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Alexa with her professor and mentor, Dr. Joseph Bettencourt



I've been truly fortunate to benefit from Marist's top-notch programs and the incredible faculty and staff who have guided me throughout my education. My Marist experience so far has included two very valuable internships. My professors at Marist have been exceptional; however, there is one in particular who will always stand out. Dr. Joseph Bettencourt guided me through my four years in the science program. He's everything that a student could ask for: a scholastic and career mentor, professor, internship coordinator, and most important, a friend. I am incredibly grateful to have benefited from his support and guidance."



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An extraordinary collection recently given to Marist College lets students, researchers, and the public see history up close.

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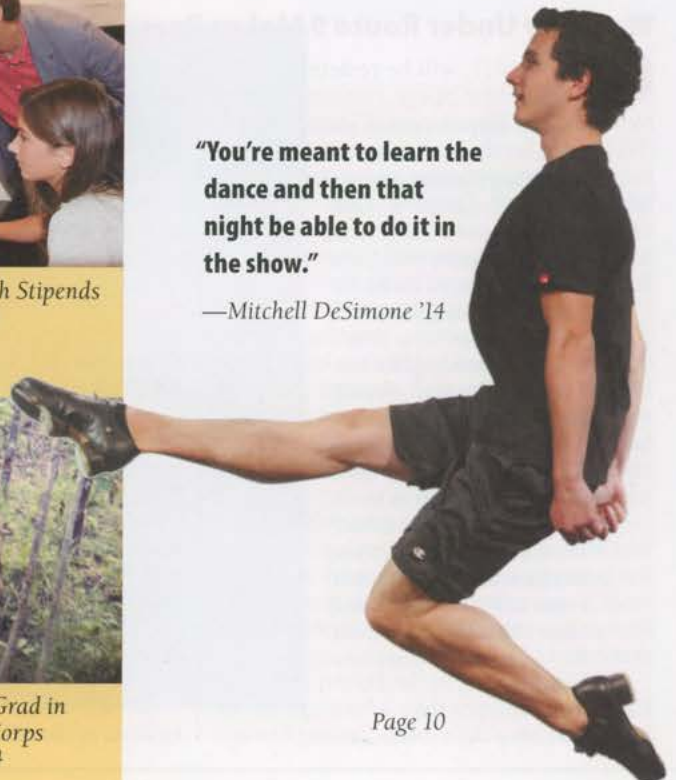
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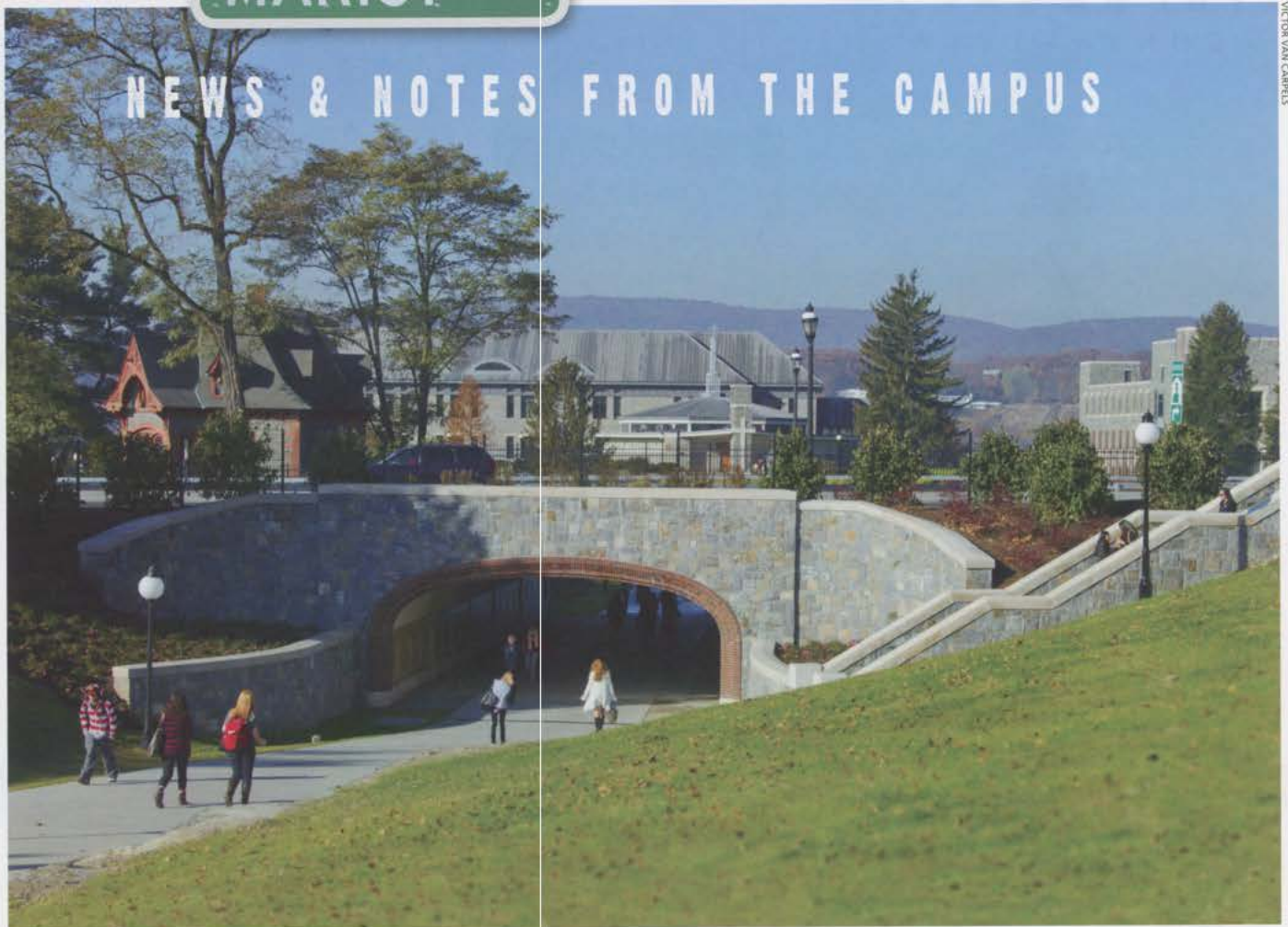
—Mitchell DeSimone '14



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VICTOR VAN CARRELS

The New York State Department of Transportation constructed a walkway under Route 9 this past July.

Walkway Under Route 9 Makes Passage Safer for Students, Faster for Vehicles

Oct. 19, 2011, will be remembered by the Marist College community and New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) for the dedication marking the successful completion of an underpass beneath Route 9. The project has created an easier and safer passage for students living across campus, improved the aesthetic of Route 9, and enhanced traffic flow.

Nearly 100 people attended the ribbon cutting including several from local media outlets. All listened to the thanks given by Marist President Dennis J. Murray to NYSDOT and contractors Schultz Construction for their hard work in accomplishing what Murray called "the most remarkable project" that he has ever seen.

"I really consider this a great public space," said Murray. "Seeing the way this underpass has connected our two campuses and really made it one, and the interaction that students are having around this space, certainly fulfills that criteria."

Students living in the Fulton and West Cedar townhouses take advantage of the underpass on a daily basis, getting to class

quicker and immediately turning the walkway into a social meeting place.

Marist students living in other areas greatly appreciate the construction of the underpass as well. "The new underpass has greatly improved my commute to campus," says Michael Johnson '13. "In the past, whenever I'd have to walk from campus to Beck, I was always aware I was 'leaving' campus."

The primary reason for constructing the underpass, according to Director of Physical Plant Justin Butwell, was that there are approximately 1,000 students who live on the east side of Route 9. Crossing the busy street became a safety hazard for students and slowed the traffic, he says. "After many years of planning, we went through a series of design meetings and concluded that the underpass was the best solution based on the location of the sidewalk on the east side and

the topography of the land."

In addition to constructing the underpass, NYSDOT changed the traffic configuration at the intersection of Route 9, Fulton Street, and Marist's main gate to improve safety. NYSDOT also adjusted travel lanes on Route 9 to limit access at the main gate to service, delivery, and emergency vehicles. Meanwhile, with the underpass now available to walkers, a mid-block crosswalk was removed and the south gate was widened and enhanced to encourage its use by all vehicles rather than the main gate.

Butwell says the NYSDOT project cost approximately \$6 million. Marist installed lighting and provided landscaping at an additional cost of approximately \$4 million.

NYSDOT constructed the underpass in seven days, completing it on July 14, four days ahead of schedule. ■

—Myles Williams '13

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—Justin Butwell, Physical Plant Director



## Zipcars Give Students a Transportation Option and Make Campus Greener

**H**onk! Honk! Marist students, faculty, and staff without a vehicle of their own will no longer have a challenge reaching their destinations off campus. Zipcars have come to their rescue. Located in the McCann parking lot, they are ready to be used by those who either do not have a car or may be having car troubles.

The Zipcars can be rented at a low rate and can be reserved online or on a mobile device 24/7. Students, faculty, and staff age 18 and over can drive them by filling out a form at [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com). Applicants must fill in driver's license information and provide a credit card number. In addition to a \$25 annual fee, drivers pay hourly rates from \$8 and daily rates from \$66. Rates include gas, insurance, and 180 miles a day. Members receive a Zipcard by mail that, after activation via the Web site, identifies the driver and opens the car door.

The Zipcar program is available on more than 100 campuses, according to [www.zipcar.com](http://www.zipcar.com), including Bard, Vassar, Amherst, Colgate, Dartmouth, Duke, Middlebury, Smith, University of Virginia, Stanford, and Yale.

Freshmen at Marist are not permitted to have cars on campus, so some first-year students are enjoying the freedom a Zipcar offers. Courtney Lawlor '15 says her first Zipcar experience was a great one. She received her Zipcard only a week after signing up online for the program. Then one night she and her friends were looking for a change in menu and decided to go off campus for dinner.



**Zipcar, an auto rental program tailored to students, has arrived at Marist.**

"The Zipcar process when we got to the car was very easy and user-friendly. It was nice to be able to drive, and my friends and I were excited about all the features that came along with my Zipcar membership. When we wanted to stay a little longer than my reservation, I just extended the time we had the car with my iPhone, and when we went to the parking lot to find the car that was ours,

I could honk the horn from the Web site on my phone."

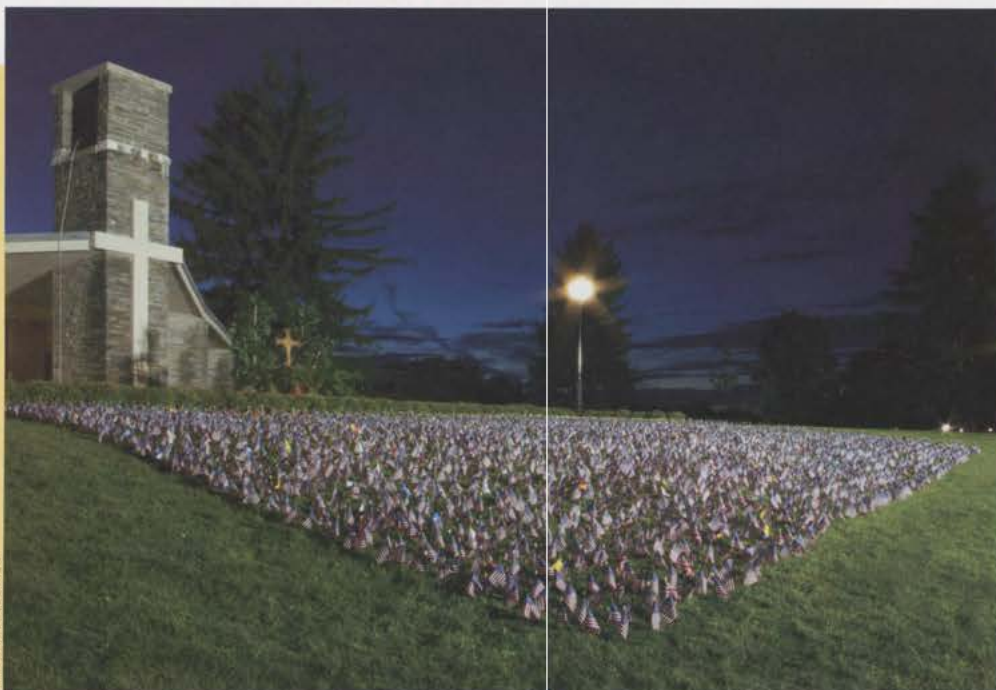
Brian Gelok '13, vice president of club affairs and co-chair of the SGA Transportation Committee, initiated the idea of Zipcars in February 2011. When he was a resident assistant, he observed that his residents wanted to get off campus but did not have a source of transportation. "Zipcars are important because they will spark change," Gelok says.

A dozen students, according to Associate Dean for Student Affairs Steve Sansola, have already rented the Zipcars. Two cars are available: a high-gas-mileage Mazda 3 and a hybrid Honda Insight.

Sansola says that Zipcars are part of a larger effort to make Marist College a more walkable and sustainable campus. "The addition of the campus Zipcar program provides a much needed service for access to a car, primarily for our students who are not permitted to have a car on campus, who are under the age of 21 years and not able to rent a car, or who use a vehicle infrequently. The program will also contribute positively towards reducing the number of student vehicles on campus, directly reducing the number of campus parking lots required and reducing carbon emissions."

The program was instituted by the Office of Student Affairs and the Student Government Association with support from the Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee, Purchasing Office, Physical Plant Office, and the Office of Safety and Security. ■

—Myles Williams '13



To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, students and staff gathered on Sept. 9 to place flags on the chapel lawn representing the 3,497 people who were killed on Sept. 11, 2001. The College's 9/11 Cross, a Celtic cross fashioned from an I-beam from the Twin Towers, was on display. On Sept. 11, an interfaith memorial service was held on the new plaza in front of the Lowell Thomas Communications Center and a Mass took place in the chapel. Following the Mass, Marist ROTC cadets performed a 21-gun salute and taps.

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## NBC News Partners with Marist Poll for Republican Primary Season

**N**BC News and the Marist Institute for Public Opinion launched a polling partnership, the NBC News/Marist Poll, for the 2012 Republican primary season.

The NBC News/Marist Poll gauged public opinion throughout the fall in key Republican primary and caucus states and will track the campaign for the Republican nomination.

"With the diversity of states in play in this year's Republican race, let alone for the general election, it's important for NBC News to have a partner who will bring academic and statistical rigor to the difficult task of state polling. Marist is that partner," says Chuck Todd, NBC News political director and chief White House correspondent.



**Chuck Todd, NBC News; student phone callers survey the public from the Marist Institute for Public Opinion's new headquarters in the Hancock Center.**

"What better way could an educational institution inform the public on the critical issues of the day?" says Marist President Dennis J. Murray. "The unprecedented relationship between NBC News and the Marist Poll aims to do just that."

As an academic polling institute, the Marist Poll informs Marist students and the public about its poll results and brings to light

survey methods and the behind-the-scenes of polling.

"As a polling institute, we adhere to a strict standard of transparency, and we look forward to letting the public in on how we come to our findings," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Marist Poll director. "We are excited to work with the political team at NBC News and to provide our students and the public with a front-row seat to the political dialogue of the day." ■

## Sports Media Heavyweights Mike Breen and Ian O'Connor '86 Launch Center for Sports Communication

**A** seminar led by two of the top sports communication professionals in the country launched the Marist College Center for Sports Communication, which will serve as the college's hub for academic activity in this growing discipline.

Award-winning sportscaster Mike Breen spoke with Marist students Oct. 19, 2011, in the Nelly Goletti Theatre in Marist's Student Center. Approximately 200 students engaged in a two-hour question-and-answer session with the play-by-play legend, discussing everything from how to break into the business to the challenges that face professionals in the evolving media industry.

Breen is one of the nation's most recognizable play-by-play announcers, calling everything from the NBA finals to the Olympics. He is both the lead NBA sportscaster for ESPN/ABC and the voice of the New York Knicks for the MSG Network.

Joining Breen onstage was ESPN sports writer and nationally recognized sports columnist Ian O'Connor '86. O'Connor is the author of *The Captain: The Journey of Derek Jeter* and *New York Times* best seller *Arnie and Jack: Palmer, Nicklaus, and Golf's Greatest Rivalry*. He provided students with a counter-perspective on life in the post-paper world of electronic journalism and how this career differs from the world of television announcing. O'Connor also discussed the challenges of mastering new skills throughout his career, including his jump to becoming a sports talk radio host for ESPN-1050 in recent years.

Breen's visit to Marist marks a return to the genesis of his professional sportscasting career, having

started at Poughkeepsie's WEOK/WPDH radio after his graduation from Fordham University. Breen also called Marist basketball games for the Colony Sports Network. At the beginning of the seminar, the student audience was treated to a short video of Breen introducing a 1986 Marist men's basketball game that featured soon-to-be NBA great Rik Smits '88.

Both Breen and O'Connor stressed the importance of getting professional experience as early and often as possible. O'Connor spoke enthusiastically of his days as sports editor of Marist's student newspaper, while Breen strongly encouraged Marist students to pursue as many internship opportunities as possible. Breen also told students that professionalism

and a strong work ethic are key in forging valuable relationships in the competitive field of sports media.

The speaking engagement was sponsored by the new Marist College Center for Sports Communication. The center builds on Marist's popular concentration in sports communication and will be active in hosting educational and networking events for students, conducting research in the field of sports communication, and further developing curricula and courses for Marist students. The center will also foster partnerships with organizations operating in the vast field of sports media and communication.

Marist Associate Professor and Center Director Keith Strudler believes the seminar led by Breen and O'Connor exemplifies what the center can and will do.

"Mike Breen and Ian O'Connor are two of the absolute best in the business," Strudler notes. "Having people of their talent and stature speak directly to our students and interact with them following their presentations is exactly the kind of activity the center should be involved with. It's all about creating a richer educational experience for Marist students in sports communication."

For more information about sports communication at Marist College, please visit [www.marist.edu/commarts/comm/sports.html](http://www.marist.edu/commarts/comm/sports.html). To learn more about the Marist College Center for Sports Communication, please contact Keith Strudler at [keith.strudler@marist.edu](mailto:keith.strudler@marist.edu) or (845) 575-3000 ext. 2074. ■

**Award-winning sportscaster Mike Breen (left) and ESPN sports writer and nationally recognized sports columnist Ian O'Connor '86 (right) led a seminar for Marist students in October. The seminar launched the Marist College Center for Sports Communication, headed by Marist Associate Professor Keith Strudler (center).**



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**Professor of Management Helen Rothberg received the 2011 Marist Board of Trustees' Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching.**

### **Dr. Helen Rothberg Receives Trustees' Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching**

**D**r. Helen Rothberg is the recipient of the Marist Board of Trustees' Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching. Those who know the professor of management aren't surprised she received this latest accolade. Her honors stack up higher than Champagnat Hall.

