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### Marist Partners with FDR Library to Expand Access to Archives

**M**ARIST recently teamed up with the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum, National Archives, and IBM to provide public access to important historical documents and photographs.

In December 2013, at a public ceremony at the library's Henry A. Wallace Center in Hyde Park, NY, the library launched FRANKLIN, a virtual research room and digital repository that provides free and open access to the library's digitized collections. The new Web-based repository of digitized material can be accessed at the library's Web site, hosted by Marist at [www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu](http://www.fdrlibrary.marist.edu).

FRANKLIN launched with 350,000 pages of archival documents and 2,000 historical photographs, along with many detailed descriptions of archival collections not yet digitized. Users can search the digital collections by keyword or browse lists of digitized archival folders in a virtual research-room environment. Documents include Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's New Deal and wartime correspondence with world leaders, government administrators, and everyday Americans. Photographs include public-domain images of the Roosevelts throughout their respective lifetimes, as well as subject areas like the Great Depression, New Deal, and World War II.



Franklin D. Roosevelt and Eleanor Roosevelt leave the train after returning to Washington, DC, from Hyde Park, NY, in 1935.

The library and its parent agency, the National Archives, worked with nonprofit partner the Roosevelt Institute to digitize a large amount of microfilmed archival documents. Marist then developed and implemented FRANKLIN's underlying database infrastructure based on the Archon platform. Marist runs the system using powerful servers manufactured by IBM. ■

### Marist Habitat Chapter Honored



Several current and former officers of Marist Habitat for Humanity accepted the Outstanding Collegiate Philanthropy Award on Nov. 15, National Philanthropy Day, from the Association of Fundraising Professionals' Mid-Hudson Valley chapter. From left to right are Melissa Suppe '15, Gabrielle Gordon '16, Molly Crowe '14, Thomas Plowinske '15, Kerry McInty '15, and Caitlin Kelly '15.

**T**HE MARIST COLLEGE CHAPTER of Habitat for Humanity is honored recently by the Association of Fundraising Professionals. On Nov. 15, the AFP's Mid-Hudson Valley chapter presented Marist Habitat for Humanity with the Friends of Green Chimneys Outstanding Collegiate Philanthropy Award.

In its citation, AFP noted "Marist College Habitat for Humanity is a student-run club with more than 300 members who participate in local builds about once a month with Habitat for Humanity of Dutchess County and Greater Newburgh to help families have a decent, safe, and affordable home to come to each night. They also hold multiple events on campus, such as Relay for Life, St. Jude Up 'Til Dawn, and the fifth annual cardboard recycling project in which 3,570 pounds of cardboard was recycled on Marist Move-In Day."

Marist Habitat for Humanity completed 12 builds in 2013: six with Habitat Dutchess and six with Habitat of Greater Newburgh. They also had two builds in Breezy Point, NY, with a total of 60 volunteers to help those affected by Superstorm Sandy.

For three years in a row, club members have spent their Spring Break traveling to other states to help a Habitat for Humanity affiliate. In March 2013, 27 members completed their third Colleague Challenge, a week-long build of three houses in various stages with Arkansas Valley Habitat. ■



### Students, Staff Join Annual Effort to Ease Hunger

Some 800 students, staff, and faculty participated in the annual Hunger Walk on the Marist campus in November. Entrance fees went to agencies that feed the hungry in the Hudson River Valley. Following a campus-wide food drive, red boxes of food were delivered to Dutchess Outreach.

## School of Management Dean Appointed

**L**AWRENCE G. SINGLETON, PhD, CPA, has been appointed dean of Marist College's School of Management.

Singleton comes to Marist after 29 years with the George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he held a number of leadership positions. Most recently he served as associate dean, responsible for all aspects of School of Business undergraduate programs.

He is a recipient of the George Washington Award, the university's highest, in recognition of exceptional contributions. He has received numerous teaching awards and was recognized by the Society for Human Resource Management on numerous occasions as one of its Annual Conference Top Ten Speakers.

Singleton has held numerous academic and professional positions. He served as president of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Accounting Association,

secretary/treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Human Resource Certification Institute and as a member of its Executive and HR committees. He worked in the audit and national SEC practice groups of Ernst & Young LLP's Washington office and was a visiting professor at Grenoble Ecole de Management in France and Peking University in China. He has also served as a consultant

to organizations including Cisco Systems, Inc., Harley-Davidson Motor Co., NASDAQ, the National Investor Relations Institute, the National Geographic Society, the Public Relations Society of America, Raytheon, Roche, Siemens Corp., the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the World Bank.

He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Beta Gamma Sigma, Beta Alpha Psi, the American Accounting Association, the National Investor Relations Institute, and the Society for Human Resource Management.

Singleton received PhD, MS, and BS degrees in accounting from Louisiana State University. ■



Lawrence G. Singleton, PhD, CPA, has been appointed dean of Marist College's School of Management.



Marist's new dining hall opened in fall 2013. The space was designed by Robert A.M. Stern Architects, whose namesake is dean of the Yale School of Architecture, as part of a project encompassing renovation of the Student Center and construction of an adjacent multipurpose building that houses the Music Department. Watch for more coverage of the new building and renovations in the next issue of Marist magazine.



## Giving Tree Helps 28 Families

**T**HIS PAST DECEMBER, 902 gifts—including 24 bicycles—were distributed to area families in need through Marist's Giving Tree project. Students, faculty, and staff fulfilled the Christmas wishes of 28 families, including 94 children, via lists provided by seven area service agencies. Over the past 10 years, the Marist College community has donated almost 14,500 gifts through the Giving Tree program. ■

Bikes for 24 children



## (IN BRIEF)

Seven Marist faculty members achieved Professor Emeritus/Emerita status this past fall. **Dr. Donald Anderson** became Professor Emeritus of English; **Dr. Anne Botsford**, Professor Emerita of Social Work; **Dr. Jurgis Brakas**, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy; **J. James Fahey**, Professor Emeritus of Communication; **Helen Hayes**, Professor Emerita of Computer Science; **Dr. Bruce Luske**, Professor Emeritus of Sociology; and **Jerry White**, Professor Emeritus of History. The Marist College Board of Trustees approved the appointments at its November meeting. In addition, **Catherine Newkirk** was promoted to Professor of Medical Technology.

**Marist launched its first-ever MOOC**, or massive open online course, "Introduction to Enterprise Computing," this past summer. The free course, which ran July 8 through Aug. 30, enrolled more than 500 students from 15 countries on five continents. The instructor was **Angelo F. Corridori**, director of large systems education in Marist's School of Computer Science and Mathematics.

The Marist Board of Trustees presented its 2013 Distinguished Teaching Award to Associate Professor of Chemistry **Jocelyn Nadeau**.



Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty **Thomas Wermuth** (left) presented the Marist Board of Trustees 2013 Distinguished Teaching Award to Associate Professor of Chemistry **Jocelyn Nadeau**.

**Bryan Keller '16**, a computer science major from Burlington, VT, was one of three students worldwide to win an Apple Design Award. Keller created an app as part of his application for a student scholarship to attend Apple's 2013 Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco. "Hundreds of students stepped up to the challenge with creative, well-written apps that truly impressed us," says an Apple announcement describing the three awardees. "These scholarship winners represent the strongest submissions we received." ■



Genesis Abreu is the 10th Marist student since 2004 to receive the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

### Genesis Abreu '15 Wins Gilman Scholarship

**G**ENESIS ABREU '15 of New York, NY, was awarded a prestigious Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship that supported her studies during fall 2013 in Costa Rica.

Abreu is the 10th Marist student since 2004 to receive the Gilman award. Gilman Scholarship recipients are chosen by a competitive selection process and must use the award to defray eligible study abroad costs including program tuition, room and board, books, local transportation, insurance, and airfare. The congressionally funded program is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the U.S. Department of State and is administered by the Institute of International Education.

The goal of the Gilman is to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go. The Gilman Program awards more than 2,300 scholarships annually. In 10 years it has received more than 31,000 applications

and awarded more than 8,800 scholarships to students enrolled in nearly 950 U.S. institutions.

The Gilman has made a number of things possible, Abreu says. "To me, the Gilman Scholarship means opportunity: the opportunity to be the first in my family to study abroad, the opportunity to give back to my community, and the opportunity to experience a future full of possibilities."

After graduation from Marist, she hopes to work in Latin America. "I have come to realize the deep connection that lies between developing nations and the environment," says Abreu, who is majoring in environmental science with a concentration in policy, and in political science with a concentration in public affairs. "As these countries strive for economic growth, the natural environment suffers. I want to help developing nations in Latin America adopt practices focused on sustainability." ■

### Journalist Stuart Varney Meets with Students

**V**ETERAN BUSINESS JOURNALIST STUART Varney shared his thoughts on the worlds of business and journalism with Marist students this past October.

Varney, whose daughter, Rachel, attends Marist, spoke to students in journalism, broadcasting, and finance as well as student callers for the Marist Institute for Public Opinion.

Varney is host of Fox Business Network's *Varney & Co* and a business contributor and substitute host for Fox News Channel's *Your World with Neil Cavuto*. He joined Fox News Channel (FNC) in January 2004. Prior to joining FNC, he served as host of CNBC's *Wall Street Journal Editorial Board* with *Stuart Varney*. Earlier he was a co-anchor of CNN's *Moneyline News Hour*. He helped launch CNN's business news team in 1980 and hosted many of the network's financial programs. CNN won a Peabody Award for its coverage of the stock market crash of 1987.

A graduate of the London School of Economics, Varney began his broadcast journalism career as a business anchor for KEMO-TV in San Francisco. ■



School of Communication and the Arts Dean **Steve Ralston** (left) welcomed veteran business journalist **Stuart Varney** to Marist to speak to journalism, broadcasting, and finance students.



Members of the Open Academic Analytics initiative team were (left to right) Dr. Eitel Lauria, associate professor of information systems; Dr. Erik Moody, assistant professor of psychology; Sandeep Markandiah Jayaprakash, learning analytics specialist; and Josh Baron, senior academic technology officer.

## Marist Team Wins Innovator Award

**M**ARIST COLLEGE has received the 2013 *Campus Technology* Innovators Award for its development of the Open Academic Analytics Initiative (OAAI), an open-source system that uses predictive analytics to help instructors identify at-risk students and deploy intervention strategies to help them succeed.

The award was presented by *Campus Technology* magazine at its Education Technology Conference in Boston, MA. It is the second such honor for Marist, which was recognized in 2006 for a student-centered podcasting project.

The OAAI project was initially funded by an Educavise Next Generation Learning Challenges grant, which was, in turn, funded in part by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

"Receiving this award is a great honor given the selectivity of the program," says Marist Senior Academic Technology Officer Josh Baron, who leads the OAAI team. "It speaks to the dedication and expertise of the OAAI team which included faculty, students, and staff from both Marist and several other partner institutions and companies. Without this team we would never have achieved the success we have seen or become a recognized leader in the emerging field of learning analytics."

The project's academic partners were Cerritos College, College of the Redwoods, North Carolina A&T State University, and Savannah State University. Its technology partners were ASAHI Net International, IBM, Pentaho, rSmart, and Sakai. ■

## Marist Helps Launch Mobile Web Tour on Walkway Over the Hudson

**M**ARIST COLLEGE joined Walkway Over the Hudson, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and IBM to build and launch the Walkway Over the Hudson Mobile Web Tour, an interactive multi-media, multilingual resource that park visitors can access with smartphones. The tour provides Quick Response (QR) codes on many of the interpretative signs placed on the Walkway, offering updated and new audio information via smart devices in English and Spanish, with Mandarin to be added in 2014.

The Web tour provides Walkway's nearly 500,000 annual visitors with a new connection to a wealth of local and regional cultural resources and links to other tourism and hospitality venues throughout the Hudson Valley. The tour offers access to information on historic sites, trails, events, arts, dining and lodging, the Walkway organization, and other New York State parks.

The first tour of its kind to be deployed in New York State parks, it is designed to allow easy editing and addition of content and to provide better insights into visitor interests through analytics. For more information, visit [walkway.marist.edu](http://walkway.marist.edu).

Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park is a linear walkway spanning the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie and Highland, NY. At 212 feet tall and 1.28 miles long, it is the longest elevated pedestrian bridge in the world. The park, managed and maintained by New York State Parks-Tacotac Region, opened to the public in 2009. ■

## New Invention by Marist and IBM Moves Voice, Data Communications Quickly to Safer Location

**M**ARIST and longtime technology partner IBM are testing a new cloud computing innovation in the New York State Cloud Computing and Analytics Center (CCAC) that could help prevent disruptions in voice and data communications services caused by hurricanes and other natural disasters.

When a major weather event occurs, such as 2012's deadly and destructive Superstorm Sandy, data network operators may have just a few hours or even less time to protect critical communications systems before disaster strikes. But moving voice and data applications and services to a safe location—a process called re-provisioning—typically takes days. The cloud computing disaster prevention tool that Marist and



Marist computer science students Zachary Meath '16 and Mary Miller '16 demonstrate a cloud computing invention created by Marist and IBM that can prevent voice and data communication service disruptions caused by natural disasters. Meath and Miller worked on the project in Marist's SDN Innovation Lab, part of the New York State Cloud Computing and Analytics Center based at the College.

IBM are currently testing could slash re-provisioning time from days to minutes, avoiding costly network disruptions and outages.

"Sandy left millions of individuals and businesses in the Northeast without electronic communications for days, weeks, and even months—in some cases, data centers were literally under water," says IBM Distinguished Engineer Casimir DeCaoutis. "With our invention, a data center operator could quickly and simply move data and applications to another data center outside the danger zone in minutes—from a remote location using a tablet or smartphone."

IBM's cloud networking innovation uses software-defined networking (SDN) technology and is being tested in the CCAC's SDN Innovation Lab. SDN enables data center operators to more efficiently control data flows within physical and virtual networks. The SDN advancement that Marist and IBM are testing will enable an IT professional to remotely access and make changes to network resources via a wireless device and open-source network controller developed by Marist. ■

## Marist International Programs Office Offers New Options in Morocco, Dominican Republic



For the first time, Marist fashion students studying in Paris will have a chance to spend three or four days exploring the culture, textiles, and art of Morocco.

**T**HIS SPRING, Marist students majoring in computer science or Spanish may find themselves building computers for schoolchildren in the Dominican Republic as part of a class. The course is one of several new offerings from Marist International Programs. Also for the first time, fashion students studying in Paris will have a chance to spend three or four days exploring the culture, textiles, and art of Morocco.

The trip to the Dominican Republic June 8 to 21 will conclude two classes, "Spanish and Technology in the Caribbean" and "Software Systems and Analysis." The computer science students will build Raspberry Pis—small, easily assembled computers that can give many students technology access—in schools including the program's partner school in the Dominican Republic.

The Spanish majors will serve as translators during the trip. Students will stay in various hotels and engage with a variety of

schools and residents throughout Sousse and Cabarete, immersing themselves in the Dominican culture, language, economy, and education and technology systems.

Meanwhile, students in the Marist-Mod Spé Paris Fashion study abroad program can now add an enlightening side trip to Morocco to their itineraries.

"We have been offering the Morocco excursion on the Marist in Madrid program for many years, with great success," says Dr. John Peters, dean of international programs. "Students have reported the excursion to be transformative and pivotal to the intercultural experience of the program. We want to open this educational opportunity to the Marist-Mod Spé Paris Fashion students as well. The emphasis of the excursion will remain cultural, with some additional focus on world-famous Moroccan textiles."

BY LUCITANIA HERNANDEZ '14

The sojourn offers students the opportunity for a cultural exchange in a country that is primarily Muslim. Time is set aside for discussions with residents on stereotypes, religion, politics, and many other topics.

The students start their trip in one of the major cities such as Algiers, Tangier, or Marrakech. They stay with Moroccan families or in local hotels and experience traditional Moroccan food. In Morocco, families speak Arabic and often French. Within each host home, however, at least one person knows English and can serve as a translator.

Each day is planned, and students visit cities such as Rabat, the capital, and Chefchaouen. They meet with Moroccan professors and students and visit diverse places such as ruins, a mosque, museums, and galleries.

Students also speak to Moroccans their own age about current events involving the Middle East and the United States. To provide yet another perspective, Peace Corps volunteers and Fulbright Scholars from the United States talk with the students about life in Morocco.

Spanish and psychology major Cara Mooney '15 went on the Morocco excursion this past fall and plans to return this spring during her year in Madrid. "It has been an incredible and enjoyable experience to take a peek into the lives of such wonderful and warm Moroccan people and their culture."

Marist's affiliate in offering the Morocco excursion is Morocco Exchange ([www.moroccoexchange.org](http://www.moroccoexchange.org)). For more information about the Dominican Republic and Morocco excursions, please contact Marist International Programs at [international@marist.edu](mailto:international@marist.edu). ■

### Kiplinger's Again Rates Marist a "Best Value"

**F**OR THE EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE year, Kiplinger's *Personal Finance* has included Marist on its list of the country's best values in private colleges. The College moved up four spots to 58th. Kiplinger's annual list ranks 100 private universities and 100 liberal arts colleges. The full list is available online at [www.kiplinger.com/links/college](http://www.kiplinger.com/links/college).

Kiplinger's rankings measure academic quality and affordability. Academic criteria include the student admission rate (the

number of students accepted out of those who apply), the test scores of incoming freshmen, the ratio of students to faculty members, and the four- and five-year graduation rates. On the cost side, Kiplinger's measures the sticker price, the availability and average amount of need-based and merit-based financial aid, and the average student debt at graduation.

Marist was also recently named by Princeton Review as one of "The Best 378 Colleges." The Review's annual guide

included Marist for the 11th consecutive year. The guide profiles only about 15 percent of colleges and universities in the United States.

The College also ranked No. 44 on AnimationCareerReview.com's inaugural list of the top 50 schools in the U.S. offering programs in game design and/or development. The list included schools such as the University of Southern California, Cornell, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. ■



**D**EANNA AND SAMANTHA DEVITO are only juniors at Marist, but they've been active leaders for international medical charity Operation Smile since high school.

Operation Smile helps children who suffer from cleft lip and palate, a facial distortion that causes them to have trouble eating, speaking, and even smiling. Through the organization, Deanna and Samantha, of Pequannock, NJ, have traveled to China and Brazil to help others, hone their leadership skills, and visit cultural sites. "We love Operation Smile. We realized that a smile changes everything," says Deanna.

Students participate on almost all Operation Smile medical missions as community educators, journalists, and interpreters. With thousands of students involved across the globe in hundreds of clubs, they are making a significant impact.

