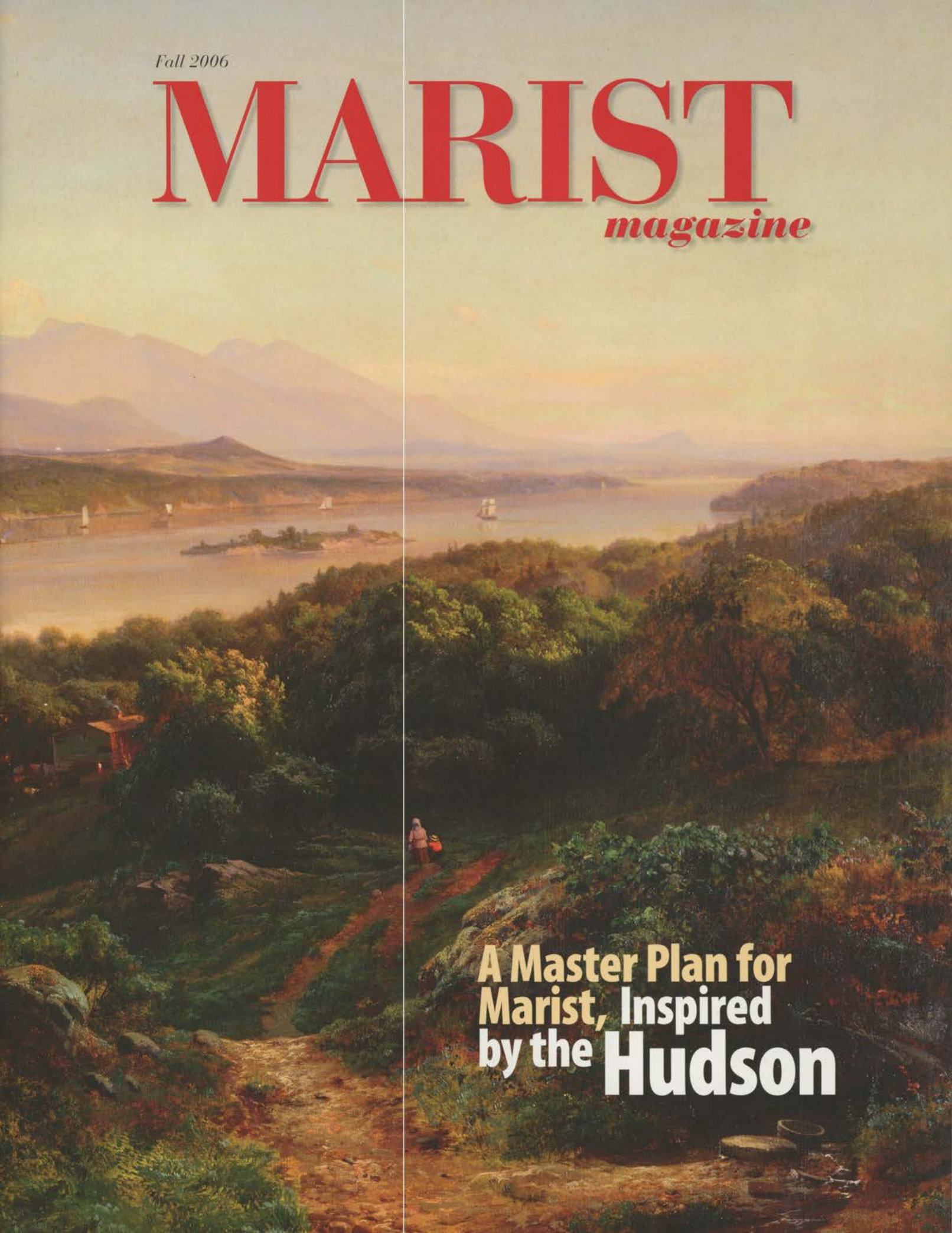


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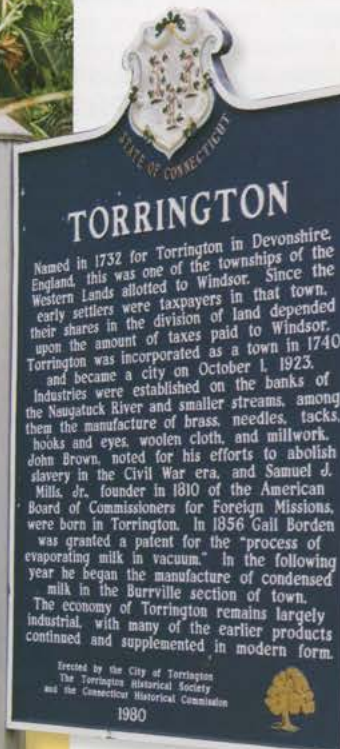
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**Jennifer Goldsmith '05  
Receives Fulbright Grant**

Jennifer Goldsmith '05, who earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, magna cum laude, has been awarded a 2006-2007 Fulbright Teaching Assistantship Grant.

Goldsmith, a native of Hixson, Tenn., will travel to the Slovak Republic this fall to teach English at the University of Constantine the Philosopher in Nitra for eight months. The Fulbright research award includes a monthly stipend, insurance, and transportation costs.

Goldsmith, who minored in theatre, philosophy, and psychology, received several Marist awards, including the John P. Anderson Playwriting Scholarship, the Champagnat Service Award, and induction into the National English Honor Society Sigma Tau Delta. She served as president of the Marist College Council on Theatre Arts, managing director of Experimental Theatre, and managing editor of *Generator*, a student magazine. She studied in Chile, Italy, and the Dominican Republic. She will learn introductory Slovakian as part of her Fulbright experience.

Upon returning to the U.S., Goldsmith will pursue a master of fine arts in creative writing and a teaching assistantship in English at George Mason University.

The U.S. Department of State has sponsored the Fulbright program since 1946.

**Dr. Onkar Sharma, Professor and Graduate Director  
of Computer Science, Receives Two Fulbright Grants**

Dr. Onkar Sharma, professor and graduate director of computer science, has been selected by the J. William Fulbright Scholarship Board (FSB) to receive two Fulbright grants to teach and advise on computer science at Tribhuvan University (TU) in Nepal.

He was first approved for candidacy on the Fulbright Senior Specialists Roster in July 2004. The roster is a list of approved candidates eligible to be matched with incoming program requests from overseas academic institutions. Candidates remain on the roster for five years. In February 2006, he was selected by the FSB, the Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs of the Department of State, and the Council for International Exchange of Scholars for a Fulbright Senior Specialists grant to spend 42 days at TU in Kathmandu.

He will work in the university's Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, guiding the research of master's-level students. He will also help the department modify its curriculum to comply with recom-

mendations of professional organizations as it changes its three-year bachelor's degree in computer science to a four-year program.

TU is Nepal's largest and oldest university, with 180 campuses throughout the country. However, its Department of Computer Science and Information Technology was started only in 2002.

Sharma was later selected by the same board in April 2006 as a Fulbright Scholar grantee to teach graduate-level courses at TU for the spring 2007 semester.

The FSB is the presidentially appointed board responsible for establishing worldwide policies for all Fulbright programs and for selection of Fulbright recipients. Grants are funded by U.S. Congress appropriations and in many cases by contributions from partner countries and/or the private sector. The Bureau of

Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State oversees the operations of Fulbright programs throughout the world. More than 150 countries participate.



Dr. Onkar Sharma

**Lisa Campbell '06 Awarded  
Pickering Fellowship**

Lisa Campbell '06, a magna cum laude graduate, has been awarded a 2006 Thomas R. Pickering Graduate Foreign Affairs Fellowship that will support tuition in her graduate studies at American University.

The Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowship is funded by the U.S. Department of State and administered by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. Pickering Fellows prepare for a professional career in the U.S. Department of State Foreign Service. The fellowship award includes full tuition, room, board, travel, and fees during the first and second year of graduate study.

Campbell, from Paterson, N.J., was recognized in May with Marist's award for Excellence in Political Science. "Lisa combined academic excellence with campus activism and study abroad experiences during her four years at Marist," says Dr. Martin Shaffer, associate professor of political science and chair of the Political Science Department. "She was instrumental in raising campus awareness concerning genocide in the Darfur region of the Sudan."

Lisa Campbell '06





## (IN BRIEF)

**The U.S. Department of Education** has awarded approximately \$1 million to a collaborative project between the Marist College Hudson River Valley Institute (HRVI) and Dutchess County BOCES, "America's Promise: 400 Hundred Years of Defining the American Dream." The three-year grant will allow HRVI to continue its "Teaching American History" project, aimed at improving the quality of secondary instruction in American history. More than half of the funding will support Marist history faculty involved in designing professional development activities for local high school history teachers. In the program, Marist faculty work with history teachers from 40 Dutchess, Orange, and Ulster county school districts on curriculum-development projects in traditional American history. Intensive summer institutes examine the important role the Hudson River Valley has played in American history. Follow-up activities throughout the school year include topical workshops, teacher mentoring, and technology-enhanced networking of teachers and Marist historians. HRVI also develops and disseminates learning modules promoting interactive learning. The award is the second such grant secured by HRVI and its partners. With the first, HRVI launched its Teaching American History project in 2003.

**John Ansley**, head of Marist's Archives and Special Collections, has received a one-year Documentary Heritage Program grant for \$23,849 for the Marist Environmental History Project. The award will fund the documentation and arrangement of historical records about the 17-year legal dispute that defeated Consolidated Edison's plan to embed the world's largest pumped storage hydroelectric plant into the face of Storm King Mountain. The lengthy and controversial case had a tremendous impact on environmental issues affecting the Hudson River and Hudson River Valley. It also set precedents in environmental law, including the right of citizens to participate in environmental disputes and the emergence of environmental law as a legal specialty. The grant is the latest of several Ansley has received in recent years, allowing him to expand the Archives and Special Collections.



Joseph Burridge '07 has been named a William G. McGowan Scholar and Marist's top business student for the 2006-2007 academic year. At right is Dr. Kavous Ardalan, associate professor of finance and a member of Marist's McGowan Scholars Award Committee.

### Joseph Burridge '07 Named McGowan Scholar

Joseph Burridge, a senior from Bristol, Conn., has been named a William G. McGowan Scholar and Marist's top business student for the 2006-2007 academic year.

The prestigious and highly competitive award from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund will provide an \$18,000 scholarship toward his senior year as he completes a degree in accounting, with a minor in business administration.

A committee of School of Management faculty members selected Burridge from a slate of business students nominated by management faculty. The committee reviewed nominees' academic records, leadership qualities, character, and commitment to helping others.

In addition to maintaining a 3.8 GPA, Burridge will be co-president of the Marist chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, a professional accounting fraternity, this fall. He plans to use the office to improve programming and increase campus involvement. He has served as the coordinator of service activities and participated in a program assisting low-income individuals in preparing their tax returns.

He is also a member of the Marist Dean's Leadership Circle and Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society for business programs accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSB).

His ultimate goal is to own his own accounting firm by earning his Bachelor of Science degree in accounting and sitting for the CPA exam by 2010. "I figured accounting

was the best base for me since accounting is the language of business," he says. "With a degree in accounting, I can go anywhere."

The McGowan Scholarship is named in honor of William G. McGowan, a pioneer in the telecommunications industry and the founder and longtime chairman of MCI Communications Corp. In his application essay, Burridge wrote of McGowan, "he possessed the six core characteristics that I believe are necessary for becoming a successful entrepreneur: leadership, creativity, organization, dedication, confidence, and courage."

Burridge attributes his success to the support and encouragement of his parents, Ron and Claire Burridge. "The best part of winning the scholarship was being able to tell my parents. They've given me so much support over the past three years that to give them this source of pride is more rewarding to me than the scholarship. They pushed me to succeed. I wouldn't have this if it weren't for them."

Burridge also credits the Marist faculty with his success. "The School of Management faculty bring the passion they have for business and accounting into the classroom."

Every year, the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund qualifies a select number of colleges and universities nationwide to participate in its McGowan Scholars program. Colleges and universities may apply only if they have programs accredited by AACSB or the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.





President Dennis J. Murray and Trustee Betty Wolf presented **Dr. Craig W. Fisher**, associate professor of information systems (center), with the 2006 Board of Trustees' Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching in September. Fisher has been teaching at Marist since 1989.

### New MS in Technology Management Features International Residency

**M**arist's new Master of Science in Technology Management requires something different than the usual master's: a 10-day residency in Beijing, China.

Designed for professionals with five to 10 years of managerial or technical experience, the program is being delivered jointly by the School of Management and School of Computer Science and Mathematics.

The focus of the international residency will be on technological changes across international markets and amid global developments, virtual organizations, and management across cultures. Students will participate in corporate site visits and hear presentations by professors from non-American universities and professionals from relevant fields.

Courses are all offered online in a cohort format. In addition to the international residency and online courses, students will visit the Marist campus for two short-term residencies (2 to 3 days).



Beijing

### New Master of Education Program Leads to NYS Professional Certification

Marist's new Master of Education program leads to New York State initial teaching certification in adolescence education (grades 7 to 12) for the following areas: biology, chemistry, English, French, math, social studies, and Spanish. Students will carry out 36 credit hours of course work as well as teach. The program is offered on Marist's main campus in Poughkeepsie, with some courses available online. Graduate assistantships are available in research, student activities, and tutoring.

For admissions criteria and other information about both programs, visit [www.marist.edu/graduate](http://www.marist.edu/graduate) or call, toll-free, 888-877-7900.

### Remembering Dr. Andrew Molloy '51

**D**r. Andrew Molloy '51 passed away Aug. 19 following a lengthy heart ailment. His affiliation with Marist spanned half a century as a student, professor, academic administrator, and mentor to many.

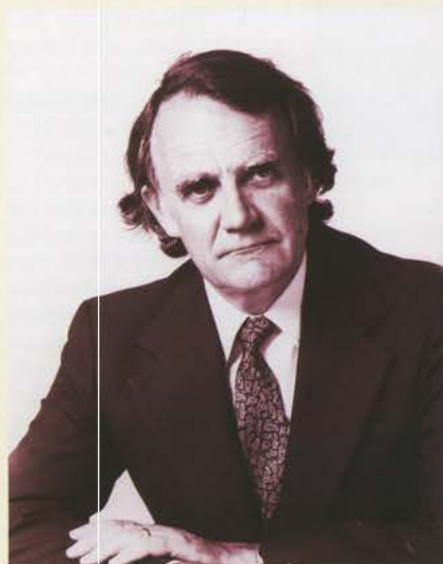
"He was one of the true giants in the history of Marist College," says Marist President Dennis J. Murray. "Andrew was a son of Marist who both literally and figuratively played a major role in the building of our College."

He joined the Marist Brothers in 1946 and was awarded a BA from the College in 1951. He taught at schools in Lawrence, Mass., and New York City before earning a PhD in chemistry from Catholic University in 1961.

He returned to Marist in 1960 as an assistant professor of chemistry and department chair. In 1966, he accepted a position at Elmira College, where he also served as interim academic dean and dean of graduate and adult education.

Molloy returned to his alma mater in 1980 to serve as academic vice president. "He played a critical role in advancing the academic quality of our College and helped to chart a course for Marist that has resulted in the success we are enjoying today," says Murray. He rejoined the faculty in 1985 as professor of chemistry and later as division chair and dean of science. In 1998, his colleagues honored him with the Board of Trustees Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching, the highest honor that can be given to a professor at the College.

As a Marist Brother, he participated in the construction of several campus buildings



Dr. Andrew Molloy

including the chapel, the former gymnasium and auditorium that is now Marian Hall, and Donnelly Hall. In 1985, after returning to teaching, he personally renovated the chemistry labs during his summer break.

His experience teaching high school and college played a major role in his successful application for a grant of nearly \$2 million from the National Science Foundation for Marist's landmark program Science on the Move. Science teachers and students throughout the Hudson River Valley received valuable support in the teaching and learning of science using the latest technology then available.

He was a member of the American Chemical Society, Sigma Xi, the New York

Academy of Science, and the Hudson River Environmental Society and served on the board of the Spaceship Discovery Science and Technology Center in Hyde Park.

As devoted as he was to Marist College, his priority was his family. He married Rosemary, also a Marist graduate, in 1966, and they had four boys, Andrew, Richard, Stephen, and Joseph. In addition to several grandchildren, he is also survived by a number of nieces, nephews, and cousins.

"Andrew was known as a warm, kind, and gentle man," says Murray. "He will be remembered fondly by all who knew him, and his greatest gift to future Marist faculty and administrators will be the example of his life."

*Dr. Andrew Molloy renovated chemistry labs during the summer of 1985.*





The Princeton Review

## CONNECTED 2006 CAMPUSES @ Forbes.com

### Marist Named One of the "Most Connected Campuses" in USA

Forbes and the Princeton Review have named Marist one of the 25 "Most Connected Campuses" in America.

Marist, the only college on the list, and 24 universities and institutes of technology were chosen as a result of a Princeton Review survey to find those educational institutions offering the most cutting-edge technology. The Princeton Review surveyed the colleges listed in its best-selling guide, *The Best 361 Colleges*. Criteria included the breadth of the computer science and information technology curriculum; the sophistication of campus technology, including streaming media of classes and extracurricular offerings; availability of school-owned digital cameras and equipment for student use; wireless Internet access on campus; and support for handheld computing.



### MAAC Names 134 to its Academic Honor Roll—Highest Total in League

The Marist Athletic Department had 134 student athletes named to the 2005-06 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Academic Honor Roll.

Marist had the highest total of student athletes listed among all 10 full-time members of the conference, the MAAC office announced in July.

To be eligible for the MAAC Academic Honor Roll, an athlete must hold a grade point average of 3.20 or higher on a 4.0 scale and be in his or her second year of athletic eligibility. The Honor Roll is open to both full-time and associate members of the MAAC with athletes represented in all 25 sports that the conference sponsors.

Marist topped Iona College with 118 and Manhattan College with 100 honorees.

### Marist Hosts IBM's First Mainframe Contest

*I thought they were gone.  
Today, I learned they were not.  
Mainframes are quite cool.*

Alexandra Ellen '07, author of the above haiku, was one of 700 college students who waxed poetic about mainframes in IBM's inaugural "Master the Mainframe" contest, hosted by Marist.

Writing Haiku about mainframes was just one of many tasks required of the contestants from 85 colleges and universities across North America who raced to complete a series of technical challenges.

IBM's Academic Initiative, System z program sponsored the competition this past year to interest students in careers in mainframe technologies. IBM chose Marist to host two of the three parts of the contest because of the College's mainframe capabilities and I/T staff.

"Marist College supports IBM's Academic Initiative, System z program by providing excellent remote mainframe service to over a hundred other universities and colleges worldwide," says Don Resnik, program man-

ager. "Professors and students connect via the Internet to the mainframe at Marist College. These schools are teaching mainframe courses provided by the IBM Academic Initiative. As students learn about the growing demand for mainframe jobs and professors realize that the mainframe community is thriving, the need for access to mainframes continues to grow and Marist College has been an important part of our hub strategy—providing remote access to mainframes."

Resnik says the event was IBM's first student mainframe contest in which students got to use a virtual mainframe to complete significant tasks. "IBM customers viewed the contest as a success and participated in interviewing the winners of the contest."

The five contest winners won trips to IBM Poughkeepsie, a visit that included a sightseeing trip to the spectacular Mohonk Mountain House resort in nearby Ulster County. The winners were from ITT-Tech, Michigan State University, Northern Illinois University, St. Ambrose University-Iowa, and SUNY Binghamton. Two of the winners were hired by IBM.



Writing Haiku about mainframes was just one of many tasks required of the contestants from 85 colleges and universities across North America who raced to complete a series of technical challenges.

Marist and IBM staff involved in the first mainframe contest included (left to right) Mike Todd and Jeff Bisti '02 of IBM; from Marist, Kathy LaBarbera, manager of operations and ResNet; Martha McConaghy, manager of systems, network and operations; Richard Sickler, systems programmer; Greg Zaubi, zSeries programmer; and Harry Williams, director of technology and systems. They are standing next to the IBM eServer zSeries z990 at Marist.



## Fashion Show Marks Two Milestones

**M**arist's annual Silver Needle Fashion Show marked two milestones this year. It was the 20th annual show, and a record \$50,000 in scholarships was awarded.

New this year was the Carmine Porcelli Junior Garment Scholarship, awarded to an outstanding junior designer and named in honor of a past Fashion Program director. The award was sponsored by Fashion alumnus JR Morrissey '88. Another Marist graduate, Dominique Pino-Santiago '99, sponsored the Silver Needle Award for outstanding senior special project garment, which went to Meghan O'Neill '06. The Silver Needle Award for outstanding senior collection went to Jennifer Mason '06. (See pages 26-29 for more on Morrissey and Pino-Santiago.) Awards were also sponsored by the Young Menswear Association, 24 Seven, and many others.

Pino-Santiago, a designer specializing in bridal gowns, served as one of the judges of the garment competitions. Other judges were Basia Szkutnicka, Study Abroad director of the London College of Fashion; Jacqueline Brown from the Design Library's Apparel and Home Furnishing Division; Jason Yang, owner of Stars and Infinite Darkness; Tali Sedgwick, senior fashion manager of Gen Art; and Kimberly Kay, actress and co-host of the morning show on Star 93.3 FM.



Radley Cramer

The show is a department-wide effort where the designs of not only seniors but also sophomore and junior students are represented, says program director Radley Cramer. "In addition to the designs on the runway, there is a vast amount of planning and preparation that is done by our Fashion Show Production class—everything from program ad sales to show product development, to promotional work, and much more.

"Both merchandising and design students are involved in this class, as well as working backstage as dressers. We also have models and ushers from throughout the Marist community. And, of course, our faculty puts in tremendous effort in planning and coordinating the show."

A DVD of this year's show includes new behind-the-scenes footage with designer and faculty interviews as well as show set-up footage. DVDs may be ordered by calling the Fashion Program at 845-575-3000 x2124 and will be shipped in about six weeks.

Cramer, wrapping up his first semester as Fashion Program director, was impressed by the students' work. "The show was fantastic. It is so exciting to see hard work and years of design study result in such outstanding senior design collections. The Fashion Program



PHOTOS BY MATTHEW WALLIS

The collection (above) of Jennifer Mason '06 won the Silver Needle Award for outstanding senior collection at the 20th annual Silver Needle fashion show.

has a very enthusiastic group of dedicated students."

Before becoming director of the Fashion Program Jan. 17, Cramer served as an adjunct faculty member and formerly worked with Revlon in its creative marketing division. He also has been a creative marketing consultant for Bergdorf Goodman, Almay, Conran's Habitat, the Brooklyn Museum, Citibank, and Diner's Club. He is a founding partner of Amazing Threads, Ltd., a fiber arts retailer offering catalog and Internet sales, which

sponsored the Amazing Threads Scholarship design competition for the Fashion Program from 1998 through 2005.

Shortly after Cramer came on board, he welcomed some distinguished visitors to the program's offices in Donnelly Hall. On March 8 designers Joseph Abboud, Monika Tilley, and Charles Nolan spoke to design students about careers in fashion and critiqued their work. The designers were representing the Scholarship Committee of the Council of Fashion Designers of America.

Designers Joseph Abboud (below), Monika Tilley, and Charles Nolan spoke to design students about careers and critiqued their work.





## Marist Graduates Nearly 1,500 at Two Commencements

Commencement speaker and environmentalist Dr. Mary C. Pearl urged members of Marist's Class of 2006 to devote their time to issues that matter.

"Once you find the field you were meant to work in, you will find energy and personal resources that you never knew you had. ...While you are working and waiting to change the world, you'll find joy in the companionship of wonderful people who share your values."

Pearl, president of the Wildlife Trust, spoke at Marist's commencement ceremony May 20 on the campus green. She has been featured in *Newsweek* magazine for her work with the Wildlife Trust, an international network of scientists and educators engaged in efforts to save endangered species and their habitats from extinction in 20 high-biodiversity countries.

At the ceremony President Dennis J. Murray awarded nearly 1,000 bachelor's degrees and presented Pearl with an honorary Doctor of Science degree.

