Matt, welcomed their second daughter, Antonella Athena, born Aug. 6, 2009. ■ **Kristy Yacovone Farbman** and her husband, Ross, announce the birth of their first son, Charles Evan, born May 2, 2009. ■ **Kate Greene** and **Jay Sheridan** married in September



**Brandon Tierney '96** returned to Marist Jan. 29 to broadcast his radio show, *The Brandon Tierney Show*, live on ESPN 1050. Marist was one of eight tristate area schools he visited as part of the 2010 BT College Tour. During the broadcast he was joined by Marist men's basketball Head Coach **Chuck Martin**, the Marist band, and Marist cheerleaders and interviewed former Indiana Pacers star **Rik Smits '88** by phone. Afterward Brandon met with Marist students.

2009. ■ **Chantal Poirier Glancy** and her husband, Jim, welcomed their second child, August Sheriff, on May 25, 2009. He weighed 9 pounds and 7 ounces and was 22 inches long. ■ **Bridget Patrick Hermann '99/00MPA** and her husband, Paul, welcomed a daughter, Arabella Portia, born May 31,

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2009. ■ **Colleen Hoffman** is teaching second grade. ■ **Martin Kappus** and his wife, Dawn, welcomed their first child, Cameron Jack, born Sept. 2, 2009. ■ **Amanda Liles** has moved from Manhattan to Hartly, Del., which is near her hometown, to be closer to her family and pursue a new career. Since graduating from Marist, she has worked in the media field. She left her post as research manager at Univision Radio National Sales (Katz Communications, Inc.) and is now substitute-teaching while seeking teaching certification in English education. ■ **Andrew Manning** and his wife, Kim, were expecting a baby boy in March 2010. ■ **Kathleen Wisniewski McEnroe** and her husband, Timothy, welcomed twin girls, Maeve Ide and Fiona Ide, born Oct. 9, 2009. Kathleen is a teacher in New York City. ■ **Lark-Marie Anton Menchini** and her husband, Daniel, announce the birth of Daniel Carlos, born Aug. 4, 2009. ■ **Brian Rago** and his wife, Shauna, welcomed a daughter, Cora Mary, born April 22, 2009. ■ **Carmelita Seufert** and her husband, **Evo Rondini '06**, welcomed a son, Owen Atticus, born May 15, 2009. ■ **Paul Sydlansky** and his wife, **Amy Riopko Sydlansky '03**, welcomed twins, John Paul "Jack" and Suzanne, born Sept. 9, 2009. ■ **Stacey Spina VanSeggern** and her husband, Steven, welcomed twins, Jack Steven and Julia Claire, born July 9, 2009. ■ **Angela Witzke** married Carmen Gentile on July 4, 2008.

REUNION  
2000

**Kristen Hoey Amarone** and her husband, **Ben Amarone '01**, welcomed a daughter, Allison Veronica, born March 10, 2009. ■ **Sarah Castiola Applewhite** and her husband, Kevin, welcomed their first child, a son, Ryan Christopher, born Aug. 17, 2009. ■ **Bryan Avroch** and his wife, **Jennifer Canonico Avroch '99**, live in Stamford, Conn. Bryan teaches reading/the AVID program in Stamford and Jennifer teaches fourth grade in Harrison. Their 3-year-old daughter, Marissa, keeps them busy. ■ **Matt Cameron** and his wife, **Heather Bernhart Cameron '09**, welcomed a baby girl, Brooke Madison, born May 14, 2009. ■ **Kim Lux Connelley** and her husband welcomed a son, Patrick James, born June 17, 2009. ■ **Lauren Gancarz Dabek** is a marketing coordinator with Vanasse Hange Brustlin, Inc., in Middletown, Conn. VHB is a transportation, land development, and environmental firm based in



**Marist alumni Frankie Algier '07 and Joe Robillard '66 teamed up to win the 2009 Century Doubles Championship at the Poughkeepsie Tennis Club in November. Joe didn't play varsity tennis while at Marist because the College had no team in 1966. However, Frankie played varsity tennis for four years. Century doubles is a special division of tennis in which the ages of the two players must add up to at least 100. At 75 and 25, Joe and Frankie make an even 100. "Frankie and I are looking forward to defending the crown next year at 102," Joe says.**

Massachusetts. ■ **Kristen Weber Fugiel** married in 2005. She and her husband bought their dream home in June 2009 and are looking forward to starting a family soon. ■ **Barbara Gambee** married Freddie Rappina, a police officer with Fairfax County, Va., on June 6, 2009. She was promoted to director of account development for Nielsen Claritas, a division of the Nielsen Co. ■ **Jennifer McHugh Garabedian** and her husband, **Nazareth Garabedian '98**, welcomed their second daughter, Madelyn Grace, born in November 2008. ■ **Kimberly Comer Harney** has two beautiful daughters, Kayleigh, 3, and Claire, 1. ■ **Jason Harty** moved to New York from Boston after accepting a position on the Vitaminwater brand team. ■ **Andrea Koman** and Philip Settembrino married on Aug. 29, 2009. ■ **Beth Mathewson Law** and her husband welcomed a daughter, Rebecca, born April 11, 2009. ■ **Jennifer Matarazzo** and Jason Berger married on May 30, 2009, and spent their honeymoon in St. Lucia. After returning, she began work at SouthBeachDiet.com, where she oversees all editorial content. ■ **Anthony Pesce** and his wife, Dawn, welcomed a baby boy, Anthony Joseph, born Feb. 14, 2009. ■ **Steve Pifferi** and his wife, Joyce, married in Dix Hills,

N.Y., on Oct. 3, 2009, and reside in Nanuet, N.Y. ■ **Jonathan Reiss** and his wife, Maritza, welcomed a baby boy, Maxwell Alexander, born Nov. 7, 2009, in Stamford, Conn. He weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces and was 20 inches long. ■ **Elizabeth Johnson Shibles** and **John Shibles** welcomed their second son, Colin John, born Nov. 4, 2008. ■ **Deborah Spoor** married Jon Hourahan on Dec. 28, 2007. They welcomed a daughter, Emma Pearl, born April 17, 2009. Deborah is still teaching mathematics at Spackenkill High School in Poughkeepsie. ■ **James Tavares** and his wife, Renee, were married July 4, 2009. ■ **Kate Tamas Temple** and her husband, Shawn, welcomed a daughter, Sarah Lorraine, born Dec. 12, 2009. ■ **Diana Gennaro Walsh** and her husband, **Philip Walsh '01**, welcomed a daughter, Savannah Mae, born April 6, 2009. ■ **Koustubh Warty** and his wife, **Manjari Gangwar**, celebrated the first birthday of their son, Laksh, in November 2009. Both Koustubh and Manjari completed 10 years at Computer Associates International, Inc.

