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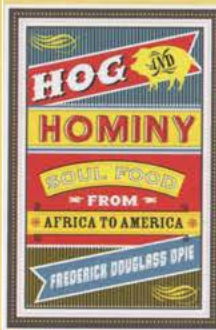
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**School of Continuing Education Becomes School of Global and Professional Programs**

**M**arist's former School of Continuing Education is now the School of Global and Professional Programs.

Dr. Lauren H. Mounty, who was named dean of the school in summer 2008, met with a number of administrative leaders to discuss strategic plans for the school and names that would reflect its mission. Marist's Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt the new name.

"Our vision for the school is to be a leader in providing innovative, quality-driven adult education, built on a strong liberal arts foundation," says Mounty. "This foundation will enhance the ability of professionals to succeed in a global economy."

The school is introducing an optional winter international residency in Rome, Italy, in January 2010 as part of its BA and BS offerings. SGPP is also introducing fully online bachelor's degree completion programs beginning in fall 2009. In addition, the school's MBA Basics certificate program, designed to equip managers, supervisors, and small-business owners with the latest techniques and strat-



**Marist's Fishkill Center celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2008. Marking the milestone were (left to right) President Dennis J. Murray; Lisa Cathie '03, a graduate of the first cohort in Marist's Organizational and Leadership Communication program; Dean Lauren H. Mounty; and Diane Landau-Flayter, center director.**

egies for managing in the current economic climate, will be offered the weekend of Oct. 23, 24, and 25 in an executive-style format.

Marist has a long history of meeting the needs of adult learners. In October 2008, Marist's center in Fishkill celebrated 25 years of providing educational programs to adults.

For information on SGPP programs, visit [www.marist.edu/gpp](http://www.marist.edu/gpp) or call (845) 575-3202. ■

**Marist Receives NSF Grant to Revitalize Education in Enterprise Computing**

**M**arist has received a \$400,000 two-year grant from the National Science Foundation to build an academic and industry community that will revitalize undergraduate education in enterprise computing.

"Enterprise-level servers around the world process 80 billion transactions a day, and that number is expected to double by 2010," says Dr. Roger Norton, dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics at Marist and the principal investigator in charge of the project. Enterprise-level applications are used to issue Social Security checks, track credit card purchases, and oversee the U.S. air-traffic network. The CIA, the military, and state governments use the applications for their reliability, efficiency, and high level of security. However, studies show that the skilled workers needed to support these systems are retiring at a rapid rate and most information technology and computer science undergraduate majors currently are not exposed to large-scale computing environments.

"While the demand for large-system skills is pressing, the common perception is that employment opportunities in large systems and in computer professions overall are declining, leading to lagging interest by students and faculty, exacerbating the national problem," says Norton.

Partners in the initiative include Illinois State University, North Carolina Central University, the University of Arkansas, Widener University, Monroe College, San Jose State University, Stevens Institute of Technology, the State University of New York at Binghamton, Aetna, Bank of America, BMC Software, Citigroup, Computer Associates, IBM Corp., Morgan Stanley, Progressive Insurance, Travelers Insurance, and Verizon.

The College hosted a national conference on the subject June 21 to 23 with more than 150 participants from around the world. For more information on the initiative, visit <http://ecc.marist.edu>.

Marist also received a \$551,970 NSF grant to establish a Computer Science and Information Technology and Systems (CS/ITS) Cohort Scholarship Program to increase the number of students in the CS/ITS undergraduate majors. ■

**Crew Shell Dedicated in Tribute to Joan and Jonah Sherman**



**Family, friends, coaches, and student-athletes gathered last fall at the College's waterfront to dedicate a four-person racing shell donated by Peter and Joan Andrews in honor of their friends, the late Jonah Sherman, a longtime Marist trustee, and his wife, Joan. Joining Joan Sherman were her son and daughter-in-law Bruce and Peggy Sherman; daughter Amy Sherman; grandchildren Jesse and Ethan Page; and brother and sister-in-law Jim and Terry Youngelson, with their son and daughter-in-law Jack Youngelson and Justine Harris and their children Nora and Elias.**



**Karl Minges '07 and Nichole Boisvert '09 have each been awarded Fulbright grants.**

## Two Graduates Receive Fulbright Scholarships

**T**he valedictorian of the Marist Class of 2009 and a magna cum laude graduate from the Class of 2007 have been named recipients of Fulbright scholarships that will allow them to continue their research in the medical field.

Nichole Boisvert '09, a biomedical sciences major from Merrimack, N.H., has been awarded a Fulbright grant to undertake research in Trinidad and Tobago for the 2009-10 academic year. Boisvert will study how culture influences the delivery of health

care to individuals with HIV/AIDS. An aspiring physician, she chose Trinidad and Tobago because the country is among the most ethnically diverse in the Caribbean and has one of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS.

Boisvert completed minors in chemistry and creative writing as well as the Honors Program. She served as a laboratory teaching assistant and tutor for several science classes, was a volunteer for many charitable causes both on and off campus, and published her poetry in several outlets. During the

summers of 2007 and 2008, she was selected for a competitive research internship at the National Cancer Institute. She has presented the results of that research, as well as sociobiological research conducted at Marist, at several conferences. Upon completing the Fulbright year, Boisvert plans to attend Georgetown Medical School.

Karl Minges '07 of Madison, Conn., has been awarded a Fulbright grant to conduct research evaluating Australia's Diabetic Health Promotion Program. Minges became interested in his research topic while at Marist when, during the summer between his junior and senior years, he held an internship at the International Diabetes Institute in Melbourne, Australia.

In addition to his Australian internship, he completed internships with a doctor of osteopathy and a psychiatrist. At Marist, he majored in social work and completed minors in biology, Spanish, and sociology. A member of the Alpha Phi Delta fraternity, he was named to the Dean's List every semester of his studies and graduated magna cum laude. He is currently completing a Master of Public Health degree at Columbia University. Following his Fulbright year, he intends to pursue either a medical or doctoral degree in clinical psychology. ■

## School of Management Awards Prestigious McGowan Scholarship

**C**aileen Collins '10 of Seaford, N.Y., has been named a William G. McGowan Scholar and Marist's top business student for the 2009-10 academic year. The very competitive scholarship from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund will provide an \$18,000 tuition award toward Collins's senior year as a double major in business administration and accounting.

A committee of School of Management faculty members selected Collins from a slate of business students nominated by management faculty. The committee reviewed nominees' academic records, leadership qualities, character, and commitment to helping others. In nominating Collins for the scholarship award, Associate Professor Gregory J. Tully called her "an outstanding, highly motivated, personable student."

In addition to maintaining a GPA of 3.86 across her two majors and earning a spot on the Dean's List every semester, Collins is heavily involved in the Marist College Band and does extensive community service through her work with Campus Ministry. She has also represented Marist in highly competitive business case competitions.

Since the age of 8, Collins has played snare drum in the Inis Fada Gaelic Pipe Band, competing in hundreds of competitions and marching in the New York City St. Patrick's Day and other parades.

In her winning essay, Collins described a personal experience that made her identify with William G. McGowan, the businessman whose legacy the scholarship honors.

**Caileen Collins '10 has been named a William G. McGowan Scholar and Marist's top business student for 2009-10.**



ALAN WAKONIAN/LOCATION

McGowan was known for overcoming great odds in taking on the telecommunications industry establishment to create MCI Communications Corp. Collins wrote how this resonated with her as a young woman in the traditionally older male world of Irish bands who nonetheless went on to lead her band's drum corps.

After graduation, Collins plans to work for one of the Big Four accounting firms and ultimately to use the experience gained there to start her own CPA firm.

Named in honor of William G. McGowan, a pioneer in the telecommunications industry and the founder and longtime chairman of MCI, the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund qualifies a select group of 60 colleges and universities nationwide to participate in its McGowan Scholars program.

The McGowan Charitable Fund established the McGowan Scholars program to provide significant scholarship support to the country's top students who are pursuing a business education. The program is based on the experience of William G. McGowan during his college days. Though admitted to Harvard Business School to study for an MBA degree, McGowan did not have sufficient funds to complete his studies. However, he won Harvard's Baker Scholars award, which allowed him to earn his degree and launch a successful business career. ■

## Marist Named a "Best Buy" by Kiplinger's Personal Finance

**K**iplinger's *Personal Finance* magazine has named Marist one of the 50 "best buys" in private college education in the U.S. for the third consecutive year. And Marist's School of Management was cited as one of the country's top business schools by *Entrepreneur* magazine and the Princeton Review.

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

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

### One of the Best Schools for Entrepreneurs

This spring Marist's School of Management was named one of 15 top business schools in the country for two fields of study—general management and operations—by *Entrepreneur* magazine and the Princeton Review. The distinction was highlighted in the magazine's April issue. The article, "Get Smarter(er): Taking Stock of the Best Places for Entrepreneurs to Learn," included a list of business schools "whose students overwhelmingly agree that it offers superlative preparation" in core business competencies. "Fifteen institutions in each category were selected based solely on surveys conducted by the Princeton Review and completed by more than 19,000 current business school students," the magazine notes.

Joining Marist among the best in the two categories were Dartmouth, Harvard, Purdue, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Stanford, Syracuse, the University of Virginia, and Claremont McKenna Graduate University.

"It's very gratifying to know, first, that your students are very satisfied with the quality of their Marist education, and second, that we are included in such great company," says Dr. Elmore Alexander, dean of the School of Management. "Credit goes to our faculty for providing top-notch instruction in the classroom and online, and to our collaborators in the business community for providing great internships and other experiential learning opportunities."

The School of Management is one of only 473 business schools in the country to have its undergraduate and graduate business programs fully accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business.



History professor and Hudson River Valley Institute Executive Director James M. Johnson (fourth from right) was appointed a chevalier in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques by the French Ministry of National Education at a ceremony in New York City. Guests included (left to right) HRVI advisory board member Barnabas McHenry, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Thomas Wermuth, HRVI advisory board members Denise D. VanBuren, Frank J. Doherty, Patrick Garvey, and Dr. Frank T. Bumpus, and Vincent Tamagna, Hudson River Navigator.

### French Ministry Honors History Professor

**H**istory professor James M. Johnson has been appointed a chevalier in the Ordre des Palmes Académiques by the French Ministry of National Education for his lifelong contributions as an educator and historian at the United States Military Academy, Naval War College, and Marist College.

Johnson, the executive director of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist, received the award during a ceremony at the headquarters of the French Embassy's Cultural Services division in New York City. Established in 1808, the award was created by Napoleon Bonaparte to honor eminent members of the University of Paris. In 1866, the scope of the award was widened to include major contributions to French national education made by anyone, including foreigners. It is one of the world's oldest civil awards.

Working with the Hudson River National Valley Heritage Area and other organizations over the past 10 years, Johnson led the successful effort to have Congress designate the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route a National Historic Trail. The 685-mile trail from Rhode Island to Virginia commemorates the 1781 French-American campaign that led to America's victory over the British at the Battle of Yorktown. Of the 20,000 men who fought the British at Yorktown, 5,000 were Frenchmen who had traveled what will now be commemorated as a National Historic Trail.

"Without this historic alliance," says Johnson, "there would not have been an American Republic." ■

The Princeton Review also featured the School of Management in its *Best 296 Business Schools, 2009 Edition*, the latest edition of the ratings guide. And Marist is included in *The Best 368 Colleges*, the company's annual guide to the leading academic institutions in the nation. ■

### NEH Awards Grant to Marist's Hudson River Valley Institute

**T**he National Endowment for the Humanities has awarded Marist College's Hudson River Valley Institute a highly competitive \$500,000 challenge grant for strengthening teaching, study, and understanding of American history and culture.

The grant was among the largest amounts awarded in the agency's 2008 grant cycle.

HRVI and Marist were among 248 successful applicants awarded \$15.7 million in five categories. As a challenge grant, the NEH award requires that Marist raise three times the amount of the grant, or \$1.5 million, from nonfederal sources over four and a half years.

The grant will be used to enhance HRVI's programs, which include a digital library; sponsorship of lectures, conferences, and other public programming; publication of the *Hudson River Valley Review*; and development of resources for use in K-12 classrooms.

Founded in 2002, HRVI designs its resources and programs to promote understanding and appreciation for the history, literature, landscape, art, and culture of the Hudson River Valley. HRVI is the academic arm of the congressionally designated Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. ■



MATTHEW GILLIS

Antony Penrose of Sussex, England, addresses the audience at the Silver Needle Fashion Show following the presentation of designs inspired by the life and work of his mother, Lee Miller, who was a fashion model, photographer, and Poughkeepsie native.

### Fashion Program Pays Tribute to Lee Miller

Lee Miller, a fashion model, photographer, and World War II photojournalist, was the inspiration for a clothing collection by Marist third-year designers at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Silver Needle Fashion Show and Awards. The show's salute to Miller, a Poughkeepsie native, was a highlight of the program held at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in May.

The Fashion Program paid tribute to Miller during the show with the collection and an appearance by her son, Antony Penrose, of Sussex, England. Penrose told the audience his mother was a woman concerned with beauty and harmony. "She knew the importance of fashion as a means of expression," Penrose said, and added that the fashion show marked the first time Miller had been honored in her hometown. A week earlier he had presented images of her work and stories from her life to a nearly full house in the Nelly Goletti Theatre.

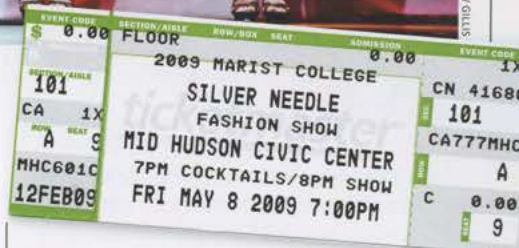
Another highlight of the show was the segment Men in Knits featuring men clad in only long underwear and knitted accessories, which delighted audiences at both the afternoon and evening shows. The idea sprang from a donation of yarns from Muench Yarns in California that were ideal for small items such as hats, gloves, and scarves.

"For a twist, I thought it would be fun to ask students to do menswear items," says Radley Cramer, director of the Fashion Program. "Our knitwear design instructor, Melissa Halvorsen, took it to a new level creatively. We added the Marist men, who were far from shy, and suddenly we had men in long johns and knits on the runway."

The show, directed and designed by Fashion Program faculty member Richard Kramer, also presented the work of first-year, second-year, and senior designers. Fifteen awards were presented including many made

possible by the program's scholarship partners: Alecia Hicks Forster, Cutty Sark, Dominique Pino-Santiago, Dutchess County Home Bureau, JR Morrissey Inc. and LDJ Productions, Liz Claiborne, Mary Abdo, Maggy London, and the YMA Fashion Fund.

On display at the show was a collection of red cocktail dresses created by senior fashion design students. The Fashion Program joined forces with the Dutchess-Ulster American



Heart Association for the Red Dress Project to help create awareness about heart disease. The red dress is the AHA's national symbol for the fight against heart disease. Project funding came from the YMA Fashion Fund. The collection was also exhibited at AHA's first Dutchess-Ulster Go Red for Women luncheon in February at the Poughkeepsie Grandview. ■



Self-portrait of photographer and model Lee Miller, 1932

COURTESY LEE MILLER ARCHIVES

## The Dawn of a Brand-New Digital Day for MIPO

The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion's web site *Pebbles and Pundits* has a brand new look.

The site, [www.maristpoll.marist.edu](http://www.maristpoll.marist.edu), offers the latest poll results as well as experts' analyses of poll numbers, current events, and pop culture from around the world. *Pebbles and Pundits* features a lively blog with commentary from Dr. Lee Miringoff, director of MIPO, Barbara Carvalho, director of the Marist Poll, and other MIPO staffers on topics ranging from business ethics to the history of blue jeans—with plenty of baseball mixed in.

"Our goal is to create a 'one-stop shop' or 'poll bureau' that fulfills all of the public's research needs and curiosity," says Miringoff.

"From our poll data to expert interviews, it's our intent to help users educate themselves and form the best personal opinions they can."



**Marist  
Poll**

It's not only the public MIPO hopes to educate. There is also a student component to *Pebbles and Pundits*. Through hands-on assignments, Marist students will use various forms of media to communicate the poll's survey results as well as their own ideas—an addition that harks back to MIPO's roots.

Founded in 1978, MIPO became the first college-based survey center in the nation to involve undergraduates in conducting survey research. Students participate in every poll. MIPO offers students employment and internships and the experience of conferences and seminars with leading journalists, pollsters, and government officials.

With the soft launch of *Pebbles and Pundits* securely under their proverbial belts, the MIPO team members plan a formal launch in the fall with even more multimedia features added to the site. To keep up to date on the Marist Poll's latest survey results, follow MIPO on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/maristpoll](http://www.twitter.com/maristpoll). ■



COURTESY REV. RICHARD LAMORTE

Marist students contributed to the restoration of two circa 1800 paintings, *Two Lions* by Vienna-born artist Peter Wenzel, and viewed the paintings during a recent study abroad course in Rome. Students and accompanying staff included (front row, left to right) Michelle DelBove '11, Amanda Wilson '10, Meghan Talotta '12, Stephanie Figuccio '11, Keith Moreira '11, Alicia Mattiello '10, Ron Hicks '89, (back row, left to right) Pat Murphy, Rev. Richard LaMorte, Tim Massie, Jaime Bonventre '10, Brian Beltrani '10, Luke Scileppi '12, Christopher Ippolito '10, Andrew Gleason '10, and Ryan Glander '10.

## Students Support Restoration of Paintings in Vatican Museums

Participants in a Marist study abroad program in Rome did more than just see parts of the city normally off-limits to residents and tourists alike. They left a legacy for future generations by contributing to the restoration of two paintings in the Vatican Museums.

Twelve students, College Chaplain Rev. Richard LaMorte, Nurse Practitioner Patricia Murphy, and Ronald Hicks '89 joined Chief Public Affairs Officer and Adjunct Professor Tim Massie on a 12-day excursion to Tuscany, Umbria, and Rome. In addition to touring Florence, San Gimignano, Assisi, Orvieto, and a winery in the Tuscan countryside, the group got a behind-the-scenes look at the Vatican that provided a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Following a private tour of the Sistine Chapel, before it was open to the public, and the Raphael Rooms, the private quarters of Pope Julius II, the Marist contingent was taken to the Vatican Museums' restoration labs to see *Two Lions* by Vienna-born artist Peter Wenzel, whom the Vatican calls "the

most famous painter of animals in the 18th and 19th centuries." The two oil-on-canvas paintings are of a lion and lioness and are believed to have been painted around the year 1800.

The class's gift to the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums paid for the restoration of one painting this year while a donation for the second will come from those who visit as part of the Rome class next year. Father Mark Haydu, LC, the international director of the Patrons, and Vatican art historian Dr. Romina Cometti expressed their appreciation and reminded the students of the importance of the preservation and perpetuation of the vast and unique collection of art contained in the Vatican Museums.