The previous evening, he awarded approximately 475 bachelor's and master's degrees during a ceremony for graduates of degree programs within the School of Graduate and Continuing Education. At that ceremony, held in the McCann Center gym because of inclement weather, Murray presented the Distinguished Alumni Medal to John R. Reynolds '81, president and chief executive officer of the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. The medal is given to individuals who exemplify the College's ideals: excellence in education, the importance of community, and dedication to service. The first such medal was awarded in 2005 to Richard J. Cole '69.



President Dennis J. Murray presented the Distinguished Alumni Medal to John R. Reynolds '81 (above), president and chief executive officer of the Hospital for Special Surgery in New York City. Dr. Mary C. Pearl (inset), president of the Wildlife Trust and commencement speaker, urged graduates to devote their time to issues that matter.

## First Group Completes Certification Program for Data Center Professionals

The first cohort of students has completed the National Science Foundation-sponsored online program in data center technology based at Marist.

The program, completed by 14 students in August, is offered by the Institute for Data Center Professionals. Students who succeed in the 18-month, 35-credit undergraduate program receive six associate certifications in six data center areas, an overall Certified Data Center Professional certification, and a Marist Certificate in Data Center Technology. For more information about the program, visit [www.idcp.org](http://www.idcp.org).



Attending the completion ceremony were (left to right) Barbara McMullen, director of the Institute for Data Center Professionals; cohort members Jeanne Harden of Tampa, Fla., John Edwards of Yukon, Okla., Catherine Dombrowski of Claymont, Del., James Tonchick of Chicago, Ill., and Cavwell Edwards of the Bronx, N.Y.; Robert McFarlane, president of the Interport Division of Shen Milsom Wilke, Inc., program faculty member and keynote speaker at the ceremony; Dr. Roger Norton, dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics; and Dr. Jan Harrington, assistant professor, information technology and chair of the Department of Computer Science, Information Systems/Technology.



## Daniel G. Hickey '66 Joins Board of Trustees

The Marist Board of Trustees has welcomed a new member, Daniel G. Hickey '66.

He has served as president of Hickey-Finn & Co., an insurance brokerage firm, since 1980 and is a partner in Compensation Risk Managers LLC, a provider of fee-based management and other services for workers' compensation self-insured groups in New York and California.

Born and educated in Poughkeepsie, he has a strong record of volunteer service in the area. He and his wife, the late Eileen Hickey '94, received the Marist College President's Award for Community Service in 1990. Hickey-Finn has supported Marist's Hudson Valley Scholars Program, which assists local young people in paying for a Marist education, since the program's inception in 1995.

He is known throughout the community for his leadership of holiday dinners for the needy at the Lunch Box in Poughkeepsie. He has been a member of the board of governors of United Way of Dutchess County and served as the organization's campaign chair for 1999. He has also served on the boards of Northern Dutchess Hospital, where he was vice chair, the American Cancer Society, New Horizons Resources, and Hudson River Rowing.



Guests enjoying an annual Marist spring tradition, the President's Dinner Dance, included (at left) Mary Beth Pfeiffer Miraldi '76 and her husband, Robert, and Patrice Connolly Pantello '76, a Marist trustee, and her husband, Ron.



Marist College's Hudson River Valley Institute celebrated its fourth anniversary in June at the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Presidential Historic Site. The institute, the academic arm of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, is working to interpret the extraordinary features of "America's First River" to students, educators, visitors to the region, and the public. Pictured (left to right) are Dr. Thomas Wermuth, dean of the School of Liberal Arts; Dr. Frank T. Bumpus, a patron of the institute; Mr. Vincent Tamagna, the Hudson River Navigator; and Dr. James M. Johnson, executive director of the Hudson River Valley Institute.



## Marist Gets High Marks from U.S. News and The Princeton Review

Two popular college guides have again put Marist at the top of the class. The Princeton Review has named Marist one of "The Best 361 Colleges" in the nation, while *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked Marist 15th out of 165 colleges and universities in the northern United States that offer a full range of undergraduate and master's-level programs. This is the highest ranking Marist has achieved in the *U.S. News* guide *America's Best Colleges*, up one spot from last year.



First-year students (center) Sarah Chavooshian and Kristen Mahony talk with alumni (left to right) Michael Babic '04, Maura Sweeney '04, and Andrew Senno '06 at a "Welcome Reception" in New York City for members of the Class of 2010 sponsored by the Marist Alumni Association and the Office of Admissions.



# CHANGING TIMES, LASTING LEGACY

*Marist Seeks To Strengthen Its Future Through Planned Giving*



**D**uring the College's earliest years, students in cassocks populated the campus. Today the iPod seems to be the common denominator. From ties to tie-dye, sweat suits to designer jeans, Marist students have participated in a parade of changing times. Throughout, the College's enduring values and traditions have linked the generations and provided a distinction that has raised Marist to the top tier of American colleges.

The ideals imparted by the Marist Brothers—excellence in education, the importance of community, and the principle of service—remain the underpinnings of the College's mission: to help students develop the intellect and character required for enlightened, ethical, and productive lives in the global community of the 21st century.

Philanthropy plays an important role in keeping Marist's education high-quality and accessible. To complement longstanding annual and capital giving efforts, the College has instituted a Planned Giving program to encourage alumni and others to include Marist in their estate plans with a bequest, a gift annuity, or other charitable support. "A planned gift

can be an opportunity to make a significant contribution to the College," says Senior Development Officer Shaileen Kopec, "and in some instances provide the donor with increased income and tax savings."

A special focus of Marist's Planned Giving program is expanding endowment to support scholarships, professorships, and other areas benefiting students and faculty.

"Through philanthropy," says Kopec, "we can honor and pass on to others what we have valued as important in our lives."

Marist alumni, trustees, active and retired faculty and staff, parents, and community friends who provide for Marist in their estate plans are eligible for membership in the newly established Marist College Legacy Society. Those enrolling during this academic year will be designated charter members and will receive special recognition for taking the lead in developing this important avenue for Marist's future.

Further information is available about planned giving and the Marist College Legacy Society by contacting Shaileen Kopec at 845-575-3468 or online at [shaileen.kopec@marist.edu](mailto:shaileen.kopec@marist.edu).



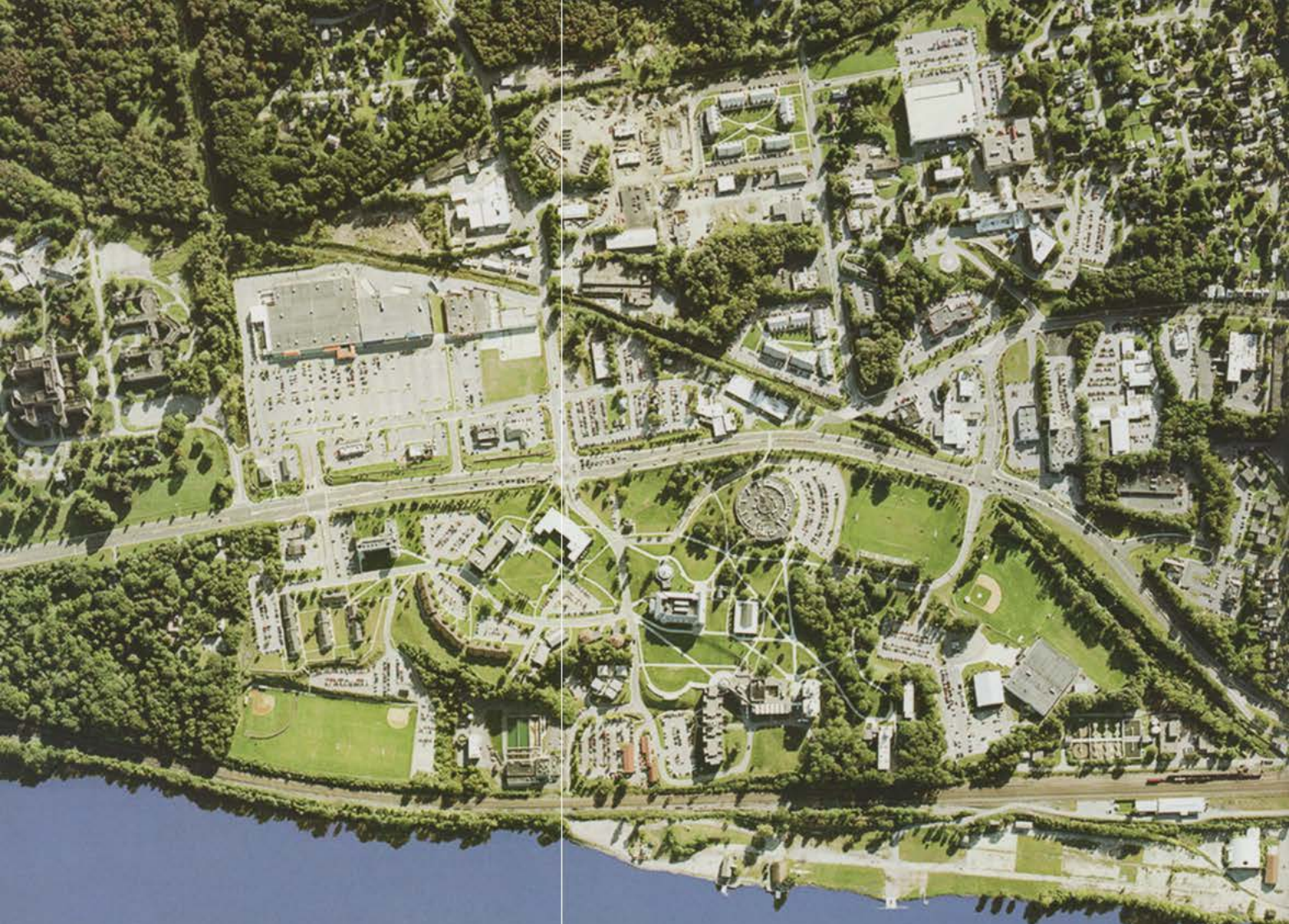
## *A New Pose for A Familiar Face*

She is not a graduate of Marist, but Shaileen Kopec has had her picture in countless Marist yearbooks. A 34-year member of the Marist community, she is now in her eighth professional position at Marist, which includes 14 years as vice president for college advancement. Hired in 1972 as the College's first full-time alumni director, Kopec is still building programs for Marist. As senior development officer for planned giving and endowment support, she now encourages alumni, friends, and others committed to Marist's future to include the College in their wills or other estate plans.



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# A Master Plan for Marist, Inspired by the Hudson





**Marist's new campus plan features expanded views of the Hudson River, more green space, a new academic building, and improved athletics facilities.**

**E**xperts in campus design note that campuses need meaningful places.

"A memorable campus with unique, inviting spaces strengthens the institution by deepening the ways in which people experience it," say Daniel R. Kenney, Ricardo Dumont, and Ginger Kenney, authors of *From Mission and Place: Strengthening Learning and Community through Campus Design*. "If we design our buildings and spaces in certain ways, we can cause certain things—more effective learning, more vibrant community—to happen there. . . . Every part of campus must be considered a learning environment."

Roger Duffy agrees that the core mission of every college is academic excellence. Duffy is a design partner of Skidmore, Owings, & Merrill LLP, the architectural, urban design, and engineering firm Marist hired to create a development strategy that will guide the campus from 2006 through 2011. SOM has created master plans for Harvard, Columbia, the University of California's Santa Cruz, Merced, and San Diego campuses, the University of Pennsylvania, Bowdoin, and the U.S. Air Force Academy, among others. The firm designed and built America's tallest building, the 109-story Sears Tower in Chicago.

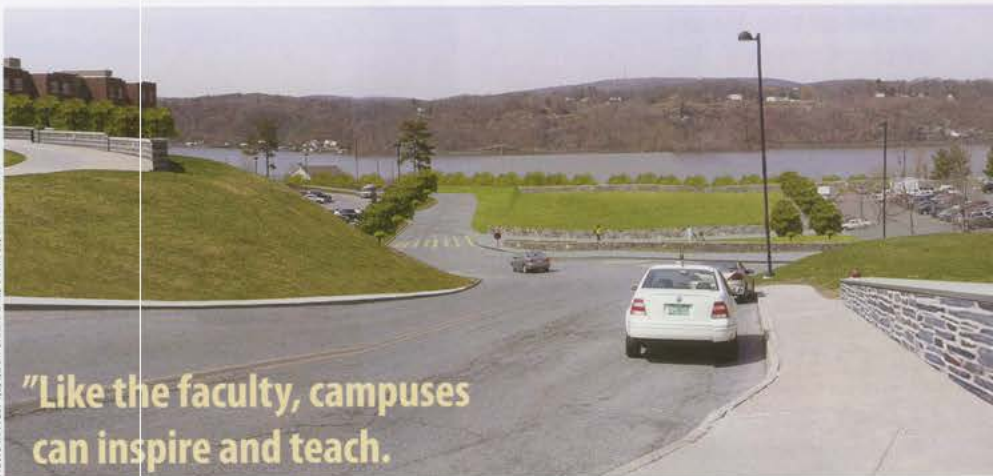
"The campus context should support and participate in this striving for excellence," he says. "Like the faculty, campuses can inspire and teach. A good master plan, well-implemented, can help inspire and attract the best students and faculty in the United States and from around the world."

**The Hudson River School**

Duffy says when he first saw the Marist campus he was impressed by its situation overlooking the Hudson River. "There was this nearly pristine view looking west to the Catskills. I was immediately struck by the potential of the campus to become reoriented toward the relatively underdeveloped western shore of the river." Duffy says he thought of the Hudson River School of painters, a group of 19th-century artists that included Frederic Church, Thomas Cole, Sanford Gifford, and Johann Hermann Carmiencke.

"These painters were captivated by westward-looking views. They created big, bold landscapes that expressed a sense of unbounded optimism about America. This seemed like an appropriate animating spirit for thinking about the future of Marist College."

Certain campuses make a deep impression because of their unique sense of place, says



VIEWS IN FIGS. 1,2,4,5 BY SKIDMORE, OWINGS, & MERRILL LLP

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*Fig. 1. Top, the Hudson River view from Waterworks Road before maintenance facilities were relocated this past summer. Bottom, the view showing maintenance facilities removed, replaced with open green space.*

**Framing River Views**

Duffy's vision for Marist's master plan was to nurture and develop the potential of the College's river views. "The Hudson River is a tremendous natural feature that provides the campus with the sort of nobility that we associate with places like Harvard and Oxford."

A major step has already been taken in framing the river view; this past summer Marist's maintenance building, which perhaps few alumni ever noticed, was relocated. It sat just north of the Mid-Rise residence hall, on a prime piece of real estate overlooking the Hudson River. That facility has been moved to a campus site east of Route 9, widening the river view from the campus green (see Fig. 1).

The crown jewel of the campus, though, could be what Murray calls "one of the top 25 views": the view north from Longview Park, the riverfront recreation area. The panorama features mountains rising from both sides of the curving river. Ten years in the making, the park is a public-private initiative developed jointly by Marist, New York state, Dutchess County, and the city and town of Poughkeepsie. The park, open to the public, offers a fishing dock, pavilion, lawn, riverfront walkway, and picnic areas.





Fig. 2. The “campus heart” links the East and West campuses. Red blocks show the Hancock Center site and the site of relocated housing to replace Benoit and Gregory.

## Green at the Heart of the Campus

Green space is another key component of the master plan. The concept of separate buildings set in open green space, reflected in the Marist master plan and on many American campuses, is a tradition dating to the founding of the first American college, Harvard, in 1636. SOM’s master plan establishes the heart of the campus as the library and its adjacent green space, including the lawn extending eastward (see Fig. 2), flanked by Marist’s historic buildings Greystone, St. Peter’s, and the Kieran Gatehouse (see sidebar).

Green space is also the centerpiece of the East Campus, where student residential townhouses and newly finished tennis courts adjoin a wide lawn (see Fig. 3). A concourse connects the area to the Steel Plant art building, the Beck Place parking lot, and Route 9.

Future options for connecting the east and west portions of the campus across Route 9 are under consideration. Marist is participating in a study of the Route 9 corridor being coordinated by the Poughkeepsie Dutchess County Transportation Council. Despite the fact that the campus is split by the busy roadway, Marist students are not the primary cause of increased traffic congestion in the area. According to a New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) Route 9 Pedestrian Study Report, prepared in 2003, traffic on Route 9 adjacent to Marist had already exceeded DOT’s traffic projections for the year 2014 by 14 percent. The DOT controls the Route 9 infrastructure and would decide where an overpass or underpass would be placed, as well as its dimensions and other particulars.

Fig. 3. New tennis courts

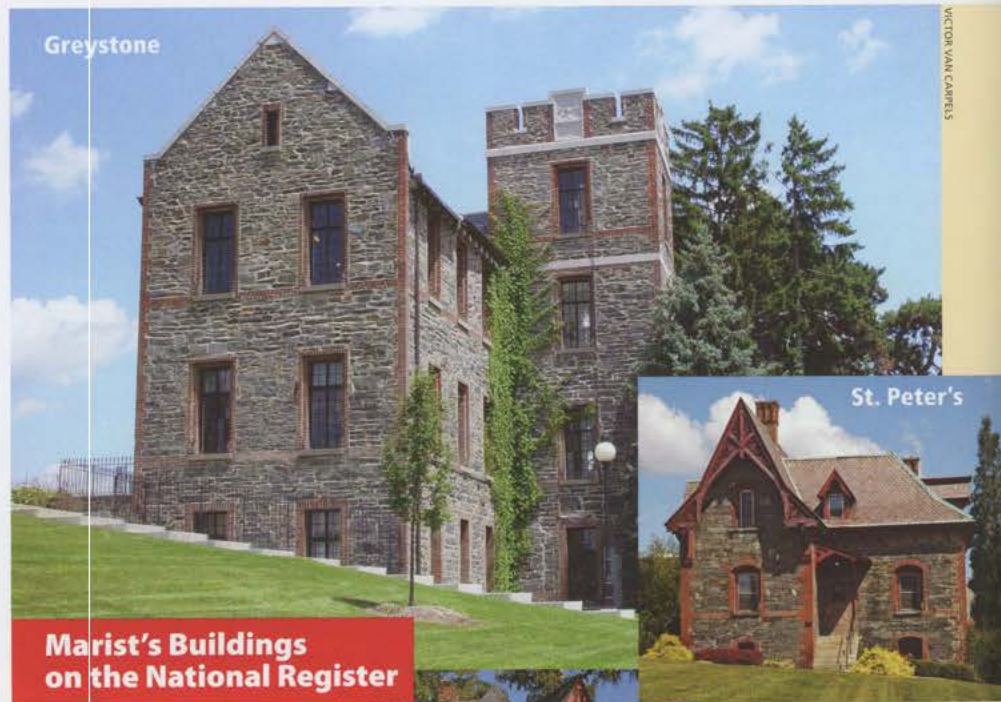


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## A New Academic Building

Marist asked SOM not only to develop a master plan but also to identify sites for a new academic building. The Hancock Center, made possible by a \$5 million lead gift from Trustee Ellen Hancock and her husband, Jason, will centralize Marist’s technology activities. The center will be built where residences Benoit and Gregory, which date to 1968, are now.

The new two- or three-story edifice will capitalize on unimpeded views of the Hudson (see Fig. 4). The road currently between Benoit/Gregory and Lowell Thomas will be shifted eastward, adjacent to Lowell Thomas, and the Lowell Thomas parking lot relocated. Student housing to replace Benoit and Gregory will be built on the East Campus, pending town approval, and ready for occupancy in fall 2008.

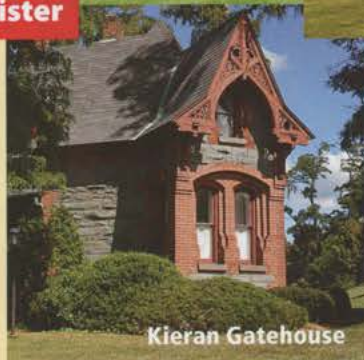


Greystone

St. Peter's

## Marist’s Buildings on the National Register

Three mid-19th-century stone buildings in the heart of the Marist campus are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the nation’s official list of properties worthy of preservation. They comprise a four-acre historic district known as the Rosenlund Estate Stone Buildings at Marist College. The listing was made on the basis of the structures’



Kieran Gatehouse

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New York from 1842 to 1858. Bech’s friend and fellow countryman, Detlef Lienau, a prominent architect, was commissioned to design a main house of stone as well as several outbuildings. The European-educated Lienau had come to New York in 1848 and established himself as one of America’s leading architects. Among

architectural significance as highly intact examples of the Gothic Revival style, the prominence of the architect, and the importance of these buildings to the history of the College. Greystone, St. Peter’s, and the Kieran Gatehouse are all that remain of the estate of a wealthy Poughkeepsie industrialist, Edward Bech. The grounds of the estate, named “Rosenlund” by the Danish immigrant, were developed circa 1865 at a period when major tracts of Hudson River land were being purchased by wealthy businessmen for country estates. Bech was a partner in the Poughkeepsie Iron Works Co., a thriving riverfront industry that prospered with the advent of the Delaware and Hudson Canal and Railroad. He also was a partner in the Cunard Steamship Co. and was the first Danish consul in

his many achievements were the design of the first examples of the French Second Empire style in New York and the introduction to America of the mansard roof style, typified by the French chateau. He also was a co-founder of the American Institute of Architects and actively participated in its formative years.

Because of Bech’s death in 1873, Lienau’s grand design for Rosenlund’s main house was never executed. However, the outbuildings known as the carriage house (Greystone), the gardener’s cottage (St. Peter’s), and the gatehouse survive today as the few remaining examples of Gothic Revival estate architecture along the Hudson River.

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*Fig. 4. The current view looking west from the Benoit/Gregory site. Below, the view looking west from the redeveloped Benoit/Gregory site.*



One of the principles of the master plan is to develop the core of the campus while moving parking to its periphery. A new parking lot behind the Foy Townhouses will make up for spaces lost with the Lowell Thomas lot and also will accommodate increased activity as a result of the new Hancock Center.

Improvements will take place beyond the core of the campus as well. Officials will break ground in late fall 2006 for a grandstand on Leonidoff Field, to be ready for use in fall 2007 (see Fig. 5). The field's natural grass will be replaced by field turf which will make the field much more multifunctional, supporting intercollegiate athletics, intramurals, club sports, and general student recreation. The James J. McCann Recreation Center is slated for renovations by 2008 including upgrades to basketball locker facilities, an increase in locker room space, more athletic training program space, and improved public spaces and lighting. Also scheduled for renovation by 2008 are science labs in Donnelly Hall and Student Center areas including the cafeteria. The Kem Cards plant, purchased by Marist in 2004, will be demolished for later re-use of the site. SOM advised demolition because repair costs would be high and the plant's spaces not easily adapted.

### Input and Outreach

The development of the master plan was spearheaded by Marist's Board of Trustees Buildings and Grounds Committee, including Trustee Michael Duffy, President Dennis Murray, Executive Vice President Roy Merolli, and Physical Plant Director Justin Butwell.

The committee sought feedback from Marist alumni, faculty, staff, and students. Administrators also sought input from members of the Town of Poughkeepsie Planning Board, the Dutchess County Department of Planning, and the DOT and kept them apprised, and the master plan was approved by the Board of Trustees. The public was invited to a community meeting on the campus to learn about the master plan.

Public involvement with the campus consists of much more than simply driving past it. Area residents visit the College often for lectures, theatre, concerts, and art exhibits that are open to the public. Basketball games and other athletic events attract more than 7,000 visitors each year. Special events such as the 2005 Empire State Games, for which Marist hosted opening ceremonies and several athletic events, drew an estimated 12,000 athletes and their families from all over New York state. During the summer the campus hosts groups such as Upward Bound, the Sen. Jay P. Rolison Summer Scholars Program, the Marist Brothers, and the Sisters of Saint Francis, as well as summer camps focusing on technology, business, creative writing, and athletics.

"We don't have a lot of walls," says Murray. "Because of our Marist Brothers tradition, we've always felt like we're part of the broader community."

The ambitious master plan will be funded in large part by an equally ambitious capital campaign effort now in the early planning stages. "Marist College is at an exciting time in its history, and the campus master plan implementation will solidify the College's place as one of the finest liberal arts colleges in the country," says Vice President for College Advancement Robert West. "The capital fundraising effort will support the master plan in addition to bringing the College's philanthropy goals to new heights."

