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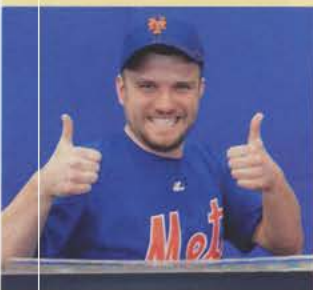
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Crew team members examine their find.

Marist's BHOC (Big Head on Campus)

DURING AN APRIL PRACTICE, the men's crew team discovered a giant foam and fiberglass head floating on the Hudson. After coach Matt Lavin and the team towed it in to keep it from obstructing boaters, the head quickly became a source of fascination on campus and around the world, as people speculated on its origins. Did it come from a Mardi Gras float, a theatre production, a department store window display? Theories are many, but a definitive answer remains elusive. Meanwhile, the head became a celebrity as students flocked to the riverfront to have their pictures taken with it, and more than 1,000 media outlets, including New York City TV stations and newspapers in England and Italy, carried news of what some, in keeping with the spirit of the crew team that discovered it, have dubbed "The Head of the Hudson." ■

Marist is Recognized by Computerworld

FOR THE THIRD TIME IN SIX MONTHS, Marist has been recognized for excellence in technology leadership and application by *Computerworld*, the industry-leading news source.

Most recently, the College was named a 2013 *Computerworld* Honors Laureate in the category of emerging technology. The annual award program honors visionary applications of information technology promoting positive social, economic, and educational change.

The latest award recognizes the work of a team led by Senior Academic Technology Officer Josh Baron in developing the Open Academic Analytics Initiative (OAAI), an open-source system that uses predictive analytics to identify students who may be at risk of failing a course and then guide teacher intervention strategies.

With a \$250,000 Next Generation Learning Challenges grant, funded primarily through the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Baron and his team at Marist led a diverse group of academic and commercial partners, including the College of the Redwood, Cerritos College, Savannah State University, North Carolina A&T State University, and rSmart in developing and testing the system. Key Marist team members included Dr. Eitel J.M. Lauria, associate professor of information systems; Dr. Erik Moody, assistant professor of psychology; and Sandeep Jayaprakash, former learning analytics specialist.

Baron's team developed the first completely open-source "academic early alert" system which allows instructors to identify students at the start of a course who are at risk to not complete it and then deploy interventions to help the student succeed. Research findings have been very encouraging, showing statistically significant improvements in course grades and

"content mastery" (receiving a grade of C or greater) levels among those students in courses that received interventions.

Marist was also named a 2013 *Computerworld* Honors Laureate in the category of "world-good," honoring organizations for the design and development of technologies that have supported social good. The College was recognized for its work with the World Community Grid project. Marist was the first college or university in the United States to join

World Community Grid (WCG), which uses idle computer processing power to support research for humanitarian and sustainability initiatives. It is the largest college or university contributor to the program, having participated in all 20 WCG projects and earning a "sapphire badge"—the highest rank—for each one. "The idle processing power that Marist contributes to the various World Community Grid projects is benefiting the scientific research teams behind these projects," says Marist Client Technology Manager Dave Hughes, who oversees the College's participation. "These research teams are benefiting all of humanity."

All told, Marist has contributed more than 11,000 years of computing time to WCG and has returned more than 22 million results to research teams. WCG projects that Marist has contributed to include finding a cure and/or drug treatments for muscular dystrophy, AIDS/HIV, dengue, hepatitis C, West Nile, yellow fever, leishmaniasis, schistosomiasis, and malaria.

Last year, Marist Vice President and CIO Bill Thirsk was named a *Computerworld* Premier 100 IT Leader. The Premier 100 program was created in 2000 to spotlight individuals in companies and organizations worldwide who have had a positive impact on their organizations through technology. Thirsk is one of only 1,400 CIOs to be awarded the honor. ■



Senior Academic Technology Officer Josh Baron



Vice President of Information Technology and CIO Bill Thirsk



Client Technology Manager Dave Hughes

State Awards Marist \$3 Million for NYS Cloud Computing and Analytics Center

NEW YORK STATE HAS AWARDED MARIST COLLEGE a \$3 million grant to establish the New York State Cloud Computing and Analytics Center at Marist College.

New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced the grant on Dec. 19, 2012, through Round Two of his Regional Economic Development initiative.

The grant is part of a \$92.8 million package of funding for 84 projects in the Mid-Hudson Valley that will come to the region through its designation as one of three Best Plan Awardees in the ten-region competition.

The Cloud Computing and Analytics Center will greatly expand the College's role as a driver of economic development in the area and across the state by providing IT services to new and growing businesses, including hardware, software, training, and consulting. It will work with companies on early-stage IT projects with the goal of developing and testing ways to deploy commercial cloud computing environments. The center will also provide education and training, through the cloud, in analytics and cloud computing, as well as other critical areas.

"Marist and IBM will both commit significant resources to this project, but the state funding is a great validation of our plan," says President Dennis J. Murray. "We look forward to working with New York state, IBM, and other partners to make this one of the premier centers of its type in the world and, in doing so, aid economic development efforts here in the Mid-Hudson Valley and across the state. I'd like to thank Governor Cuomo for his support and assure him that we will do everything in our power to keep New York a great place to live, learn, and work." ■



A new academic building is taking shape at the heart of the Marist campus.

Campus Construction Continues

CONSTRUCTION of Marist's new multipurpose academic building and major renovation of its Student Center are on schedule for an August 2013 opening.

Stone masonry is well underway, says Physical Plant Director Justin Butwell. HVAC ductwork, plumbing, electrical work, and wall framing is progressing on all floors. Additional demolition throughout the Student Center continues.