If the students return to Rome with their families in the future, they will be able to point with pride to two significant artworks in the Vatican Museums. An accompanying plaque will read, "Restored through the generosity of the students of Marist College, Poughkeepsie, New York." ■

## Campus Recycling Helps Those in Need

A campus committee dedicated to sustainability collected more than 6,000 pounds of food and 3,500 pounds of clothing, shoes, and accessories from students moving out of campus residence halls during the closing weeks of the spring 2009 semester.

The food went to area food banks and the wearable items to Planet Aid, a national organization supporting humanitarian programs in Africa. The Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee (CSAC) organized the drive with support from the Division of Student Affairs and the Physical Plant office.

"As Marist College continues to promote and develop sustainable practices in our day-to-day operations, our limited resources can be used more effectively and for the

greater good," says Steve Sansola, associate dean for student affairs/adjunct lecturer in religious studies.

President Dennis J. Murray created the CSAC to advise the Board of Trustees, faculty, and staff on campus sustainability. Marist staff, faculty, and students serve on the committee.

CSAC has coordinated a number of events including lectures and periodic Dumpster Dives that assess the efficacy of voluntary recycling on campus by examining the amounts and kinds of trash generated. When the semester opens this fall, CSAC and the

campus Recycling Committee will lead volunteers in collecting and recycling cardboard packaging from the incoming first-year resident students. From a similar effort at the start of the fall 2008 semester, they collected 1,500 pounds of cardboard, enough to fill two 10-cubic-yard Dumpsters, which saved 17 trees and more than nine cubic yards of landfill space.

CSAC welcomes the involvement of alumni. Any alumni interested in volunteering are invited to contact Steve Sansola at (845) 575-3517. For more information on the

College's sustainability initiatives, visit [www.marist.edu/studentlife/recycle](http://www.marist.edu/studentlife/recycle) or CSAC's page on Facebook. ■





## FACULTY WORK

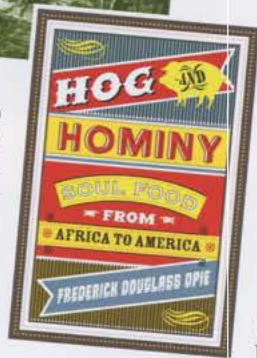
### Spotlight: Exploring the Global History of People of African Descent

**D**r. Frederick Douglass Opie, associate professor of history and director of the African Diaspora Studies Program at Marist, has written the book *Black Labor Migration in Caribbean Guatemala, 1882-1923*, published by the University Press of Florida in 2009. The book focuses on a period beginning in the late 19th century when many Central American governments and countries aimed to fill low-paying jobs and develop their economies by recruiting black American and West Indian laborers. Opie offers a revisionist interpretation of these workers, who were often depicted as simple victims with little, if any, enduring legacy.

The Guatemalan government sought to build an extensive railroad system in the 1880s and actively recruited foreign labor. For poor workers of African descent, immigrating to Guatemala was seen as an opportunity to improve their lives and escape from the racism of the Jim Crow U.S. South and the French and British colonial Caribbean.

Using primary and secondary sources as well as ethnographic data, Opie details the struggles of these workers, who were ultimately inspired to organize by the ideas of Marcus Garvey. Regularly suffering class- and race-based attacks and persecution, black laborers frequently met such attacks with resistance. Their leverage—being able to shut down the railroad—was crucially important to the revolutionary movements in 1897 and 1920.

Opie's first book, *Hog and Hominy: Soul Food from Africa to America*, published by Columbia University Press in 2008, is a culinary history and portrait of the social and religious relationship between people of



African descent and their cuisine. He composes a global history of African-American foodways and the concept of soul itself, revealing soul food to be an amalgamation of West and Central African social and cultural influences as well as the adaptations people of African descent made to the conditions of slavery and freedom in the Americas.

Sampling from travel accounts, periodicals, government reports on food and diet, and interviews with more than 30 people born before 1945, Opie reconstructs an interrelated history of Moorish influence on the Iberian Peninsula, the African slave trade, slavery in the Americas, the emergence of Jim Crow, the Great Migration, the Great Depression, and the civil rights and Black Power movements.

His grassroots approach reveals the global origins of soul food, the forces that shaped its development, and the distinctive cultural collaborations that occurred among Africans, Asians, Europeans, and Americans throughout history.

Opie is currently writing a history of African American and Latino relations in New York from 1959 to 2009.

### More Faculty Writing

Professor of Finance **Kavous Ardalan** wrote the book *On the Role of Paradigms in Finance*, published by Ashgate Publishing.

Professor of Psychology **Linda Dunlap** wrote the book *An Introduction to Early Childhood Special Education: Birth to Age Five*, published by Pearson Education. Springer published the book *It's Great! Oops, No It Isn't: Why Clinical Research Can't Guarantee the Right Medical Answers* by **Dr. Ronald Gauch**, retired associate professor of management.

Professor of Art **Richard Lewis's** book *The Power of Art*, co-written with **Dr. Susan Lewis**, was published in a second edition by Thomson Wadsworth. **Dr. Laura R. Linder**, associate professor of media arts, explores the portrayal of teachers on American television in her book *Teacher TV: Sixty Years of Teachers on Television*, co-authored with Mary Dalton and published by Peter Lang Publishing in 2008.

**Dr. Ivette Romero**, professor of Spanish and coordinator of the Latin American and Caribbean Studies Program, is the co-creator with Lizabeth Paravisini-Gebert of a new blog, *Repeating Islands*, at <http://repeatingislands.com>.

## (IN BRIEF)

Associate Professor of Psychology **Sherry Dingman** has been appointed an American Psychological Association representative at the United Nations for 2009-13. Based in Washington, D.C., APA has assembled a team of psychologists whose main mission is to contribute to the development and implementation of psychologically informed global policies that respect human rights and promote human welfare.

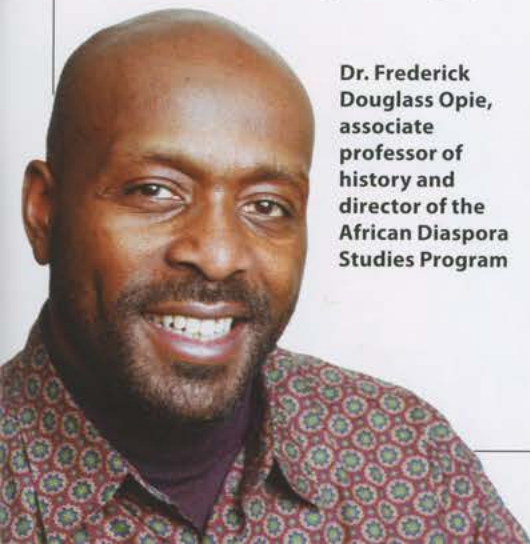
**Dr. Onkar P. Sharma** has been invited by the Council for International Exchange of Scholars to serve on the 2009-10 Information Technology Peer Review Committee for the Fulbright Specialists Program. The committee reviews applications for the program, which awards grants to qualified U.S. faculty and professionals in selected disciplines to engage in short-term collaborative projects at higher education institutions in more than 100 countries worldwide. CIES administers the Fulbright academic exchange program for the U.S. Department of State.

In March, **Marist staff members** raised \$3,654 walking in the American Heart Association Dutchess-Ulster County Heart Walk. In December, faculty, staff, and students donated 777 gifts as part of the annual Giving Tree project, which provided a merry Christmas for 23 needy Poughkeepsie families. In November, Marist students, faculty, and staff raised more than \$5,000 to support local food banks during Hunger Month activities, and Campus Ministry also reported the largest collection of food for baskets in the past 12 years. The baskets were distributed to families in Dutchess County. ■

com, featuring news and commentary on Caribbean literatures and cultures. Romero also co-edited a book of essays entitled *Displacements and Transformations in Caribbean Cultures*, published by the University Press of Florida. It includes a chapter she wrote, "Moving Metaphors: The Representation of AIDS in Caribbean Literature and Visual Arts."

Professor of English **Judith Saunders** wrote the afterword for Edith Wharton's *The Age of Innocence*, published by New American Library. A revised edition of *Peter Greenaway's Postmodern/Poststructuralist Cinema*, co-edited by Associate Professor of Media Arts **Paula Willoquet-Maricondi**, was published by Scarecrow Press. ■

**Dr. Frederick Douglass Opie**, associate professor of history and director of the African Diaspora Studies Program



## Ground Is Broken on Hancock Center



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**M**arist officials broke ground May 2 on the Hancock Center, the new academic building that will overlook the Hudson River.

The \$32.5 million project is named for lead donor and vice chair of the Marist Board of Trustees Ellen Hancock and her husband, Jason. Supported by the Campaign for Marist, the 57,000-square-foot Hancock Center will provide much-needed academic space at a central campus location.

When it opens in late 2010, the building will serve three primary purposes. It will be the home of the College's School of Computer Science and Mathematics, including faculty offices, nine classrooms, six conference/seminar rooms, and three computer labs. The Marist College Institute for Public Opinion and the International Programs office also will relocate there.

The Hancock Center also will house many of the existing regional and global technology initiatives for which Marist has earned a reputation as a leader, including the Center for Collaborative and On-Demand Computing, the Open Source Development Lab, the Institute for Data Center Professionals, and the IBM-Marist Joint Study Project.

In addition, the center will aid in regional and statewide economic development initiatives and contain office space for start-ups, high-tech education and training facilities, collaborative workspace for joint projects, an executive customer presentation center, and laboratories with shared access to advanced IBM server technologies and Cisco networking systems.

The Hancock Center has been designed by Robert A. M. Stern Architects, LLP, an award-winning firm that has created additions to Harvard, Stanford, and Johns Hopkins, among many others. ■



From left, President Dennis J. Murray, Trustees Ellen Hancock and Rob Dyson, and architect Robert A. M. Stern break ground on the Hancock Center. Below, students take their turn at wielding shovels.



## The Campaign for Marist Reaches \$53 Million

**M**arist's capital campaign has hit the \$53 million mark, reaching 71 percent of its \$75 million goal.

### New Gifts

Recently several significant gifts have been made to the Campaign for Marist. Longtime Marist Fund volunteers Michael and Genine McCormick '88/'88 gave \$250,000. Robert C. and Mary Abel, parents of Briana '09, established an endowed scholarship fund with a gift of \$100,000.

In addition, Mary Ellen Kondysar memorialized her husband, Tony, a member of the Class of 1969, in two ways. She established the Anthony J. Kondysar Scholarship to help adult students achieve Marist degrees, and she provided a gift in Tony's name for construction of the Hancock Center.

### Foundation Support

The Louis Greenspan Trust has been a longtime supporter of Marist through scholarships and capital grants made in memory of its founder, Lou Greenspan. The trust recently made a \$100,000 contribution to the campaign.

The Frank A. Fusco and Nelly Goletti Fusco Foundation awarded a \$30,000 grant in support of the Campaign for Marist. The contribution continues the generous giving

record of the foundation toward Marist, as initiated in 1994 by its late founder, Frank Fusco.

For the 40th straight year, the McCann Foundation supported student scholarships with a grant of \$50,000. The ongoing commitment is in addition to the McCann Foundation's campaign gift of \$2 million toward McCann Center renovations.

The Dyson Foundation continued its support of the Marjorie H. Clark Lecture on Ethics and the Law endowment with a recent grant of \$25,000, bringing the total amount to \$75,000. The grant is in addition to the Dyson Foundation's campaign commitment of \$3 million.

The Dr. Edwin A. Ulrich Charitable Trust once again supported student scholarships for business and fine art majors, as well as students in Marist's music program, with a \$40,000 gift. Marist received a one-time grant from the Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust that will support a reenactment of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association Regatta on the Hudson River as part of New York's Quadricentennial celebration.

The Hearst Foundations awarded Marist a \$100,000 grant to establish the William Randolph Hearst Endowed Scholarship Fund benefiting students from underrepresented populations. Beginning in fall 2009, a \$5,000 annual scholarship will be awarded to an incoming African American or Latino freshman or transfer student chosen on the basis of financial need, leadership potential, and promise for academic success.

### Faculty Contributions

Former and current faculty members also made gifts. Associate Professor of Public Administration Donald J. Calista and Dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Margaret Calista made a multiyear commitment to help build the College's endowment. Assistant Professor of Computer Science Helen Hayes and her husband, Joseph Regh '67, established an endowed scholarship fund to assist computer science majors. Professor Emeritus of Business Eugene Melan established the Eugene Melan Scholarship in Business Leadership at

Marist College to identify and develop students from the School of Management who have the potential to become outstanding business leaders. ■



**The Senior Class Gift Committee consisted of (left to right) Erik Zeyher, Caitlin Hopkins, Katelin McCahill, co-chair Julie Lavin, Susie Gagnon, co-chair Justin Ritz, and (not pictured) Stephanie Espina.**

## Senior Class Raises Record Amount

**T**he Class of 2009 made history through its participation in what has become a tradition at Marist—the Senior Class Gift. The class raised nearly \$6,000 from 450 seniors, almost double the results of any other Senior Class Gift program in College history.

As part of the tradition, graduating seniors make their first gift to the College through a donation to the Marist Fund. "It's the ultimate way to repay Marist for all the amazing things that have happened during our four years here," says Justin Ritz '09, who co-chaired the Senior Class Gift Committee.

The committee kicked off its campaign in November with a wine and cheese reception in the Tenney Stadium hospitality suite. About 110 seniors got their first glimpse inside the stadium's "skyboxes" and heard about wine tasting from Lisa McGovern, catering manager for Marist Dining Services.

Next the committee followed the lead of previous gift committees with a networking get-together for seniors and Marist alumni. More than 100 Marist seniors and alumni, who came

from all over the Northeast, gathered at the McCann Recreation Center in February for the fourth annual Senior Class and Alumni Networking Reception.

Paul Palmier '84, a producer at ESPN, was happy to share his experience with eager sports communication and radio/TV/film students. "When I was at Marist, one of the great things I remember was the way the school always had alumni return to talk to us about the industry, our majors, and more," he says. "I found those experiences to be invaluable, which is why I am happy to support these types of networking events. If I can help any of today's students, I'm simply carrying on a great Marist tradition."

After positive feedback from the kickoff event at Tenney Stadium, the committee decided to host another campaign event there. In mid-April nearly 100 seniors turned out for a sports-themed beer tasting.

Another venue on campus the seniors were

anxious to visit before graduation was the newly refurbished historic Cornell Boathouse. A sold-out crowd of 80 seniors met there in late April to learn about pairing desserts with wines while raising money for the Senior Class Gift program.

The committee also created a T-shirt to sell as a fundraiser. The T-shirt could be seen all over campus during Senior Week.

The activities provided a way for committee members to educate fellow classmates about the importance of continuing their philanthropic support following graduation, says Julie Lavin '09, committee co-chair and Class of 2009 president. "These graduates now understand how their resources were provided in large part from the generosity of the alumni who came before them. Now their gifts will help provide exceptional experiences, facilities, and scholarships for the future classes of Marist students." ■



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The Marist men's crew team won its ninth consecutive MAAC Championship and twelfth overall.



# Red Fox Report

**Men's rowing took its twelfth Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title while women's basketball, men's tennis, water polo, and baseball again advanced to the NCAAs.**

## Men's Rowers Win Twelfth Overall Conference Crown, Ninth Straight

The Red Foxes' men's crew team collected its ninth straight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) title on April 19 at Mercer County Park Marina in Princeton Junction, N.J. Marist posted a 6-point victory over Loyola as the Red Foxes totaled 179 points to finish atop

the field. Marist netted a total of 125 points from five victories to take the race.

Earlier in the season, Marist retained the coveted President's Cup as the squad defeated Army, winning three of five races. The day was cut short due to poor racing conditions; however, the Red Foxes took victories in the women's varsity 8, the men's novice 8, and men's varsity 4.

BY ANDY ALONGI '08

*Andy Alongi '08 is assistant sports information director at Marist.*

**The women's basketball team won its fourth consecutive MAAC Championship and fifth in six years. The Red Foxes faced fifth-seeded Virginia in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament at the University of Southern California.**



From left, Julianne Viani, Head Coach Brian Giorgis, and Rachele Fitz were honored by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association at the end of the season.

## Women's Basketball Seizes Fourth Straight MAAC Championship Title

The women's basketball team earned its fourth straight MAAC title as red-shirt senior Julianne Viani was named the tournament's Most Valuable Player. The Red Foxes defeated Canisius 78-63 in the championship game to win the conference crown and advance to



## Red Foxes To Host First Preseason WNIT Game

The Marist women's basketball team has made its share of history in recent years, and will do so again when stepping onto the court for the first time in the 2009-10 season. The Red Foxes will host a Preseason Women's National Invitation Tournament (WNIT) game for the first time in their history when they open the season against North Carolina A&T on Friday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at the McCann Center.

The Preseason WNIT features a three-game guarantee format. Second-round games will be played Nov. 15-16, semifinals will be Nov. 18-19, and the championship is set for Sunday, Nov. 22. Teams that lose in the first two rounds will play consolation games on the second weekend, Nov. 20-22.

The Red Foxes are coming off a 29-4 season in 2008-09, their sixth straight Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference regular season championship, and fourth consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance.

For ticket information, contact the Marist Ticket Office at (845) 575-3553.

their fourth straight NCAA Tournament and fifth in six seasons. Forward Rachele Fitz '10 and guard Erica Allenspach '11 were named to the All-Tournament Team for their efforts in the three victories en route to the team's title.

Multiple members of the Red Foxes were honored at a postseason dinner hosted by the Metropolitan Basketball Writers Association. Fitz and Viani were named to the All-Met Basketball Writers First Team, while Head Coach Brian Giorgis was named the Maggie Dixon Coach of the Year. Fitz was named the Met Writers Division I women's basketball Player of the Year.

Marist ended its 2008-09 season with a record of 29-4 as the Red Foxes fell in the first round of the NCAA Tournament to fifth-seeded Virginia 68-61.

### Men's Tennis Captures Seventh MAAC Crown

The men's tennis team advanced to its second straight NCAA Tournament as the Red Foxes defeated the Fairfield Stags 5-2 in the MAAC Championship match on April 19 at the Billie Jean King United States Tennis Association National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. Co-captain Loic Sessagesimi '10 earned the championship-clinching point at second singles. He was named the MAAC Championship's Most Outstanding Performer for the second straight year.