2001

**Ben Amarone** and his wife, **Kristen Hoey Amarone '00**, welcomed a daughter, Allison Veronica, born

March 10, 2009. ■ **Christopher Blasie '01/'07MA** joined the Airserv Corp. in March 2010 to manage aircraft appearance and operations for Continental Airlines at Newark Liberty International Airport. ■ **Megan Bowse** and **Michael Cunningham** married on July 11, 2009, in Wyndham, N.H. In January 2009, Michael's former firm, Thacher Proffitt & Wood, dissolved and he is now an associate in the Capital Markets group at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal, LLP. Michael earned a JD at St. John's University School of Law in 2007. ■ **Jennifer Breslin** bought a home in the Saratoga Springs, N.Y., area in 2007. She is still working professionally as a horse trainer and riding instructor as well as galloping Thoroughbred racehorses at the Saratoga racecourse during the racing and training season. Jennifer is also enjoying kindergarten all over again with her 5-year-old son, Aiden Mulholland. ■ **Megan Bruno** and her fiancé, Mike Romero, had a baby boy, Michael Vincent, on Dec. 28, 2008. ■ **Joseph Catrino Jr.** has been teaching undergraduate communication courses at Quinnipiac University since 2007 and at the University of Hartford since January 2009. ■ **Leah Duggan Cristi** and her husband are enjoying every moment with their baby girl, Skylar Corinne, born May 7, 2009. ■ **Andrea Newsom Curry '01/'01MA** and her husband welcomed a daughter, Maya, born Feb. 12, 2009. Maya joins big brother Will at home. ■ **Jessica Weissman Hill** changed careers in April 2008. She works for Alken Industries, which manufactures complex aircraft parts and assemblies for major aerospace companies. Jessica manages the account of Sikorsky Aircraft, which manufactures the Black Hawk helicopter as well as many others. ■ **James Infranca** is a special education and math teacher at Garden City High School on Long Island, N.Y., where he has been teaching for nine years. ■ **Mary Tomm Knowlton** and her husband welcomed their first child, a son, Jeffrey, born in February 2009. ■ **Jeremy Koscielcki** and **Maureen O'Hare '03** married in October 2008. ■ **Megan Edwards Leonard** and her husband, **Adam Leonard**, welcomed a daughter, Riley Mae, born April 22, 2009. ■ **Alison Nikolayuk** married David Benincasa in August 2008. She earned an MBA from East Carolina University in May 2009. ■ **Steven Nigro '01MBA** returned to Poughkeepsie in August 2009 after more than six years in Las Vegas. ■ **Kevin Porter** married **Catie Mullin** on Sept. 12, 2008. They moved to Massachusetts in October 2007 and



purchased a home in North Billerica, Mass. ■ **Megan Williams Ragozzine** welcomed Stella Bailey, born April 18, 2009. Megan began a new job as a marketing and communications specialist at Pen Bay Healthcare in August 2009. ■ **Stephen Sost** recently joined Watson Pharmaceuticals as director, corporate communications. ■ **Allison Stec** married First Class Petty Officer GM1 Jeremy Bell on Aug. 16, 2008. ■ **Michele DeWan Streker** and her husband welcomed their first child, Thomas Dillon, born June 27, 2009. ■ **Kerry Sugrue** married Adeniyi Silva on Aug. 16, 2008. They welcomed their first child, John Joseph Alexander, on May 12, 2009. ■ **Philip Walsh** and his wife, **Diana Gennaro Walsh '00**, welcomed a daughter, Savannah Mae, born April 6, 2009. ■ **Melissa Williams** recently launched BelliesToBellies.com, an online marketplace for the resale of new and gently used maternity, baby, and kid gear. Melissa is also mom to son Brayden James, born Aug. 28, 2007.

## 2002

**Alyssa Bobb Boice '02/08MA** and her husband, **Rory Boice '05**, welcomed a son, Wyatt Shaw, born Sept. 17, 2008. ■ **Angela Daddario** and Mark English married on Aug. 14, 2009. ■ **Barbara McBride Fassett** and her husband, John, bought a Bark Busters franchise in 2006. Since then they have delivered training, including private, in-home training, to more than 425 dogs in the Dutchess County, N.Y., area ([www.barkbusters.com/page.cfm/ID/50/id\\_directory/1302](http://www.barkbusters.com/page.cfm/ID/50/id_directory/1302)). ■ **Michelle Hallock** and James Plourde recently married. ■ **Nicole Hubbell** and Greg Kopiasz married Oct. 3, 2009, in Syracuse, N.Y. They honeymooned in Bali, Indonesia. ■ **Janine Jarosz** married Casey Gorbon in November 2008. ■ **Carolyn Matheus** is completing a PhD in organizational studies at SUNY Albany and adjuncting at Marist in the School of Management. ■ **Shantrez Miller** is living in Switzerland. ■ **Greta Noble** married Pauly Yakel in May 2009. Greta is prepping for the GMATs to pursue an MBA beginning in the spring of 2010. ■ **Emily Green Pacella '02/03MA** and her husband welcomed a new baby, Caroline Paige, born June 17, 2009. ■ **Meghan Prendergast** married Patrick Blomberg on Aug. 29, 2009. ■ **Deanna Howansky Russo** welcomed a daughter, Meredith, born in April 2007. ■ **Mariel Sosa** expects to graduate with an MSW from NYU in 2010. ■ **Justin Spraker** and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a son, Aidan, born June 27, 2009. Justin, a financial advisor, opened a new fran-



**James M. Barnes '68** (second from right), a Knight of St. Patrick, served as an aide to the grand marshal of the 249th St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City on March 17. The 2010 grand marshal was New York City Police Commissioner Ray Kelly (second from left). Above, they were joined at a pre-parade event by **Paul Browne '71** (far left), deputy commissioner of public information with the New York City Police Department, and **Robert L. West** (far right), vice president for college advancement at Marist.