The project, located in the heart of the Marist College campus, will be home to the music program and will provide a variety of rehearsal and recital space. Work on the Student Center includes a transformation of the dining hall into a grand space with a vaulted ceiling and increased seating capacity. ■

U.S. News Ranks Two Marist Online Degree Programs in Top 20

TWO MARIST COLLEGE ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS—the Master of Business Administration and the BA/BS in liberal studies—have once again been ranked among the top 20 in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Online Education Programs." Both programs appeared on their respective Honor Rolls for top online programs when *U.S. News* debuted its online rankings last year, before moving this year to numerical rankings.

For 2013, Marist's MBA is ranked 13th out of 197 programs listed, and the BA/BS in liberal studies is ranked 17th out of 213 programs listed.

To devise its lists, *U.S. News* considered admissions selectivity, faculty credentials and training, student services and technology, and teaching practices and student engagement. Complete rankings are available at www.usnews.com/online-education. ■

National Band Fraternity Honors Marist Chapter

MARIST'S KAPPA UPSILON CHAPTER of Kappa Kappa Psi, the national honorary band fraternity, has been named a 2011-2013 Kappa Kappa Psi Chapter Leadership Award recipient.

The award recognizes that over the past two years Marist has made outstanding contributions to its band programs and maintained an extraordinary level of commitment to the purposes and values of Kappa Kappa Psi, meeting the fraternity's challenge to "Strive for the Highest."

Kappa Kappa Psi has 315 chapters nationwide. Last year, the Marist chapter was chosen as the most outstanding chapter in the Northeast District, winning the A. Frank Martin Award. This new honor takes the program one step further, placing the College's chapter among the top "Sweet Fifteen" chapters in the country.

"The national standing of Kappa Kappa Psi chapters has always provided a fine barometer of the health and well-being of each chapter's band program," says Art Himmelberger, Marist Band director and Music Department head, "and this award certainly adds to our reputation of having one of the nation's finest such programs at any college or university."

Marist's Kappa Upsilon chapter will present its work this summer at the fraternity's National Convention in Springfield, MA, and is eligible for the William Scroggs Founder's Trophy, which is awarded to the outstanding chapter in the nation. ■



Trying Out College

FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, Marist has been offering motivated high school juniors and seniors an opportunity to live on campus for two weeks in July. Marist's Summer Pre-College gives high school students a jump-start on the college experience while earning three college credits and meeting other students from around the world.

Students can choose fields ranging from business and game design to theatre, criminal justice, and more. This select group will get hands-on classroom experience from Marist faculty, live in residence halls, and eat in the campus dining hall, giving them a true sense of the Marist College lifestyle.

In the summer of 2006, the Pre-College program began by offering one course in business. Now 11 different courses are offered in New York, and most recently the program has expanded to Marist's Florence, Italy, campus, giving students the opportunity to study fashion, studio art, or interior design in one of the most culturally rich cities in the world.

"We started with just 20 students participating in the summer business institute," says Brian Apfel, director of Pre-College enrollment. "Now with almost 15 different programs spreading across both of our campuses, over 250 high school students get to experience college life. The level of personal and academic growth that we witness during such a short period of time is outstanding." ■

For more information, visit
www.marist.edu/precollege

Students in the Pre-College program in Florence, Italy, visit nearby Pisa.

Prominent Philanthropist Lamontagne is First Paul Newman Senior Fellow in Philanthropy at Marist

RAYMOND A. LAMONTAGNE, a philanthropist and retired financier, will continue his work as the first Paul Newman Senior Fellow in Philanthropy at Marist College, thanks to continued support from the Newman's Own Foundation and Marist.

Since being named to the post last year, Lamontagne has met with hundreds of Marist students – including Emerging Leaders Program participants, student athletes, and others – to discuss current issues in philanthropy and service. He has also provided advice and guidance to not-for-profit groups with strong Marist ties, including Friends of Jaclyn and Heart One.

"Marist is excited to have someone of Ray's stature be a part the College community and share his deep knowledge of the vital roles service and philanthropy play in improving lives," says President Dennis J. Murray. "We are grateful to Newman's Own Foundation, itself a leading force in philanthropy, for supporting this fellowship."

"I have enjoyed working with everyone at Marist, and I look forward to continuing the discussion of the importance of philanthropy and service in addressing society's problems and creating a better future," says Lamontagne. "Marist has a strong culture of

service and philanthropy, and its students, faculty, and staff are passionate about improving the world around them."

A Lifetime of Service

Lamontagne brings to the position a lifetime of service to local, national, and global causes. Proud of his humble beginnings in Manchester, NH, he worked in his father's restaurant and had parents who impressed upon him the importance of education. After graduating from Phillips Academy and Yale, he was awarded a teaching fellowship with the Yale-in-China program and chose that over an offer to play major league baseball.

This decision drew the attention of *The New York Times*. The resulting article, in turn, caught the eye of Eleanor Roosevelt who, after reading it, personally invited Lamontagne to visit her at Val-Kill, her Hyde Park cottage, where they spent a weekend discussing world affairs.

This experience and many others in which Lamontagne met and worked with leading figures from the worlds of philanthropy, public service, politics, and business all made deep impressions on him and

strengthened his commitment to helping others and working to solve problems at home and around the world.

Lamontagne helped Sargent Shriver launch the Peace Corps, worked with John D. Rockefeller III on developing operating and accountability standards for private foundations, has been involved since its inception with Paul Newman's Hole in the Wall Gang Camp for seriously ill children, and was founding chairman of the Association of Hole in the Wall Camps, which expanded the model worldwide.