"Our student base acts as ambassadors in their local communities, raising funds and spreading awareness," says Christabelle Fernandez, senior associate for Operation Smile Student Programs. "Students raise over \$1 million annually for Operation Smile."

The twins learned about Operation Smile after a friend went to the organization's International Student Leadership Conference in 2008 and said it was a fun experience. Deanna and Samantha attended their first ISLC conference at Christopher Newport University in 2009.

The opening presentation featured photos of children with cleft lip and palate and depicted homes in developing nations. "Their presentation put into perspective how fortunate we are to grow up where we are," Samantha says.

Every three minutes a child is born with a cleft, and one in 30 of those children will die before his or her first birthday, according to Operation Smile. "We want these people to thrive. We've been given all of the opportunity, and we want to give back and give them the same opportunity," Samantha says.

Following the conference, the sisters were determined to start a club at their school, Pequannock Township High School. In 2010 they went to a training session in Norfolk, VA, and learned to teach oral rehydration therapy, burn care, nutrition, dental hygiene, and general hygiene practices.

## Helping Children Smile, Worldwide



Deanna (left) and Samantha DeVito attended Operation Smile's International Student Leadership Conference in August 2013 at Old Dominion University. Activities included a tour of the U.S. Naval Hospital Ship Comfort in Norfolk, VA. The Comfort has a history of working with Operation Smile on humanitarian missions.

Later that year Deanna was assigned to Phnom Penh, Cambodia, and Samantha to Fortaleza, Brazil. During their missions, both discovered their enthusiasm for experiencing another culture and their passion for serving others.

After four years, their club became officially established—on their graduation day in 2011. "That was the best present ever," Samantha says.

Soon after, the twins attended Operation Smile's International Student Cultural Exchange in Beijing, China. Samantha served on the group's Executive Leadership Council.

Since coming to Marist—Samantha in fall 2011 and Deanna in spring 2012 as

a transfer—their goals have been to make Operation Smile an official club and to continue promoting awareness. While the club is not official so far, they have made strides by working with other clubs. They teamed up with Marist's Fashion Inc. club to make hand puppets that were taken on medical missions. At a recent event hosted by the Student Government Association, they ran an Operation Smile booth to advance awareness. Samantha presented on the topic to a class, and Deanna spoke to Phi Delta Epsilon, the medical fraternity.

Both are active with Operation Smile on a national level. They serve on Operation Smile's College Council, which supports university clubs and members. Deanna is the Northeast region representative and Samantha is the Midwest and West region representative. Colleges such as Yale, Princeton, Brown, and Columbia have clubs that the twins oversee. Samantha and Deanna were also accepted into a winter 2014 training session in Virginia for a competitive college leadership opportunity, U-Voice.

"The best way to describe Deanna and Samantha is that they have an unwavering desire to help Operation Smile," Fernandez says. "Their passion for the organization is what sets them apart from other students. One of the greatest things my department has witnessed is not only how Deanna and Sam work to change lives of children they'll never meet, but their growth from high school to now. These ladies have gained so many skills throughout the years that we know they will be unparalleled candidates for whatever they pursue in life."

After graduation Deanna, a biology major, plans to become a dentist "so I can go on medical missions and use my knowledge to help those children in developing countries," she says. Samantha, an international business major, wants to become a program coordinator for Operation Smile. Both hope to become student spouses, a role in which they would chaperone high school students traveling on medical missions.

"We invite anyone and everyone to help us continue on our journey to literally be the change you wish to see in the world," Deanna says. "We all possess the power to do something great and make the world a better place." ■

BY DEANNA HASANDJERAJ '15

## College Salutes Founding Members of Marist Legacy Society



Founding members received a commemorative pin at the breakfast.

An on-campus breakfast honored the founding members of the Marist Legacy Society.

**MARIST**  
LEGACY SOCIETY

**E**STATE GIFTS of all types and sizes are an important component of creating a strong financial foundation for Marist's future. On Oct. 26 at an on-campus breakfast, President Dennis J. Murray gave special recognition to the founding members of the Marist Legacy Society, a group that now totals 70 including President and Mrs. Murray. Society members are vital partners in the College's effort to secure planned gifts for underwriting endowment, scholarships,

and excellence in and outside the classroom.

Twenty-five founding members and their guests attended the inaugural Legacy Society event, which featured an induction program and individual presentations of the Legacy Society pin as well as a commemorative clock. Entertainment was provided by the Sirens, Marist's women's a cappella group, and several campus activities were provided to guests after the program.

"At Marist, we often speak about our her-

itage and our founding principles," said the president in addressing the group. "We recall the commitment of the Marist Brothers, who were the literal builders of our College and the forerunners of Marist's excellent faculty. To this day, Marist is known for dedicated teachers with high expectations for their students. The Marist ideals of excellence in education, a sense of community, and a commitment to service are the bedrock of our institution. Generations of Marist alumni

## Hudson Valley Businesses Again Help Local High School Graduates Attend Marist

**H**UDSON VALLEY BUSINESSPEOPLE are again helping students from area high schools realize their dreams of attending Marist College.

The Hudson Valley Scholars Program is a Marist Fund initiative launched in 1995 in which area businesses support scholarships for local high school graduates attending Marist. The program kicked off its 2014 campaign Oct. 26 with its annual Meet & Greet reception where this year's scholarship recipients met representatives of the local businesses who donated support during the past fiscal year.

During the 2013 campaign, a total of 46 local businesses made contributions of at least \$1,000 each to the Hudson Valley Scholars program. Each \$1,000 gift spon-



Hickey-Finn & Co., Inc.



Royal Carting Service Co.

sors a scholarship in the donor company's name. Many companies sponsor more than one; companies making the largest gifts were Royal Carting Service Co. and Sodesho Inc., each sponsoring 10 scholarships.

At the Meet & Greet, Anthony Zanin '15,

a graduate of Cornwall (NY) Central High School, addressed the businesses on behalf of all the Hudson Valley Scholars, expressing appreciation for their generosity. Gifts from the businesses are assisting 120 Marist students financially this academic year.

## MARIST LEGACY SOCIETY FOUNDING MEMBERS



Founding members of the Legacy Society include President and Mrs. Dennis J. Murray and Marist Trustee Richard J. Cole '69 (center).

have been shaped by these ideals and made great contributions to their home communities, the nation, and the world."

Murray noted that all segments of the College community—trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, retirees, parents, and friends—are represented among the founding members. "You are here today because you have demonstrated a special commitment to Marist's mission and the need for our College to remain strong into the future," he said. "Today, Marist salutes you—the founding members of our Legacy Society—for being in the forefront of an initiative that is vital to the financial foundation of our College and the aspirations of our students." ■

James Joseph Alecca '92  
James M. '68 & Maryellen Barnes  
Drs. Eugene & Eileen Best  
Tim '69 & Patricia Brier  
Dr. Frank T. Bumpus  
Donald J. & Margaret R. Calista  
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Eleanor Charwal, MPA '85  
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Dave Donoghue '64  
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Albert C. Sieh '99  
David '83 & Loren Skrodanes  
Dr. Milton Teichman  
Katie Turner '92  
Edward Murray Weyant '68  
John '61 & Suzanne Wilcox  
*In addition, 11 members have chosen to remain anonymous.*



Trustee John P. O'Shea (center) was surrounded by recipients of the John and Nancy O'Shea Scholarship, established in 2009 to assist traditional-age undergraduate commuter students from the Hudson Valley. The number of O'Shea scholarships awarded each year has increased dramatically, from 2 students in 2009-10 to 14 recipients in 2013-14.

## Students, Benefactors Meet at Luncheon to Celebrate Scholarships

**M**ORE THAN 100 scholarship benefactors, student recipients, and guests gathered for the first-ever Celebration of Scholarships Luncheon Sept. 21 in the newly renovated Cabaret of the Student Center. The purpose of the luncheon was to connect donors who have supported endowed scholarships with the students who are benefitting from their generosity.

During the program, President Dennis J. Murray spoke about the importance of providing scholarships and financial aid to deserving students and thanked the donors and benefactors for their support. Pippa Hatch '14, a double major in fashion design and fashion merchandising, shared that receiving the Patrick J. Donaghy Scholarship award enabled her to return to campus for her senior year.

Among the guests was Michael Guzzardi, the father of Marist student Jennifer Guzzardi '14. He recently donated funds to establish the Michael A. Guzzardi Scholarship for entering freshmen with financial need.

"For me, the highlight of the lunch was the wonderful, heartfelt speech by Pippa," he said. "Without her scholarship, she could

not have stayed on track to complete her Marist degree."

Guzzardi was also pleased to meet the first recipient of the Guzzardi Scholarship, Ellis Kennedy '17. "Meeting her really personalized the experience for both of us. Now, I am even more thankful that I established the endowment, and I plan to give more as needed. We are all blessed in different ways, and I am delighted that I have the opportunity to help Marist students accomplish their educational goals." ■



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A committee of volunteers from the local business community helps raise funds among their peers for the program. The committee is led by Chair Robert Ranieri Jr. '92 of Rose & Kiernan and Co-Chair Jen Dunn of the Jen Dunn Agency/State Farm Insurance. ■



Michael Guzzardi and his daughter, Jennifer, '14 (right), enjoyed visiting with Ellis Kennedy '17 (left), the first recipient of the Michael A. Guzzardi Scholarship. Guzzardi established the scholarship with preference for a student from St. Joseph's Preparatory School in Philadelphia or Merion Mercy Academy in Merion, PA.

# Talking Sports

**H**IS COURSES ARE AMONG THE MOST POPULAR AT MARIST. They're the type that drive students to set their alarms during the add/drop period, forcing extra shuttles to ensure they'll have a seat. The discussions are lively, involve economic and cultural perspectives, and revolve around a topic so many of us are passionate about.

But now, if you want in on those discussions, you don't have to stress during registration. In fact, you don't even need to pay tuition. That's because Dr. Keith Strudler's favorite issues, most impassioned rants, and distinct sense of humor are now being broadcast live, all thanks to a new, first-of-its-kind partnership with a local ESPN radio affiliate.

Marist's very own weekly sports talk radio program, called *The Classroom*, debuted on the airwaves of 1220 ESPN Radio on Saturday, Sept. 21. The venture takes Strudler's classroom discussions into the cars and homes of people across the Hudson Valley, thanks in large part to a group of dedicated students. The prerequisite for listening: an interest in the broader social, economic, and cultural impact of sports and sports media. So if you're looking for a dissection of the Jets defense, you may want to look elsewhere.

"Our goal is to put on a smart, interesting program about sports," says Strudler, associate professor of communication and director of the Marist College Center for

BY JIM URSD '11



Dr. Keith Strudler, director of the Center for Sports Communication (right), and Marist play-by-play sports broadcaster Geoff Brault '08 host Marist's weekly sports talk radio program, *The Classroom*, on ESPN 1220.

## in The Classroom

Sports Communication. "There's so much sports talk out there, and a lot of it rehashes the same stuff. Our goal is to be a bit more reflective, look at things from a broader perspective, and show that sports talk can also be intelligent."

Show segments are basically extrapolations of class discussions from his "Sport, Culture, and Communication" course, the syllabus serving as a guide for the show's editorial philosophy. Show producers examine current events in the sports world to see if they can apply that broader framework.

The show has explored concussions in football, the controversy surrounding the Washington Redskins name and logo, and whether football coaches are facing too much stress.

Each Monday, Strudler and a group of students, who serve as assistant producers, meet to start mapping out

Saturday's show. "Someone should really be filming these meetings," says assistant producer Tommy Beal '15. "They're hilarious and really set the tone for the show." Beal is known almost exclusively as "Tank Top Tommy." The nickname was bestowed on him soon after Strudler noticed his affinity for sleeveless shirts and adamantly insisted that he wear one to every show of the semester. The requirement brings with it some lighthearted jabs from his professor, but Beal doesn't mind, especially if it buys him some airtime.

Sportscaster Mike Breen (left) and sports columnist Ian O'Connor '86 (right) joined Center for Sports Communication Director Keith Strudler for the center's October 2011 launch.



Bryant Gumbel, host of HBO's *Real Sports*, shared his thoughts on issues in the sports world as part of the Center for Sports Communication Speaker Series in November 2012.

The Classroom is broadcast on T220 ESPN Radio in the Hudson Valley every Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon.

To hear show podcasts and other extra segments, visit [sportscomm.marist.edu](http://sportscomm.marist.edu)

Follow the show on Twitter @ESPN\_TheClassroom

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Students serve as assistant producers for The Classroom.

After the meetings, students spend the week researching and refining the show. They have access to an ESPN portal, which allows them to find relevant sound bites that will supplement the issues Strudler and Marist play-by-play sports broadcaster Geoff Brauhoff, who serves as a co-host for the program, will dissect. If a big story breaks on a Friday, the group will make the necessary last-minute adjustments to ensure it's included in the show.

"It's such a unique learning experience," says Beal. "We're especially lucky to be part of the first class of interns, because aside from producing a live show, we've helped launch this thing from scratch. I know it will just continue to grow and get better."

Some students are devoted solely to research, while another group focuses on promoting the show, live tweeting, and handling the guests, many of whom you would expect to hear on a sports show. Strudler and Brauhoff examined concussion in football by bringing on a professor with a background in neurology. "Those sorts of guests make our show unique," says Strudler. "It keeps that academic focus and classroom theme."

While the show may be built on an academic approach, much like Strudler's classes, it shouldn't feel like a lecture. Between his digressions on the cost of donuts on the segment in which he picks NFL games against his 6-year-old son, Sloan, there's plenty of entertainment. "He'll beat me and I'll have to buy him, like, six candy bars," says Strudler. "It's ridiculous."

Rob Duffy is the one-man technical crew for the show. "If he weren't there, we wouldn't be able to go on air," says Strudler of his audio operator. It's an opportunity Duffy is relishing. "It's awesome to have a chance to work on the live production of a show that's on an ESPN Radio affiliate as a junior in college," says Duffy, who also creates segment intros. "I'm learning audio techniques and editing skills I wouldn't be able to learn in a classroom."

Duffy's work is also essential to the Marist Minute segments, a separate project also hitting the Hudson Valley airwaves as part of the partnership. Students put together a three-minute radio segment exclusively covering Marist sports. Once producers

gather sound and write scripts, Duffy ensures the product will sound good on air.

With such a heavy emphasis on professional experience in the media business, Strudler saw an opportunity to boost the reputation of the program, all while giving current students an invaluable experience. "So many students are looking to get into the content-creation game," he says. "This is a chance to do it without even having to leave campus. The hope is, when these students start applying for jobs, they'll be able to have a reel of work to bring into a job interview."

The show is just another building block for what's become a national brand, one Strudler first began building when he launched the sports communication concentration back in 2002. At the time, it was one of the first programs of its kind nationwide. It quickly became a popular option for communication students, with Strudler hosting conferences, coaching two teams to the undergraduate title at the College Sport Research Institute Case Study Competition, and enlisting high-profile guest speakers.

Recent speakers include NBA columnist Peter Vecsey, NBA broadcaster Mike Green,

**CBS Sports Radio host Brandon Tierney '06 (right) returned to campus to hold a sports talk radio clinic with Marist students and joined Strudler for a tour of the renovated McCann Arena.**



Yahoo! columnist Adrian Wojnarowski, and former MLB player and manager Bobby Valentine. That's not even counting successful alumni like Brandon Tierney '06, Ian O'Connor '06, and the alumni working in remote production at ESPN. Even the host of arguably the most respected magazine program in sports journalism has taken notice. But Bryant Gumbel's 2012 visit wasn't Marist's only connection to HBO's Emmy award-winning *Real Sports*.

In 2011, Strudler launched the Center for Sports Communication, partnering with the Marist Poll to release sports-issue polls. That initiative caught the attention of *Real Sports*, which in October partnered with Marist on a poll about head injuries in football, and their impact on parents' willingness to allow their children to put on a helmet. The results were integrated into a lengthy piece on the show.

What's next for the sports communication program? In November, Marist announced a partnership with the Sports PR Summit, an annual invite-only event that brings together public relations executives, reporters, and athletes. The 2014 summit will be held in Manhattan, with help from many of Marist's connections in the sports media industry.

You can count on guest speakers and a competitive team at the case study competition. What you can also expect: a new group of students eager to put on a live radio show with interesting takes on sports for thousands of people around the Hudson Valley, all on a radio affiliate everyone's familiar with. If you're trying to kickstart a career in sports media, what could be better?

"We want to be high school students' first choice for sports communication," says Strudler, "and this radio show helps ensure that will be the case." ■



# Remapping the Academic

A revised Marist Core launches with the fall 2013 freshman class.

**T**HIS PAST FALL, 850 members of Marist's freshman class read the same book and then gathered in the McCann Center to reflect on it. The Common Reading was the first stepping stone of a new academic journey students are taking with a revised Marist Core as their road map.

Marist faculty and administrators began the effort to revise Marist's core curriculum five years ago. "It hadn't undergone a major revision since 1984, and it was time to breathe some new life into it," says Dr. Moira Fitzgibbons, associate professor of English, director of the Core/Liberal Studies program, and interim assistant dean of the School of Liberal Arts. The academic world's understanding of general education has changed over the past few decades, she adds. "In higher education we now emphasize not just the need for students to be exposed to a variety of disciplines, but also the importance of their gaining proficiency in skills like critical thinking, scientific and quantitative reasoning, writing, and so on. This is something that resonates both with academics and employers in the world beyond the College."

In addition, interdisciplinary problem-solving has grown important in many fields of research, Fitzgibbons says, and faculty and administrators thought the Core should reflect that. There was also a sense that stu-

dents could be drawn into the academic community of the College even more effectively in their first year of study. "The First Year Seminars give students opportunities to work directly with full-time faculty on specialized topics right from the very beginning of their time here. The course equips students with key skills and helps them understand what truly purposeful academic work is all about."

The First-Year Seminar (FYS), a four-credit class with a maximum of 20 students, allows students to explore a topic of interest while developing writing, presentation, and research skills. The 23 FYS topics for fall 2013 included "Baseball and American Society," "Cannibals and Zombies of the Caribbean," "Environmental Activism in the Hudson Valley," "Homelessness," "Is Voting Enough? Worldwide Elections and Democracy," "From Uncle Tom to Jim Crow: the Legacy of Race, Slavery, and the Civil War," "SMART: Social Media as a Revolutionary Technology," and "Moby Dick From Metaphysics to Whaling."

Freshman Samantha Monroe, of Simsbury, CT, loved her FYS on philosophy, "Fiction vs. Reality."