For the 26th consecutive year, Marist alumni, friends, and families marched in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. President and Mrs. **Dennis J. Murray**, along with this year's honorary grand marshal **Bryan Maloney '72** and the **Ameriscot Highland Pipe Band**, led the Marist contingent of more than 100 people up Fifth Avenue. Above, Bryan (second from right) was joined by (left to right) friend **Donna Solomon**, his niece **Norah Maloney**, his brother **Thomas**, his niece **Brigid Maloney**, and his sister **Kathleen Brawitsch**.

chise office for Ameriprise Financial Advisors, Inc. He also launched an intern program for Marist and local colleges. ■ **Julie Valente-Milelli** and her husband welcomed their second son, Cristoforo Gianmarino, born Feb. 19, 2009, at 7 p.m. weighing 7 pounds and 15 ounces and measuring 19.5 inches long. Big brother Giuseppe Christiano, 3 years old, is so happy!

## 2003

**Danielle Ambrosio** married Jonathan Hart on July 27, 2007. They bought their first home on July 10, 2008, in their hometown of Sayville, N.Y. Danielle is in her seventh year of teaching secondary special education on Long Island. ■ **Jillian Duffy Black**

and her husband, **Steven Black**, recently began a DJ business, Lucky in Love DJ Productions. ■ **Theresa Carriero** married Christopher Hurst on Feb. 21, 2009. ■ **Jennifer Guiliano Carusillo** and her husband, Ralph, welcomed their first son, Nicholas Ralph, born July 4, 2009. ■ **Bradley Cook** is teaching in Lakeland, Fla., and is an assistant baseball coach at Florida Southern College. ■ **Danielle Coscia** graduated from William Paterson University with a master's degree in educational technologies and earned a supervision certificate in 2009. Danielle and Jonathan Krehel became engaged on Aug. 1, 2009, at Disney World. ■ **Cherese Demme** married Brian Cosentino

on July 18, 2009. ■ **Charlie Edwards** and his wife, **Stephanie Pendulik Edwards '04**, bought their first house in November 2008 and 10 days later welcomed their first child. Daughter Emily Elaine, born Nov. 17, 2008, weighed in at 6 pounds and 8 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. ■ **Anne Kearns** married Bob Valluzzi on Oct. 10, 2009. ■ **Kathleen Kelly** received her private pilot's single-engine land license in December 2006. ■ **Katherine McCann** married **Adam Slater '04**. They relocated to Phoenix, Ariz., in 2008. ■ **Lauren Neitzel** married Luke Boughton on May 29, 2009. Lauren continues working in Saratoga, N.Y., as creative director of the Masie Center, where she has been employed for five years. ■ **Maureen O'Hare** and **Jeremy Koscielecki '01** married in October 2008. Maureen began teaching English at Clearview Regional High School in Mullica Hill, N.J., in September. ■ **Ruth Spengler** married Michael Medeiros on Sept. 5, 2009. ■ **Amy Riopko Sydlansky** and her husband, **Paul Sydlansky '99**, welcomed twins, John Paul "Jack" and Suzanne, born Sept. 9, 2009. ■ **Jill Penaluna Wieboldt** and her husband, Will, celebrated their daughter Olivia's first birthday in April 2009 and their two-year anniversary in November 2009.

## 2004

**Kevin Altieri** and his wife, **Tracey Maida Altieri**, welcomed a son, Peter John, born Dec. 30, 2009. ■ **Kevin Brown** got married on May 31, 2008. He and his wife, Amanda, live in the Gramercy neighborhood in Manhattan. Kevin works in marketing for the Global Consumer Group at Citi. He is in the Pace Executive MBA program and is on track to receive his MBA in 2011. He enjoys skiing in the winter and boating in the summer. ■ **Dennis Carroll** is an attorney in Windsor, Conn. ■ **Taryn Debold** married Raffaele Lagonigro on Oct. 3, 2009. ■ **Sarah Donohue** and **Michael Constantine** married on Oct. 4, 2008, in Westchester, N.Y. The bridal party included **Sue Robson**, **Kim Rossi**, **Michael Babic**, **Steve Arocho**, **Michael Erario**, and **Adam Huftalen**. ■ **Stephanie Pendulik Edwards** and her husband, **Charlie Edwards '03**, bought their first house in November 2008 and 10 days later welcomed their first child. Daughter Emily Elaine, born Nov. 17, 2008, weighed in at 6 pounds and 8 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. ■ **Jaclyn Fallon** attended medical school at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. After graduation she accepted a position as a resident physician in