Just ask Dan Spadora '07, who when he learned the news, tweeted that Rothberg is "BEST. PROFESSOR. EVER."

"Dr. Rothberg's course was the most difficult and rewarding class I took at Marist," Spadora says. "She challenged us to think deeper than the story and present meaningful analysis of the implications. Dr. Rothberg has the winning teaching formula, and combined with her passion for business and refreshing personality, she's one of the best professors Marist has to offer."

"We are honoring an extraordinary colleague—a teacher's teacher—someone for whom teaching, mentoring, and inspiring others to reach their full potential is a life calling," said Professor of Management Studies Robert Grossman in introducing Rothberg at the convocation. "Students soon realize when they let Helen into their lives that they've signed on for an arduous journey... In Helen, they've chosen a dynamic, compassionate, role model who is unwavering in her commitment to high academic standards, ethical leadership, and service to others."

"At the risk of sounding cheesy, Dr. Rothberg is not only a great professor but also an inspiration," says Kelley Hanifin '12. "She shows us that she dreams big and is not afraid to work hard for what she wants. Dr. Rothberg believes we can be successful even when we are unsure of ourselves."

However, Rothberg would suggest just the opposite and that the pleasure is hers to be a professor at Marist. "How lucky are we that we get to spend our days working with young people who still have hope in their eyes," Rothberg said in her acceptance speech, "who believe that the world can be

a better place? And who look to us, not for our own thoughts, but to lead them to the threshold of their own minds? It is a gift to be an educator."

Rothberg has been teaching at Marist since 1995. In her 16 years she has touched, inspired, and fought for hundreds of students. "When I first came to the Marist School of Management it had just begun its quest for accreditation," Rothberg said. "We decided that I would survey our seniors to discover whether they experienced the elements of our mission statement. They didn't, and I said so at the first faculty meeting in January. At which point Bob [Grossman] turned to me and said, 'So where will you be teaching next year?'"

Luckily for Marist students, Rothberg has stuck around. They've had the opportunities and privilege to learn from someone not afraid

to break the rules, to push them hard so they experience pride in their work.

"I teach the capstone course, and I treat my charges like thoroughbreds," Rothberg said. "I have them reach high. I have them dig down deep. I encourage them to stretch to where they haven't been. We don't have to teach to the evaluation. We can teach to the experiences that will help them grow."

Rothberg has earned an international reputation for being an expert on competitive intelligence. In 2005, with former Marist professor G. Scott Erikson, she authored the book *From Knowledge to Intelligence: Creating Competitive Advantage in the Next Economy*.

Those who had Rothberg for a management class or as a capping professor definitely earned a competitive advantage entering the workforce after graduating from Marist. ■

—Luke Shane '12



COURTESY OF JANICE FENG

**Janice Feng '11 will teach in Malaysia in 2012 as the recipient of a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.**

### **Janice Feng '11 Receives Fulbright**

**J**anice Feng's education can best be epitomized by a need to help others and a desire to discover new cultures. The 2011 Marist graduate will fuse these passions in Malaysia as the recipient of a prestigious Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA).

"The ETA program in Malaysia provides me the opportunity to immerse myself in a community and engage in the lives of the Malays," says Feng, who will teach conversational English to students aged 12 through 17 for 10 months in Johor starting in January. "I chose Malaysia for its diversity in cultures, religions, and ethnic groups. Malaysia will allow me to understand how best to teach to a diverse audience."

At Marist, Feng majored in both psychology and studio art while completing a minor in photography. However, her education was as much defined by her extracurricular endeavors as her in-class achievements.

A native of Ramsey, NJ, Feng studied abroad during the fall of 2009 at Marist's branch campus in Florence, Italy. After cata-

strophic earthquakes struck Haiti in early 2010, Feng accompanied Associate Professor of Psychology Sherry Dingman on a life-altering humanitarian trip to Haiti during spring break of 2010.

Feng also completed a four-month internship with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Newburgh, NY, worked as a proctor for Marist's Special Services, taught at her church's vacation bible school, and held leadership roles with Marist's Campus Christian Fellowship and the College and Career Group at her local church.

In the future, Feng plans to combine her affinity for teaching and art by pursuing a master's degree in art therapy or art education.

"I hope to continue having international teaching experiences similar to the one I will have in Malaysia," says Feng. "These opportunities are especially important because they will allow me to grow as a person and as an educator."

Feng is one of two members of the class of 2011 to earn a Fulbright award. Robin Miniter, who also studied in Florence, is pursuing research on the development of women's rugby in India.

The Fulbright Program, administered by the Institute of International Education, is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government and is designed to increase mutual understanding between people in the U.S. and people in other countries. Annually, the Fulbright Program, which was founded in 1946, provides 8,000 grants to students, scholars, teachers, artists, and scientists in 155 countries to contribute to finding solutions to shared international concerns. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. ■

—Jim Urso '11



### Marist in Top 40 Among Kiplinger's Best Values in Private Colleges

**K**iplinger's *Personal Finance* has placed Marist 38th in its annual rankings of the best values in private colleges and universities that deliver a high-quality education at an affordable price. This is the sixth year in a row Marist has made the list and is the College's second year in a row at number 38, its highest ranking.

"The institutions on Kiplinger's rankings for best value in private colleges represent schools that provide high-quality academics as well as affordable cost even in these tough times," says Jane Bennett Clark, senior associate editor for Kiplinger's *Personal Finance*.

"Marist College placed in the top 200 because of a high four-year graduation rate, low average student debt at graduation, good student-to-faculty ratio, excellent on-campus resources, and overall great value," says Tara Higgins, a spokeswoman for Kiplinger's.

Marist has the highest Kiplinger's ranking of any college in New York, and only two universities in the Empire State received higher rankings, Columbia and Cornell. Also making the cut with Marist were Brown, Dartmouth, Duke, Emory, Georgetown, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Notre Dame, Penn, Princeton, Rice, Stanford, Tufts, Vanderbilt, Yale, the California Institute of Technology, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

"We're honored to be included in such company," says Kent Rinehart, dean of undergraduate admission at Marist. "In our current

economic climate, families are looking for the best education at the greatest value. This recognition validates that Marist offers both."

Rinehart notes that a wide variety of financial aid is available to make the cost of a Marist education more affordable. Expanding Marist's endowed scholarship program is one of the cornerstones of the College's capital campaign.

Marist's Kiplinger's ranking is based on figures from 2010. ■

### High Rankings Again Achieved in U.S. News and Princeton Review Guides

**M**arist has been ranked 13th out of 183 colleges and universities in the northern United States in U.S. News & World Report's "best colleges" guide for 2012.

And Marist was again named one of six "up-and-coming" institutions of higher education in the north. The region consists of states from Maine to Maryland.

College administrators surveyed this past spring for the U.S. News best colleges rankings were also asked to nominate institutions they believe have recently made the most promising and innovative changes in the areas of academics, faculty, student life, campus, or facilities. Marist was among those most cited by college presidents, provosts and academic vice presidents, and admissions deans who were asked to identify up-and-coming schools in their U.S. News ranking category.

### A National Ranking Among Study Abroad Programs

The U.S. News ranking followed the Princeton Review's naming of Marist as one of the nation's best institutions for undergraduate education for the ninth year in a row. The New York-based education services company features Marist in *The Best 376 Colleges*, the 2012 edition of its annual best colleges guide. Only about 15 percent of America's four-year colleges, and two Canadian colleges, are profiled in the book.

This is the first year Marist has achieved a national ranking in a Princeton Review category. The College was ranked fifth in "most popular study abroad program."

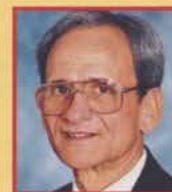
"Students love the 'intensive study abroad program,' through which they 'can go almost anywhere in the world for the same price as a semester at Marist,'" the guide notes. Nearly half of the Marist student body spends some time studying in other countries. ■

Marist received 11,399 applications for the fall 2011 freshman class and accepted only **34 percent**, representing the most selective year in terms of admission in the history of the College.



The **Freshman Florence Experience** entered its seventh year with its largest and most diverse class ever. A total of 56 freshmen are spending their first year of college at Marist's branch campus in Florence, Italy. In addition, 12 new students have enrolled in one of the seven bachelor degree programs offered in Florence. A new master's program, the MA in museum studies, located solely at the Florence campus, has entered its second year with 13 students enrolled. The students come from across the U.S. and the world and will spend their entire college career there.

The 2011 **Freshman Move-In Day Recycling Project** yielded 5,200 pounds of cardboard, an increase of 30 percent over the previous year.



**Dr. Onkar Sharma**, professor and graduate director of computer science, spent six weeks in India during summer 2011 as a recipient of a Fulbright Senior Specialist grant. He was involved in training faculty at the Vishwakarma Institute of Technology in Pune. In 2006 he did similar work at Tribhuvan University in Kathmandu, Nepal, on another Fulbright Senior Specialist grant. The Fulbright Senior Specialists roster is a list of candidates eligible to be matched with incoming program requests from overseas academic institutions. Sharma also served for 18 months from 2009 to 2011 on the Information Technology Peer Review committee for the Fulbright Specialist program. He was also the recipient of a Fulbright Senior Scholar award, which placed him at Tribhuvan University teaching upper-level computer science courses for five months in 2007.



**COL. (Ret.) James M. Johnson**, executive director of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist, presented Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and former President Bill Clinton (not shown) a copy of the American Civil War Sesquicentennial issue of the *Hudson River Valley Review* at the Memorial Day Parade in Chappaqua, NY.



# Goal-Oriented



The Marist women's soccer team wins its first MAAC Championship and first NCAA bid.

METRO ATLANTIC ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

## Marist also excelled in the classroom, as four Red Foxes were named First Team Academic All-District. Additionally, a total of 12 Red Foxes were named to the MAAC All-Academic Team.

The Marist women's soccer team won its first MAAC Championship before ending the most successful season in program history with a loss to Boston College Nov. 13 in the first round of the 2011 NCAA Tournament.

The No. 21 Boston College Eagles defeated Marist 6-1. On a beautiful fall day at Boston College's Newton Soccer Complex, the Red Foxes came in with the knowledge that they would be facing a team that was just one year removed from a Final Four tournament run. Realizing the disadvantages that they had on paper, the players came out and made a concerted effort to control all of the variables that they could.

Over the first 20-plus minutes of play, the Red Foxes withstood the Eagles' pressure and saw the game continue at 0-0. Boston College finally broke through with a pair of goals in the 22nd and 25th minutes. Boston College extended the lead to 3-0 before the end of the half.

After the break, the Red Foxes came out reenergized and refocused. As a result, the game had a much different feel as the team started manufacturing more sustained possessions that would drive into Boston College's defensive zone. With this renewed pressure, Marist broke through 3:14 into the second half as Samantha Panzner '14 (Livingston, NJ)

lofted a high cross from the right wing that found Kathryn Hannis '12 (Bloomsbury, NJ) in mid-air. The senior captain controlled the ball and snapped off a quick header over the outstretched arms of the Boston College goalkeeper to bring the score within two at 3-1.

Marist continued controlling possession over the next 15 minutes, as strong defending and quick, smart passing allowed the team to challenge the Eagles in their defensive zone. Then the Eagles regained the style of play that helped them score three goals in the first half

and notched three more. After 90 minutes of play, the game went final with a score of 6-1 in favor of Boston College.

The Red Foxes earned their MAAC Championship and NCAA bid Nov. 6 with an exciting 1-0 victory over Loyola at Loyola's Ridley Athletic Complex in Baltimore. Two days earlier, they had advanced to the MAAC Finals with an exciting penalty-kick win over Fairfield. In that game, after 110 minutes of 1-1 action, the Red Foxes converted three of their four penalty kicks to advance by a count of 3-2. Caitlin Landsman '13 (Burke, VA) came up with two stops of Stag penalty kicks to lead Marist in advancing to their third-ever MAAC Final.

The Red Foxes ended their record-breaking season on a 13-6-2 overall mark. Other records that fell in 2011 include Amanda Epstein '15 (Jericho, NY) tying the all-time single-season points record with 28 and Rycke Guiney '14 (Naperville, IL) setting the all-time single-season assists record with nine helpers. Freshman Epstein also was the program's first MAAC Rookie of the Year, and was also named Most Outstanding Player of the MAAC Tournament. First-year Head Coach Kate Lyn earned the MAAC Coach of the Year honor.

Marist also excelled in the classroom as four Red Foxes—Hannis, Landsman, Chelsea Botta '13 (East Longmeadow, MA), and Jackie Frey '13 (Monroe, NY)—were named First Team Academic All-District. Additionally, a total of 12 Red Foxes were named to the MAAC All-Academic Team. ■

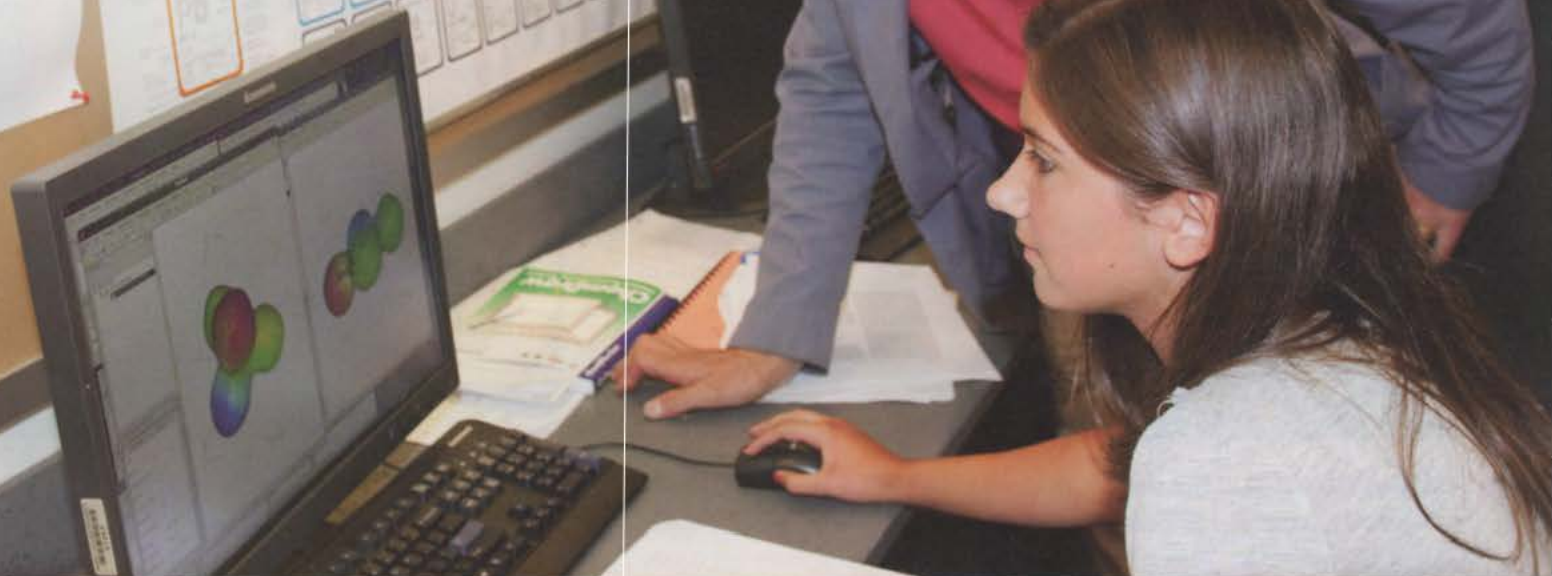


MARIST ATHLETICS

**Freshman Amanda Epstein was the program's first-ever MAAC Rookie of the Year, and was also named Most Outstanding Player of the MAAC Tournament.**



# Passing Excellence Forward



As the first Dr. Richard LaPietra summer researcher, chemistry major Coleen Nemes '13 worked with Associate Professor of Chemistry John Galbraith on determining the molecular geometries and electronic spin states of small transition metal clusters.

**W**hen Joseph Richard LaPietra entered Marist College in 1950 as a young student Brother, he had a choice of two majors: English or Spanish. These were the subject areas that the Marist Brothers thought they'd need teachers for in four years. And so the future, legendary chemistry professor chose Spanish.

Despite a lifelong interest in mastering languages—not just Spanish, but German, French, and Italian—Richard LaPietra began fulfilling his destiny to be a science professor almost as soon as he graduated from Marist. While teaching at St. Helena High School in the Bronx, he took chemistry courses at Fordham and then went on to the Catholic University of America to complete a PhD *summa cum laude* in the field he loved.

He also loved teaching at Marist College for 41 years—not only chemistry, but also physics and mathematics for a time. Teaching meant everything to the professor emeritus and Marist College Heritage Professor, says his wife, Barbara. He especially loved the “aha” moment.

“At the beginning of a semester, Richard was aware of the blank faces as students struggled to understand the subject matter,” she says. “He then rejoiced in seeing the light in their eyes after several sessions, when they ‘got it.’”

He relished these experiences.”

He especially enjoyed working in the science labs with students on a one-to-one basis, both individually and in small groups. “Richard was known to be a gifted and creative teacher,” Barbara says. “He had the ability to take difficult concepts and help his students to understand them, not necessarily with the glitz and glitter of today’s technology, but frequently with chalk and a blackboard. Most important was the amazing connection and interest he conveyed to his students.”

In early 2010, the Marist College community was deeply saddened by Richard’s passing at age 77. Knowing how much her husband loved to challenge and encourage his students to be their best, and wanting to link his name with Marist in an enduring way that also advanced high standards in his field, Barbara established the Dr. J. Richard LaPietra '54 Sponsored Student Research Fund To Enhance Excellence in Chemistry Studies. Her contribution has enabled Marist to create an endowment, or permanent fund, which the College invests to generate a generous annual award in perpetuity.

The LaPietra Fund supports top chemistry and biochemistry students pursuing faculty-mentored faculty-student research, with an overarching goal to inspire students to pursue

a level of research that merits peer-reviewed scientific publication and/or presentation at regional, national, or international science forums. Notably, the fund annually underwrites a generous stipend for an outstanding student to pursue summer research in collaboration with a Marist chemistry professor. This experience deepens a student’s academic résumé in a significant way. Since most students must work to help with their educational expense, this underwriting makes for an especially attractive opportunity.