"It's a small class that is discussion-based so we all know each other really well, which has actually helped me make a lot of good friends in that class," Monroe said last semester. "My teacher, Professor [Cathleen] Muller,

is awesome and really funny. I like her a lot, as well as how she runs the class."

"The First Year Seminar is an opportunity for students to take a risk," says Dr. Kevin Gaugler, associate professor of Spanish and FYS director, "and explore a topic they might not otherwise encounter in their major or introductory courses while at the same time developing essential skills for the 21st century such as writing, presentation, and information literacy. FYS topics tend to be multidisciplinary in nature and strive to provide students with meaningful assignments in which students learn by doing."

A key element of the FYS is the Common Reading. Freshmen must read the assigned book and write an essay about it in class. For Marist's first Common Reading, students read the nonfiction work *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. The *New York Times* best seller by Rebecca Skloot tells the story of Henrietta Lacks, a young woman undergoing treatment for cervical cancer. Her cells, taken without her knowledge in 1951, became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital to the development of modern vaccines, cancer treatments, and in vitro fertilization techniques. Lacks's cells were bought and sold by the billions, yet she was virtually unknown. In August 2013, the National Institutes of Health announced it had reached an understanding with Lacks's descendants to allow biomedical researchers controlled access to the genomic data derived from her tumor cells.

The culmination of the Common Reading was a public appearance Oct. 9 at Marist's McCann Center by David Lacks and Victoria Baptiste, the grandson and great-

For 2013-14, Marist freshmen were required to read the nonfiction work *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* as part of the First Year Seminar. Victoria Baptiste (second from left) and David Lacks (second from right), descendants of Henrietta Lacks, spoke to students at an assembly in the McCann Center Oct. 9. Dr. Moira Fitzgibbons, associate professor of English, director of the Core/Liberal Studies program, and interim assistant dean of the School of Liberal Arts (far left), and Dr. Kevin Gaugler, associate professor of Spanish and director of the First Year Seminar (far right), fielded students' questions for the guest speakers at the event.



# Landscape



Students in Dr. Lea Graham's "Birth of the Cool" First Year Seminar discussed their research in an informal setting, a "mocktail" party.

granddaughter of Henrietta Lacks. The guest speakers answered students' questions and signed copies of the Skloot book for a long line of audience members.

Monroe, a psychology/special education major, likes the idea of all freshmen reading the same book. "It was actually a really good conversation point to use during the first week or so of school because everyone knew the book. If you couldn't think of something to say to get to know a person better, you could just ask them how they liked the Common Reading."

Another major component of the new Core is the Pathway, a track of four courses spanning at least three disciplines, all addressing the same topic. Subjects include African Diaspora studies, American studies, cognitive studies, contemporary European studies, gender studies, global studies, legal studies, Medieval and Renaissance studies, public health, public praxis, and religion and society as well as French, Italian, and Spanish.

In addition to selecting a Pathway, students must take one course each in fine arts, history, literature, natural science, social science, philosophy, ethics and justice, and math. Prior to fall 2013, students had to take two courses each in history, social science, natural science, math, and literature, and one course each in fine arts and philosophy/religious studies.

Skills development is also a cornerstone of the revised Core. Students must take three intensive courses—one each in technological competency, writing, and public presentation.

Marist's new Core differs from that of other colleges and universities in three ways. Fitzgibbons says: the high quality of the FYS experience, in that faculty from each of Marist's academic schools teach FYS courses, including faculty from pre-professional disciplines; the Core's focus on technological competency; and the Core's emphasis on integrative learning through the interdisciplinary aspects of the FYS and the Pathway.

The Skloot book as the Common Reading

perfectly demonstrates the need for disciplines to intermingle, Fitzgibbons says. "The book engages with medicine, religion, history, psychology, and many other areas of knowledge and experience. Perhaps most important, Lacks's story puts a human face on ethical questions."

"Engaging with these kinds of questions seems like a great first step in our students' journey toward becoming, as our mission statement puts it, 'enlightened and ethical citizens.'" ■



Dr. Cathleen Muller's "The Boundary Between Fiction and Reality" First Year Seminar met in the art gallery of Marist's Steel Plant Studios.



More than 250 guests joined the Marist Poll team for dinner in the newly renovated Student Center.

**35** and Counting:

# Marist Pollsters Return

for a MIPO Anniversary

**F**OR THREE AND A HALF DECADES, MORE than 3,000 Marist College students have participated in 750 polls and interviewed more than a million voters. The Marist Poll has accurately gauged public opinion while providing undergraduates with a front-row seat to the political process. On Nov. 16, Marist Poll directors Dr. Lee M. Miringoff and Dr. Barbara L. Carvalho along with the entire Marist Poll team welcomed back hundreds of Marist Poll alumni and other members of the Marist College community to celebrate the institute's 35th anniversary.

The festivities kicked off with tours of the Marist Poll's state-of-the-art polling center; broadcast facility; and office suite in the Hancock Center. Excited alumni reminisced about the days when Miringoff's office was no larger than a shoe box and marveled at how far the institute has come.

"It's such a great event and lovely to see everyone again and especially the Marist Poll team," said Marissa Ryan '13, a political science major. "I am very jealous that the Hancock Center wasn't there when I was

interviewing. I think it's great and looks fabulous," Marist Poll alumni who toured the center included some who had participated in the original exit poll in 1978.

The "good old days" were front and center as guests tested their knowledge of Marist Poll history in spirited games of Marist Poll Jeopardy and a 20-question trivia quiz that utilized the latest polling software. Alumni were also treated to hands-on demonstrations of how the Marist Poll visualizes its survey data on an 85-inch interactive touch screen. All the while, invited guests stacked on light refreshments including freshly popped popcorn.

But, the celebration didn't end there. About 250 guests joined the current Marist Poll team for dinner in the newly renovated Student Center. Attendees dined on a menu of Italian fare, including a Marist pollster staple, pizza. Guests mingled and shared "war stories" as a continuous photo montage covered some of MIPO's greatest moments.

Marist President Dennis I. Murray then paid tribute to Miringoff, director of the



President Dennis J. Murray presented Dr. Lee M. Miringoff and Dr. Barbara L. Carvalho with commemorative clocks.



President Murray received a spyglass from the Marist Poll team for being a true visionary.



Current Marist pollsters assembled gift bags for guests.



Dinner guests included Donna Crecca, Andrew Crecca '86, Jeannine Clegg '86, Jeff Laper '83, Dave Rowan '81, Marilyn Rowan, ...



... Salvatore Manzo '15, Jamie Bracci '14, Lauren Maddock '14, Ashley Hansen '13, Emily Lohse '15, Shannon Bales '15 (standing); Jacqueline Yandell '14, Eric Whyte '15, Salvatore Daniele '15, Sara Curtin '15, ...

Marist Institute for Public Opinion, and Carvalho, director of the Marist Poll. He thanked them for their 35 years of service and noted the importance of the Marist Poll. "Following political trends has always been MIPO's specialty, and they've always done it independently, scientifically, and accurately," he said. "MIPO has played an important role for the College, as well as for our democracy as a whole."

Amid thunderous applause and a standing ovation, Miringoff and Carvalho took the stage. Clearly moved by the moment, Miringoff stood before the microphone and began the duo's characteristic patter. The two offered a brief history of the Marist Poll and paid homage to pollsters past and present, their families, current staff, and the man who once placed "a two-dollar bet" on them and was "never afraid to double down," President Murray.

Carvalho then addressed the gathering. "Whether you're a former Marist pollster, a member of the Greatest Generation, a baby boomer, a member of Generation X, or a Millennial, you were there, and now you're all here."

Miringoff's and Carvalho's presentation also included a video testimonial from the Marist Poll's polling partner, Chuck Todd,

NBC's chief White House correspondent, political director, and host of MSNBC's *The Daily Rundown*. Todd offered his congratulations to the entire Marist Poll team and fondly referred to the Poll's margin of error as "zero," alluding to MIPO's history of accurate, scientific polling. Then, never afraid to have a little fun, Miringoff and Carvalho embarked on a game of "Then and Now." During the game, pictures of pollsters past were shown, and guests were asked to identify the correct person in the room. Attendees also tried their luck at the Marist Poll's raffle: Winners took home gift baskets filled with Marist Poll shirts, glasses, chocolate, and CDs of performances by the political satire group, the Capitol Steps.

The event concluded with a live performance by the Capitol Steps in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. The troupe poked fun at politicians on both sides of the political aisle. And Miringoff had a cameo, dressed like a man eaten by a shark in a spoof mocking the state of the nation's health care system.

"It was a special day to reunite the Marist Poll family," said Miringoff, "and to welcome so many friends back to a very different Marist College than the one that existed 35 years ago."

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... Sue Kerney '06, Tim Massie, Nick Mazy '10, Erica DeTraglia '01 (standing); Dr. Roy Merolli, Hilda Merolli, Brian Leach, Colleen McCulloch Leach '99, ...



... Robert Cornell '08, Dan Bracey (standing); Margo Peters '08, Marissa Ryan '11, Rob Schmidt '11, Courtney Davis '11, ...



The Capitol Steps performed in the Nelly Goletti Theatre.



... Patricia Howard, Rebecca Rotondo '13, Jenna Grande '14, Julie Muller '13, Deanna Morosoff '13, and Daniel Gregory.







Marist hosted 1,050 international guidance counselors and admission professionals for a four-day conference during summer 2013.

## A Global Gathering Showcases Marist

**M**ARIST PUT ITS BEST FOOT FORWARD this past summer when it hosted 1,050 guidance counselors and admission professionals from more than 85 countries for a four-day conference July 9 to 12.

Members of the Overseas Association of College Admission Counseling (OACAC) gathered on the banks of the Hudson River for their annual conference. The event provides professional development and networking opportunities focused on the college admission process.

"Hosting OACAC was an incredible opportunity to showcase Marist College to the world," says Sean P. Kaylor, Marist's vice president for enrollment management.

Marist participated in an extremely competitive bidding process to win the honor of hosting the conference over a number of very prestigious colleges and universities from across North America. The conference has been hosted in the past by Brown, Duke, Cornell, Dartmouth, and George Washington University, to name a few.

Pre-conference workshops consisted of topics ranging from high school counseling and international admission to recruitment and outreach in China. The conference kicked off on Tuesday afternoon in the McCann Center Arena with an address from President Dennis I. Murray and Ryan Sullivan, president of OACAC, followed by a champagne toast to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference. Marist staff and students then guided

attendees through the center of campus by displaying flags from the countries represented at the conference. Their destination was the Around-the-World Food Festival, co-sponsored by the Culinary Institute of America and Marist, held on the Campus Green in front of the James A. Cannavino Library with the majestic Hudson River as a backdrop.

BY LUCITANIA HERNANDEZ '14



Educational sessions were offered on a range of topics involving international admission.

Kaylor describes the flag procession as one of his favorite moments. "I didn't realize how much of an impact this would make. Everyone just loved it!"

Educational sessions were offered on topics such as counseling nontraditional students, navigating the application process, and exploring the International Baccalaureate (IB) Program and even included one delivered by Josh Baron, senior academic technology officer at Marist, on "Technology-Driven Disruption and the Future of Higher Education."

In addition, attendees were able to participate in morning health and wellness activities such as running, yoga, swimming, and tennis coordinated by several of Marist's Division I coaches. Pete Colaizoto, Larry VanWagner, and Tim Smith.

Wednesday evening's dinner celebrated the longstanding educational partnership between Marist and the Lorenzo de' Medici Institute (LdM). The Italian-themed dinner represented the many regions of Italy. Counselors also took in many late-night hospitality events including an amazing performance by Michael Cavanaugh, Billy Joel's protégé and the star of Broadway's *Moulin' Out*.

On the last day of the conference, attendees were treated to several external excursions including tours of Rhinebeck, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum (led by Museum Director Lynn Bissanese '75), Vassar College, the Mohawk Mountain House, and Marist's Colonel



Marist staff and students prepared to guide attendees through the campus by displaying flags from the 85 countries represented at the conference.

Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion, home to the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development.

"The excursions were a great opportunity to show our visitors what makes the Hudson River Valley so unique," says Kaylor.

Following the excursions, attendees enjoyed desserts and drinks on the Walkway Over the Hudson, where the evening was capped off with a spectacular fireworks display.

"The entire Marist community came together as one to make this, their 20th anniversary conference, the best in OACAC history," says Kaylor. "This conference will benefit the College for many years to come."

"Hosting the OACAC conference has allowed Marist to demonstrate its commitment to international education and make a global impact on the institution's future as well," says Joe Giacalone, executive director of international admission.

Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. "I would like to thank you and all the people, especially the students at Marist, for the wonderful hospitality and excellent organization," said Nazan Kabatepe, a Certified Educational Planner from Istanbul, Turkey. "I have attended 15 conferences and I can easily say that this was the best. I also fell in love with the programs and the academics and of course the campus. I am including Marist as a choice to my students."

"Wow," said Chemeli Kipkorir of the African Leadership Academy in Johannesburg, South Africa. "An amazing week on your gorgeous campus. I truly enjoyed every minute of it and look forward to having more of our students join your fantastic community. Your hospitality surpassed

the previous three conferences I attended; I felt welcomed and quite at home."

"Now that I have returned to Shanghai and had time to reflect, I wanted to write to thank you for hosting us," said Dr. Karen Hafner, a college counselor from Western International School of Shanghai in China. "I feel confident that we obtained sufficient information to understand which of my students would be a good fit for Marist College. In 2014 we will graduate our third class, and I have several students in this group who will no doubt be applying to Marist." ■

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Guests from China joined President Dennis J. Murray as he held their nation's flag in the procession.

To read more guest comments and view photos from the conference, please go to [marist.edu/oacac](http://marist.edu/oacac)



The conference concluded with a reception on the Walkway Over the Hudson and a fireworks display.

# Red Fox Roundup



Marist wrapped up a share of its first PFL championship in program history with a 33-7 home victory over Mercer on Nov. 16.

## Football Captures Share of Its First PFL Championship in Program History

**W**ITH A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT of experience and depth, the Marist football team entered the 2013 season with plenty of optimism and high expectations. Those feelings were tested after the Red Foxes dropped their first two games.

It's funny how quickly things can change. In its third game of the season, Marist traveled to longtime rival Georgetown. Entering the game, the Red Foxes had never defeated a Patriot League team on the road, and had not defeated the Hoyas in eight previous tries in Washington.

The tenor of the game—and subsequently, the season—seemed to shift on two plays. Senior cornerback Jack Marston intercepted a pass on the first play from scrimmage, which helped Marist take a 9-0 lead in the first quarter. After Georgetown fought back to tie the game, senior quarterback Chuckie Looney scrambled and dove over the pylon on the right side of the end zone for a touchdown with five seconds left in the first half. Marist took control of the game after that, posting a 43-23 victory, and ultimately took control of its season.

BY MIKE FERRARO '01

Mike Ferraro is Marist's sports information director.

Following its bye week, Marist opened Pioneer Football League play with a win at Dayton, an opponent the Red Foxes had not defeated previously in four tries. A 37-0 home shutout of Valparaiso on Homecoming and Reunion Weekend followed. A 35-33 loss at San Diego on the final play gave the Red Foxes the first loss in PFL play of the season, but it also turned out to be their last loss.

The resilient Red Foxes maintained their pursuit of a PFL championship with a 42-14 win at Davidson, a 27-0 home shutout of Stetson, a thrilling 42-35 home triumph over Jacksonville, and a 55-28 victory at Campbell.

On Nov. 16, Marist wrapped up a share of its first PFL championship in program history with a 33-7 home victory over Mercer. The win was the Red Foxes' eighth of the season, the highest total they enjoyed in their 36 years as a varsity program.

A considerable number of individuals set records and were recognized for their accomplishments in this historic season. Head Coach Jim Parady was named PFL Coach of the Year, and was a finalist for the Eddie Robinson Award as the Football Championship Subdivision's Coach of the Year. Fifth-year senior defensive end Terrence Fede was named PFL Defensive Player of the Year and was named a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award as best defensive player in the FCS. Fede led the FCS in sacks per game this season and also set the program's single-season and career records for sacks. Looney set the program's single-season and career records for completions, attempts, passing yards, and passing touchdowns, as well as the single-game record for touchdown passes. Senior wide receiver Armani Martin established a new program best for receiving touchdowns in a season.

Four Red Foxes—Fede, fifth-year senior right tackle Phede Celestin, fifth-year senior left tackle Peter Evans, and senior linebacker Paul Sakowski—were named First Team All-PFL. A total of 21 Red Foxes were named either First Team, Second Team, or Honorable Mention All-PFL, were named to an Academic All-PFL team, or earned a major award from the league.



**SURPRISE GUESTS** Marist football's Senior Day ceremony Nov. 16 brought a surprise for twin brothers David (left) and Steven Diomedea (right). As the student-athletes approached midfield from the south end zone, their brothers, U.S. Marine Sergeant Joseph Diomedea and U.S. Navy Corpsman Christopher Diomedea, entered the field from the main entrance. The four met near midfield and shared an embrace.



Marist volleyball earned a share of its first MAAC regular-season championship in program history as well as several of the league's top honors. Mackenzie Stephens '15 (left) was named MAAC Player of the Year, Brooke Zywick '15 (center) MAAC Libero of the Year, and Tom Hanna MAAC Coach of the Year.

### Volleyball Enjoys Strong Season

**B**y virtue of winning its final seven regular-season matches, Marist volleyball earned a share of its first Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference regular-season championship in program history.

The Red Foxes then continued their run with a five-set victory over Iona in the MAAC semifinals before falling to Fairfield in the championship match. Marist concluded its season with a record of 23-9 overall and a 14-4 mark in conference play.

Marist received plenty of recognition throughout the conference for its strong play. Junior Mackenzie Stephens was named MAAC Player of the Year, junior Brooke Zywick was named MAAC Libero of the Year, and Tom Hanna was named MAAC Coach of the Year. Hanna earned his 100th career victory in Marist's first conference win of the year against Iona on Sept. 22.



### Women's Swimming & Diving Brings Home Marist's 100th MAAC Championship

**O**n Feb. 15, 2014, the Marist women's swimming and diving team earned the 100th Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship in school history.

Head Coach Larry VanWagner was named Women's Swimming Coach of the Year, and Kimberly Tobias '15 was named the championship's Most Outstanding Diver. It was the 27th MAAC championship the men's and women's swimming and diving teams have achieved during the tenure of VanWagner, who was inducted into the Dutchess County Sports Museum Hall of Fame last fall. Watch for complete coverage of this historic MAAC milestone in the next issue of *Marist* magazine.