pediatrics at Stony Brook University Medical Center and plans to specialize in pediatric gastroenterology. In May 2009 she traveled to Egypt. ■ **Anna Gabbert** joined Booz Allen Hamilton in February 2009 as a senior consultant, specializing in strategic communications and social media/Web 2.0 consulting for the U.S. government. ■ **Bobbi Sue Gibbons** and **Travis Tellitocci** got engaged on Oct. 22, 2009. Travis proposed to Bobbi Sue outside Foy Townhouse C6 where the two met on Move-in Day of their senior year in 2003. ■ **Stephen Harrison** worked with ABC's *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition* as a volunteer coordinator for the program's Tallahassee Build in February 2009. In April 2009, Stephen launched HR Gumbo ([www.hrgumbo.com](http://www.hrgumbo.com)), a human resources-themed blog covering topics including HR certification, recruiting, employee relations, strategy, professional development, and social media. From January to August 2009, Stephen ran a hugely successful social media marketing campaign for the annual HR Florida State Conference and Expo. He reports that his techniques are being sought out by affiliates of the Society for Human Resource Management across the country. In September 2009, he began a new position as HR specialist for Florida State University in Tallahassee. He invites everyone to follow him on Twitter: @SteveMGHarrison. ■ **Anna McNeal** was accepted into the Adelphi University Graduate Program in August 2009. ■ **Scott Montesano** got married in May 2009. He is a radio broadcaster for the Des Moines Buccaneers minor-league hockey team. ■ **Kathryn Muller** and **Evan Jones '05** were recently engaged. They met at Marist and will be married in May 2011. ■ **Frank Muthig** celebrated his 25th anniversary at IBM. ■ **Jacqueline Rinaldo** graduated in May 2009 with a master's degree in information sciences from C. W. Post University. ■ **Kimberly Weaver Saginario** has changed careers after five years in the fashion industry. She is now a high school art teacher and loves it. Kimberly and her husband, **John Saginario**, recently bought a house. ■ **Erin Sandrowicz** received a bachelor's degree in nursing from Molloy College in Rockville Centre, N.Y. She graduated summa cum laude and second in her class. ■ **Christopher Sherin** married in September 2009. He was recently promoted as a lobbyist at the College of American Pathologists in Washington, D.C. ■ **Adam Slater** married **Katherine McCann '03**. They relocated to Phoenix, Ariz., in 2008. ■ **Laurie Treacy** joined the



**Hillary Saeger '07** was part of the U.S. crew that won a bronze medal in the lightweight woman's quad division at the 2009 World Rowing Championships in Poznan, Poland, in August. A review on [www.row2k.com](http://www.row2k.com) praised the team: "A medal at Worlds your first time out is a pretty impressive achievement." From left to right are **Abby Broughton**, **Stefanie Sydlik**, **Lindsey Hochman**, and **Hillary**.

Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. She is writing young-adult novels and trying to procure an agent. ■ **Kevin Wong** married his high school sweetheart, **Jamie Lin '05**, in 2006. They welcomed a baby girl, **Chloe**, in December 2008. ■ **Daniel Woods** joined the U.S. Navy and became a naval officer. He will be living in Japan for the next two and a half years.

## REUNION 2005

**Jill Marie Anderson** and **Timothy McCarthy** married on July 2, 2009, on Long Island, N.Y. The newlyweds purchased a home in Rye, N.Y. ■ **Matthew Berthold** and **Erin Mulrenan** married on Oct. 11, 2009. ■ **Rory Boice** and his wife, **Alyssa Bobb Boice '02/'08MA**, welcomed a son, **Wyatt Shaw**, born Sept. 17, 2008. ■ **Jennifer Spano Carey** and her husband, **Ryan**, bought their first home in May 2009. ■ **Jennifer Cecchi** completed her MBA with concentrations in international business and marketing from Northeastern University in spring 2009. ■ **Julie Chiarito** received CMA certification this year from the Institute of Management Accountants. ■ **Jessica Donnelly '05/'06MA** was promoted to media supervisor at Edelman, where she has been working in the health practice. She has been based in Chicago for the past two years after working for several years with PR firms in Manhattan and Southern California. ■ **Maureen Coleman D'Ulisse** recently married and became

a licensed massage therapist. ■ **Marisa Finn** and **Daniel Storey** married in August 2008 and welcomed a baby girl, **Juliet**, born Sept. 5, 2009. ■ **Chris Franzino** reports that he has a new job and a new outlook on life. He is a marketing associate with Accelerated Information Systems in Hicksville, N.Y. ■ **Jessica Hovenstine** married **Michael Lecours** on July 11, 2009. ■ **Evan Jones** and **Kathryn Muller '04** were recently engaged. They met at Marist and will marry in May 2011. ■ **Bryan Killiany** is art director for Hero North America/Beech-Nut Nutrition and winner of three Graphic Design USA national design awards. ■ **Jamie Lin** married **Kevin Wong '04** in 2006. They welcomed a baby girl, **Chloe**, in December 2008. ■ **Andrew Magda** started a new job in November 2008 as a research analyst with Eduventures in Boston. He got married on June 21, 2009, and moved July 30, 2009. ■ **Meghan Partlow '05/'06MA** will soon be tenured teaching K-2 special education. She will be teaching in Hawaii for at least one more year. ■ **Lauren Talbot** married **Matthew Zych** on Oct. 11, 2008. ■ **Janelle Walter** married **Ryan G. Jones** on Nov. 8, 2008. ■ **Shanna Wright** and **Chris Trombetta**, a 2003 West Point graduate, were married in summer 2009.

## 2006

**Sara Arden '06/'09MBA** married **T.J. Burns** on Sept. 5, 2009, in the chapel at Marist College. Ten members of the Marist College family were in the wedding party, including six graduates from the Class of 2006 and two current