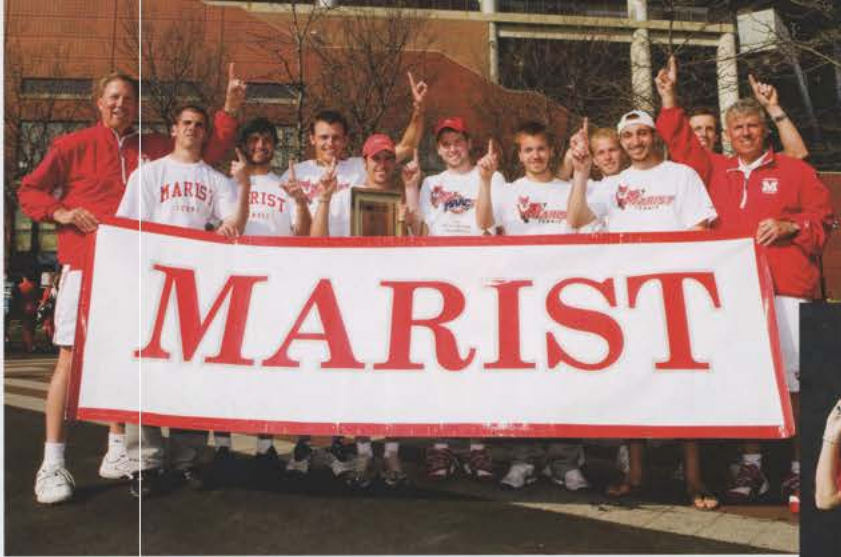
Marist fell to No. 10 Florida in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament in Gainesville, Fla.

Prior to Marist's championship run, Head Coach Tim Smith earned his 200<sup>th</sup> dual match victory as the Marist head coach on April 13 as the Red Foxes shut out Hartford 7-0 at the East Campus Tennis Pavilion. After the season closed, Smith was named United States Professional Tennis Association Eastern Division College Coach of the Year.

Each member of the Marist starting lineup was named to the All-MAAC Teams. Sessagesimi was named First Team at second singles, while Nicolas Pisecky '11 (third singles), Landon Greene '11 (fifth singles), and Matt Himmelsbach '12 (sixth singles) joined Sessagesimi on the First Team. Christian Coley '10 and Marcus von Nordheim '11 were named Second Team All-MAAC at first and fourth singles respectively.

Coley and Rhys Hobbs '11 were named First Team All-MAAC at first doubles, while Pisecky and Greene shared the third doubles honor with a pairing from Fairfield. Sessagesimi and Himmelsbach were named Second Team All-MAAC at second doubles.

Sessagesimi represented the College at the 2009 NCAA Student-Athlete Development Conference May 24 to 27 at the Walt Disney World Coronado Spring Resort in Orlando, Fla. He was one of 233 Division I athletes who took part in the conference.



The Marist men's tennis team captured its second straight MAAC Championship after a 5-2 victory over Fairfield. The Red Foxes have appeared in seven NCAA Tournaments. Co-captain Loic Sessagesimi '10 was named the MAAC Tournament's Most Outstanding Performer for the second straight year. He also represented Marist at the 2009 NCAA Student-Athlete Development Conference.



### Water Polo Takes First NCAA Tournament Game in Program History

Marist head coach Ashleigh Jacobs has never lost a MAAC tournament game in her two seasons in Poughkeepsie, amassing a 4-0 record in conference tournaments. In 2009, the Red Foxes entered the MAAC Tournament as the third seed. The Red Foxes posted a 7-6 victory over the second-seeded Wagner Seahawks to advance to the championship game against top-seeded Iona. Marist went on to take the championship game 11-7 at the McCann Center Natatorium. The Red Foxes became the first team in the MAAC Water Polo League to win consecutive titles, and Katelin McCahill '09 was named the Most Outstanding Player.

Three players were named to the MAAC Water Polo League First Team, while goalkeeper Jessica Getchius '10 was named Defensive Player of the Year. McCahill, Angie Rampton '10, and Samantha Swartz '10 were named to the First Team.

In their second straight NCAA Tournament, the Red Foxes won their first game in program history to take seventh place in their third NCAA Tournament appearance. Marist defeated eighth-seeded Cal Lutheran 16-11 on the final day of the tournament on the campus of the University of Maryland in College Park. Rachel Sunday '10 was named Second Team All-NCAA Tournament.



The Marist women's water polo team won its second straight MAAC Championship. The team is the first in MAAC Water Polo League history to win consecutive titles.



Marist won the 2009 MAAC Baseball Championship. MAAC Baseball Committee Chair John D'Argenio (left) congratulates MAAC Tournament Most Outstanding Performer Jacob Wiley '09, who was also the 2009 MAAC Relief Pitcher of the Year. In June, Wiley was selected by the Cincinnati Reds in the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft.

### Baseball Earns First MAAC Championship Since 2005

The Marist baseball team advanced to its first NCAA Tournament since 2005 as the Red Foxes defeated Canisius 13-9 in the MAAC Tournament on May 23. Relief pitcher Jacob Wiley '09 was named the MAAC Tournament's Most Outstanding Performer as he recorded a win and two saves. He recorded the final four outs of the tournament in game 7 to lift Marist over Canisius. It yielded his sixth save of the season. On June 11, Wiley was chosen by the Cincinnati Reds in the 41st round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft. He is playing for the Gulf Coast League Reds.

When the baseball team returned to

the Hudson River Valley, President Dennis J. Murray hosted a special commencement ceremony at the campus chapel for the team's eight graduating seniors, who missed graduation because of the tournament.

The Red Foxes came out of the winners' bracket, as they got to the championship game with two one-run victories. In the opening round, third-seeded Marist defeated second-seeded Canisius 7-6, lifted by an eighth-inning triple by Jon Schwind '12. In the semifinals, the game went to 11 innings, but Marist defeated top-seeded Manhattan 4-3 off a long ball by Richard Curylo '10.

Four Red Foxes were named to the MAAC All-Tournament Team: Brian McDonough '09,

Kyle Meyer '09, Curylo, and red-shirt sophomore Bryce Nugent. Prior to the MAAC Tournament's opening round, three Red Foxes were honored at the conference championship banquet. Wiley was named MAAC Relief Pitcher of the Year, while Nugent and Kyle Putnam '11 were named Second Team All-MAAC.

Marist garnered the fourth seed in the Tallahassee Region in the 2009 NCAA Regional. The Red Foxes held multiple-run leads against Florida State and Ohio State in each of their games in the 2009 NCAA Tournament.

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President Dennis J. Murray hosted a special commencement ceremony at the campus chapel for the baseball team's eight graduating seniors, who missed graduation because of the MAAC Tournament. The 2009 grads (from left) were Josh Rickards, Dan Gallagher, Kyle Meyer, Andrew Stanton, Kenny Anderson, Jacob Wiley, Peter Barone, and Brian McDonough.

### Women's Club Rugby Team Ranked Sixth Nationally

The Marist women's club rugby team competed in the Division II National Championships in Sanford, Fla. Coming off a very successful fall 2008 campaign, the Red Foxes finished second overall in the Northeast and earned the No. 16 seed in the DII Collegiate USA Rugby National Championships. The club is ranked at No. 6 in official DII collegiate women's rankings. Four Red Foxes were named to the Metropolitan New York Rugby Football Union All-Star (U23) team: captain Jessica Peterson '09, captain Andrea Hart '09, Laura Litwin '09, and Leanne Fusco '09.

### Student-Athletes Recognized for Academic Achievement

Thirteen Marist student-athletes were named Academic All-District, a regional recognition, by *ESPN The Magazine's* Academic All-America program, administered by the College Sports

Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Two Marist student-athletes went on to be named Academic All-Americans during the 2008-09 academic year. The 13 honorees, a school record, included six men and seven women.

The six men honored were Ricky Pacione '11 (Baseball, Second Team All-District) and Joe Touloumis '11 (Men's Soccer, Second Team All-District), Max Carow '10 (Track/Cross Country, First Team All-District), and Jake Dembow '09 (Football, First Team All-District), Chris Nacca '09 (Men's Soccer, First Team All-District), and Ryan Schneider '09 (Men's Basketball, First Team All-District).

The seven women honored were Allie Burke '11 (Volleyball, First Team All-District), Brittany Burns '10 (Track/Cross Country, First Team All-District), Teresa Ferraro '10 (Women's Soccer, Third Team All-District), and Rachele Fitz '10 (Women's Basketball, First Team All-District), and Stephanie Garland '09



Melissa Giordano '09

(Women's Lacrosse, Second Team All-District), Melissa Giordano '09 (Softball, First Team All-District), and Julianne Viani (Women's Basketball, Second Team All-District).

Each of the student-athletes named to the First Team was deemed eligible for Academic All-America status. Schneider and Giordano were named Second Team Academic All-American and Third Team Academic All-American respectively. They became the seventh and eighth Academic All-Americans in school history.

*ESPN The Magazine* sponsors the Academic All-America program, the student-athlete recognition program of CoSIDA, which selects individuals for the honor. To be eligible, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his or her institution, and be nominated by his or her sports information director. ■



## Red Foxes Open First Season in Pioneer Football League

The 2009 season is the Marist football team's first in the Pioneer Football League. The Red Foxes will face opponents from 10 different states during their 11-game schedule, featuring five home games. Season tickets are on sale through [goredfoxes.com](http://goredfoxes.com) or call (845) 575-3553.



### 2009 Football Schedule *All times are Eastern*

Day	Date	Opponent	Time	Promotion
Sat.	Sept. 5	@ Sacred Heart	6 p.m.	
Sat.	Sept. 12	vs. Drake*	1 p.m.	Home Opener
Sat.	Sept. 19	@ San Diego*	4 p.m.	
Sat.	Sept. 26	@ Bucknell	1 p.m.	
Sat.	Oct. 3	vs. Campbell*	1 p.m.	Family Weekend, Take-a-Kid-to-the-Game Day
Sat.	Oct. 10	vs. Jacksonville*	1 p.m.	Homecoming
Sat.	Oct. 24	@ Morehead St.*	1 p.m.	
Sat.	Oct. 31	vs. Valparaiso*	1 p.m.	Post-Game Trick-or-Treating
Sat.	Nov. 7	vs. Georgetown	1 p.m.	Senior Day
Sat.	Nov. 14	@ Davidson*	1 p.m.	
Sat.	Nov. 21	@ Dayton*	1 p.m.	

\* denotes Pioneer Football League opponent  
2009 Season Ticket Pricing: Adult \$35 • Child \$17 • Faculty & Staff \$28. For tickets call (845) 575-3553



The Cornell Boathouse is a new venue for Marist events.

JAMES REILLY '08

## A New Era for the Historic Cornell Boathouse

Just in time for New York State's Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadricentennial celebration of the Hudson River this year, Marist has restored its historic Cornell Boathouse. Now a popular venue for College functions, the boathouse was once part of famed Regatta Row, home to university rowing teams competing in the Intercollegiate Rowing Association's national championship on the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., one of the most popular athletic events in the nation.

### The Golden Age of Collegiate Rowing

The golden era of collegiate rowing began in 1895, after representatives from Cornell University, Columbia University, and the University of Pennsylvania selected the Hudson River at Poughkeepsie, because of its four miles of straightaway, as the site of regattas for their newly formed Intercollegiate Rowing Association. Over the next 50 years, Poughkeepsie hosted the premier crew event in America.

The Marist College Archives and Special Collections web site (<http://library.marist.edu/>

archives/regatta) describes the scene:

"Every year tens of thousands of spectators would come pouring into Poughkeepsie to watch the races. They covered the shores next to the river, many waiting all day, picnicking on blankets, to ensure they had a good view. The railroad tracks on the west side of the river had a flatbed train which held grandstands from which spectators could watch the race. As the crews rowed up the river, the train would keep pace with them, giving the people on board the

best view possible. Hundreds of boats, yachts, and occasionally even Navy destroyers sailed to Poughkeepsie, mooring on the sides of the river to watch the event. Poughkeepsie came alive on the day of the regatta, with parades, bands, vendors, and banners. The regatta was extensively covered by newspaper reporters, and as time went on it was even broadcast over local and national radio stations. But the crowds, cheers, reporters, parades, and pennants were not the reasons why the regatta became

The Cornell Boathouse, shown (far left) in 1948, was once part of famed Regatta Row.



MARIST COLLEGE ARCHIVES

BY ANDREW GOSS '09



so intensely popular. The explanation lay in the physical feats of the crew teams. To race at full-speed for four miles required such a breath-taking amount of strength, skill, and endurance that it was awe-inspiring to watch.”

In 1949 race officials moved the regatta to Marietta, Ohio, for two main reasons. Marietta had promised to raise at least \$10,000 more for the regatta than Poughkeepsie did. And the race in Marietta was to be held on a lake, which meant that tides would no longer dictate the race schedule.

### In Need of Repair

Cornell, the University of California, the University of Washington, and the University of Wisconsin each came to have boathouses on Regatta Row. Today, the Cornell Boathouse is the only one remaining. Marist acquired the boathouse in 1977. An agreement with the City of Poughkeepsie permitted the College to obtain title to the boathouse and surrounding land in exchange for allowing local high school rowing programs to use the boathouse until 2002.

But the boathouse was in poor condition. “We were already in the midst of renovating the entire waterfront area,” says Justin Butwell, director of Marist’s physical plant. “We wanted to keep the Cornell Boathouse, but a number of renovations were needed.”

Restoration began in 2004 with some small improvements. Workers added new windows and replaced rotting outer shingles. In the following years, they tore down several inner walls, installed insulation, replaced the deck, repainted



Two stairways lead to the upstairs hall.

the ceiling beams, and added an elevator. An environmental science lab on the outer wing was also renovated.

### Paying Tribute

The original wooden beams remain overhead. And a plaque over the fireplace further alludes to the building’s past: “The Cornell Navy records its gratitude to the City of Poughkeepsie and to Peter Henry Troy whose combined efforts made possible the erection of this boathouse.”

Troy, a Dutchess County native and local banker, was known among oarsmen, coaches, and rowing fans for his hospitality and unflagging support of the regatta. He organized the Poughkeepsie Regatta Committee and chaired it for 25 years, persuading city offi-

cial to contribute each year to the IRA’s Board of Stewards to shoulder some of the expense of the event. He also convinced the officials to build permanent lodging for the crews, resulting in the boathouses on Regatta Row. On learning that Troy would resign as head of the committee in 1940, Lawrence Perry wrote in the *New York Sun* that the time-honored event would be losing an irreplaceable advocate. “The impress of his personality upon this regatta is deep and pervasive. Results of his constructive enterprise are found in the very spirit of regatta day on the Hudson.”

Although the IRA Championship never returned to Poughkeepsie, on Oct. 3 Marist will reenact it. The Quadricentennial Regatta will bring back teams from the three original contenders—Cornell, Columbia, and Penn—as well as Marist, Vassar, Syracuse, Army, and Navy. The location for a special pre-race dinner for the competitors will be the historic Cornell Boathouse. ■



Restorations on the historic Cornell Boathouse include a new deck.

# Exploring History

**Marist joins New York State in observing the 400th anniversary of the journeys by Henry Hudson and Samuel de Champlain that opened the Northeast to new trade and European settlement.**

If you were at the Marist College riverfront in June, you saw what Native Americans in the Hudson River Valley saw in 1609: an 85-foot ship with four masts, sailing north on a wind coming out of the southwest. The estuary wasn't called the Hudson then, but Muhheakantuck, a Lenape word meaning "the river flows two ways." The ship, the *Half Moon*, carried English captain Henry Hudson leading a Dutch expedition that had crossed the Atlantic to find a northwest route to Asia. Entering what is now New York Harbor, he sailed as far as present-day Albany before the river became too shallow to continue. Reports from his exploration led the Dutch to establish trade within the Hudson River Valley and to build the first European settlements in Connecticut, Delaware, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania beginning in 1624.



The *Half Moon* docked at the Martin Boathouse in June as part of the Quadricentennial's River Day celebration.

The *Half Moon* visited Marist twice this past spring as part of New York State's commemoration of the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hudson's voyage. The state's yearlong celebration also marks the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Samuel de Champlain's arrival at the lake in the Adirondacks that now bears his name, opening the way to trade and settlement by French colonists, and the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Robert Fulton's excursion from New York City to Albany, the first successful long-distance trip by a steamboat.

Marist has been involved in the Quadracentennial in a number of ways.

■ In honor of the Quadracentennial, Marist invited New York State Gov. David Paterson to give the commencement address on May 23 and awarded the inaugural Henry Hudson Medal to Paterson, New York's first African-American governor, the country's first legally blind governor, and a nationally recognized advocate for the visually and physically impaired. The medal will be awarded in future years to pioneers, explorers, and innovators who reflect the spirit of discovery exemplified by Henry Hudson. During the ceremony, the *Half Moon* graced the Marist shoreline and heralded the graduates by firing its cannon.

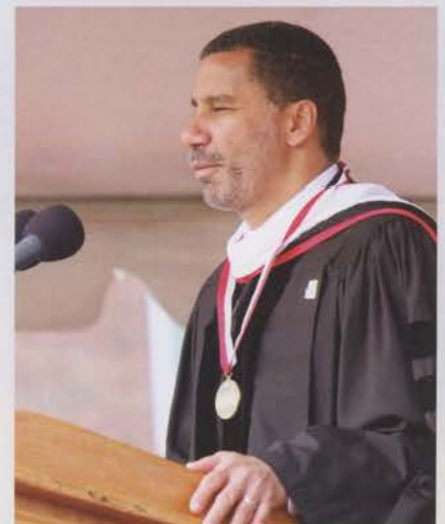
■ The *Half Moon*, which is owned and operated by the New Netherland Museum in Albany, docked at the Martin Boathouse June 9 through 10 as part of the Quadracentennial's River Day, a flotilla that stopped in river cities during a weeklong journey from New York City to Albany. Members of the public and Marist staff viewed the ship's dockside displays of centuries-old arrowheads, jewelry, and other artifacts as well as demonstrations of knot tying, flint knapping, and musketry by crew in period dress.



Quadracentennial Executive Director Tara Sullivan (center) presented Marist administrators, faculty, and public relations students with an official ExploreNY 400 flag last fall. Also pictured in the front row (left to right) are Jessica Meyers '10, Erica Fazio '09, Kimberly Lyons '09, Quadracentennial executive and marketing assistant Nicole Sama, Ashley Southard '09, Bari Kurzman '09, Barbara Butler '09, and Kristina Aven '09. In the back row (left to right) are School of Communication and the Arts Dean Steven Ralston, Vice President of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty Thomas Wermuth, Associate Professor of Communication Mark Van Dyke, and Jessica Tougas '09.

■ During the 2008-09 academic year, students in Associate Professor of Communication Mark Van Dyke's public relations case studies classes worked with the state's Hudson-Fulton-Champlain Quadracentennial (HFCQ) Commission, creating a marketing campaign to publicize the Quadracentennial initiative at local colleges and on the Marist campus.

Victoria Banks '09 says the work her class did on the project was amazing. "I learned a great amount about public relations and was able to contribute to the growth of a worthy cause. I met great people through this initiative. Our class acted as ambassadors for Marist and the HFCQ in spreading the word about this yearlong event, connecting to other schools and communities, and acting as a model for them to get involved too."



Marist invited New York State Gov. David Paterson to give the commencement address on May 23 and awarded him its inaugural Henry Hudson Medal.





The replica ship *Half Moon* provided a striking backdrop during commencement in May.