The first student to benefit from the LaPietra Fund is Coleen Nemes '13, a chemistry major from Edison, NJ, who plans to pursue a PhD in physical or inorganic chemistry. This past summer Nemes teamed up with Dr. John Galbraith, associate professor of chemistry, who came to Marist in 2001 after postdoctoral appointments at the University of Washington and the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. His research focuses on the theoretical aspects of chemical bonding through computational modeling.

Together, the professor and student worked on determining the molecular geometries and electronic spin states of small transition metal clusters. “The goal was to understand the reason for the exceptionally high spin states in these molecules in the hope of discovering a means

BY SHAILEEN KOPEC



of predicting the spin states of larger transition metal clusters," says Galbraith. "Transition metal clusters are important because of their possible catalytic activity." Catalysts are significant in many industrial processes, from energy processing to food processing to bulk chemical production. One estimate had catalytic processes annually generating \$900 billion in products worldwide.

The pair collaborated with Glen Ferguson, a 2004 Marist graduate who received his PhD at Indiana University and currently holds a postdoctoral position at Argonne National Laboratory.

Nemes says her favorite part of the project was analyzing the results of their calculations and then pondering their significance. "These times required looking at things in a way I never had to before," she says. "In all my prior chemistry classes, everything taught was for the most part common knowledge for any chemist. With research you are looking at things that are fresh and still a mystery. For instance, the high spin states in small transition metal clusters we were looking at are not in any chemistry book."

Galbraith says it's exciting for students to transition from learning from the body of knowledge established by people before them to being one of the people who contributes to that body of knowledge. "Coleen did very well this summer. It did not take her long to become independent and direct the project in new, unforeseen directions. I believe that she will have her pick of top graduate programs."

During the summer, Nemes presented findings at a conference at Bucknell University. "Coleen shows the ability and temperament to be an excellent chemist," says School of Science Interim Dean Neil Fitzgerald, who is himself a chemist. "Presenting her research this summer gave Coleen the confidence to know that the work she is doing can stand shoulder-to-shoulder with research work of others on a national stage." The research team is continuing its work and hopes to have a manuscript for publication by early 2012.

The dean praised the LaPietra Fund for allowing future generations of students the financial freedom to devote their summer to a research project. "Many students will look back on this experience as a defining point in their professional lives."

As the first faculty-sponsored summer researcher to carry on the legacy of Dr. J. Richard LaPietra, Coleen Nemes might well agree. Calling her experience "a gateway into so many possibilities," she says, "I hope Mrs. LaPietra knows how much this can impact a student's life."

As the wife of a dedicated chemist and master teacher, Barbara LaPietra does indeed know. "This is a gift Richard would have embraced." ■

*Shaileen Kopec is Marist's senior development officer for planned giving and endowment support.*

Using crayfish as a model, environmental science major Seth Brittle '12 has been doing collaborative research with Associate Professor of Environmental Science Zofia Gagnon on the toxicological effects of silver nanoparticles in the environment.



## Marist's New Summer Research Stipends Maximize Opportunities for Science Majors

**S**trong faculty-student bonds and quality undergraduate research have long been hallmarks of Marist College's School of Science. This past year, thanks to a fund established by Mrs. Barbara LaPietra to honor her late husband's 41 years of service as a chemistry professor and mentor, a new program is enriching this experience for some Marist undergraduate science majors.

The mission of the Dr. J. Richard LaPietra '54 Sponsored Student Research Fund To Enhance Excellence in Chemistry Studies—to underwrite top chemistry students pursuing scientific research with faculty members, with the aim of presenting and/or publishing in a national forum—so inspired School of Science faculty that a second, similar award was established with institutional funding and a goal of benefiting any science major.

This decision formalized Marist's Summer Student Research Program, whereby students are competitively awarded a generous stipend for 10 weeks of full-time, faculty-sponsored summer research. The first recipients of these research stipends are chemistry major and LaPietra researcher Coleen Nemes '13 and environmental science major and Marist researcher Seth Brittle '12.

School of Science Interim Dean Neil Fitzgerald answered the following questions about Marist's Summer Student Research Program.

### Why is this a significant program?

Undergraduate research done collaboratively with faculty members, at such a high level and in such a sustained way, gives our students a great advantage when applying to graduate school, professional school, and scientific positions in industry. It enables students to put theory into practice, to hone their problem-solving skills, and to gain in confidence. Because stipends are now available, these future

scientists don't have to choose between typical summer jobs they need to pay for college and great opportunities to do research in their fields.

### How would you rate the faculty-sponsored research activities at Marist this summer?

The summer research program was a wonderful success. The students were involved in real research, presented results on a national stage, collaborated with high-quality research institutions—Argonne National Laboratory and Wright State University—and are in a position to be coauthors of peer-reviewed scientific publications. It gave these students a taste of scientific research (both the challenges and successes) and a glimpse into the exciting world of scientific discovery.

### What motivates faculty to help students like Coleen and Seth?

School of Science faculty members have always been student-focused and motivated to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. Seeing students like Coleen and Seth learn and mature over the course of an experience like this is very rewarding for faculty members and builds bonds between faculty and students that often last well after graduation.

### What are your hopes for the future in this area?

I hope we can expand this program and give more top students a chance to excel and to elevate their professional sights. To do so, we need the financial support of science graduates and other alumni, as well as parents and friends, who recognize the great value of this experience. Underwriting a research stipend for just one summer can change a student's life forever. And that future Marist graduate could ultimately change the lives of so many others, for the better. ■





# All the World's a Stage

**Sophomore Mitchell DeSimone took a year off from college to perform in the spectacular Irish step-dancing showcase Lord of the Dance as it toured the world. Now he's back at Marist to fulfill another ambition: becoming a teacher.**



**M**itchell DeSimone was in the dressing room going over dance moves he had just learned for the musical and dance production *Lord of the Dance* when a couple of the other dancers came in. "You're up in 10 minutes—the other guy got hurt," they said. "You're taking his place in the opening number."

Scared out of his mind, he got ready to go on stage. He had only just learned the dances and did not know the spot changes and other movements around the stage. They gave him the man's costume, which seemed designed for a man three inches taller and 100 pounds heavier than he was.

He struggled to the stage, trying to keep his pants from falling. He was inches away from the stage when someone from behind grabbed him after playing probably the biggest prank of DeSimone's life.

"After that I felt pretty confident," he says, laughing.

BY MYLES WILLIAMS '13

This is only one of the many memories DeSimone has from pursuing his dream of being a professional dancer, taking a year off from school to perform on tour with *Lord of the Dance*.

He had sent in a tape for his audition while he was also auditioning for a dance show at Busch Gardens in Virginia, where he planned to have a summer job.

"I answered the phone from a random number, and some woman said, 'Hi, this is Gretchen with *Lord of the Dance*. We're just wondering if you would be available this summer to tour with us?'" and I was like, "Sorry...What??"

DeSimone always wanted to perform in *Lord of the Dance*. His friends and family were very supportive. Some of his friends already were in the show, which made performing even more fun.

DeSimone's dad wanted his oldest son to be a baseball player, but even as a child growing up in Redding, CT, DeSimone knew he wanted to be a dancer. Before he was in kindergarten, he saw a tap dancer on *Sesame Street* and his decision about his future was made. "I had to force my parents to let me take lessons, but they eventually gave in."

Growing up, DeSimone studied many styles of dance. "I started with ballet, tap, and jazz," he says. "I picked up Irish dancing when I was about 11 and it just took off from there."

When going into rehearsal for the first time for *Lord of the Dance*, DeSimone, 20, had to adjust to his new surroundings. The new environment and being surrounded by many professional dancers was intimidating for him at first. DeSimone says one of the dancers, who was 35 years old, had been performing in *Lord of the Dance* for 17 years. But DeSimone's friends reminded him that as part of the show, he was a professional dancer as well. "It's weird to wrap my head around that," he says.

One of the challenges DeSimone had to overcome was the preparation for the show. He says that the male dancers had to learn 12 numbers within a few weeks.

"I learned the whole show in the weekend I was in Philadelphia and a week and a half in Taiwan," he says. "When you're meant to learn a dance, it's not like, learn the dance and work on it. You're meant to learn the dance and then

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that night be able to do it in the show. It's a lot thrown at you, and it's kind of stressful."

The first night that DeSimone performed in Lord of the Dance was in front of 15,000 people in Taipei. Later the crowds were even larger: 33,000 in Paris, 22,000 in Detroit.

As the year went on, he became more relaxed. "When you're nervous about the steps and don't know them very well, hearing any positive reaction from the audience is a huge relief. Once you reach the point where you can do the steps in your sleep, you get up there and the people just flip out, especially after the finale. When they call you back for an encore, it's the biggest adrenaline high."

The group performed in Taiwan, Portugal, Switzerland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, the United States, Canada, and Brazil. On days off, DeSimone and his friends in the show went sightseeing.

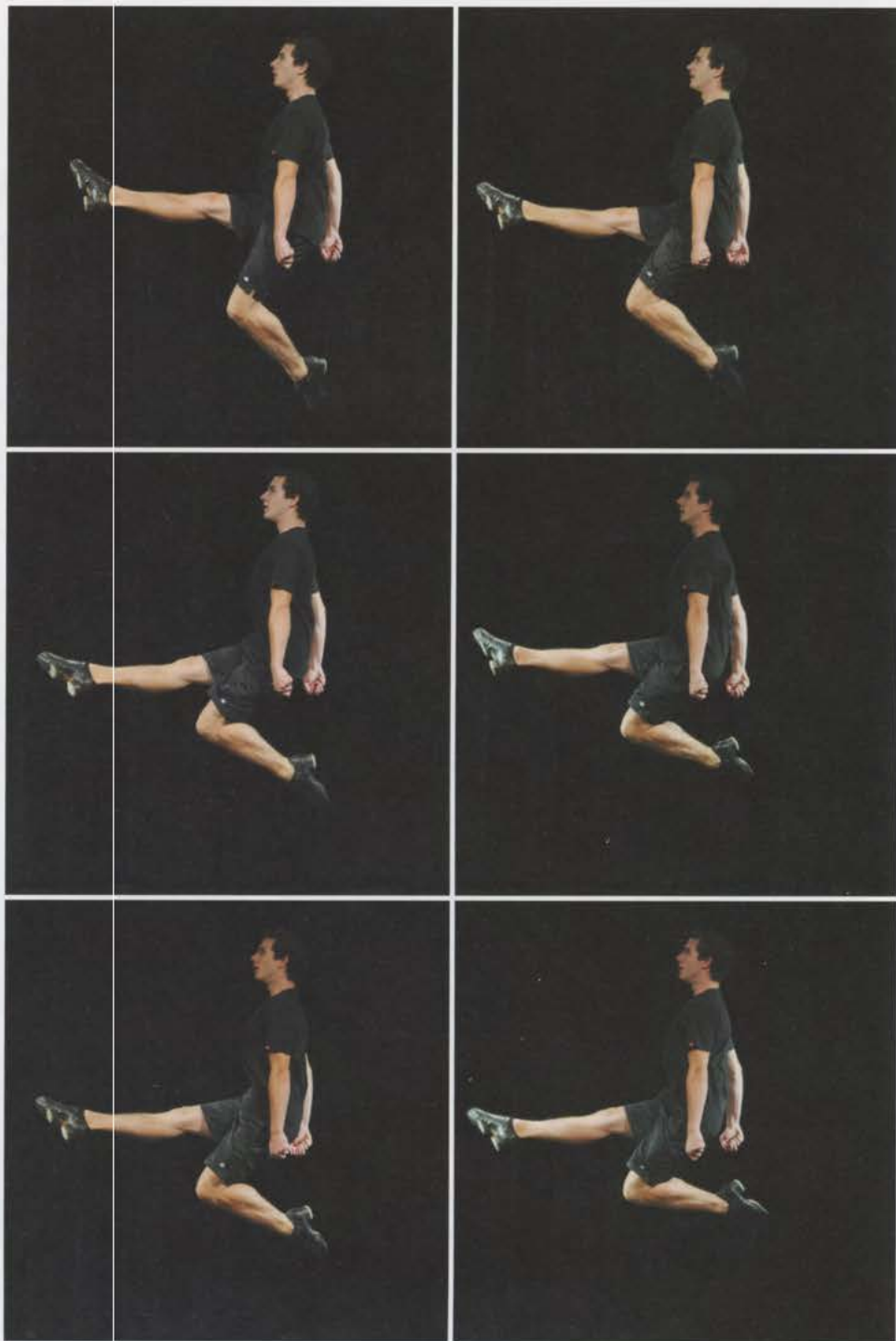
"If there were a big city nearby that we wanted to go to and weren't going to get there on tour, we would go there for the day. For instance, when we toured in the Netherlands, we went to Amsterdam."

Missing school to be in the Lord of the Dance was the least of DeSimone's worries. A biology education major with minors in psychology and environmental science, he stayed in contact with professors and did a lot of reading while away.

Still, he says there was a lot to adjust to coming back to Marist, getting back into the routine of going to class and doing homework. "I wanted to take more than a year off. It's hard to come back."

So far he says his year is not going too badly. When DeSimone returned to Marist, he returned to Dance Ensemble. Before taking the year off, he had choreographed Irish dance for the ensemble. Back on campus this past fall, he choreographed an Irish step piece for the ensemble's November show.

His assistance to Dance Ensemble shows that he is really committed to what he does, according to Dance Ensemble Show Committee Manager Erin Graetzer '13 and President Arianna Cesa '12. "Before he left, he choreographed a contemporary, high-energy Irish step number that made the style of dance more



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popular in our club," says Graetzer. "He's very willing to work with all levels of dancers to give them the opportunity to dance in an Irish number. Having an Irish step number gives our show diversity, as well as having a male choreographer."

"We're happy to have him back," says Cesa. "His first semester that he choreographed, he used a current song instead of traditional Irish step music and everyone loved it. Ever since then our Irish step pieces have been choreographed to current music and very popular in our show. He works very well with his dancers

and is always willing to work with beginners, demonstrating a lot of patience and dedication to our club." He also teaches private lessons and fills in for his dance teacher, Kevin Broesler.

There is dance in his future if he wants it. He says Lord of the Dance has invited him to come back after graduation and has offered him an audition.

However, DeSimone now has other plans. "I'll probably only go back until I can find a job teaching, and that's only if I'm still fit enough to dance at that stage. I'd like to teach high school biology when I graduate." ■



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An extraordinary collection recently given to Marist College lets students, researchers, and the public see history up close.



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Sir

Washington May 5. 06.

Your letter of Apr. 3. was recieved in due time and agreeably to the amount of the wine therein stated, I now inclose you an order of the bank of the U.S. of this place on that at Newyork for <sup>2</sup>94.13 with my acknowledgements for your kind attention to this little commission. accept my salutations & assurances of respect.

Th: Jefferson

# Letters

## of Founding Fathers

Donated to Marist Archives

**O**n any given day, students hunch at carrels in the James A. Cannavino Library, every now and then looking out the window at the mighty Hudson River to be inspired or simply to rest their eyes from laptop screens. Online, they can view primary documents in repositories worldwide. Now, they can also step into the library's own archives and see the real things, such as letters from America's Founding Fathers. A remarkable collection recently donated to Marist College, the Reese Family Papers, features unique items including letters signed by Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and other figures prominent in American history.

Gen. Eben. Stevens

A letter dated May 5, 1806, from President Thomas Jefferson to Ebenezer Stevens concerned a wine purchase. Stevens was an officer in the Continental army who also sold supplies to the military. His descendants donated historic papers to Marist College.



"It is an amazing feeling to handle a letter of Thomas Jefferson or James Madison, to have a piece of history within your hands," says Kevin Ruiz '11, who served two internships in the archives. "As we slowly make the move to digitization of such important documents, fewer and fewer people will have the opportunity to know that feeling of amazement. I find myself one of the lucky few to have been able to do so."

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## Lineage and Legacy: The Reese Family Papers

Perhaps it was Frances Stevens Reese's roots in the Hudson River Valley that led her to leave a powerful legacy that would preserve the beauty of a part of the valley forever. Franny Reese was a Marist trustee from 1984 until her death at age 85 in 2003. The fight she led against the destruction of the valley's majestic Storm King Mountain set a legal precedent for people to sue in environmental cases, to go to court to protect natural assets that they don't own such as air, water, and the beauty of the landscape. Several collections in the Marist College archives tell the story of her life and the history of the environmental movement in the Hudson Valley, in which she played a major role.

In the early 1960s, utility company Consolidated Edison wanted to blast away part of Storm King Mountain to build a large hydroelectric power plant there. Reese joined a fledgling group called Scenic Hudson in 1964 and led a 17-year battle to stop the development of Storm King and preserve the ecology and natural beauty of the Hudson Highlands.

Scenic Hudson won. The lawsuit against Consolidated Edison became a legal landmark because it established for the first time that citizens could gain "standing" in federal courts when they seek to protect public resources from polluters or developers. For her vision and determination, Reese has been called one of the founders of the modern-day environmental movement in the United States.

Tens of thousands of documents in the archives' Environmental History Collections tell the story of the Storm King case. Among the documents are the Hudson River Valley Commission Collection: Records Relating to the Storm King Case, 1966–1967, and the Scenic Hudson Collection: Records Relating to the Storm King Case, 1963–1981.





Department of State, June 6th 1802

Sir

I duly receive your letter of the 28th ulto, and in consequence one has been written to Mr Livingston from this Office, informing him that I do not assent to his proposition for referring the question between the Government and himself to the arbitration of persons at Philadelphia - and that you was authorized to take the necessary steps, in concert with him, for having it settled in that way, at New York. I request you therefore to name some Gentleman in that City, who may be entirely confided in, to act as an Arbitrator, on the part of the United States, in this business - provided Mr Livingston designates one on his part, as he probably will - In that case, if these two disagree, they may call in a third - Or, if you can effect a compromise on equitable terms, this, as it would be the least troublesome, might be the most advantageous way of closing the Transaction altogether.

It seems but reasonable that the Owners of the Grand Turk should pay for the Cable in question, if there be not some special cause to the contrary, which is not known at this Department.

I am, respectfully, Sir,

Your very Obed<sup>t</sup> Servant,

James Madison

Ebenezer Stevens Esq.  
New York.

A letter dated June 6, 1802, from James Madison, secretary of state to President Thomas Jefferson, to Ebenezer Stevens regarded resolution of a business issue.



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The Reese Family Papers, one of 17 collections that make up the Hudson River Valley History Collection, document the professional and personal lives of ancestors, going back to the 1750s, of Reese and her husband, Willis Livingston Mesier Reese. These predecessors were prominent residents of Dutchess County, NY, for many generations. In December 2010, Marist officially acquired the Reese papers in a bequest from the Reese family.