Marist students. ■ **Amy Castellano** and **Christopher Simone** married on Aug. 29, 2009. ■ **Jessica DeMeo** and **R. Shea Hanson** married Dec. 12, 2009, in Ridgefield, Conn. ■ **Tara Delmour** earned a master's in teaching and teaches English at Montclair High School in Montclair, N.J. ■ **Jessica Erb** moved to Orlando, Fla., after graduation and purchased a house with her husband, **Richard Starke**, a Culinary Institute of America graduate. They were married in October 2008. ■ **Andrea Finella** has been working at Sirota for more than three years as a project manager. She graduates with an MBA with HR emphasis in May 2010 and is pursuing a career in HR. ■ **Kimberly Fuller** and **William Kuracina** married Oct. 10, 2009, in Orange, Conn. ■ **Julia Graham** recently auditioned for and was accepted into the Oratorio Society of New York ([www.oratoriosocietyofny.org](http://www.oratoriosocietyofny.org)), a 180-member choir that performs at Carnegie Hall and is one of New York City's oldest cultural institutions. ■ **Mary Grisey** graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago with a BFA and a concentration in fiber and material studies. ■ **Valerie Kuzmeskus** and **Nick Jones** married in October 2009. ■ **Kelly Lattin** is pursuing a master's degree at Marist. ■ **Andres Oranges** is to marry on June 26, 2010, at The Riviera in Massapequa, N.Y. ■ **Evo Rondini** and his wife, **Carmelita Seufert '99**, welcomed a son, **Owen Atticus**, born May 15, 2009. ■ **Margaret Petersen Spadora** recently switched careers, from retail management to insurance and financial services, and is working toward becoming a Certified Financial Planner. ■ **Zachary Spalding** and his wife, **Michele**, welcomed a son, **Ryan**, born Jan. 24, 2009. They recently purchased a home in Ulster Park, N.Y. ■ **Andrew Tweeddale '06/'07MS** has been an adjunct professor at Marist since fall 2007. ■ **Steven Witzke** and **Cristina Comesso '07** got engaged in August 2009 on campus, at Longview Park.

## 2007

**Deborah Bagatta-Bowles**, a communications graduate student, was appointed president and CEO of the YMCA of Central and Northern Westchester as of March 1, 2010. ■ **Michael Bamberger** is enrolled at Touro Law School in Central Islip, N.Y. He is in the evening program and is slated to graduate in 2013. ■ **Stephen Butka** enlisted in the U.S. Army after graduation and immediately began language school in California. He is now a certified





Honorees were inducted into the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame at a ceremony during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2009. Honored guests were (left to right) Dr. Jephtha H. Lanning '53; Gerard A. Cox '55; Tanny Dumas Jones '73; Joan Marie Seergy '81 accepting for Cindy Davis-Keegan '81; John Roche '87; Audrey and Melissa Dressel, mother and sister of inductee Jennifer Leigh Dressel '91, and Jim Joseph '91, all accepting for Jennifer; and Maria Licari-Cohen '93.

## Marist Theatre Hall of Fame Inducts First Members

Seven alumni became the first members of the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame Oct. 10 during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2009.

A Hall of Fame Committee selected as the inaugural honorees Dr. Jephtha H. Lanning '53, Gerard A. Cox '55, Tanny Dumas Jones '73, Cindy Davis-Keegan '81, John Roche '87, Jennifer Leigh Dressel '91, and Maria Licari-Cohen '93. At the ceremony, Joan Marie Seergy '81 accepted for Cindy Davis-Keegan. Accepting for Jennifer Leigh Dressel were Jim Joseph '91 and Audrey and Melissa Dressel, Jennifer's mother and sister.

The Hall of Fame honors those who have made outstanding contributions to theatre at Marist. A Hall of Fame plaque listing members is on permanent display in the Nelly Goletti Theatre on the campus. Induction will take place each year during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, and inductees, alumni, family, and the Marist College community are invited.

Alumni inductees must be at least five years past graduation. Alumni achieving career success in theatre are also eligible. Candidates also can be faculty, staff, or artists who have shown longstanding service and dedication to Marist theatre.

Nominations will be solicited each year. Please send nominations to Matt Andrews, director of the Theatre Program, at [matthew.andrews@marist.edu](mailto:matthew.andrews@marist.edu), including the candidate's name and graduation year as well as a brief background.

The five-person Hall of Fame Committee consists of the director of the Theatre Program, the faculty advisor to the Marist College Council on Theatre Arts, a Marist graduate, and two faculty members, staff members, or students. The Hall of Fame is sponsored by the Marist Theatre Program, the Office of Alumni Relations, and the Office of College Activities.

linguist in Arabic and finishing the second leg of a long training period in linguistics/cryptology. In 2010 he will be stationed in Georgia. He says choosing this career path has opened many doors that people only dream of or see in movies. ■ **Cristina Comness** and **Steven Witzke '06** got engaged in August 2009 on campus, at Longview Park. ■ **Joseph Ferrary** recently joined R&J Public Relations in Bridgewater, N.J., as an account executive. ■ **William Flooks** graduated from the American Academy McAllister Institute of Funeral Service in August 2009. He received the William F. Flooks Sr. Embalming Award, named for his grandfather, for proficiency in embalming. He passed the National Board Exam and joins his father at their family

funeral home, the Beecher Funeral Home, Inc., in Pleasantville, N.Y. ■ **Jennifer Gore** moved to Atlanta, Ga., to attend law school. She expects to



**Joseph Ferrary '07**

graduate in 2013. ■ **Bria Soucy** was selected by Teachers for Vietnam to be an ESL instructor for the 2009-10 academic year. Bria taught at Dalat University in Dalat, Vietnam. Teachers for Vietnam is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the teaching of English in Vietnamese colleges and universities.