### Quadracentennial Resources

[www.hudsonrivervalley.org](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org)  
[www.hudsonrivervalley.org/themes/HFCQ.php](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org/themes/HFCQ.php)  
[www.exploreny400.com](http://www.exploreny400.com)  
[library.marist.edu/archives/regatta](http://library.marist.edu/archives/regatta)  
[www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org)

- Students in Marist's Hudson Valley History course completed research projects on the Quadracentennial theme. Topics included Native Americans in the Hudson Valley and their interaction with Hudson and Champlain; biographies of Hudson and Champlain; the voyages and vessels of the two explorers; the life of Robert Fulton; and Fulton's work with submarine warfare. The student work appears on the web site of Marist's Hudson River Valley Institute (see [www.hudsonrivervalley.org/themes/HFCQ.php](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org/themes/HFCQ.php) and click on "Marist student research projects on the Quadracentennial").
- The Hudson River Valley Institute (HRVI) at Marist College will present a Quadracentennial-themed conference, *America's First River: The Hudson*, on Sept. 25 and 26 at Marist and the Henry A. Wallace Visitors and Education Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Historic

Site in Hyde Park, N.Y. The conference is supported by a \$30,000 pledge from the National Park Service with funding provided by Congressman Maurice Hinchey and a \$25,000 grant from the HFCQ Commission. Open to the public, sessions will focus on the Hudson River as a corridor of commerce; Dutch-American relations from 1609 to 2009; the art movement known as the Hudson River School; Native Americans in the Hudson Valley in the 17th century; the Hudson River Valley's Dutch; and Hudson River landscapes and architecture. Scholars making presentations include Russell Shorto, author of *Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony That Shaped America*, and David Hackett Fischer, recipient of the Pulitzer Prize in history for *Washington's Crossing* and author of *Champlain's Dream*. Conference co-sponsors are the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the National Park Service, and the New York State Quadracentennial Office. For information contact HRVI at (845) 575-3052 or e-mail [hrvi@marist.edu](mailto:hrvi@marist.edu).

- HRVI has produced a spring 2009 issue of its journal the *Hudson River Valley Review* commemorating the Quadracentennial. The edition contains 14 articles on subjects such

as Hudson, Champlain, Fulton, Native Americans at Ticonderoga, N.Y., Dutch culture as a result of Hudson's landing, the 1909 celebration, the Quadracentennial commemoration, the Walkway Over the Hudson project, and part of the journal kept by Robert Juet, a crew member aboard the *Half Moon* during Hudson's voyage. Visit [www.hudsonrivervalley.org](http://www.hudsonrivervalley.org) and click on "Hudson River Valley Review" for more information.

- HRVI Director Thomas Wermuth and HRVI Executive Director James M. Johnson are collaborating on *America's First River: The History and Culture of the Hudson River Valley*, a project of the HFCQ Commission. The book will be a compilation of the best of the articles from the *Hudson River Valley Review* and its predecessor, the *Hudson Valley Regional Review*.
- HRVI coordinated a project documenting the history of the Hudson-spanning Poughkeepsie-Highland Railroad Bridge, which opened in 1888 and went out of use after a fire in 1974 damaged the tracks. The nonprofit organization Walkway Over the Hudson has partnered with the Dyson Foundation to access public and private funding to transform the 1.25-mile-long bridge, which rises 212 feet above the river,



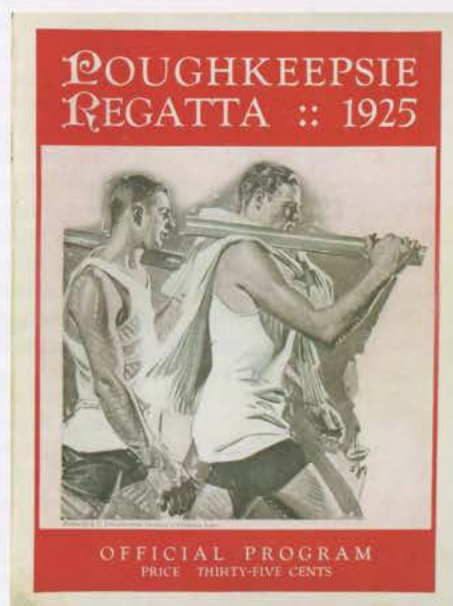
Visitors to Marist's riverfront viewed the *Half Moon's* dockside demonstrations of knot tying, flint knapping, and musketry by crew in period dress.

into a path for walking and cycling that will be the longest pedestrian bridge in the world. The grand opening of the \$35 million walkway on Oct. 2 and 3 will feature fireworks, a parade, bands, and flyovers by aircraft from the Old Rhinebeck Aerodrome.

The Walkway organization and the Dyson Foundation asked HRVI to document the history of the bridge, supported by a \$30,000 grant from the Dyson Foundation. Jason Schaaf '97, education supervisor for HRVI and an adjunct lecturer in history at Marist, organized the project in which about a dozen HRVI student interns, as well as members of an honors history course, researched and conducted more than 42 interviews with people associated with the railroad bridge, including engineers who drove trains across the span. The students also transcribed the interviews. With help from their own student interns, staff of

the Marist Media Center videotaped the interviews and compiled them for a documentary. Ultimately the material will be available in a CD collection for sale at a visitors' center on the walkway. Meanwhile, video clips are accessible at [www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org).

- In conjunction with the Walkway Over the Hudson dedication and the HFCQ's focus on the history of the Hudson, Marist will reenact the first Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championship Regatta held in Poughkeepsie in 1895. Supported by a \$25,000 grant from the Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust, the Quadricentennial Regatta on Oct. 3 will bring back teams from the three original contenders: Cornell University, Columbia University, and the University of Pennsylvania. Other rowing powers of the old Poughkeepsie Regatta such as Navy and Syracuse will return to the banks of the Hudson, and local teams Marist, Army, and Vassar will also participate. Each school will select an eight-person varsity squad to compete in both men's and women's four-mile races. The regatta will commence near Roger's Point and finish just south of the Mid-Hudson Bridge. As in the original regatta, all crew teams will start side by side at the same time and race to the finish. ■



This fall, Marist will reenact the Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championship Regatta, which was held in Poughkeepsie from 1895 to 1949. The Marist College Archives hold a collection of original Poughkeepsie Regatta programs, including the one above.



# & notes

Keeping Up with Marist Graduates

## 1953

After eight years of parish ministry in West Virginia, **Bro. Philip R. Ouellette** has returned to the House of Prayer Community in Esopus, N.Y., where he is doing spiritual direction and retreat work. In June 2009 he celebrated his 61st anniversary as a Marist Brother.



## 1954

**Bro. William A. Lavigne** received a new assignment in September as director of two communities of retired Brothers in Miami, Fla. Many of the 30 brothers there are involved in Christopher Columbus High School and St. Brendan High School in Miami.

## 1955

**Bro. Declan Murray** has a feeling that his teaching years, which started in 1954, are about to end. His principal has promised that he will still be a full-time faculty member.

## 1956

**John (Jack) Duggan** and his wife, Anne, continue to enjoy their retirement. Their four kids reside in Denver, Colo. John and Anne recently celebrated the third birthday of their grandson, Devon Jack. To the Class of '56, he asks, "Any thoughts on our 55<sup>th</sup>-year reunion?" Please contact him with ideas at (516) 997-6547. **Prof. James P. Friel** continues to edit *AITIA/Humanities Magazine*. He is completing his memoirs for publication. **Francis Gallogly** is living at St. Thomas Monastery on the campus of Villanova University in Villanova, Pa. He tutors students and does parish work in the area. **James Madden's** daughter, Mary Patricia Grace, married Ronald Eugene Kubart on July 5, 2008, in Marist's Our Lady of Wisdom Chapel.

## 1957

**Edmond McElroy (Bro. Eugene Thomas)** notes that in 1957 he designed the three interlocking tables that were outside Greystone for what was originally a picnic area on the Marist College campus. He recalls submitting his drawings to founding president Paul Ambrose Fontaine, who in turn gave them to Bro. Nilus Donnelly, the man generally credited with the planning and construction of



Marist College presented **Suresh Kothapalli '91M** with its Distinguished Alumni Medal during May 2009 commencement ceremonies. Suresh is the CEO of iSpace, Inc., a company he founded in 2001 that specializes in information technology and business process services for companies in the health care, entertainment, auto, and financial services industries. *Inc. magazine* has ranked iSpace, based in Los Angeles, Calif., among the 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in the U.S. for the past three years. Shown above are Suresh (left) and Dr. Roger Norton, dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics, at a commencement reception.

buildings on the campus in the 1950s and 1960s.

## 1961

**Msgr. Rev. Joseph R. Roth, PA**, is leading efforts to build a new Catholic high school in Myrtle Beach, S.C. He is a pastor at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Myrtle Beach and vicar for education in the Diocese of Charleston, S.C. He is the chaplain for the S.C. State Fire Fighters Association, the Myrtle Beach Fire Department, and the Myrtle Beach Police Department.

## 1962

**William Lenehan**, former football and crew coach, turned 70 on Dec. 25, 2008. He is still enjoying his family, volunteer work, and fishing and hunting. He has not forgotten his former athletes. **M. John O'Connell** is still successfully locating and connecting with former classmates. They had their sixth annual "gathering" in spring 2008. **Frank Swetz** has become a grandfather for the first time. For news about his recent book, see *Alumni Authors*.

## 1963

**Frank Sutton** says it has been great to see Marist alumni at Sutton's Place, his mini-bed and breakfast in Manchester Center, Vt.



## 1964

**Fr. Edward Doran** has been appointed pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church in Brooklyn, N.Y. **John J. Guiliano** has been living at the seashore in Apollo Beach near Tampa, Fla., for four years. He would like to be in contact with former classmates. Reach John at [jjguiliano@aol.com](mailto:jjguiliano@aol.com). **Bro. Rene Roy** received an honorary doctorate in education from St. Anselm College on May 17, 2008. He also received the Bishop Cheverus Medal from Cardinal Sean O'Malley, the Archbishop of Boston, on Nov. 23, 2008, for dedicated service to the Church.

## 1965

**Joseph Lloyd** is spending retirement years in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and Vero

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Beach, Fla. ■ **Stanley Morris** traveled with his wife, Peggy, to Beijing, Guilin, and Shanghai as an ambassador for the American Association of Orthodontists in 2007. ■ **Dr. J. Brien O'Callaghan's** wife, Judy, was appointed clinical director at Newtown Youth and Family Services in Newtown, Conn., on Sept. 1, 2008. She is also a substance abuse counselor for New Fairfield Public Schools in New Fairfield, Conn., and works with her husband at Psychotherapy Associates in Brookfield, Conn. ■ **Robert O'Handley** has retired from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology after almost 23 years. He now works full time with a small technology company he co-founded in 2002, Ferro Solutions. ■ In May 2009 **Larry Plover** was inducted posthumously into the Hall of Fame of the Mid-Hudson Civic Center, a major concert hall in downtown Poughkeepsie. During the 1970s Larry booked entertainment for the Civic Center and was instrumental in its success, lining up performers such as James Taylor, Billy Joel, Joan Baez, Natalie Cole, Van Cliburn, Pete Seeger, and Arlo Guthrie. He was perhaps best known for opening another downtown music venue in 1970 known as the Chance, which hosted more than 2,000 shows in all genres.

## 1966

**Bro. John Allen** again is teaching adults and children in a parish in McAllen, Texas, after five years as chancellor of the Diocese of Laredo. ■ **John Gallagher**, who is a lifetime member of the Milton, N.Y., engine company, was elected president in July 2008 of the Ulster County Volunteer Firemen's Association, which consists of more than 40 volunteer fire companies. ■ **Joseph Garcia** and his wife are enjoying retirement in Florida. ■ **Alan Schultz** is airport manager and chief flight instructor at River Aviation at Kingston/Ulster Airport in Kingston, N.Y. His dream job is "retirement!" ■ **James Wright** reports that **Katherine Wright '00** and **James Hunter '00** welcomed Theresa Elizabeth on Nov. 8, 2008. The new baby joins sister Erin at home.

## 1967

**Dr. Ronald Anderson** and his wife are co-presidents of one of the Florida Orchestra's guilds, which helps support and promote the orchestra. They are also Eucharistic ministers at their church. ■ **Robert Johnson's** daughter, Jennifer, is executive producer of *Cold Case*, which airs



**Maj. Robin Benziger '02M** was awarded the first Marist College School of Management Outstanding Alumna Award June 2 at The Desmond in Albany, N.Y., for her dedication to public service and overall career accomplishments. A 25-year veteran of the New York State Police, she earned an MPA from Marist, has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Buffalo State College, and graduated from the FBI National Academy.

Sundays on CBS. His son, Paul, has started a public life as a member of the local planning board. His wife, Cathy, has started playing guitar, is taking care of her mother, and is also training their standard schnauzer, a very tough job. Bob's business, Kaffe Magnum Opus (www.kmocolfee.com), continues to grow. Bob has given up golf but is singing lots of folk, Irish, and bluegrass songs. He is reading *The Encore Effect* by Mark Sanborn. Anyone who wants to visit is invited to write him at bob@gtc3.com. ■ **Timothy Nagle** is an adjunct professor of education and supervisor of student and practicum teachers at William Paterson University. ■ **John Perring-Mulligan** moved to Apple Valley, Calif., and accepted a position at St. Mary Medical Center. John and his wife love California. ■ **Fred Policastri** welcomed grandson Tyler Schiavone. Tyler joins grandchildren Megan and Lauren. ■ **Rupert Ross** says the fishing is great in Port Aransas, Texas.

## 1968

**Thomas Bauer** retired July 1, 2008, after 40 years of teaching Spanish and serving as world-language supervisor at Park Ridge High School in New Jersey. He is still coaching football there and managing the town pool. ■ **James Costa** retired from IBM at the

end of 2008. ■ **Robert Falisey** went into private practice about three years ago in California. He recently bought a new yacht and was elected commodore of a local yacht club. ■ **Edward Manganel's** first grandchild, Michael James Manganel, arrived on March 24, 2008. "Future Marist grad?" he writes. ■ **Thomas Reichert** has two daughters and three grandchildren. His oldest daughter is an ad exec in New York City, and his youngest daughter is a teacher in Newton, N.J. ■ On Jan. 14, before an audience of 1,400 in Washington, D.C., Secretary of the Navy Donald C. Winter announced the induction of Retired U.S. Navy Captain **Paul X. Rinn** into the Surface Navy Hall of Fame. Encompassing more than 200 years of American military history, the honor has been conferred on only 86 individuals for making an exceptionally significant contribution to the Continental Navy, U.S. Surface Navy, or Surface Navy warfare. Honorees include such legendary naval officers as Capt. John Paul Jones, Adm. David Farragut, and Adm. Elmo R. Zumwalt Jr. Paul was recognized for his actions while serving as the commanding officer of *USS Samuel B. Roberts* when, on April 14, 1988, the ship struck an Iranian mine in the Persian Gulf, sustaining catastrophic damage, progressive flooding, loss of propulsion and electric power, and personnel injuries. He led his heroic crew in controlling the devastating damage and then navigated through 11 remaining mines to save the *Samuel B. Roberts* without the loss of a single life. Paul is now vice president of management consulting for Whitney, Bradley & Brown, Inc., which is headquartered in Reston, Va., and provides engineering and technical support services to U.S. government and industry clients.



After a career in the public sector, **James Conroy** retired to begin a new career in commercial real estate. He recently became an associate broker with Prudential Blake Atlantic Realtors in Albany. James and his wife, Phyllis, are celebrating their 41st year of marriage and have three grown children: **Jacqueline '91**, **Chuck '00**, and **Jim**. They have four grandchildren: Madeline, Julia, Sophie, and Will. He reports that life is good and that he is looking forward to seeing classmates at his 40th-year reunion this October. ■ **Daniel W. Fitzpatrick**, the city manager of Englewood, N.J., has been appointed to the 2009 Board



**Daniel W. Fitzpatrick '69**

of Examiners for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program. He was appointed by the deputy director of the U.S. National Institute of Standards and Technology. The award, created by public laws in 1987, is the highest level of national recognition for performance excellence that a U.S. organization can receive. As an examiner, Daniel reviews and evaluates applications for the award. ■ **Robert Hatfield Jr.** is in his second year as chairman of the Orange County (N.Y.) United Way. ■ **William Henn** and his wife, Patricia, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary. Seven of their children are Marist graduates. ■ **Stephen Johnson** is still working, and his son, Kevin, is a member of Marist's Class of 2012. ■ **Gregory King** and his wife, Rosie, marked their 36th wedding anniversary in 2008. They have three children: Patrick, Danielle, and Dominic. ■ **Bob Mennonna** retired in 2002, after 30 years as an elementary and middle school teacher and elementary school principal in Arlington, Va., public schools. Bob is on the board of directors of a nonprofit, Dismas House New Mexico. Dismas House provides temporary housing for men and women exiting prison. In July 2009 he was to become president of the board. ■ **William Rowley** retired from his position as councilman in the town of Islip on Dec. 31, 2008. He continues to work as a consultant in employee benefits at Profile Coverage Corp. ■ **Joseph Sommers'** son is now a firefighter in Hackensack, N.J., and his daughter is a teacher.

## 1970

**Philip Cappio's** oldest daughter, Moria, ran her third marathon in New York City on Nov. 2, following in her dad's footsteps. ■ **Stephen Caramore** coached his 10-year-old son Christopher's travel baseball team

in the summer of 2008. The team made the National Junior Baseball League playoffs. ■ **Col. Andrew Fallon** has a new grandson. Sean and Melissa Fallon and their son, Mason, welcomed Gavin Christopher on Dec. 21, 2008. He weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. ■ **Arthur Jung** recently returned from his fifth trip to Antarctica. An environmental scientist, he prepares environmental impact assessments for the National Science Foundation. ■ **Bro. John Klein** has been appointed general secretary of the Institute of the Marist Brothers, effective March 2010. He will manage the work of the Marist Brothers worldwide. Based in Rome, he will work closely with Superior General Sean Sammon '70. Brother John has been a member of Marist College's Board of Trustees since 2005. ■ **Peter Masterson** is a village trustee and police commissioner in his hometown of Williston Park, N.Y. ■ **Tim Sinnott** is the past CEO of Crossroads Centre Antigua, an international nonprofit facility for the treatment of alcohol and drug dependencies. He is taking the executive director position at Bayside Marin, a substance abuse treatment center in San Rafael, Calif. ■ **Edward Zujkowski's** son, Joe, is an associate at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft and was named the December Player of the Month by the New York City Lawyers Football League.

## 1971

**Dr. David Gordon's** wife, Dr. Barbara Hill, has been hired by Zenith Minerals of Oklahoma City as a consulting geologist. ■ **Francis (Steve) Moore** has relocated from southeastern Pennsylvania to Mount Juliet, Tenn. ■ **James Pratt-Heaney** opened a private wealth management firm in Westport, Conn., and was featured on Fox Business News. His wife, **Susan Pratt-Heaney '72**, continues to sell



During the Baccalaureate Awards ceremony, Julie Anne Lavin '09 and Erik K. Zeyher '09 received the 2009 Alumni Leadership Award for the significant contributions they made to the Marist community. Julie was the president of the Class of 2009, created and produced Marist's *Campus Cooking Show*, and held internships at the Food Network, the Fashion Institute of Technology, and Marist. Erik served as student body president and president of the National Residence Hall Honorary, completed two student-teaching internships, and sits on the Arlington (N.Y.) Central School District Board of Trustees. Both Julie and Erik were members of the 2009 Senior Class Gift Committee which made history by raising more money for the Marist Fund than any other graduating class. From left: President of the Alumni Association Jeffrey M. Schanz '94/'99M, Erik, Julie, and President Dennis J. Murray.

her artwork in Southampton, N.Y. ■ **Patricia Rittenhouse** is still teaching at Tyburn Academy in Auburn, N.Y.