Notable among the ancestors was Ebenezer Stevens (1751-1823), who took part in the Boston Tea Party, was commissioned as a first lieutenant in the Artillery in 1775, and fought in the Battle of Bunker Hill. George Washington selected him to raise battalions against Quebec to join the expedition against Canada. He was present at the surrender of British general John Burgoyne at Saratoga on Oct. 17, 1777, and he served under the French general the Marquis de Lafayette in Virginia. He was later transferred to the New York Artillery and in 1781 was one of the commanders at the siege of Yorktown. By 1805 he had risen to the rank of major general and was involved in the defense of New York during the War of 1812. After his military career he was a successful merchant in New York and a member of the state assembly. Highlights of the collection are letters to Ebenezer Stevens from Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, John Jay, and George Clinton on the topic of artillery sales to the colonial army.

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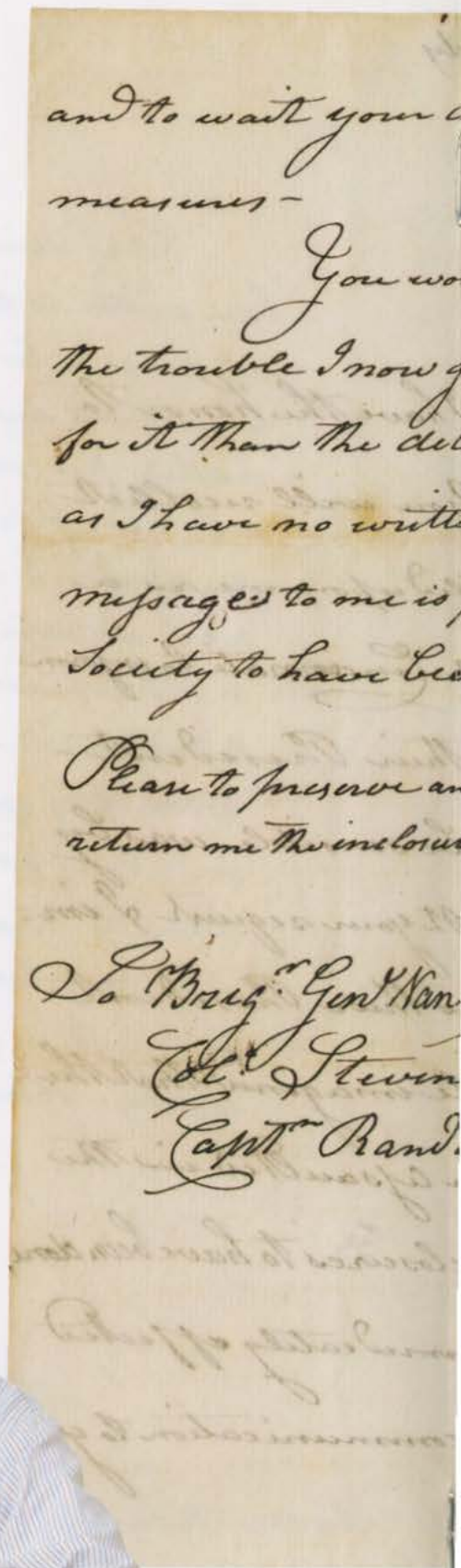
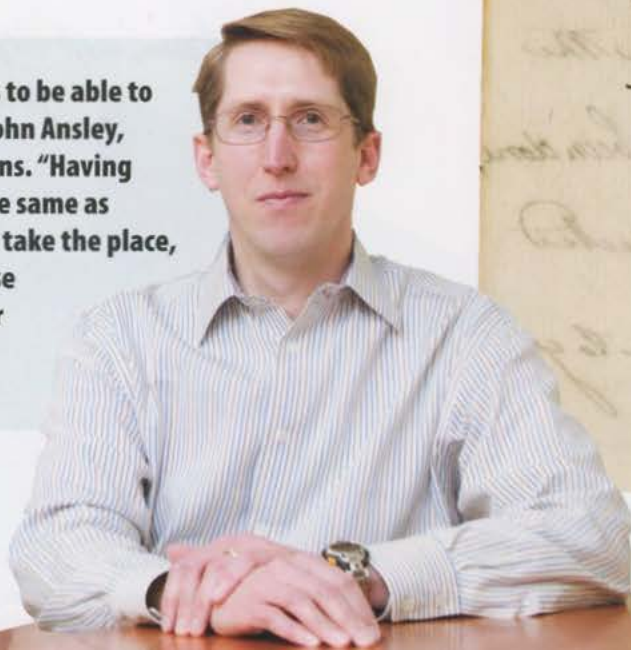
letters penned by our Founding Fathers," says Raven Baptiste Holder '12, who has worked for two years in the archives. "From childhood, we know who James Madison was, or who Thomas Jefferson was, and then maybe we forget and file it away with long-passed history classes.

Being born into modern-day America, we don't have to actively think about how it got that way, and when we do, we might think instead of blurbs in textbooks, and the presidential rock faces in South Dakota. The time passed creates a kind of distance between the modern American and the Founding Fathers. They seem almost a part of lore instead of an actual space in time, and so to look on something as palpable as a written letter is a lot like traveling; it bridges the gap in an unexpected way."

In addition to the letters, the collection includes correspondence of Henry Livingston, known as the author of the famous poem "The Night Before Christmas." The papers also contain indentures, military documents, manuscripts of prose and poetry, scrapbooks, bills of lading, invoices, promissory notes, canceled checks, financial ledgers, diaries, passports, newspaper clippings, and photos.

"It's more than just a collection of autographs," says Ansley. "It really is the story of Ebenezer Stevens's life, at least as a prominent member of the colonial army; he's corresponding with Madison and Jefferson. You get to see how he fit into that part of our history. You see the business side of war." ■

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A letter dated July 21, 1794, describes a controversy over the election of George Clinton, who served as governor of New York from 1777 until 1795, to the position of president of the Society of the Cincinnati. The society was founded in 1783 by officers of the Continental army and navy and their counterparts in the French army and navy who served in the American Revolutionary War.



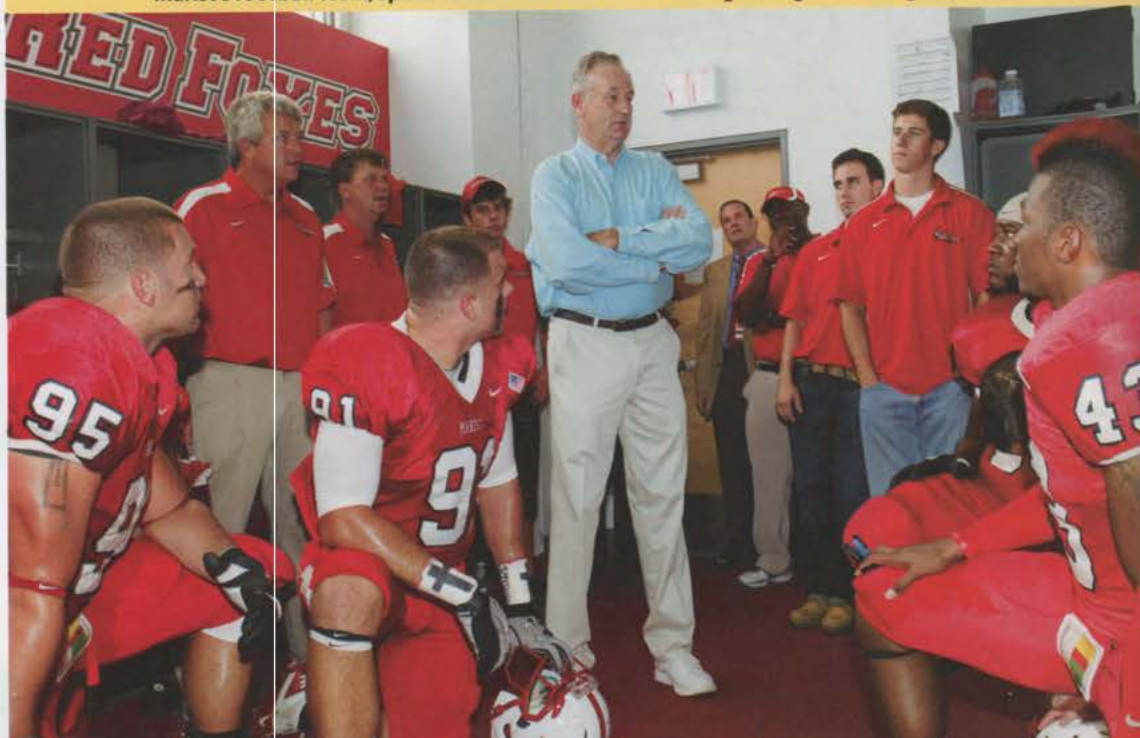


President Dennis J. Murray presented watches to Class of 1961 members (left to right) Bernie Matthews, John Wilcox, Bro. Pat Hogan, John Trainor, Bro. Nick Caffrey, John Brady, and Pat O'Neill.

## Alumni Return for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

**H**omecoming and Reunion Weekend attracted more than 1,500 alumni and their families and friends back to campus the weekend of Sept. 24 and 25. All classes ending in 1 or 6 participated in reunion celebrations. Highlights included 10 reunion receptions, the Family Picnic, the football game, the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame induction, and the presentation honoring the Class of 1961 to commemorate its 50-year reunion.

While on campus for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2011, Bill O'Reilly '71, a former member of Marist's football team, spoke to the Red Foxes before their game against Georgetown.



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## Six Inducted Into Theatre Hall of Fame

During Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame again honored those who have made outstanding contributions to theatre at Marist. Inductees into the Hall of Fame for 2011 were Dr. Donald Anderson, Missy Payne DiNunno '03, Diane "Dee Nell" Hardgrave '82, Jim Joseph '91, Bob Mathews '67, and Jim Steinmeyer '71.

The Hall of Fame provides an opportunity to honor contributors while also inspiring current students to achieve excellence in theatre. To be inducted into the Hall of Fame, alumni recipients must have been graduated for at least five years. Criteria include notable ability to collaborate, exceptional work ethic, commitment to quality, and abundant participation in any variety of positions or leadership roles. Alumni achieving career success in theatre are also eligible for induction. Other candidates for nomination are faculty, staff, or artists who have demonstrated long-standing service and dedication to theatre at Marist.

Nominations are solicited each year from alumni and members of the Marist community. The induction is held annually at the College during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, and inductees, alumni, family, and the greater Marist community are invited. A Hall of Fame plaque listing members is on permanent display in the lobby of the Nelly Goletti Theatre.

Please send your nominations for the 2012 Theatre Hall of Fame to Prof. Matt Andrews, director of the Theatre Program, [matthew.andrews@marist.edu](mailto:matthew.andrews@marist.edu). Please include the candidate's name, graduation year if an alumnus/a, and a brief background for each submission. The deadline is March 1, 2012.



**Christina Cappo '15 received the 2011 Alumni Legacy Scholarship. From left are Christopher Cappo '88/'00M, Christina, Gigi Cappo '06, Marist Alumni Association Vice President Marie Esperancilla Wicks '86, and President Dennis J. Murray.**

## Alumni Legacy Scholarship Awarded

During Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, the Marist Alumni Association presented the 2011 Alumni Legacy Scholarship to Christina Cappo '15. Christina, a 2011 graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes High School (Poughkeepsie, NY), is enrolled in the Bachelor of Arts in English program at Marist and hopes to become an author or college professor.

The Alumni Legacy Scholarship is awarded each year to a son or daughter of a Marist graduate who has shown outstanding academic and leadership qualities throughout his or her high school career or college career (in the case of a transfer student) and possesses the potential to succeed at Marist. Further details about the scholarship, including an application, are available at [www.marist.edu/financial-aid/alumscholarship.html](http://www.marist.edu/financial-aid/alumscholarship.html). ■



**Honorees who attended the Hall of Fame induction ceremony were (left to right) Bob Mathews '67, Dr. Donald Anderson, Missy Payne DiNunno '03, Jim Joseph '91, and Jim Steinmeyer '71. Honoree Diane "Dee Nell" Hardgrave '82 was not present. Below, alumni and their families enjoyed the Family Picnic on Marist's campus green.**





## 1953

Bro. James Ryan remembers working six summers (1956 to 1961) on building projects at Marist.

## 1956

John Duggan and his wife, Anne, continue to enjoy their grandchildren, Devon Jack, Finn Padraig, and McKenna Rose. Anne continues to teach CPR classes at St. Francis Hospital while John volunteers at Winthrop University Hospital.

## 1959

Bro. James F. Adams and Bro. Albert Phillipps recently completed a two-year study for the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and the American Province of the Marist Brothers on the feasibility of establishing a Cristo Rey-model school in Albuquerque, NM. Brother Jim has now returned to New York to serve as director of Champagnat Hall, the retirement home of the Marists in the Northeast.

## 1964

John Doss has two daughters, Ellen Doss-Pepe, PhD (RPI), and Lauren Doss, DDS (NYU College of Dentistry), and three grandchildren: Christian Doss and twins Elizabeth and Whitney Doss-Pepe.

## 1965

Anthony Causa is happily starting his 12th year of retirement! ■ Rev. Michael Perry is a recipient of the 2011 Peacemaker Award given by the organization Pax Christi Metro New York. He is the pastor of Our Lady of Refuge Church in Brooklyn, NY, and was one of the first Marist students to study abroad in the program that was started by Bro. Joseph L.R. Belanger '48. ■ Jeremiah Sheehan's son, Kevin, received his MBA from Marist in 2010. Kevin is a 1989 graduate of SUNY Maritime and is employed by Central Hudson. ■ Ronald Streck welcomed his first grandchild, Taylor Ann, in July 2011.



## 1966

John Barry sends news of his fifth grandchild, Nicholas James. ■ Peter Nesteroke and his wife, Sandy, are both retired and living on the Russian River 77 miles northwest of San Francisco. They are kicking back and traveling. "Enjoyed the homecoming this year," he writes, "seeing mi amigos and the beautiful Marist campus." ■ James Waters has spent 30 years teaching visually impaired

students at the New York Institute for Special Education and is getting ready to retire soon.

## 1967

Leo Berendes is a U.S. Sailing race officer, judge, and umpire in training. U.S. Sailing is the national governing body for the sport of sailing. ■ Harold Christie retired in 2004 after teaching for 35 years in the Hyde Park (NY) Central School District. ■ James Clancy recently retired after 44 years working with adult and junior criminal offenders. He is spending time with his three grandchildren and catching up with old friends. ■ Dennis Mega appeared in *Baseball: A New York Love Story*, which aired in fall 2010 on WNET-TV, the New York metro area public television station. He appeared in four of the program's five episodes, sharing his memories of the Brooklyn Dodgers. He spoke about his experiences as a devoted fan of the Dodgers and how they affected his childhood and adolescent years.

## 1968

Richard Amodeo retired as a medical administrator and has passed the IRS exams to become licensed as an enrolled agent to practice tax preparation and representation. ■ Ronald

LaSusa and his wife, Rosemary Owen LaSusa '84, are busy promoting their business, Rosemary Flower Shop in Wappingers Falls, NY, through its Web site and social media. The flower shop was started by Rosemary's parents in 1949, and Ron and Rosemary purchased it in 1987. Rosemary is president and runs the daily operation while Ron handles the financial side and the marketing. ■ Edward Weyant retired after 30 years of teaching at New London (CT) High School. He is still doing public address announcing for the Connecticut Tigers and UConn soccer, hockey, and baseball.

## 1969

Charles Button retired in June 2010 after teaching part-time at Santa Ana College for several years.



## 1971

Since graduating, Jim Eaton has been doing carpentry, plumbing, and electrical work. ■ Patricia Mikus Rittenhouse is still teaching and also is learning classical Greek.

## 1972

Edward Flournoy is pursuing a PhD in public policy at Walden

University, concentrating in law and policy. Expected graduation date is 2013. He is a grandfather of four. ■ John Glennon and his wife, Linda, welcomed their eighth grandchild, Ace Martin Steinhauser.

## 1973

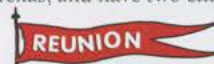
Daniel Faison's son, Daniel Scott, graduated from Marist in the Class of 2011.

## 1974

James Berls is living in Vernon, NJ, with his wife, Patty, and working at Cytec Industries as a credit manager. ■ Gary DeFraia earned his PhD at the City University of New York. He is directing programs for the Department of Defense, addressing psychological health and traumatic brain injury among service members. ■ Tom Gill continues to serve as director of special education for Putnam/Northern Westchester BOCES. His wife, Barbara Hanna Gill, has retired from Hendrick Hudson schools and works as an educational consultant. Their son, Rob, graduated from Vassar and is studying communication disorders. Their daughter, Bernadette, was to graduate from University of Vermont in December 2011. ■ Charles Huber and his wife, Sharon, will become grandparents in March 2012. ■ Mark Takacs and his wife, Eileen, had a busy and exciting year. Both of their sons, Marc and Scott, were married in 2011.

## 1975

Lisa Calapa retired in June 2011 after teaching Spanish for 35 years at Monroe-Woodbury High School in Central Valley, NY. ■ Jim Elliott has been an attorney with the Federal Trade Commission in its Dallas office for 22 years. He recently spent a week in Nicaragua where he provided technical assistance to that government's consumer protection agency. Jim and his wife, Barbara, live in University Park, Texas, and have two children.



## 1976

Robert Cunningham has accumulated 34 years of state service with the Department of Corrections and Community Supervision and is the superintendent at Woodbourne Correctional Facility in Sullivan County, NY. ■ William Manzi retired in August 2010 after 34 years with the New York State Police as a communications specialist. He now can usually be found on his local golf course. ■ Edward McKenna has been with the

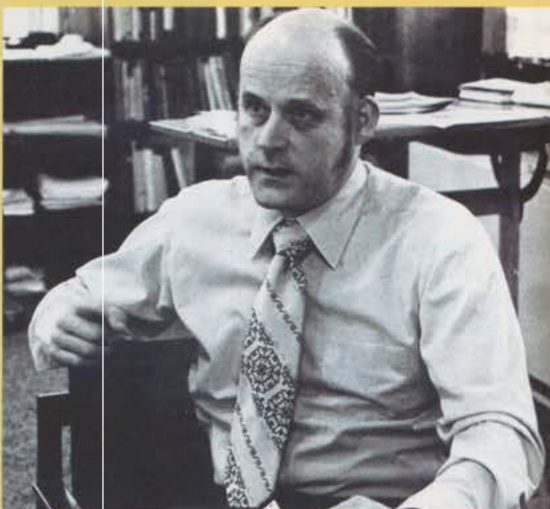


## Alumni Executive Board Honors President Emeritus Richard Foy '50 with Naming of New Alumni Award

The executive board of the Marist College Alumni Association recently established three distinguished alumni awards. The awards were created to honor bachelor's and/or master's recipients whose work following graduation merits recognition.