### Georgis Wins Gold Medal

**M**ARIST Women's Basketball Head Coach Brian Georgis won a gold medal this summer as an assistant coach for Team USA at the World University Games, held July 8-15 in Russia.

Georgis served as an assistant alongside Penn State Head Coach Coquese Washington and under the direction of Oklahoma Head Coach Sherri Coale. Team USA won all six of its games, including a 79-78 win over Australia to advance to the final, and a 90-71 triumph over Russia to capture the gold medal.



Kate Conard '13, a member of the women's swimming and diving team for four years, was named MAAC Female Student-Athlete of the Year for 2012-13 and an Academic All-American.

### Conard, Marist Earn Academic Accolades

**K**ATE CONARD '13, a member of the women's swimming and diving team for four years, was named MAAC Female Student-Athlete of the Year for the 2012-13 school year. Conard became the fourth Marist student-athlete in the past six years to earn the honor.

Conard finished her career as a three-time MAAC Championship Swimmer of the Year who held records in seven individual and four relay events. In June, she became the 17th student-athlete in school history to be named an Academic All-American.

As a school, Marist led the MAAC with 246 student-athletes named to the conference's Academic Honor Roll. It marked the 12th straight year the Marist led the MAAC in selections to the honor roll, which encompasses 23 of the 23 varsity sports the Red Foxes compete in, with the lone exception being football. A grade-point average of at least 3.20 on a 4.0 scale is required for selection. ■



On Aug. 26, the first day of the United States Tennis Open, Marist Men's Tennis Head Coach Tim Smith appeared on Fox Business Network in a tennis demonstration on a court on Sixth Avenue between 47th and 48th streets in New York City.



Marist Women's Basketball Head Coach Brian Georgis (left) served as an assistant alongside Penn State Head Coach Coquese Washington (right) and under the direction of Oklahoma Head Coach Sherri Coale in guiding Team USA to the gold medal at the World University Games this past summer in Russia. On Dec. 25, Georgis and Marist defeated Coale's Oklahoma squad, marking the first time the Red Foxes defeated a nationally ranked opponent at McCann Arena in program history.



# & notes

Keeping Up with Marist Graduates

## Kevin MacLellan '89 Appointed Chairman, NBCUniversal International

Kevin MacLellan '89

**K**EVIN MACLELLAN '89 has been appointed chairman, NBCUniversal International.

Based in London, MacLellan is responsible for day-to-day operations and international expansion for NBCUniversal businesses outside of North America, including theatrical, home entertainment, and television and encompassing distribution, networks, and production. MacLellan also works collaboratively with respective international leaders to drive the growth agenda for CNBC International, Telemundo International, Parks and Resorts, and NBC News. Additionally, he supports Comcast's overseas expansion strategy and serves on NBCUniversal's Executive Committee.

Since 2011, MacLellan has served as president, International Television, overseeing all of NBCUniversal's TV and new-media businesses outside the U.S. He led the reorganization of NBCUniversal's international television operations into a single integrated television division. During his tenure, the International Television Production division developed Emmy and Golden Globe award-winning *Downton*

*Abbey*, *Dracula* starring Jonathan Rhys Meyers, the British Academy of Film and Television Arts award-winning reality drama series *Made in Chelsea*, *Family Tree* for HBO and BBC, and *About a Boy* and *Camp* for NBC.

Additionally, MacLellan set out the strategic vision for NBCUniversal's International Television Distribution (ITVD) and Universal Networks International (UNI) divisions. ITVD manages free, pay, and new-media licensing across more than 250 territories with a portfolio of 75,000 television episodes and 4,000 feature films. UNI's portfolio of international channel brands includes Syfy, Universal Channel, E! Entertainment Television, 13th Street, the Style Network, Studio Universal, DIVA, and the Golf Channel. The brands deliver content to 60 channels in 126 territories across Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

Prior to his role at NBCUniversal, MacLellan served as president, Comcast International Media Group and Comcast Entertainment Studios. Under his leadership, Comcast increased its international channel subscribers from 17 million to more than 100

million and increased syndication revenue by more than 500 percent. He oversaw Comcast's international television and new-media properties, which included E! Entertainment Television, E! Online, the Style Network, the Golf Channel, and G4. He was also responsible for all original production for the networks domestically and internationally, including popular franchises such as *The E! True Hollywood Story*, *The Soup*, *Fashion Police*, and *Live from the Red Carpet*.

Before joining Comcast Corp., MacLellan was vice president, International Television Networks at Sony Pictures Television International in London. He was responsible for managing the company's channel investments, carriage agreements, and partnerships as well as overseeing business development. Earlier, he was director of programming for Home Box Office International in New York and Eastern Europe, based in Prague. He began his career in TV production and programming at several leading cable networks in the U.S. including HBO, Comedy Central, and Nickelodeon. ■

### Send Your News

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(845) 575-3283

## 1956

**Bro. Dominic O'Brien** retired and is now involved in prison ministry at Florida State Prison.

## 1957

**Bro. Francis Farrell** (aka **William E. Farrell**) has retired but still works as a pastoral associate at Queen of Peace Parish in North Arlington, NJ. He also completed his third trip since August 2012 to Antigua and Guatemala to build houses for poor families with Houses to Hope.

## 1963

**Bro. John McDonnell** is part of a new Marist Brothers community at Our Lady of Grace Parish in the Bronx, NY. **Frank Sutton** recently retired from teaching. He is still running Sutton's Place, a guest house in Manchester, VT.

## 1964

**Bro. Rene Roy** recently received the John E. Benton Citizenship Award from the Ancient Order of Hibernians in Lawrence, MA.

## 1965

**Rev. Michael Perry** celebrated his 60th year serving as the English-speaking chaplain at Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris.

## 1966

**John Barry** welcomed a new granddaughter, Olivia, born in June 2012. Olivia is John's fifth grandchild. **James Mulvey** retired in 2008 after 42 years of teaching high school and college. James and his wife, Ann, are now proud grandparents of a granddaughter, Rosann. James stays active by swimming, kayaking, skiing, and hiking. **Pete Nesterole** is alive and well and still living on the West Coast. He's started up his motorcycles and is ready to ride. **Michael Ward** is very semiretired. He still practices physical therapy and is "living the life," enjoying his eight grandchildren and residing in an over-55 community. **Bill Zabicki** began his 44th season as an intercollegiate/intercollegiate basketball official. Bill also volunteers for Special Olympics, the USOC and Wounded Warriors at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, TX.

## 1967

**Ron Anderson** (1905MS) is enjoying retirement. He is contributing poetry to *Affirmscopy Today* magazine.



**Pete Nesterole '66** discovered a Marist banner in Buckley's on Queen Anne, a pub in Seattle, WA.

He is also actively involved with the Florida Orchestra. **Peter Higgins** recently helped the FBI start a scientific working group for forensic and investigative speaker recognition. Peter turned 70 last year and finds that work is too interesting to really retire. **John Kenny** married **Susan Francis '77** on Aug. 2, 2012. John is an adjunct lecturer in mathematics at Dutchess Community College and Susan teaches mathematics at Van Wyck Junior High School in Wappingers Falls, NY. **John Perring-Mulligan** retired this past summer.

## 1968

**Dr. James Croteau** was asked by Florida Department of Elder Affairs Secretary Charles Corley to serve as interim state ombudsman for the state's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. Jim had recently retired after serving five years as president/CEO of Elder Care Services, a nonprofit in Leon County, FL. Earlier, Jim retired from the Leon County school system after 35 years in positions that



**Dr. James Croteau '68**

included elementary teacher, staff development director, policy and planning director, assistant superintendent for business services, deputy superintendent, and interim superintendent. Jim earned a PhD from Florida State University and an MA from Queens College CUNY after graduating from Marist. He has been an adjunct professor at several colleges and universities in Florida and has served as an officer or board member of many community and church organizations. **Thomas Nolan's** daughter, **Jaclyn '06**, is a school counselor at Indian Hills High School in New Jersey.

## REUNION

## 1969

**Deacon George Mills** was recently named executive assistant to the vicar general and moderator of the curia for the Diocese of Belleville, IL. **Bill Nevins** is a member of the Georgia Republican Leadership School. He was also appointed by the Georgia Supreme Court to the State Bar for fee arbitration. **Sean O'Neill** was reelected commodore of the Albany Yacht Club for 2013. Founded in 1872, AYV is one of the oldest yacht clubs in America. **Paul Reichhart** retired after 40 years with *Seneca Cayuga ARC*.

## 1971

**Anthony D'Alloja**'s son, James, recently graduated summa cum laude from Brooklyn College with a degree in radio/TV/film/television. James is seeking a position in broadcast TV production.

## 1972

**William Endy** retired in 2000 after 17 years as CEO/executive director of Family Counseling Center of Northern Utah. **Edward Flournoy** was inducted into Pi Alpha Alpha, a global honor society for students in public affairs and administration, through its Walden University chapter. The honor is based on academic performance and professional contributions. Edward is writing a dissertation publication on "Housing Policies: The 2007 U.S. Housing Crisis and Low- to Moderate-Income Families" to verify a PhD in public policy and law. He completed the PhD program in August 2010 and is finishing the dissertation process.

## 1973

**Brian Doyle** (1905MS) is proud of his sons Dan and John. Dan is an urban planner with the New York City Mayor's Office. He and his wife, Sara, have two children, Lucy and Lorenzo. John is a graduate of Duke University School of Law and is a deputy attorney general for New Jersey. **Rich Freccia** continues his career as a school counselor at Allentown High School in Monmouth County, NJ. Rich recently organized and moderated a workshop panel on college admission issues and trends for the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling on the Princeton University campus. **Mark Mahoney** is president and CEO of Energy Brokers, Inc. He recently expanded oil brokering operations to the entire West Coast as well as to Nevada and Arizona. **Greg Nelsen** was ordained by the permanent diaconate for the Diocese of Orlando (FL) on June 29, 2012. Greg received his master's in theology from St. Leo's University in May. He will be serving at his parish, St. Mary Magdalen in Altamonte Springs, FL. Greg and his wife, Barbara, have worked with the diocese's Family Life office in marriage prep for the past 27 years and are the coordinators of natural family planning for the diocese. They have four children and five grandchildren. **Dr. John G. Siolas** received the Hermes Award given by the Federation of Hellenic American Educators in spring 2012 at the Trump Taj Mahal in Atlantic City, NJ. He is an associate professor of education in the Graduate Division of the School of Education and Psychology at Tufts College. **John Yakubowski Jr.** notes that his father, of Calverton, NY, celebrated his 100th birthday on July 31 and was joined at a birthday party by his



**Dr. John G. Siolas '73**



President Dennis J. Murray welcomed nine members of the Class of 1963 to their 50-year reunion: (standing, left to right) Frank Callahan, James Gargan, John Collins, Bro. John Bantz, (seated, left to right) Bro. John Herrmann, Bro. John McDonnell, Bill McIntyre, William J. Moran, and Frank Sutton.



President Murray and Paul X. Rinn '68, vice president of the Alumni Association Executive Board (right), presented Kathryn Kupec '16 with the 2013 Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

## Alumni Come "Home" for Homecoming and Reunion 2013

**M**ARIST CELEBRATED HOMECOMING and Reunion Weekend this past October by welcoming more than 1,500 visitors to campus. Alumni returning with their families and friends had a number of activities to enjoy throughout the weekend.

On Saturday morning, three distinguished alumni were honored in the second annual Alumni Association Awards presentation. Maria Gordon Shydo '87 received the Marist College Distinguished Service Award; Ryan Bingham '05 received the Marist College Young Alumnus Award; and Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS '70 accepted the Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50 Outstanding Alumnus Award on behalf of Bro. Richard Rancourt, FMS '33 (Bro. Sammon received the award in 2012). Also on Saturday, the Alumni Legacy Scholarship was presented to Kathryn Kupec '16.

Additional notable events included the Alumni Family Picnic, where guests enjoyed rides in a horse-drawn wagon, face painting, inflatable rides for children, and a reunion tent where each class celebrating a milestone reunion had a designated meeting area. Alumni were also treated to a huge Red Fox football victory over Valparaiso with a shutout score of 37-0.

The weekend's events also included the fifth annual Theatre Hall of Fame reception and induction ceremony in the Nelly Goletti Theatre inside the newly renovated Student Center. Those inducted were President Dennis J. Murray, Paul R. Tesoro '75, Suzanne (Denk) Wittig '76, Edwin M. Budd '93, and Christopher M. Yaphamky '01.

More than 600 alumni celebrating milestone reunions participated in evening celebrations throughout the Hudson Valley

in such locations as Marist's historic Cornell Boathouse, Carvas, Cosimo's Poughkeepsie, Union Square, Darby O'Gill's, Mahoney's Irish Pub and Steakhouse, the Poughkeepsie Grand, and Coppola's Ristorante of Hyde Park. The receptions were organized in large part by volunteer alumni committees.

On Sunday, the men's crew program held a dedication and christening ceremony at the Cornell Boathouse to welcome a new racing shell, the *Harry A. Manley*. (See story below.)

The weekend's events concluded with an annual alumni Mass where graduates who passed away over the prior year were remembered.

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2014 is scheduled for Oct. 10-12 (Columbus Day Weekend). Reunions will be planned for members of classes that graduated in a year ending in 4 or 9. Alumni who would like to volunteer for a reunion committee are invited to contact the Alumni Office at [maristalumni@marist.edu](mailto:maristalumni@marist.edu) or (845) 575-3283. ■

## New Crew Shell Dedicated

**I**T WAS JANUARY OF 2013 when Matt Lavin, coach of the Marist men's crew program, reached out to the Alumni Office with an idea for getting alumni more involved in the program and gaining support for the purchase of a new men's shell. On Feb. 13, 2013, the Decades Cup Challenge was launched to see which of Marist's five decades of alumni could raise the most money. If the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, and 2000s could all raise \$2,000 each, the team would raise \$10,000 toward its goal of \$38,000 (the price of a new shell). Volunteers came forth to "captain" their decades and lead the communication efforts. The decade who raised the most would earn naming rights for the new shell.

The '50s hit the ground running with Jim Cockroft '73 leading the way, followed shortly by Dave Buckner '02 and the 2000s decade. J.C. Berral '84 led the '80s decade, and James Sullivan '95 led the '90s.

By June 2013, the end of the fiscal year, crew alumni and friends had raised just over \$14,000, with the '70s decade earning the right to name the shell. They chose to name it after

Harry A. Manley. A graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School in the Philadelphia area, Harry was the first experienced coxswain to attend Marist and was an enormous motivator to his teammates. He coxed his crews to victories at the President's Cup and the Head of the Charles. He tragically passed away at the age of 21.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, the Marist Department of Athletics and crew program held a dedication and christening ceremony at the Hudson Riverfront to welcome the newest Vespoli 8+, the *Harry A. Manley*, into the program. President Dennis J. Murray, past coaches Bill "Butch" Lenehan and Bill Austin, Marist Athletics Director Tim Murray, Director of Rowing Tom Sanford, and Men's Crew Head Coach Matt Lavin welcomed members of the Manley family, Marist's current men's and women's teams, alumni, families, and friends and thanked donors for their generosity. Special appreciation was given to Marist Trustee Pat Lavelle '73, Vice President of the

Marist welcomed more than 1,500 visitors to campus for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend this past October.



Inductees into the Theatre Hall of Fame were (left to right) Edwin M. Budd '93, Christopher M. Yagchanyk '01, Suzanne (Deak) Wittig '76, Paul R. Tesoro '73, and President Murray.



President Murray with Alumni Association Award winners (left to right) Maria Gordon Shydlor '87 and Ryan Bingham '05 as well as Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS '70, who accepted an award on behalf of Bro. Richard Rancourt, FMS '53.



A contingent representing the Alumni Association later gave Bro. Richard Rancourt, FMS '53 (front) the Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50 Outstanding Alumnus Award at his residence at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, NY. The group consisted of (left to right) Marie (Esperancilla) Wicks '86, Amy (Coppola) Woods '93, Paul X. Rinn '68, and Joan (Gaspárovic) Gambeski '83.

Alumni Association Executive Board Capt. Paul X. Rinn, USN (Ret.) '68, and the Marist College Red Fox Booster Club for their support. Lenehan thanked Cockcroft in particular for his leadership and efforts to reach out to as many former rowers as possible, whether they completed their degree at Marist or not.

Harry A. Manley's siblings, Annette Manley Ferris, Kevin Manley, and Maureen Manley Sarbello (front), joined Marist rowers and coaches from the 1970s to dedicate and christen the Harry A. Manley shell at the Marist riverfront during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend.



With additional funds received from the Red Fox Booster Club and the sale of two older shells, the crew program was less than \$15,000 away from purchasing a second shell at the start of the 2014 fiscal year. To reach their new goal they began the Brothers' Cup, which focuses on donor participation per decade. The decade with

the highest percentage of members donating will be allowed to help name the shell.

Anyone interested in supporting the men's crew shell fundraising efforts may make a gift in person at the Department of Athletics or Office of Alumni Relations at Marist or may:

- ▶ send a check payable to Marist College Men's Crew to Tom Sanford, Director of Rowing, Marist College, 3399 North Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Please write "Men's Shell" on the memo line.
- ▶ go to [www.marist.edu/alumni/giving.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/giving.html), and under "About your Gift" select "other." Please follow up with an email ([marista-lumni@marist.edu](mailto:marista-lumni@marist.edu)) or phone call (845-575-3283) to the Alumni Office to designate your donation for men's crew.

Anyone interested in becoming more involved with the crew program and future boathouse renovations is invited to contact Director of Athletics Tim Murray at [tim.murray@marist.edu](mailto:tim.murray@marist.edu) or Vice President for College Advancement Chris DelGiorno at [chris.delgiorno@marist.edu](mailto:chris.delgiorno@marist.edu).

90-year-old sister and her 90-year-old husband, who is his best friend. The centenarian reminisced about his life as a farmer in an interview in the *Riverhead News-Review*.

**REUNION**  
**1974**

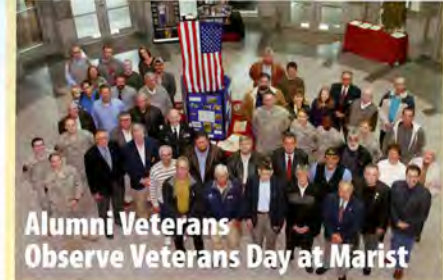
**John Meurant** and his wife, Patricia, will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on April 25, 2014.