## 1972

**George Brown's** wife, Lorna, was promoted to deputy chief of procurement for the National Park Service in Lakewood, Colo. ■ **Larry Lomuto** is coordinator of psychiatric admission at Stanford University Hospital in Palo Alto, Calif. ■ **Susan Pratt-Heaney** continues to sell her artwork in Southampton, N.Y. Her husband, **James Pratt-Heaney '71**, opened a private wealth management firm in Westport, Conn., and was featured on Fox Business News. ■ **Michael Smith** is vice president of Elant, Inc., in Goshen, N.Y., a regional health care and housing provider for seniors. He is also a corporate compliance officer with Elant. ■ **Rodney Steller, DMD**, has been an assistant professor of surgery at Yale University School of Medicine for the past eight years.

## 1973

**Richard Cairns** joined the New York Metropolitan Transportation Authority as deputy director/labor counsel in 2008. ■ **Bruce Cunningham** retired as a major with the U.S. Park Police on Sept. 27, 2008, after more than 32 years of federal law enforcement service. He resides in Papillion, Neb., with his wife, Alice, and has four grandchildren. A fifth was due in April. ■ **William Davis** is an adjunct instructor in communication arts and career services at Marist. He was a full-time instructor

in communication arts at Marist from 1990 to 2000. ■ **Richard Freccia** was named as Counselor of the County for Monmouth County, N.J., in 2008. He is a school counselor at Allentown High School in Allentown, N.J., and is also a statistician for ESPN Regional Television on college football and basketball broadcasts. ■ **Stuart Neil** was selected for inclusion in the 2008 edition of *Who's Who in America*. ■ **Jack Simeone** is associate executive director of grant research and development for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, N.Y. Jack has provided 30 years of service to Catholic Charities agencies in upstate New York. ■ **Dr. John G. Siolas** was selected by the Alexander S. Onassis Public Benefit Foundation as a visiting professor for the spring 2008 semester at the Department of Linguistics of the University of Athens. An associate professor of education in the Graduate Division of the School of Education at St. John's University, he has been involved in the instruction of applied linguistics and bilingual/multicultural education at St. John's since 1985.



## 1974

**Eleanor Bockley** and her husband, Karl, traveled to Wisconsin in September to attend the wedding of Jennifer Mortensen, daughter of **Beth McDonald Mortensen**. ■ **Mark Kleinhans** celebrated his 30-year anniversary with the IBM Corp. in November 2008. ■ **Francis Martin** retired from the U.S. Department of

the Interior. ■ **John Merlino** retired on July 1, 2008, after 34 years in education. ■ **Joseph Scuderi** has been a security guard for more than 23 years. Currently he is posted in A.I. Friedman, an art supply store in Port Chester, N.Y. ■ **Lydia Tringali** says she thoroughly enjoyed watching **Bill O'Reilly '71** during election season. She would like to say hi to all her fellow alumni. ■ **Marie Upton-Murphy** bought a house in Ocoee, Fla., and loves the area.

## 1975

**Joseph Cirasella Jr.** and his wife, Rosanne, will celebrate their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Sept. 30, 2009. His son Joseph graduated from Iona in June 2008, and his son Justin is in the civil engineering program at Manhattan College. ■ **Gloria Apap Costanza** moved to Suffolk County, Long Island, and teaches theology to ninth and tenth graders at St. Anthony's High School in South Huntington, N.Y. ■ **Maureen O'Toole Reimers's** daughter Meghan is pursuing a bachelor's degree and working full time. Her daughter Jaclyn is an adjunct professor at Florida State University.

## 1976

**Lesley Springstun Schaffer** has a new home in Grants, N.M., where she is in her second year of teaching eighth grade special education. ■ **Gregory Welsh** continued his 27-year career in the financial industry by joining Dagher Lambert Financial Services in 2008.

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## 1977

**Charles Bang** is chief accounting officer with CJ Apparel Group in New York City. The company produces the Caribbean Joe and Ellen Tracy brands. ■ **Dr. Marie Donovan** is serving as dean ad interim for the School of Education at DePaul University in Chicago, Ill. ■ **Jeffrey Nick's** son, Jordan, graduated from Marist in May 2009. His daughter, Natalie, will attend Marist in the fall of 2009 and received a Presidential Scholarship from the College. She also received the prestigious Thomas H. Watson Memorial Scholarship from the IBM Corp. More than 2,000 students applied for the scholarship, which recognizes academic excellence by high school students planning to pursue a traditional baccalaureate degree at an accredited four-year college, university, or military academy in the U.S. ■ **Barbara Stern** is an active member of Marist's Center for Lifetime Study.

## 1978

**Sam Letterii** is principal of Krieger Elementary School in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. ■ **G. Brian Morgan** was appointed corporation counsel of the City of Poughkeepsie, N.Y., by the city's mayor, **John Tkazyik '03**, in January 2008. ■ **Yvonne Sewell** is an associate professor at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. ■ **Duane Smith's** daughter, Megan, is a junior at Marist, majoring in psychology/special education.



## 1979

**Maria Diaz Decken** was designated 2008 Teacher of the Year for Region 2 of the Association for Career and Technical Education. Region 2, one of ACTE's five regions, includes Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. She represented Region 2 at the national ACTE meeting in December 2008 and was one of the top five contenders in the nation for Teacher of the Year. ■ **Arthur Dugan** has retired from the IBM Corp. ■ **Christopher Faille** continues his work as a reporter, covering the alternative investment industry. ■ **Barbara Skidmore** was admitted to the Academy of Cognitive Therapy in May 2008.

## 1980

**Robert Feeley's** daughter, Caroline, is a sophomore at Marist.



**James Barnes '84** was named the 2008 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in the award program's nationwide services category. National winners were chosen in 10 categories from 269 winners in 26 regions across the United States. Earlier in the year, Jim received the 2008 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year in the business services category for the New England region. In addition, the *Hartford (Conn.) Business Journal* named him Person of the Year. Jim is chief executive officer of OAKLEAF, a provider of waste and recycling services nationwide. OAKLEAF is based in East Hartford, Conn.

## 1981

**Matthew Cole** is now a "Y Guy," working at the local YMCA in Hendersonville, N.C. ■ **Richard Grainger** was inducted into the MetLife Institutional Hall of Fame. In attendance were Marist alumni **Joe Madden '88** and **Tom Flavin '89**. ■ **Katheryn Green's** daughter, Bridgit Mennite, married Jonathan Glick; both are medical doctors in the emergency room at Bay State Hospital in Springfield, Mass. ■ **Brian McGowan's** daughter, Chelsea, is a sophomore at Wells College in Aurora, N.Y. ■ **Cicely Perrotte** and **Rosemary Molloy '91** are still enjoying their gallery in Red Hook, N.Y., and Cicely says she is managing to get some painting done. Grandchildren, choir, and volunteering for hospice keep her busy.

## 1982

**Richard Keenan** is senior vice president, grant development, at North American Center for Continuing Medical Education—Princeton Continuing Medical Education. ■ **Patrick Rush** finished his 31st year as a Jones Beach lifeguard, working weekends at Robert Moses Field No. 2.

## 1983

**Theresa Sullivan Barger** resigned from her editing and writing job of nearly 20 years with the *Hartford Courant* and started her own business as a freelance journalist, public relations consultant, and grant writer. ■ **Thomas Schaffer** recently expanded his insurance practice to include financial services.



## 1984

**Liz Cook Funk** and her husband, Steve, live in Litchfield, Conn., with their four children. ■ **Jack Grafing** lives in Mineola, N.Y., with his wife, Diane, and their two children, Jack and Erin. He is also the sales manager of the New York National Boat Show. ■ **Kathleen Lloyd** and her husband helped to create a new athletic booster club system for their school district and launched a web site, [www.hauppageeaglesfootball.com](http://www.hauppageeaglesfootball.com). They hope to see everyone at the Class of '84's 25th reunion in October 2009.

## 1985

**Donald Goess** recently relocated to San Antonio, Texas, where he works for UPS as a sales account executive. His wife, April, is associate director of education for the Culinary Institute of America's newest campus, which is in San Antonio. ■ **John Loughlin** is a lieutenant colonel in the Army Reserve and recently completed a six-month tour in Iraq. As a member of the Army Reserve, he worked with the 2009 Presidential Armed Forces Inauguration Committee. ■ **Michael Lowen** and his wife, Tara, announce the birth of their second son, Michael Halpin Lowen Jr., on June 14, 2008, weighing 8 pounds and 2 ounces. Michael, Tara, Luke, and Michael Jr. live in New York City and Lido Beach, N.Y. ■ **Clara Stevens** is proud to have her son, Ryan, attending Marist.

## 1986

**Anthony DeBarros** was named senior database editor at *USA Today*. ■ **Terry Ketcham** recently changed jobs to the purchasing section at Consolidated Edison Co. of New York. ■ **Lynne McGahan Lehrkinder** is a psychological counselor at Monmouth University. She recently hosted an alumni gathering at her home with a guest visitor, Pat Patterson. ■ **Bill Losey** appears regularly on CNBC's *On the Money* as the resident retirement expert. He was named one of America's Top Financial Planners in 2008 and 2009 by the Consumers' Research Council of America. ■ **Christian Morrison** just completed his 14<sup>th</sup> year at Sacred Heart University as head track and field/cross country coach. The team won its first conference championship at the NCAA Division I level in 2008. The men won the Northeast Conference (NEC) indoor track championship, and both the men and women won NEC outdoor track championships. Christian was named 2008 NEC Men's Indoor Coach of the Year, 2008 NEC Men's Outdoor Coach of the Year, and 2008 NEC Women's Outdoor Coach of the Year. These three awards raised his career total of NEC Coach of the Year awards to six. ■ **Michael O'Brien** was appointed executive vice president and director, New York Client Service, at Ketchum. Formerly he was president of the global consumer practice at Cohn & Wolfe. Michael focuses on enhancing and expanding client relations while also coaching and mentoring client directors in New York and serving as a member of the company's New York executive team. Ketchum ranks among the largest global public relations agencies, operating in more than 50 countries. ■ **Bonnie Ponte's** daughter, Amanda, completed her first year



**Michael O'Brien '86**

at Marist and loved it. She was on the cheerleading squad and rode with the Equestrian Club. ■ **David Rakowiecki** completed a feature film called *Spoiler Alert* that he wrote, produced, directed, and financed. He's entering it in film festivals and seeking distribution. For more information, visit [www.spoileralertmovie.com](http://www.spoileralertmovie.com). ■ **Stephen Ryan** married Michele Cordiello of Bellmore, N.Y., on Sept. 20, 2008. ■ **Lincoln Terzian** was admitted to the Grant Thornton, LLP, partnership as a tax partner in charge of the firm's Northeast International tax practice on Nov. 3, 2008. Lincoln was previously a tax partner at KPMG, LLP.

## 1987

**Richard Goldman** and his wife welcomed their second child, daughter Jena, born Dec. 9, 2006. He is an assistant vice president and account manager for Citibank Student Loans, working with schools from the Albany/Capital region to New York City. ■ **LTC Kevin Kaley** is battalion commander for a drill sergeant basic combat training battalion and is mobilized to Fort Sill, Okla., for one year. ■ **Marydale Dolezal Leonard** married in 2004 and has welcomed two children with her husband, Michael: Thomas Dale, born May 3, 2006, and Grace Alana, born May 25, 2007. ■ **Karen Manion** has moved to Southern California. She's very happy and loving it there.

## 1988

**CW4 Michael Carson** was recently posted to Katterbach, Germany, as the battalion aviation maintenance officer. The assignment follows 16 months in Iraq, supporting the Marine Corps in Al Asad as a MEDEVAC pilot. ■ **Glen Middleton** and his wife, Rocio, had a son, Scott Charles, on March 31, 2009. ■ **John Polidoro** and his wife, Kristin, welcomed a baby boy, Cameron Bayliss, born Feb. 9, 2009. Cameron joins big sister Madison Rainey at home.

## REUNION 1989

**James Dick** began working for Hitachi America, Ltd., in Tarrytown, N.Y., in September 2008. He is responsible for the company's compensation and human resources information systems programs. ■ **James Heffernan** is still a sergeant in the NYPD and planning to retire in 2010. ■ **Deborah Kuffner** retired in June 2008 from the Hyde Park (N.Y.) School District as a special education teacher. ■ **Christine Domurat Maio** is a manager, exter-

# Homecoming & Reunion Weekend

## A Homecoming Gift: Class of 1968 Honors Alumni Who Served in Military

A record number of alumni returned to campus in October 2008 to celebrate Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, including more than 600 alumni who attended class reunions.

In honor of its 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, the Class of 1968 established an endowed scholarship with leadership pledges from Marist Trustees Jim Barnes and Brendan Burke, Larry Carr, and Paul Rinn.

The class also presented Marist with a new 50-foot aluminum flagpole in front of Donnelly Hall. At a ceremony on the Saturday evening of Homecoming Weekend, Jim Barnes, speaking on behalf of his class, dedicated the flagpole in honor of all Marist graduates who served in the United States military, particularly Frank Egan '68, who was killed in Vietnam. Paul Rinn then presented President Dennis J. Murray and the College with a special American flag. The U.S. Marine Corps gave Paul the flag in Washington, D.C., after it had flown over the Capitol, the Marine Corps Memorial, and the Pentagon on the anniversary of 9/11 this past year. The flag will be permanently displayed on campus. The Marist ROTC Color Guard retired the College's existing flag and presented it to 2008-09 Student Government President Erik Zeyher '09.

See photos of the ceremony at [www.marist.edu/alumni/home08.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/home08.html).



Members of Ed Cashin '52's family attended the dedication of a room in Fontaine Hall in his honor. Cutting the ribbon were (left to right) Ed's daughter Milette Cashin Esposito, Milette's son Edward "Charlie" Esposito, and Mary Ann Cashin, Ed's wife.

## Ed Cashin '52 Remembered

The weekend also saw the dedication of Room 103 in Fontaine Hall to Dr. Edward J. Cashin '52, a noted historian, teacher, and academic leader at Marist. Dr. Louis Zuccarello spearheaded the event, and many members of the Class of 1968 came to pay tribute to the man who served as Marist's first academic vice president from 1963 to 1968. A number of current and former faculty members also attended.

See photos of the dedication at [www.marist.edu/alumni/home08.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/home08.html).



From top left: Bill Zabicki '66 and Class of 1968 members Bill Kuffner, John Lynch, Jim Barnes, Brendan Burke, and Charles Milligan with Sgt. Roy Mowearly (far right) and the ROTC Color Guard.

nal communications, with Arrow Electronics in Melville, N.Y. She lives in Seaford, N.Y., with her husband, **Tony Maio '88**, and their daughter, Kate. ■ **Jill Seidman Martin** and her husband, Steve, announce the birth of twin girls, Ava Pearl and Sara Claire, on May 25, 2007. ■ **Chris Pappas** married Danny FitzGerald on Dec. 30, 2007. She is an assistant costume designer on the NBC TV show *30 Rock*. ■ **Cheryl Popovich-Golestani** lives in Skillman, N.J., with her husband and four children. She is president of a not-for-profit soccer association in Princeton, N.J., serving the needs of more than 1,000 children.

## 1990

**Laurie Cerveny, Esq.**, is a partner at Bingham McCutchin, LLP, in Boston, Mass. ■ **Christopher McMullan** retired from the Dumont (N.J.) Police Department as a sergeant and started a security and investigations company. ■ **Glenn Onos** was appointed senior vice president and chief information officer of the Wilen Group. ■ **Yolanda Robano-Gross** is the director of developmental disabilities services for PSCH. She lives in Woodmere, N.Y., with her husband, John, and daughter, Morgan. ■ **Christopher Rohde** was appointed president of Archon Vitamin Corp. in Somerset, N.J. He is responsible for the management and day-to-day operations of the Archon manufacturing facility and its 70 employees. Archon makes vitamins, minerals, herbals, and other nutritional products.

## 1991

**Marlon Hosang** married Andrea Scott on May 30, 2008. He was appointed principal of PS 64 in New York City in February 2009. ■ **Voula Kakaleris** had a baby girl, Anna Sofia, on Nov. 13, 2008. Anna joins big sister Kristina. ■ **Jay Murray** and his wife, Georgia, welcomed their first child, a son, Taylor Reed, born Dec. 30, 2008. ■ **Peter O'Keefe** and his wife, Sara, climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa in August 2008. ■ **Greg Ordway** is working for Pepsico, and his wife, **Erin Hubbard Ordway**, is a home-maker. ■ **David Scalzo's** son, Cody, will attend Marist as a freshman in the fall of 2009. ■ **Keith Simons** and his wife, **Amy Pfannkuch Simons '97**, announce the birth of their daughter, Georgia Frances, born March 2, 2008. Georgia joins big brother Keegan Thomas and big sister Anabelle Elizabeth. ■ **Jeffrey Thibeault** and his wife welcomed their first baby, Presley McCoy, on April 19, 2008. She weighed 6 pounds and 8 ounces.



**Steven Trapasso '08** has been serving with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. His team recently was in Nevada, restoring parts of the Truckee River by removing invasive species while planting native ones, and repairing sand dunes around the state. He is one of only a handful of AmeriCorps NCCC members who hold three positions. As physical training coordinator, he plans an exercise regimen for the group. As nutrition consultant, he established team goals to eat more veggies, fruits, whole grains, and preservative-free foods. As project outreach liaison, he represents NCCC when communicating with various nonprofits.

"NCCC is the best decision I ever made," he says, "and I encourage all recent graduates to look into it."

Above: Steven worked with the Sacramento Tree Foundation removing debris, invasive species, and barbed wire at a wildlife refuge in the Sacramento, Calif., area.

## 1992

**James Alecca** is still distributing his debut music CD, which was released Aug. 2, 2005. He celebrated his 40th birthday milestone on April 28, 2009. ■ **Kevin Francis** is assistant vice president of global operations for Wellington Management, LLP. Kevin and his wife welcomed their third child, Gavin Ross, on March 18, 2009. ■ **Martin Hochhauser** is the coordinator of the ACT High Stakes Testing Center at Dutchess Community College, where candidates are tested for certification in more than 20 different professions. ■ **Jennifer Chandler Kane** welcomed her third son, Charles Burke, on April 20, 2007. He joins brothers George and Jack. ■ **Dean Mastrangelo, Esq.**, and his wife, Nancy, welcomed their first child, Anthony John, on June 24, 2008. ■ **Chris Henn McSweeney** and her husband, **Glenn McSweeney**, welcomed their fourth son, Timothy Michael, on June 16, 2008. ■ **Timothy Neville** and his wife, Shannon, welcomed a son, Rowan, born May 20, 2007. ■ **Matthew Notine** and **Tara Robertson Notine** welcomed their fourth baby boy, Christopher John, on July 8, 2008. ■ **Jennifer Johannessen**

and her husband, Kevin, welcomed a baby girl, Aisling Nora, on April 14, 2009. ■ **Vincent Zurlo** bought his first house in 2008. He now hopes to concentrate on writing.