SOM's Duffy says Marist's potential is tangible and visible. "The development of the campus is still in its infancy. If Marist plans well, there's no reason why it can't be one of the great campuses of America." ■

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*Fig. 5. The new grandstand will be oriented to provide westward views from the bleachers. Team rooms and other facilities will be under the seating and accessed on the Route 9 side.*



An award-winning pilot program enhances the study-abroad immersion experience by turning students, armed with iPods and microphones, into foreign correspondents.

# Putting a New Twist on Podcasting



Marist students (left to right) Tim Barnum, Erin Gannon, and Brianne Bendit show their iPods under the Union Jack during their spring 2006 semester in London.

They admit it: the free iPod was what first attracted Heather Liebal and Tess Kittelberger to the pilot program known as "Identity Quest: Culture, Community, and Language."

The class, open only to students who were studying abroad, promised to equip them with the popular portable music players and compatible microphones. The catch? They would have to interview local citizens on assigned topics and make podcasts of the results, learning about another culture in the process.

Enticing students with free Apple iPods was all part of the plan, according to Dr. Duleep Deosthale, assistant dean of International Programs. He and faculty colleagues who designed the course hoped the offer would draw students to the three-credit program.

They created the course to encourage students studying abroad to learn more about the people and society of their host countries. The class resulted from efforts by the Global Classroom Committee set up by academic administrators to explore ways to use technology in a proactive manner as part of the abroad experience. "We felt students could benefit from a course that would force them to engage in a meaningful way in the culture in which they were studying," says Dr. Kevin Gaugler, associate professor of Spanish and one of the course instructors.

In August Marist was named one of 16 "Campus Technology Innovators" nationwide by *Campus Technology* magazine for the Identity Quest program. Approximately 500 colleges and universities were considered.

"Although educational podcasting is quickly spreading across colleges and universities as a great way for students to consume relevant content almost anywhere, Marist College is turning that model on its ear," the magazine article said. "Rather than replicating a traditional lecture format by loading students up with pre-recorded podcasts, Marist is forging a more constructive approach in which students themselves generate and share their own content."

Liebal, a senior, says what ultimately convinced her to enroll was the idea that such a class hadn't been tried before. "Podcasting is the new frontier, and as an advertising major, I'm always looking for new ways to understand how technology can offer creative opportunities in my field."

Kittelberger, also a senior, signed on when she realized that the Identity Quest course would give her a unique opportunity to talk to everyday citizens in her host city of Athens. "This iPod is a good way to pull information from people that normally they wouldn't talk about." Altogether 20 students registered for the course.

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Identity Quest is a sort of international scavenger hunt where students get instructions and have to complete tasks. Josh Baron, director of academic technology/eLearning, came up with the idea of sending students on quests. "I introduced this identity quest concept based on something called Webquest, which comes from K-12 education. I threw out the idea as a possible model and they ran with it."

During the course this past spring, the students read assignments about four components that shape individuals and cultures: language, politics, literature, and art. They posted theories about the readings to an online discussion group. The professors assigned questions that the students had to ask of at least three natives, recording the interviews on the iPods using microphones donated by Griffin Technologies. They shared their reflections on the experience via the

discussion group and edited their interviews and added personal commentary using the audio editing software Audacity. They uploaded their files to Educator, Marist's course management system for online learning, where, thanks to a program created by Marist's Academic Technology department, professors and peers could get to them; students in London could listen to podcasts created by classmates studying in South Africa and Hong Kong.

"Previously, technology has been frowned upon in terms of study abroad programs because it was seen as a connection back to campus that students would use as a crutch, whereas this is a very different experience," says Deosthale. "Faculty members are more the facilitators, not the lecturers. It is all being done by the students—going out, talking, contributing, editing, podcasting—so it is very unique; it has not been done."

For the politics unit, students read essays by a Yugoslavian poet who, after being deported to Paris, constantly had to check in with immigration officers and often worried about having the correct documentation. They also read a piece by a Palestinian who wrote about having no country and therefore no identification. Students then went out and asked people about the forms of identification they carried, what information the forms included, and what it meant to them.

Kittelberger, a communication major, says when she asked people about the Greek identification card, it made her realize how different everything was from America. "There are different security requirements and people live a whole different way. They live to enjoy life, and being here has really made me appreciate how important life is."

Many of the students in London were struck by the fact that many British citizens

MATTHEW GILLIS



The designers of the Identity Quest program were (left to right) Dr. Kevin Gaugler, associate professor of Spanish; Lee Walis, technical supervisor in the Marist Media Center; Dr. Duleep Deosthale, assistant dean of International Programs; Meg Franklin, assistant dean of Academic Affairs and professional lecturer of English; and Josh Baron, director of academic technology/eLearning.



do not bother to carry around their driver's licenses because, should they be arrested, they have seven days to produce it.

"You learn the ins and outs of a culture in a way you could never learn in a classroom," says Liebal. "You discover in a way a professor alone could never lead you."

"They are reporting from very different countries, cultures, perspectives, socio-political environments, and historical backgrounds," says Deosthale. "There are students with different majors, so they are all looking at it through very different lenses. That is what makes it that much more exciting and unique."

Journalism major Jenna Levandowski '07 found the Identity Quest project had an extra benefit: it was very helpful in meeting new people. "The interviews were a good ice-breaker," she wrote from London during the semester. "Many of the people I interviewed for my first podcast have become some of my closest friends here in London."

The Identity Quest program was much more technologically complicated than having students listen to podcasts of lectures, since all of the recording and editing was done in other countries—not to mention only one of the students had even heard of podcasting before signing up for the program.

Before they left Marist the students attended training sessions on using the iPod and microphone and uploading, downloading, and editing podcasts. The students even did a test run on campus, reading passers-by the Marist College mission statement and asking whether it reflected Marist. They had to create a podcast of the interviews, completing the quest process before going out into the real world.

While there were some technical issues, things went very smoothly overall, according to both students and professors. "To my knowledge there hasn't been a single problem where we've had to throw up our hands and say, 'Sorry, go back to a tape recorder and we'll see you in the fall,'" says Lee Walis, a technical supervisor in Marist's Media Center and a teaching assistant for the course. He taught the students how to use Audacity and provided technical support.

Walis troubleshooted the podcasting process in the Educator system and listened to some of the podcasts. "I'm an audio enthusiast so I was curious to see how well the students did with their location recordings. I've been very surprised at how intelligible and listenable the interviews are; they have done a great job editing. By and large these could have easily been on talk radio instead of a podcast. It really had this whole public-radio, NPR feel to it."

Levandowski notes that the support from Marist was excellent. When her microphone broke, within a few days a new one arrived. "The technical help online and the communication with the professors were great."

"I get great support from Marist," Kittelberger wrote from Athens last spring. "I send emails



**Marist students in the Identity Quest program, supplied with iPods and microphones, were trained in recording interviews and creating podcasts before going abroad.**

to the professors all the time and they immediately get back to me with answers to my questions."

The students were at times discouraged by the editing process, though. "Getting the interviews, doing all that editing, which takes a lot of concentration and time, and then having a two-minute podcast to show for it can be frustrating," says Liebal. "It can be a really great podcast, with some fantastic interviews, but your heart sinks when you see how short it is."

Liebal notes the paradox of using the iPod to break down barriers and gain a deeper understanding of another person and culture. "So many people have iPods. If a person is walking up the street with their iPod on, you can't ask them questions. It creates this wall, this invisible force-field that might as well say, 'Don't talk to me. Leave me alone.' I think that's ironic for a class where the iPod makes so much possible. It also makes things

impossible. It also makes me fear what the iPod is doing to us."

Meg Franklin, another of the course instructors, was very impressed with the students' work. "They've been very diligent about processing the information from a distance and they seem to be very excited about the idea of going out and interviewing people. I'm surprised by how funny the podcasts are, how energetic and enthusiastic they are." The podcasts are not the only area where the students have exceeded Franklin's expectations. "The students have also been very thoughtful in their reflections. They've done a really good job listening to each other, providing the context for their conversations, what they found out as part of their quest and their podcasting experience."

Jaclyn Lawlor '07, a business administration/communication major, found the Identity Quest project caused her to delve deeper into the culture of the Netherlands than she would have otherwise. "Participating in this course while studying abroad made me ask questions about the culture I was living in as well as about myself which I normally would not have. It was a great opportunity for reflection and was very rewarding in that aspect. Plus I got to talk to lots of people and ask their thoughts on topics which, more often than not, led to even more in-depth and interesting conversations." Lawlor also enjoyed the editing process. "It's a lot of fun fiddling with all the different features of Audacity and then listening to the final product, which sometimes sounded nothing like the original interview."

While the faculty and staff involved see areas for improvement, they consider the pilot program very successful so far and are running the course again in fall 2006. Gaugler says the basic structure of the program can be applied to just about any field of study. "We have invented a new way of delivering course materials, but we can also change the content. This can be a shell that other professors with other specialties can use for their own specific content. It is a great way to get a global snapshot of any one issue." ■

## Partners in Podcasting

Marist students were able to access computers to carry out the technical tasks of Identity Quest, including downloading and using software, thanks to the generosity of the institutions hosting their various study abroad programs. Participating schools were:

- HES Amsterdam School of Business—Amsterdam, Netherlands
- University of Indianapolis—Athens, Greece
- Chinese University of Hong Kong—Hong Kong
- University of Auckland—Auckland, New Zealand
- Charles University—Prague, Czech Republic
- University of St. Andrews—St. Andrews, Scotland
- University of Cape Town—Cape Town, South Africa
- Marist London Center at FIE (Foundation for International Education)—London, England



# Learning Through Undergraduate Research



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**Dr. Michael Tannenbaum, dean of the School of Science at Marist and 2005-06 president of the Council on Undergraduate Research, reports on ways Marist undergraduates are distinguishing themselves in research nationally and internationally.**

*Biology major Katherine Amodeo '08 (above right) has been awarded a 2006-2007 Goldwater Scholarship, the nation's most prestigious undergraduate award in the fields of mathematics, the natural sciences, and engineering. Environmental science major Deborah Diehl '07 (above) earned an honorable mention from the Goldwater Scholarship selection committee, marking the first time a Marist nominee has achieved that distinction.*

**M**y office phone rang one afternoon in mid-March.

"Hi, Mike," said Pat Taylor, Marist's graduate school and fellowship advisor. "Have you heard anything yet from the Goldwater people?" Her tone suggested she knew something I did not. "Why don't you take a look at their Web site?" she continued. "I think you'll find it interesting."

I quickly navigated my Web browser to the site and discovered that the names of the 2006 Goldwater Scholars had been posted almost two full weeks before the expected announcement date of April 1. I scrolled down the roster of states with growing anticipation, wondering whether either or both of Marist's nominees would be listed as a recipient of the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship, the nation's most prestigious undergraduate award in science, mathematics, and engineering.

Suddenly, I saw it: **Katherine Amodeo '08**, a junior biology major from Marlboro, N.Y., was on the list of awardees! Less than a minute later, I saw the name of Marist's other nominee, **Deborah Diehl '07**, a senior environmental science major from Poughkeepsie, on the list of Honorable Mention recipients. Official notification arrived in early April: Marist had earned

its first Goldwater Scholar and first Honorable Mention in only its fourth try.

Both Katie and Deb were recognized for their prior accomplishments in undergraduate research, their outstanding classroom performance in all coursework, and their potential for excellence in research careers. Since the middle of her freshman year, Katie has been working under the direction of biology faculty member Dr. Andrew Ryder and chemistry, biochemistry, and physics faculty member Dr. Elisa Woolridge on grant-funded research projects in the area of molecular genetics. She plans to pursue a PhD in molecular biology once she finishes at Marist, and her summer activities should go a long way in helping her achieve that goal: she worked with world-renowned researchers at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory on Long Island.

Deb has been deeply involved in research under the mentorship of environmental science and policy faculty member Dr. Zofia Gagnon and is planning a research career in environmental toxicology. Like Katie, Deb has worked on funded research, on heavy metal accumulation and tolerance in plants, and will enter a PhD program after graduating from Marist. Both students came to Marist with great promise, and both have benefited from the increased emphasis on, and increased funding for, undergraduate research at the College over the past several years.

In addition to serving as dean of the School of Science since August 1998, during 2005-06 I served as president of the Council on Undergraduate Research (CUR), a national organization whose mission is to support and promote high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship. The council was founded in 1978 by chemistry faculty from some of our nation's finest small liberal arts colleges and since then has expanded to include faculty from all academic disciplines and institutional types, including public and private comprehensive institutions, the large state "mega-versities," and even a few two-year colleges.

BY MICHAEL TANNENBAUM, PhD



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## Undergraduate Research Grows

The expansion of CUR reflects the progressively growing incorporation of undergraduate research into the academic cultures at many colleges and universities, including Marist. Why has undergraduate research grown in stature here and at other small colleges and universities? Because faculty and administrators have recognized the many benefits (see sidebar) that this intellectual activity brings to students, faculty, and the institution. There is no doubt that student engagement in undergraduate research builds many skills—including interpersonal skills—that will help students successfully negotiate their post-baccalaureate careers.

For example, in the fall 2005 *America's Best Colleges* guide published by U.S. News and World Report, a short article on undergraduate research quoted Marist communication major **Jeffrey Kuznekoff '03**, who was the first to present papers authored while an undergraduate at three separate conferences of the National Communication Association (NCA), a national organization dedicated to communication scholarship and education. Two of these papers received the Top Student Group Paper in the Nation Award. Jeff said the three papers he co-authored while at Marist led to him receiving a full scholarship to a master's program at Illinois State University.

Similarly, communications/multimedia

major **Amanda Stevens '06** along with her co-authors won the Top Student Paper Award at the 2003 conference of the Eastern Communication Association, a regional affiliate of the NCA. She feels that the award, coupled with her ability to discuss her project in detail during an interview with an academic department head, won her a spot in a competitive master's program at Fairfield University.

Marist undergraduate students in communication have won the Top Student Group Paper in the Nation Award, given in a special undergraduates-only division, four years in a row. But they also submit and present their papers in the NCA main divisions where they compete against graduate students and professors in a blind review process. Marist students have become highly sought after by graduate programs as a result of their consistent presence at these conferences where theirs have been the only undergraduate papers accepted. In the 55-year history of the International Communication Association (ICA), only 15 undergraduates have presented their original undergraduate research papers; all were from Marist, says communication faculty member Dr. Daniel Cochece Davis, who in addition to teaching communication research methods is director of undergraduate research in the Communication Program at Marist. Dr. Davis says his students have started to think every undergraduate writes research papers and submits them for acceptance to a conference.



Biochemistry major **Lauren Jackson '08** conducted environmental chemistry research at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Maryland.

"They don't understand how unusual this really is. It's a niche that, if supported right, could put us on the map for a long time, in a very prestigious way."

It's part of a culture change, he believes. "It shifts the focus of learning from me back to them. They really become national if not international scholars on a topic of interest to them. In the process, they develop invaluable skills that serve them well in the professional or graduate realm."

Most recently three of his students, 2006 graduates **Shanan Litchfield**, **Michelle Rosbozom**, and **Jacqueline Siano**, traveled to the ICA 2006 conference in Dresden, Germany, where they presented a paper they co-authored with Dr. Davis that they've been working on since they were sophomores. The paper, "Up in Smoke? Tobacco Image Frequency in Film and the Master Settlement Agreement," explains the three-phase study they conducted to test the success of efforts of the 1998 master settlement agreement by tobacco companies to curb the promotion of tobacco products in the United States. Their results suggest a clear decrease in average length of time of tobacco images within youth-oriented films, but also a significant increase in the frequency of tobacco images.

Six Marist undergraduates who presented papers at either NCA or ICA have been accepted to their top choice of graduate schools, most receiving multiple full-ride assistantships or fellowships from some of the top communication master's programs in the nation. The most recent NCA conference in Boston drew 26 participants, and participation has been so strong that at the annual NCA conference, Marist now holds a reception for alumni. Dr. Davis has personally had more than 230 of his Marist students author or co-author papers presented at the two conferences in the past eight years.

## Undergraduate Research: A "Win-Win" Situation

*This list was developed by Dr. Michael Nelson of Truman State University for a presentation co-authored with Dr. Michael Tannenbaum of Marist.*

### What are the benefits to students?

- the development of skills to function more independently
- the opportunity to put classroom knowledge into practice
- the building of mentor relationships between faculty and students
- the stimulation that comes with critical thinking and being creative
- the opportunity to participate in new discoveries
- the ability to better understand research methodologies
- the increased likelihood of acceptance into graduate or professional school
- the ability to communicate to a wide audience, sometimes at national or international conferences
- recognition by one's peers
- the enhanced ability to grasp the philosophy of life-long learning

### What are the benefits to faculty?

- the opportunity to mentor enthusiastic, high-quality students
- the enhanced ability to remain current in one's field and discipline
- the excitement created by intellectual activity and participation in new discoveries
- the stimulation and confidence that accompany creative thinking
- the recognition by one's internal and external peers
- the reinvigoration of one's career
- the ability to transfer results from one's scholarship into the classroom, such as in investigative laboratories
- the ability to model the concept of life-long learning

### What are the benefits to Marist?

- the enhancement of the College's reputation
- the recruitment of high-quality students and faculty
- the garnering of extramural funding and recognition
- the breaking down of barriers between students and faculty
- the integration of teaching and research by combining both into the teacher-scholar concept
- the intellectual enhancement of the baccalaureate degree





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History major **James Sheehan '07** extended a study of Walt Disney movies that had originally been published in the *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*.

## In All Disciplines

Undergraduates in other disciplines are showcasing their research as well. **Lauren Richmond '07**, **Heather Pierson '06**, and psychology faculty member Dr. James Regan, director of Marist's graduate psychology program, were among the co-authors of "Differences in Student Opinion of E-Classroom Interfaces," a paper presented at SUNY-Farmingdale State's 20th annual conference Undergraduate Teaching of Psychology: Ideas and Innovations this past March. Dr. Regan, Heather Pierson, and **Maureen Kavanaugh '06** were among the writers of another paper presented there, "The Welcoming Aspect of E-learning Technology."

As an undergraduate, psychology major **Michelle Wojtaszek '06M** worked on projects with psychology faculty member Dr. Sherry Dingman that were presented at the annual conferences of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. "It changed the whole course of my life for the better," Michelle says. "I discovered that cognitive science was my field of interest. There is much concern about the lack of interest in the scientific fields by young people, and I think some of this apathy can be mediated through a wider offering of hands-on experience. There is a large difference between science in theory and in practice, and the opportunities I had through my work with Dr. Dingman were of intense value to my growth as a scientist and as a person." Michelle has gone on to earn an MA in psychology at Marist.

**James Sheehan '07** extended a study of Walt Disney movies that had originally been published in the *Canadian Journal of Psychiatry*. A history major with a minor in psychology, he analyzed Disney movies from the past four decades to see if they contained derogatory references toward the developmentally disabled.

"One of the noteworthy aspects of his work was his blending methodologies from history, his major field, and psychology and communications," says psychology faculty member Dr. William Van Ornum. "We hope to encourage more interdisciplinary study like Jim's."

Currently Jim is deciding whether to pursue an MPA or a master's in education. "I would like to continue looking into how the mentally ill are viewed in other films and other forms of media," he says.

Students presenting their research in the liberal arts included English major **Lindsay DiGianvittorio '04** who with English faculty member Dr. Judith Saunders co-wrote "Jane Archer's Myopia and *The Age of Innocence*," published in *Edith Wharton Review* in 2005. History/political science/public affairs major **Lauren Santangelo '06** presented "Listening to the Pleas: The Gendered Disjunction Between Experience and Interpretation in the Great Depression" at Monmouth University's Undergraduate Political Science and Sociology Student Convention this past spring. She is pursuing a PhD at Syracuse University on a full scholarship. English major **Patricia Phillips '06** presented "In Defense of the Ebonics Issue" at the Sigma Tau Delta International Honors Society Convention in Portland, Ore., this spring. She is enrolled in the MFA program at the New School, also on a full scholarship.

English major **Sarah Gunner '07** presented "Issues in Homosexual Equality" at the National Collegiate Honors Conference in St. Louis, Mo., and history/adolescent education major **Adrienne Harris '07** presented "Visions of Equality: Pregnancy, Law, and Sameness/Difference Feminisms" at the Law and Society Conference in Baltimore, Md.

In April 2006 mathematics faculty member Dr. Tracey McGrail traveled with eight students to the Hudson River Undergraduate Mathematics Conference, which rotates among institutions and this year was held in Massachusetts. Three of the students presented talks on their senior honors projects. Math major **Nicole Greaney '06** spoke on "A Look into Voronoi Diagrams," math/adolescent education major

*Math major Nicole Greaney '06 completed a project in computational geometry and is beginning a PhD program in applied mathematics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.*

**John Burke '06** presented "Visualizing Geodesics on Surfaces," and math/philosophy major **Andrew Canaday '06** spoke on "QR Factorization Methods for Square Matrices Using Householder Transformations."

"Undergraduate research is essential for being admitted to any PhD program in math, as all graduate programs expect involvement in an intensive, faculty-mentored project," says Dr. McGrail, who was Greaney's academic advisor. Greaney now is starting a PhD program in applied mathematics at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Students in the School of Management who have presented their research include business administration major **Anthony Martinetti '05**. At a 2005 conference of the Eastern Economic Association in New York City, he offered an analysis of the demand for residential real estate in Dutchess County, N.Y., as a function of population growth, income, interest rates, migration, commuting options, and other factors.

Undergraduate research benefits nontraditional as well as traditional students; Marist's Goldwater Honorable Mention recipient Deb Diehl (whose paper won the Eastern Colleges Science Conference Biology Prize in 2006) is an adult student, as is integrative study major **Lorenzo Puglisi '05**, who won the Top Undergraduate Student Paper Award at the 2004 New York State Communication Association meeting. His work with communication faculty member Dr. Jeannette Kindred involved semiotic analysis of scratch-off lottery tickets.

According to Dr. Kindred, Lorenzo's independent research project was an extension of a final paper for a research methods course.

## On-Campus Support

Fellow deans and the academic vice president's office provide critical financial support for undergraduate research projects (see sidebar, page 44). Marist strongly encourages and provides support for students to travel to statewide, regional, national, and even international conferences with faculty mentors to present their research results and findings. Some conferences cover very narrow areas of inquiry (e.g., Northeast Algal Society) whereas others cover a discipline more broadly (e.g., National Communication Association), and still others are interdisciplinary (e.g., National Conference on Undergraduate Research).



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The softball program advanced to the school's first-ever NCAA Tournament with a 1-0 win over Fairfield in the MAAC Championship game.

**Athletics**

# Red Foxes Win 2005-06 JetBlue Airways Commissioner's Cup

**The 2005-06 season marked the third time that Marist swept all three categories—overall, men's and women's—of the Commissioner's Cup, awarded annually as a symbol of excellence in the 25 championship athletic events conducted within the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference.**

**M**arist, which captured eight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference titles during the 2005-06 academic year, has taken home the conference's highest honors, sweeping all three categories of the JetBlue Airways MAAC Commissioner's Cup.

"Hats off to Director of Athletics Tim Murray and Marist's coaches, its staff, and, above all, its student athletes," says Marist President Dennis J. Murray. "They've proven once again that academic and athletic prowess can go hand-in-hand."

The year 2006 marks the third time that Marist has won all three categories (overall, men's, and women's); the Red Foxes performed the feat last season as well as in the 2000-01 season. Fairfield University captured all three awards in the 1994-95 season, while La Salle University did so in 1990-91 and 1991-92.

The 2005-06 season marks the sixth time in eight years that the Red Foxes have won the overall title and makes Marist the only school to win it six times.