**1975**

**Michael Asip** earned a Doctor of Education degree in education policy planning and leadership with a special-education emphasis from the College of William & Mary in May 2013. Since 2008, he has served as director of exceptional education in Chesterfield County Public Schools, the fourth largest school district in Virginia, serving more than 7,000 students with disabilities and their families. Mike is also president-elect of the Virginia Council of Administrators of Special Education (VCASE), a state affiliate of the Council for Exceptional Children. **Tom Herman** is vice president of operations intelligence solutions for L-3 Communications' Comcept Division.

**1976**

**Larry Hurley** and his wife, Dorothy, are in their sixth year of retirement in Kissimmee, FL, where they can "stay warm and be free from the snow and the cold of the Northeast." Larry retired from IBM after 30 years of semiconductor engineering and went on to do engineering work for Micrus, Philips Semiconductors, and NXP Semiconductors. Now, after 42 years of work in semiconductor manufacturing and development, he volunteers in his community and enjoys a wonderful life. Larry and Dorothy have two daughters and a granddaughter, also in Florida. Larry hopes that their generations and those that follow also get to enjoy retirement someday. **Patrick Liffrieri** completed 25 years with Entenmanns Bakery in November 2013. He looks forward to retirement in the not-too-distant future. **Diane (Trapani) Mancarella** retired from her 30-year teaching career in June 2012. **Kenneth Muckenbaup** filed a patent for an invention titled Predictive Cloud



**Alumni Veterans Observe Veterans Day at Marist**

More than 40 students and alumni who are military veterans or active service members attended a luncheon at Marist in observance of Veterans Day.

**MARIST STUDENTS AND ALUMNI** who are military veterans or active service members were invited to the annual Veterans Day observance held Nov. 11 at Marist. More than 50 guests, including 40 veterans and service members, attended a luncheon in the Student Center Cabaret. Student-donated military items were on display in the Rotunda throughout the day. Although Marist makes note of alumni who are veterans or current service members, records are incomplete. Veterans and active duty service members who didn't receive an invitation in 2013 are invited to email the Alumni Office at [maristalumni@marist.edu](mailto:maristalumni@marist.edu) or submit an online Alumni Profile Update Form at [www.marist.edu/alumni/alupdate.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/alupdate.html) and provide your information (under "Miscellaneous") for the 2014 event. ■

Provisioning Based on Human Behaviors and Heuristics in October 2013. **Mary Beth Pfeiffer** received a 2013 Sigma Delta Chi Award for her investigative reporting about Lyme disease in a *Poughkeepsie Journalist* series called "No Small Thing." The Society of Professional Journalists bestows the awards to recognize exceptional professional journalism. The SPI judges, who are prominent veteran journalists, selected 54 honorees from nearly 12,000 submissions. **Ernest Puglisi** is a computer technologies instructor for Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown, NC.

**1977**

**Cynthia Cusumano** (2005MBA) is now benefits manager at Berkeley College, after 21 years at Precision Valve Corp.

**1978**

**Debra (Blowers) Citrone** is a pre-K teacher at St. Lucy's School in the Bronx, NY. Debra's daughter, Kate, is a freshman at Roosevelt College. **Mike Marchesano** was interviewed in the Oct. 28, 2013, edition of *Media Industry Newsletter* Mike

recently became managing director of the Software & Information Industry Association's American Business Media division. **Matthew Meltzer** is in his 40th year as a driving instructor. He specializes in teaching those with mental, physical, and/or emotional differences, in cars equipped with a variety of hand controls ([www.drivingatcar.com](http://www.drivingatcar.com)).

**REUNION**  
**1979**

**Eva Damiani** retired from Boeing and lives in Arizona on a dream ranch, enjoying life. **Robert Heinisch** retired from his position as vice president for site operations at the New York Botanical Garden. **Kathleen (Pinto) Rudolph** has been working at Raleigh Little Theatre in Raleigh, NC, for 18 years, teaching classes and directing shows. She is married to Mark Rudolph '78.

**1980**

**Ted Clark**, professor of marketing at SUNY New Paltz, was named Teacher of the Year by the SUNY New Paltz Alumni Association on Nov. 16 at a ceremony held at the Culinary Institute of America in

Hyde Park, NY. **Lou Merlino's** stepdaughter, Tomi, recently married and received her master's from SUNY New Paltz. His stepson, William, was promoted to lieutenant in the Indian Point security force.

**1981**

**Donna (Layport) Bosworth** is a third-degree black belt in Parker's American Kenpo Karate. She traveled to Italy to compete as part of World Karate/Kickboxing Council (WKC) Team USA. She took home gold and a world championship in creative weapons, silver in traditional weapons, and bronze in traditional kata. This is Donna's second year competing on WKC Team USA. **Charles DeWinne's** daughter Kimberly graduated from Baylor University's Hankamer School of Business with a bachelor's degree. His daughter Heather, a member of Texas A&M's Class of 2010, was promoted to senior business consultant at Accenture in Austin, TX. **Michael Iantosca** married Ellen Smith on Oct. 3, 2013, in a beachfront sunset ceremony on the Outer Banks of North Carolina. Michael and Ellen reside in Wake Forest, NC.



## 1982

**Ginny (Luciano) Brophrey**, whose radio name is Ginny Brophy, was named Major Market Music Director of the Year by Country Aircheck/Country Radio Broadcasters for the third consecutive year. She is music director for Country 101.5 WKLL in Boston.

## 1983

**Christopher Barnes** is "working two great jobs in the field for which Martin prepared me." His primary employer is CBS Radio, where he is a full-time anchor at WNEA All News 99.3 in Washington, DC. Chris also anchors newscasts nightly on the Blaze Radio Network, available online at [TheBlaze.com](http://TheBlaze.com) and on 50.0 XM's Patriot Channel 125. **a Joseph Seminara** has been married for 23 years. He is a senior trader at Mellon Bank. Joseph's wife, Cecilia, is an attorney, and they have an 11-year-old son, Chris. **a David Teague** recently retired from work with New York State. He has a 9-year-old grandson, Maddox.



## 1984

**John Berzal** is sales manager at Ruger's Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram in Blinnetts, NY. John's son, Zach, is a sophomore at Massie. **a Margaret (Good) Patterson** recently celebrated 25 years with Corinthian Media, where she is a senior vice president. She also opened a dog business, Maggie's Mutts, now in its fifth year. **a Wendy (DeSignore) Schiavi** is proud to report that her daughter, Jennifer, will be a part of Martin's Class of 2017.

## 1985

**Gregory Hart** is president and CEO of the Big Wind LLC. The company installed the first wind turbine at a private school in New York City, the prestigious Town School. Big Wind was also the first renewable energy company to install a wind turbine and solar energy equipment at a New York City public school, ES 184 Highbridge Gardens in the Bronx. In 2013, the Big Wind LLC opened an office in Dublin, Ireland, and a solar manufacturing plant in Athens, Greece. Gregory was appointed to the board of directors of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem as a

New Jersey representative. And he was appointed to the board of the New York Archdiocese Catholic Guardian Society by Cardinal Thomas Dolan and sent to the Vatican and met Pope Benedict XVI before his retirement. Gregory was also named to the board of directors of the Manassan River Yacht Club. **a Michael Lowen** is director of financial resources management for the Pan American Health Organization in Washington, DC. He lives in Vienna, VA, with his wife, Tara, and two sons, Luke and Michael Jr. **a Susan (Studley) Marcy** joined the Ulster County Regional Chamber of Commerce Board in January 2013. **a Francis Sciarretta** (1987/MS) married Emily Costanza on Oct. 20, 2013. **a Laurel (Dickson) Spuhler** and her husband, Daniel, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. They married in the Marist Chapel on Nov. 19, 1988. **a Patricia (Prashaw) Wilson** was elected to her second term as a trustee of the village of Massena, NY, and was appointed deputy mayor, the first woman to hold the position. She continues rewarding work with the Department of Commerce's Manufacturing Extension Partnership, providing marketing for both her firm and as a consultant to small manufacturers. She is also active in efforts to open a Boys & Girls Club of Massena in May 2014, serving as a board member and chair of a publicity committee. She invites anyone from the Marist community who wants to help to visit [bgcmassena.org](http://bgcmassena.org) to learn more.

## 1986

**Michael Masterson** recently took a regional sales and marketing role with Starwood Hotels & Resorts, overseeing sales for three properties on Maui. Previously, he was in sales and marketing with the Ritz-Carlton Kapalua on Maui for seven years. Michael has spent the past 12 years living on Maui as a resort sales and marketing professional. **a Jacqueline "Bejey" Pharr** married Jacques Edwards on Sept. 8, 2011. She retired April 1, 2012, from NYS DOCCS. **a Kevin Reilly** is embarking on a new adventure as a therapist for children, adolescents, and adults. **a Diane Scavuzzo** married Tom Stille on Sept. 6, 2012, at Essex Falls Country Club in Essex Falls, NJ.



Col. Christopher Douglas, USMC '90 (right), is team leader for the Security Force Advisor and Assistance Team (SFAAT) to the 2nd Brigade, 25th Corps of the Afghanistan National Army located in Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. At left is Capt. Michael Shanahan.

## Col. Christopher Douglas, USMC '90 and Team Highlighted in News

Col. Christopher Douglas, USMC, a 1990 graduate, and his team were recently highlighted in a feature on the Department of the Army's DVIDS Web site. [www.dvidshub.net/news/117255/ose-team-086-objective-ans-marines-seeks-stability-sangin](http://www.dvidshub.net/news/117255/ose-team-086-objective-ans-marines-seeks-stability-sangin).

Douglas is the team leader for the Security Force Advisory and Assistance Team (SFAAT) to the 2nd Brigade, 25th Corps of the Afghanistan National Army located in Sangin, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. His unit is responsible for training, advising, and assisting the 2nd Brigade, 25th Corps currently conducting combat operations in Sangin.

A former Marist football player and communications minor, Douglas completed Marine Corps Officer Candidate School, Basic School, and Infantry Officer School in Quantico, VA, in 1991. He was then assigned to 3d Battalion, 6th Marines where he commanded three platoons, was an executive officer, and the 3/6 Battalion adjutant. During this tour he participated in Operation Battle Griffin in Norway and served as part of the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit in operations Continue Hope Somalia, Provide Promise Dery Flight Adriatic Sea, and Support Democracy Haiti.

In 1995 he transitioned from active military service in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. Assigned to Company F, 2d Battalion, 25th Marines, he served as a platoon commander for two years. In 1997 he was assigned to Basic School in Quantico, VA, where he served as a firefighting instructor.

In 2001, he assumed command of Company F, 2d Battalion, 25th Marines, was recalled to active duty, and deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, conducting operations in and around An Nasiriyah. In December of 2003, he relinquished that command to serve as the operations officer of 2d Battalion, 25th Marines. He was recalled to active duty as the commander of Company K, 3d Battalion, 24th Marines and deployed to Iraq, carrying out operations in Al Anbar Province.

After relinquishing command of Company K to attend the Command and Staff Seminar, a professional military education program, he reassumed the command and participated in Exercise Talisman Saber 2007 in Australia. In August 2007 he relinquished command of Company K, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel, and assumed duties as the executive officer of 1st Battalion, 25th Marines. He was then assigned to the Operations Section at 25th Marine Regimental Headquarters until November 2009 when he assumed command of 1st Battalion, 24th Marines. In November 2012 he was assigned to the 4th Marine Division, and in March 2013 he assumed his current duties.

His personal awards include the Combat Action ribbon, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Commendation Medal with combat "V," and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal.

He and his wife and son make their home in Ballston Spa, NY. ■

## 1987

**Lauren (LoDestro) Chielli** changed positions at Paul Weiss, where she has worked for 13 years. Formerly an assistant manager in telecommunication, she is now an assistant manager in network administration. Lauren has been married for 46 years. ■ **Lisa (Giardino) Hyams** was promoted to senior vice president, U.S. Network Partnerships, at Turner Broadcasting. She is responsible for managing relationships across Turner's entertainment brands TNT, TBS, Cartoon Network, truTV, NBA TV, TCM, Adult Swim, Turner Sports, and Boomerang. ■ **Linda (Smith) Jager** was preparing to head to Sochi, Russia (at press time) with the U.S. Olympic Committee to handle media relations for the U.S. beach team at the Sochi 2014 Olympic Winter Games. ■ **Derrick Wynkoop (1992MBA)** was elected to Walden Savings Bank's board of directors in January 2013. He also was appointed chairman of the board of the Community Foundation of Orange and Sullivan.

## 1988

**Joseph Madden** moved back to East Greenwich, RI, to lead Fidelity Investment's PR department for its retail businesses. His title is vice president of personal investing public relations. ■ **Bob O'Connor** married Kristin Silverman on April 18, 2009. They welcomed a daughter, Abigail, born March 3, 2010, and a son, David, born Nov. 22, 2011. Bob is employed in public-sector labor relations and is completing the arbitration development program at Cornell University for qualification as a labor-employment arbitrator. ■ **Dan Pietrafesa** is a 2013 inductee into the New York State High School Softball Hall of Fame. He covers sports for the *Poughkeepsie Journal* and coordinates the *Journal's* Players section focusing on recreation. He was part of group efforts that won three 2012 Best of Gannett awards. One was for the *Journal's* coverage of the Dutchess County Classic, and the other two were for collections at work in the Players section. ■ **Peter Prunel** celebrated 20 years in California, where he is vice president of operations at LegalZoom.com. Peter splits his time between Glendale, CA, and Austin, TX. ■ **Antonio Scala**



T. Brendan Mooney '71 (right) visited with Ernie Belanger '59 (left) and Ernie's wife, Alicia (center), in Madrid in 2008.

## Remembering J. Ernest Belanger '59, First Coordinator of Marist Spain Program

Fifty years ago, Bro. Joseph L. R. Belanger '48 founded the Marist Abroad Program, the forerunner to today's robust Marist International Programs. Spain and France were the first focus of his efforts, and he did not have to look far to find a qualified on-site program coordinator for Marist students bound for Madrid's top universities. His brother, J. Ernest "Ernie" Belanger, had been living and teaching in Madrid for a number of years and as a member of the Class of 1959 was among Marist's first Spanish majors. Ernie took on the assignment, which lasted 17 years.

Belanger, 78, passed away this past October in Madrid, where he had taught at the American School for many years. He held a master's in Spanish from Middlebury College and during his Marist tenure guided the study-abroad experience of scores of students, for each of whom he arranged a homestay with a local family for a full academic year.

Belanger is survived by his wife of 47 years, Alicia, a son and daughter, and two grandsons, all of Madrid.

Brendan Mooney '71 benefited from Ernie Belanger's shepherding as well as a friendship that lasted more than 40 years. "My relationship with Ernie began 44 years ago," says Mooney. "He was my mentor in the Marist program in Madrid. He inspired me in ways I never expected. His love for Alicia, for Spain, his command of the language and culture made me want to be like him. I never did get to move there but through many visits I was blessed to call him my friend. *Buen camino, mi amigo.*" ■

welcomed a third son, Gianluca, who joins big brothers Vincenzo and Mattias.



## 1989

**Vincent Amatulli** relocated to Saratoga Springs, NY, to become chief technology officer of the Avo Co., a Goldman Sachs subsidiary. He has been with Goldman Sachs since graduation. ■ **Stephen Clarke** is now managing general partner of Wild Accents in Orange-

CT. ■ **Therese Ferguson** recently partnered with a global nutraceutical company, Qvora. She invites alumni to contact her at [www.mspviana.com/ldaretob@em.com](http://www.mspviana.com/ldaretob@em.com). She stays very busy with her four boys, who play travel lacrosse. She lives on Eastern Long Island, NY, with her husband, Dr. Alexander Zushko.

## 1990

**Leonard Klie** is senior news editor for *CRAI* and *Special Technology* magazines at Information Today, Inc., in New York City. ■ **Patricia**

(DePaolo) **Munk** is medical reserve corps coordinator for Dutchess County, working for the County's Department of Emergency Response and Department of Health.

## 1991

**Tom Hanna** coached the Marist women's volleyball team to a share of the 2013 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) regular-season title, a first in program history. Tom was named MAAC Coach of the Year. For more on Tom, see page 21. ■ **Jim Jozefowicz** was the invited guest speaker at the Marist College School of Management Honors Banquet on April 28, 2013, at the Dutchess Golf Club in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Sheila (Clancy) O'Donnell** created a part-time course called Foundations in Fashion Design and Merchandising at Letterkenny Institute of Technology in Ireland. Sheila says that without her education at Marist and the career she had as a result, it would never have been possible. *DesignaNow.com* highlighted her course in a recent article.

## 1992

**Jennifer (Maloy) McGurk** is program manager for the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce's Young Entrepreneurs Academy. She works with high school students on Staten Island. ■ **Tricia (Rizzotto) Perrotti** is integrated marketing director at *Fit Pregnancy and Natural Health*, part of American Media, Inc., in New York City.

## 1993

**Julia Burns-Buland** started her "kindergarten sweethearts" in July 2011. ■ **Kraig DeMatteis** is a project manager and course designer for Fordham University, guiding the development of the Graduate School of Social Service's online MSW programs. His job includes discussing with faculty and administrators what online learning looks like, the similarities and differences between the synchronous and asynchronous classrooms, how to design learning objectives and activities, and methodologies that can be used to deliver online courses. Previously Kraig spent seven years helping K-12 educators integrate technology into their classrooms. ■ **Patrick O'Hara** opened a specialty tax firm providing comprehensive tax planning and taxpayer resolution services. ■

**Barbara (Zisa) Petric** welcomed her second child, a girl, Emma Iran, born April 23, 2012. ■ **Paul Rudolph** and his wife, **Annamarie (O'Connor) '94**, live in Lynbrook, NY, with their four children, Liam, Kieran, Bridget, and Owen. Paul operates his family-owned funeral home in Woodhaven, NY. ■ **J.W. Stewart** is a sports anchor/reporter with NBC Connecticut, which is the local NBC affiliate in Hartford. ■ **Aaron Ward** will be performing professional standup comedy throughout the Northeast and Midwest for the past 12 years. Aaron took second place out of nearly 500 comedians in the Cape May Comedy Festival Competition this past summer. ■ **Dr. Herb Weisman (MBA)** took Marist seniors Patrick Bergamini, Megan Romez, and Tim O'Herron to Uganda on a mission trip in June 2012.



## 1994

**Gregory Fagnant** and **Autumn Gates '98** are engaged. They plan a Sept. 13, 2014, wedding. ■ **Jason LaScola** and his wife, Cheryl, welcomed their second child, Noah Jason, born July 10, 2012. ■ **Annamarie (O'Connor) Rudolph** and her husband, **Paul '93**, live in Lynbrook, NY, with their four children, Liam, Kieran, Bridget, and Owen. Paul operates his family-owned funeral home in Woodhaven, NY. ■ **Dr. Christina Royal (1003MA)** is provost and chief academic officer at Inver Hills

Community College in St. Paul, MN. She was invited to be the keynote speaker at the 25th annual 2014 conference in Orlando, FL.