## 1993

**Kirsten Ryan Burko** welcomed a son, Brendan Eli Jacob, born Sept. 20, 2008. ■ **William Burns** is dean of the Arts and Communication Division at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, N.J. ■ **Kevin Gilmartin** has two children, Liam Curran, born May 21, 2005, and Rowan Margaret, born Oct. 10, 2007. ■ **Keith Laurie** was promoted to corporate vehicle acquisition manager at Enterprise Rent-A-Car and relocated from Columbia, S.C., to St. Louis, Mo. His responsibilities include providing field support for Enterprise locations throughout the U.S. and Canada. ■ **Maria Licari-Cohen** enjoyed producing cooking segments with *Good Morning America* guests, including Rocco DiSpirito, Cat Cora, Ina Garten, and Rachael Ray. ■ **Deanna Reisert** announces the birth of her fourth child, Allie Michelle, born May 2, 2008. ■ **Leanne Murphy Schiller** is the owner of Grassroots Marketing and started [www.gogreenwebdirectory.com](http://www.gogreenwebdirectory.com) for

the state of Massachusetts. ■ **Gregg Simat** and his wife, **Janis Netschert Simat '94/'95M**, welcomed a baby boy, Tanner Gregg, born Aug. 8, 2007. ■ **Rebecca Smith-LaVallee** is assistant director of alumni and student relations at Empire State College in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. She was formerly a sales manager at The Sagamore, a resort in Bolton Landing, N.Y. ■ **Colleen Susko** and her husband, Mark, have three children: Mackenzie, Sierra, and Cassandra. She is vice president, corporate compliance and internal audit, at Ellis Hospital in Schenectady, N.Y.



## 1994

**Jennifer Littley Andres** announces the birth of her third child, Brenden Francis, on Aug. 24, 2008. ■ **Rachel L. Baldwin** has joined E. Martin Davidoff & Associates, CPAs, in Dayton, N.J., as a tax controversy specialist. She helps businesses and individuals resolve tax problems with the Internal Revenue Service. ■ **Tracey Belko** married Robert Michael Sawicki on Jan. 19, 2008. ■ **Pamela Ann Clinton** is now director of studies at York Catholic High School in York, Pa., after serving as Religion Department chair for several years. ■ **Jeffrey Hurley** has started his own firm, Hurley Environmental Consulting. He continues as section chief of water quality, environmental health, and safety in the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. ■ **Kathryn Link Jensen** and her husband, Tom, announce the birth of twins, Abigail Hope and Jacob David, on July 5, 2008. ■ **Jay LaScolea** and his wife, Cheri, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Abigail Grace, born Aug. 26, 2008. They celebrated their third wedding anniversary on June 17. ■ **Moiria Long** and the women's volleyball team at Plymouth State University



**Rachel L. Baldwin '94**

won the 2009 ECAC Division III New England Championship. ■ **Mary Ann McGovern** married Kyle Cuite on July 3, 2008. Her mother, Kathleen, passed away on March 18, 2008, after a brief battle with cancer. ■ **Beth Keenan Meyers** is a full-time Realtor with Prudential, Fox & Roach in Media, Pa., and is licensed in both Pennsylvania and Delaware. Her web site is [www.bethmeyers.net](http://www.bethmeyers.net). ■ **Jennifer Nies** married Brian Howard on March 1, 2008. They welcomed a baby girl, Juliana Marie, born Jan. 17, 2009. ■ **Ericka Plate** lives in Cape Cod with her husband, Matt, and children Helena, Ingrid, Annika, and Parker. She recently returned to school to pursue a degree in nursing and plans to earn a master's degree with a certification in nursing/midwifery. ■ **Jennifer Poccia** married Christopher Talkowski on April 19, 2008. ■ **Michele Bafuma Puzanchera** is now grants and prospect research coordinator in the Development Department at Pressley Ridge in Pittsburgh, Pa. ■ **Pamela Ricigliano-Gnapp** is the mother of Anna and Alexa. She owns a printing business and works from home. ■ **Elizabeth Noonan Ryan** and her husband, Ed Ryan, welcomed their fifth child, a daughter, Campbell Elizabeth, born Feb. 17, 2008. ■ **Janis Netschert Simat '94/'95M** and her husband, Gregg Simat '93, welcomed a baby boy, Tanner Gregg, born Aug. 8, 2007.

## 1995

**Luis Carter's** wife, Susan, received an MS in nursing in December 2008 from Regis University in Denver, Colo. ■ **Marla Colletti-Huber** is relocating to Florida. ■ **Dr. Peter Faustino** is president-elect of the New York Association of School Psychologists. ■ **Marc Gasperino** and

his wife, **Suzanne Jacobs Gasperino**, welcomed their third child, Brooke. She joins boys Jake and Drew. ■ **Edward Gilhooly** and his wife, Sheryl, announce the birth of their daughter, Kathryn Elizabeth, on June 23, 2008. ■ **Brian Hampel** married **Melani Bendfeldt '97** on July 2, 2005, and announces the birth of their son, Logan Brian, born Aug. 29, 2008. ■ **Brian Kenworthy** is senior director of worldwide engineering at Deluxe Digital Studios. Brian has a daughter, Victoria Alicia. ■ **Margaret Lyko** married Patrick Twist on Oct. 25, 2008, in Montauk, N.Y. The ceremony was performed by friend and fellow Marist graduate **Jeff Baumgardner '95**. ■ **Lucia McCalmont** announces the birth of a baby girl, Elizabeth Ann, on March 14, 2008. ■ **Melissa Lamb** married Keith Donath on Aug. 21, 2004. They have two children, Sophia Lynn, born June 27, 2006, and Evan Xavier, born April 18, 2008. Melissa is principal of an elementary school within the New York City Department of Education. ■ **Kathleen Palmer** announces the birth of her second child, Ryan Joseph, on June 15, 2008. ■ **Joseph Papeo** and **Gina Rugilio Papeo** announce the birth of twins, Haley and Nicholas, born July 2008. ■ **Theresa Ricke-Kiely** recently started a new job at Notre Dame as an associate director of planning and development. ■ **Jonathan Sorelle, MD**, has a minimally invasive hand surgery clinic and surgery center in Las Vegas, Nev., that keeps him extremely busy. ■ **Shannon Bostwick Steele** welcomed a son, Blake Alexander, born July 16, 2008.

## 1996

**Cylinda Rickert Areno** and her husband, Matthew, welcomed a son, Henry Reed, born at home on

June 11, 2008. ■ **Anne Tanner Arent** welcomed a daughter, Paige Elizabeth, born Nov. 18, 2005. ■ **Stacey Berrios** is enjoying a successful career as a physician assistant, traveling the world and living life to its fullest. ■ **Maura Brouillette** has been elected vice president at Sasaki. ■ **Rose Caiazza** moved from the East Coast to Jackson Hole, Wyo., in December 2007. She thoroughly enjoys the great outdoors there and recently climbed 13,770-foot Grand Teton. She works as a mountain bike guide, does business consulting on the side, coaches girls' lacrosse, and is actively involved in the community radio station. ■ **Beth Dooley Canfield** welcomed twins, Emma Rose and Kyle Francis, born April 8, 2008. ■ **Gregory Donohue** resides in Verona, N.J., with his wife, Kristen, and two sons, Robert and Sean. He works for Google, Inc., in New York City. ■ **Lisa Goddard** welcomed a baby boy, Thelonious Lee McGee, born Nov. 20, 2008. She was also promoted to director of advocacy and online marketing at Capital Area Food Bank of Texas. ■ **Jennifer-Katherine Gomez** recently launched Chocolatetude, a side business specializing in chocolate novelty catering. She joined Legg Mason as a web project manager on the interactive marketing team in the U.S. Distribution Marketing Department. ■ **Alison Southey Kozlak** and her husband are enjoying being parents to their three daughters, Lauren and twins Kerry and Julia. ■ **Debra Levantrosser** married George Setman on Feb. 14, 2009. ■ **Brenda Gallagher**

**Liberti** welcomed a daughter, Mia Skye, born June 6, 2008. ■ **Christine Manna** was promoted to director, corporate communications for North America, at aircraft manufacturer Embraer. ■ **Jennifer Nagy** married Raymond Renna in September 2007. ■ **Julie Vetter Palmieri** welcomed a son, John Bryan, born July 31, 2008. He weighed 9 pounds and 3 ounces and was 21 inches long. ■ **Dennis Rau Jr.** was promoted to supervisory detention and deportation officer with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Albany, N.Y., on Aug. 17, 2008. ■ **Marybeth Vacca Snyder** welcomed a baby girl, Alexandra Ledina, born Sept. 10, 2007. ■ **Brandon Tierney** launched a new debate-style sports TV show on SportsNet New York called *The Wheelhouse* that airs nightly at 5:30. He continues his hosting duties on 1050 ESPN Radio in New York City.

## 1997

**Melani Bendfeldt** married **Brian Hampel '95** on July 2, 2005, and announces the birth of their son, Logan Brian, born Aug. 29, 2008. ■ **Jennifer Hoover Bonnano** and her husband, Michael, welcomed a daughter, born June 9, 2008. ■ **Patrick Casey III** and his wife, **Roxanna Rainboth Casey '98**, announce the birth of twins, Rowan Dennis and Kiernan Patrick, on Jan. 29, 2008. ■ **Amy Hoey Conly** and her husband welcomed their first child, a son, Braedan Matthew, born Aug. 18, 2008. ■ **Willow Lanpher Dannible** and her husband, **Tom Dannible '98**, welcomed a daughter, Melina Hope, born Jan. 3, 2009. Melina joins big brother Jaxson Thomas. ■ **Grayson DeWitt** and his wife, **Lora Fischer DeWitt '98**, welcomed a son, Finn Thaddeus, born Jan. 30, 2008.



### Two Rising Stars in PR

*PR Week* magazine named two Marist alumni to its list of the 2008 top 40 Under 40 public relations executives in the nation. **Jeff Dahncke '01** is director of PR for the Pepsi Bottling Group in Somers, N.Y. **Tom Coyne '91** is president of Coyne Public Relations in Parsippany, N.J.

"Jeff Dahncke hasn't yet hit 30, but he's already established himself as an industry leader," said the magazine. "In his current role, he oversees external communications, including media relations and corporate reputation, for the Fortune 500 company."

Of Tom, *PR Week* wrote, "Building Coyne PR from the ground up, Tom Coyne has seen

Tom Coyne '91



Jeff Dahncke '01

his career evolve from unpaid freelancer to president of a top PR firm, with clients such as Disney, Goodyear, and Hard Rock International."

Tom's firm later won two more accolades from *PR Week*. At an awards dinner in March 2009, the magazine named Coyne Public Relations the

Midsize Agency of the Year. The company also received a first-place trophy in the category Best Use of Broadcast.

Tom was recently named to the board of directors of the Council of Public Relations Firms. The mission of the council, an association of businesses that provide PR services, is to advance the interests of member firms and the public relations profession.

■ **Christine Datig Duffy** and her husband, **Jason Duffy**, welcomed a son, **Liam Jason**, born Sept. 4, 2008. ■ **Alison Kilts** married **Tom Porcelli** on Aug. 12, 2006. ■ **Mary Ann Blanco Kimes** and her husband are living a wonderful life in Richmond, Va., with their son, **Bryan Charles**. She recently had the good fortune to see **New Kids on the Block** in concert twice during the band's reunion tour. ■ **Cecilia Klember** and her husband welcomed a baby girl, born in June 2008. They still reside in Connecticut and she is still working for **Carousel Industries**, a telecommunications company. ■ **Robert LaBarbera** and his wife, **Patricia**, welcomed their second child, **Theresa Noelle**, born Dec. 26, 2006. Their first child, **Patrick**, turned 5 in May. ■ **James Lord** reports that life continues to be grand on Cape Cod. ■ **Tabitha Zierzow Maccalous** and her husband, **James Maccalous**, have a daughter, **Allison**, who turned 3 in January. James is working for **Siemens Healthcare Diagnostics**. ■ **Janice Kelly McCreay** and her husband, **Frank McCreay**, welcomed a baby girl, **Kate Elizabeth**, born in August 2007. ■ **Jennifer Domizio Marsilius** announces the birth of her son, **Chase Newman**, on Nov. 15, 2006, and her daughter, **Morgan Marie**, on July 22, 2008. ■ **Carie Piskura** married **Rocco Salvatore Perugini** on May 19, 2008, on Santorini Island, Greece. The couple sailed on a two-week

Mediterranean cruise and were joined by family members for their wedding ceremony at the **Villa Irini** in **Fira, Santorini**. Fellow alumni **Kristen Koehler** and **Elizabeth Herzner McGreevy** were in **Carie's** wedding party. **Carie** is a tax analyst for **Orion Mobility** in **Wilton, Conn.** ■ **Ken Prole** and his wife, **Aimee Drayer Prole '99**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Madison Joanne**, born July 31, 2008. ■ **Amy Pfannkuch Simons** and her husband, **Keith Simons '91**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Georgia Frances**, born March 2, 2008. **Georgia** joins big brother **Keegan Thomas** and big sister **Anabelle Elizabeth** at home. ■ **Sandra Dougall Stromberg** and her husband, **Christian**, announce the birth of their son, **Leland Ronald**, on June 1, 2008. **Sandra** works for **Kindle Farm School**, an independent school in **Saxtons River, Vt.** She has been promoted to a position on the administrative team and is the coordinator of academics. The school educates boys with emotional and learning challenges. ■ **Chris Webb** and his wife, **Rebecca**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Anya McKinley**, born March 25, 2009. ■ **Kristen Woronoff** and **John Allano** were married July 26, 2008, in **Mystic, Conn.** They live in **Las Vegas, Nev.**, where **Kristen** is a public relations manager at **Wynn Las Vegas** and **John** is a city manager for **Renaissance Management**.

The daughters of **Deborah Joyce Barnes '90** and **Shamus Barnes '91**, **Kayla**, age 11, and **Abigail**, age 6, competed in national snowboard competition at **Copper Mountain** in **Colorado**. **Abigail** is ranked fourth in the country for her age group, "**Ruggies**," aged under 7 years.



## 1998

**Michael Benevento** married **Donna Raduazzo** on Oct. 4, 2008, at **St. Thomas Aquinas Church** in **Brooklyn, N.Y.** ■ **Kerri Flannery Bennett** and her husband, **Tom**, announce the birth of their daughter, **Abigail Francesca**, on June 18, 2008. ■ **Heather Ohliger Brindisi** welcomed twin sons, **Drayton** and **Phoenix**, born June 27, 2008. ■ **Roxanna Rainboth Casey** and her husband, **Patrick Casey III '97**, announce the birth of twins, **Rowan Dennis** and **Kiernan Patrick**, on Jan. 29, 2008. ■ **Matthew Cassidy** and his wife, **Bethany Luniewsky Cassidy '00**, welcomed a daughter, **Maya Grace**, born Aug. 16, 2008. ■ **Elaine Swanson Coberly** and her husband, **Drew**, welcomed a son, **Connor Frank**, born June 18, 2008. ■ **Sean Connell** married **Patricia Ayotte** on June 21, 2008. ■ **Mark Conway** was promoted to sergeant for the **New York State Police** in **January 2009**. He is stationed in **Somers, N.Y.** ■ **Tom Dannible** and his wife, **Willow Lanpher Dannible '97**, welcomed a daughter, **Melina Hope**, born Jan. 3, 2009. **Melina** joins big brother **Jaxson Thomas**. ■ **Lora Fischer DeWitt** and her husband, **Grayson DeWitt '97**, welcomed a son, **Finn Thaddeus**, born Jan. 30, 2008. ■ **Terri Duane** and his family announce the birth of a third child, a daughter, **Ava Grace**, on Feb. 7, 2008. ■ **Carisa Keane Giardino** and her husband, **Daniel**, welcomed a son, **Aidan Thomas**, born June 30, 2008. ■ **Mathew Laskowski** was named one of the nation's top paralegals in the book *Lessons from the Top Paralegal Experts: The 15 Most Successful Paralegals and What You Can Learn from Them*. ■ **Fernanda Leventhal** still works as a freelance translator and interpreter. Visit [www.atanet.org](http://www.atanet.org) for more information. ■ **Elizabeth McCarthy** married **Francis (Jim) James Woods III** on Aug. 4, 2007. ■ **Kelly Balser Moyher** and her husband, **John**, welcomed a son, **John George VI**, on Aug. 18, 2008. ■ **Ryan Soucy** won his third **Sports Emmy Award**. **NBC**, where he is manager of operations for the **Olympic division**, received six **Sports Emmys** for its coverage of the **Beijing games**. He was part of the group that won in the **Technical Team Remote** category. **Ryan** hires and manages more than 300 freelancers that his department brings to the games. ■ **Dana Coghlan Stabile** and her husband, **Charles**, welcomed a baby girl, **Vanessa Maria**, born Nov. 6, 2008. ■ **Lisa Tortora** was promoted to vice president, **TNS Multicultural**, at **TNS Custom Research, Inc.** ■



**Media conglomerate Bonnier** named **Patrick Notaro '01** its **Telephone Sales Representative of the Year**. Chosen from among the company's 1,000 sales reps worldwide, **Patrick** was the first American ever to win a sales award at **Bonnier**. The company flew him from **New York** to **Sweden**, where **Bonnier** is based, for the award ceremony (above) and an all-expenses-paid visit to **Stockholm**.

"He received a long ovation for his emotional expression of gratitude for the company's support, despite the pressures of the current American economic climate," said the company's online magazine.

**Patrick** is senior inside sales representative for **Popular Science** magazine and works in **Manhattan**. He also was nominated for **Salesperson of the Year** by **Minonline**, a weekly newsletter in the ad business.

**Darryll Towsley** married **Lisa Alvarez** on Dec. 15, 2007. He is vice president of counseling for the **Ayro Co.**, a subsidiary of **Goldman Sachs**. ■ **Alison Willmott** and her husband have been married three years and have a daughter, **Grace**, born Aug. 15, 2006. Her husband is in his second year of coaching track and field at the **University of Vermont**.