In 2007, Lamontagne was presented with the John D. Rockefeller Jr. Founder's Award for a lifetime of philanthropic achievement by Historic Hudson Valley, the museum of historic sites. He is retired from a career in finance during which he founded and ran several successful private investment firms.

Currently, Lamontagne serves as chair of the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp, chairman of New York City Center for the Performing Arts, a director of the Dyson Foundation, and a member of the Board of Governors of the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute. ■

Technology Entrepreneur Suresh Kothapalli '91MS Joins Marist Board of Trustees



Suresh Kothapalli '91MS received the Marist College Distinguished Alumni Medal at the 2009 Graduate and Adult Commencement Ceremony.

ALUMNUS and technology entrepreneur Suresh Kothapalli '91MS has been elected to the Marist College Board of Trustees.

"I am honored to join this group of distinguished men and women which has played such a vital role in leading Marist through a sustained period of tremendous growth," Kothapalli says. "I look forward to working with my new board colleagues and contributing to the continued success of Marist, an institution that has played an important role in my own professional achievements."

Kothapalli is the CEO of iSpace, the El Segundo, California-based company he founded in 2000 that specializes in information technology solutions and business process services for companies in the health care, entertainment, auto, and financial services industries. The company has been recognized five times by *Inc.* magazine as one of the 5,000 fastest-growing private companies in the United States.

"Suresh exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit and the technological and business acumen that characterize so many successful Marist graduates," says Board of Trustees Chair Ellen

Hancock, a longtime technology industry executive. "We look forward to welcoming him to the board and taking advantage of his great skills and intellect as we continue our work of making Marist one of the best institutions of higher education in the nation."

Kothapalli earned a master's in computer science and software development from Marist. He is a recipient of the Marist College Distinguished Alumni Medal, the highest award presented by the College to its graduates.

Kothapalli is one of three brothers—the others are Rajesh Kothapalli '92MS and Vinod Kottapalli '94MS—to earn master's degrees from Marist. Together, the broth-

ers have been generous supporters of the College, most notably through a capital gift toward construction of the Hancock Center, which houses, among other departments and programs, the School of Computer Science and Mathematics.

Prior to founding iSpace, Kothapalli served as vice president and principal of D.P. Specialists, a Los Angeles-based IT services company, which he sold in 1999 to Metro, and also held technology consulting positions with IBM and the New York State Office of Mental Health. He earned his bachelor's in electrical engineering from the Biria Institute of Technology and Science in Pilani, India. ■

8 Students Honored for Internships

MARIST's Center for Career Services has presented its Intern of the Year Award to Aislinne Lutz, a senior criminal justice major with a double minor in psychology and global studies. She received the award at the College's annual Field Experience Recognition Award Ceremony April 24 at the historic Cornell Boathouse.

Given by Marist's Center for Career Services since 1993, the award recognizes a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in experiential education, which includes internships, co-ops, and student teaching assignments.

In addition, seven students representing the academic schools at Marist received intern awards: Paige J. Palermo '13, a fashion merchandising major; Jacquelyn Mucilli '14, communications; Ryan Wallner '13, information technology and systems; Megan Rutkowski '13, English; Chelsea M. Botta '13, business administration; Krista Hammel '13,

environmental science and biology; and Christina Aiuto '14, psychology, elementary and special education.

Lutz, of Glenmont, NY, is a Dean's List student and a member of Alpha Phi Sigma, the national criminal justice honors society. She has participated in five internships: the U.S. Secret Service; National Security Associates WorldWide; Potomac Recruiting; the New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services; and the Albany County Family Court. She is also a member of the Criminal Justice Society, Dance Club, Campus Ministry, and the Marist College Singers.

At the event, Stephen Cole, executive director of the Center for Career Services, presented the 2013 Marist College Intern Employer of the Year Award to Health Quest. The event's keynote speaker was Eben Yager, senior vice president and general manager of the Hudson Valley Renegades. ■



Associate Director of Field Experience Desmond Murray presented the 2013 Marist College Intern of the Year Award to Aislinne Lutz '13 at the annual ceremony recognizing student accomplishment in internships.

Celebrating a Successful



The Campaign for Marist, the College's first comprehensive fundraising campaign, concluded successfully on Dec. 31, 2012, after exceeding its \$150 million goal.

The effort surpassed its goal a year ahead of schedule, reaching a total of \$159,558,240.

"The College is grateful to the more than 14,000 alumni, parents, and friends who supported a wide range of institutional funding priorities throughout the campaign," says President Dennis J. Murray. "Their vital contributions, combined with generous gifts and grants from foundations, corporations, and state and federal government sources, have

had a transformative effect on Marist and helped us solidify our standing as one of the premier colleges in the nation."

The campaign has had a profound impact:

- ◆ A total of 14,388 donors participated, representing many segments of the College community: alumni, trustees, parents, friends, faculty, staff, students, foundations, and corporations.
- ◆ 21 gifts were made of \$1 million or more
- ◆ 41 new endowed scholarships were established
- ◆ 40 existing scholarships were strengthened
- ◆ Marist received the largest gift in its history, an extraordinary \$75 million bequest from the estate of Raymond A. Rich that included the Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion, a historic waterfront estate on 60 acres in Esopus, NY, and \$10 million in cash to enable the development of the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development
- ◆ The campaign supported a variety of important capital projects: the Hancock Center, Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field, the Lower Fulton Townhouses, a pedestrian walkway under Route 9, gates at each campus entrance, new chemistry labs, restoration of the historic Cornell Boathouse, and major upgrades and an addition to the James J. McCann Recreation Center
- ◆ New research funds and faculty positions were established (please see the story on the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Chair in Hudson River Valley History on page 9)
- ◆ Support was generated for special collections the Reese Papers and the Lowell Thomas Papers, which contain historic, unique films, documents, and artifacts
- ◆ Funding is bolstering the work of Marist's premier centers of excellence, the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, the Investment Center, and the Hudson River Valley Institute
- ◆ Prestigious grants from federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation provided funding in several areas of need including technology infrastructure.