The most prestigious award is the Dr. Linus Richard Foy Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Award, named for Marist College President Emeritus Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50. In 1958, at the age of 28, he became the youngest college president in the United States. It was under his leadership that the College grew from Marian to Marist and the mission of the College was broadened to include lay male and female students.

"When I began my work as president, it [Marist College] was an unaccredited college



President Emeritus Richard Foy '50

with a couple of buildings," the president emeritus says. "We really had to convince teachers to teach here."

The Dr. Linus Richard Foy award recognizes distinguished service to a profession, the College, the nation, or humanity. To be considered

for the honor an individual must have a continuous record of distinguished service in a chosen field of endeavor that is related to the objectives and purposes of Marist College. "After 53 years, Dr. Foy's service and commitment to the College as well as his presence on campus remain strong," says Amy Woods '97, executive director of alumni relations. "It's only fitting that the recipient of this award embody the same qualities and characteristics."

In addition to the Dr. Linus Richard Foy Outstanding Alumnus/Alumna Award, the Alumni Association also unveiled the Marist College Distinguished Service Award and the Marist College Young Alumni Award. The Alumni

Association encourages members of the Marist College community to nominate outstanding individuals for the 2012 alumni awards by Feb. 15, 2012. To learn more about all three awards or to nominate a deserving alumnus/a, please visit [www.marist.edu/alumni/awards.html](http://www.marist.edu/alumni/awards.html). ■

Federal Aviation Administration for 34 years and is the acting air traffic manager at the LaGuardia air traffic control tower. ■ **Robert McMahon's** son, Chris, is a member of Marist's Class of 2014. ■ **Mary Beth Pfeiffer** received several top national awards in 2011 for her "Money Pit/Money Maker: Developmental Centers and the Medicaid Match" series that appeared in the *Poughkeepsie Journal* during June through November 2010. The series won a Public Service award from the Associated Press Managing Editors association and the top honor in its category from the National Headliner Awards competition.

### 1977

**Brian Bennett's** daughter, Kerry, is a member of Marist's Class of 2014. "I love coming back to campus and seeing all the outrageous improvements made," he writes. "It makes me want to return!" ■ **Jeffrey Nick's** son, Jordan, a member of the Class of 2009, became engaged. His daughter,

Natalie, a current Marist student, received the Presidential Scholarship and Watson Scholarship and made the Dean's List for four straight semesters during her first two years at Marist. ■ **Nona Petioni-Chambers** retired from Verizon after 30 years of service.

### 1978

**Dennis Cosgrove's** daughter, Jacquie, is a member of Marist's Class of 2014 and a member of the U-Marist team. ■ **Lorraine Holley Delgado** has been teaching at Our Lady of Lourdes High School since 1995. Her son, Chris, graduated from college and is in the 82nd Airborne Unit of the Army in Fort Bragg, NC.

### 1979

**Russell Beckley** has been the director of security for Greenrock Corp. for the past 10 years. Greenrock oversees Rockefeller estate and Rockefeller family properties in Westchester County. ■ **Christopher Faille** began writing a regular column this past

summer for Forbes.com under the title "Great Speculations."

### 1980

**Richard Sohanchyk's** company, OnPoint, has been designing digital communications collateral such as e-newsletters, banner ads, and one-to-one marketing using variable data in conjunction with traditional marketing such as print ads and direct mail.



### 1981

**Peter Spratt**, the son of **Mary Dubatowka** and **James Spratt '91**, is a freshman at Marist. ■ **Jim Townsend** will be the announcer booth stage manager for MSG Networks' telecasts of New Jersey Devils and New York Islander hockey games for the 17th consecutive year. He is also stage manager for Showtime boxing and mixed martial arts telecasts and producer/director for the United States Equestrian Federation Network. He

produced the first-ever high-definition telecast of women's professional bowling. ■ **Scott Young** is a capture team leader in the marketing and strategy group of Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne. He resides in Huntington Beach, Calif. with his wife, Kristine, and their children Shelby, 5, and Paul, 3.

### 1982

**Dr. Diane "Dee Nell" Hardgrave** was one of six honorees inducted in 2011 to the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame.

### 1983

**Joanne Bald** lives in Raleigh, NC, and has worked for IBM for more than 28 years. She is a program manager of visual media services. ■ **Bernadette Cosner Smilovic** has lived in Bozeman, MT, for the past six years. ■ **Peter Fredsall** and his wife, **Cheryl Bowering '84**, have a son, Arthur, 7, and a daughter, Robin, 12. ■ **Mark Wickham's** daughter, Brooke, is in Marist's Class of 2014.



Each year, a group of former Marist classmates travels to see the Giants or Jets on the road. In 2011 the group flew to Buffalo for the Jets vs. Bills Nov. 6. Left to right are Pete Stuebe '77 of Yorktown Heights, NY, Bob Goodwin '77 of Amherst, NY, John Reilly '76 of Eastchester, NY, Tom Pryor of New York, NY, Bill Turner '76 of Yonkers, NY, Dave Richardson '78 of Waxhaw, NC, and Jim Dirscherl '76 of Old Bridge, NJ.



## 1984

Theresa Abad Swierzowski's daughter is a sophomore at Marist and loves it. ■ Cheryl Bowering and her husband, Peter Fredsall '83, have a son, Arthur, 7, and a daughter, Robin, 12.

## 1985

Steven Eastwood got married in September 2011. ■ Gregory Hart and fellow Marist grad and business partner Jennifer Bohanan have opened an office of their renewable energy company, the Big Wind, LLC, in Dublin and are now providing wind turbines to schools and municipalities in Ireland as well as in New York City and New Jersey. He accepted the Sovereign Military Hospitaller Order of Saint John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta in 2012. ■ Christine DiGrandi-Jones was awarded Realtor Emerita status with the National Association of Realtors. ■ Shawn Mulligan is district president for Northeast operations for Robert Half International. He has three boys, Jaime, 11, Casey, 8, and Kelly, 4. ■ Thomas Lehrkinder and his wife, Lynne McGahan Lehrkinder '86, are very proud of their son, Timothy, who is a member of Marist's Class of 2015.



## 1986

Annemarie Biggs Cichy's son, Ryan, is a freshman at Marist. ■ Alan DiGiovanni is director of claims at Majestic Insurance Co. ■ Lynne McGahan Lehrkinder and her husband, Thomas Lehrkinder '85, are very proud of their son, Timothy, who is a member of Marist's Class of 2015. ■ Kevin Reilly has been "livin' the life on the left coast since 2000."

## 1987

Thomas Marren has retired from the New York City Police Department after 23 years of service. He was a captain and the commanding officer of the Bronx Vice Enforcement Squad. Tom has taken a position with Lazard LLC in international security. ■ Peggy McKeon shared the news that her sister, Christin Brown, has been appointed an IBM Distinguished Engineer. The designation recognizes outstanding technical achievements and leadership. ■ Robert G. Saunders and Ellen Fitzpatrick Saunders welcomed a son, Colton Spencer, born April 19, 2011. Colton is their seventh child. ■ Gary Smith Jr. was named area regional manager of the year at

Teva Neuroscience for the third time in the past four years.

## 1988

Roger Ardanowski joined the firm Middleberg Communications as managing director of its professional services group. ■ Allison Hughes Stanton is attending the Joint Military Attaché Spouse Program at the Defense Intelligence Agency to prepare for her role as diplomat of the American Embassy in Accra, Ghana. She will be accompanying her husband, Army Lt. Col. Dwayne Stanton, who is the military attaché designate for Ghana, Togo, and Benin. Their entire family will be moving to Ghana in April 2012 for a three-year tour with the American Embassy. ■ Thomas McGrath is a GE Aviation Military Systems business compliance leader. He and his wife, Michelle, have been married 19 years and have four children: Tom, 13, Emily, 11, Kellen, 8, and Anjali, 8. ■ Robert O'Connor Jr. and his wife, Clare, welcomed a baby girl, Abigail, born March 3, 2010. They were expecting their second baby in November 2011.

## 1989

Susanne Lynn Wilson traveled to Paris last spring with her family. They love to ski during the winter and "hang at the beach" in summer.

## 1990

Sean Graham and his wife welcomed their first child, Coleman Cash, in March 2011 and are "absolutely stoked" about him. Sean also has started the Marist Millionaires Club – he says all are welcome! ■ Richard Guerreiro moved to New Mexico and is writing and acting in feature films and writing lyrics for local musicians. ■ Jennifer Schiffer Freeh and her husband, Vince, live outside of Raleigh, NC, where Vince is a professor of computer science at NC State. Jennifer is homeschooling four of their six children and enjoying the pleasures of having a big family.



## 1991

Shamus Barnes enjoyed playing in the Marist Rugby alumni game and winning with the "old boys" despite a dislocated shoulder and a trip to the St. Francis Hospital emergency room on April 9. ■ Kimberly Flore Cousins and her husband, Paul, welcomed a baby girl, Chloe Ashley, on Oct. 21, 2011. She was 22.5 inches long and weighed 8 pounds 12 ounces. ■ Kathryn Schiller Donovan and

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her husband, Brian, received the 2010 Chamber of Schenectady Entrepreneurs of the Year Award for leadership of their companies Bake-Rite International and Horizon Bradco. ■ Marlon Hosang and his wife, Andrea Scott, welcomed a baby boy, Maxwell Scott, born Sept. 9, 2010. ■ Jean Krokus-Capizola celebrated her son Michael's first birthday. Michael shares his birthday with his oldest brother, Joseph. ■ Christopher Sheldon is the head of U.S. operational credit risk for BNY Mellon. Chris and his wife, Lisa Harrington Sheldon, celebrated their 17th wedding anniversary in June 2011. Son Chris Jr. has started at Bergen Catholic High School and daughter Tori started at Glen Rock Middle School. ■ Peter Spratt, the son of Mary Dubatowka '81 and James Spratt, is a freshman at Marist.

## 1992

Kathleen "Kasha" Mitchell Godleski and her husband, Mark, live

in East Syracuse, NY, with their three children, Mary Grace, 6, and 4-year-old twins Sara and Michael. Kasha is a director in the Office of Alumni Relations at Syracuse University. She has gotten together with her former housemates Amy Pavlovsky Lyons '92, Krista Raab Walker '92, Annemarie Pasquini Panettieri '92, and Amy Bedford '92 a number of times over the past few years. ■ Stephanie Tanis Murphy and her husband, Chad, purchased a house in North Framingham, MA, three years ago. Stephanie, a 16-year veteran of Fidelity Investments, was promoted to director of broadcast and events there in summer 2010. Chad, an NBC-TV technical director, recently returned from a Navy Reserve deployment in Afghanistan. ■ Jennifer Johannessen Van Keuren and her husband, Kevin, welcomed a baby boy, Evan Harrison, born April 13, 2011. ■ Kevin Weigand is a physical education teacher and personal trainer in Fort Myers, FL. ■ Joy Williams is an assistant manag-



er of Nauticus in Norfolk, VA. She married Navy Lt. Roger Eyrolles on Sept. 17, 2011.

## 1993

**Chris Arrigali** is vice president of information technology at TMX Finance. **C.J. Bottitta** was promoted to director of Creative Services for the MLB Network in February 2011 and is overseeing expansion of the department. He continues to spearhead technologies such as the TouchScreen application used in many of the network's shows, including the two-time Emmy-winning *MLB Tonight*. In November 2010 he accepted the role of vice president on a steering committee comprised of volunteers dedicated to rebuilding a community playground. **Charlene Boynton-Carter** is in her 17th year of teaching in the Schenectady City School District. She has two sons, Lucas, 11, and Zackary, 10, and two stepchildren, Ryan, 13, and Sydney, 10. **Dominick Fontana** and **Amy Ellen Fontana** '95 welcomed a baby girl, Sophie Elizabeth Grace, born June 17, 2011. Sophie joins big brother Samuel Christian, who was born Jan. 17, 2008. **Maria Licari Cohen** is enjoying her career as a publicist ([www.mariacohenpr.com](http://www.mariacohenpr.com)). Her son is in kindergarten and her daughter is 2. Maria is able to wear her TV-producer hat as a publicist. She is looking forward to her children attending Marist. **Aaron Ward** is celebrating his 10th year of performing stand-up comedy professionally. He has performed in thousands of shows throughout the Northeast and Midwest, appeared in the Boston Comedy Festival and Plymouth Rock Comedy Festival, and appears weekly on TV in the Albany, NY, area on a show called *The Glenn Slingerland Situation* on My 4 WNYA. **Douglas Wood** was promoted to lead the portfolio management office for the Estee Lauder Companies.

## 1994

**Michael Gearing** is director of payroll operations at Fidelity Investments. He resides in Raleigh, NC, and enjoyed cheering on the Marist football team at Campbell University and women's basketball team in its NCAA game against Iowa. **Rob Kolb** is chairperson of the HE/PE Department in the Lynbrook (NY) School District. He is a past president of the New York State Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, a two-time Ironman triathlon finisher, and proud father to daughters Samantha and Ava. **Raymond**

**Mahoskey** is a 15-year veteran of the Yonkers Fire Department and was recently promoted to lieutenant. He is assigned to the fire academy, where he is training a new class of 25 fire recruits. **Jennifer Poccia Talkowski** and her husband, Chris, welcomed twin baby girls, Brooke and Ashley, born Aug. 10, 2011. The girls join 2-year-old big brother Carter. **Barbara Sanchez** was hired as an e-mail marketing manager with Scholastic Book Clubs in October 2011. She was also named godmother to Brooke Talkowski, daughter of **Jennifer Poccia-Talkowski**. **Nicole Sullo** was promoted to franchise marketing specialist at Biogen. **Pete Tartaglia** is executive-producing and showrunning a new Bravo series with Ryan Seacrest that will air in February 2012. **Jeremy Thode** is director of health, physical education, business, fine and applied arts, and athletics for the Center Moriches School District on Long Island.

## 1995

**Arthur Brown, CPA**, has been named principal at the accounting, auditing, and tax service firm Rothstein Kass. He has more than 17 years of accounting industry experience. He is based in the firm's Beverly Hills office. **Kathleen Dick Boland** and her husband, Brian, welcomed a baby boy, Patrick, born on May 21, 2011. He joins big sister Sydney, 2½. They live in Norwalk, CT. **Michael Dunne** and his wife, **Jeanne Brennan-Dunne**, live in Sayville, NY. Jeanne is a clinical social worker/coordinator for Good Shepherd Hospice. Michael is a clinical social worker/division director for Wildcat Service Corp. Michael invites Marist grads searching for employment to e-mail him at [Michael.Dunne@wildcatnyc.org](mailto:Michael.Dunne@wildcatnyc.org). **Amy Ellen Fontana** and **Dominick Fontana** '93 welcomed a baby girl, Sophie Elizabeth Grace, born June 17, 2011. Sophie joins big brother Samuel Christian, who was born Jan. 17, 2008. **Joanne Ungechauer LePauloue** welcomed a baby girl, Mary Isabella, born June 26, 2009. **David Saco** is the middle school vice principal for Leonia, NJ, public schools.



## 1996

**Cynthia Ramirez Hernandez** and her husband welcomed a baby boy, Brandon, born July 1, 2011.

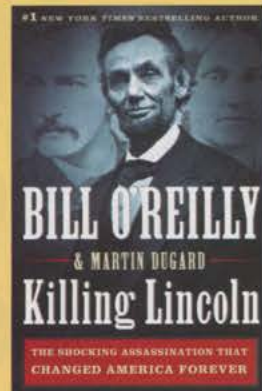


## Alumni Authors

A new book by **Dr. Frank Swetz '62**, *Mathematical Expeditions: Exploring Word Problems Across the Ages*, will be released by John Hopkins Press in 2012.

**Dr. Gerard Donnellan '67** has written *Who Will Drive the Bus? Guidance for Developing Leaders in the Family Enterprise*. The book, available on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), examines common issues in planning for succession in a family business.

**Bill O'Reilly '71** has written the *New York Times* best seller *Killing Lincoln: The Shocking Assassination That Changed America* with **Martin Dugard**. Publisher Henry Holt & Co. calls it "a riveting historical narrative of the heart-stopping events surrounding the assassination of Abraham Lincoln."



**Karen C. L. Anderson '84** has written *AFTER (the before & after): A Real-Life Story of Weight Loss, Weight Gain and Weightlessness Through Total Acceptance*. The book is available from the publisher, [booklocker.com](http://booklocker.com), and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

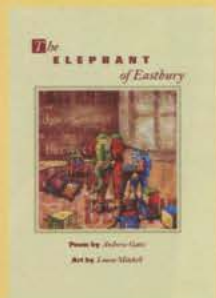


**Kimberly Snyder Knox Beckius '90** has written her seventh book, *New England's Historic Homes & Gardens*. The book is available from Union Park Press ([unionparkpress.com](http://unionparkpress.com)).

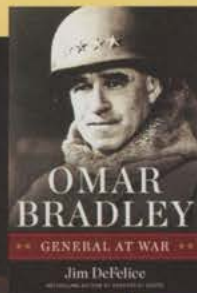
**Dr. Peter DeWitt '00M**, principal of Poestenkill, NY, Elementary School and a consultant for the International Center for Leadership in Education, is developing a series of educational children's books with marketing and fundraising professional Norman Rea. The books feature original licensed characters called the Wishaphants, illustrated by Rick O'Boyle. The first book in the series, *The Mysterious Lunch at Hope Street Elementary*, focuses on nutrition.

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*The Elephant of Eastbury*, a poem by **Andrew Gates '07** with paintings by Laura Mitchell, has been published in Australia. For more information visit [www.littlefoxpublishing.com](http://www.littlefoxpublishing.com) or send a message to [andrew.gates@marist.edu](mailto:andrew.gates@marist.edu).

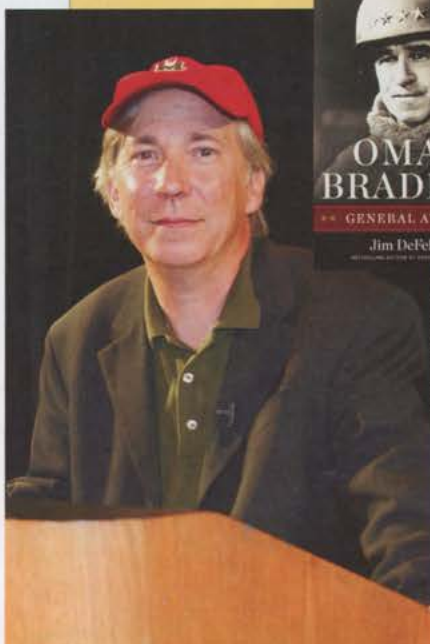


**Christopher Hall '08** published his second book, *Death and Other Things*, in September 2011. It is available from [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [barnsandnoble.com](http://barnsandnoble.com).