## REUNION 1999

**Jennifer Canonico Avroch** has returned to work at **Preston School** in **Harrison, N.Y.** She teaches fourth grade. **Bryan Avroch '00** continues to teach reading at the **Turn of River Middle School** in **Stamford, Conn.** **Bryan** and **Jennifer's** daughter, **Marissa**, has been doing great since her bone marrow transplant. ■ **William Brennan** and his wife, **Dawn Lorenz Brennan '00**, welcomed

their first child, Liam, born Sept. 13, 2008. Bill is the district director of math, science, and technology for Port Jefferson, N.Y., schools and is teaching graduate courses at Stony Brook University. ■ **Christine Coco** married William Reidy III on Dec. 6, 2008. ■ **William Conway** is a staff attorney in the Miami regional office of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in the Division of Enforcement. ■ **Diane Wasilewski Cornax** and her husband, Peter Cornax '00, announce the birth of their son, Lucas, on Sept. 29, 2008. Lucas joins big brother Drew. ■ **Erik Dietz** and his wife, Sarah St.Germain-Dietz '02, welcomed a baby girl, Ashley Brianna, born July 15, 2008. ■ **Donna-Marie Facilla** is teaching fifth grade in the Lindenhurst, N.Y., school district. ■ **Marisa Forte** married Mark Mangiaracina on Sept. 6, 2008. ■ **Jill Salvucci Henebury** announces the birth of her son, James Kevin, on May 17, 2008. ■ **Carolyn Pulisic Lynch** and her husband, Kevin, have a three-year-old son, Benjamin, and welcomed another son, Mason, born in May 2008. ■ **Mercedes Martinez** worked as a paralegal for the Garden City Hotel and FMC Management Corp. for eight years. She is now a paralegal for Sweeney Gallo Reich & Bolz, LLP. ■ **William Mills** and his wife, Elizabeth, announce the birth of their daughter, Isabella Taylor, born Oct. 14, 2008. ■ **Steven Napolitani** is a producer and associate director for Madison Square Garden Network New York Rangers Broadcasting. Steven and his wife, Jennifer, live in Hoboken, N.J., with their son, Grant. ■ **Joseph Patriss** and his wife, Chelsey Ferrigno Patriss '00, welcomed a son, Collin Joseph, born Nov. 9, 2008. ■ **Aimee Drayer Prole** and her husband, Ken Prole '97, announce the birth of their daughter, Madison Joanne, on July 31, 2008. ■ **Lauren Renga** was promoted to sales manager of the Hospitality Division of 1825 by Serralunga, a collection of planters and flowerpots designed

## Movers and Shakers

**Nine Marist College alumni received 40 Under 40 Shaker Awards presented by the Greater Southern Dutchess Chamber of Commerce. The award ceremony took place in March at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie. The annual program recognizes 40 people under age 40 who are "committed to shaping the region and making it a better place for everyone." A panel of judges determined winners from nominations submitted by the public. The Marist graduates were:**

- **Michelle Almeida '99**—attorney, McCabe & Mack
- **Katie Lynn Castell '92**—social worker, Astor Home for Children
- **James Kutter '99**—chief technology officer, The Kutter Group
- **Erin Reverri '00**—teacher, Saint Columba/Saint Denis School
- **Edward Summers '04**—presidential fellow/assistant to the president, Marist College
- **Michael Todd '94**—president, Rainbow Pools
- **Rebecca Valk '00**—associate, VanDeWater & VanDeWater
- **Ann-Marie Van Etten-Donohue '96**—managing principal/co-owner of Associates Delivery Service/Associates Golf Car Services/Associates Box On Site Storage
- **Greg Zurawik '04**—corporate communications manager, Saint Francis Hospital and Health Centers

and produced in Italy. The company has sold to nationwide hotels and restaurant chains. ■ **Matthew Sommers** married Kelly Dawn Kessler on Oct. 20, 2007. They have a son, Landen. ■ **Allison Glaser Spillane** and her husband, Justin, announce the birth of their daughter, Hailey Elizabeth, on Aug. 22, 2008. ■ **Peter Toriello** joined US Presswire as global director of sales and business development. US Presswire creates and distributes sports imagery and maintains an archive of news and portraits of sports-related subjects including vintage material. Previously Peter was a league manager at Getty Images, where he played a key role in the growth of its MLB, NBA, and NFL properties. ■ **Mark Urciuolo** is director of the Acquisition and Third Party Sales Division for the NATO Sea Sparrow Project Office. ■ **Daniel Wagnes** and his wife, Lisa, announce the birth of their daughter, Delia Ann, born Dec. 4, 2008. ■ **Angela Witzke** married Carmen Gentile on July 4, 2008.

## Job Hunting? Check Out the Alumni Career Network!

The Alumni Career Network contains hundreds of names of individuals who are willing to be contacted by fellow alumni (and current students) about career choices and paths. You can search the network by occupation type, business title, business name, or name of person. By entering the year of graduation or location you will narrow your search.

You do not need to "JOIN" the network in order to "SEARCH" it. But you do need a Marist E-mail for Life account to log in. If you don't know your account information, you can request it online at [www.marist.edu/alumni/email4life.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/email4life.html). If you have not changed your password recently, you can do so at <http://acctgmt.it.marist.edu/>.

## 2000

**Bryan Avroch** continues to teach reading at the Turn of River Middle School in Stamford, Conn. His wife, Jennifer Canonico Avroch '99, has returned to work at Preston School in Harrison, N.Y. She teaches fourth grade. Bryan and Jennifer's daughter, Marissa, has been doing great since her bone marrow transplant. ■ **Dawn Lorenz Brennan** and her husband, William Brennan '99, welcomed their first child, Liam, born Sept. 13, 2008. ■ **Bethany Luniewsky Cassidy** and her husband, Matthew Cassidy '98, welcomed a daughter, Maya Grace, born Aug. 16, 2008. ■ **Peter Cornax** and his wife, Diane Wasilewski Cornax '99, announce the birth of their son, Lucas, on Sept. 29, 2008. Lucas joins big brother Drew. ■ **Caroline Davis** graduated in 2008 with a Master of Arts in Christian ministries from North Park Theological Seminary in Chicago, Ill. ■ **Keri Dixon** married Louis Moliterno on Nov. 1, 2008, in Spring Lake, N.J. She is completing an MPS from the Fashion Institute of Technology. She still works at Beauty Avenues, developing products and fragrances for Bath and Body Works, where she has worked for more than four years. ■ **Michael Galante** was promoted to associate director of co-marketing at ESPN on Nov. 1, 2008. ■ **Katie Daley Gatta** welcomed her second daughter, Anna Marie, born Aug. 4, 2008. ■ **Michelle Grande** is a district manager for Bath and Body Works in Boston, Mass. ■ **Elizabeth Henn** married William Dukeman on Aug. 8, 2008. ■ **James Hunter** and his wife,

Katherine, welcomed their second daughter, Theresa Elizabeth, born in November 2008. James accepted a position at Yale University as university webmaster. ■ **Ryan Hunter** was promoted to senior assistant district attorney of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. He prosecutes the sale and possession of narcotics in Suffolk County at the felony level. ■ **Hanneh Kalyoussef** works at Visions in New York City. ■ **Katie Krueger Lynch** and her husband, John Lynch, announce the birth of their first child, John Joseph IV (Jack), on Sept. 27, 2008. ■ **Jennifer Matarazzo** left *Weight Watchers Magazine* and is now a health editor for About.com, a part of the New York Times Co. ■ **Kristy Miller** married Richard Spaulding Jr. on June 29, 2008, in New Preston, Conn. They honeymooned in Mexico. ■ **Antonella Mistretta** married her high school sweetheart, Christopher Bloncourt, in November 2008. ■ **Karen Patafio** married Frank Flanigan on Nov. 14, 2008. ■ **Chelsey Ferrigno Patriss** and her husband, Joseph Patriss '99, welcomed a son, Collin Joseph, born Nov. 9, 2008. ■ **Erin Pender** became activity director, in February 2008, of the first SarahCare Adult Day Care Services facility to open in New Jersey. ■ **Jennifer Simmons** married Daniel Lombardo on July 26, 2008. They recently purchased their first home. ■ **Erin Smith** is now director of production at Children's Progress, Inc., an educational-software company based in Manhattan. ■ **Helen Stahlin-Corveleyn** and her husband, Graig Corveleyn '01, welcomed a baby girl, Grace Elisabeth, born in November 2008. ■ **Lisa Douglas Whelan** and her husband welcomed a son, Lukas Anderson, born March 25, 2008.

## 2001

**Christopher Blasie** received a lifetime membership in Cambridge *Who's Who*. ■ **Thomas Byrne III** moved to Chicago, Ill., in July 2007. ■ **Catherine Collins** married Nicholas Wisz on Aug. 15, 2008. ■ **Graig Corveleyn** and his wife, Helen Stahlin-Corveleyn '00, welcomed a baby girl, Grace Elisabeth, born in November 2008. ■ **Sharon Kennedy DePalo** and her husband welcomed their first baby, a son, Anthony Joseph, born Oct. 29, 2008. ■ **Rebecca Kizirian DiStefano** and her husband welcomed a son, Maximilian Jeffrey, born Sept. 26, 2008. He joins big sister Erin Tula. ■ **Martha Hackett** is pursuing an administration certificate at Stony Brook University. She is a special education teacher at Accomsett Middle School in Smithtown, N.Y. ■



## Alumni Authors

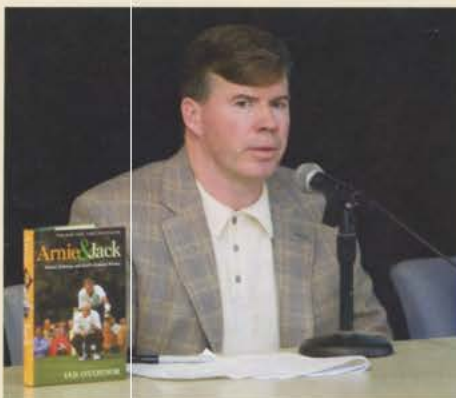
**Raymond A. Landry '60** will soon have a second poetry book, *Growing into Infancy: Musings of a Self-Proclaimed Legend*, available both nationally and internationally.

**Frank Swetz '62's** book *Legacy of the Luoshu: The 4,000-Year Search for the Meaning of the Magic Square of Order Three* has been published by Carus Publishing Co.

**Joseph Cavano '65's** newest book, *Love Songs in Minor Keys*, was published in April 2009 by CPCC Press. He was the featured speaker at a meeting of the Charlotte (N.C.) Writers Club.

**Dr. Chuck Howlett '68's** scholarly work *A History of the American Peace Movement from Colonial Times to the Present* was published in May 2008 by the Edwin Mellen Press. Co-written with Dr. Robbie Lieberman of Southern Illinois University, it examines three centuries in the struggle for peace and justice in the United States. More than 600 pages, the survey has been hailed as the most comprehensive study of the subject published in the past 20 years. *Reference and Research Book News* wrote that readers "will be both inspired and educated by this work."

**Patrice Sarath '84's** first novel, *Gordath Wood*, was published by Ace Books/Penguin in 2008. The sequel, *Red Gold Bridge*, is slated for publication this summer.



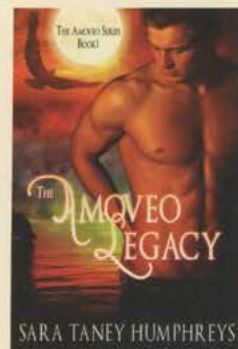
**Ian O'Connor '86** was a guest on a panel about great writing at the Associated Press Sports Editors Northeast regional fall meeting held at Marist.

**Ian O'Connor '86's** book *Arnie and Jack: Palmer, Nicklaus, and Golf's Greatest Rivalry* made the *New York Times* best seller list. Houghton Mifflin Co. published the book in 2008. Ian writes a national column for FoxSports.com.

**Kimberly Beckius '90's** sixth book, *The New England Coast: The Most Spectacular Sights & Destinations*, was published in November 2008 by Voyageur Press.

**Joseph Gray '92's** novel, *North of the Apple: Crime and Love*, was published in December 2008 by Lumina Press. The novel reportedly features Poughkeepsie, with numerous references to Marist.

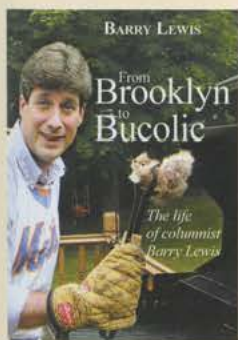
*The Amoveo Legacy* by **Sara Taney Humphreys '92** was released recently by Devine Destinies Publishing. The novel is the first in a series about the Amoveo people, an ancient race of shape-shifters who live secretly among humans. The book follows the evolving courtship of a shape-shifter of the Eagle Clan and a woman who has yet to learn she is only half human.



**Dr. Nicole A. Buzzetto-More '95**, an associate professor and program director in the Department of Business at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, has edited two e-learning books published in 2007. She has contributed several book chapters, is on the editorial board of a number of journals, has authored numerous publications in journals, and has been recognized with awards from the American Distance Education Consortium, the Global Digital Business Association, and the Informing Science Institute. She is preparing her third book to be released in 2010 by the Informing Science Press.

**Alison Kilts Porcelli '97** recently published a book with Heinemann titled *Supporting English Language Acquisition Through Choice Time*.

If you would like news of your book included in *Alumni Authors*, please send the title, the name of the publisher, the date of publication, and a short description of the content to [leslie.bates@marist.edu](mailto:leslie.bates@marist.edu) or to *Alumni Authors*, *c/o Marist Magazine*, *Advancement*, Marist College, 3399 North Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-1387. Feel free to e-mail a pdf of the book's cover.



**Barry Lewis '82's** book *From Brooklyn to Bucolic: The Life of Columnist Barry Lewis* has been published by Royal Fireworks Press. Barry says this collection of some of his award-winning columns from the *Times-Herald Record* newspaper in Orange County, N.Y., has made readers laugh and cry and will now embarrass his family forever. For more information, go to [www.barrycolumns.com](http://www.barrycolumns.com).

**Sarah Fournier Hamilton** and her husband, Pat, welcomed a daughter, Lily, born May 10, 2008. ■ **Brendan Licata** and his wife, **Megan Richard Licata '02**, welcomed their third child, Maura, born Feb. 22, 2008. Brendan was promoted to division director at Robert Half International, Inc. ■ **Denis McManus** married Jill McCabe on Aug. 2, 2008. They honeymooned in Hawaii. ■ **Caroline Nashmy** married Colin Fratrik on July 11, 2008, in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic. Caroline is a human resources manager for AKQA in Manhattan, and her husband is a physical education teacher and coach in the Plainedge (N.Y.) School District. ■ **Amy Ostgulen** married John Glovik on March 29, 2008, and has been in Chicago for the

past few years. ■ **Amy Snider** married Adam Schwartz in 2006. They started their own business, Every Little Counts, Inc., a women's T-shirt line centered around themes of love and romance. The company is based in Los Angeles ([www.everylittlcounts.net](http://www.everylittlcounts.net)). ■ **Karen Stack-Goodwin** and her husband, Garrett, announce the birth of their first child, Emily Margaret, born Nov. 14, 2008. ■ **Scott Thompson** and his wife, **Jaime Smith Thompson**, announce the birth of a son, Maddux Avery, born Oct. 14, 2008. ■ **Kyle Wood** married Jennifer Walsh in July 2008. He earned a master's in instructional technology from Western Connecticut State University.

## 2002

**Karla DelValle Beauregard** started a new job as an administrative assistant at Silver Point Capital in Greenwich, Conn. ■ **Leeanne Feile** married Eric Kraus on Sept. 13, 2008. They reside in Freeport, N.Y. ■ **Megan DeVita Helmecke** and her husband, Eric, welcomed a daughter, Abigail Marie, born Feb. 11, 2008. ■ **Kristin LaBarbera** married Bryan Probst on April 12, 2008. She is now a board-certified behavior analyst. ■ **Megan Richard Licata** and her husband, **Brendan Licata '01**, welcomed their third child, Maura, born Feb. 22, 2008. ■ **Jeremy Robitsek** married Kerin K. Mooney on Sept. 27, 2008. ■ **Jonelle Formato Santo** and her husband, Joseph, announce the birth

of their son, Joseph Salvatore IV, on Oct. 8, 2008. ■ **Erin Mitchell Sherry** welcomed her second child, Cooper James, born Aug. 23, 2008. ■ **Sarah St. Germain-Dietz** and her husband, **Erik Dietz '99**, welcomed a baby girl, Ashley Brienne, born July 15, 2008. ■ **Louis Totino** married Kate Monaghan on Nov. 3, 2007. ■ **Steven Willemin** and **Lauren McCluskey** were married in July 2008.

## 2003

**Carla Baker** married Matthew Tracy on Sept. 27, 2008. ■ **Traci Cillis** is teaching first grade at Krieger Elementary School in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. ■ **Andrew Cox** is headed to the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, expecting to graduate

## In Memoriam

### Faculty & Staff

- Barbara Bernardo  
*Former Senior Accounting Clerk*
- John Bilski  
*Former Security Guard*
- Margaret L. Bunten  
*Former Supervisor*
- Toby Raymond Carter  
*Former Housekeeper*
- Rev. Rosemary Hensley-Weir  
*Adjunct Professor of Religious Studies*
- Edward Hunter  
*Former Housekeeper*
- Betty E. Johnson-Evans  
*Food Service*
- Steve Lurie  
*Former Track Coach*
- Brian P. Mac Isaacs  
*Security Officer*
- John J. Mahoney  
*Former Housekeeper*
- Rose V. Dziuban Mocariski  
*Former Housekeeper*
- Louise Nuccio  
*Adjunct Professor of English*
- Dr. George J. Sommer  
*Professor Emeritus  
Former Chair of the English Department*
- Gregory F. Zaubi  
*Series Support Analyst*

in 2013 with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. ■ **Erica Deninger** is in her sixth year of teaching at Arlington High School in LaGrangeville, N.Y. She earned a master's degree from Mercy College in 2006. ■ **Kristina Goehring** married Sean Welke on March 28, 2008. ■ **Amanda Koscielecki** married Todd Moser on July 12, 2008. ■ **Pamela May** married Michael Smoulcey on Oct. 11, 2008. She graduated in December from SUNY Cortland with a CAS in educational leadership. ■ **Melissa Payne** married Marino DiNunno on May 31, 2008. ■ **Gerald Quigley** got married on Sept. 1, 2007, and is a recreation leader for the Sports and Aquatics Office of the Town of Islip, N.Y. ■ **Lisa Russo** married Leonard Todaro Jr. on Sept. 21, 2008. ■ **Darren Sammarco** is a senior paralegal of the White Plains Division of the medical malpractice firm Heidell, Pittoni, Murphy & Bach, LLP. ■ **Adam Slavin** and his wife, **Deborah Bloom Slavin '04**, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Danica Abigail, born April 28, 2009. ■ **Kimberly Snyder** married **Eric Schleif** on Oct. 5, 2007. ■ **Jill Penaluna Wieboldt** and her husband welcomed their first child, a daughter, Olivia Renee, born April 11, 2008.