Board of Trustees Chair Ellen Hancock says the campaign has made a significant contribution to the College not only in terms



Campaign



A series of campaign celebrations began in February 2013 at LaPlaya Beach & Golf Resort in Naples, FL. Guests included **1** Trustee John O'Shea, Jim Joyce '74, **2** Tom and Ann Wade, Jephtha Lanning '53, President Dennis Murray, Joan Lanning, and Barbara LaPietra. Next was a party in March in Marist's **3** McCann Center Arena in Poughkeepsie. Guests included **4** Colleen Kollar '16, Nicholas Cipriano '16, Brianna Tierney '16, Abigail Sauers '16, Abigail Baughman '15, and Anthony David Izzo '11M. In April the celebration continued with **5** a cocktail reception and dinner at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. Guests included **6** Madeline Nick, Nicholas Bayer '16, Board of Trustees Chair Ellen Hancock, Natalie Nick '13, **7** Michael Sterchak '07, Loren and David Skrodanes '83, Marie (Esperancilla) Wicks '86, Brian and Maria Gordon Shydlo '87, **8** Trustee Mark Dennis and his wife, Gisella, Trustee Chris McCann '83 and his wife, Kathy (Ferry) '83, Rob Powers '84, **9** Marilyn Murray, and Trustee Susan Cohen.

of buildings and grounds but also scholarships and grants. "The board was very much involved in the process, and we are pleased that we went past the goal, which is an indication of the passion and the clarity of intention that the board showed."

"The idea behind philanthropy is that it's not buildings, it's not hardware, it's not assets," says Trustee Rob Dyson. "What you're doing in philanthropy is you're supporting people. And in supporting people it may take assets, it may take buildings."

An initial quiet phase raised \$45 million toward the campaign's \$75 million goal through leadership from trustees, alumni, parents, and friends of the College. The campaign was publicly launched in 2007 at a reception in New York City. Following the

bequest from Raymond A. Rich in 2009, the goal was doubled to \$150 million.

Trustee Tim Brier '69, who chaired the campaign, was one of the first to make a gift. "Marist is a very important institution to me," he says. "It's where I learned the skills that I've used during my career and my journey through life. It's where the values that I've adopted were refined and reinforced. And it's where I made a lot of lasting relationships that have been very important to me throughout my life. So from my perspective, it's important to give back to the institution, to provide for those who come after us the same opportunities."

"The campaign has established tremendous momentum for Marist's development effort, the impact of which will be felt long

into the future," says Chris DelGiorno '88, Marist's vice president for college advancement. "The considerable outpouring of support from all areas of the Marist community has been incredibly gratifying, and I look forward with great enthusiasm to the exciting opportunities awaiting the College in the years ahead."

The end of the campaign doesn't mean the end of exciting developments at Marist. A new academic building, now under construction at a cost of more than \$30 million, will house the College's music program. The project also includes renovation of the Nelly Goletti Theatre, student activities space, public areas of the Student Center, and the dining hall. ■

Goldman Sachs-Duet Family Technology Scholarship Fund Established at Marist



Don Duet '88, Goldman Sachs' global chief operating officer of the Technology Division

MARIST HAS RECEIVED a significant gift from Goldman Sachs Gives to fund full, four-year scholarships for three outstanding members of the Class of 2018 to study computer science or information technology and systems.

The \$336,000 gift from the global investment firm's donor-advised fund was made at the recommendation of Don Duet '88, Goldman Sachs' global chief operating officer of the Technology Division. It will be used to establish the Goldman Sachs-Duet Family Technology Scholarship Fund at Marist College. In addition to scholarship funds, students will be mentored by Goldman Sachs technology executives and have opportunities for summer employment with the firm.

"Marist provided me with a top-quality education that has served me well in life and, in particular, my career," Duet says. "This gift from Goldman Sachs Gives will give students from underrepresented groups who have financial need access to the same education and experiences that have served me so well.

"From my vantage point at Goldman Sachs, I see an ever-greater need for graduates in STEM majors (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) who have a

deep understanding of these complex fields," Duet says. "My hope is that these scholarships will support just that kind of higher learning."

In recent months, Duet has lectured at Marist's Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development on "Leadership in Technology" and addressed an overflow crowd of students on campus about the future of cloud computing.

"We are very grateful to Goldman Sachs Gives and to Don for this gift and for his involvement with Marist," says President Dennis J. Murray. "Marist places great importance on preparing students with the professional and leadership skills needed to succeed personally and professionally.

"This gift will open a world of educational opportunities to students who would not

otherwise be able to afford a Marist education, and by increasing the diversity of our student body, it will make Marist a better institution."