## 1995

**Rose Caiazzo** has been exploring a career as a voice artist for the last five years, working with clients on radio and TV commercials, voicemail systems, video games, and corporate narrations. She was recently chosen to be "the voice" of the Grand Teton National Park route for a smartphone app called TravelStories GPS (travelstories-gps.com) ■ **Charles Lynch (MA)** recently retired from IBM. He is a patient account representative at HealthQuest. ■ **James Marcello (MFA)** shared that his wife, Ellenor, passed away Feb. 2, 2013. ■ **Donna (Maringelli) Tine** was promoted to senior director at Comedy Central. She also celebrated her 8-year anniversary at Comedy Central and more than 13 years with Verizon.

## 1996

**Todd Coulson** and his wife, Christina, welcomed a baby girl, Norea, born Aug. 27, 2013. Todd received his master's from Villanova University and accepted a job at Brookwood Media Arts in Springhouse, PA. ■ **Steven Dardanello** and his wife, Marnie, welcomed a baby boy, Michael, born Feb. 6, 2013. ■ **Melanie (Fester) Dawson** returned to school to study nutrition and wellness. ■ **Alexandra Greenberg** and her boyfriend, Phil, welcomed a baby



## Alumni Win Medals at World Rowing Championships

Two Marist alumni won medals representing the United States in the 2013 World Rowing Championships in Chungju, South Korea.

Hillary Sager '07 (above, second from left) was part of the U.S. lightweight women's quad crew that won a silver medal. It was her third time to the podium in the event; she won a bronze medal in 2009 and again in 2011.

Brendan Mulvey '09 (below, fourth from left) competed on the U.S. lightweight men's eight team, which took home a bronze medal. ■



**Leo Berendes '67** (second from left) has been elected chairman of the Barrington (RI) Yacht Club Race Committee after many years as a very active member. The Narragansett Bay Yachting Association recently presented him with two awards: the William E. Trigg Trophy for his many contributions to yachting and race committee work, and the Isaac B. Merriman Memorial Award, given in recognition of skills, sportsmanship, or service to the sport of competitive sailing.

boy, Jean-Michel, born April 27, 2013. ■ **Mike Napolitano**, who is operations manager and an adjunct lecturer of music in Marist's Music Department, received two awards for his work this past summer. Kappa Kappa Psi, the national honorary band fraternity, named him Outstanding Chapter Sponsor in the country at its convention in Springfield, MA. The fraternity also presented him with the inaugural Scott Stowell Award for Alumni Excellence. In addition, he was appointed to the Kappa Kappa Psi Alumni Association Board of Directors. ■ **Vicky (Keresztes) Saco** was promoted to lead project manager at Magellan Health Services. ■ **Laura Stoll** and her husband welcomed their first child, a son, Jack Austin Yach, born in January 2013. Laura became an organizational development consultant at Ernst &

Young just prior to having Jack. She is very willing to refer alumni interested in a career at Ernst & Young. ■ **Kevin Sullivan** was promoted to writer/producer and lead producer on *Monday Night Football* for ESPN.

## 1997

**Kimberly Byda-Sullivan** and her husband have relocated from Boston to Chicago. ■ **Christopher Alan Doty** resides in Florida and is enjoying 10 years of private legal practice in the areas of dependency and family law, personal injury, and bankruptcy law. He and his wife, Danielle, welcomed a son, Enzo Nicholas, born Sept. 13, 2013. Chris's first son, Christopher Jr., is attending Trinity Catholic School in Ocala, FL, and is the starting quarterback on junior varsity for Coach John Brentley of the Florida "Gators." ■ **Christy (Gronlund) Magee**

received an MS in national resource strategy from the National Defense University Eisenhower School in June 2002. She was selected to attend NDU/ES by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The NDU/ES program prepares selected military and civilians for leadership positions in national security and resource management. On her return to the Department of Homeland Security, she was promoted to section chief for critical infrastructure stakeholder education and training. She is responsible for development and delivery of training and education for government and private-sector partners in critical infrastructure security and resilience. **a Janet (Cacace) Novoselich** and her family moved from Killeen, TX, to Blacksburg, VA. **a Kyle Reeves** and his wife, Brooke, welcomed their first child, a girl, MacKenzie-Grace, born March 25, 2013. **a Craig Scribner** became engaged to Linda Ribando on Sept. 7, 2013.

**1998**

**Kerry (Peterson) Brooks** and her husband welcomed their first child, Everett Hall, born June 18, 2012. Everett was three months early but is doing great. Kerry started a new job as marketing manager at BigVisible Solutions, Inc. **a Autumn Gates** and **Gregory Fagnant '04** are engaged. They plan a Sept. 13, 2014, wedding. **a Jennifer Harmer** is pursuing a master's in commu-

**Paul J. Browne '71  
Named VP for  
Public Affairs and  
Communications  
at Notre Dame**

Paul J. Browne '71 has been appointed vice president for public affairs and communications at the University of Notre Dame.

Previously Browne was the deputy commissioner of public information for the New York City Police Department, serving as chief communications strategist and spokesman for the 50,000-member NYPD. He earlier served as press secretary and chief of staff for U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan and in similar posts at the U.S. Treasury Department, the New York State Court of Appeals, and the New York State Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities, and also as vice president for advancement at Marist.

Browne also served as deputy director of the International Police Monitors in Haiti, with a United Nations mandate to end human rights abuses there and to establish an interim police force during the U.S.-led Operation Restore Democracy in 1994-95. For his Haiti service, Browne was awarded the



Paul J. Browne '71

Commander's Medal for Public Service by then-Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Gen. John Shalikhtvili.

Before entering government service, Browne was a newspaper reporter, first for the *Waterbury Daily Times* in upstate New York and later as Albany bureau chief for the *New York Daily News* and the *New York Law Journal*. He also served for many years in New York's state capital as a stringer for the *New York Times*. His freelance reporting has been published in the *Washington Post* and other publications. He is a former member of the board of the American Irish Historical Society and has been published in its journal, the *Recorder*.

A native of the Bronx and a graduate of Mount Saint Michael Academy there, Browne received a bachelor's degree in American studies from Marist and a master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. As an undergraduate, he studied for a year in Bogota, Colombia, and upon graduation served as a lay volunteer teacher at the Marist Brothers High School in Pago Pago, American Samoa. He and his wife, Sarah, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary this past summer and have an adult daughter, Lucy.

nication at Marist. **a Christopher Jette** had an article published in the November 2013 issue of *Every Day* with *Rachael Roy* magazine regarding his experience during Superstorm Sandy and his company's volunteer response to help rebuild his community.

**REUNION  
1999**

**Bill Brennan** earned his doctorate from Fordham University in educational leadership, administration, and policy and continues to write and present his work around the country. Bill's book, *Accelerate Intelligence: Unleashing the Next Gen Learning Organization*, will be released in winter 2014. Bill and his wife, **Dawn (Lorenz) '00**, have three children, Liam, Lila, and Lucas, and reside in Brightwaters, NY. **a Steve Coogan** and **Jennifer Rossignol '00** (2001MA) became engaged on May 27, 2012. They recently moved to Kirkland, WA, just outside of Seattle. Steve is a vendor for Microsoft and serves as an online editor for MSN and Jennifer is a career specialist at a community college. **a Jody (Mirto) Clouse** launched Imagine Wellness Massage Therapy, focusing on sports and orthopedic massage. She is a member of the American Massage Therapy Association's Connecticut Chapter Sports Massage Team, working within *Cheshire Pilates Studio*, owned by **Nadine (Simon) Phillips '99**. **a Colleen (McCulloch)**

**Learch** was recently promoted to senior vice president. **a Kathleen (Wniewski) McEnroe** and her husband welcomed a baby boy, Quinn Daniel, born Feb. 2, 2013. Quinn weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces and was 20 inches long. Kathleen is teaching journalism and has served as the UFT chapter leader at her school for the last two years. **a William Mills** and his wife welcomed their second child, Gianni. William is CEO of *Optimized.com*. **a Rachel Murphy** is communications and brand director for EMPC, a contractor for the U.S. DOD and DOE. **a Natalie Swan** is in her fourth year as senior media buyer at Adams & Knight Advertising <adamsknight.com>, a full-service ad agency in Avon, CT. The agency's primary focus is on healthcare and financial clients.

**2000**

**Helen Stahlin-Covelevy** and her husband, **Graig '01**, welcomed a baby boy, Gabriel Paul, born March 8, 2013. Graig started a new job with Trienk, DiPasquale, Della Fera & Soderino, P.C., continuing to practice law in the fields of bankruptcy, creditor rights, financial restructuring, and commercial litigation. **a**



**Charles Dykas '68** (center) was the keynote speaker for Marist Ethics Week in fall 2013. He was welcomed by Dean of the School of Management **Lawrence G. Singleton** (left) and **Jacob Solly '04** (right), vice president of the Marist chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the international honor society serving business programs accredited by AACSB International-The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business. Dykas spoke about experiences as a sales and IT professional.



**Lauren (Gancarz) Dabek** and her husband, Christopher, welcomed their first child, a girl, Aleksandra Elizabeth, born April 21, 2013. ■ **Ryan Hunter** has been a senior assistant district attorney for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office for 30 years. Ryan recently married Kathryn Parker, MD. ■ **Dawn (Lorenz) Brennan** and her husband, **Bill '99**, have three children, Liam, Lila, and Lucas, and reside in Brightwaters, NY. Bill earned his doctorate from Fordham University in educational leadership, administration, and policy and continues to write and present his work around the country. *Bill's book, Accelerate Intelligence: Unleashing the Next Gen Learning Organization*, will be released in winter 2014. ■ **Jennifer Rossignol** (2005MA) and **Steve Coogan '99** became engaged on May 27, 2012. They recently moved to Kirkland, WA, just outside of Seattle. Jennifer is a career specialist at a community college and Steve is a vendor for Microsoft and serves as an online editor for MSN. ■ **Vincent Seufert** married Courtney Wallin in April 2011. They welcomed a son, Ryder Vin, born November 2012. ■ **Erin Smith** is an award-winning blog-



Marist students participated in the Beautiful Me workshop presented by the Hance Family Foundation founded by Warren Hance '89 and his wife, Jackie.

## Building Confidence and Making a Difference

On Sept. 18, approximately 75 young women representing two Marist student organizations, Dance Ensemble and Hearts, participated in a self-esteem workshop called Beautiful Me presented by the Hance Family Foundation. Warren Hance '89 and his wife, Jackie, created the foundation in 2009 after the loss of their three daughters, Emma, Alyson, and Katie, in a tragic car accident on New York's Taconic Parkway. The purpose of the foundation is to memorialize their daughters by operating educational programs for area youth.

The workshop, which was sponsored by the Alumni Association, Dance Ensemble, and Hearts, a student organization working to end domestic violence on college campuses, began with an emotional address from Warren. He spoke about his daughters and the importance of the program. "Beautiful Me is not about being sad. Beautiful Me is about feeling special. That's why this organiza-

tion and the work we do is not about sadness," he said. "It's about happiness; it's about feeling good about yourself and making a difference in your life and someone else's life."

He encouraged participants to follow their dreams. "Through the course of life, you are going to be able to make your own decisions and write your own story," Jackie, author of the *New York Times* best-selling memoir *I'll See You Again*, joined her husband at the event.

The workshop then paired Marist students with Beautiful Me instructors, four of whom were Marist alumni: Melissa Keenan Rafferty '00, Susan Henn Murphy '03, Amy Doerrie '03, and Karen Phannemiller '06. The teams spent the next hour and a half building confidence, self-esteem, and problem-solving skills.

Participants found the workshop both challenging and

rewarding. One exercise asked participants to discuss which of their body parts they liked best. "Everyone in the group struggled with it and no one could come up with something fast enough," said Alyssa Damiani '12, president of Hearts. It made her realize that many young girls struggle with appearance and self-perception.

"I think it really did increase people's self-esteem," says Dana Murano '12, president of Dance Ensemble. "What you think you're doing well, other people might see as 10 times better than what you're giving yourself credit for." The program was so powerful that the student groups hope to bring Beautiful Me back to Marist.

Other colleges as well as elementary schools also have hosted the workshop. Although Beautiful Me is the foundation's signature program, the organization has several others. For more information about the Hance Family Foundation and its programs, visit [www.hancefamilyfoundation.org](http://www.hancefamilyfoundation.org).

BY DEANA BASANDIEKAI '15

## 2001

**Jennifer (Vaiana) Becker** and her husband, **Ian** (2002MS), welcomed their second daughter, Hannah Grace, born May 24, 2013. Ian recently accepted a job with a company based in California after working at Marist for more than 12 years. ■ **Alison (Nikolaynk) Benincasa** and her husband, David, welcomed a baby girl, Alanna Leigh, born Nov. 29, 2012. ■ **Christopher Blasié** (2007MA) is the happiest guy on the planet: Christopher started Kimberly LaRock in Bolton Valley, VT, on Aug. 5, 2013. He has started a new position at U.S. Airways as manager of executive services and

clubs. ■ **Graig Corveleyn** and his wife, **Helen Stahlin-Corveleyn '00**, welcomed a baby boy, Gabriel Paul, born March 8, 2013. Graig started a new job with Trenk, DIPassquale, Della Fera & Sodinos, PC, continuing to practice law in the fields of bankruptcy, creditor rights, financial restructuring, and commercial litigation. ■ **Michael Coviello** is pursuing a paralegal certificate from Boston University. ■ **Amy (Ostguren) Glivok** and her husband, John, welcomed their second child, a boy, Graeme Joseph, born Jan. 24, 2013. Graeme joins big brother Jensen at home and both are doing great. ■ **Keisha Mason** (2013MBA)



**Aisha Kutter '00** has been honored with a 2013 "40 Under 40" Shaker Award presented by the Dutchess County (NY) Regional Chamber of Commerce. The annual award recognizes 40 people under age 40 who have shown a strong commitment to the Hudson Valley. Kutter is co-founder and CEO of KutterGroup LLC, a consulting company specializing in researching and implementing cloud-based solutions for clients including Web-site hosting, development, and maintenance.

ger who created *Gluten-Free Fun* and *Gluten-Free Glutenotter*, two prominent resources in the gluten-free and celiac-disease communities. ■ **Kristy (Miller) Spandling** and her husband, Richard, welcomed a son, Nicholas, born March 21, 2013. ■ **Koustubh Warty (MS)** and his wife, **Manjari (Gangwar) (MS)**, have an 8-year-old daughter, Niharika, who is a very good swimmer and dancer. Their son, Laksh, is 5 years old and loves gymnastics and swimming. They visited Marist during their trip to Niagara Falls this past July and enjoyed showing their kids the campus where they studied 14 years ago. "We love Marist!"



won \$26,250 on *Who Wants to be a Millionaire?* • **Ian Philbrick** moved to Minneapolis and accepted a job with KARE 11, the NBC affiliate in the Twin Cities. As evening executive producer, Ian oversees a team of producers, reporters, and photographers for the 10 p.m. newscast, one of the top-rated late newscasts in the country. Ian also works with the station's sports department on coverage of major events, primarily those involving the Vikings and Twins. • **Dr. Christopher Rounds**, an assistant professor of history, was named chair of the Division of Social Sciences at Allen University, a historically African-American university in Columbia, SC. • **Patrick Spence** moved from Washington, DC, to New York to work as a producer for the new cable news channel AJ Jazeera America. • **Tara Wiley** married Dr. Karl Robstad on Sept. 21, 2013. She was also named assistant director of public affairs for New York Farm Bureau.

## 2002

**David Buckner** (2005MBA) and his wife, **Lindsay (Martel)** '04, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Shirley Claire, born Aug. 1, 2013. • **Jeanette Fortune** married Gregory Pascal in November 2011. They welcomed a daughter, Juliana, born Jan. 26, 2013, and reside in New Jersey. Jeanette earned an MBA from Colorado Technical University and works for the Federal Reserve System. • **Janine (Jarosz) Gordon** and her husband welcomed a baby girl, born Jan. 20, 2013. • **Michael Lavelle** and his wife, **Kristen (Stevens)** '05, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Charlotte Ashley,



Marist alumni made a great showing at the 2013 Head Of The Charles Regatta\*. They came in 12th out of 43, not far behind boats from Harvard, Northeastern, Michigan, Brown, and Cornell. The crew consisted of (left to right) **Brendan Mulvey** '09, **Andrew Sayles** '12, **Seaton Drebitko** '13, **Andrew Haskway** '07, **Kate Rappaport** '06, **Will Allen** '06, **Jonathan Martin** '10, **Matthew Keys** '08, and **Sean Clarke** '04.

born April 13, 2013. Charlotte is the first grandchild of Pat '73 and Patricia '73 Lavelle. • **Edward Nini** is director of U.S. wealth advisory marketing within the iShares business of BlackRock. He is based in Princeton, NJ.

## 2003

**Cherese (Demme) Cosentino** and her husband, Brian, welcomed a son, Joseph Michael, born Aug. 15, 2013. • **Andrew Cox** earned a Doctor of Pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a pharmacist for a long-term acute-care hospital. • **Susan DeCotis** left her position at Marist and moved to New York City, where she works

for Kurt Salmon NA, a management consulting firm. • **Erica Deninger** recently completed her 10th year of teaching at Arlington High School in Lagrangeville, NY. She married Jamie Wolf on July 19, 2013, at Moon Palace in Cancun, Mexico. **Erica (Putnam) Little** '02 was one of the bridesmaids. • **Jonathan DeZinno** was promoted by the Connecticut Army National Guard to the rank of sergeant and serves with HHC 1/02 INF. • **Christina Hope** received CAPM certification and a promotion to senior analyst in marketing at the United States Tennis Association. • **John Letteney** (MPA) was elected president of the North Carolina Association of Chiefs of Police for 2013. • **Vito Pagano** was quoted in an August 2013 article in *Long Island Newsday* on how business owners can lower credit card transaction fees. Vito is senior vice president of Independent Merchant Group, a merchant services auditing and consulting firm. Vito was honored with a Young Entrepreneur Award from the Hauppauge Industrial Association of Long Island in 2012.

• **Brian Schumeyer** (2005MA) and **Lauren DiDio** recently married. They also welcomed a baby girl, Hailey, born in August 2012. • **Anne (Kearns) Valluzzi** and her husband, Bob, welcomed a baby girl, Jennie Mae, born Oct. 3, 2012.