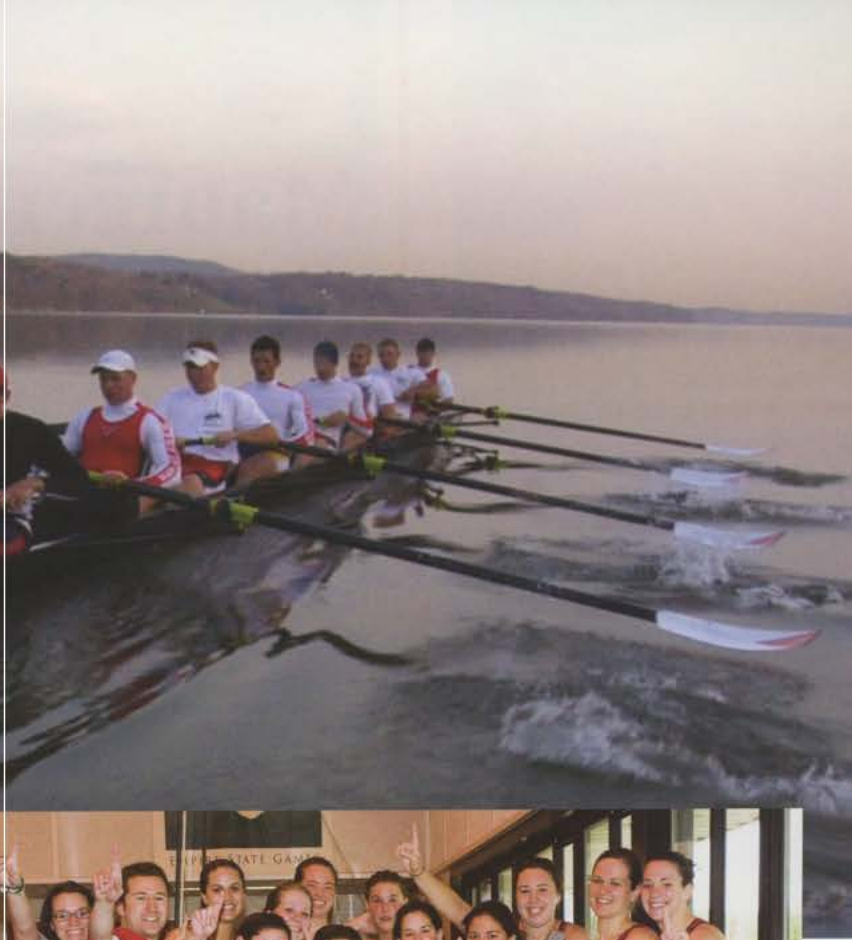
The JetBlue Airways MAAC Commissioner's Cup is awarded annually as a symbol of overall excellence in athletics in the 25 championship athletic events conducted within the MAAC. Each institution is scored in all championships in which it fields a varsity team. However, only the scores from the men's and women's basketball participation, plus the other top six men's and other top six women's championships, are used to determine an institution's total points.

Marist finished with a total of 130 points, 30 points ahead of runner-up Manhattan College. On the men's side, the Red Foxes captured the league crown with 60.00 points, just 1.50 points more than second-place Manhattan. Marist finished in the top spot in the women's cup race by compiling 70.00 points, 11.50 points ahead of Fairfield University.

"It is an unprecedented accomplishment to win all the JetBlue Airways MAAC Commissioner's Cups three times in less than a decade, and one that the Marist College







The Marist men's and women's crew squads swept the MAAC Championships and the men's squad (above) repeated as New York State champions. The women's water polo program (right) defeated perennial league power Wagner 5-4 in the MAAC Championship game and advanced to the NCAA Championships, where it was one of just eight teams vying for the national title. The women's basketball team (below) defeated Loyola in the MAAC Tournament to win the league championship and an automatic bid to the NCAA first round, where Georgia defeated the Red Foxes 75-60.

Athletics Department should be very proud of achieving," says Richard J. Ensor, commissioner of the MAAC. "I congratulate, on behalf of all the conference, member school Marist College on their shared success and hope the administrators, coaches, and student athletes can continue to develop such a fine tradition of success."

The Red Foxes captured five women's and three men's championships this past season. This past fall, Marist earned the title crown in men's soccer. In the winter, Marist claimed the top prize in women's basketball as well as in men's and women's swimming and diving. In the spring, Marist captured the men's and women's rowing, women's water polo, and softball championships.

The 2006 spring semester marked a breakthrough for Marist athletics with the softball and water polo programs earning their first-ever bids to the NCAA Tournament. This past winter, women's basketball and men's soccer both made their second trips to the NCAA after capturing their respective MAAC championships. ■



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# Maureen O'Rourke '85

## Batting 1000 at Boston University

### Alumni PROFILES

**M**ost Bostonians are Yankees by virtue of their birthright. Maureen O'Rourke '85 has remained one in spite of hers. The Poughkeepsie native has been teaching at Boston University's School of Law since 1993, but her loyalty to the New York Yankees has never wavered.

"It's not far enough to switch," explains O'Rourke, who keeps a life-sized cardboard cutout of Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter in her office.

The actual distance between the shores of the Hudson and the banks of the Charles might not be so vast, but O'Rourke has undoubtedly come a long way over the course of her

career. Her parents never attended college, but O'Rourke was the valedictorian of her class and received her law degree from Yale. She planned to prosecute organized crime, but became a professor of intellectual property whose students describe her knowledge as "stunning." And while her first job, as an accountant at IBM, was "really dull," she's more excited by her latest position as dean of BU's law school. O'Rourke was named to the post in May, after serving as interim dean for two years.

"Now," she says, "I have more of a chance to put my own stamp on the job."

O'Rourke's version of that reflects both her own career and her hopes for the aspiring lawyers she teaches. "I think that the times make it very interesting," she says. "Every generation of lawyers faces its own set of challenges, and this generation has the war against terror. The technology is so sophisticated, the challenge is different. And what's hugely interesting today is the globalization of the economy—that opens up a lot of new opportunities for people."

There are new problems as well—a push for young lawyers to get billable hours, a drop in corporations recruiting from law schools, and what O'Rourke perceives as "a decline in the way lawyers treat each other." But that's precisely why leading the law school's administration appeals to her. "I guess I like to solve problems—I probably could have been an engineer," she says. "You bring a set of analytical tools to the table, and I enjoy that."

Those instincts led to her dual majors in accounting and computer science at Marist, chosen because she thought accounting would be helpful in taking down organized crime rings, and because computer science was clearly "the industry of the future"—a viewpoint influenced by her late father, John, who spent his career at IBM "finding hardware bugs." In law school, however, she found that intellectual property and commercial law also appealed to her problem-solving mentality. "There's an element of fun to it, too, because it's so popular-culture related—copyright, character protection, patent," she says.

After graduating from Yale in 1990, she returned to IBM and honed her intel-

BY JESSICA ULLIAN

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Above: Maureen O'Rourke '85 speaks at the 2005 Boston University School of Law (BUSL) reunion. Below, left to right: O'Rourke with Richard Karelitz, BUSL alumnus, senior vice president and general counsel for International Forest Products and counsel to the New England Patriots, at a 2005 awards presentation; at the 2006 BUSL commencement, where she introduced the graduating class; with Rhode Island Supreme Court Chief Justice Frank J. Williams, BUSL alumnus and speaker at the 2005 BUSL reunion.

lectual property skills dealing with software licensing issues. She also made her first return to the classroom via her alma mater, serving as an adjunct professor of business law at Marist. "I just loved doing it," she says. "It's like being a prosecutor, but happily so—you get to ask the questions, to see people grapple with concepts, to try and understand them. When you teach, you learn something, too."

In 1993, she returned to the classroom for good, becoming an associate professor at BU and winning the school's award for excellence

in teaching in 2000. As she thrived in the classroom, the School of Law thrived under her increasing leadership; after moving up through several administrative positions, she was named interim dean of the school in 2004. When the search began for a permanent dean, O'Rourke was a clear choice, bringing to the university "the intellectual strength, inclusiveness, and energy needed to lead the school forward into the first rank of American law schools," said BU President Robert A. Brown.

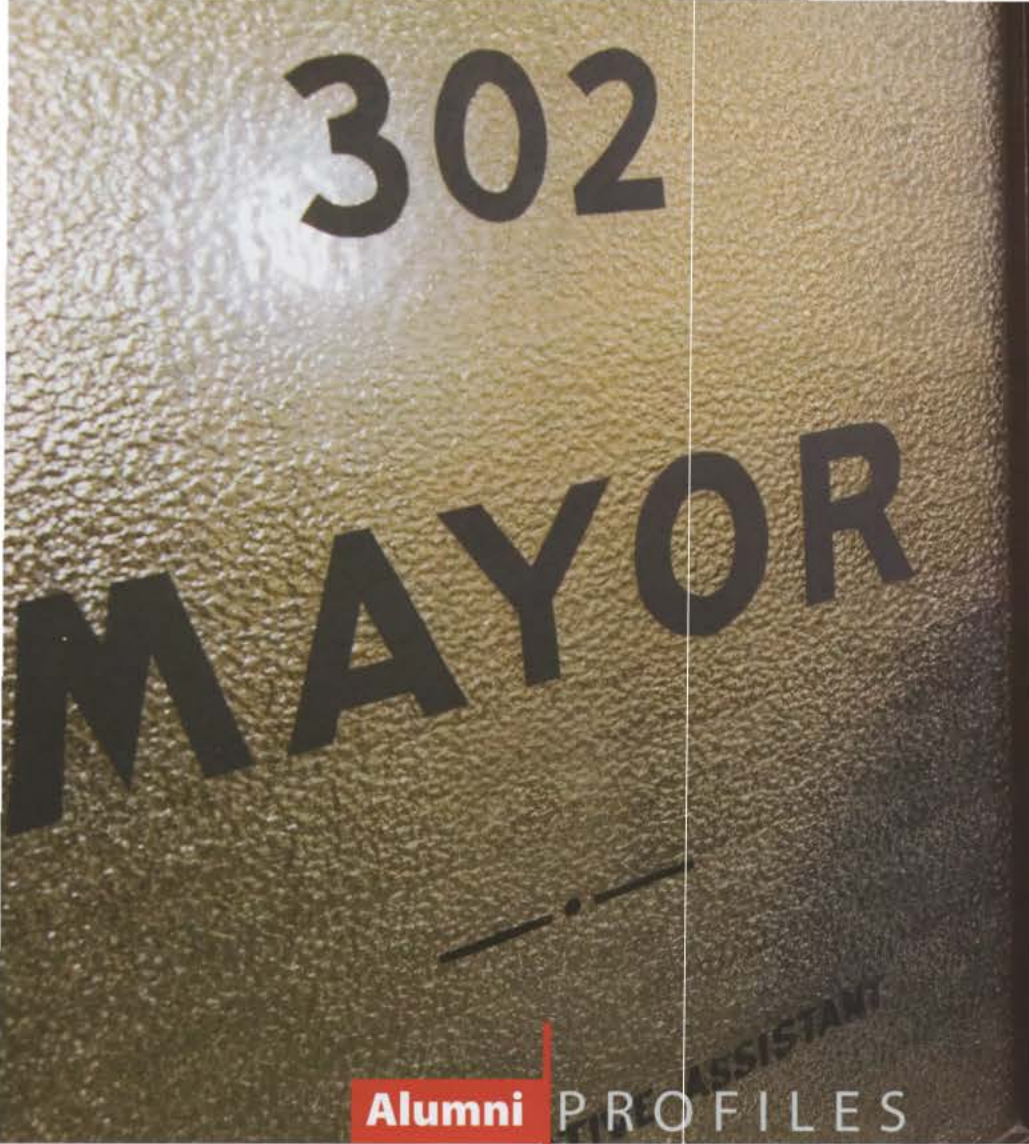
In her new position, O'Rourke plans to do exactly that — which unfortunately gives her less time for teaching, writing, and watching baseball or 24 with her husband James Molloy, a financial analyst. But every day spent in her office high above the Boston University campus reminds her how far she has come.

"I can say for sure that it's a long way from being the daughter of parents who never went to college," she says, "to being the dean of a law school." ■

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**Alumni** PROFILES

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**Connecticut's  
Youngest  
Mayor Exemplifies  
"Optimism and  
Practicality"**

## Ryan Bingham '05

**O**n a wall in Ryan Bingham's office a 360° panoramic photograph shows what could be a bomb-shattered post-war city. Shot on a late summer day almost 30 years before Bingham was born, it shows what was left of downtown Torrington, Conn., in August 1955 after two hurricanes raced up the East Coast and slammed into New England within a week.

The Naugatuck River, a modest stream harnessed early in the 19th century to provide the industrial power upon which the city was built, was overwhelmed by torrential rain. It leapt its banks and ripped the city apart.

The photo holds mythic significance for Bingham, who graduated from Marist in May 2005 and six months later was elected mayor of Torrington, the youngest municipal executive in Connecticut's history. The flood hastened the decline of Torrington's traditional textile and brass economy, already on the wane in

the 1950s. But Bingham believes the collective memory of the event hobbled Torrington for most of the next 40 years.

Only in the past decade has the city begun to experience rebirth. And Bingham, an unabashed cheerleader for his hometown, is determined to nurture that resurgence.

Bingham's mother, Anne Ruwet, is a state representative from Torrington, and his grandfather, Joseph Ruwet, a former state representative. But "a career as an elected official was the farthest thing from my mind," he says.

Instead, he expected to find a job in some branch of government. Waffling between Marist and the University of California at Irvine when he was considering colleges, he listened to the advice of his grandfather, a cagey old pol who still keeps his finger on the pulse of Connecticut politics when he's not driving a tractor on the family farm. "He told me that if I wanted to go into government, the family could help me if I was here on the East Coast."

Marist, he says, "was a great experience. I

BY JIM H. SMITH



*“Being young affords me the opportunity to remain optimistic for our future”*

really enjoyed the course work and I had a core group of political science professors whom I loved. They gave me terrific opportunities to explore my interests within the curriculum.” It was also at Marist that he honed his leadership skills, turning a key position in his college fraternity, Tau Kappa Epsilon, into an opportunity to enhance the fraternity’s reputation through community service by reaching out to Poughkeepsie-area organizations such as the Salvation Army, Special Olympics, and the Red Cross.

As much as that experience demonstrated leadership, it also exemplified Bingham’s capacity for work. “I don’t like sitting around. I like to keep busy,” he says of the Yankee work ethic he learned on the farm. And it showcased another important aspect of his personality—a desire to help others.

After graduation he took a temporary job with the Central Connecticut Association for Retarded Citizens while he explored more permanent government job opportunities. As he began networking he heard grumblings of discontent about Torrington’s incumbent government. And that’s when the idea of running for mayor took root.

“It happened very quickly,” he says. “From what I heard, I felt there was a need for new leadership and I believed I could make a contribution.”

In mid-June 2005 he held a news conference at City Hall to announce his candidacy. Two weeks later he brought on board Stephen Nocera, another 2005 Marist graduate, who helped steer the campaign and who has stayed as his assistant.

“I went door to door, introducing myself and listening to people,” says Bingham, who actually spoke with constituents at 6,000 of Torrington’s 16,000 homes while on the hustings. “Listening is a big part of leadership.”

For the first three months after last November’s election he continued listening, meeting with city department heads, civic leaders, and citizens in an effort to understand what’s on Torrington’s mind today. “This period has been invaluable to me,” he said in a news release in March, “because it has allowed me to gain an accurate picture of where Torrington was, is and where we...need to begin to move.”

When he made his first State of the City address to the Torrington Rotary Club this spring, he talked about peripheral business development on the outskirts of town that has given Torrington a renewed sense of optimism. Then he sketched out his vision for renewal of downtown, where construction of a new country court house has just been announced and the historic Warner Theatre—epicenter of the regional arts scene and the site where Bingham was sworn in—has undergone a complete



Ryan Bingham’s vision for renewal of downtown Torrington included restoration of the historic Warner Theatre, the epicenter of the regional arts scene.

restoration just a few feet from the site of the historic photograph on the mayor’s wall.

“Being young affords me the opportunity to remain optimistic for our future,” he told the Rotarians. “Optimism and practicality will be our road to success.” ■

Two weeks after announcing his candidacy for mayor, he brought on board Stephen Nocera '05 (left), who helped steer the campaign and has stayed as his assistant.





# JR Morrissey '88

**Succeeding in Fashion,  
the Old-Fashioned Way**

## Alumni PROFILES



*At the Fashion Program's 20th annual Silver Needle fashion show, JR Morrissey presented the Carmine Porcelli Junior Garment Scholarship sponsored by his company.*

**T**he name of JR Morrissey's newest sportswear line—Y?—is a little mystifying at first. Pronounced “Why question,” the unusual moniker makes perfect sense to Morrissey. His credo: You don't need a fancy designer label to enjoy great fit, fine fabric, and meticulous workmanship. If you like it, buy it. Why question?

That's JR Morrissey '88 in a nutshell. The laid-back, lanky fashion designer takes pride in doing things the old-fashioned way. He oversees every aspect of Y?, from designing and fitting garments to production and delivery. Some 400 upscale boutiques nationwide, as well as Nordstrom, carry Y?, and Morrissey expects the clothing line, which retails at \$180 for jeans and \$300 for jackets, to ring up \$7 million in sales this year.

The path to success wasn't without bumps. The East Northport, Long Island, native worked hard as a teenager, mostly in restaurants. He decided to major in fashion design at Marist because it was “the most artsy thing at the College.” Morrissey says he thought he could do it because “I worked with my hands all the time. I was good at carpentry, patterns, and everyone in my family knew how to sew—backpacks and tents.” Another big draw was the late Carmine Porcelli, a former director of the Fashion Program. Even though Morrissey and one other student were the only men in the program, “Carmine made it seem easy,” says Morrissey, who recently made a donation to establish a scholarship at Marist in memory of his former mentor.

After college, Morrissey started stitching up garments and paying vendors to sell them on the streets of Manhattan on Friday afternoons—payday—and weekends. When the recession hit and sales dried up, he begged his way into one store, then two, in his hometown. He married his girlfriend, Laurie DeJong '87, and they started their first company, Trousers, which they subsequently sold. DeJong, whose specialty is production, worked for Calvin Klein Fragrance and now organizes fashion shows for Seventh on Sixth, L.A. Fashion Week, and other venues.

JR's second sportswear company, Womyn, was also successful and he sold it as well. All

BY MALKA PERCAL



*"You don't need a fancy designer label to enjoy great fit, fine fabric, and meticulous workmanship. If you like it, buy it."*

three companies have a similar distribution channel—that is, their products are sold to the same retailers. The company shows its line at regional and New York trade shows many times a year. To reach far-flung specialty stores, Morrissey's regional salespeople take samples around in Winnebagos. Says the designer, "It's a showroom on wheels. It's an old-time way of doing things." Shipments of new merchandise go out 10 times a year, and Morrissey personally gets feedback from store managers on the line's performance. "I'm my biggest credit, quality-wise," he says. "That's up to me."

Marist, which Morrissey calls "an entrepreneurial school," is a tradition in his family: his father and two brothers and their wives all attended the College. The designer advises the Fashion Program and initiated a program called New York City Fashion Experience (NYFE) for non-Marist students who wanted to participate in Marist's extensive fashion internship program. The students take a year-long internship in the city, live at the 92nd Street Y, and attend a weekly class fashion class, taught by Marist alumna Candace Chestnut-Zoller '94, at Morrissey's studio in the garment district. The program will be open to Marist students next year as a fourth- or fifth-year program.

In March, Morrissey and fashion designer Dominique Pino-Santiago '99 sponsored a networking reception for senior fashion students, fashion alumni, faculty, industry supporters, and Fashion Advisory Board members. In May at the Fashion Program's 20th annual Silver Needle fashion show, he presented the Carmine Porcelli Junior Garment Scholarship sponsored by his company. "What Carmine did was get us down to the city all the time," says Morrissey. He too would like to bring Marist closer to the city. "I would love to see Marist buy a building to dorm the kids [in NYFE]," he says.

Morrissey and DeJong have two children, Jack, 10, and Joie (pronounced "Joey"), 8. They live in downtown Manhattan and have a house in Sag Harbor where they spend a lot of time, says Morrissey. His children, he says, "will know how to work in production. They'll know how to work in a showroom. It's a good business," he says. "It's definitely a family business. I'm in charge of my own destiny with this." ■



Morrissey works with members of his design team (above) Derek Farrar '92 and (below) Dominique Pino-Santiago '99, both graduates of Marist's Fashion Program.



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# Dominique Pino-Santiago '99

## Designing Elegant Yet Easy-to-Wear Wedding Gowns

Alumni PROFILES



**D**ominique Pino-Santiago '99 once danced a solo, Alvin Ailey's "Revelations," in a swirling white garment. The experience of movement, fabric, and fluidity would one day inspire the dark-haired, reed-slim fashion designer—and former track athlete—to create a line of flowing, lightweight wedding gowns.

She opened her custom bridal business, Dominique Daniela, in January 2001, shortly after her own wedding. Her elegant yet easy-to-wear gowns capture the spirit of today. "Times have changed," the designer says. "The modern bride wants to be herself on her wedding day." Her custom line has been so successful that she's launching, amid great interest, a ready-to-wear collection for metropolitan area bridal boutiques.

Pino-Santiago's sophisticated ivory columns stand out from the crowd of white puffballs. And unlike stiff contraptions designed mostly for a photo op, they move beautifully. "I danced a lot on my wedding day," she says, "and I want my clients to feel the same." While Pino-Santiago has hung up her track shoes, she still takes modern dance classes at the Ailey school. Her daughter Isabella, 3, will start dance classes there this fall.

Born in Italy, the designer was raised in Montgomery, N.J. Her grandfather was a tailor and her grandmother a patternmaker, and she grew up literally between their sewing machines. Attracted to fashion at an early age, she found Marist's Fashion Program appealing because she could get a full liberal arts education and run track, competing in sprints, hurdles, and high jump. She still holds school records for the indoor 55-yard dash, outdoor 100-yard dash, and outdoor long jump.

In her freshman year, Pino-Santiago interned with fashion designer JR Morrissey '88, with whom she continues to work as a designer. Morrissey says she has always been wise beyond her years, quipping: "She's about 106." After designing three collections for Morrissey's Y? brand, she knows "not only how to have great design, but how to get it done and get it done on time," he says. Pino-Santiago, who sponsored and presented a scholarship award at Marist's Silver Needle fashion show this

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year in a special competition for senior designers, advises students to intern as early as possible because, she says, "in the fashion field, experience is your master's degree." She also studied at the London College of Fashion and Instituto Marangoni in Milan.

On the eve of graduation, the young designer met her future husband, Ismael Santiago, the brother of a fellow Marist track athlete. "We caught each other's eyes like deer in the headlights, and that was that," she says. For their December 2000 wedding, she created a strapless lace column and a long-trained lace coat. (The coat is part of her new collection.) She also designed dresses for each bridesmaid and flower girl.

Seeing a niche in the custom bridal market and knowing that specialization is a key to success, she launched *Dominique Daniela*. Initially she was thrilled to design one gown a month, working from home and doing her own sewing. Today she works with 20 brides and bridesmaids over a two-month period in her Garment District studio. She has a patternmaker and seamstresses nearby and plans to keep production local as the business grows.

Clients visiting her studio nestle into beige-and-gold Victorian sofas. Nearby are wedding gowns on dress forms and a rack of bridal tops, skirts, gowns, and "coverings"—shawls, coats, and wraps—made from silk shantung and satin in soft tones of gold, ivory, and ruby. A visiting bridesmaid tries on several outfits; each garment is extremely flattering. "I always try to be elegant and sophisticated, with a little bit of a twist," says Pino-Santiago, whose romantic, "swept-away" look is clearly Continental. "It may be the fabrication, it may be the line, but there's something of the Roman goddess in every Italian designer."

Poised for expansion, the company was recently featured on Fox 29-Philadelphia's *Good Morning* as well as wedding Web sites *The Knot* and *Wedding Channel*. The ready-to-wear line debuted in mid-April at the *Wedding Channel Couture Show* at New York's *Waldorf-Astoria*, where Pino-Santiago met with editors from *Martha Stewart Wedding*, *Modern Bride*, *Honeyoons*, and other magazines.

Part of the allure for them, Pino-Santiago says, is her custom design background. She admits being inspired by her clients: "Each person brings a different aspect to each gown." The dancer and designer loves helping brides be both elegant and agile on their wedding day. "I'm participating in someone's huge step," she says. "I want them to feel good." ■



Clients visiting her studio nestle into beige-and-gold Victorian sofas, near wedding gowns on dress forms and a rack of bridal tops, skirts, gowns, shawls, coats, and wraps made from silk shantung and satin in soft tones of gold, ivory, and ruby.