In its structure and mission, the Goldman Sachs-Duet Family Technology Scholarship Fund will be closely aligned with Marist's current National Science Foundation-funded technology scholarships. The NSF program brought a diverse and

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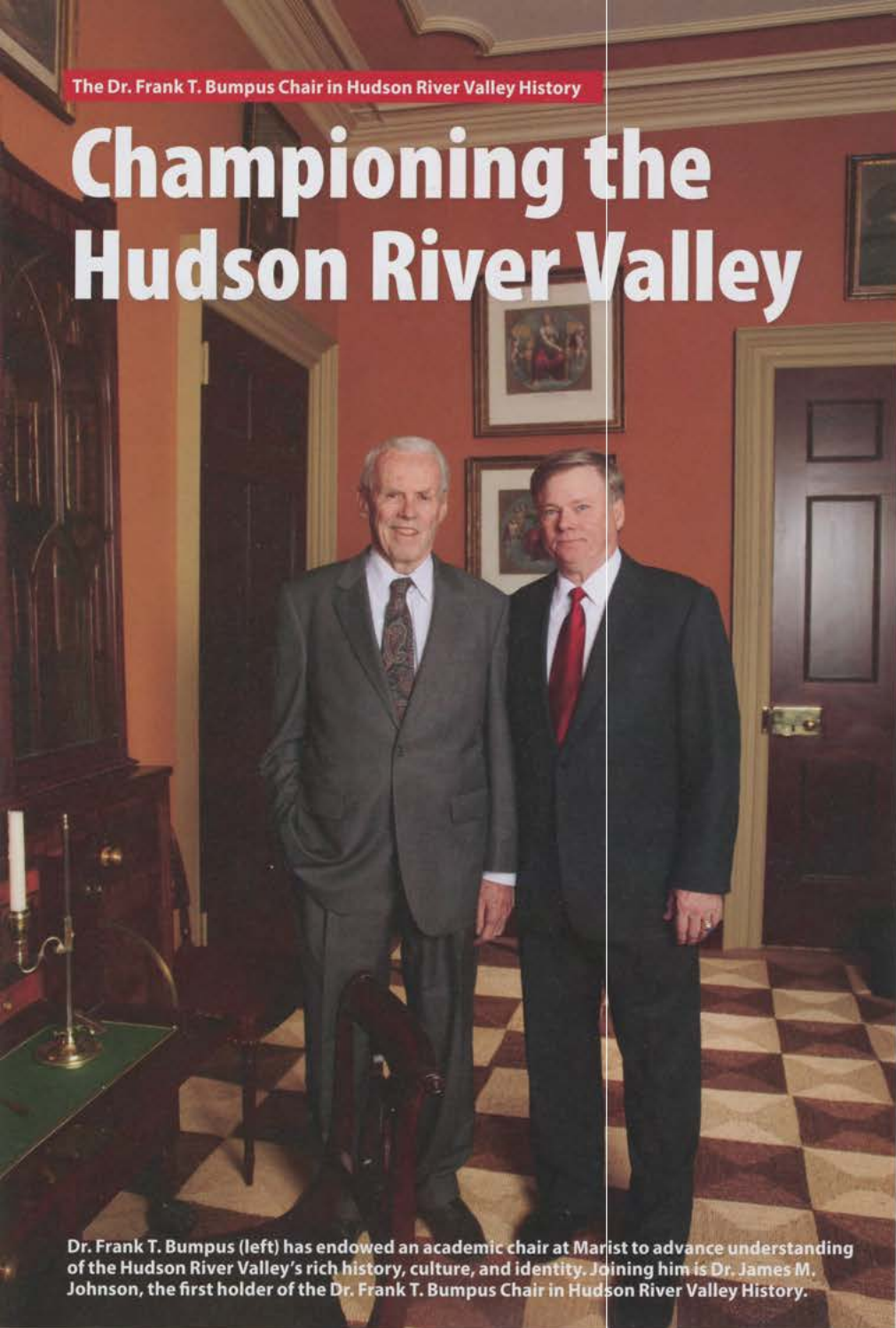
talented cohort of 12 students from eight states to Marist in 2010 and provided them with full, four-year scholarships. In addition, these students, now in their junior year, benefit from an extensive support network of advisors and mentors and access to internship opportunities with many of the College's Fortune 500 corporate partners. ■

Honoring H. Todd and Beverly Brinckerhoff



Marist recently dedicated the H. Todd and Beverly Brinckerhoff Conference Room in the Hudson River Valley Institute's headquarters in Fontaine Hall. The Brinckerhoffs were founding supporters of HRVI and had a deep commitment to the regional studies center's mission of preserving and promoting the rich history and culture of the Hudson River Valley. Todd was a longtime Marist trustee and founding chair of HRVI's advisory board. Above, Barbara Teed (left) and Mary Brinckerhoff are shown with President Dennis J. Murray at the ceremony honoring their parents.

Championing the Hudson River Valley



Dr. Frank T. Bumpus (left) has endowed an academic chair at Marist to advance understanding of the Hudson River Valley's rich history, culture, and identity. Joining him is Dr. James M. Johnson, the first holder of the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Chair in Hudson River Valley History.

DR. FRANK T. BUMPUS, a longstanding member of the Hudson River Valley Institute's advisory board, has made a significant gift to Marist to elevate the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Professorship in Hudson River Valley History to the status of an endowed chair. Dr. James M. Johnson, an internationally recognized expert on the American Revolution in the Hudson River Valley and member of the Marist faculty since 2000, has been appointed the first holder of the Bumpus Chair.

"We are very grateful that Frank Bumpus—true to his family's laudable tradition of supporting education—has made

Marist a focus of his commitment to preserve and promote the rich history of the Hudson River Valley," says President Dennis J. Murray. "This academic chair, and the excellent teaching, scholarship, and public dialogue it creates, will widen knowledge and understanding throughout the country and the world about our historically significant region of America.

"Frank has our great thanks for his exceptional generosity and the impact it has on advancing academic excellence at Marist and promoting HRVI as a nationally recognized regional studies center. We are honored to have our educational mission forever linked

with one of the great champions of the Hudson River Valley."