## 2008

**Becky Allison** spent seven weeks traveling in Europe after graduation. When she returned home, she enrolled in Western Connecticut State University, where she has been taking classes full time toward a bachelor's degree in biochemistry. She plans to attend medical school. Becky became

an emergency medical technician in fall 2008 and received an EMT license in January 2009. She has been volunteering with the ambulance corps in her hometown. ■ **Yevgeniya Boyko** is pursuing a doctor of chiropractic degree at the University of Bridgeport College of Chiropractic. She is also seeking a master's in nutrition. ■ **Caroline Chambers** is in her second year of teaching gifted and talented students in the Monroe Woodbury Central School District in Monroe, N.Y. ■ **Meghan Dahlman** lives in Alexandria, Va. She is teaching K-2 life skills special education and absolutely loving it. ■ **Alexandra DeMeglio** was accepted into the physician assistant program at Wagner College. She began the program on June 1, 2009. ■ **Erica Dickens** is substitute-teaching in several local school districts and working at the Marist Help Desk part time while a grad student. This is Erica's fifth year at the Help Desk. She is also searching for a teaching position in elementary education. ■ **Allison McCullough** and **Andrew Wilhelm** married on Dec. 12, 2009. Andrew is a 2008 graduate of West Point. They reside in Colorado Springs, Colo. ■ **Kathleen O'Connor** married **Stephen Prairie** on Sept. 5, 2009. ■ **Christine Rochelle** was selected by Teachers for Vietnam to be an ESL instructor for the 2009-10 academic year. Christine taught at Can Tho University in Can Tho, Vietnam. Teachers for Vietnam is a nonprofit dedicated to improving the teaching of English in Vietnamese colleges and universities. ■ **Traci Salisbury** is volunteering for a year for [lowernine.org](http://lowernine.org), a nonprofit committed to rebuilding the Lower Ninth Ward in New Orleans. ■ **Amanda Schaefer** is a publicist at Coburn Communication, a PR agency in New York City. ■ **Lisa Thornell** is a facility manager and special events associate at Old Westbury Gardens in Old Westbury on Long Island.



**Traci Salisbury '08**



## In Memoriam

### Former Trustee

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Nicholas Battaglia is attending Albany Law School. ■ **Matthew Branigan** is enrolled at the Institute of Production and Recording in Minneapolis, Minn., and is slated to graduate in fall 2010. Then he expects to head to New York City to work and attend graduate school. ■ **Michael Cocca** is working as a business and technology analyst for the Hartford as part of the company's Leadership Development Program. ■ **Brenden Coleman** is finishing his teaching certification. ■ **Courtney Beaupre** received a temporary license to practice mental health counseling. ■ **Sarah Berit** works at a nonprofit organization in New York City.

Since graduation, Sarah has moved to Brooklyn and is living with her boyfriend, **Michael Monaco '05**. ■ **Matthew Branigan** is working on a media-related business venture and staying up with technology. ■ **Heather Bernhart Cameron** and her husband, **Matt Cameron '00**, welcomed a baby girl, Brooke Madison, born May 14, 2009. ■ **Kristen Carroll** is pursuing a master's degree through Marist's Greystone program. ■ **Bridget Colella** has recently been interning for two production companies, working on costume design. ■ **Travis Cozzie** is pursuing a master's in management at Colorado State. ■ **Lisa D'Aniello** has been hired to teach the new 6:1:1 program for fourth, fifth, and

sixth grade students with emotional disabilities in Queensbury, N.Y. ■ **Andrew Goss** is a graduate assistant at Worcester Polytechnic Institute while pursuing a master's degree in higher education administration at Northeastern University. ■ **Erin Howley** began working two days after graduation as an associate project manager for UniversalProcon in Stamford, Conn. Erin thanks Stephen Cole of Marist's Career Services office for his advice and support during her job search. ■ **Pamela Keenan** is interning at UTC Power in South Windsor, Conn. ■ **Kristine Kennen** is pursuing a PsyD in clinical psychology at the University of Hartford. She expects to graduate in 2014. ■ **Katelyn**

# PR Major Fields Stats for New York Yankees

BY JIM URSO '11

In 2006, Lauren Moran, then a Marist sophomore with a newfound love of baseball, took a tour of Yankee Stadium in the Bronx. She noticed someone selling media guides and asked him if the team hired interns. He gave her a number to call, and a few months later, she landed an interview for a public relations internship.

She didn't get the position.

"It was probably better that I didn't get the internship," says Lauren now. "I really wasn't ready and was not familiar enough with baseball."

Three years later, Moran was being sized for a World Series ring.

Although she didn't get the coveted internship that semester, she was asked to intern at 2006 home playoff games. The following season, she was asked back to help out with Opening Day. The media relations director asked her when she was coming back full time. She's been there ever since.

Now Lauren, a member of the Class of 2007, is in her third season as a full-time member of the Media Relations Department for the Yankees. Her department's main duty is helping the media by providing relevant information and facilitating interviews between press and players.

Lauren is the "stat girl" on the seven-person staff. Her responsibilities include compiling game notes, quote sheets, and other materials helpful for writers and broadcasters covering the game. If any reporters need pertinent statistical information, Lauren provides it. In the off-season, she works on the team's 500-page media guide.

Being employed the past two seasons for one of the world's most recognizable brands in the country's largest media market has been a surreal experience. And if you follow baseball, you know the last two years have been quite eventful.

"I don't know how you can clump more exciting things into a two-year span in baseball than the Yankees did," says Lauren. She's seen a visit from the Pope, the closing of the old

stadium, the construction and opening of the new stadium, and a World Series victory. A number of historical hitting milestones and walk-off wins have made the last two seasons especially memorable for the storied franchise.

"I was starstruck at first," says Lauren of working with players. "You realize very quickly that they're human beings. I used to be a fan, but now I want them to win because I know the people playing and the people within the organization."

Originally from Hopewell Junction, N.Y., Lauren heard about Marist because of its proximity to her hometown. "As soon as I stepped on the campus, I loved it," she says. She began as a communications major with an advertising concentration. When she realized advertising wasn't her thing, she switched to PR on the recommendation of her father.

**Lauren Moran '07 holds the 2009 World Series trophy won by the New York Yankees.**



Lauren claims she never watched baseball before coming to Marist. "One of my friends freshman year wanted someone to watch the games with," she says.

The most vital skill she learned in college was time management. She worked as a resident assistant, took classes, and balanced internships while at Marist. "I'm always working on many different things at the same time. If you can't manage your time in this business, you're done."

She emphasizes the importance of getting internships in college. While at Marist, she interned in public relations for IBM and St. Francis Hospital. "At my job, if you don't have internships, we don't even look at your resumé," she says.