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**Carmen Au** and his wife, Dawn, welcomed their second son, Bryce Holden, born Jan. 5, 2013. • **Amy (O'Connor) Ballaban** moved to San Diego with her husband, Todd. They welcomed their first child, Keegan James, born Nov. 24, 2013. Amy has taken a year off from teaching to enjoy motherhood but plans to return to the classroom next fall. • **Laurie Benner** and **Timothy Bruderick** recently married. • **Lindsay (Martel) Buckner** and her husband, **David** '02 (2005MBA), welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Shirley Claire, born Aug. 1, 2013. • **ChristiLyn Diller** accepted a position with the Washington, DC, Humane Society as director of marketing



Members of the Class of 1969 gathered at Casperkill Golf Club in Poughkeepsie on Aug. 15 for their annual summer golf outing followed by dinner at a local restaurant. Golfers included (left to right) **Rich Berg**, **Ed Duffy**, and **Bob Hatfield**.



Sept. 5 proved to be a special day for **Jerry Peterson** '69 (second from right): he hit his first hole in one on the McCann Golf Course in Poughkeepsie. With him were (left to right) **Anderson Mercogliano** '92, **Ed Anderson** '71, and **Joe Robillard** '66.



**Dave Rowan** '81 rowed in the Grand Master Single division of the 2012 Head Of The Charles Regatta\* in Boston, MA.

## Q&A:

### Christina Garibaldi '06, On-Air Reporter for MTV News

If you were one of the millions to tune into the 2013 MTV Video Music Awards in New York City this past August, that talented preshow host you were watching was fellow Red Fox Christina Garibaldi '06. She is an on-air reporter for MTV News, where she covers pop culture, music, movies, and celebrity news. While at Marist, she majored in communication.

The Marist Alumni Office caught up with Garibaldi shortly after the VMAs to ask a few questions about her experience hosting the preshow for the second consecutive year.

**AO:** How did you get into your current role at MTV?

**CG:** I began my career with MTV as an intern my senior year at Marist and was hired immediately upon graduation as an assistant. From there, I worked my way up from a coordinator to a segment producer to the role I have now.

**AO:** How did you prepare for the preshow?

**CG:** We start preparing months in advance for the VMA preshow, and the week leading up to the main event we had a "VMA All Access" livestream which had us streaming live online for six hours each day. In between filming we would have script read-throughs and red-carpet rehearsals and would spend our time researching all the artists who would be walking the carpet.

**AO:** What was the most exciting part of hosting the preshow?

**CG:** The VMAs is our biggest event of the year and you can feel the energy as soon as you step on the red carpet. Bringing the show back to New York heightened that excitement to a whole different level.

**AO:** What was the hardest part about hosting a live preshow?

**CG:** Not knowing what is going to happen next! It forces you to think on your feet and be prepared for anyone who walks on the carpet. We try and schedule people we want to talk to, but there is always a possibility that they don't arrive in time or they get stuck talking to other outlets, and because of that you have to expect the unexpected.

**AO:** Who was your favorite celebrity interview?

**CG:** During the preshow it was exciting to interview Robin Thicke and his wife, Paula Patton; since I never met him before, I always look forward to interviewing Selena Gomez. I've been interviewing her for about five years and in that time she has achieved so much success, all while remaining humble and appreciative.

Garibaldi greets singer/songwriter megastar Taylor Swift.



**AO:** Do you keep in contact with any Marist faculty, staff, roommates, etc.?

**CG:** I keep in touch with several of my roommates from Marist and actually married a fellow alum from the Class of 2006, Mike LaMastro!

**AO:** What do you enjoy most about your job?

**CG:** So many things... from meeting new and interesting people every day, to writing articles for our Web site, to stretching my creativity. But, what I really love the most is never knowing what to expect on any given day. Not only is the news and pop culture sphere constantly changing, but the way our audience receives its news changes as well, and it's my job to deliver it in a unique and creative way.

**AO:** What advice do you have for Marist students or alumni who are interested in getting into your line of work?

**CG:** The best piece of advice is to get involved. I credit a lot of my skills and confidence to the School of Communication and the Arts at Marist and Marist College Television (MCTV). I was a part of the organization as a student and felt that learning the AVID editing skills, on-camera techniques, and behind-the-scenes operations fully prepared me for an entry-level position at MTV. I also felt that my internships (I did three) were extremely beneficial, and each provided contacts that I still use today.

—Bobbi Sue Trillucci '04

and communications in October 2012. In 2012 she also purchased her first home with her partner of nine years, Tag Gieselman. ■ **Jenn Dugan** is pursuing an associate's degree in business administration at Schenectady County Community College. ■ **Jenae Jones** married Michael Canty on Aug. 4, 2012, in Roslyn, NY. ■ **Mark Mansour** and his wife, **Laura Jo (Stenz) '05**, welcomed a baby girl, Josephine Piazza, born Aug. 6, 2013. ■ **Paul Miller** started a job at WWE as series producer in August 2013. ■ **Kristin Willoughby** married Michael Jamgochian on Sept. 22, 2012.

## 2005

**Tanya Hudson** married Kyle Savino on Aug. 31, 2013. They live in Louise, TX. ■ **Kristen (Stevens) Lavelle** and her husband, **Michael '02**, welcomed their first child, a baby girl, Charlotte Ashley, born April 13, 2013. Charlotte is the first grandchild of **Pat '73** and **Patricia '74 Lavelle**. ■ **Alexis Lukes** married Stephen Muscaro in June 2013. They are expecting their first child in March 2014. ■ **Laura Jo (Stenz) Mansour** and her husband, **Mark '04**, welcomed a baby girl, Josephine Piazza, born Aug. 6, 2013. ■ **Maria Negron** got married on July 5, 2013.



Ernie Arico '76 (left), president of the Florida chapter of the Alumni Association, met with Dr. Andrey Pavlov '02 (right) in Daytona Beach, FL, recently. Pavlov is a lecturer in business performance management and director of the executive MSc program in managing organizational performance at Cranfield University's School of Management in Cranfield, England. Pavlov, who was in Florida attending a conference and visiting a relative, is interested in starting a London/England alumni chapter.

• **Heather Ripp** married Stephen Spiegeleire on Oct. 13, 2012. She was recently promoted to associate media director at Zenith Media in New York City. Heather and Stephen reside in North Babylon, NY.

## 2006

**Adam Coppola** has worked with *Entertainment Tonight* in Los Angeles since graduation, starting as a production assistant. He is now an on-camera reporter for *Entertainment Tonight's* Web site, ETOnline, interviewing celebrities on set at various premieres and award shows. • **Megan Donoghue** (2006MA) moved back to Boston. She accepted a position to lead new marketing initiatives for an international company providing IT services and solutions for the life sciences industry. • **Amanda Giordano** changed jobs, moving from VH1 to WNET. • **Kathryn Godfrey** was promoted from study-abroad advisor to assistant director of international education at Ramapo College. • **Greg Harris** sells used and collectible books online. He opened Restaurant of the Mind Books in 2006 and hopes to have a physical storefront soon. • **Kristen Montefusco** married Dr. William Baione on Aug. 3, 2011.

William is an RN in the emergency department at University Medical Center of Princeton at Plainsboro (NJ). Her husband is a fourth-year orthopedic surgery resident at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Kristen and Will reside in New Brunswick, NJ. • **Jennifer (Casale) Ott** is assistant director of alumni relations at Eastern Kentucky University. • **Shanna (Pryce) Razavi** and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Ariella Marie, born March 26, 2013.

• **Caroline Ross** received her MBA from Bentley University in May 2012. She is an account project manager at American Tower Corp. • **Alec Troxell** was promoted to social marketing and brand communications manager at Publicis Worldwide, USA.

## 2007

**Christopher Adamek** accepted a new teaching position in a co-teaching environment. • **Meaghan Calnan** and **Matt Sacco** are engaged and plan an April 2014 wedding. Meaghan began a new job at National Geographic. • **Thomas**



More than 50 alumni of the Marist College Higher Education Opportunity Program gathered on Nov. 21 in New York City to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the HEOP Alumni Fund. Guests included (left to right) Dr. Eddie Summers '04/'06M, Luis Santiago '04, Nisia Kemp '11, Freddy Garcia '09, and Julio Torres '01. This was the first gathering of its kind and included a 50/50 raffle to raise additional money for the fund.

**Ciccarone** has been living in California for nearly two years and loves it. • **Christina Goldsmith** is a third-year family medicine resident at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, NY. She graduated from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine in May 2011. • **Timothy Griffin** married **Rebecca Conradi** '08 on Aug. 11, 2013, in East Bridgewater, MA. • **Samantha Hitchcock** married Adam Danke in August 2012. She is a computer programmer at

the largest utility company in the Northeast. Samantha and Adam are enjoying their new life together in Connecticut. • **Corrie-Beth Hughes** married Michael Lipowski on July 12, 2012. They are expecting their first child in June 2014. Corrie-Beth and Michael own and operate several fitness and wellness businesses in Westchester County, NY. • **Nicholas Lombardi** and his wife, **Victoria (Fresolone)**, welcomed a daughter, Ava Rose, born Nov.



Family and friends of David Moccia '03 came together in 2013 for "Dave's Day," the annual DMC 500 Memorial Softball Game and Picnic at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, NY, that raises funds for the David N. Moccia Scholarship at Marist.

### Annual Memorial Picnic Supports a Scholarship

Family and friends of David Moccia '03 came together once again for "Dave's Day," the annual DMC 500 Memorial Softball Game and Picnic at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, NY. The day raised more than \$7,000 for the David N. Moccia Scholarship at Marist from contributions and matching support from Gartner, Inc., a technology firm in Stamford, CT.

The annual picnic has become a labor of love with support from the extended network who call themselves the David Moccia Core 500—"DMC 500." The network now includes the 2012 scholarship recipient, Stuart South '14, who attended the picnic with his family, and one of the 2013 recipients, Zoaya Savannah '13, who returned for her second year. ■

21, 2013. • **Matthew Szymaszek** married Lindsey Heidenreich in Manitou Springs, CO, in May 2013. Matthew graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine and began a residency in a combined emergency/interval medicine program in Philadelphia. His wife is completing her residency in family medicine in Wilmington, DE. • **Elisabeth Vondell** (2006MA) was named dean of students at New Hartford Central Schools in New Hartford, NY. A Spanish teacher with New Hartford Schools since 2007, she received the Griesmer Group Excellence in Education Award for the Foreign Language in the Elementary School (FLES) Programs in 2010. She also has coached field hockey, basketball, and lacrosse. • **Brandon Youse** and **Lindsay Byrd** '08 married in the Marist Chapel on Sept. 22, 2013.

## 2008

**Andrew Batti** was promoted to associate producer at MLB Network. He also won his third sports Emmy in the Outstanding Studio Show—Daily category for *MLB Tonight*. • **Lindsay Byrd** and **Brandon Youse** '07 married in the Marist Chapel on Sept. 23, 2011. • **Alison Candamil** lives and works in New York City. She is a leadership resident at Success Academy Charter Schools. • **Rebecca Conradi** married **Timothy Griffin** '07 on Aug. 11, 2013, in East Bridgewater, MA.

• **Dan Couper** and **Tara Carberry** began engaged on July 19, 2013. She said yes on their local beach. They set their wedding date for July 19, 2014. Dan teaches business classes and coaches football at Freehold Township High School and Tara teaches middle school physical education at Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School. They purchased a home in Point Pleasant, NJ. • **Alexis Gish** was promoted to manager at PriceWaterhouseCoopers in Manhattan. • **Kathleen Goodin** was named digital editor for Scholastic's Parent & Child brand.

• **David Hochman** married **Cari McIntyre** on Aug. 3, 2013. David and Cari (a GW alumna) were introduced by a mutual friend who also graduated from Marist. • **Adam Katzenback** was named managing director of Brooklyn-based agency Carrot Creative. • **Emily Lebel** and **Matt Colantoni** are engaged and plan an August 2014



## Alumni Authors

### The Search for Certainty



**Frank Swetz '62** edited *The Search for Certainty: A Journey Through the History of Mathematics, 800-2000*, a new release from Dover Books. In 26 essays, contributors discuss topics ranging from logic and infinity to the development of modern statistics and ENIAC, the first computer.

**Kathleen Manning '96**, a professor at the University of Vermont, recently published the book *Organization Theory in Higher Education* with Rutledge Publishers.

**Janet Lawler '85** published her first novel, *From the Ground Up*, available from Amazon. It tells the story of an actress who goes into rehab on an upstate New York farm.

Scarletta Press will release *Monster Needs His Sleep* by **Paul Czajak '93** in April 2014. The children's bedtime story is the second in the *Monster & Me* series. The first, *Monster Needs a Costume*, was called a "gently funny story" filled with "energy and humor" by *Publishers Weekly*. *Booklist* described its rhymes as "bouncy and irreverent" and *Kirkus* said to put it "at the top of the list for unscary options."



**Robin Buckley '93** recently published her first book, *Dissertation and Research Success: Hands-on Coaching for Before, During and After your Dissertation*. Now working on her second book, she encourages Marist alumni to participate by sharing advice for girls aged 13 to 18 through her survey at <http://survey.monkey.com/s/TG9y886>. She teaches for Northcentral University's doctoral program and lives in Berwick, ME, with her husband and four children.



**S.J. Richard '94's** second novel, *The Widower*, tells of bigamy, flattery, felonies, and family. In Kanon, CO, the year 1873 ended with a shot from a .44 Derringer that nearly killed the town marshal. As 1874 arrives, there is no time for recovery as political upheavals, escaped prisoners, and a murder trial have the small town on edge and calling for an execution. *The Widower* is the sequel to the 2011 novel *The Peacemaker*. Both books are available in paperback and ebook format through Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

**Mikael Carlson '96** published his first novel, *The iCandidate*, in October 2013. It is available from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and other retailers.

Three poems by **Joseph T. Smith '96** appear in the anthology *Compass Rose: A Poetic Sojourn Home, to the Horizon, and Beyond*, published by Raven Publishing Co. and available from Amazon. The poems are "Road to Somewhere," "Pish, Posh & Blue," and "When Night Calls U'Home."

wedding. **Marion (Candida) Mansueto** is pursuing her second bachelor's in nursing to fulfill her goal of becoming a nurse anesthetist. **Lauren Michelin** married Lt. Kyle Abner in June 2012. They reside in Kanagawa Prefecture, Japan, where she works for the Department of Defense Education Activity. **Lauren Pavlick** and **Matthew Soriano** became engaged in May 2013 and plan a September 2014 wedding in Poughkeepsie. **Ralph Rienzo** was assigned to the South Central Connecticut Traffic Unit as a certified accident reconstructionist.

## REUNION 2009

**Valerie (Giannini) Beard** and her husband welcomed a son, Kyle Robert, born July 9, 2013. **Kevin Caulfield** is a self-employed home improvement contractor. **Thomas Collalto** and **Theresa Domanico '10** became engaged in May 2013, under the gazebo on the Marist riverfront. A summer 2014 wedding is planned. The couple met at a Marist study abroad program in Italy. Both work in New York City. Tom is a portfolio administrator at a hedge fund and Theresa is a special education teacher. **Jennifer Franz** recently purchased a horse which she is now proud to call home with the addition of her bound dog, Diesel. **Erin Howley** visited the Marist campus with **Dante Capasso** on Oct. 26, 2013, where they first met five years ago. That afternoon on the Walkway Over the Hudson, after the most memorable and perfect fall day at Marist, Dante asked Erin to marry him. They plan to marry next fall. **Alison Jalbert** is assistant editor for TurleyCT Community Publications, which produces two weekly newspapers and six monthly lifestyle magazines. **Kristine Kennen** graduated with a PsyD in clinical psychology. Kristine is engaged to Adam D'Amario and they plan an August 2014 wedding. **James Marconi** received an MA in communication from the University of Maryland in 2011. He is a public affairs specialist with the U.S. Navy's Military Sealift Command. **Alyssa Miller** has been working for Appaman, Inc., a children's clothing company in New York City, for over four years. She is engaged to Steve Pospishil



**Ryan Hoffman '12** and fellow dental students spent four weeks in the rainforests of Madagascar, Africa, treating nearly 1,200 patients from all over the country. Hoffman is enrolled in the School of Dental Medicine at SUNY Stony Brook.

and plans an October 2014 wedding. **Caitlin Runne** graduated from the University of Iowa in June 2012 with a PhD in pharmacology. Shortly after, she began work as a postdoctoral research fellow in the University of Iowa Department of Biochemistry. She is engaged to John Lancaster of Colorado and they plan a 2015 wedding.

## 2010

**Theresa Domanico** and **Thomas Collalto '09** became engaged in May 2012, under the gazebo on the Marist riverfront. A summer 2014 wedding is planned. The couple met on a Marist study abroad program in Italy. Both work in New York City. Theresa is a special education teacher and Tom is a portfolio administrator at a hedge fund. **Kristen Donnell** is a freelance health and fitness writer

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Alumni returned to campus in December to critique presentations by students in Dr. Helen Rothberg's Strategic Management course. Pictured are Rothberg (center) with (left to right) Nick Gent '13, Class of 2014 members Tierney Larson, Cody Sorrell, Brendan Morris, Kevin Dondoro, and Ruth Bonventre, Liz Imken '12, and Peter Bogulaski '11.

## A Challenging Class Leads to Career Success—and a Desire to Give Back

**A**FTER SENDING HER RÉSUMÉ to 100 places with no results, business major Elizabeth Imken '12 thought she'd be graduating from Marist without a job. Then, finally, success: she landed a position in a management development program at cosmetics giant L'Oréal. But the hard part was just beginning: her first assignment at L'Oréal was to condense a 2-inch-high stack of financial reports into a 5-page summary.

It was sink or swim. But she already was a strong swimmer. Because of her senior capstone class at Marist with Dr. Helen Rothberg, she knew how to attack the problem. "I didn't know how to solve the problem, but I knew how to go about finding a solution," she says. "and I applied the same skills I used in her class to the problem. This class prepared me for that."

Three weeks later, Imken presented her summary to executives. They went on to implement her suggestions for streamlining the report process.

"It was the best class," Imken recalls of Rothberg's course. "It was just a great learn-

ing experience because it teaches you how to think."

Rothberg pulls no punches with her students. "This is boot camp," Rothberg says. "This is a rite of passage. When they're done with this, they stand taller. They now know they can rely on themselves when things get tough, when they face something difficult, and shine."