1956

**Bro. Patrick McNulty**, FMS, left Christopher Columbus High School to be a college counselor at Marist High School in Chicago. He will assist the approximately 450 graduates who head to college each year.

1957

**G. Patrick Gallagher**, president of the Gallagher-Westfall Group, moved to Bucks County, Pa., and is continuing his work dealing with police liability, mainly through risk assessments of police departments and expert witness work, now totaling more than 100 cases specializing in uses of force and pursuits. He also was appointed co-director of the national Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute in Indianapolis, Ind., which is serving law enforcement agencies through risk management services, training, policy reviews, publications, and legal guides.

1959

**Raymond Bernier** turned 70 years old in December 2005. He is retired and resides in Kingston, N.H.



1961

**John Brady** retired in June 2006. He plans to travel throughout the United States and Europe.

1962

**William Lenehan** and his wife, Onalova, continue to enjoy their retirement, volunteering and sharing in the lives of their three grown children and six grandchildren.

1963

**Jim Gargan's** son, Jimmy, joined the Marines in January 2006. His grandfather, Patrolman Thomas J. Gargan, served in the Marines from 1925 to 1927. He was honored March 21, 2006, when a portion of Bank Street in New York City's West Village was renamed Patrolman Thomas J. Gargan Way in recognition of his 19 years of service to the New York City Police Department before he was killed in the line of duty on Aug. 17, 1947. **Bro. John McDonnell** returned to the U.S. in April 2006 after spending three years in the Philippines, seven years in Rome, and two years in West

Africa. In 2009 he will celebrate his Golden Jubilee, which signifies his 50th year as a Marist Brother. **Daniel Roper III** and wife, Marilyn, moved from Annapolis, Md., to Hilton Head Island, S.C., in June 2004. They recently moved into a new house in Sea Pines Plantation. **Robert Snyder** is a professor in and chair of the School of Materials Science and Engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology.

1964

**John Depew** retired after 33 years of working at IBM. He has 14 grandchildren and is enjoying life with his family. **Robert VanAernem** is an avid golfer and hit the third hole-in-one of his career in October 2005.

1965

**David Heaphy** retired from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and now spends his time golfing and sailing in the Caribbean. **Dr. Robert McMahon** has served as supervisor of the Town of Canajoharie since 1992 and was elected for another four-year term in November 2005.



1966

**Bruce Davidson, Esq.**, a Quarles & Brady attorney, was selected by his peers for inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2006*. **Theodore Flynn** was elected vice chairman of the board of directors for the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. **Donald Haughey** retired from the Austin (Texas) Independent School District and is now an assistant professor of Art/Humanities at St. Edward's University. **Alan Schultz** retired from the New York City Department of Environmental Protection in Shokan, N.Y., in 2002. He now works for Kingston Airport as a flight instructor and supervisor of aircraft scheduling and maintenance. **Thomas Troland** gave a trends seminar presentation at the National Agri-Marketing Association Conference in Kansas City, Mo., in April 2006. **Charles Zoeller** took a new position as the Alzheimer's care director at the East Village Rehab and Nursing Center in Lexington, Mass.

1967

**Peter Higgins** spent a month in 2005 in Baghdad, where he helped

Iraqi police with a forensic project. **John Perring Mulligan, PhD**, has served as senior vice president of Mission Services for Affinity Health System in Menasha, Wis., for the past four years. **Rupert Ross** and his wife, Marilee, have moved to Port Arkansas, Tex., which is on the Gulf of Mexico.

1968

**John Carey Jr.** is a sales manager for Blue Ridge Medical Imaging Inc. in Salem, Va. The company refurbishes medical imaging equipment for resale and also provides a mobile fleet of imaging equipment for use when hospitals or medical centers are replacing their existing equipment. **Robert D'Errico** is the president of the Red Fox Club, the official booster club for Marist athletics. It consists of volunteers who organize fund-raising events that allow members and guests to socialize with the Marist athletic community. **Floyd Holt**, a former physics teacher at Franklin D. Roosevelt High School in Hyde Park, was one of five 2006 inductees nationwide to the National Teachers Hall of Fame. The story of their careers will be on permanent display at the National Teachers Hall of Fame gallery in Emporia, Kansas. The inductees also received gifts including a \$1,000 college scholarship presented by Sodexo School Services to a student in their districts who is pursuing a degree in teaching. **Arthur Jaeger** received a master's in accounting from North Carolina State University in May 2004. He became a CPA in June 2005 and is assistant state auditor in North Carolina. **William Kuffner** established WPTKUFF Consulting Services, which helps manufacturing companies and distributors/online/catalog companies identify ways to eliminate costs associated with the packaging and shipment of their products to retailers and consumers. He consults for Supply Chain Optimizers LLC. **Thomas Nolan's** daughter, Jaclyn, graduated from Marist this past May as a four-year member of the crew team, a four-year member of the cappella singing group known as the Sirens, and most importantly, cum laude! **Peter Passero's** son, Kevin, opened a practice of natural medicine in Annapolis, Md. **Michael Pepe** retired from teaching and is enjoying his first grandchild, Alexandra. **Robert Scott** was

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Daniel G. Hickey '66 (far right) joined his son, Daniel G. Hickey Jr. (fourth from right), for the ringing of the NASDAQ Stock Market opening bell on March 16 in New York City. The younger Hickey, co-CEO of CRM Holdings, Ltd., rang the bell to celebrate the company's initial public offering. Third from left is Lou Viglotti '79, general counsel for CRM. The elder Hickey is president of Hickey-Finn & Co. in Poughkeepsie and a member of the Marist College Board of Trustees. Robert Finn '66 is owner/partner of Hickey-Finn.

named president/principal of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute in Buffalo, N.Y., in July 2005.

### 1969

**Harry Carroll** remains the president of the City of Phoenix St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Arizona Irish Faire, and the Arizona Colleen Pageant. ■ **Michael Gemmel** was elected the vice commodore of the Hernando Beach Yacht Club in Hernando Beach, Fla. ■ **Robert Hatfield Jr.** was appointed by Citizens Bank as vice president of government banking in Newburgh, N.Y. He works with Westchester and Hudson Valley towns, municipalities, and school districts to meet their deposit, investment, and financing needs. Bob previously worked for M&T Bank. He has 12 years of banking experience, six in managing the banking relationships of government entities in the Hudson Valley. ■ **Gregory King** and his wife, Rosie, have three grown children, Patrick, Danielle, and Dominic, and reside in Pacific, Mo. ■ **Anthony Kondysar** and his wife, Mary Ellen, have two grandsons, Stephen Kondysar and Travis Miller, attending Marist. ■ **LCDR. Richard Measel, USN (Ret.)**, has a son, Bryan, and a daughter, Wendy, both of whom completed recruit training and are police officers with the Norfolk, Va., Police Department. His daughter Cynthia is working toward a paramedic certification, and his son Richard Jr. is a senior at Floyd E. Kellam High School. ■ **Bob Mennonna** is retired and now volunteers with Habitat for

Humanity, United Blood Services, and Albuquerque public schools.

### 1970

**Andrew Fallon** was promoted in October 2005 to corporate vice-president/general manager of the Washington Group for SRS Technologies in Newport Beach, Calif. ■ **Cushman & Wakefield's Frank Liantonio, MAI, CRE,** and **Brian Corcoran, MAI, CRE,** were designated fellows of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors in London, a source of property, land, construction, and related environmental knowledge worldwide.



### 1971

**Tom Ferrara's** company, Ferrara Jerum International, is representing Kohl's department stores in N.Y., and the Brio Tuscan Grill in New England. His daughter, Eve, is pursuing a degree in commercial photography at the Fashion Institute of Technology. ■ **James Pratt-Heaney** entered the private banking and investment group at Merrill-Lynch in Westport, Conn.

### 1972

**Paul Curtin Jr.** has a law practice concentrating on commercial real estate, land use, and planning. He is also active in his community as the vice chair of Hospice of Central New York and the chancellor of the Diocese of Central New York. ■ **Ray DelMaestro** is principal of the Casimir Pulaski School in

Yonkers, N.Y. The state of New York nominated his school to be honored through the U.S. Department of Education's No Child Left Behind Blue Ribbon School program. ■ **Alexander Novotny** received a master's in education from Loyola College in 2004. He and his wife, Elaine, have two daughters, Athena Franks and Alexis Marie. They reside in Columbia, Md. ■ **Michael Smith** is the vice president of the Empire State Bank in Newburgh, N.Y. He also is the author of the book *Business-to-Business Golf*, available on Amazon.com.

### 1973

**John Bardong** was named vice president of sales for financial services industry for Informatica Corp. His daughter Lindsay is a junior at Marist, majoring in business. His daughter Pamela is a Wake Forest graduate living and working in Boston for a financial consulting firm. ■ **Kevin Boland** is the father of five children: Kelly, AnneMarie, John, and twins Sarah and Kathleen. ■ **Dr. Dana Delaware** was elected president of the faculty senate at Truman State University for the 2005-2006 academic year. ■ **Daniel Faison Jr.'s** daughter is attending law school at Penn State. ■ **Mary McGuire-Bell** enjoys spending time with her two grandnieces and two grandnephews. ■ **Michael Meddaugh** is a senior software engineer at Raydon Corp. in Daytona Beach, Fla. ■ **Gerald Platania's** daughter, Kathleen, is in her senior year at Franklin Pierce College, where she is majoring in law. ■ **Jack Simone,**



## MARRIAGES

### 1979

**Doreen Bachman** to Michael Miller, Aug. 6, 2005

### 1984

**Beatrice Dane** to Darryl Marsan, July 30, 2005

### 1988

**Ed Eberling** to Mary Lass, Feb. 18, 2006

### 1991

**Peter O'Keefe** to Sara Jones, July 23, 2005

**Martin Rule** to Becky Rummery, Sept. 5, 2005

### 1992

**Suzanne Engles** to Tom Dolan, July 31, 2004

**Nancy Halpin** to William Murphy, July 30, 2005

**Jennifer Johannessen** to Kevin Van Keuren, Aug. 20, 2005

**Stephen Popper** to Georgia Churilla, September 2005

**Jennifer Riat** to Stephen Kerrigan, May 14, 2005

**Stephanie Tanis** to Chad Murphy, November 2005

### 1993

**Robert Allison** to Mary Ortizio, Oct. 28, 2005

**Kishani Chinniah** to Sergio Moreno, Oct. 1, 2005

**Kathleen Henn** to Greg Reidy, May 7, 2005

**Maria Licari** to David Cohen, Sept. 4, 2005

**Jeannine Marron** to Thomas Nixdorf, Oct. 9, 2005

**Tom Mulryan** to Jill Cowan, May 29, 2004

**Scott Russell** to Catherine Barakat, April 30, 2005

**Teresa Sorrentino** to John Dezio, Aug. 14, 2005

**John-Takashi Suzuki** to Lisa Zurndorfer, Sept. 4, 2005



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## MARRIAGES

**Lara Wiecezynski** to John Deke,  
Oct. 2, 2005

### 1994

**Jennifer Caron** to Matthew Brady,  
Oct. 29, 2005

**Kathryn Link** to Thomas A. Jensen,  
April 26, 2006

**Scott Russell** to Catherine Barakat,  
April 30, 2005

**Peter Tartaglia** to Rishika Advani,  
April 29, 2006

### 1995

**Erin Butler** to Mark Lombardo,  
Aug. 12, 2005

**Carina Davis** to Sebastian Schroder,  
Sept. 3, 2005

**Kathleen Dick** to Brian Boland,  
Oct. 1, 2005

**Michele Ferraro** to Jerry Graziani,  
June 12, 2004

**Edward Gilhooly** to Sheryl Dimel,  
July 31, 2004

**Kathryn Link** to Thomas A. Jensen,  
April 29, 2006

### 1996

**Stacey Dengler** to David Girard,  
Nov. 5, 2005

**Brian Frankenfield** to Anna Allen,  
Dec. 3, 2005

**Cynthia Ramirez** to Traian Hernandez,  
Sept. 3, 2005

**Dina Wehren** to Edward Keleher,  
May 21, 2005

**Sandra Zeller** to Lawrence Strelb,  
June 11, 2005

### 1997

**Kellie Benn** to Michael J. Maloney,  
April 29, 2005

**Bryan Christian** to Allison Linfante,  
Aug. 13, 2005

**Heather Haynes** to Jason Vocke,  
September 2004

**Amy Hoey** to Jeff Conly,  
May 12, 2006

**Jennifer Hoover** to Michael Bonnano,  
September 2005

PhD, was appointed by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany as the director of grant research and development for its 15 member agencies in upstate New York.

## 1974

**Janet Riley Donahue** was appointed assistant superintendent of schools for the Mahwah (N.J.) Public Schools District in January 2005. ■ **Dr. Marian Mattison** received Providence College's fourth annual Joseph R. Accinno Faculty Teaching Award. This award is presented annually to the faculty member who best exhibits excellence in teaching, passion and enthusiasm for learning, and genuine concern for students' academic and personal growth. ■ **Bruce McGann** was appointed assistant professor of medicine at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey's School of Osteopathic Medicine.

## 1975

**Linda Dickerson Hartsock** was awarded the 2005 College-Community Appreciation Award by the SUNY Cortland College Council. The award recognizes and thanks local residents who have significantly assisted SUNY Cortland. Linda is executive director of the Cortland County Business Development Corp. and the Cortland County Industrial Development Agency. ■ **Robert Orlando** was promoted to assistant director of

**Dr. Marian Mattison '74**



finance for financial reporting and banking at Catholic Guardian Society in New York City. ■ **Rochelle Iraca Roberts** received a master's of science in nursing from SUNY New Paltz in May 2005. She is on the faculty at Mount Saint Mary College. ■ **Robert Wishart** and his wife have two sons who have successfully graduated from colleges in Maryland. His wife, Jeniene, is an art teacher.

## 1977

**Renee Bernard** relocated with Johnson & Johnson to Cincinnati, Ohio, after 28 years in Albuquerque, N.M. ■ **Daniel Dromm** was elected Democratic district leader in the 39th Assembly District, Part A (Jackson Heights, Elmhurst, Corona, and Woodside in Queens). He teaches social studies at P.S. 1990 in Sunnyside, N.Y., where he also serves as the United Federation of Teachers (UFT) chapter leader. He was recently honored by the UFT for his leadership. Danny founded the Queens Lesbian and Gay Pride Committee, the largest LGBT service organization in the borough. ■ **James Masiello** works at the Northeastern Anesthesia Association. He had the opportunity to join medical teams in Bolivia, Peru, Colombia, Ecuador, and El Salvador administering anesthesia for children undergoing treatment for burns and cleft lips and palates. ■ **Edward Seift's** son, Justin, entered Elon University in fall 2005. A drummer, he is active with the marching band, jazz band, and a number of percussion ensembles. ■ **Barbara Stern** is a member of the curriculum committee of Marist's Center for Lifetime Study, and she thanks Marist for all of the support given to the center.

## 1978

**Debra Bowers Citrone** teaches second grade at Our Lady of Fatima School in Scarsdale, N.Y. She is also pursuing a master's in childhood education at Mercy College.

## 1979

**James Stella's** daughter, Lori, graduated from Marist this May and will do graduate work at Barry University in Miami on a partial scholarship.

## 1980

**Mary Ryan D'Emic** took a new position teaching kindergarten at

P.S. 222 in Brooklyn, N.Y. ■ **Maurice Lambert Jr.** took a new position as a hospice social worker at Hope Hospice of Southwest Florida. ■ **Susan Stepper-Mastroianni** became a partner in Fitzgerald & Mastroianni Advertising Inc. in Springfield, Mass., in June 2005.



## 1981

**Victoria Nurena Figueroa** celebrated 20 years of service at Marshall & Sterling Inc., in January 2006. She continues to be the lead singer of Destiny, an oldies band in the Hudson Valley. Victoria also is very involved with the Latino community, including a program that sends 40 students to school and provides two university scholarships each year in Nicaragua. ■ **Paul Jahn** led a contingent of Boy Scouts from Troop 162 of Latham, N.Y., on a nine-day backpacking trek at Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, N.M., in the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains. ■ **Lori Klein Jones** received her license as a New York State mental health counselor and started her own practice. She also began teaching educational psychology to undergrads at Marist in spring 2006. ■ **Brian McGowan** celebrated his company's 10th year in the natural food industry. He also celebrated his 20th wedding anniversary with his wife, Lori Jean. They are proud of their daughter, Chelsea, who is on the high honor roll. ■ **Mary Ellen Minze-Sparno** accepted a voluntary separation package from Merrill Lynch in December 2001 and effectively retired from the practice of law. After receiving her personal trainer certification from the American Council on Exercise, she is working at a fitness center and starting a personal training business. ■ **Rena Muckenhoupt O'Connor, Esq.**, is an attorney with Corbally, Gartland and Rappleyea LLP in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. She concentrates her practice in the areas of matrimonial law, family law, general litigation, and real estate. ■ **Timothy Scherr** returned to the Hudson Valley with his wife, Diane, who was appointed chief of the Hospital Services Department at West Point. ■ **Jim Townsend** produced the 2004 World Swimming Championships and is the producer for the Budweiser show-jumping series on the OLN Network. ■ **Dr. Brian Whalen**





As a sports writer for *Florida Today*, Ernie Arico Jr. '76, Florida alumni chapter president, had no trouble getting hold of an autographed photo of Dale Earnhardt Jr. for Marist's first lady, Marilyn Murray, who's a big fan. Ernie presented it to Marilyn during the annual Alumni & Friends Reception in Naples, Fla., in February.

was appointed the president of the Forum on Education Abroad, a global membership organization of educational institutions, consortia, agencies, and individuals who provide, direct, manage, or support education-abroad opportunities. He invites visitors to the organization's Web site, [www.forumea.org](http://www.forumea.org).

### 1983

Jeanne Ball Fox and Joseph Fox '82 announced that their daughter, Kate, signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer at Marist starting fall 2006. Kate is a three-season varsity athlete, playing soccer, basketball, and lacrosse. She also plays soccer year-round for Charles River United, a Massachusetts Division I Club team. Jeanne and Joseph are looking forward to Kate playing for the Red Foxes! ■ **John Schlegel** retired from the Cayuga County Sheriff's Office in Auburn, N.Y., after 22 years. He is now a quality control manager



Joan M. Andrek '84

at a processing plant for potatoes, onions, cabbage, and carrots. ■ **Arlene Hutnan Warmhold** and **Heinz Warmhold '84** celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in 2005.

### 1984

**Joan M. Andrek** was appointed director of marketing and communications at Mohawk Valley Community College, part of the State University of New York. ■ **Ronald Beckerle** formed BEXCAM Production Inc., a full-service broadcast video production company. ■ **John Berzal** took the position of sales manager at Prestige Toyota Hyundai in Kingston, N.Y., after 13 years as a pre-owned-automobile manager. ■ **Lori Messina** teaches seventh-grade math at Washingtonville Middle School in Washingtonville, N.Y.

### 1985

**Janet Horvat** retired from the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. after more than 36 years. While there she held various management positions. ■ **Nora Sakell Malley** is senior VP of marketing for Pablo DeJesus Sinclara Dominica Industries. ■ **Clara Stevens** opened a second car wash in Connecticut with her brother, Paul, as well as a woman's boutique in Middlebury, Conn.



### 1986

**Thomas Begg** is the founder of the Glen Rock (N.J.) Triathlon Club. He invites visitors to the club's Web site,

[www.grtri.com](http://www.grtri.com). ■ **Patricia Pagnotta Lercara** is assistant principal of Goshen High School in Goshen, N.Y. ■ **William Losey III** opened Bill Losey Retirement Solutions LLC in August 2005. ■ **Michael Masterson** is director of sales and marketing for the Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua. He has lived on the island of Maui with his wife, Veronica, for the past 11 years. ■ **Lincoln Terzian** joined KPMG LLP's Boston International Corporate Services tax practice as a partner, where he will serve multinational clients in the Northeast. He previously worked in the firm's New York City office.

### 1987

**James Bier** is a principal for the special education program for the Jefferson-Herkimer-Oneida Board of Cooperative Educational Services in Watertown, N.Y. ■ **Timothy Curry** and his family relocated to Palm Coast, Fla., where he works as the director of conference services for the Ginn Co. at its flagship resort, the Club at Ocean Hammock Beach. ■ **Frederick Dever** swims competitively with the District of Columbia Aquatics Club and was ranked nationally by U.S. Masters Swimming. He has also competed in six marathons and most recently qualified and then competed in the Boston Marathon in April 2005. Frederick is a nationally ranked triathlete and competed in the U.S. Age Group Triathlon Championships in 2004. He has been promoted to senior territory manager with Novartis Pharmaceuticals in the Neuroscience Division, based in Washington, D.C. ■ **Laurie Barraco Green** started her own business after the birth of her daughter, Grace. Green's Garden Daycare is



Lincoln Terzian '86



## MARRIAGES

**Alycia Libby** to Sean Winter, March 19, 2006

**Michelle Lopez** to Fredrick Dalton Hughes III, April 9, 2005

**Alyson Morilla** to Scott Graves, June 25, 2005

**Kathleen Petise** to Casey Woolven, June 25, 2005

### 1998

**Dolores Anderson** to Kevin Yereance, June 18, 2003

**Michele Araneo** to Michael Anderson, Aug. 19, 2005

**Danielle Battiloro** to Marc Vaphides, Nov. 5, 2005

**Tamiko Bell** to Qadir Dixon, May 10, 2003

**Jennifer Scheulen** to Richard Moss, July 22, 2005

**Bethann Stanger** to Thomas Steiner, April 23, 2005

### 1999

**Maria Frustaci** to Breffni Kennedy, Oct. 29, 2005

**Deirdre Kennedy** to Thomas Cunningham, July 9, 2005

**Kevin Lundy** to Meredith Hampson, June 25, 2005

**Colleen McCulloch** to Brian Learch, November 5, 2005

**Stacey Spina** to Steven Van Seggern, April 16, 2005

**Peter Toriello** to Gina Campadonico, Aug. 9, 2003

**Ross Wilson** to Lesia Steeh, Dec. 27, 2006

### 2000

**Erin Beebe** to Kevin Richard '98, Nov. 5, 2005

**Susan Goulet '04 MPA** to **Edward Synan '01/'06 MPA**, Nov. 19, 2005

**Raychel Grestini** to Michael Marcil, Sept. 18, 2004

**Carolyn Guido** to Donald Mellay, June 4, 2005

**Paul Jendrzeczyk** to Peggy O'Connell, Aug. 26, 2005



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## MARRIAGES

- Elizabeth Johnson** to John Shibles, April 30, 2005
- Kristyna McMahon** to Justin Acerno, Sept. 16, 2005
- Amanda Parrillo** to Brian Mark, Oct. 15, 2005
- Amanda Pike** to Ryan P. Killeen, June 4, 2005
- Karen Ponzone** to Christopher Shedd, May 5, 2005
- Jonathan Reiss** to Maritza Bella, Nov. 5, 2005
- Angelina Rosabianca** to Brian Coughlin '01, April 2, 2005
- Anne Schaudel** and Michael Gerosimo, Nov. 7, 2003
- 2001**
- Rebecca Astin** to Michael Rehm, July 1, 2006
- Matthew Crandell '04MA** to Barbara Bliven, Dec. 17, 2005
- Nancy Gates** to Jeffrey Martin, Oct. 8, 2005
- Kelly Gilligan** to Chris Banas, July 15, 2005
- Elissa Soldo** to Kyle Mostransky, Feb. 18, 2005
- Jennifer Sperry** to Oscar Santiago, May 10, 2003
- Katie Twist** to George Rowlinson, Dec. 10, 2005
- Heather Vandrilla** to Tim Tuller, Sept. 17, 2005
- Jamie Veley** to Marvin Batcher, Aug. 27, 2005
- Daniel Yannantuono** to Jennifer Lang, Dec. 30, 2005
- 2002**
- Alyssa Bob** to Rory Boice '05, July 3, 2005
- Heather Corkins** to Brian Hunt, Oct. 22, 2005
- Melissa Discount** to Matthew Pelletier, Oct. 14, 2005
- Kristin Harvey** to Charles Coppola, July 24, 2005

a New York State-licensed daycare facility for children ages 1 to 5. ■ **Michael McHale** launched his own advertising, marketing, and media consultancy in January 2006. ■ **Timothy Nelson** was named director of internal audit of ITT Industries in June 2005. ■ **Gary Smith** is regional sales manager for Teva Neuroscience.