Lauren, who typically works 50 to 60 hours per week, cautions aspiring PR types that working in sports media isn't all glamour. "Your social life can't take priority. You need to be willing to give up your hours and your sleep. It's not a normal nine-to-five, Monday-to-Friday job. Some nights I'll work a night game, be at the stadium past midnight, and be back in the office by 7:30 a.m. to prepare for an afternoon game."

More than anything, she treasures the people she's been able to assist while working in the Bronx. During the 2009 season, she helped organize a charity event for people with xeroderma pigmentosum, a rare skin disorder in which exposure to sunlight permanently damages skin and can significantly increase chances of getting skin cancer. Her department helped set up a carnival on the field for people to enjoy after a night game. "It's a lot of work, but it's great to see your work come to life and the smiles on people's faces," she says.

For the foreseeable future, Lauren intends to stay in sports. "You can't do it unless you love it. I plan on doing it until I don't love it anymore," she says. "I'll know when it's time to get out."





**Marykathryn Gielisse '08 (center) is in her second year at the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada. She has been selected by the U.S. Department of State to work in the Post-Graduate and Graduate Intern Program at the U.S. Embassy in Prague. One intern is selected per American embassy. She will be posted in Prague for the summer of 2010, working in visas, extradition of criminals, and immigration fraud. She is president of the International Law Society at Boyd and during summer 2009 worked in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Nevada as a law clerk. Marykathryn is ranked in the top third of her law school class.**

Lohne and Fernando Marreiros are engaged and will be married on Aug. 14, 2010, at Marist. She is a medical technologist at Yale New Haven Hospital in New Haven, Conn. ■ **Christopher McAllister** is pursuing a master's in communication with a focus in organizational communication and intercultural communication. ■ **Donna McKnight** is pursuing a master's in mental health counseling at Marist. ■ **Rob McNicholas** began working as an operations technician at ESPN in June 2009. ■ **Brendan Mulvey** moved to Boston after graduation. A former captain of the Marist crew team, he rowed for the Riverside Boat Club. ■ **Brittany Redmond** is pursuing a master's in education at Marist. ■ **Caitlin Runne** moved to Iowa City and is attending the University of Iowa, working toward a PhD in pharmacology. ■ **Christine Schoonmaker** teaches social studies at Nyack High School in Upper Nyack, N.Y. ■ **Stephanie Slamka** recently moved to Rutland, Vt., and is pursuing a graduate degree in clinical mental health counseling at the College of St. Joseph and Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor (LPC) certification. ■ **Kaitlyn Zafonte** is on a full scholarship at Fordham University, pursuing a master's in English literature.

## Alumni Association Announces New Awards

Marist's Office of Alumni Relations and the Executive Board of the College's Alumni Association have created three awards to honor alumni whose work following graduation has merited recognition.

"The board felt that there are so many alumni who have done great things in their lives and for the benefit of our College," says Jeff Schanz '94/'99M, president of the Executive Board. "It's appropriate to recognize these great alumni volunteers and leaders."

The **Dr. Linus Richard Foy Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Award** was named for Marist President Emeritus Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50, who in 1958 at age 28 became the youngest college president in the United States. It was under Richard Foy's leadership that the College changed its name from Marian to Marist and opened its doors to lay male and female students. He was also instrumental in the negotiation with federal housing authorities to secure funds for Sheahan, Leo, and Champagnat, the three freshman dorm buildings.

The Foy award recognizes one graduate per year for distinguished service to a profession, the College, the nation, or humanity. To be considered, an individual must have a continuous record of service in a field related to the mission of the College.

The Alumni Association also has created the **Marist College Distinguished Service Award** and the **Marist College Young Alumni Award**. The service award honors an alumnus or alumna who has diligently served the Alumni Association for an extended period of time. Service can be in the form of a regional chapter position such as an officer or a committee member or any involvement that advances the mission of Marist through volunteer efforts (e.g., Marist Fund volunteer, Admissions volunteer, Advancement event host). The Marist College Young Alumni Award recognizes an alumnus or alumna of the past decade who has reached a significant level of achievement professionally and who is a model of the quality and caliber of today's Marist student. A maximum of two awards in each category can be presented each year.

Alumni are invited to nominate candidates for the awards via an online nomination at [www.marist.edu/alumni/awards.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/awards.html). Recipients will be chosen by the Alumni Awards Committee. The committee is composed of the president of the Alumni Association, two Executive Board members, a member of Marist's Board of Trustees, the executive director of alumni relations, the student body president, and a member of the Reynard Board. The Executive Board will present the first of these alumni awards in 2010.

"The Marist College Alumni Association understands that no College can survive without the support of its alumni," Jeff says. "We, working with our alma mater, are setting up a program which will assist in recognizing deserving alumni volunteers for their service to society and Marist College."

## Marist Invites Your Expertise!

Share your professional expertise with fellow alumni and current students. Whether you can offer practice interviews, internship and/or job referrals, mentoring, and advice, or even attend job fairs and/or panel discussions, Marist can use your help.

Before [LinkedIn.com](http://LinkedIn.com), there was the Marist Alumni Career Network. And it's still going strong!

To join the network, submit a membership form at [www.marist.edu/careerservices/acnform.html](http://www.marist.edu/careerservices/acnform.html). Students and alumni who wish to contact people in a particular profession or geographic area can find information on this searchable, secure online database. The more alumni who join, the better the network will be.

If you're currently looking for a job or seeking a career change, browse through hundreds of names of alumni based on occupation type, business title, business name, or a person's name. You can narrow your search by entering a location or year of graduation. To search the Alumni Career Network, go to [www.marist.edu/alumni/career.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/career.html).

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# A Peak Father-Son Experience

Professor Emeritus of History Peter O'Keefe and Peter O'Keefe '91 have taken their father-son relationship to new heights—literally. They climbed Mount Kilimanjaro together.