**Jim DeFelice '77** discussed his newest book, *Omar Bradley: General at War* during a talk at Marist this past fall. C-Span videotaped the event and broadcast it in November 2011. DeFelice has written more than 30 military and spy thrillers and is also the author of the military history *Rangers at Dieppe*.

If you would like news of your book included in Alumni Authors, please send the title, the name of publisher, the date of publication, a PDF of the book's cover, and a description of the content to [maristalumni@marist.edu](mailto:maristalumni@marist.edu).

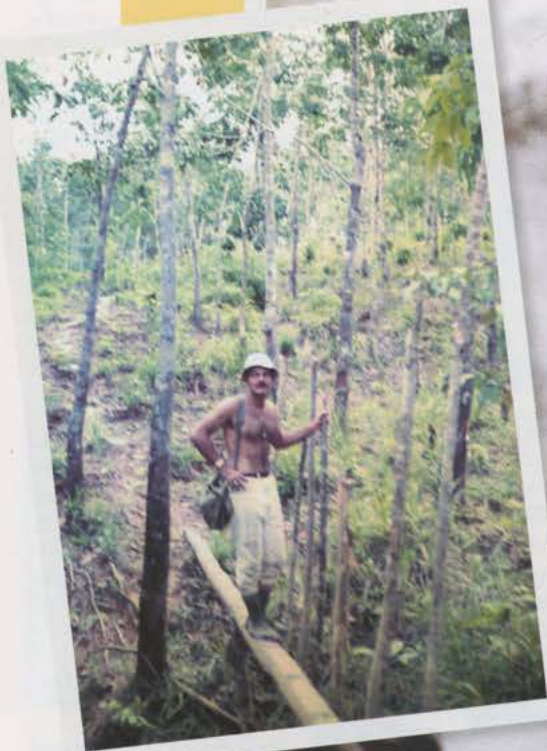


ALUMNI AUTHOR LOCATION



On the Peace Corps' 50th Anniversary,

# Marist's First Volunteer Looks Back



Dr. Frank Swetz '62 taught in Malaysia from 1964 to 1966 as a member of the Peace Corps. At left, in 1965, he worked in a Dayak village in the Malaysian state of Sarawak, Borneo, laying out roads as part of a rural development project.

The year 2011 marked the 50th anniversary of the Peace Corps. Since 1961, 59 Marist graduates have served, according to the Peace Corps public affairs office. The first was Frank Swetz '62, who was assigned to teach in Malaysia. To mark the milestone, he recalls his two years of service.

The heat of the day had passed. A fit of prolonged laughter had been brought on by my comment, "Who would think that we would be here in the jungle and have a drought?" My roommate, Ken, and I sat in the shaded doorway of our house, reflecting on our in-country experiences. It was the spring of 1964. We had been in Malaysia for about three months, overcome our initial culture shock, and settled in as Peace Corps volunteers teaching at a secondary school in the southern part of the country. Our brief revelry was interrupted by a loud gunshot-like craaaack in the jungle thicket beyond the school grounds. A rubber tree had shot out one of its seeds, propelling the sphere-like projectile several yards distant. Yes, in our short stay in this exotic country, we had learned many things, among them that droughts were possible in a tropical country and that the progenitive kinematics of rubber trees were quite dramatic. In the two years that would ensue, we would learn many more new things, obtaining impressions and experiences that would change our lives forever.

We were both teachers. Ken, trained as a mechanical engineer, taught chemistry. I had also worked as an engineer but later studied mathematics and now served as a sixth form mathematics master, the department chairman in a post-secondary school.

Before arriving in Malaysia we had endured a selection process that spanned three months of vigorous, at times exhausting, training. Our studies focused mainly on learning the history, culture, and language of the country we were about to visit. Sessions on tropical health precautions—I can still recall the life cycle of the female *Anopheles* mosquito, the vector for malaria—a review of the political system and existing social problems in the United States; rural development work (sanitation, the building of fish ponds, and animal husbandry); and the rudiments of teaching English as a second language were also included.

Reality immersion included a week living and working with migrant Mexican farm workers. But the real highlight of training was a

BY DR. FRANK SWETZ '62



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two-week stay in a "primitive" Asian village. The village was constructed in a primeval valley of the island of Hawaii, a location which had been an early Hawaiian settlement. Here we used straw sleeping mats, bathed in a stream, tended and butchered livestock, ate lots of rice, and used a rather primitive toilet. Of the 100 people who entered our training program, about five were deselected. Up until that point in Peace Corps history, that was the best record of training survival achieved by any group. Upon arrival in Malaysia, another four deselected themselves from service, deciding it was too hot. In retrospect, I thought our basic training, which was much like an Outward Bound experience, prepared us well for the challenges that lay before us.

Our group was Malaysia VII, the seventh to serve in Malaysia and up until that time the largest group of volunteers sent to the country. We consisted of teachers, nurses, and radio technicians. Some teachers were generalists, open to any assignment, others were math and science specialists, and still others were chosen as special Teaching English as a Second Language instructors. The nurses would run rural health centers. The radio technicians were chosen to establish a radio station in the Malay state of Sabah on the island of Borneo. While we were requested by the Malaysian government for specific tasks, we would always end up also doing many other things as required by circumstances. So during my vacation periods, I found myself working for FELDA, the Federal Land Development Authority, surveying land for jungle settlements and consulting on the building of access roads to remote villages in the Borneo state of Sarawak. Even during our vacations, we were expected to do Peace Corps projects. I welcomed these opportunities as they gave me a chance to travel and experience much more of the country.

**M**alaysia had been a former British colony, Malaya, and achieved national independence in 1963. The country's primarily triracial society consisted of Malays, Chinese, and Indians. The Malays were the indigenous people, while the Chinese and Indians were imported by the British as laborers. Each ethnic group lived and

functioned socially isolated from the other groups. This unique situation was sometimes a cause of social strife but also provided the opportunity for us as visiting Americans to experience three different cultures on their own terms. In the same day, I might eat breakfast in an Indian roti shop, haggle for my vegetables with a Malay market woman, and, in the evening, attend a Chinese opera. The cornucopia of sounds, smells, languages, tastes, and interactions was wonderful.

Eventually, I was transferred to Teachers Training College in the northern part of the country. Here I trained teachers, ran workshops on the "new mathematics," instituted a national journal for science and mathematics teachers, and coached sports. During school breaks, I worked on rural development projects.

During one of my first excursions to a Malay kampong (village), I was greeted by the people as "Tuan," an honorary title for a gent leman or superior. The movie *Lord Jim*, based on the novel by Joseph Conrad, had just appeared, and in it the hero, played by Peter O'Toole, was called Tuan by the local people. So, just as Jim had become Lord Jim, I had become "Lord Frank."

Over our two years of service, we got to know the people of Malaysia, and the people of Malaysia got to know us. We, young Americans, did not match our Hollywood or tabloid images. We were not glamorous or rich, great athletes or oversexed, but rather average people just like them. We struggled daily through

the heat and humidity, overcoming multitudes of frustrations to accomplish what needed to be done. The teachers taught and enriched schools by introducing new ideas such as school libraries and student counseling, and new sports such as softball. The nurses ran their rural clinics, birthed babies, trained local nurses, inoculated the populations, and thwarted epidemics. The radio techs built their station. Our activities were not glamorous or overly adventurous at the time but in retrospect, they grew more memorable and worthwhile.

**A**t times, there were dangers, but they were usually overlooked as a fact of life. I recall one incident where in visiting a long house in Borneo accompanied by two companions, we bathed in the local river. As we washed up to our necks in the murky waters, the local children gathered on the adjacent dock to watch us. They had seen few white men. Upon moving upriver the next day by dugout canoe, I noticed crocodiles sunning themselves on the riverbank. I commented to the boatmen that on the previous night, we had washed in that river. He replied that we had no worries as his people had eaten the large crocodiles and the small ones were harmless to humans.

Really, the biggest danger we encountered was crossing the street or riding in a taxi. Driving accidents accounted for far more deaths than cobra bites, elephant stampings, or tiger attacks put together.

Since returning to the United States, my wife, who was also a volunteer, and I have kept in close contact with our Malaysian friends. I've returned to the country on several occasions to conduct research, run workshops, and assist in the development of new universities. I have facilitated the exchange of students and faculty between Malaysia and the United States. We were present when Peace Corps Malaysia 100 arrived.

During my tour of service I learned many things: the power of simple conversation; the comfort from shade or a clean drink of water on a hot day; the fact that every individual has a worth and dignity that is deserving of respect. I learned that I know so little and have much yet to learn. I also much better appreciate the opportunities I have as an American. ■

*Dr. Frank Swetz '62 is professor emeritus of mathematics and education at the Pennsylvania State University. He retired from the university's Harrisburg campus, where among his varied responsibilities he served as chairman of the Mathematical Sciences Program and director of international and intercultural activities. During his career, he was awarded four Fulbright grants for teaching and research abroad. He is particularly recognized for his work in the history of mathematics and his efforts to incorporate that history into the teaching of mathematics. Author of 21 books, he remains active in lecturing and writing.*



**Photos taken among the Ibans in Sarawak.**





Former Marist professor Larry Sullivan '54 and Patrice Connolly Pantello '76 ran into each other by chance in Sarasota, FL.

## A Random Reunion

**O**n a sunny Saturday afternoon this past year, my husband, Ron, and I decided to take our weekend guest from Miami on a quick boat ride to a local restaurant in Sarasota, FL. Since it was a spur-of-the-moment decision, we were rather casual in our dress, with my husband donning a rarely worn Marist T-shirt. After we docked the boat and entered the restaurant, I veered off to the ladies' room while Ron and our guest walked to an available table. An older gentleman walked up to Ron and asked him whether his shirt was from Marist in Poughkeepsie. Ron confirmed that though he was not a graduate himself, his wife had graduated from Marist and was currently a trustee of the College.

As Ron mentioned my name, I walked up to them. As soon as I saw Larry Sullivan's lovely blue eyes, I recognized him. I then choked up since "Brother" Sullivan was one of my favorite professors during my years at Marist College. When my father died during my junior year, Larry was pivotal in helping me to readjust upon return to campus. His remarkable caring and love carried me through a very dark time. This random reunion would not have happened if not for my husband's Marist T-shirt!

I was beside myself with excitement to see Larry in "my" town. For fun, we called my old roommate, Dorothy Teevan Doyle, from the restaurant. When I told her that I was with Larry and that she owed him a term paper (not true), she didn't believe me until I put Larry on the phone. Though Larry and his wife were only passing through Sarasota, we are now in e-mail contact and I am so blessed that Larry is in my life again after all of these decades.

As for me, after a terrific career in book publishing including a stint as managing editor of the Doubleday Book Club operation, I retired from the New York scene and am thrilled with my new life in Sarasota. Along with my continued involvement with Marist's Board of Trustees, my days are filled with volunteering, golf, entertaining, and any number of classes—just for the fun of it. I was privileged to build a house for Habitat for Humanity with a crew of women. Ron has a new passion as a playwright; he often wears his Marist T-shirt while writing. As my reunion with Larry Sullivan proved, life is indeed magical! ■

BY PATRICE CONNOLLY PANTELLO '76

## 1997

**Dr. Todd Antenucci and Shanay Smith-Antenucci '98** welcomed a son, Alex Anthony, on Jan. 2, 2011. ■ **Dan Basile** is vice principal at Eastside High School in Paterson, NJ, and has been assistant coach for the men's varsity basketball team for the past three years. ■ **Bernadette Cekuta** was appointed program director for Dutchess Community College EMS programs in August 2011. She and her husband, Marcel, welcomed their fourth son, Logan Hunter, born Dec. 2, 2010. ■ **Ann Cullen** moved back to the New York metro area after living in Florida for 12 years and is hoping to reconnect with long-lost friends. ■

**Karen Fusaro** married on Aug. 28, 2010, and is expecting her first baby in March 2012. ■ **Kellie Benn Maloney** is a readjustment counseling therapist at the Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, NY. ■ **Elizabeth Herzner McGreevy** and her husband, Matt, welcomed a baby girl, Molly Vivian, born July 20, 2010. ■ **Michele Verdino Ostler** and her husband, Tony, welcomed twins, Vincent Anthony, 7 pounds 2 ounces, 20 inches long, and Madeline Grace, 5 pounds 4 ounces, 19.5 inches long. They were born May 15, 2011. ■ **Daryl Richard** was named to *PR Week* magazine's "40 under 40," a list of the rising stars in the public relations industry. The 40 individuals are nominated by peers for noteworthy contributions to their organizations, clients, and the industry. He is national vice president of public relations for UnitedHealthcare. ■ **Jill Romatzick Vangor** got married on July 23, 2011. ■ **Amy Coppola Woods** and her husband, Schuyler, welcomed a baby boy, Spencer James, born Aug. 11, 2011. Spencer joins his big brother, Cameron Jack, at home.

## 1998

**Denise D'Angelo Alterio** and her husband, David, welcomed a baby girl, Gabrielle Christine, born Feb. 2, 2009. Gabrielle joins big brother Griffin. ■ **Kerri Flannery Bennett** and her husband, Tom, welcomed their second daughter, Molly Denise, born April 2011. ■ **Terence Duane** is a sales manager for R3 Redistribution, a division of Bunzl. The company, headquartered in London, is an international distribution group supplying a range of nonfood consumable products. ■ **Kathryn Robinson Gonzalez** and her husband, Andres, welcomed Nicolas "Nico" Hamilton, 7.4 pounds and 19.75 inches long, on Oct. 29, 2010. Big brothers Diego and Gabo couldn't be happier! ■ **Ken Menard**

has moved to Austin, TX, where he started up the Longhorn Network, a joint venture between ESPN and the University of Texas. He produces home games and various live events for the Longhorns. ■ **Darren and Teresa Marcotrigiano Meyer** welcomed a baby girl, Alexa Caitlyn, born Jan. 25, 2011. ■ **Kerry Peterson** married 2nd Lt. Jason Brooks on Sept. 9, 2011, in Ocean City, NJ. They live in Newark, DE. ■ **Navy Lt. Christine Rosenvinge** returned recently from deployment to U.S. Cyber Command in support of the global war on terror. ■ **Shanay Smith-Antenucci and Dr. Todd Antenucci '97** welcomed their first child, a baby boy, Alex Anthony, born Jan. 2, 2011.

## 1999

**Russell Boedecker, CMA**, has been appointed CFO of Springbrook Software in Portland, OR. ■ **Donna-Marie Facilla** was married to Thomas Brignoli in July 2011. They live in Huntington, NY. Donna teaches fifth grade in Lindenhurst, NY. ■ **Kristen Germana Nolan** and her husband, Lee, welcomed their second child, Claire Lynn, born April 7, 2011. Grace is a proud big sister! ■ **John Killeen** married Laura Boyd on Oct. 29, 2011. ■ **Amanda Liles West** and her husband, Shawn, welcomed a baby boy, Lucian Ramsey, born on Sept. 1, 2011. He was born two months early and is doing very well. Amanda is a homemaker, caring for Lucian and supporting her husband who is a professional chef. She also plans to spend time volunteering and building their future catering business. ■ **Jennifer Mariany** married Michael Dempsey on Aug. 13, 2011. ■ **Colleen McCulloch** writes that she frequently reflects on her Marist communications capping experience, where she learned to make and edit videos. Today she uses those skills as a volunteer, creating videos for the Lost Dog and Cat Rescue Foundation. ■ **Kathleen McEnroe** is happy to report that she was able to combine her BS in communication from Marist and her education degrees this year when she started a journalism club at the school where she teaches. The school recently became a magnet school for communication, media arts, and journalism. ■ **Heather Pearson** was married to William Dolan Jr. on June 26, 2011. She is the proud step-mother of Kalina. ■ **Carmelita Seufert** and her husband, **Evo Rondini '06**, welcomed their second child, Gisela Beatrice, born March 28, 2011. ■ **Jay and Kate Greene Sheridan** welcomed a baby girl, Lila, born Oct. 23, 2010. ■



**John Svare** married Heather Dippert on Sept. 4, 2011. He is associate counsel for the New York State Assembly. ■ **Debra Tannacore** married Victor Carlos Garcia on Aug. 27, 2011, in Nashville, TN. Debbie owns a wedding planning business and planned the entire old-Hollywood-themed wedding. ■ **Christopher Ward** is vice president of retail distribution at SEFCU in Albany, NY.

## 2000

**Christopher Bythewood** married on June 19, 2011. ■ **Michele Degati** married Edward Vincent on July 2, 2011. ■ **Jennifer Ferris Azzariti** is a regular contributor to a new media Web site, launched in July 2011, about eco-mindedness. She writes weekly articles about helping families to be more eco-conscious. She also has her own blog, Mom's Fat Wallet ([www.momsfatwallet.com](http://www.momsfatwallet.com)), on which she explores places, most located in the Long Island area, that families can visit on a budget. ■ **Katie Daley Gatta** welcomed a baby girl, Julia Grace, born Sept. 9, 2010. She joins big sisters Emma, 5, and Anna, 3. ■ **Cassandra Giarrusso '00/07M** married Dr. Sean Holdridge on May 14, 2011. ■ **Jennifer Matarazzo Berger** is the Kids Online manager for [Newsday.com/ExploreLI.com](http://Newsday.com/ExploreLI.com), covering all things kids and parenting on Long Island. ■ **Kristy Miller-Spaulding** and her husband, Richard, welcomed a baby girl, Natalie Fay, born April 22, 2011. ■ **Victoria Neville** has an exciting new job as manager of corporate communications with JetBlue Airways in Forest Hills, NY. ■ **Stephen Pifferi** and his wife, Joyce, purchased a house in River Edge, NJ, in December 2010. ■ **Lauren Tejada** married Josh Spector in May 2011. She was promoted to director of legal and business affairs at Zodiak USA in June 2011. ■ **Janeen Vanbeesel Allmendinger** and her husband, Keith, welcomed a baby girl, Kylie Johanna, born May 29, 2010. ■ **Adam Weissman** has joined R&J Public Relations, in Bridgewater, NJ, as an account supervisor.