## 1988

**Roger Ardanowski** is senior vice president of Edelman Public Relations Worldwide. He serves as group head of legal marketing, professional services, and business-to-business groups. ■ **Rocco Cocco Jr.**'s daughter, Melissa, is a Marist sophomore, majoring in fashion design and minoring in merchandising. ■ **Robert Hock** retired from IBM and enjoys working part time at Beekman Country Club as a starter and pro shop employee. ■ **Tom McGrath** resigned as a pilot for Delta Airlines in September 2005 to accept a new position in GE's Aviation unit. He is working in military systems operations, developing the F136 engine for the Joint Strike Fighter Program. ■ **Robert O'Connor Jr.** says he is still savoring his Marist educational experience, especially Helen (Gegenwarth) Hayes's cosmology course. ■ **Donald Reardon** is trading time between new company start-up IDW (Industrial Design Workshop, at www.i-d-workshop.com) and building a cabin in the mountains. ■

## 1989

**Marc Hamlin** was recently promoted to captain with the Tampa Police Department. He was put in charge of a patrol sector that encompasses Ybor City, the Port of Tampa, and downtown Tampa. ■ **Michael Kinane** was promoted to assistant to the president for advancement at SUNY College at Old Westbury. ■ **Cynthia Lemek** moved to Milwaukee, Wisc., where she started a new job as executive director of the Polish Heritage Alliance.

## 1990

**Christopher Douglas** and his wife, Susan, have a son, Erit. Chris just returned from a second tour in Iraq as a Marine Corps infantry company commander. ■ **Celeste Frasier English** completed a master's in childhood education and teaches

sixth grade at Edinburg Common School in Edinburg, N.Y. ■ **Karen Klei Foley** is managing her own law practice, concentrating in the area of adoptions. ■ **Elizabeth Enright James** started a toy business, CleverKits LLC, in January 2005. She has created four finger puppets and an accompanying interactive CD. ■ **Donna Jeannette** relocated to the Bay Area where she is director of online merchandising for Hotwire in San Francisco. She leads a team that markets and merchandises online travel. Hotwire is a subsidiary of Expedia Inc. ■ **Stacey Waite MacPhetres** was promoted to assistant vice president and district manager at JP Morgan Chase. She is responsible for management of the education finance division in New England, Pa., and N.J. ■ **Violet Mensah** is pursuing an MBA. Her daughter, Josephine, is a dental student at the University of Pennsylvania and her son, Isaac, is a 2006 graduate of Spackenkill High School in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. ■ **Lucille Budd Ogden** is the English Department coordinator at Poughkeepsie's Arlington High School, where she also directs two theatrical productions each year. In addition, she is an adjunct lecturer for Dutchess Community College in the Performing Arts Department. ■ **Kathleen Vetter** is pursuing a master's in project management at Boston University. ■ **Laura Zeppleri** is a part-time substance abuse counselor with the Commonwealth Group LLC in Manchester, Conn., where she works with multiple DWI offenders who are in the process of regaining their driver's licenses. She resides in Glastonbury, Conn., with her husband, Stephen, and their two sons, William and Joseph.



## 1991

**Jennifer Mignano** and her husband, Michael, moved to Ridgefield, Conn., with their daughter, Gabrielle, and son, Luke. ■ **Tara Parker** completed a PhD at NYU and was invited to deliver a speech this past May at NYU on behalf of the graduates. She is now a faculty member at the University of Massachusetts, Boston, and conducts research on racial/ethnic access and equity issues in higher education. She recently won a fellowship award at the Social Science Research Council to conduct a new study on the end



**Andy Lake '92** was selected to be playing captain on the 2006 U.S. Men's 35 International Tennis team. The team competed in Durban, South Africa, in April for the Italia Cup, an international competition for men 35 and older similar to the Davis Cup. The event is sponsored annually by the International Tennis Federation. Andy and his teammates finished fourth with wins over Slovenia, Russia, and Germany. Andy achieved victories in singles and doubles matches against all three countries. The American team lost to Spain and the Netherlands. Andy lost only two matches during the tournament—to the men who ended up in the singles final. Andy played in 10 national tournaments in 2005, winning seven titles and finishing second in the remaining three. He is the director of tennis at Hawk's Landing Club in Plantation, Fla.

of remedial education. ■ **Jeffrey Thibeault** and his wife, Melanie, moved from Denver to Boulder, Colo. He still works for Maui Jim Sunglasses.

## 1992

**Thomas Badura** is a software engineer with Apelon Inc. in Ridgefield, Conn. ■ **Hilary Simon Britton** is an associate broker with Windermere Real Estate in Bellevue, Wash. ■ **Brent Caster** and his wife, Mary, are running the New Windsor Deli, where they do off-premise catering events. They have three children, Jackie, Joseph, and Jenna. ■ **Kimberly Conk** works as a massage therapist training athletes at all levels, including several NFL players. She accredits her interest in sports to her swimming career at Marist. ■ **Laura Ulbrandt DiPierro** was promoted to assistant vice president of Leucadia National Corp. in May 2005. ■ **Michael Feeney** was promoted to senior vice president, corporate communications, at A&E Television Networks. He oversees external and internal communications and works closely with the company's domestic networks public relations departments. He also oversees the network's corporate events department. ■



The flag denotes classes that celebrated reunions in 2006



**Christopher Jones** was promoted to assistant vice president of loan appraisal for the World Savings Bank in Parsippany, N.J. He and his wife, Kristine Kickenweitz Jones '94, reside in Basking Ridge, N.J., with their daughter, Katie, and their son, Matthew. ■ **Paul Molinari** received a master's in business administration from Northeastern University. He is a partner and vice president of marketing for Clinical Technology Advisors Inc. in Boston, Mass. ■ **Jennifer Moloy McGurk** is a New York State-licensed real estate salesperson with Prudential Appleseed Realty, in addition to running her own title search company. She has two sons, LJ and Timmy. ■ **Stephen Popper**, in partnership with Willis, an international commercial insurance broker, began building a corporate retirement consulting practice in October 2005. He has been traveling around New York and New England meeting with companies to help them design employee benefit programs. ■ **Daria Banas Raehse** is a full-time mother, staying home with her two daughters, Breana and Caitlyn, and enjoying every moment. ■ **Jennifer**

**Johannessen Van Keuren** received her master's degree in information science from SUNY Albany. She currently works as a media specialist at East Shore Middle School in Millford, Conn. ■ **Kevin Weigand** is a health teacher at Mariner Middle School in Cape Coval, Fla.

### 1993

**Russell Caputo** works at MTV Networks as a music and media licensing coordinator in New York City. He also is the lead singer of a popular local band called the Newborn Kings. Russell resides in Rahway, N.J. ■ **Lori Ann Christman** received the Assistant County Attorney's Award of the Year from the nomination committee of the Belknap County Commissioners Office and the state of New Hampshire. She is a practicing assistant county attorney in Belknap County, N.H. ■ **Kelly Cammer Cleary** was promoted to senior vice president of Healthy Directions LLC in Potomac, Md. She has been there for more than nine years. ■ **Denis Clifford** works as an associate in Equity Derivatives at Bank of America Securities. He and his

wife, Debra, have three children, Dermot, Mary Grace, and Conor, and reside in Millburn, N.J. ■ **Teresa Sorrentino Dezio** was nominated for an Emmy Award for Outstanding Service Show for the Martha Stewart daytime talk show *Martha*. As a producer for the "how-to" show, she is responsible for producing celebrities, craft, gardening, and food segments. ■ **Harry DiAdamo** was promoted to client executive with Webster Insurance in Meriden, Conn. ■ **Jennifer Ubert Eraca** teaches third grade in Somers, N.Y., and resides in Pleasant Valley with her husband, Greg, and their three children, Jake, Jillian, and Mallory. ■ **Pedro L. Figueroa** is vice president at E.D. & F. Man Sugar Inc., one of the world's largest agro-commodity trading conglomerates. His responsibilities cover international sugar trading in the Americas but primarily in Puerto Rico under the company's local subsidiary. He is responsible for the entire import, packing, and distribution operation of sugar on the island, which gives him the opportunity to interact with people at the uppermost levels of commerce and government there. ■

**The Boys of B-4** Fifteen friends who lived in Townhouse B-4 at Marist back in the late 1980s are still close friends. The "Boys of B-4" and their families got together in July. Pictured are, left to right: standing: Mike Nolan, Luke Palermo, Todd Jesaitis holding son Jack, John Polidoro holding daughter Madison, Rick Hankey holding daughter Mia, Joe O'Brien, Sean Noble, JR Morrissey, Grant Hettrick, Bob Palermo, Mike Daly holding son Ben, John Miller, Chris Gagliano, Steve Harris holding daughter Bridget; seated, second row: MacKenzie Harris, Emma Hankey, Kimberly Noble, Tess Gagliano, Connor Harris, Bella Gagliano holding Violet Gagliano, Sam Miller, Jack Morrissey, Julia Palermo; seated, first row: Samantha Harris, Ricky Hankey, Lily Gagliano, Joie Morrissey, Jack Miller, Dean Palermo, Nathaniel Hettrick, and Madeline Hettrick.



## MARRIAGES

**Kerrie Mendez** to Joseph DeAntonio, Dec. 31, 2005

**Shana Sandroff** to George Martinez, Aug. 27, 2005

**Julie Tesoro** to Nathan Shook, Oct. 8, 2005

### 2003

**Stacey Miller** to Kenneth Mulready, April 2005

**Carrie Simko** to Adam Frazita, May 20, 2005

**Michelle Slesinski** to Aaron Wolff, Sept. 17, 2005

**Amanda Swift** to Greg Mitchell, Oct. 15, 2005

### 2004

**Robin Burdick** to Timothy Commerford, March 19, 2005

**Heather Connor** to Adam Weidner, July 3, 2004

**Pia Rose De Nisco** to Jesse Paul Kelly, Oct. 1, 2005

**Carrie Dow** to Chris Gebbie, July 23, 2005

**Nicole Foran** to Ryan Scanlon '03, April 16, 2005

**Folami Husamudeen** to Keyon Young, Aug. 21, 2004

**Shelby Outwater** to Carmine Curcio, June 2005

**Stephanie Pendulik** to Charles Edwards Jr. '03, March 26, 2006

**Kylie Streck** to Ralph Bianco, July 16, 2005

### 2005

**Leslie Giffin** to John Egiziano Jr., Sept. 25, 2004



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## NEW ARRIVALS

### 1966

Lois and **Walter Behrman Jr.**, a grandson, Michael Vincent Monaghan, Sept. 25, 2005

Helen and **Michael Ward**, a grandson, Casey Lewis Ward, Jan. 17, 2006

Mary Ann and **James O. Wright**, a granddaughter, Erin Marie Hunter, March 27, 2006

### 1967

**Robert Mathews**, a grandson, Belen Sanchez Mathews, Dec. 1, 2005

Palma and **Dennis Mega**, a grandson, Maddox Natole Mega, April 15, 2005

### 1968

Marie and **Peter Passero**, a grandson, Michael Purring, September 2005

### 1973

Eileen and **Harold Troutman Jr.**, a granddaughter, Caroline Elisabeth Troutman, Aug. 12, 2005

### 1974

**Patricia Luzon** and **Vincent Begley '70**, a granddaughter, Jillian Brianna Devine

### 1982

Margie and **Geoff Aldrich**, twin daughters, Vivian and Olivia, adopted from China

### 1986

Heidi and **Peter Colaizzo**, a son, James, Oct. 6, 2005

Eileen and **Scott Dammers**, a daughter, Kaylee Natalia, adopted from Russia

**Catherine Gilio** and John Rooney, a son, Liam Patrick, Aug. 23, 2005

**Susan Lecki** and Joseph Gural, a son, Nicholas Michael, Dec. 21, 2004

Kimberly and **Michael Murphy**, a son, Shane, May 29, 2000

### 1987

**Marydale Dolezal** and Michael Leonard, a son, Thomas Dale, May 3, 2006

### 1988

**Doreen Heath** and James Clifford III, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, May 31, 2005

**Elizabeth Saunders** and John Dencker, a daughter, Jaclyn, and a son, Christian, March 17, 2005

**Stuart Gallagher** finished a deployment in Afghanistan commanding a detachment and returned to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he commanded a company with Special Operations. He outprocessed the Army in October 2005 and is setting up a financial planning practice. ■ **Christine Rowan-Hudson** has a three-year-old son, Rowan Jameson Hudson. She teaches ESOL in Miami, Fla., and received a master's in TESOL from Florida International University. ■ **Maria Giovanna Licari** is a producer for the ABC News program *Good Morning America*. ■ **Jeannine Marron Nixdorf** is a researcher at the Violence and Injury Prevention Program of Saint Francis Hospital in Connecticut. She is also a certified child passenger safety technician. Jeannine and her husband, Thomas, reside in Cromwell, Conn. ■ **Rev. Mary Mroczka** received her PhD in ergonomics and cognitive psychology on Dec. 14, 2005, from North Carolina State University. ■ **Tom Mulryan** is a sales executive for SAXOTECH Integrated Mediaware. ■ **Julie Dumont Rabinowitz** is working part time at Northeast Health Services, an outpatient mental health clinic. She has two children and resides in Walpole, Mass. ■ **Valerie Gajdzis Reyher** and her husband, Matthew, moved to Southbury, Conn., in August 2005. ■ **Stephen Romeo** was

## New Book Features Paul X. Rinn '68

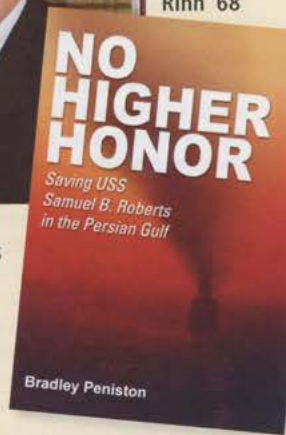
Paul X. Rinn '68 is the central figure in *No Higher Honor*, a new book released by the Naval Institute Press.

The book chronicles the operations of the USS Samuel B. Roberts, a small warship, from its inaugural deployment through the day in April 1988 when, in the Persian Gulf at the height of the Iran-Iraq War, it struck a naval mine. The explosion ripped open the engineroom, ignited fires on four decks, and plunged the ship into darkness. With seawater rising around their boots, the crew, under Captain Rinn's leadership, fought flames and flooding into the night. The ship's tale of bravery and cool competence has become part of Navy lore. The book's author, Bradley Peniston, is managing editor of *Defense News*.

Paul is vice president for management consulting at international consulting firm Whitney Bradley & Brown in Vienna, Va. His daughter, Kirstin Rinn LeTellier, is a 1994 Marist graduate.



Paul X. Rinn '68



selected to be a member of the first U.S. National Ski Mountaineering Team and represented the U.S. in the World Ski Mountaineering Championships in Italy this past winter. Steve's mountain adventures have been featured in *Couloir* and *Backcountry* magazines. ■ **Marc Spitzner** joined the Fidelity Management and Research Co. (Fidelity Investments) as a project consultant

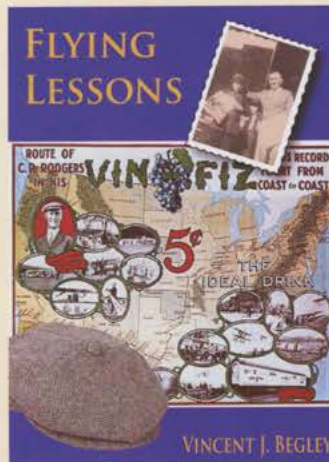
in November 2005. ■ **John-Takashi Suzuki** and his wife, Lisa, were finalists in Great American Country TV's Ultimate Country Wedding Contest. They were one of four couples drawn from thousands of applications but did not win. They moved to John's hometown of Forest Hills, N.Y., where Lisa works for the New York City Fire Department in its Counseling Services Unit. John



## ALUMNI AUTHORS

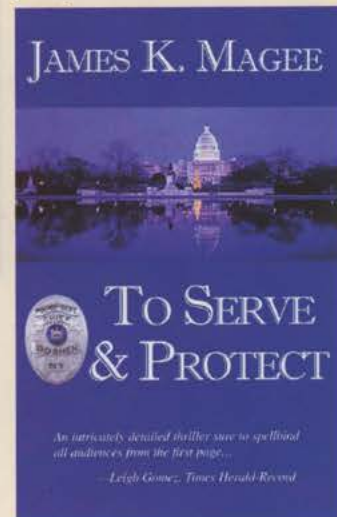
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**Kim Knox Beckius '90's** fourth book, *Backroads of New York*, is scheduled for publication in spring 2007 by Voyageur Press.



**Vincent Begley '70** completed his sixth book, *Flying Lessons*, a historical novel for young people. Scheduled for publication by TeachNology, it tells the story of the flight of the Vin Fiz, piloted by Calbraith Perry Rodgers who, in 1911, became the first aviator to fly across the United States. Vince was recently contracted to write the history of a prominent Orange County, N.Y., family.

**James Magee '95's** book, *To Serve and Protect*, was released by Keene Publishers in May 2006. It concerns a small-town police chief caught in a political conspiracy. James invites visitors to his Web site at [www.jkmgage.com](http://www.jkmgage.com).

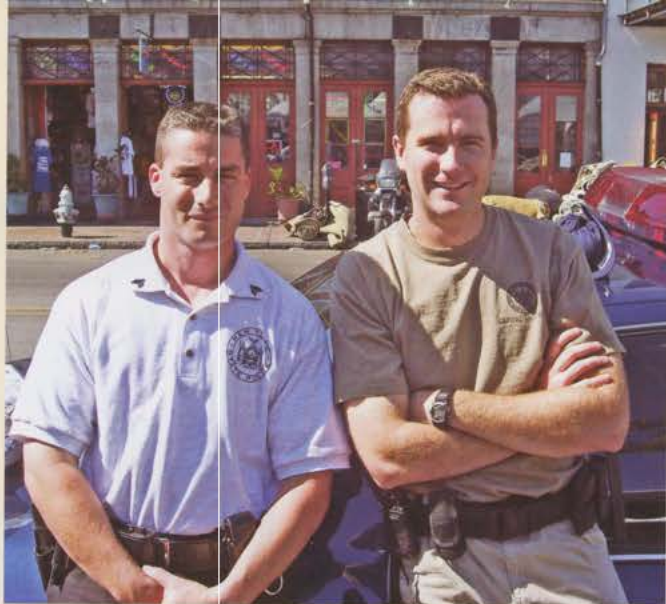




works as a sales manager for DIC International in Teaneck, N.J.

### 1994

**Jeffrey Barker** is an inspector for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and resides in Lincoln, R.I. ■ **Elizabeth Bellis** left the professional sports field, after seven years of working with the New Jersey Nets, to pursue her interest in working with children. She graduated from William Paterson University with a master's in science in communication disorders. She is a speech therapist at the Lake Drive School for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children in Mountain Lakes, N.J. ■ **Jennifer Caron Brady** took a new job as traffic manager for Summit Media Radio, KJUL/KDOX. ■ **Kathryn Link Jensen** works at Albertus Magnus College for its New Dimensions degree completion program. ■ **Thomas Kirwan** was promoted to managing director of the Pharmaceutical Healthcare Division of the New York Times Media Group in January 2006. ■ **Kirsten Rinn LeTellier** works at Whitney Bradley & Brown Inc., a contracting firm with the Department of Defense, as the corporate security manager with Homeland Security. ■ **Elizabeth Keenan Meyers** and her husband, Steve, bought a new home in May 2005 and reside with their two sons, Nolan and



**Sgt. Joseph Malorgio '96 (left) and Patrick Brennan '95 are good friends who both studied criminal justice at Marist and went into law enforcement, Pat with the U.S. Marshals and Joe with the New York State Police. Both went to New Orleans (above) to assist after Hurricane Katrina devastated the city.**

Clay. ■ **Matthew Muro** continues to promote his online dating Web site, [www.lifeknot.com](http://www.lifeknot.com), and is running his first advertising campaign on the Boston, Mass., subway. ■ **Michele Bafuma Puzanchera** took a position as a market analyst with Pressley Ridge in its new Department of Customer Relations in Pittsburgh, Pa.

### 1995

**Tara Dixon Brennan** teaches third grade in the Hauppauge (N.Y.)

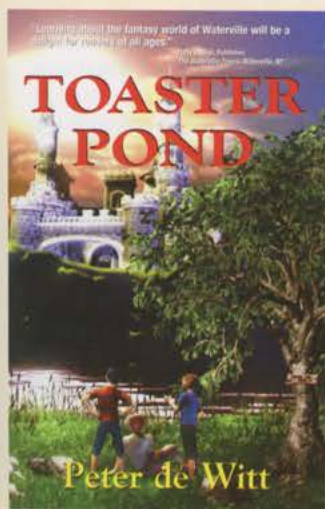
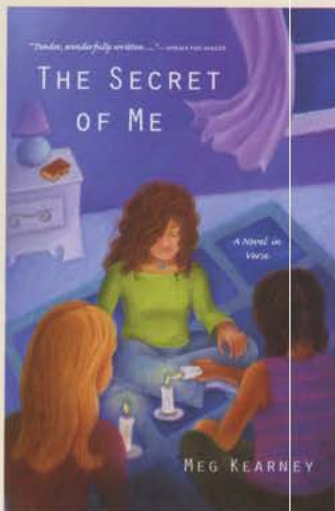
School District. Her husband, Colm Brennan, is a firefighter in New York City. They reside in West Islip, N.Y., with their son, Aidan. ■ **Marla Colletti-Huber** is pursuing a registered nurse degree. ■ **Matthew Gillis** is married to Sandra J. Varga and is director of business and finance for Carver Public Schools in Carver, Mass. ■ **Matthew Latvis** was appointed principal of Haviland Middle School in Hyde Park, N.Y. He and his wife, Karina, have two children, Dasha and Matthew. They built a house in Red Hook, N.Y. ■ **Victoria Perotti** was elected town councilwoman of Amenia, N.Y., for a four-year term that began in January 2006. ■ **Robin Diller Torres** is director of first-year programs and leadership development at Marist. She also is an adjunct lecturer in psychology at Marist. She is licensed by New York State as a mental health counselor.



### 1996

**Todd Coulson** has worked at Haley Productions in Media, Pa., for five years. He invites visitors to the company's Web site at [www.haley-pro.com](http://www.haley-pro.com). ■ **Kristin Wengert Daly** completed a master's in education from Lesley University. ■ **Raul De La Rosa** was promoted to local sales manager of Univision 65 (WVUP-TV) and Telefutera (WFLA-CA). Univision Communications Inc. is the premier Spanish-language broadcast television network in the United States. ■ **Mary DeLara-Gamory** teaches first grade for

**Margaret "Meg" Kearney '86's** second book, a novel-in-verse for teens, was published in December 2005 by Persea Books. It's titled *The Secret of Me*. She invites visitors to her Web site at [www.megkearney.com](http://www.megkearney.com).



**Peter de Witt '00MA's** children's book *Toaster Pond* has been published by DNA Press. He invites visitors to his Web site at [www.toasterpond.com](http://www.toasterpond.com).