To be held by a noted historian, this permanently funded academic post in the School of Liberal Arts advances study and scholarship related to the Hudson River Valley's history and culture. In addition to teaching undergraduate courses, the Bumpus Chair delivers public lectures under HRVI's auspices and directs and produces scholarship on topics about the Hudson River Valley for dissemination through HRVI's digital library, its journal *The Hudson River Valley Review*, and published articles and monographs.

"We are incredibly proud to have the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Chair in Hudson River Valley History at Marist," says Dr. Thomas Wermuth, academic vice president and dean of faculty. "We thank Dr. Bumpus for his leadership in making this eminent position possible. Dr. Jim Johnson is a first-rate historian and incomparable advocate for the Hudson River Valley, and his appointment sets the standard for future holders of the Bumpus Chair."

Johnson graduated from the U.S. Military Academy and holds MA and PhD degrees in history from Duke and an MA in national security and strategic studies from the Naval War College. A retired colonel in the U.S. Army, his 30 years of service include active duty in Germany and Korea and at the Pentagon as well as 15 years on the West Point faculty and as head of its military history program. An author and editor of books and numerous scholarly and popular essays and articles on the War for Independence in the Hudson River Valley, he has taught courses at Marist on the region and military history for the past 13 years.

In 2002 Johnson co-founded the Hudson River Valley Institute and has served as its executive director ever since. He is the long-standing Military Historian of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. His leadership in preserving and promoting American history in the valley extends to the Fort Montgomery State Historic Site, the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor at New Windsor Cantonment, and the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail, among many projects. His numerous honors include the Chevalier dans l'Ordre des Palmes Academiques from the government of France; the U.S. Army's Legion of Merit twice; the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution's Medal of Honor and Bronze Good Citizenship Medal; and the Sons of the American Revolution's Silver Good Citizenship Medal. ■

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The Taj Mahal was one of many places Jocelyn Espinal '14 visited while studying in Pune, India, on her Gilman Scholarship.

THIS SPRING brought not only April showers but the welcome announcements that Marist College students had been awarded Fulbright U.S. Student Program grants and a Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship. The prestigious awards are federally funded and extremely competitive.

The news followed the announcement in January that Marist students had won some of the fashion industry's most prestigious awards, the YMA Fashion Scholarship Foundation (FSF) Geoffrey Beene National Scholarship Awards, including one of its top honors. This past fall, two Marist students were awarded the Freeman Award for Study in Asia (Freeman-ASIA), and two received the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

Promoting such opportunities for students is part of Marist's strategic plan. Since 2004 the College has had a full-time graduate school and fellowship advisor, Pat Taylor, within the Center for Career Services who guides students through the rigors of applying for federally funded scholarships.

The process of applying is itself meaningful, says Taylor, as students articulate in the scholarship application their most closely held values and goals. "The ability to do that is one that pays off repeatedly in every other competitive application a student might face: for other scholarship opportunities; for graduate school; for employment.

"The Fulbright, the Gilman, and the Freeman-ASIA all reflect our country's need to cultivate young Americans with a genuine sophistication about other countries' cultures, political systems, and languages," Taylor notes. "All students returning from these studies or research experiences come back with a level of maturity and depth that goes well beyond what they initially expected. In their professional careers, these insights benefit not just the scholarship recipient, but all of us."

Further, the demanding screening process ensures that the students receiving these awards are good ambassadors for the United States. "These students contribute their unique skills and personalities in other countries, while creating mini-alliances and small international communities abroad. Where U.S. intentions or practices have been most scrutinized, these students are by no means insignificant forces for change."



Goldwater Scholar Matthew Ruis (center), shown with Associate Professor of Environmental Science Zofia Gagnon, one of his faculty research advisers, and James W. DuMond Jr., dean of the School of Science, will conduct a research project this summer focusing on the impacts of replacing the Tappan Zee Bridge on the beds and habitat of nearby oysters in the Hudson River.



Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship

WHEN SOPHOMORE MATTHEW RUIS was a child growing up in Monroe, NY, some 40 miles southwest of Poughkeepsie, his grandfather took him to the Hudson River for his first fishing trip. His catch that day consisted only of a length of cable and an old boot, but as far as his love for the Hudson, he was hooked.

Now a dual major in environmental science and biology, Ruis's interest in protecting the health of the Hudson River inspired a research proposal that has earned him a prestigious and highly competitive Goldwater Scholarship, the nation's top award for undergraduates planning to pursue careers in science, math, and engineering.

Ruis is the fourth Marist student in eight years to win a Goldwater Scholarship. He plans to ultimately pursue a PhD in environmental toxicology, focusing on the effect of manmade toxins on ecosystems.

Concerned about the potential environmental impact of the planned replacement

for the Tappan Zee Bridge, Ruis will conduct research this summer into the effects that different riverbed substrates have on the health of oyster populations. Specifically, his research project will focus on the impacts of replacing the Tappan Zee Bridge on the beds and habitat of nearby oysters in the Hudson River.

From the time he learned of the Goldwater program and decided to develop a proposal, Ruis says, "I knew I wanted to do something on the Hudson River." His focus turned to the potential impacts of the new Tappan Zee Bridge after he learned that the bridge plan calls for dredging as many as 13 acres of riverbed in what is critical oyster habitat. Vice President for Academic Affairs Thomas Wermuth, a Hudson River Valley historian and a member of New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo's panel reviewing designs for the new bridge, gave Ruis a copy of *The Big Oyster*, Mark Kurlansky's book on the oyster's central role in the early history of New York City. The book further deepened Ruis's interest in the importance of oysters to the Hudson River.

Ruis has already conducted research on the Marist campus focused on mitigating the growth of the invasive Japanese

Knotweed; at the Mohonk Preserve's Daniel Smiley Research Center in New Paltz; and, under the supervision of Associate Professor of Environmental Science Zofia Gagnon, on silver nanoparticle absorption in *Sphagnum magellanicum* taken from a bog in Rhinebeck.