## 2001

**Jamie Veley Batcher** and her husband, Marvin, purchased a house in Guilderland, NY. ■ **Scott Bauman** is engaged, and a July 2012 destination wedding is planned. ■ **Christopher Blasie '01/07M** took a part-time position at Equinox as a front desk associate. He is a full-time account manager/consultant at Air Serv Corp. He says he enjoyed an



**A visit with a prominent alumnus led to a very rewarding internship for one Marist student. Eva Diaz '13 (left) met with Pedro L. Figueroa '93 (right) at his office in Mexico City, Mexico, during a trip to see her family in early 2011. Figueroa is the director of the consumer goods and specialty sugars division at Azucar Grupo Saenz, an affiliate company of the E.D. & F. Man Sugar Group, a sugar, coffee, and molasses trading conglomerate. Diaz, a business administration major with a concentration in human resources and a minor in Spanish, met with Figueroa to network about academic and career issues.**

**"Spending the afternoon with her took me back to my student years at Marist," he said, "a young man from the South Bronx with lots of goals, countless energy, set to conquer the world." He arranged an internship during summer 2011 for Diaz at the company.**

**"It was an awesome experience," says Diaz. "He is a very humble, caring person. Although he has made it into a really high position in the company, he has kept it real. If I could, I would do it all over again. I learned a lot."**

awesome 10-year reunion with over 140 graduates of the Class of 2001 in September. ■ **Joseph Catrino Jr. and Holly Angelbeck Catrino '02** welcomed a baby boy, Ryan Daniel, born Jan. 14, 2011. Joseph is assistant dean for career services in the School of Communications at

Quinnipiac University. ■ **David and Courtney Mattiace Dever** welcomed a daughter, Regan Woods, 9 pounds 8 ounces and 22 inches, born April 26, 2011. ■ **Kimberly Feinman Martiuk and Mark Martiuk '02** welcomed a new baby, Taras, born Sept. 16, 2010. ■ **Karen Stack Goodwin** and



**Marist students had an opportunity to network with public relations professionals when UnitedHealthcare brought members of its national PR team to Marist in September. The team held a retreat and met with PR students at the historic Cornell Boathouse. Following the networking event, students Alexis Murphy '12 and Luke Shane '12 directed a seminar on social media for the guests. Pictured are (left to right, back row) UnitedHealthcare's Maria Gordon Shydlor '87 and Daryl Richard '97, talking with (front row) Kaitlin Pfister '12, Melody Felix '12, and Andrew Clinkman '11.**

her husband, Garrett, welcomed a daughter, Sarah Allison, in April 2011. Their older daughter, Emily, is 3. ■ **Martha Hackett** married Robert Bambino on July 2, 2011. ■ **Sharon Kennedy DePalo** is a stay-at-home mom to two very active little boys, AJ, 3, and Danny, 1. ■ **Mark Lynch and Lori Yelenovic Lynch '02** welcomed a baby girl, Jillian Marie, born on July 22, 2011. ■ **Caroline Nashmy** married Colin Fratrick in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, in July 2008. They live on Long Island, NY. Caroline is senior recruitment manager for a digital marketing and design staffing agency in New York City and Colin is a physical education teacher. ■ **Melissa Novick McCarthy '01/07M** and her husband, Brendan, welcomed a baby boy, Ryan Patrick, born May 20, 2011. They recently moved back to the Hudson Valley area, to Fishkill. ■ **Lee Park** is director of communications for the New York State Racing and Wagering Board. He most recently served as senior press officer to Gov. Andrew M. Cuomo. ■ **Kevin Porter '01/10M** was accepted into his company's MBA Rotational Program and completed an MBA at Marist. ■ **Timothy and Cristina Allgeyer Sorensen** welcomed their first child, Leah Victoria, born on Dec. 30, 2010. She weighed 7 pounds 5 ounces. Timothy was named English Department chairperson at Middlesex Middle School in Darien, CT, in 2010. ■ **Michael and Jessica Holden Vecchiarelli** welcomed a baby boy, Michael Anthony Jr., born May 9, 2011. Michael and Jessica married in 2008 and reside in Westchester County, NY. ■ **Lauren Vecchio** was married to James Sterenczak in July 2011. ■ **Megan Williams** was promoted to director of communications for Pen Bay Healthcare. ■ **Catherine Collins Wisz** was awarded 2011 Teacher of the Year at the elementary school in Glen Rock, NJ, where she teaches fifth grade. ■ **Felicia Zammit '01/07M** is an advancement officer at the Culinary Institute of America. She is engaged to be married in the fall of 2012. An avid Marist women's basketball fan, she tries to go to all games.

## 2002

**Michael Boyle** married on March 27, 2009. He and his wife, Grace, purchased their first home, in Ronkonkoma, NY. Michael is a network administrator at Huntington Hospital. Grace is a pediatric registered nurse at Stony Brook University Medical Center. ■ **Holly Angelbeck Catrino and Joseph Catrino Jr. '01** welcomed a baby boy, Ryan Daniel,



born Jan. 14, 2011. ■ **Pete Frisoni '02M** retired as a captain from the Schenectady Police Department to become chief of the neighboring Village of Scotia Police Department. While at Marist, he received the G. Patrick Gallagher Award for research in core values in law enforcement. ■ **Janine Jarosz Gordon** graduated with an MS in taxation from Golden Gate University's online program in August 2011. ■ **Douglas Guarino** won two awards from the Society of Professional Journalists' Washington, DC, chapter for a series of articles that showed how the federal government lacks clear policies for addressing the risks of radiation from nuclear power plants and other sources. He not only won first prize in the story's category but also won SPJ's Robert D.G. Lewis Watchdog Award, given to the entry across all media platforms "that best exemplifies journalism aimed at protecting the public from abuses by those who would betray the public trust." ■ **Dmitry Itkes** married Svetlana Gelman in September 2010. ■ **Mark Martiuk and Kimberly Feinman Martiuk '01** welcomed a new baby, Taras, born Sept. 16, 2010. ■ **Valerie Page** is pursuing a master's in general and special education at Touro College and expects to graduate in spring 2012. ■ **Shana Sandroff** completed an MBA and was promoted to product marketing specialist with Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union. ■ **Steven and Lauren McCluskey Willem** welcomed twins, a daughter, Casey Lynn, and a son, Zachary Patrick, born June 22, 2011. ■ **Lori Yelenovic Lynch and Mark Lynch '01** welcomed their first child, Jillian Marie, born on July 22, 2011.

## 2003

Michael and Emily Alleva Greco welcomed a baby girl, Julianna Elizabeth, born on May 2, 2011. ■ **Kristen Brown** married Chad Reinemann on July 10, 2010. Kristen's roommate, **Kristina Haff**, served as the maid of honor. ■ **Erin Covell Evans** and her husband, Len, welcomed their first child, Charlotte Anne, born Aug. 1, 2011. ■ **Justin Kontos** and his wife, Jillian, welcomed a baby girl, Freya Alexis, born May 21, 2011. ■ **Anthony LoCurto and Nicole Davis '04** married this past June. Their Marist alumni-filled wedding party included **Liz Swenton '04, Jackie Gandolfo '04, Randi Pierce '04, Scott St. Denis, Michael Drechsel, and Cliff Manzone**. Many other Marist alumni were in attendance. "It was a night that we will never forget!" says Nicole. ■ **Scott Lucente** was promot-

## Family and Friends Remember David Moccia '03 with a Softball Game and a Scholarship



A celebration of David Moccia's life included the release of 200 balloons.

Some 150 family and friends of David Moccia '03 gathered for the first DMC 500 Memorial Softball Game at Bowdoin Park, in Wappinger Falls, NY, on May 14, 2011. Their contributions raised \$3,500 for the David N. Moccia Scholarship at Marist. The all-day picnic and softball game was organized by Dave's sister, Cristina Maltais-Moccia, to honor her brother who passed away in a tragic accident in 2010 at the age of 29.

After graduating from Marist with a degree in computer science, Moccia began his career in human resources with the recruiting firm Aerotek, where he was promoted multiple times because of his performance. In 2009, he moved to Yodle, an advertising firm in Manhattan, as a corporate recruiter, the position he held at the time of his death.

To celebrate his life, the picnickers came to the Hudson River park with their children and grandparents, as well as their dogs. They wore T-shirts that said

"in loving memory" and wristbands imprinted with "DMC 500," shorthand for "David Moccia Core 500," symbolic of the extended network of parents, family, and friends from all parts of his life.

While youngsters explored the park, adults chose sides and played softball. Throughout the day, they shared memories and stories of "their boy, Dave." The bittersweet celebration ended with the release of 200 balloons, some blue, some white, all marked with messages to him.

His father, Robert, thanked everyone for their love and support. The balloons seemed, he thought, "to drift first up to Dave and then north up the Hudson towards Marist."

"Unbelievable," he said.

"There was a lot of love in the air," his sister wrote the next day on the DMC 500 Facebook page. "It was a great Dave Day." ■

ed to senior project manager for Web marketing at the Culinary Institute of America. He and his wife, **Mary Wawrousek**, welcomed a son, born June 1, 2011. ■ **Erika Vancil Primiano** and her husband, Dennis, had their first child, Elyse Helene, born March 3, 2011. ■ **Kathryn Reilly** is the exchange and study abroad coordinator at Australian Catholic University, the same university where she did her Marist semester abroad in spring 2002! ■ **Katherine Slauta** and **Scott Desiere** married on Aug. 6, 2011. ■ **Aaron and Michelle Slesinski Wolff** welcomed a baby boy, Wesley Evan, born Nov. 24, 2010. Aaron recently joined the IT Department at the Anderson Center for Autism in Staatsburg, NY, as a technology specialist, and Michelle continues to work part-time at the Dutchess County Animal Hospital in Poughkeepsie, NY. ■ **Brian Sutch** and **Catherine Coco Sutch '03/'08M** welcomed their first child, Kevin Michael, on Jan. 21, 2011. Brian is senior writer in the Office of Institutional Advancement at St.

Joseph's College in Patchogue, NY, and was promoted to editor in chief of *St. Joseph's College Magazine*. ■ **Jolene Zupnik** lives in lower Manhattan and is the senior marketing manager at Jones New York.

## 2004

**Dennis Carroll** recently purchased a house. ■ **Nicole Davis** and **Anthony LoCurto '03** married this past June. Their Marist alumni-filled wedding party included **Liz Swenton, Jackie Gandolfo, Randi Pierce, Scott St. Denis '03, Michael Drechsel '03, and Cliff Manzone '03**. Many other Marist alumni were in attendance. "It was a night that we will never forget!" Nicole says. ■ **Patricia Ferrito** married **Jason Utter** on Sept. 18, 2010, their 11th anniversary together. ■ **Christine Anthony Haim** and her husband, Gabe, welcomed a son, Carter Colt, born Aug. 8, 2011. Carter was 8 pounds 3 ounces and 21.5 inches long. ■ **Daniel Ianniello** and his wife, Tara, welcomed a baby boy, Brayden Dominick, born on Sept.

29, 2011. ■ **Christine Adelfio Keehn** and her husband, Bruce, welcomed twin boys, Bruce III and Salvatore, born March 22, 2011. ■ **Christopher Marchand** has held a number of positions in the television industry since graduating. In the past year, he has worked at Powderhouse Productions in Boston, MA, producing programming for Animal Planet including *America's Cutest Cat and Dogs 101*. He recently returned from four months in Samoa, where he was the challenge designer for seasons 23 and 24 of *Survivor* on CBS. He is now back in the states producing for Powderhouse Productions/Animal Planet on the second season of *Must Love Cats*. ■ **Brad McGuire** and **Rebecca Faucher McGuire '05** welcomed a son, Grady Robert, on Nov. 1, 2011. He was 7 pounds 14 ounces and 20 inches long. ■ **Paul Miller** and his wife, Shari, welcomed a baby girl, Samantha Kay, born Jan. 27, 2011. ■ **Amy O'Connor** married **Todd Ballaban** on July 9, 2011. They work and reside in Los Angeles. ■ **John** and **Kimberly**



Weaver Saginario welcomed a baby boy, Aiden, born in 2011. ■ Elizabeth Swenton is excited to be teaching dance at Boston Center for Adult Education. She has been a dancer since she was three and was a member of the Marist cheerleading squad for four years. ■ Lauren Tuscano and Tim Tobin are engaged and will be married in September 2012.

## 2005

Doris Velez DeRienzo married on Dec. 4, 2010. ■ Caitlin Donahue opened her own general practice law office and provides civil and criminal legal representation throughout New York City and Long Island. ■ Jessica Donnelly is a senior media supervisor at Edelman in New York City. Previously she worked for Edelman in Chicago for 3½ years. She has received Edelman's prestigious Eddy Award honoring service and professionalism. She also was awarded the Skyline merit award from the Public Relations Society in Chicago for media relations for a campaign she led for one of her pharmaceutical clients. ■ Rebecca Faucher McGuire and Brad McGuire '04 welcomed a son, Grady Robert, on Nov. 1, 2011. He was 7 pounds 14 ounces and 20 inches long. ■ Caitlin Halligan married Shaun Tolchin on Oct. 10, 2010. They bought a home in Manhattan. ■ Tanya Hudson is pursuing an MBA in finance at Grand Canyon University. ■ Nicole Nolting has been working on casting, producing and co-directing a self-authored play, *The Holiday Hero*, for performance at Mamiya Theatre in Honolulu. The cast is made up of students from the Redeemer Lutheran School in Honolulu. ■ Katherine Payne became engaged to Alex Hansen in February 2011. ■ Torey Pirolo and Martine Alimena '06 married in May 2011. They have been together since college, and Torey proposed on campus by the Hudson River. ■ Sandra Proulx Rand opened Open Net Media, LLC, a full-service social media and inbound marketing consultancy in Portsmouth, NH, in October 2011.

## REUNION 2006

Martine Alimena married Torey Pirolo '05 in May 2011. They have been together since college. Torey proposed on campus by the Hudson River. ■ Matt Borchers is teaching high school math in the district of Elmwood Park, NJ. He recently graduated from the fire academy and is a volunteer firefighter in Midland Park,

## An Art Project Becomes a Book to Help Shelter Dogs

For her senior thesis, Carly Marshiano-Pioli '11 wanted to do something that she would enjoy. A digital arts major with a photography minor, she decided to take photos of dogs at the animal shelter where she volunteered and assemble the photos in a portfolio. "I've always loved shelter animals," she says. That project has now become a hardcover book, *Give Me Shelter*, that is raising money for the Dutchess County, NY, SPCA and its no-kill animal shelter.

Marshiano-Pioli began walking dogs at the DCSPCA in 2007 while at Marist to fill the void left by the death of her beloved Siberian husky, Samantha. She walked the dogs twice a week for three years. "I made the time during my week to go," she says.

When she and her friend Annie Davenport '11 would go to the kennel, they would learn the provenance of each dog. Marshiano-Pioli says she loved hearing the back story. "The whole thing just seems so mysterious. You don't know what they've been through. You don't know what they've seen."

She wanted to help the shelter by photographing its dogs to raise awareness. Her professors, including Matt Frieburghaus, helped her develop the idea over the course of her senior year into what became a coffee-table book.

"Carly's work was influenced by sensitive subject matter and a real life experience," says Frieburghaus. "I suggested she may want to create a book that would be accessible to a wider public rather than create a set of images for high art."

When she showed her class project to DCSPCA Executive Director Joyce Garrity, the director invited Marshiano-Pioli, who lives in New City, NY, to intern at the agency during summer 2011. Marshiano-Pioli already had lined up a summer internship in New York City photographing accessories for the Nolan Glove Co. But she took on the shelter internship, too.

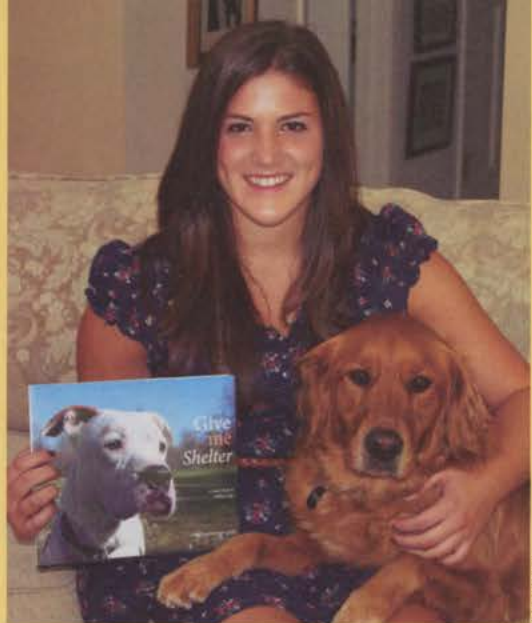
The internship involved researching a dozen companies to find the best deal for publishing the book so it could be sold to raise funds for the DCSPCA. "I really learned a lot about something I didn't know I would fall into," says Marshiano-Pioli. In the end she selected Blurb.com.

In June 2011 the DCSPCA printed 250 copies of the 72-page book. As of mid-October, 123 of the books had been sold, and close to \$1,900 had been raised, according to Catherine Forbes, director of development at the DCSPCA. Marshiano-Pioli also created posters and a video about the book and did an interview on

NJ. ■ Deanna Bushart is pursuing an MA in integrated marketing communications at Suffolk University. She serves as the social media manager for the Junior League of Boston and the director of marketing and communications for the Graduate Student Association at Suffolk University. ■ Laura Coppola entered her fifth season with *The Martha Stewart Show* and was promoted from audience coordinator to supervisor of her department. ■ Caitlyn Driscoll was promoted to producer for VH1.com's

home page after working for more than five years with MTV Networks. ■ Carol Feminella married Kevin Grauer. ■ Kathryn Godfrey was to complete master's degree coursework in December 2011 and will receive her degree in 2012. In 2011 she was promoted to study abroad advisor at Ramapo College of New Jersey and started a study abroad peer mentoring program that she modeled after the one she participated in at Marist. The program, Global Roadrunner, has doubled in size in one academic

year. ■ Louis Ortiz purchased a condo in Yonkers, NY. ■ Evo Rondini and Carmelita Seufert '99 welcomed a baby girl, Gisela Beatrice, born March 28, 2011. ■ Kelly Shemming is currently enrolled in NYU Stern's part-time MBA program and expects to graduate in May 2012. ■ Kellie Cunningham Smyth moved back from Los Angeles with her agency, Taylor, in August 2011. She married Jonathan Smyth, a producer/editor for NFL.com, on Oct. 7, 2011. They live in Princeton Junction, NJ. ■ Margaret



Carly Marshiano-Pioli '11 and her golden retriever, Martin, relax at home in New City, NY.

local TV. She worked with Forbes on a marketing plan that included 11 book signings in Poughkeepsie, Hyde Park, Wappingers Falls, and Beacon. Even when people didn't purchase the books at \$39.99, they donated money and told her their dog stories, Marshiano-Pioli says. She took these opportunities to tell them about dog adoption, emphasizing that adult dogs make wonderful companions. "I get so sad when I think an older dog might not get placed," she says. In fact, all 15 of the dogs in the book except one have been adopted.