## NEW ARRIVALS

Deborah and **James Selby**, adopted two daughters, Catherine and Mary

**Rebecca Vernon** and Michael Bellora, a son, Dominick Michael, June 30, 2004

### 1989

**Linda Minnear** and **Anthony Cozzi**, a son, Alexander John, Oct. 11, 2005

**Karen O'Connor** and Sean Asay, a daughter, Brenna Lynne, June 23, 2004

Linda and **Michael Pelrine**, a son, Ryan Michael, Nov. 25, 2005

Elisabeth and **Matthew Whalen**, a daughter, Reilly, Jan. 3, 2005

### 1990

Maura and **John Alexanian**, a son, Peter, Sept. 24, 2003

**Tracy Aronson** and Patrick Gibbons, a daughter, Rebecca Lili, Oct. 2, 2005

**Karen Daly** and Sergio Amoedo, a daughter, Alexis Dilyn, Oct. 17, 2005

**Darlene Eirish** and Ken Schofield, a son, Jason Matthew, Sept. 28, 2005

**Jennifer O'Hearn** and Scott Winn, a daughter, Catherine, June 2004

### 1991

**Paula Amendola** and John Sekinski, a son, Jake Dillon, Oct. 18, 2005

**Aimee Asaro** and **Kenneth O'Connor '93**, a daughter, Leigha Rose, Aug. 26, 2005

**Suzanne Jelinek** and Jerry Nies, a daughter, Ava Anne, Feb. 9, 2006

**Voula Kakalettris** and Lars Hyman, a daughter, Kristina Lucia, Feb. 13, 2005

**Deirdre O'Connell** and Declan O'Keefe, a daughter, Orla Margaret, July 9, 2005

**Linda Tracy** and Scott Geiger, a daughter Natalia Lynn, Nov. 22, 2000, and a son, Liam Patrick, Oct. 7, 2005

**Michelle Walsh** and Steven Conrad, a son, Daniel, November 2005

### 1992

**Pamela Andrews** and Sergio DeNichilo, a daughter, Lucia, July 25, 2005

**Patricia Coffey** and Kenneth Fischer, a son, Brian Nicholas, Aug. 15, 2005



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## NEW ARRIVALS

**Suzanne Engles** and Tom Dolan, a daughter, Brenna Patricia, Aug. 25, 2005

Connie and **Kevin Francis**, a daughter, Gabriella Mae, Dec. 14, 2006

**Maura Leddy** and Derek Bradley, a son, Will Harry, March 22, 2005

**Christine Martorana** and Peter McCann, a daughter, Amy Elizabeth, July 21, 2005

**Jennifer Riat** and Stephen Kerrigan, a son, Jack Michael, Jan. 25, 2006

**Hilary Simon** and Jason Britton, a son, Matthew Steven, June 10, 2005

**Mary Sisson** and Jeffrey Delmar, a son, Hunter Benecke, June 15, 2005

Denise and **Matthew Thomson**, a daughter, Rebecca Marie, Oct. 6, 2005

Carrie and **Gary Wilson**, a son, Caeden Gary, July 9, 2005

## 1993

**Elisa Cannizzo** and Patrick Kinsman, a son, Holden Patrick, May 9, 2005

**Lisa Chmielewski** and David Bell, twins, a daughter, Lauren Olivia, and a son, Andrew Carey, March 15, 2006

Debra and **Dennis Clifford**, a son, Conor Andrew, Jan. 4, 2006

**Meridith Daniel** and Thomas Prowse, twin daughters, Abigail Rose and Rebecca Mary, Oct. 26, 2005

**Kelley Day** and **Frank Macaluso**, a son, Daniel James, Dec. 25, 2005

**Kathleen Henn** and Greg Reidy, a daughter, Jamie Kathleen, Nov. 17, 2005

**Virginia Kosuda** and Peter Franco, a son, Matthew Peter, Jan. 15, 2006

**Susan Lewis** and **Stephen Domizio**, a son, Timothy Stephen, Aug. 4, 2005

Jill and **Tom Mulryan**, a daughter, Laura Elizabeth, Nov. 26, 2005

**Jennifer O'Donovan** and Keith McDonnell, a son, Owen Michael, March 14, 2005

**Leanne Rafferty** and Trinidad Gonzalez, a son, Nicolas, April 11, 2005

**Jennifer Ubert** and Greg Eraca, a daughter, Mallory, Jan. 7, 2005

the New York City Department of Education in the Bronx, N.Y. ■ **Beth Dooley-Canfield** accepted a new position as a school psychologist in the Brick Township (N.J.) public school system. She services autistic children in the district. ■ **Shannan Fales** is the owner of Junction, a boutique in Washington, D.C., where she has lived for the past nine years. Featured in *Lucky* magazine, it specializes in vintage clothing for men and women as well as items by local independent designers. ■ **Pasquale Ferrante** retired from Merrill Lynch. He earned an MPA from Marist in May 2006. ■ **Katherine Gallagher** and **Leonard Stripeikis** have moved to Allendale, N.J., with their three sons.

■ **Jennifer Gomez** was promoted to manager of document repository at the business intelligence software company Information Builders. ■ **Dina Wehren Keleher** is a school counselor at Timothy Edwards Middle School in South Windsor, Conn. ■ **Dennis E. Rau Jr.** transferred from Atlanta, Ga., to Latham, N.Y., where he is a deportation officer and senior firearms instructor for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the primary investigative arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. ■ **Sandra Zeller Strebel** is president and founder of the Boulder Valley Woman's Club, a nonprofit organization dedicated to women's and children's issues. ■ **Kevin Sullivan** was promoted to production coordinator for ESPN in New York City. ■ **Brandon Tierney** is co-host of *The Steven A. Smith Show*, which airs noon to 2 p.m. weekdays, and host of the Knicks pre-/post- half-time show, both on 1050 ESPN Radio. Brandon is also part of the St. John's University basketball broadcast team and is an ESPN and ESPN2 TV contributor.

## 1997

**Jennifer Hoover Bonnano** started her own video production company, Connect the Dots Productions LLC, in June 2005. She is a video producer, director, and writer. Her clients include local production companies and Foxwoods Resort Casino. In addition, Jenny is working as coordinating producer for another production company, SimonPure Productions in Conn., on a documentary called *Working the Land* which was to premier in September 2006. ■ **Amy Hoey** is



Alumni attending a Metro New York chapter event at Coppersmith's in New York City this spring included (left to right) Erin Burke '03, Sarah Beamish '02, Allison Kaiser '03, Kristina Haff '03, and Jolene Zupnik '03. Owned by Marist alumnus Liam Hayden '99, Coppersmith's ([www.coppersmithsbar.com](http://www.coppersmithsbar.com)) is on 9th Avenue (at 53rd Street) in Manhattan.

athletic director at the Institute of Notre Dame High School in Baltimore, Md., where she is also head coach of varsity lacrosse, crew, and cross country. She took her lacrosse team to England for cross-continent matches where they won six out of seven games. Amy also plays lacrosse for the teams Bacharach Rasin and Westside. ■ **Kristen Koehler** was named executive director of development at Caldwell College in Caldwell, N.J. ■ **Eric Mandeville** completed his master's in educational leadership and principal licensure from Adams State College in Alamosa, Colo. ■ **Alyson Morilla** and **Scott Graves** were recently married and live in Brooklyn, N.Y. Alyson works as a senior designer for Ann Taylor Loft and Scott is the Head of A&R at V2/Virgin Records. ■ **Nicholas Roseto Jr.** '97MPA, the disbursing officer for the Library of Congress, was appointed to a two-year term as a citizen member of the Calvert County (Md.) Employees' Retirement Savings Plan board of trustees. ■ **Heather Haynes Vocke** teaches sixth grade in West Hartford, Conn.

## 1998

**Betsy Liddycoat Graham** was promoted to assistant director of public affairs for the New York State Thruway Authority in Albany, N.Y. She resides in Waterford, N.Y., with her husband, Greg, and their son, Ryan. ■ **Sandra Hattar** bought a new house and teaches in New York's Greece Central School District. ■ **Adrienne Janetti** spent

four months in 2005 working in Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom as a Department of Defense civilian. ■ **Frank Maduri** embarked on a new career path as a pharmaceutical sales representative with Boehringer Ingelheim Pharmaceuticals, working as a part of a sales team in Red Bank, N.J. ■ **Stephanie Mercurio** moved from NYC to Florida, where she teaches at Montessori Tides School and loves living on the beach. ■ **Robin Peet** '05MBA, Christopher Rawls, and their daughter, Maya, moved into a new house this past spring. ■ **Jennifer Scheulen Moss** teaches sixth grade and coaches track at Cavallini Middle School in Upper Saddle River, N.J. ■ **Bethann Stanger Steiner** was promoted to director of legislative affairs in the Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs.

## 1999

**Russell Boedecker, CMA, FFM**, was named manager of financial reporting and analysis at Corillan Corp., an Internet banking software firm in Hillsboro, Ore. He also published a paper, "God, Government and Masonry" in the summer/fall 2005 issue of the journal *The Plumblin*. ■ **Rachel Oswald Craparo** received a master's in professional studies in humanistic/multicultural education from SUNY New Paltz in December 2005. ■ **Sgt. Kenneth Gerrish** is deploying to Afghanistan for the third time. ■ **Edward Kenyon** graduated from the New York Police Academy and is now a police officer in the midtown South



Precinct in New York City. He also ran his fourth NYC marathon this past November to a personal best of 3:28:41. This year, he hopes to represent the New York City Police Department in the marathon. ■ **Amanda Liles** was named the 2005 4th Quarter Star Performer at KENS 5-TV in San Antonio, Texas. She is a board member of the local chapter of American Women in Radio and Television.

## 2000

**Debra Alfano** received a master's in education from Lehman College in January 2006. ■ **Janeen Van Beesel Allmendinger** received a master's degree as a reading specialist from Montclair State University in May 2005. She teaches second grade at Mount Way School in Morris Plains, N.J. ■ **Angelina Rosabianca Coughlin** is a special education teacher in Conn. Her husband, Brian Coughlin '01, is a mortgage originator with Franklin Mortgage in Cheshire, Conn. ■ **Patrick Damore** is a top-ten regional sales associate for Raymour & Flanigan in Brookfield, Conn. He also has an eBay business under the user ID Pandjsoddities. ■ **Anne Schaudel Gerosimo** is pursuing a bachelor's in nursing science, inspired by a successful battle with cancer. She was previously a marketing execu-

tive. ■ **Raychel Marcil Grestini** lives in her hometown of Cohoes, N.Y., with her husband, Mike, and their first child, Julia Grace. ■ **Jason Harty** was hired in February 2006 as area marketing manager of the Northeast for Glaceau Vitaminwater. ■ **Amanda Pike Killeen** is a paralegal at George, DeGregorio, Massimiano & McCarthy PC, specializing in residential and commercial real estate. ■ **Aisha Wright Kutter** and **James Kutter '99** founded an IT consulting firm in 2004. They invite visitors to the company's Website at [www.kuttergroup.com](http://www.kuttergroup.com). ■ **Lorraine Millen** continues to work for IBM as a global commodity manager in Tucson, Ariz. She resides in Vail, Ariz., with her husband, Garrett, their son, Hudson, and their daughter, Montana. ■ **Chelsea Ferrigno Patriss** and **Joseph Patriss '99** bought their first home in Gardner, Mass. ■ **John Ragozzine** is an advertising sales coordinator for *Brew Your Own* and *Winemaker* magazines in Manchester, Vt. ■ **Christopher Shedd** was named account executive at Canon Business Solutions in New York City. ■ **Jennifer Simmons** became the library director at the Pawling Free Library in February 2006. ■ **Erin Smith** is a design producer at the Grow Network/McGraw-Hill in New York City. ■ **Leah Scalese**

**Travers** is teaching in Aden, Yemen, through an English language teaching fellowship funded by the U. S. State Department. ■ **Charles Williams '04MA** has been the assistant men's and women's track coach at Marist for the last six years. During this time, his athletes have set more than 60 school records. In addition, many have won MAAC Championships in their respective events. He also teaches at Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls, N.Y.



## 2001

**Rebecca Astin** is a special education teacher at the Foundation School in Milford, Conn. ■ **Laura Barnes Bleakley** was recognized with a distinguished sales award for three consecutive quarters by the Island Packet newspaper on Hilton Head Island, S.C., where she has worked for more than two years as an outside sales representative. Laura was also named Employee of the Year 2005. She has lived on Hilton Head for three years with her husband, Michael. ■ **Megan Bruno** received a master's in educational leadership from New Jersey City University in May 2005. She is teaching and coaching cross country and track and field at Sayreville War Memorial High School in Sayreville, N.J. ■ **Michael Coviello** is pursuing a master's in public history at SUNY Albany and interned at the New York State Museum during spring 2006. ■ **Vanessa McKee Donovan** teaches fifth grade in Rocky Hill, Conn. ■ **Leah Duggan** teaches seventh- and eighth-grade Spanish at Parker Middle School in Reading, Mass. ■ **James Infranca** received a master's in liberal arts studies and teaches at Garden City High School in Long Island, N.Y. ■ **Michelle Migliazza** was promoted to proposal manager at TQ3 Navigant in Stamford, Conn. ■ **Marybeth Post Rivera** and her husband, Cesar, celebrated five years of marriage in June 2006. She also celebrated five years of teaching in the Clayton County Public School District in Riverdale, Ga. ■ **Julie Rubinstein** left her job at MSNBC for the opportunity to work at the 2006 Winter Olympics in Torino. She worked as an ice hockey graphics production assistant for the live games. She writes that she sometimes worked three games a day and that it was



## NEW ARRIVALS

### 1994

- Lindsay and **Jeffrey Barker**, twin daughters, Ava Grace and Abigail Samantha, Nov. 4, 2005
- Diann Caruso** and Jeff Nicholson, twin daughters, Hailey and Taylor, Dec. 8, 2005
- Susan Fitzgerald** and Mark Buffaline, a daughter, Meghan, May 8, 2005
- Ami and **Michael Gearing**, a daughter, Megan Elizabeth, Feb. 7, 2006
- Beth Keenan** and Stephen Meyers, a son, Clay Everett, April 27, 2006
- Ann Kucipeck** and Bradley Ricker, a daughter, Tess Bradley, May 25, 2005
- AnneMarie O'Connor** and **Paul Rudolph '93**, a daughter, Bridget Ann, Jan. 10, 2005
- Eileen O'Reilly** and Sean McGinnis, a son, Matthew Peter, June 6, 2005
- Catherine and **Scott Russell**, a daughter, Olivia Marie, Feb. 6, 2006
- Deborah Schnarr** and Christopher McKeough, a daughter, Molly Ruth, May 22, 2006
- Sarah and **Jeffrey Schanz '99M**, a daughter, Abigail Sarah, Nov. 13, 2005
- Colleen Talbot** and **Scott Jaques '95**, a son, Connor Julien, March 17, 2006
- Stephanie and **Jeremy Thode**, a daughter, Hannah Deborah, April 1, 2006
- ### 1995
- Jessica Adelman** and Brian Kogut, twins, a daughter, Emily Grace, and a son, Nicholas James, May 20, 2005
- Amy Anderson** and Lucas D'Amico, a son, Lucas Jordan, Sept. 19, 2005
- Pamela Conlon** and **Joseph Saitta '93**, a daughter, Alycen Mari, Nov. 18, 2005
- Melissa D'Angelo** and Mark Galvin, a daughter, Lauren Tara, Feb. 21, 2005
- Tara Dixon** and **Colm Brennan**, a son, Aidan, Jan. 20, 2005
- Sheryl and **Edward Gilhooly**, a son, Thomas James, May 24, 2005
- Cathleen Kosiewicz** and Anthony Morzello, a daughter, Ashleigh Elizabeth, Dec. 6, 2005
- Marissa Love** and James Parisi, a son, Henry James, Jan. 23, 2006



Thirty-three Marist alumni and guests gathered at the Hilton Hawaiian Village in Honolulu, Hawaii, this past winter for a reception. Almost all are employed by the Hawaii Department of Education (DOE), and almost all graduated from Marist's Psychology-Childhood/Special Education program. Since 1995, when Marist professor Jim Dodd brought recruiters from the Hawaii DOE to the campus, the number of Marist graduates relocating to this tropical oasis has grown; anywhere from five to 20 Marist graduates sign on with the Hawaii DOE each year.



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## NEW ARRIVALS

- Kathleen and **Sean Murphy**, a daughter Shannon Elizabeth, Dec. 13, 2004
- Kathleen Nealon** and Michael Palmer, a son, Justin Michael, Nov. 2, 2005
- Carol Paldino** and Christopher Guerrette, a son, Gabriel, Aug. 4, 2004
- Sandy Palladino** and Thomas Nafey, twins, a son, Liam, and a daughter, Kaleigh, June 29, 2003
- Julie Philippon** and Neil Pade, a son, Charles Joseph, Nov. 4, 2005
- Alissa Renzulli** and **Steven Parrett '94**, a son, Steven James Jr., Aug. 11, 2004
- Jaime Reyman** and Matthew Krueger, a son, Adam Michael, March 4, 2006
- Kimberly and **Andrew Witkowski Jr.**, a daughter, Victoria Rose, May 1, 2001, and a daughter, Erin Marie, Sept. 20, 2004
- Theresa Zimba** and Harold James Flockhart, a son, James Valentine, March 17, 2004, and a son, Ryan Harrison, May 6, 2005
- 1996**
- Alexis Bequary** and Todd Bennet, a son, Jackson Ryan, July 7, 2005
- Robin Bradley** and **Christopher Schubert '97**, a daughter, Kristen Annmarie, July 14, 2005
- Amy Chiappetta** and Dominic Antonacci, a son, Jonathan Michael, June 18, 2005
- Lori Drugan** and Juan Valdez, a daughter, Thalia Ashlyn, Sept. 30, 2005
- Christine Dube** and Robert Mathers, a son, Melvin Albert, March 15, 2006
- Gillian and **Tom Farrell**, a daughter, Caroline Margaret, August 2004
- Katherine Gallagher** and **Leonard Stripeikis**, a son, Shane, Aug. 24, 2005
- Christine Guerci** and **Zoran Milojevic**, a daughter, Isabella Rose, Feb. 10, 2006
- Susan Gullotta** and **James McCarthy**, a son, William, Sept. 7, 2005
- Amy and **Mark Jeary**, a son, Moses Charles, Dec. 22, 2004
- Meredith Kennedy** and **Bryan Andrews**, a son, Brennan Richard, March 4, 2005
- Lynn Lessenger** and **Shannon Alpert**, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, April 20, 2006

an experience she will never forget. ■ **Christina Schwab** is currently a buyer for a retail chain craft store. She resides in Hackensack, N.J. ■ **Jaime Tomeo-Sumersille** received a Folio Award from the Fair Media Council in April 2006. The Folio Awards honor excellence in local news coverage by recognizing well-told stories that are relevant to the community. ■ **Lisa Tai** bought her first apartment in August 2005. She works for Gucci. ■ **Kyle Wood** is in his second year at Brewster High School as a social studies teacher. He is also pursuing a master's in instructional technology at Western Connecticut State University.

## 2002

**Benjamin Brenkert**, a Jesuit novice from the New York Province of the Society of Jesus, worked in New Orleans from mid-February to early April helping to gut homes devastated by hurricanes Katrina and Rita. He and two other Jesuit novices worked with the Archdiocese of New Orleans through a Catholic Charities program called Operation Helping Hands. As site supervisors, they completed 23 homes with additional volunteers from across the United States. ■ **Jamie Calandro** is the Fine Arts Department chairperson at Bishop McGann-Mercy High School in Riverhead, N.Y. She has taught music, public speaking, and film study for three years. ■ **David Chong** was sworn in as Mount Vernon's police commissioner on May 26, 2006, and is believed to be the first Asian-American to lead a large metropolitan police department in the United States. He has earned more than 100 awards and medals from the New York City Police Department and served as deputy commissioner of public safety for the city of White Plains until his retirement from that position in February. ■ **Eric Deabill** continues to work as a producer/reporter for WYOU-TV in Scranton, Pa. ■ **Pat Driscoll** finished 22nd overall out of 37,000 starters and 53rd in his age group with a time of 2:47:48 in the New York City Marathon in November. Pat was part of several record-setting Marist track and cross country teams during his time at Marist. ■ **Matthew Hall** is in his first year of medical school at New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. ■ **Justin McNally** works full time as a con-



Mark Duffy '04

struction assistant for Habitat for Humanity in Winston-Salem, N.C. ■ **Laurie Nash** is pursuing a PhD in clinical psychology at Ferkauf Graduate School of Psychology in the Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University. She works at the Nathan Kline Institute in Orangeburg, N.Y. ■ **Edward Nini** is a market development manager

for Treadways Corp. in East Norriton, Pa. ■ **Susan Safer** teaches kindergarten in New York City and is attending Brooklyn College for a master's in education, specializing in elementary mathematics. ■ **Jennifer Simon** graduated from Saint Rose with an MS in education in December 2005. She has worked in downtown Albany as a substance abuse counselor since November 2005. ■ **Jennifer Stewart** founded the New England College of Optometry Vision Club and was part of a medical team who did visual evaluations on the N.Y. Knicks in September 2005.

## 2003

**Tiernan Applegate** received a master's in political science with a concentration in political theory from Fordham University in May. She is working for a nonprofit hospice in grants and community education. ■ **Laura Connolly** is pursuing an MBA through Marist's online program. ■ **Andrew Cox** is

The environmental organization Scenic Hudson ([www.scenichudson.org](http://www.scenichudson.org)) honored **Janielle Mahan '04** (center), **Alex Bea '04** (left), and **Kate Daymon '04** as "Hudson Valley Heroes" for their documentary *Taking Back the Hudson*. The film, which promotes a cleanup of Hudson River PCBs, was shown at Upstate Films in Rhinebeck and at Marist this spring. Hudson Valley Heroes are Scenic Hudson members recognized for inspiring others to help create a beautiful Hudson River and environmentally and economically vibrant riverfront communities.







**Pedro L. Figueroa '93 (left) with the governor of Puerto Rico, the Hon. Anibal Acevedo Vila.**

pursuing a master's in cell/developmental biology at Villanova University. ■ **Erica Deninger** received a master's from Mercy College. She is in her fourth year of teaching at Arlington High School in LaGrangeville, N.Y., where she has received tenure. ■ **Arika Garcia** is pursuing a master's in pharmaceutical sciences concentrating in forensic DNA and serology through the University of Florida's online program. ■ **Timothy Hardiman** works as a deputy inspector with the New York City Police Department. He resides in Massapequa, N.Y., with his wife, Kathleen, and their three daughters, Elizabeth, Clare, and Catherine. ■ **Lauren Illuzzi** is in her final year at Quinnipiac University School of Law. ■ **Brian Kelly** received a master's in history from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in May 2005. He is working in the Hudson Valley for Ben Shuldiner's congressional campaign. ■ **Jeffrey Kuznekoff** received a master's in communication from Illinois State University in May 2005. He is a research associate at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. ■ **John Letteney '03MPA** credits his master's from Marist with helping him attain a new position with the Town of Southern Pines, N.C., as chief of police. ■ **Stacey Miller Mulready** married and became an associate analyst for AC Nielsen in Wilton, Conn. ■ **Katherine Nee** is pursuing a master's at Hofstra University in ESL teaching. She works at the Greek American Institute in Bronx, N.Y. ■ **Vito Pagano** is ranked No. 5 in the Northeast with the Bank of America.

He works in Merchant Services as executive officer. ■ **Anna-Katherine Schmalz** is pursuing two master's degrees at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. She is studying to be a teacher of English to speakers of other languages and studying international development



**Rachael Fantauzzi '05** spent the past year in South Korea fulfilling her Fulbright grant. In the fall of 2005, she lived in Daejeon with a host family and taught conversational English at Gwanjeo Middle School. She then lived in Yeosu with another host family and taught English at Jinnam Girls Middle School. At the same time she volunteered at Samhaewon Orphanage and helped set up a fund-raising network in America for the orphanage. During her year abroad, she also traveled to Japan and Hong Kong, and across South Korea. She learned to play the gayagum, a traditional Korean folk instrument, studied Korean, took sewing and cooking lessons, and participated regularly in Korean yoga and hip-hop dance classes. Above, Rachael (back row, center) and some of her students at Jinnam Girls Middle School give a sign that in Korea stands for kimchi, the spicy, hot pickled radish that is a staple in the Korean diet.

with a focus on gender issues.