This year, 271 Goldwater Scholars were selected from a field of 1,107 mathematics, science, and engineering students, virtually all of whom have the PhD as their long-term academic goal, according to the Goldwater Foundation that oversees the awards. Awards are made on the basis of merit to students who have outstanding potential and who intend to pursue careers in math, the natural sciences, or engineering. The one- and two-year scholarships cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and room and board up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year. The foundation is a federally endowed agency established in 1986. Since its first award in 1989, the foundation has bestowed more than 6,550 scholarships.



Fulbright U.S. Student Program Scholarship

FOR A COLLEGE STUDENT, finding your career path—that place where all your interests dovetail—is not always easy. Marist senior Heather Ayvazian of Franklin, MA, enjoys photography, film, Web design, graphic design, animation, art, teaching, and travel. Yet she shines at math: she

tutors fellow college students in calculus and has been helping classmates with math ever since she was in sixth grade. “I love math,” she says simply.

For her, the place where her interests coalesce is digital media, a field where she excels in, among other things, writing code for Web sites. She is majoring in digital media, with a minor in photography.



Heather Ayvazian '13 will teach English in Malaysia next year on a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant.



The YMA FSF Geoffrey Beene National Scholarship Awards

IN JANUARY, when the stars of the New York fashion world gathered at the Waldorf Astoria to honor industry leaders present and future, Marist students were front and center.

The YMA FSF Geoffrey Beene National Scholarship Awards, among the industry's most prestigious competitions, drew entries from the country's top 41 fashion and business programs, including Harvard, the Fashion Institute of Technology, and the Savannah College of Art and Design.

By night's end, Marist students had captured six \$5,000 scholarships, one \$10,000 scholarship, and one of only four \$30,000 Geoffrey Beene Scholarship awards, which went to Nicole Rodgers, a junior fashion design major from Byfield, MA.

To succeed in the scholarship competition, students had to demonstrate both fashion and business savvy in a case study that called for the creation of a pop-up shop for a fashion retailer that incorporates the latest technology. Scholarships were awarded based entirely on merit, taking into consideration the applicants' GPAs, the completion of a case study project, a personal essay detailing their aspirations, job experience, community service, and how the scholarship money would be spent, and an interview with a YMA Fashion Scholarship Foundation (FSF) Ambassador.

“I could not be more pleased with the hard work and well-earned success of our students and the superb mentoring of these students by the fashion faculty,” says Fashion Program Director Radley Cramer. “These students will become the next leaders of the fashion industry.”

Marist winners were: Maria Catalano, a sophomore fashion design major from Collegeville, PA; Kellie-Anne Cerini, a junior fashion design major from Nesconset, NY; Philippa Hatch, a junior fashion design and fashion merchandising double major from Middletown, MD; Jill Hub, a sophomore fashion design major from Pompton Plains, NJ; Dana Liu, a junior fashion design major from Northport, NY; Paige Palermo, a senior fashion merchandising major from Saugus, MA, who won \$10,000 in recognition for being one of the top six applicants with the highest overall rating on their proposals; MARRISA WILSON, a sophomore fashion design major from Howell, NJ; and Rodgers.

Rodgers has studied in two European fashion capitals (Florence and Paris) and interned at two top fashion houses (Kenneth Cole and Donna Karan).

“I chose Marist because of the great opportunities it presents,” Rodgers says. “What sets Marist apart from other fashion schools is the well-rounded liberal arts education that fashion students are receiving along with their degrees.”

Marist faculty and senior College administrators joined Marist fashion students at the YMA FSF Geoffrey Beene National Scholarship Awards Dinner at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City. Marist students won eight awards, including one of four top prizes, a \$30,000 scholarship, which went to Nicole Rodgers (back row, fourth from right).



with a level of maturity and depth that goes well beyond what they initially expected.

At the same time, she is starting down another path: in January 2014 she will travel on a Fulbright U.S. Student Program scholarship to Malaysia to spend nine months teaching English to middle or high school students. The grant will provide her with plane tickets, housing, and a stipend. She is the 10th Marist student or graduate to receive the highly competitive Fulbright since 2003-04. She was one of 9,424 applicants for 1,824 awards.

The Fulbright is the flagship international educational exchange program sponsored by the U.S. government, designed to increase mutual understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries. The primary source of funding for the Fulbright Program is an annual appropriation made by the U.S. Congress to the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. Participating governments and host institutions, corporations, and foundations in foreign countries and in the United States also provide support. Recipients of Fulbright grants are selected on the basis of academic or professional achievement as well as demonstrated leadership potential in their fields. The program operates in more than 155 countries.

Ayvazian is already an experienced traveler and teacher; in summer 2011 she volunteered in Ghana for three weeks, teaching children through the organization Ghana ACT (Alliance for Community Transformations). She spent a semester of her junior year studying and volunteering as an English teacher in Florence, Italy, through Marist International Programs. This summer, after graduating from Marist, she will return to Ghana for five weeks. Starting at the age of 14 and continuing at Marist, she has served as a tutor in math, English, and Spanish.

Throughout high school and college, she has spent summers and breaks working at CVS drugstores. "I have a long career at CVS!" she grins, adding that she enjoys working there. One of her duties there is working in its photo lab.

Ultimately she hopes to put her digital media skills and passion for teaching and travel to work for a nonprofit with an international focus. She has never been to Asia and thinks the Fulbright experience will be awesome.

"I'm psyched. I'm so excited. I can't wait!"



Philip Lopez '13 will teach English in Vietnam on a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant.