Now, *Give Me Shelter* is on her résumé as she looks for a job in graphic design or photography. She would love to do another collection of photos, but of what she is not sure, although, she says, "it will probably be animals." She was a member of the Equestrian Club while at Marist and has a 2-year-old golden retriever named Martin. "I'm just waiting for something to inspire me."

At the end of the day, she says, she's just happy she got to photograph dogs. "It's about adoption and giving these dogs another chance."

"With *Give Me Shelter*, Carly Marshiano-Pioli has achieved something remarkable," says Garrity. "As a student at Marist, she volunteered at the shelter. She was inspired by what she saw here and from what she was learning in school. She created a beautiful book that spreads a message of hope for the animals in our care. She donated the rights to the Dutchess County SPCA so everything we raise from the sale of her book goes directly to the animals. We are grateful to her, not just for the book, but because she has inspired us." ■



St. John was sworn in as an attorney on Nov. 7, 2011. ■ Elizabeth Wunder is engaged to be married to Kevin Connors in September 2012.

## 2007

Carla Bissi is an ACE-certified personal trainer working with Darryl McDaniels of RunDMC. ■ Elissa Carrick was admitted to the New York State Bar in March 2011. ■ Juliette Caruso is now an executive assistant to the EVP of the Communications Department at the Madison Square Garden Co. She began in that department as an assistant in VIP Services in 2008 and was promoted to manager in 2010. ■ Ryan Cowdrey and his wife, Jessica, welcomed a baby boy, Anderson Timothy, born March 19, 2011. ■ Alyson Dodge teaches social studies at John Jay High School in Hopewell Junction, NY. ■ Peter Frank and his son, Alexander, visited the Marist campus in October. Alexander is a senior in high school and Marist is one of his top three choices. ■ Trevor Gavin is a graphics producer on *ESPN Monday Night Football*. ■ Jennifer Gore married Angus Cuthbert on July 30, 2011, on campus. Jennifer met Angus while she was a student at Marist and he was attending the Culinary Institute of America. ■ Brian Hodge has been named one of 30 future leaders of the destination marketing industry nationwide by Destination Marketing Association International. He is marketing coordinator for the Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau. ■ Jennifer Jaworski married Ryan Kempf on June 4, 2011. She has been promoted to director of marketing for Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Central and South America at Travel Impressions. ■ Dorothea Larrabee is a senior editor at *Popstar!* magazine. She and Laura Zanzal write for the blogs *fantabulouslyfrugal.com*, *ny.fantabulouslyfrugal.com*, and *fantabulouslywed.com*. ■ Hillary Saeger and her crew won a bronze medal in the lightweight women's quad scull event at the World Rowing Championships in Bled, Slovenia, Sept. 3, 2011. They finished behind Great Britain and China, defeating Italy by 1/100th of a second to take third. ■ James Sheehan is pursuing a master's degree in the Terrorism, Security, and Society program at King's College, London. ■ Ann Marie Sperrazza is the hiring manager for a residential summer camp. She is eager to hire young Marist undergrads and graduates for an enriching summer experience. ■ Paul Stavish was recently part of the crew that



From left, Joel Cordenner, Andrew Senno '06, Steve Arocho '04, Rita Kennedy '03, and Meghan Dickson Arocho '03 take part in a pub crawl to celebrate the life of Salvatore "Tory" Zabatinio '04 and support a cause that was close to his heart.

## Cheers to Tory: Raising Money, and a Glass, in Memory of Salvatore "Tory" Zabatinio '04

On Oct. 8, 2011, Steve Arocho, Scott Cianciulli, and Michael Constantine, all graduates from Marist's Class of 2004, and dozens of other Marist alumni gathered in New York City as they have done every year for the past six years to remember their classmate, brother, and friend, Salvatore Zabatinio. Known as Tory by his family and friends, he suffered from Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) and passed away in 2005 after a courageous battle.

Arocho, Cianciulli, Constantine, and many of their close friends met Zabatinio during their sophomore year at Marist. Cianciulli describes him as "the kind of person that you like as soon as you meet him, friendly and outgoing with an energy that drew people in. He was just fun to be around." Zabatinio soon became close with the three classmates and many others. Eventually, he also pledged Arocho's and Constantine's fraternity, Phi Kappa Sigma.

Arocho remembers vividly the day he learned of Zabatinio's initial ALL diagnosis. "It was March 2002; everything before that seems like such a blur. The whole concept of cancer was almost a mythical thing for me up to that point because I had never met anyone who had been affected by it. I remember being upset and feeling sad but not really grasping the severity of the situation." Zabatinio was able to overcome his first bout with cancer and returned to Marist his junior year with a newfound passion for life, a passion that was contagious to everyone around him. "I just remember him wanting to do everything he could that year at Marist," says Arocho. "I know I learned to appreciate and enjoy my own life as often as possible because of him."

Shortly after graduation in 2004, Zabatinio learned that the cancer was back and this time more severe. His friends banded together to help in any way possible: bone marrow drives, fund-raising functions, hospital send-off parties.

"Unfortunately, it got to a point where visiting Nassau University Medical Center (on Long Island) became a regular thing for us," says Arocho. "Sadly, we celebrated his last birthday there." After Zabatinio passed away, they felt compelled to do something.

Arocho and Cianciulli decided to put their efforts behind the Don Monti Memorial Research Foundation, which Zabatinio passionately supported. The founda-

tion not only funds research but also helps families, in particular those with children, with inpatient care. The next big decision was how to go about garnering support. It was Cianciulli who had the idea for a bar crawl in New York City. He and Arocho work in the New York City metro area, he at Brainerd Communicators, a PR agency in Manhattan, and Arocho in public relations at Major League Baseball in Manhattan. "We thought it would be a fantastic way to bring friends and family together to celebrate Tory's life," Cianciulli says, "all while raising money and awareness for a cause close to our hearts." The first fund-raising event took place in October 2006.

"From concept to execution, we planned the entire event with the mindset of spending time with friends, raising money for a great cause, and showing Tory's entire family how much he was loved," says Arocho.

In addition, Constantine, who works at Compensation Resources in Saddle Ridge, NJ, formed a team to participate in the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Snowball Softball Mike Kmetz Memorial Tournament as "Tory's Bulldogs." The tournament was organized to create awareness about blood cancer while raising funds for ongoing research and support for families who have been affected. "The tournament is a great event and a great cause," says Constantine. "For our group of friends, it allows us to get together to remember Tory, support the LLS, and have one of the most enjoyable days of the year."

After six bar crawls and five softball tournaments, the group has raised more than \$65,000. "We are honoring our friend, and his memory," says Arocho. "Knowing that Tory's parents, brother, grandparents, and entire family look forward to this day each year makes us feel like we are doing the right thing. If the money we raise eases the financial burden for one family or one patient, or saves even one life, it makes every second we've put into this worth it, and we know Tory would agree."

In the future, the group, which also includes Michael Babic '04, Doug DePerry '04, Guy Potvin '04, and others, plans to start a nonprofit organization to help in these and additional efforts. ■

Bobbi Sue Tellitocci is assistant director for alumni and donor programs at Marist College and a member of the Class of 2004.



provided meeting and conference services for the 14th annual Chiefs of Defense Conference. The company he worked for, Clarus Language Solutions, provided interpretation services for 10 languages and conferencing services over four days in Ko Olina, Hawaii. He also became audience development manager for Oregon Ballet Theatre. His role is to expand interest in ballet and fine arts from a group and corporate perspective. ■ **Matthew Szymaszek** is in his third year of medical school at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Erie, PA. ■ **Douglas Ward** married on Sept. 10, 2011.

## 2008

Wendy Baron was promoted to audio operator I at ESPN in April 2011. ■ **Andrew Batti** received a 2010 Sports Emmy Award for his work on MLB Network's nightly program *MLB Tonight*. The award was for Outstanding Studio Show in the daily category. It was the second consecutive year that *MLB Tonight* was nominated and its first win in the category. The award was particularly special considering MLB Network was in only its second year of operation. His work on the show consisted primarily of video editing. He split his time during 2010 working on *MLB Tonight* and *Thursday Night Baseball* (MLB Network's live weekly game broadcasts). ■ **Scott Brady** is a public school teacher in New York City. ■ **Jennifer Buak** married **Matthew LaBue '08/'09M** on Feb. 1, 2011. ■ **Sheryl Fusaro** began a new job with Beam, Inc., as a senior analyst. ■ **Suzanne Garippa** and **Dan Scott** dated throughout their four years at Marist and became engaged on Aug. 9 at Marist. They plan to marry on June 1, 2012. ■ **Christopher Hall** published his second book, *Death and Other Things*, in September 2011. He has worked on feature films *The Adventures of Tintin*, *The Amazing Spider-man*, and *Dark Knight Rises* as well as the HBO TV movie *Too Big to Fail* and the HBO primetime drama *Da Brick*. ■ **Morgan Henry** and **Kevin Cafaro** became engaged on June 18, 2011, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Morgan works as a publicist and Kevin works as a marketing specialist in New York City. ■ **Jessica McNamara** is engaged to Christopher Cozzolino, a Binghamton alumnus, and will be married May 12, 2012. Jessica teaches fifth grade at Highland Elementary School. ■ **Nicole Mikaelian** returned to school to pursue a master's in elementary education after working in the Public Relations Department



**Gino Ferrazzano '08** started an event marketing company, **Marketing Genome Project**, with three partners two years ago. Specializing in trade show coordination, the company works heavily in the gaming, comics, and entertainment industries, managing booths for clients at major conventions and trade shows around the United States. Above, Ferrazzano (far left), business partners, and promotional models strike a pose at San Diego Comic Con International in July 2011.

at Bravo TV. ■ **Lauren Pavlick** is an account executive at Edelman, doing beauty PR for the Dove account. Previously she worked at DeVries Public Relations, doing beauty PR for Pantene. ■ **Christine Rochelle** was promoted to vice president of operations of PCG Digital Marketing, a 2011 Inc. 500 honoree. She received a graduate certificate in holistic health with a concentration in art therapies. ■ **Traci Salisbury** owns and operates a successful mobile bartending business in New Orleans. She wants to bring it to New York City in the next year or so. She also is going on a six-month backpacking trip through Central and South America. ■ **Amanda Schaefer** is pursuing an MA in elementary education at Sacred Heart University. She plans to graduate in spring 2013. ■ **Amanda Schreiner** and **Sean Murphy** were married on Aug. 7, 2011. ■ **Caitlin Tansley** and **Matt Devan** became engaged on April 10, 2011, and will be married in May 2012.

## 2009

**Victoria Bartels** is in the Art History Florence M.A. program at Syracuse University. ■ **Catherine Becker** ran her first marathon, the Portland Marathon, on Oct. 9, 2011. Her time was 4:05:57. ■ **Sarah Briggs** is pursuing an MAT in adolescent education for French 7-12 at Stony Brook University. ■ **Kayla Burke** is engaged to a captain in the U.S. Army and will be moving to his next duty station in February 2012. ■ **Sara Gretschel** works for the Advertising Research Foundation. ■ **Erin Howley** is a global training coordinator at Bain and Co.

She travels around the world coordinating training programs and meetings for "Bainies." ■ **Clare Langan** enrolled in the professional division of the Institute of Culinary Education in New York in March 2011. She will continue on to complete an externship at the magazine *Everyday with Rachael Ray* in the test kitchen, assisting with recipe testing and development. ■ **Robert McNicholas** was promoted to associate content editor in July 2011 after two years at ESPN. ■ **Ashley Morere** is a social worker at Teresian House Center for the Elderly and Infirm. She earned a master's in social work at Fordham University in 2010. ■ **Kevin Rich** is coaching local high school ice hockey. ■ **Elizabeth Rizzi** works at John Jay High School in the Wappingers (NY) Central School District. She is also the legislative cochair for the New York Association of School Psychologists. ■ **Colleen Ryan** spent 18 months as an AmeriCorps volunteer and as a farm manager at the Glenmary Farm in Vanceburg, KY. Colleen is now a grad student at the University of Dayton with an assistantship in the Campus Ministry Department. ■ **Erik Sassone** is an assistant account executive at Sudler & Hennessey in New York City. He recently traveled to California to run meetings and take part in presentations. He also recently helped lead an international relocation program with the company's satellite offices. ■ **Caryn Shatraw** is working at Utica College and loves being in a collegiate atmosphere. ■ **Michael Veneziano** has been at ESPN in the Stats and Analysis Department since December 2010.

## In Memoriam

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### Students

Edward Coombs



2010

Nicole Albano moved to Hawaii after graduation and says she loves it "Thank you, Marist and Mr. Jim Dodd." ■ Richard Curylo works at TD Ameritrade in operational risk management. He recently passed the Series 7 exam. ■ Allison Duffy is a project assistant editor at Major League Baseball. She wrote a feature that was published in the World Series program and led production of a book commemorating the centennial of Fenway Park. ■ Brittany Fiorenza completed her first year of law school at Touro Law and has been working as a paralegal on Long Island. ■ Rachele Fitz is playing basketball in Poland. ■ Andrew Foster is pursuing a master's in physician assistant studies at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. He expects to graduate in 2012. ■ Sarah Foster marked her one-year anniversary at Oneida County Tourism in October 2011. She is the director of group sales and loves her job and the tourism industry. The agency has implemented her Twitter proposal. ■ Ysdirabelinna Manzi is pursuing a master's in education at Marist. ■ Daniella Matias is pursuing an MBA at Sacred Heart University. ■ Lindsay Milone is a facility/production coordinator at HotCam New York, a broadcast equipment rental and crewing facility in Manhattan. ■ Nicholas Ortega is working in the Los Angeles area. ■ Thomas Poalillo has been teaching English as a foreign language at Incheon Sadong Elementary School in Incheon, South Korea, since September 2011. He is enjoying his job and life abroad. ■ Deanna Rodriguez was promoted in June 2011 from account coordinator to junior account executive at DeVries Public Relations. ■ Justin Santore began a new position as an undergraduate admissions counselor at Pace University. ■ Kaitlyn Smith spent a year at a national women's magazine and is back at Marist, working with freshmen as a coordinator of first-year programs. She also writes freelance for various Web sites including YourFango.com. She plans to pursue a master's at Marist. ■ Kimberly Spallone works for CBS Radio as a sales assistant. ■ Matt Spillane is a reporter for the *Lewisboro Ledger*, a weekly newspaper in Westchester County, NY. ■ Michael Steier is enrolled in the master's in public relations and corporate communications program at New York University. ■ Caitlin Struk teaches sixth grade special education in lower Manhattan. She is also halfway through her

master's degree at Fordham University, where she is studying literacy education. She got engaged in early August and plans a July 2012 wedding. ■ Stephen Townsend began his second year of teaching high school science in District of Columbia public schools with the Teach For America Corps. He is pursuing a master's at American University. ■ Colin Walker is completing a study on intracultural shock and the effects of social media. He will produce a documentary as the final project of his master's program at Central Michigan University.

2011

Olivia Brozek is pursuing a PhD in mathematics at George Mason University. ■ Allison Burke lives and works in Atlanta, GA. She enjoys spending time with her family and her new job as a production assistant at PlayON! Sports, a high school sports media company. ■ Courtney Davis is an account coordinator at Litzky Public Relations, working on popular toy brands such as Nerf and Super Soaker. ■ Melissa Deilus started classes at Sacred Heart University

for a master's in applied psychology. ■ Jaelyn Fitzgerald is an admission counselor at Pace University. ■ Christopher Fusaro and his wife are expecting their first child. ■ Amanda Huggins is communications coordinator for the nonprofit Health and Humanitarian Aid Foundation, which seeks to provide medical and humanitarian aid to citizens of Ghana affected by famine, poverty, war, and disease. Her job will include travel to Ghana to collect data and solidify a women's empowerment program. ■ Megan Hunsicker is an account coordinator at M Booth, a global communications agency. ■ Dawn Lagreca married Gary Heffron on July 2, 2011. ■ James LaMacchia, a former wide receiver for the Red Foxes, trained at Velocity Sports for two months prior to an NFL pro-day at Fordham University. He has an NFL-certified agent and is attending SUNY Maritime seeking a master's in international trade. ■ William Lyons II is working as a sales representative for the New York capital region. ■ Joseph Mager is a full-time student at Quinnipiac University School of Law. ■ Robin Minitier has been traveling around India studying and photodocumenting the development of women's rugby as part of her Fulbright scholarship. She plans to research rugby activities in the city of Kolkata and the states of Goa and Manipur. ■ Nicole Pernice is a production coordinator at Williams/Gerard Productions. ■ Valerie Perrella is seeking employment in the marketing field in the Northeast region while working in a six-month, full-time job with New York State. ■ John Rodino completed CELTA certification at St. John's University in the summer of 2011. He also did a 50-mile canoe trek in the Adirondacks. ■ Denise Roe is deputy county clerk for Madison County, NY. She was appointed to the Region 6 New York State Archives Advisory Committee. ■ Brian Smith is a project engineer at Avid in New York City. ■ Elizabeth Trizano was named public relations coordinator at W.J. Deutsch & Sons, an importer of fine wines and spirits. ■ Heather Viola is continuing her education at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. ■ Michael Walsh is a marketing associate with Linux company Red Hat. He is also writing freelance for numerous publications. ■ Kathleen Warren recently returned from Turkey, where she received a grant to participate as a photographer in an international experimental arts festival.

Alumni Golf Outing Marks 35th Year

Despite summer showers, 71 golfers participated in the 35th annual Marist Alumni & Friends Golf Tournament on July 25, 2011, at Dutchess Golf and Country Club in Poughkeepsie. All proceeds from the tournament go to the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund, which is awarded each year to an incoming student who is the son or daughter of a Marist graduate. Christina Cappo '15, daughter of Chris '88/'00M and Gigi '06 Cappo, is the 2011 scholarship recipient (see Page 19). ■



Above, from left are Tom Duffy (low gross winner), Doug Mueller, Matt Dennis '09 (second low gross winner), and Mike Gentile. Below, from left are Joe Robillard '66, Gerald Peterson '69, and Ed Anderson '71.







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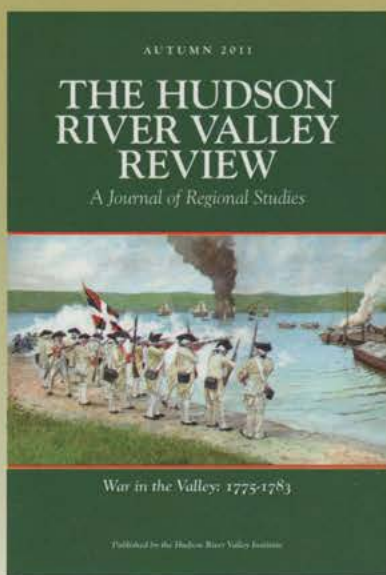
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