Students in Rothberg's fall 2013 Strategic Management class found that out the hard way. On a December evening in the board room of the Cantavino Library, five students stood before Rothberg, their classmates, and three alumni guests and offered their strategic analysis of L'Oréal and their plan for expanding the company's global reach. Then Rothberg poked holes in their presentation, asking questions that showed the data and analysis that were missing. Afterwards she met privately with the five students, asking them how they thought they did and in retrospect, what they would have done differently.

The three visiting alumni were well-suited to give the students meaningful feedback. Nick

Gent '13 is a relationship manager at M&T Bank and Peter Bogulaski '11 is a senior product cost analyst in operations finance at cosmetics company Revlon. Imken was especially so, as one of only three "finance explorers" enrolled since 2012 in L'Oréal's two-year Explorer program, a management development track. She spent a year studying L'Oréal's North American operations, learning how products are made and how much they cost to make, and then six months supporting the company's sales and marketing teams, a rotation she will continue until July 2014.

Her School of Management professors were wonderful during her job search, Imken says. "When it came time for me to look for a job, every single one of them was more than willing to sit and talk about my résumé. They became my biggest support system."

When Rothberg invited her to return to campus to evaluate student presentations, Imken was more than happy to say yes. Although the presentation was on Thanksgiving weekend, Imken drove an hour and a half from her home in northern New Jersey to be there.

She is giving back in other ways as well. From the day she began working at L'Oréal, she has been pushing the company to recruit at Marist.

"I stepped back on campus today and I felt like I was home. It's just something that you can't really teach, and you can't really put into words what exactly it is about Marist. But I know a lot of people feel the same way. You feel connected after you leave. And I know, as soon as I left, [that any success that I had,] wanted to pay it forward." ■

## Lacrosse Alumni Return

The Marist men's lacrosse program hosted 50 alumni on campus this past October. The day started with an awards brunch at the historic Cornell Boathouse that honored the success of the 2013 men's lacrosse team. Then players took part in the annual fall alumni game at Tenney Stadium in what was the largest turnout for the alumni game in program history.



Alumnae from Marist women's lacrosse team also returned to campus recently. "We had an exciting record-breaking turnout for our alumni game this fall," says Women's Lacrosse Head Coach Jessica O'Brien '08. "As an alumna, it was great to see our current team meet past players who have been such an integral part of what our program is today."





Alumni Association President Marie (Esperancilla) Wicks '86 (far left) and President Dennis J. Murray congratulated graduating seniors Brian Gelok (second from left) and Kelsey A. Donohue on receiving the 2013 Alumni Leadership Award in May 2013.

for *Men's Health*, *Life by DailyBurn*, *Prevention*, and *SELF*. Her work has also appeared on *womenshealthmag.com*, *shape.com*, and the *Huffington Post*. ■ **Allison Duffy** covered her second World Series in October 2013 as an associate editor with Major League Baseball. ■ **Jacqueline Kelly** was promoted from marketing communications writer at Fiserv to sales executive. She works with Fortune 500 com-

panies on lead generation, cross selling, and senior executive relationship management. ■ **Shannon Kelly** enjoyed her first year as a first grade teacher. ■ **Keri Larson** began a new job at Kaplow as an account executive working in fashion. ■ **Patrick Massaroni** is an advancement officer at Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, NY. ■ **Richard Mejia** is pursuing a master's in construction manage-

ment at New York University. ■ **Terah Paluba** started working at Bloomberg after spending two and a half years working in healthcare technology. She creates help documentation for the Bloomberg terminal. ■ **Gina Pernicano** became engaged to Rob Cristino in January 2013. They plan an August 2014 wedding in Dutchess County, NY. ■ **Caela Provost** moved from Massachusetts to New Jersey and accepted a job at Chatham Day School. Caela is a writing consultant for Enterprise Ireland and on the writing corps for Go Overseas. She absolutely loves her new life in New Jersey, and is excited to see what else comes her way.

## 2011

**Christina Campanile** is a special education teacher in Queens, NY, and completed her master's degree in literacy at Adelphi University in August 2013. ■ **Jeffrey Ciavaglia** married Tracy Stinbrickner on Oct. 27, 2012. They reside in Emerson, NJ. ■ **Daniel Faison III** is a wireless consultant at Verizon Wireless. Dan is also a starting defensive cornerback for the Western Connecticut Militia, a semiprofessional football team. ■ **Howard Furlong** is a medical student at the Frank H. Netter MD School of Medicine at Quinnipiac University. ■ **Jennifer Hill** was selected for a six-week exchange program with Chamberlain Healthcare's London



Daniel Smith '09 with Shooter

## Standing with Smitty

More than 200 friends of Daniel Smith '09 turned out for a benefit in May 2013 to raise funds for his medical expenses. A former linebacker and co-captain for the Marist football team, Smith was recently diagnosed with a rare form of cancer, metastatic rhabdomyosarcoma.

The event at Libation in New York City raised more than \$6,000. A number of alumni contributed raffle items, including Ron Vuy '74, who donated a weekend stay at the LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort in Naples, FL; David Hochman '08, a New York Cosmos gift package; Greg Bibb '96, a Washington Wizards gift package; Bobby Marks '95, Brooklyn Nets tickets; and Anthony Mercogliano '92, NY Islanders tickets. The Marist football program also donated gear. Money was also raised from sales of T-shirts created by Hector DeAguiar '08 and Angelo Annunziato '06. Smith also would like to recognize President Dennis J. Murray, the Marist football coaching staff, and the Marist Athletics offices for their support.

For more information, visit <http://donatetodanims.com>. ■



Alumni from '08, '09, and '10 were on hand when Kristy Elwood '08 (2010MA) wed Chris Champignon '08.

office. From August to October, she lived in the UK, helping with new business pitches and projects and expanding her knowledge of PR on a global level. ■ **Alexandra Hindovann** was to enter the Macy's Executive Development Program in January as an assistant merchant planner trainee. ■ **Caroline Hughes** has been a buyer for the past two years and recently established her own health and wellness business. ■ **Daniel Kopf** is media relations manager for the Chattanooga Lookouts. ■ **Logan O'Neill** works at Carat Advertising Agency as a buyer on the General Motors account and lives in Hoboken, NJ. ■ **Michael Walsh** is sports editor of a new weekly newspaper focusing solely on local athletics in the Pittsfield area of Berkshire County, MA.

## 2012

**Luis Alicia** moved to Hawaii from New York. He is having the time of

his life, seeing future Marist students as well as alumni. ■ **Joseph DeFrancesco** has been working toward a career in Major League Baseball as a programmer and data analyst for the New York Yankees during the 2013 season. ■ **Danielle DeZao** is developing her start-up, the Purple Thread <thepurplethread.com>, through the New York State Cloud Computing and Analytics Center at Marist College for Incubation. ■ **Lisa Glover** is a travel publicist at Laura Davidson PR, which specializes in luxury hotels, resorts, and destinations around the world. Every day is exciting and she loves working with the travel media. It was her goal to work there since sophomore year in college when an executive from the agency spoke to her PR class. After a semester in Florence and an internship at a travel PR firm, she knew her career was destined to be in the travel industry. ■ **Colleen**

**Kopchuk** is pursuing an MA in integrated marketing communications at Marist. ■ **Erik Kuntzsch** planned to attend the Ohio State University College of Optometry this past fall. ■ **John Moschitta** was very excited to achieve a paralegal certificate from Marist and can't wait to begin this new chapter in his life. John's oldest daughter is student teaching in Australia, and his youngest daughter is studying adolescent education and languages at SUNY Oneonta. ■ **Kathryn O'Brien** is teaching seventh grade special education in Hawaii. ■ **Marina Patterson** and **Keriv Gaengeri** are engaged and plan to marry in March 2014 in New Jersey. ■ **Tanay Ranadive** is pursuing a master's in environmental science health and management at the University of New Haven. ■ **Phil Terrigno** is pursuing an MS at the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism and expects to graduate in May 2014. ■ **Angela**

**Wrigley** is pursuing a master's in social work at Rutgers University.

## 2013

**Fariasa Baraichi** is expecting her first child, due February 2014. She is also preparing for LSATs and law school. ■ **Julie Brady** is pursuing a master's in social work at Adelphi University. ■ **Brittany Calderaro** is a sales assistant at Ballet Jewels, a global supplier of private-label costume jewelry, in New York City. ■ **Joseph Coe (MFA)** is a patient advocate for the Global Healthy Living Foundation (www.ghl.org). Previously he spent five years as a court and community liaison for VCS. ■ **Kaitlyn DeFoe** is pursuing a bachelor's of science in nursing at Salve Regina University. She expects to graduate in May 2015. ■ **Benjamin Exposito (MFA)** became president of the New York State Camp Directors Association in October 2013. ■ **Kim Fabozzi**



Pedro L. Figueroa '93 (center) met in October in Havana, Cuba, with Shileem Cruz '15 (left) and Esmeralda Diaz '15, who were studying there.

### Mentoring Students Who Study Abroad

While attending a conference in Havana, Cuba, Pedro L. Figueroa '93 met with two Marist students, Shileem Cruz '15 and Esmeralda Diaz '15, who were studying abroad. He treated them to dinner in Old Havana—"I remember being an abroad student on a tight college budget!" he says—where they enjoyed a great meal and a chance to talk about their Marist experiences on campus and abroad. They also discussed ways to integrate international studies into their work experience after graduation.

Figueroa, who is vice president, International Caribbean Basin, for American Sugar Refining, Inc., says he'll continue to work with the Marist International Programs office to arrange meetings with students at his various destinations. "I think it is a wonderful experience that more alumni should take advantage of if they are traveling on business overseas," he says. "Great mentoring opportunities are there, and I'm sure our fellow students would be thrilled in having this special Red Fox exchange." ■



Mike '94 and Tara (Ferina) Mostransky '96 (second and third from left) have started [www.foodieimports.com](http://www.foodieimports.com) with family members (left to right) Jason Scherf, Tracy (Ferina) Scherf, and Chris Ferina '90.

### Alumni Launch FoodieImports.com

When Mike '94 and Tara (Ferina) Mostransky '96 moved to London, little did they know that the soft nougat they were buying every weekend at the Italian dessert store in the Greenwich Market would inspire a family business.

The couple, who met at Marist, found themselves bringing the loves of rich, dark-chocolate nougat, hazelnuts, and almonds to family in the States every time they visited. So they decided to start a business, Foodie Imports, importing the confection.

"We took a crash course in import/export, created an e-commerce Web site, and began placing product in stores in Washington State, Long Island, and New Jersey," Mike says. "The nougat pairs perfectly with different wines, and another great opportunity has been to introduce nougat in winery tasting rooms."

Mike adds that Marist graduates can receive a discount at [www.foodieimports.com](http://www.foodieimports.com) by using the promo code "RedFoxes" and can also find foodieimports on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest. ■



**Matt West '04** met with President Barack Obama after a prayer service in Boston following the bombings at the Boston Marathon in April 2013. The Marist graduate has worked for the marathon for the past seven years as part of its operations team.



**John Pinna '99**, director of foundation and government relations at Marist (fifth from right), met with the Dalai Lama this past spring in Washington, DC, and presented him with rare images from the Lowell Thomas Papers, a collection housed at Marist. The images were taken by Lowell Thomas and his son, Lowell Thomas Jr., in Tibet in 1949.

(MPA) welcomed her first grandchild, a girl, born October 2012. **Danielle Gelok** teaches fifth grade at E.G. Hewitt Intermediate School in Ringwood, NJ. **Stephania Giordano** was recently promoted at her current job. **Nicole Grosjean** is an account coordinator at Co-Communications, a Westchester, NY-based public relations and marketing firm, where she works with a variety of clients across diverse industries. She is also a member of the firm's marketing committee. **Catherine Haas** got married in June 2013 and moved to Georgia with her two dogs, Ouz and Baby. **Nick Homler** is editor and content producer in the Pace Lounge Center at the FDR Presidential Library. Nick also is directing and producing *The Shared Experience*, a documentary film about the digital conversion in movie theatres. **Victoria Hunstinger** works in the digital products department at Penguin Random House. **Ellen Penschuk** is working at one of the world's most successful hedge funds. **Harmony Schroder** is pursuing a master's in communication as a part-time student at Marist. She expects to graduate in May 2015. **Kara Selix** is pursuing a master's in social work at Rutgers University. **Lorraine (Dejesus) Sharp** is pursuing a challenging and fulfilling career where she can apply all functions of her coursework and skills developed while attending Marist, including her past and current work and her volunteer and life experiences. **Gina Sirico** enjoys her new job as fashion market editor for *Accessories* magazine, planning photo shoots, going to showrooms, fashion press previews, and fashion events, and managing social media and blogging. Gina attended New York Fashion Week this past fall. **Peter Sportello** moved to Hoboken, NJ, and is working for UBS in a two-year graduate training program. **Laura Tafari** was accepted by the University of Medicine and Health Sciences on St. Kitts. In January 2014 she was to begin two years of study there, followed by two years in the U.S. doing clinical rotations before receiving her MD. **Ryan Toth** and his wife, **Melynda '14**, welcomed a son, **Kolman**, born Oct. 3, 2013.

## In Memoriam

### Alumni

**Bro. Vincent James** FMS '51  
**Bro. Patrick McElroy** '56  
**J. Ernest Belinger** '59  
**John Schloesser** '64  
**Robert O'Hanley** '65  
**David W. Hall** '66  
**James Thomas Egan** '68  
**William Daniel VanBrookhoven** '68  
**Thomas Zatkowski** '68  
**Richard Costine** '69  
**Max Percy Bayes** '69  
**Anthony J. Dean** '69  
**Ted A. Papanastasiou** '70  
**James Powers** '71  
**Charles Clarke** '72  
**Richard B. Fahy** '72  
**Terence Jeffrey Raser** '73  
**Carlynn Jones** '72  
**David Lyons** '72  
**Edward Witten** '73  
**William Gifford** '74  
**Charlotte Ballinger** '75  
**Eugene T. Heimes** '76  
**Peter Staff** '77  
**Nancy Jane Keyes Crosby** '78  
**Seany Breen** '86  
**Jennifer VanLoon** '94/BSMA  
**Donna Smith** '01  
**Ryan T. Walsh** '01  
**James Milano** '04  
**Samuel George Romano** '11  
**Keith Camacho** '12

### Friends

**Kuba Beck**  
**Marjorie H. Clark**  
**Stef deCordova Jr.**  
**Audrey Dressel**  
**Lorene S. Garland**  
**Hymen Greenpan**  
**Robert C. Klein**  
**Clara Gloria LaMarle**  
**Helen Thomas**  
**Ann C. Volino**  
**Gal Webster**

### Faculty and Staff

**Rev. James Aloysius Driscoll, OP**

1987-1990

1991-1999

**Jean Marie Grewat**

*Deputy Center for Global/Community Studies*

1975-1985 and 1990

*Director, Field Extension Center*

1986-1989/1991

**Raymond Peter Giza**

*Associate Professor of Accounting*

1971-1974-December 1991

**James C. (Jack) Marek**

*Assistant Professor of Business*

1974-1981

*Assistant Professor of Business*

1981-1989

**Dr. Lawrence W. Menapace**

*Special Assistant to the President (International Programs)*

1987-2001

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*Director, Division of Student Services*

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# Estate Gift Boosts Careers for Communication Students

Expanded professional experiences can give students a competitive edge in the job market, thanks to the generosity of former faculty member Dr. Mary Louise Bopp.

**E**VEN AFTER RETIRING, Dr. Mary Louise Bopp never stopped thinking about Marist communication students and how to help them launch successful careers. More than a decade after leaving the College, she started underwriting activities that could broaden students' view of the communications industry and the range of professional opportunities open to them. When she passed away in 2008, her estate provided permanent support to the School of Communication and the Arts by endowing the Dr. Mary Louise Bopp Communication Fund with a gift of nearly \$270,000.

"Mary Louise wanted this to be her legacy," says Shaileen Kopec, Marist's senior development officer for planned giving and endowment support. "She had a passion for working with young people and for working in the communication field. She especially saw the value of our communications majors embracing New York City, the communications capital of the world. Most of all, she wanted Marist students to have a competitive advantage in getting that first job, and she knew how important internships and networking were to achieving this."

In hoping to guide the establishment of the fund, Kopec united Bopp with Marist Communication Internship Director Gerry McNulty to identify a variety of activities that the one-time advertising practitioner was willing to sponsor. Initial activities

included underwriting registration fees for the Advertising Women of New York's annual career conference (also open to men) and for several New York-based seminars that acquainted communication majors with fields such as sports communication and special-event planning. In addition to learning from seasoned New York professionals, Marist students had the opportunity to network with prospective employers and to assess their own competitiveness among peers from other colleges and universities. An important part of making these activities feasible was the underwriting of travel and meal expenses.

"Mary Louise strongly believed that seeing the New York media industry in action and connecting with communications professionals, especially those who are Marist graduates, would encourage our students to take on more challenging internships than they first thought possible," says McNulty. "These internships would make them as competitive as possible when they entered the job market."

Toward these ends, annual awards from the Bopp Fund underwrite, among other activities, trips to New York City for networking events with alumni, meetings with executives in the industry, and tours of media outlets; the hosting of visiting executives on the Marist campus to lecture and advise students; the participation of Marist student

teams in national college/university competitions in advertising or public relations; and the development of portfolio seminars.

One example of a sponsored activity is an annual student-alumni networking event in New York City organized by the Communication Internship Department. The most recent event was held at Taylor, a public relations agency located in the Empire State Building, and was hosted by Taylor managing partner John Liporace '88. A bus underwritten by the Bopp Fund brought 34 Marist alumni from leading advertising, public relations, TV, and sports communication agencies and businesses. "The energy was fantastic," says McNulty.

According to Dr. Steve Ralston, dean of the School of Communication and the Arts, more than 500 students have benefited from the Bopp Fund. "This is an invaluable resource. It's just wonderful for our students to have these high-impact, career-oriented opportunities. The fund just keeps giving to our students."

And giving to students is just what Mary Louise Bopp had in mind. ■



The estate of former communications faculty member Dr. Mary Louise Bopp endowed a fund to support activities of the School of Communication and the Arts that give students real-world experience in the media industry.



Transportation underwritten by the Bopp Fund brought 34 communication majors together with 34 Marist alumni from leading advertising, public relations, TV, and sports communication agencies and businesses in New York City.



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66-67	4.8	81	7.0
68	4.9	82	7.2
69	5.0	83	7.4
70	5.1	84	7.6
71	5.3	85	7.8
72	5.4	86	8.0
73	5.5	87	8.2
74	5.7	88	8.4
75	5.8	89	8.7
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