## 2004

**Kathryn Altenburg** has been a human resources representative at Wegmans Food Markets in Manalapan, N.J., for two years. Wegmans is No. 2 on Fortune's 2006 "100 Best Companies to Work For" list. ■ **Dave Arthurs** is a production technician in Cablevision's Local Programming Department. ■ **Pamela Bellemare** received a master's in organizational and corporate communication from Emerson College in 2005. ■ **Kylie Streck Bianco** is an associate technical designer for Calvin Klein Underwear in New York City. ■ **Mary Brosius** is still director of planning for the Town of Ridgefield (Conn.). ■ **Faith Carlson** participated in the Florence, Italy, study abroad program in the fall 2002 semester while she was a student at Marist. She went back in 2004 with other Marist alumni and plans another trip in upcoming months. ■ **Michael Constantine** is an analyst in human resources at Compensa-



## NEW ARRIVALS

**Courtney Loeser** and **Joseph Zarzycki**, a daughter, Sarah Elizabeth, March 9, 2005

**Jeanne-Marie Mendler** and Eugene Pavlik, a son, Evan James, Jan. 21, 2005

Katy and **Bob Moyer**, a son, Mason Joseph, May 25, 2005

**Meghan O'Neill** and Andrew Currier, a daughter, Catrina Avery, May 11, 2005

**Cylinda Rickert** and Matthew Areno, a son, Frederick Matthew, Sept. 25, 2005

**Jennifer Trainor** and **Bradley Auleta**, a son, Jack Patrick, June 12, 2005

**Dina Wehren** and Edward Keleher, a son, James Edward, March 2, 2006

**Kristen Wengert** and Terence Daly, a son, Fineus Brendan, Jan. 1, 2006

### 1997

Karen and **Joseph Callahan**, a son, Ezekiel Jerome

**Kathleen Conway** and Nathan Hoak, a son, John Patrick, Oct. 15, 2004

Bree and **Michael Corbett**, twins, a son, Gavin, and a daughter, Lorelai, July 11, 2005

**Michele Cosentino** and Gino Labruzzo, a daughter, Nicoletta Mia, Oct. 27, 2005

**Deborah Debortolis** and Bradley Johnson, a daughter, Lillian Sophia, Dec. 20, 2005

**Bernadette Goebel** and Marcel Cekuta, a son, Ethan Kristopher, June 16, 2005

**Karisa Jankowski** and Greg Ancona, a son, Gregory Michael Ancona Jr., March 31, 2006

**Tracey Kupp** and Eric Chasse, a daughter, Kira Lynn, Feb. 8, 2006

**Gina McLaughlin** and Allen Grant, a son, Kyle Mickey, May 19, 2005

**Jennifer Palmatier** and Matthew Harrington, a daughter, Makenzie Grace, March 17, 2005

**Jo-Ann Piezzo** and J. Patrick Holmes, a son, Jack Thomas, May 2, 2005

**Kristin Richard** and Fred Aguilera, a son, Daniel Alexander Josue, Oct. 14, 2004

**Stephanie Rizzuti** and Scott Dunn, a daughter, Ava, Jan. 30, 2006

**Tara Sullivan** and Patrick Fitzpatrick, a daughter, Meghan Catherine, Nov. 22, 2005



# Alumni news



## NEW ARRIVALS

**Denise Tomassetti** and John Lasker, a daughter, Emma Nicole, July 5, 2005

Tracy and **Adam Towne**, a daughter, Rebecca Grace, July 25, 2005

**Kelly Walsh** and **John Day '96**, a son, Ryan John, July 25, 2005

Becci and **Chris Webb '97**, a daughter, Acadia Elizabeth, April 13, 2006

## 1998

**JoAnne Adamo** and **Jonathan Gorham**, a daughter, Emma Grace, March 26, 2005

Amie and **Michael Blanchette**, twins, a son Noah Michael, and a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, Aug. 17, 2005

**Lisa Casavant** and **David Hartman**, a daughter, Kaitlyn Ann, April 26, 2005

**Denise D'Angelo** and David Alterio, a son, Griffin Anthony, Oct. 29, 2005

Danielle and **Daniel Henn**, a daughter, Grace Eileen, March 18, 2006

**Katherine Jowdy** and Angelo Rushforth, a son, Owen Matthew, Nov. 5, 2005

Heather and **Jeffrey Keene**, a daughter, Victoria Hazel, Feb. 12, 2005

**Betsy Lidycot** and Greg Graham, a son, Ryan, Feb. 13, 2005

**Robin Peet '05MBA** and **Christopher Rawls '97**, a daughter, Maya Barbara, April 1, 2006

**Mimma Tripodi** and Scott Bartholdi, a daughter, Giuliana, July 14, 2005

**Christine Winter** and **Brian Silver**, a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, April 1, 2006

## 1999

Ellen and **Shaughn Duffy**, a daughter, Raina Elise, March 17, 2006

**Corry Durdovic** and **James Devin**, a son, Ryan James, Jan. 6, 2006

**Kimberly Miller** and **Richard Melinsky**, a daughter, Sarah Ashley, March 2005

**Lee Ann Rusk** and **Ryan Whitehead**, a daughter, Hailey Olivia, May 24, 2005

**Camelia Sturza** and Shane Colgan, a daughter, Karina James, Jan. 11, 2004, and a son, Layne Florin, May 15, 2005

**Lindsay White** and Matthew St. Lucia, a son, Colin James, Feb. 10, 2006

tion Resources Inc. in Saddle River, N.J. ■ **Kirk Dornton** teaches earth science at Arlington High School in the Arlington School District in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. ■ **Mark Duffy** was appointed account coordinator at the marketing communications firm Media Logic in Albany, N.Y. He is pursuing an MBA at the College of Saint Rose. ■ **Aaron Frechette** was named Sunday editor of *The Call* in Woonsocket, R.I. He was promoted from editor of *The Coventry Courier*, a weekly newspaper in Coventry, R.I. Aaron was also previously an editor for Taconic Press in Millbrook, N.Y. ■ **Shannon Keller** recently became a real estate agent and is interested in helping Marist alumni find a new home in New York City. For information, email Shannon at shannon.keller@kurlandrealty.com. ■ **Rajiv Khurana '04MBA** recently retired from the New York City Police Department at the rank of captain after more than 20 years of service. ■ **Bridget Maroney** was promoted to head of U.S. event sales for Institutional Investor PLC and its subsidiary, Information Management Network, in New York City. ■ **Shelby Outwater-Curcio** is a personnel assistant for the Wappingers (N.Y.) Central School District. She resides in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., with her husband, Carmine, and son, Jordan. ■ **Christin Palombo** is pursuing a PhD in chemistry at Penn State University. She was a nominee for the John Lowe Teaching Assistant Award for excellence as a teaching assistant in chemistry. She was one of the 2005 winners of the Dan H. Waugh Memorial Teaching Award, given to graduate students in the Chemistry Department at Penn State. She received the award after teaching General Chemistry I and II as well as General Chemistry Lab I and II. She also won first place in the Multi-Scale Modeling and Computing Division at Penn State's Second Annual Computation Day for her work "Fundamentals of Ejection Mechanisms in Atmospheric Mass Spectrometry." In her free time, she runs a Mary Kay Cosmetics business. She began as an independent beauty consultant on May 4, 2004, and earned her first promotion to senior consultant on May 11, 2006. ■ After graduating from Marist, **John Powers** spent the next two years in Bristol, Conn., working as a graphics operator for ESPN. Responsibilities included

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the design, development, and on-air playout of graphics for live television. He started on ESPNEWS and quickly became a regular on *SportsCenter*, *NBA Coast to Coast*, *NFL Live*, and *Baseball Tonight*. He received a 2004 national Emmy Award for his work on *SportsCenter*. After hearing about the start of SNY (Sportsnet New York), he decided it was a good chance to return to his home state. He now lives in Queens, N.Y., and serves the graphics department of SNY, located in Rockefeller Plaza in NYC. ■ **Jacqueline Ranaldo** is pursuing a master's in education at CUNY Queens College. ■ **Nicole Foran Scanlon** and **Ryan Scanlon '03** reside in Middletown, Conn. Ryan works at Twin Oaks Software in Berlin, Conn., and Nicole works at Safeco Insurance in New Britain, Conn. ■ **Lauren Selke** has been working as a merchandise coordinator for the Danbury Christmas Tree Shops for two years. ■ **Patricia Tarantello**, a second-year graduate student at Fordham University, presented a paper on Edith Wharton at the International Association for the Fantastic in the Arts Conference in Florida in March 2006. ■ **Rebecca Truax** is pursuing a master's in education at SUNY Albany.

## 2005

**Julie Barnofski** was accepted to the Master of Fine Arts program at the University of North Texas. She begins coursework in photography in fall 2006. ■ **Matt Bender** and **Torey Pirolo '05** won the 2005 World "Class B" Championship in 12.3 Balkline Billiards, defeating **Taylor Twist '05** and **Patrick Huban '06**. ■ **Jennifer Capasso** works for HSBC Bank in New York City. ■ **Diana Clark** has been

pursuing a master's in social work at Columbia University. ■ **Lindsay Colford** is now an administrative assistant at the Coors Brewing Co. in Edison, N.J. She had been temping there since November 2005. ■ **Ricky Cusano** works in the Marist Athletics Department and is also an assistant coach for the Marist men's soccer team. He is pursuing an MBA at Marist. ■ **April Davis '95MPA** was to leave the U.S. Army in June 2006 and move back to the United States after five years of living overseas in Germany and Belgium. ■ **Christina Dias** is the administrative coordinator for the Harvard Foundation at Harvard University. She is pursuing a master's with a concentration in government at Harvard. ■ **Stephen Dietrich** has worked in Geico's Claims Department since July 2005, following a two-week journey to South Africa with the Marist Abroad Program after graduation. ■ **Jessica Donnelly** is an account executive at Kwitken

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- Frances M. Griffin '72
- John E. "Jack" Shay '72
- June Diamond '74
- Eileen Hallenback McCue '85
- Henry R. Boice '92M
- Albertis Moore Whitaker Jr. '68
- Patricia Wood '04MPA

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- Sherwood Thomas '08

& Co. LLC in New York City. She earned a master's in organizational communication and leadership at Marist in May 2006. ■ **Matthew Dunning** joined the *Mariner* staff as a reporter covering Hanover and Norwell, Mass. ■ **Suzanne Havelka** teaches seventh-grade Spanish in the Pawling (N.Y.) Central School District and is pursuing a master's in ESL. She traveled to Germany

during summer 2006. ■ **Nick Kesicke** works at a hedge fund in Greenwich, Conn. ■ **Amy McHugh** is pursuing a Master of Arts in international communications at Macquarie University in Sydney, Australia. ■ **Kevin McLean** accepted a position at Citigroup's Corporate and Investment Bank in commodity derivatives. ■ **John O'Fallon** lives in Fairfield, Conn., where he works for the Somerset Group, a small firm that specializes in the placement of executives in the field of market research. ■ **Everett Reiss** works for Applied Systems Technology, where she creates software manuals. She invites visitors to the company's Web site at [www.astusa.com](http://www.astusa.com). ■ **Heather Ripp** coaches lacrosse at the Casterton School, a boarding school in Lancashire, England. She also teaches physical education part time. ■ **Christina Rotondi** moved from Albany, N.Y., to Denver, Colo., to see what it would be like to live

in a different part of the country. She is a marketing coordinator for Nelnet, the same company for which she interned in summer 2003 in Portland, Maine. She writes that she loves the Colorado lifestyle thus far. ■ **Christine See** was promoted to manager in Account Services at Sprint Nextel in January 2006. ■ **Jacqueline Stasiuk** teaches sixth-grade English in Chatham, N.J. ■ **Carissa Swanson** is attending the Southern California College of Optometry. ■ **Scott Sullivan** purchased a new house.

**2006**

**Ben Castor** was selected in the Major Indoor Soccer League college draft by the Philadelphia Kixx. ■ **Kara Langan '06BA/MA** writes that her younger sister, Kristen, will carry on the family tradition and attend Marist, becoming a member of the Class of 2010. ■



Kellie L. Cunningham (left) and Louis Paul Ortiz III received the Marist College Alumni Association's 2006 Alumni Leadership Award at the College's baccalaureate ceremony in May. Each year the association recognizes two seniors for outstanding leadership and contributions to the campus community. Recipients are nominated and elected by alumni employed at Marist.

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**NEW ARRIVALS**

**Audrey White** and Michael Wood, a daughter, Emilie Grace, Aug. 21, 2005

**2000**

**Debra Alfano** and Derrek Turner, a daughter, Seneca Patricia, Aug. 30, 2005

**Alicia Gabriel** and **Daniel Rice**, a son, Gabriel Adam, March 30, 2006

**Manjari Gangwar** and **Koustubh Warty**, a daughter, Niharika, July 10, 2005

**Christine Garvin** and Anthony Diambrosio, twin sons, Christopher Hughes and Harrison Allan, Nov. 18, 2005

**Raychel Grestini** and Michael Marcil, a daughter, Julia Grace, Nov. 13, 2005

**Lorraine Millen** and Garret Millen, a son, Hudson Joseph, March 20, 2005

**Megan Moore** and **Daniel Boyd**, a daughter, Madison Elizabeth, Jan. 28, 2005

**Sara Pitz** and **Kaare Numme**, a daughter, Emma Mae, Dec. 24, 2005

**Melissa Ranslow** and Jason Beland, a daughter, Elizabeth Nicole, May 31, 2005

**Stacy Scott** and James Cason, a son, Christian, July 8, 2005

**Helen Stahlin** and **Graig Corveleyn '01**, a son, Jonah Francois, April 25, 2006

**Aisha Wright** and **James Kutter '99**, a son, Harrison, Aug. 27, 2005

**Katherine Wright** and **James Hunter**, a daughter, Erin Marie, March 27, 2006

**2001**

**Stefanie Cutler** and Paul Hession, a son, Patrick Joseph, July 24, 2005

Megan and **Brendan Licata**, a daughter, Brigid Katherine, Oct. 18, 2005

**Jennifer Sperry** and Oscar Santiago, a daughter, Lourdes Joli, Jan. 23, 2005

Jennifer and **Daniel Yannantuono**, a daughter, Gianna Maria, Oct. 9, 2005

**2004**

**Folami Husamudeen** and Keyon Young, a son, Aamir, Nov. 1, 2005

**2005**

Jennifer and **Harold Stone Jr.**, a son, Gavin, April 14, 2005

**Lesley Jaycox**, a daughter, Karadyn Alexis, April 3, 2004



In 2002 a group of Marist students received the Stephen A. Smith Award for the Top Student Group Paper in the Nation for the second straight year from the Lambda Pi Eta division of the National Communication Association. Below, the winning students (left to right), Jeffrey Kuznekoff '03, Margaret Quinlan '03, Sean Condon '02, and Kristin Frye '02, display the award, accompanied by Dr. Daniel Cochece Davis (far left), assistant professor in communication. Two of the students, Jeffrey Kuznekoff and Kristin Frye, were also authors of the paper that received the same award in 2001.



### Learning Through Undergraduate Research continued from page 19

In addition to venues off-campus, Marist provides an opportunity for all undergraduates to showcase their intellectual achievements on campus. The Celebration of Undergraduate Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity (CURSCA) began in spring 2002 with 19 presentations. After a one-year hiatus, CURSCA returned in 2004, and for each of the past three years it has featured about 40 presentations. Held in the Student Center during the Wednesday student activity period when no classes are scheduled, the site and the time combine to provide substantial exposure for these young researchers to their peers and to faculty members. CURSCA 2006 was the first year in which student presenters from all six of Marist's undergraduate schools participated, and the CURSCA committee, with representation from all six schools, continues to look for ways to make the event larger and more inclusive.

Involvement in meaningful and productive undergraduate research takes a lot of time, for both the student and the faculty mentor, but almost any student who has the right motivation and curiosity should be able to fit research into his or her schedule. Take, for example, biology major **Steve Hicks '05**. Steve transferred to Marist after his sophomore year at another institution where he had not majored in biology. His goal was to complete a biology major and all the prerequisites for medical school in two years. He also was a member of Marist's varsity cross-country team. He found the time to work with Dr. Zofia Gagnon on a variety of research projects that culminated in a summer 2005 trip to Vienna, Austria, where he presented his work on heavy metal tolerance in Sphagnum mosses as well as an article published in the *Journal of Environmental Science and Health* with Dr. Gagnon and medical laboratory sci-

ences professor Catherine Newkirk.

Similarly, chemistry major **Alyson Fiorillo '04** captained the women's water polo team, co-authored an article in the *Journal of Physical Chemistry* with chemistry faculty member Dr. John Galbraith, conducted biochemistry research with Dr. Woolridge, and was invited by the Merck Corp. to present her findings at the annual meeting of American Association for the Advancement of Science in Seattle—all during her senior year.

Their undergraduate research experiences, and the fact that they both published their original intellectual contribution, helped them gain admission to prestigious doctoral programs. Steve is beginning a joint MD-PhD program at SUNY Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse this fall, and Alyson has completed the second year of a PhD program in biochemistry at Northwestern University School of Medicine.

The involvement of science undergraduates in research has grown steadily since 1998, when very few students presented at conferences. Each of the past four years has seen at least 20 presentations by science students at

### How is Undergraduate Research Supported at Marist?

#### Internal:

- Faculty research and development grants
- Fellowship grants for undergraduate research
- School and departmental funds for student stipends, supplies, and travel

#### External:

- Grants and contracts to individual faculty members (e.g., NASA, NSF, NIH, Research Corp., Merck)
- Grants to individual students (e.g., Polgar Fellowships from the Hudson River Foundation)

external venues, and other schools at Marist have shown similar increases. Marist's School of Science was recognized in 2003 with a three-year, \$60,000 grant from the Merck/AAAS Undergraduate Science Research Program that funded interdisciplinary student-faculty research for three summers on the topic "Biological and Chemical Interactions of Cadmium in the Hudson River." This fall, the School of Science is submitting a grant proposal to obtain a second Merck award that would provide opportunities for students to conduct similar research over a three-year period starting in summer 2007.

In addition to programmatic awards such as the Merck grant, individual science faculty members at Marist have obtained competitive grants to support undergraduate research at Marist from NASA, the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Research Corp. And psychology faculty member Dr. Dingman has won grants from the National Institutes of Health to support her neuroscience research and that of her students.

Even with outside support from grants, not all Marist undergraduates who wish to do research can be accommodated on campus due to stretched resources, a constraint faced by many small colleges. The NSF and other public and private sources of funding therefore provide competitive grants that enable larger institutions to invite students (and occasionally faculty) from smaller colleges to conduct research during the summers. During summer 2006, for example, biochemistry major **Lauren Jackson '08** conducted environmental chemistry research at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in Maryland, and chemistry major **Jeremy Madden '07** was selected for an NSF-funded project at the University of Hawaii. Marist students have been members of research teams at Princeton, UCLA, University of Washington-Seattle, Penn State, and Georgia Tech, to name just a few.

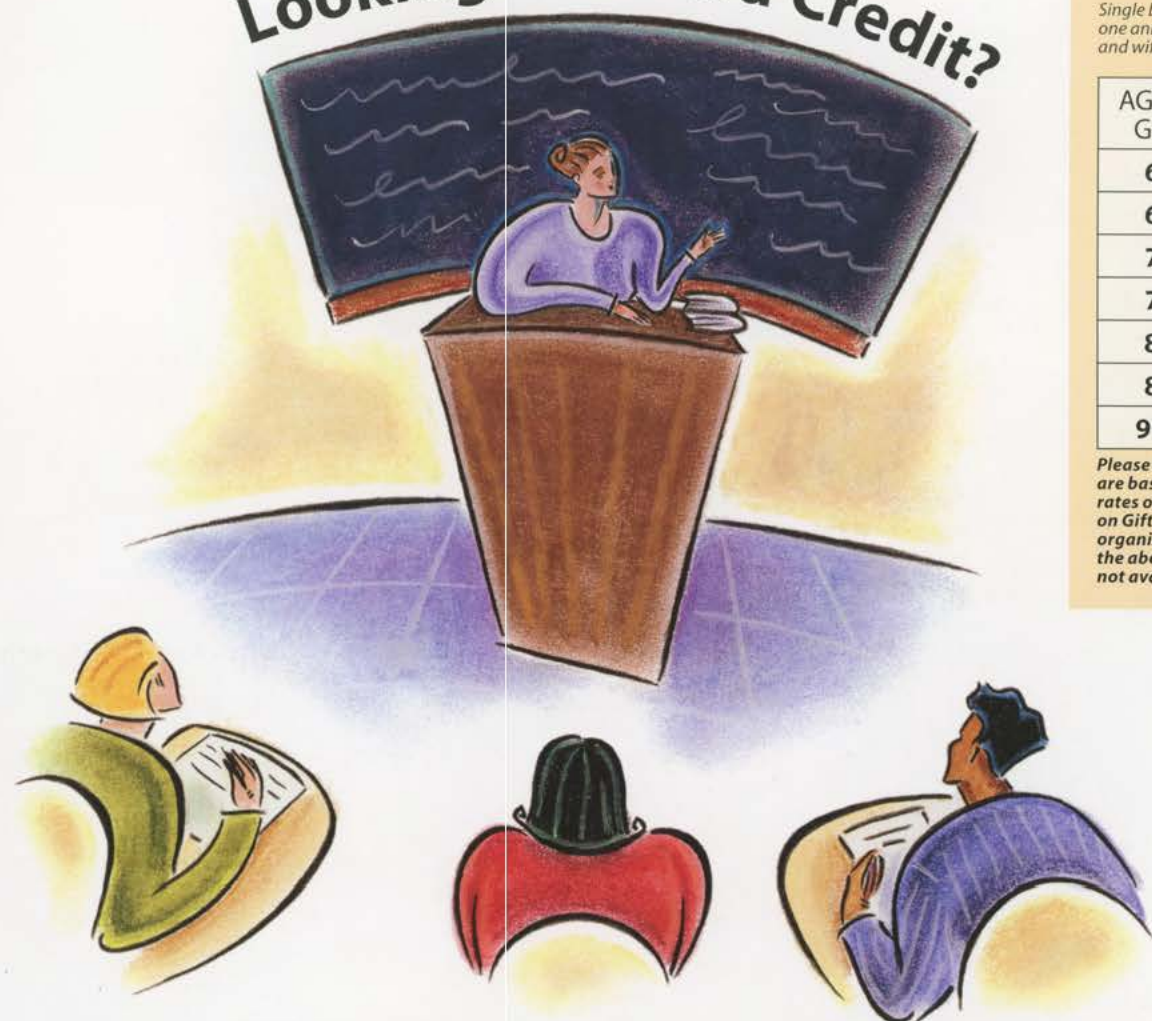
Faculty mentors across the entire campus play a critical role in guiding the work of these young scholars, whether they present on-campus, off-campus, or not at all. These faculty members are extending their teaching beyond the classroom to the laboratory, the library, the environment, the real world, and the studio. Faculty and administrative commitment to undergraduate research not only reflects recognition of its value for students, faculty, and the institution, but also is consistent with the College's mission to "help develop the intellect and character required for enlightened, ethical, and productive lives in the global community of the 21st century."

Michelle Wojtaszek says she found her undergraduate research experience indispensable. "There is no substitute for working closely with a mentor on real-world projects." ■

*Dr. Michael Tannenbaum is dean of the School of Science at Marist and during 2005-06 served as president of the Council on Undergraduate Research, a national organization dedicated to supporting and promoting high-quality undergraduate student-faculty collaborative research and scholarship.*



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## Look into a Charitable Gift Annuity.

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How does a Charitable Gift Annuity work? Upon your donation of cash and/or securities to Marist for this purpose, the College creates a contract (backed by the assets of the institution) to provide you and/or a loved one fixed annual

payments for life based on a permanent payout rate applied to the amount of the gift. The payout rate is determined by the annuitant's age at the time of the gift. Upon death, remaining proceeds will be added to Marist's endowment or used in a way designated by the donor to benefit the College.

For further information that can be shared with your financial advisor, please contact: **Shaileen Kopec, Senior Development Officer for Planned Giving, 845-575-3468, shaileen.kopec@marist.edu** or return the response form below.

- Please send the brochure, **Giving Through Gift Annuities**, and a listing of Marist's Charitable Gift Annuity rates (beginning at age 60) and illustrations of tax benefits.
- Please send information about how to include Marist in my estate plans.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class\* \_\_\_\_\_

\* CGAs are not restricted to alumni of Marist

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