Tanzania, home to Kilimanjaro, is a long way from Poughkeepsie, N.Y., where young Peter grew up and his parents still reside. A Heritage Professor, the senior O'Keefe came to Marist College in 1967 and taught full time for 32 years. He celebrated his 80th birthday Feb. 2.

When Peter joined his son on the climb up Africa's tallest peak in summer 2008, he was 78. Birthdays actually inspired the family venture. "I have a great idea for how we can celebrate my 30th and your 40th birthday," Pete's wife, Sara, suggested to him. "We'll climb Mount Kilimanjaro!" The idea didn't catch on until a family get-together in Washington, D.C., where the couple lives with their young son, Ryan, and where Pete has a business focused on raising capital for financial services and private equity firms and renewable energy projects.

"Sara was telling my dad that she couldn't believe that I wasn't all for it," recalls Pete. The senior O'Keefe has been a distance walker all his life and in the past decade successfully hiked two American peaks. He thought Kilimanjaro was a great idea and added that he would love to go with them.

"That actually put me over the top," says Pete. "Seeing dad's excitement about the climb certainly motivated me. If he was in, I was in."

While the oldest person to make it to the top of Kilimanjaro was 79 years old, the peak is an implausible destination for seniors. It is an arduous climb and altitude sickness is always a danger (each year it claims about

10 lives). Freezing temperatures prevail and the four-day, one-night ascent to the 19,330-foot summit requires encampments with sleeping bags and accompanying gear.

But for Professor O'Keefe, whose favorite philosopher is William James—a man who also liked to push limits—age was never an obstacle. "We are as big as we dream," Peter says. "James believed in creating reality based upon presumptions of self. Think big, feel big, do big." He also got the okay from his doctors to take on the climb. "I am so lucky to have the health and energy that God gave me!"

The O'Keefe men trained in earnest, each in his own way. Over a two-month period, Peter senior would regularly put a 20-pound pack on his back and take a two-mile round-trip hike on an abandoned ski slope in southern Dutchess County, N.Y. A dedicated runner, the younger Peter used that as his basis for training. He would also habitually forgo the elevator ride to his eighth-floor office. Sara prepared by working with a trainer.

BY SHAILEEN KOPEC

The O'Keefes feel fortunate to have had as their guide Dismass Mariki, who holds the record for the number of successful summits (more than 150) by an individual. "Dad was always in the number-two position, right behind Dismass," says Pete. "He never fell behind. In fact he led the pack."

For the group, the hardest effort before the summit was tackling the Great Barranco Wall—a stiff climb up 800 meters of rock. "When we got our first look at the wall," Pete recalls, "I know many of the younger people in our group wondered how they would get up, not to mention the 78-year-old in front of them. I remember the looks on their faces when they got to the top and saw dad standing before them—incredible!"

In the end, Peter senior stopped just a few hours short of the summit because of his own judgment to go no further. But the decision did not diminish the meaning of such a unique adventure for this father and son. "Everyone commented on it and thought it was wonderful that he and I were having this experience," says Pete.

"This was definitely a father-son event and not a macho, backslapping, bottle-of-Scotch sprint. It was special to make this climb with him both because it was so challenging and we were pushing ourselves beyond our limit and because I got a chance to look after him as he's done for me all my life. Perhaps my son and I will have a similar experience one day."

The O'Keefes—Sara, her husband, Pete '91, and Marist Professor Emeritus Peter O'Keefe—pause for a sky-high photo during their ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak in Africa.





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**Marist Fund Gift:** \$10

**Hometown:** Blonay, Switzerland

**Major:** International Business

**Activities:** Captain of the Men's Tennis Team, French Tutor

### Why I am giving to the Senior Class

**Gift:** The experiences I've had at Marist have helped me to grow as an athlete and as a student, but above all as a person. Giving back to Marist through the Marist Fund is my way of saying thank you for the opportunities.



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**Marist Fund Gift:** \$10

**Hometown:** Belleville, N.J.

**Major:** Public Relations

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**Gift:** Marist has provided me the best four years of my life. Through the experiences and opportunities that I have had at Marist, I have grown in countless ways. The decision to support the Senior Class Gift Campaign was an easy one!



## Samantha Kelly '10

**Marist Fund Gift:** \$10

**Hometown:** Oceanside, N.Y.

**Major:** Psychology/Special Education

**Activities:** President of Cheerleading; Member of Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, Education Honor Society, Psychology Honor Society, Dance Club

### Why I am giving to the Senior Class

**Gift:** The memories I have made at Marist would not have been possible without the financial backing necessary to run such an amazing institution. I want future students to have the same Marist experience I had, which is why I support the Senior Class Gift.



## Patrick Massaroni '10

**Marist Fund Gift:** \$10

**Hometown:** White Plains, N.Y.

**Major:** Sports Communication

**Activities:** Head Manager of the Women's Basketball Team, Vice President of the Student Booster Club, Student Ambassador, Commissioner of Intramural Basketball

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**Gift:** We've spent four years at Marist. It has become a second home to so many, and being able to give back to the school is a simple way to say thanks.

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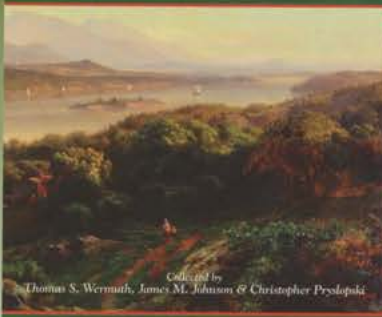
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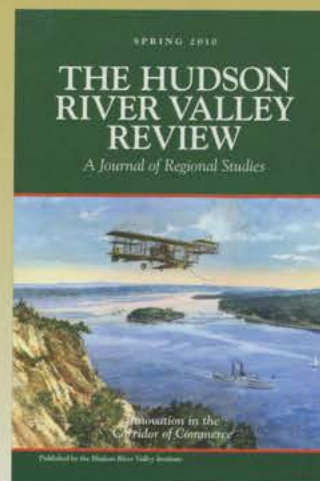
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