**Danielle Barrett** completed a master's in reading/literacy for grades 1-6 at SUNY New Paltz. She moved to Florida, where she teaches special education at the K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade level. ■ **Russell Diaz** had a three-page article, "There's Gold in Those Contracts," published in the January 2009 issue of *Campus Technology Magazine*. ■ **Brian Dobson** married **Olivia Haley '05** on July 5, 2008. They recently bought their first house, in Ridgefield, Conn. ■ **Sarah Donohue** married **Michael Constantine** on Oct. 4, 2008. ■

**Jordan Gallo** graduated from New York Medical College in May 2008. He started residency training in emergency medicine at Penn State Hershey Medical Center. ■ **Matthew Gardner** married **Claire Aylett** on Nov. 10, 2007. **Wesley Gardner '07** was Matthew's best man. Matthew and Claire reside in Atlanta, Ga., where Matthew works for Barclays Capital and Claire is in graduate school. ■ **Stephen Jiampetti** was promoted in 2007 to regional director of the New York State Police Crime Laboratory in Newburgh, N.Y. ■ **Dee Kaba** joined D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, as a senior auditor in the company's Poughkeepsie, N.Y., office. ■ **Rajiv Khurana** retired as a captain from the New York City Police Department in 2004 after 20 years of dedicated service. He is now a licensed private investigator in New York. ■ **Kristin Miller** married **Joey Hellmann** on March 20, 2009. ■ **Paul Miller** recently left VH1 and bought a house on Long Island. ■ **Michael Nani** received a master's in business management from Iona College in February 2008. He moved into a management position within Con Edison in April 2008. ■ **Renee Nesheiwat** joined D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, as a senior auditor in the company's Poughkeepsie, N.Y., office. ■ **Kimberly Nieckarz** married **Brian Austin** on Sept. 8, 2007. ■ **Christin Psak** married **Michael Babic** on April 26, 2008. ■ **Deborah Bloom Slavin** and her husband, **Adam Slavin '03**, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Danica Abigail, on April 28, 2009. ■ **Ross Stoltz** married **Christa Gates** on Oct. 6, 2007. They welcomed their first child, **Caroline Elizabeth**, on Oct. 1, 2008. Ross was promoted



Sarah McKinney '05

to web content coordinator at Harden Furniture, Inc., and handles web management and online campaigns. ■ **Liz Swenton** was recently promoted to assistant account manager at March Communications in Boston, Mass. She has worked at the PR agency since June 2004. ■ **Nicole Thompson** married **Dan Acker** on Dec. 2, 2007. ■ **Melonic Torres** married **Erik Cancel** on Aug. 16, 2008. ■ **Kirsten Waage** still has her personal training job, myredtrainer.com, and coaches junior varsity boys' soccer at East Woods School in Oyster Bay, N.Y. ■ **William Ward** recently retired from IBM in East Fishkill, N.Y., after 30 years of service.

## 2005

**Colleen Casey** married **Todd Ouellet** in June 2008. ■ **Carrie Coughlin Gallagher** and her husband, **Dan**, welcomed a baby girl, **Ashlyn Frances**, on Feb. 27, 2009. ■ **Olivia Haley** married **Brian Dobson '04** on July 5, 2008. They recently bought their first house, in Ridgefield, Conn. ■ **Eric Hansen** is a copywriter for the Media and Marketing Group, an advertising agency in Voorhees, N.J. ■ **Andrew Magda** moved to Boston and started a new job at Eduventures, Inc. ■ **Sarah McKinney** joined the faculty at North Central College in Naperville, Ill., as an assistant professor of accounting. ■ **Heather Ripp** lived in England for two years after graduation and has been working for an advertising agency in New York City for more than a year. ■ **Laura Rotondo** married **Jason Chrzanowski** on Oct. 10, 2008. ■ **Megan Schoonmaker** completed a master's degree in education with a focus in curriculum at Western Connecticut State University in January 2009. ■ **Jessica Tortorella** was promoted to assistant product line manager, ck Calvin Klein Eyewear, at Marchon Eyewear. ■ **Kristen Warren** was hired by the Onteora (N.Y.) Central School District and now teaches third grade at Bennett Elementary School.



## It's a Tie

The Marist Office of Alumni Relations has a limited number of special **J. McLaughlin "fox"** neckties for sale. The 100 percent silk jacquard tie features black foxes on a deep red background. The tie, not available in stores or on the J. McLaughlin web site, is made in the United States and is dry clean only. The ties are \$50 each, and \$25 per tie will go toward the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund.

First-class U.S. Postal Service shipping is included. If you need expedited shipping, contact Alumni Relations at [maristalumni@marist.edu](mailto:maristalumni@marist.edu) or (845) 755-3283. To purchase a tie online, visit [www.marist.edu/alumni/merchandise.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/merchandise.html).

Each year the Marist Alumni Executive Board awards the Alumni Legacy Scholarship to an incoming freshman or transfer student who is the son or daughter of a Marist graduate and has demonstrated both academic success and strong leadership qualities throughout his or her high school career.



## 2006

**Patrick Bean** earned a master's degree from Duke University in December. He moved to Birmingham, Ala., to work for Southern Co. ■ **Deanna Bushart** moved to Boston and is studying human resources in graduate school. She is seeking a professional position in the communications field. ■ **Evelyn Clarke** retired from IBM after 27 years. ■ **Mary Grisey** recently received a BFA degree from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago. Her concentration was in fiber and material studies. ■ **Edward Grosskreuz** graduated in May from Adelphi University with an MA in adolescent education in English. He is teaching seventh grade English at Grand Avenue Middle School in Bellmore, N.Y. He has also become the co-director of the Wellington C. Mephram High School Drama Club and performed the role of Steve in the East Coast premiere of *Blue's Clues Live! The Most Spectacular Place* in December and February through Plaza Theatrical Productions, Long Island's only touring theatre company. ■ **Teresa Laffin** received a CPA license in 2008 in New York State and got married. ■ **Rebecca Lecius** married Shaun Haerinck on Oct. 11, 2008. She wants to thank her Marist crew girls who came to the wedding! ■ **Shawn McClain** began working with the Miss Universe organization in May 2007. Since then, he says, as a "true nomad at heart" he has traveled the world searching for his "soulmate, the meaning of life, and the inner beauty in each of this planet's six billion faces." He adds that he misses his halcyon days on the Hudson and the collegial environment of Marist College. ■ **William O'Connor** is pursuing an MSIS at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, N.J. ■ **Andres Oranges** has been promoted to the Derivatives Business Unit within the Energy Trading Services Department at National Grid. ■ **Zachary Spalding** and his wife, Michele, welcomed a baby boy, Ryan James, born Jan. 24, 2009. Zach has completed the New York EMT-B class to increase his skills for his involvement with the Volunteer Esopus (N.Y.) Fire Department. ■ **Lisa Stephens** married Jason Riccardi on Sept. 15, 2007, at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. ■ **Alec Troxell** designs presentations for the creative department of BBDO, a New York City advertising agency. ■ **Bryan VanSteenbergen** was recently promoted to public relations manager at the National Kidney Foundation. ■ **Christina Ventura** is program direc-

tor of the Cancer Services Program of Putnam County. She received an MPH in epidemiology from New York Medical College School of Public Health in May 2008. ■ **Steven Waiculonis** works for Citigroup in its hedge fund services office in Roseland, N.J. The office handles tax and accounting services for hedge funds and private equity investment firms.

## 2007

**David Barton** recently changed jobs. He has moved from Mayr Communications in Paramus, N.J., to Edelman in New York, N.Y. ■ **Douglas Caruso** is approaching two years working for JP Morgan within its investment banking division, serving as a margin analyst and completing its management training program. ■ **Sarah Esteves** is a production assistant for Shepard Smith's 7 p.m. program on Fox News Channel in New York City. She has been with the show since October 2007. ■ **Danielle Graci** was accepted at Rutgers University as a PhD candidate in communication, information, and library sciences with a focus in media studies. ■ **Stephen Krill** is a freelance multimedia designer for CNN in New York. ■ **Andrea Nilon** was appointed to the Orange County Citizens Foundation's Tax Reform Committee. She served as president of the Northeastern Regional Association of Assessing Officers for 2007-08. ■ **Jennifer Reinhart** is office manager for an orthopedic surgeon. In her spare time, she dances and teaches at Next Step Dance Studio on Staten Island, which her best friend opened this year. She plans to start the physician assistant program at Wagner College. ■ **Kathleen Spies** is living in Boston, teaching high school math. She is pursuing a master's in education from Eastern Nazarene College.

## 2008

**Marykathryn Gielisse** attends the William S. Boyd School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. ■ **Stephanie Grella** lives in a suburb of Buffalo, N.Y., and is pursuing a PhD in school psychology at the University of Buffalo. ■ **Kathleen Hampson** works for AOL Time Warner as a product delivery manager/associate data engineer. ■ **Matthew Healey** works for the Department of the Interior in Washington, D.C., and moved to Arlington, Va. ■ **Lauren Jackson** is working toward a PhD in bioanalytical chemistry at Penn State. ■ **Logan Johnson** took a job at Target and is pursuing a graduate degree in forensic medicine. ■ **Heather Martyn**



**Ashley Shaffer '08** was crowned **Miss New Jersey in Ocean City, N.J., in June. She will compete in the Miss America pageant in Las Vegas, Nev., in January 2010.**

is working to take over her father's insurance agency in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., and has been volunteering for the Arlington Middle School Theatre Association. ■ **Jessica McNamara** teaches in the Highland (N.Y.) Central School District. She is developing a program for talented and gifted students in grades 3 through 6. ■ **Nicole Pace** took a two-week tour of Italy following graduation and had a great time. ■ **Jared Pennella** is working full time as an EMT for a southern Westchester County EMS agency while pursuing an associate degree in applied sciences and paramedicine at Westchester Community College. He has taken the civil service exam for police officers administered by the City of New York. ■ **Tracy Ann Podias** is pursuing an MS in mental health counseling at Long Island University. She hopes to graduate by summer 2010. ■ **Darylynn Sargent** moved to Hawaii during the summer of 2008 to teach. ■ **Kevin Shepheard '08M** was promoted to assistant director of the York County (Pa.) Youth Development Center. He is the youngest senior manager in York County government. ■ **Erin Spada** is an apprentice instructor with the Seeing Eye, training dogs to lead the blind. She says it's her dream job and she couldn't have gotten there without Marist. ■ **Catherine Swartwout** is a freelance print and web designer in the greater New Haven, Conn., area. She manages and designs projects and occasionally works with other companies to complete projects. Information about her work and portfolio can be found at [www.cathswart.com](http://www.cathswart.com). ■ **Lena Urusova** is organizing an international event for gymnasts with countries such as Russia, Ukraine, and France. She is traveling in Europe and preparing to apply for master's programs. ■

## In Memoriam

### Friends

Arthur H. Agajanian  
Walter Cronkite  
Betty Evans  
Richard A. Gregg  
The Hon. Milton M. Haven  
Doris McDonald Liley  
Patricia A. Madden  
Ruth Stafford Peale  
Raymond A. Rich  
Mary Ann Russell  
Jack Weiss  
Leonard Wohlfahrt  
John Anderson Wolf

### Graduates of the College

John Joseph Goggins '55  
Bro. Thomas P. Kelly, FMS '57  
Cyprian L. Rowe '57  
Larry Plover '65  
Theodore Fortino '66  
John Krull '67  
John O'Neill '67  
George Bennett '68  
James Harvey '68  
Edward Alan St. Germain '69  
Robert Douglas George Jr. '70  
Christopher Paul McNamara '70  
David J. DeRosa '71  
Randall Graeff '71  
Barbara Pelton '71  
Philip E. DeGrandis '72  
John Francis Foley '72  
John W. Mason Sr. '72  
Robert Butterworth '75  
Debra Hamilton '75  
Jagvir Jaspal '76  
James V. Cammans '77  
Susan Calvert Bartels '78  
Catherine Dalton '82  
Frederick M. Benfer '83  
Bette Walsh '84  
Leo P. Roselli '88  
George T. Butler Jr. '89  
Richard Frederick '89  
Tesfaye Yemane '94  
Becky Leviton '01  
Maureen Mahoney '01  
Guy Sino '04  
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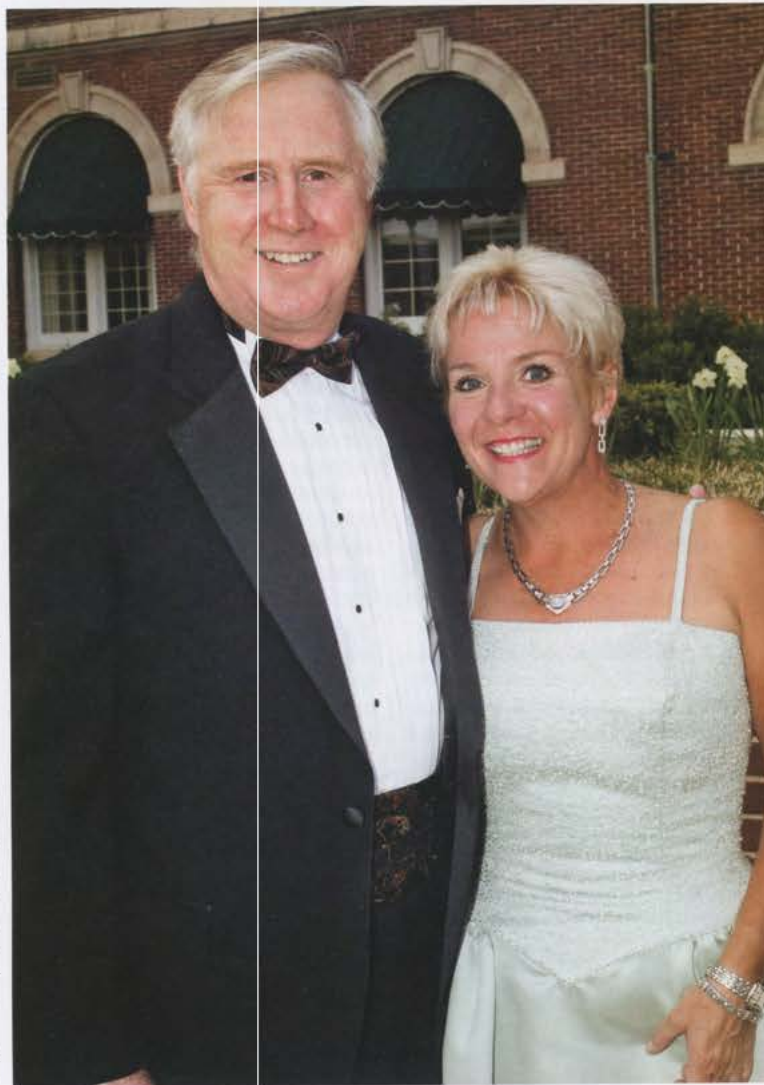
# A Marist Love Story

**Jim Joyce and Mary Monsaert fell in love at Marist. Thirty-five years later, their devotion to each other and their loyalty to the College could not be greater.**

**T**he Marist campus and student body were smaller when Jim Joyce and Mary Monsaert met in 1974. Donnelly Hall was the main academic building, and there were 1,500 students—only 150 of whom were women. Jim played football throughout college, and Mary was a cheerleader for two years. But they did not meet until the last semester of their senior year, when Cupid started moving things along.

It was actually an entrepreneurial venture that brought the Joyces together. Mary and Brian Wade '74 organized a spring trip to Bermuda. "I was thrilled to be asked by Mary to go," recalls Jim. Unknown to him, if Mary could recruit 15 people for the trip, she would have her expenses paid. "When I showed up at the airport, I was chagrined to find out that Mary and Brian had recruited 30 people for the trip. But all was not lost. Mary and I had dinner together each night in Bermuda," he says. Back on campus love bloomed, and Jim proposed during Senior Week. They were married in September 1975.

Jim graduated cum laude with a BS in business administration and, thanks to a Marist graduate, was launched on a banking career. "Ludwig Odierna, Class of '57, was on campus recruiting for Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company," Jim remembers. "He shepherded me through the interview process and was instrumental in my being offered a job as a management trainee in the credit program." Jim's first day on the job found him among Harvard, Yale, and Columbia graduates. "I am forever grateful to Lud for his guidance and assistance in those early days." This strong start led Jim to a 29-year executive



**Jim and Mary Monsaert Joyce, both Class of 1974, met during their senior year.**

career in retail and commercial banking with the Bank of New York, including service as division president, senior vice president, and executive vice president.

Mary was also hired before graduation. With a BA in English and a concentration in communications, she was recruited by the *New York Times* in outside sales and within three years joined the management team. She continued up the corporate ladder, and her last assignment before retiring was as assistant to the director of the *New York Times Magazine*. Mary had spent her junior year in Paris, carrying a full academic load and studying ballet with a professional company. "I was an English major living in a

country where I barely spoke the language. I would have preferred to be in England, but Brother [Joseph] Belanger convinced me to try France," says Mary. "I believe the experience helped me to be successful in my life after college."

Following graduation, Mary was active with the Marist Alumni Association and served on the School of Communication advisory board. Jim and Mary have consistently given to the Marist Fund, initially with minimal amounts and later with appreciated securities. They always took advantage of their companies' matching gift programs. In recognition of their multifaceted approach to giving, Jim was named national alumni chairman for Marist's annual giving campaign in 1989. The ultimate recognition of their commitment to Marist came when Mary was named to serve on the Board of Trustees of the College in 2004.

The Joyces have set a good example for their son, Christopher, a 2006 Villanova graduate and a Gannett Newspaper sales associate. Chris embraces their spirit of volunteerism. As a Habitat for Humanity volunteer, he built housing in the Carolinas and New Mexico, and he supports his university's annual giving program.

In retirement, Jim and Mary share a passion for golf and are active with charitable work. In this new phase of life, they also think about what helped them reach this point in their journey together. "We have had a great life," says Jim, "and Marist played a significant role in helping us be who we are. In addition to a great education, we secured jobs that led to great careers. And we found each other."

To recognize the importance of this contribution to their lives, Jim and Mary Joyce have made Marist part of their estate plan. They made this decision, says Jim, "because we want to make sure that in some small way we continue to keep the spirit of Marist alive well beyond our days." ■

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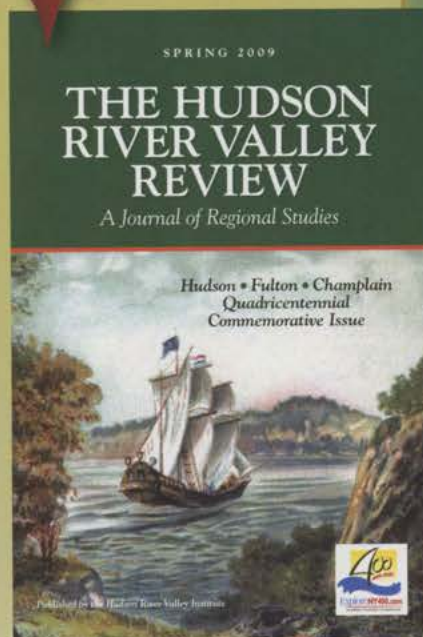
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