Fulbright U.S. Student Program Scholarship

IN EARLY MAY, Marist received word that another student had been awarded a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant. Philip Lopez will be traveling to Vietnam in August to teach English for nine months. Lopez, of Bridgewater, NJ, is a senior with a dual major: business administration with an emphasis on emerging economies, and political science/public affairs. He is minoring in global studies.

Although he doesn't yet know where in Vietnam the Fulbright will send him, he is delighted to be returning to the country where he spent the spring of his junior year. "It really changed my life forever."

During that semester, he took classes on the language, economy, culture, politics, and environment of Vietnam through Loyola University College at Ho Chi Minh City University of Social Sciences and Humanities. He also taught English at the university.

When not in class, he volunteered with a nongovernmental organization, Helping Hand Saigon, where he led English classes for young children. He spent his spring break

visiting Cambodia and later traveled to Bali, Indonesia, as well as to Japan, Thailand, and Nepal.

Ever since leaving Vietnam, he has wanted to go back. He talked with his professors and others about how he could make it happen. He then sought advice from the Center for Career Services, where Executive Director Stephen Cole and Pat Taylor steered him toward applying for the Fulbright.

Lopez originally was inspired to travel by his family. His father taught English in Japan, he says, and his sister did biological research in Ghana. His long-term goal is to work for a multinational company, NGO, or a U.S. government agency in a position involving global travel.



A French Government English Teaching Assistantship will send Devin Lamar '12 to France this fall.

French Government English Teaching Assistantship



POUGHKEEPSIE NATIVE Devin Lamar '12 has wanted to live in France since he was in seventh grade. Soon, at age 23, he will be doing it, thanks to a French Government English Teaching Assistantship.

From Oct. 1, 2013, to April 1, 2014, he will live in France—the exact location yet to be determined—where he will teach English to

middle and high school students.

Lamar was selected for the grant by the Institute of International Education's National Screening Committee, which recommends U.S. students for Department of State-funded Fulbright grants and other grants sponsored by foreign governments, universities, and private donors. His award, which came as a result of his application for a Fulbright U.S. Student Program grant, will cover a salary, health insurance, and housing.

He was one of 182 applicants for Fulbright English Teaching Assistantships in France. Six of these were awarded, and the Institute of International Education ranked the remaining applicants for consideration by the French government for its 50 assistantships.

"It's been pretty much unbelievable, like a dream," he says. "I'm ecstatic."

Lamar believes his dream of living in France was inspired by his violin studies. He has played violin since third grade, learning the works of French as well as German, Italian, and Russian composers. "I was just obsessed with music," he says.

He recalls what his father often said to him: "If you want to go to Europe so badly, make it happen." So, after transferring from Dutchess Community College to Marist, he spent his first Marist semester studying in Paris at the Sorbonne. His father's words again echoed in his head when Pat Taylor suggested he apply for a Fulbright grant.

Lamar already has extensive teaching and tutoring experience. He is the first Marist graduate to earn a dual major in French and history with certification in both for adolescent education. He has served two student-teaching internships, in Marlboro Central Schools and Red Hook Central Schools. He has tutored in French and history since age 15 at his own high school, Spackenkill, and he also has taught violin since then.

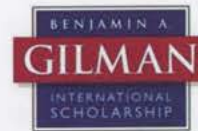
Currently he is a teaching assistant at Astor Services for Children and Families in Rhinebeck, NY. He works there six days a week and spends the seventh working as a lifeguard at a local pool. When he completes the assistantship he plans to pursue a master's in special education.

Lamar says his parents greatly influenced him in fulfilling his dream. "My parents helped motivate me to get this done."

Jocelyn Espinal took courses in Hindi, Indian history, international relations, media studies, and comparative religion.



Alirio Gonzalez '14, shown at La Puerta de Alcala in Madrid, studied Spanish, film, language, government, and literature in Madrid thanks to a Gilman Scholarship.



Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarships

A SCHOLARSHIP also made the dream of going abroad come true for Jocelyn Espinal of Brooklyn, NY, and Alirio Gonzalez of Rhinebeck, NY. In 2012 they were each awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship. Since 2004, Marist has had nine Gilman scholars.

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

The goal of the Gilman is to diversify the kinds of students who study abroad and the countries and regions where they go. The Gilman Program awards more than 2,300 scholarships annually. In 10 years it has received more than 31,000 applications and awarded more than 8,800 scholarships to students enrolled in nearly 950 U.S. institutions.

With support from the scholarship, Espinal, a junior communications and advertising major with a minor in fashion merchandising, studied in Pune, in the state of Maharashtra, India, this past spring, taking courses in Hindi, Indian history, international relations, media studies, and comparative religion. She says the scholarship has made her feel as though she has wings. "I don't hesitate when I have free time from school and academic commitments to take a trip within India. I feel financially supported and don't have to think twice about going to a museum, a fort, and other monuments with entrance fees. I feel free to try new foods and travel to other regions of India." She visited Rajasthan, Agra, Delhi, and New Delhi in northern India and Bombay and Goa in southern India and ventured to Phuket, Thailand, during her spring break.

"This scholarship really made my dream a reality and made my abilities abroad endless. I hope to encourage other eligible students to apply for the Gilman Scholarship. I also hope to encourage others to explore India."

A Gilman also supported Alirio Gonzalez's studies in Madrid this past spring.



"Now, as I sit here, looking at the city line of Seoul, I can say I finally feel complete. I have always felt like there was a part of myself that was missing—a part of me that I didn't know. After traveling to Seoul, experiencing the culture, meeting other Koreans, and meeting my birth family, I think I can finally say that I feel like I am whole. If it weren't for the Freeman-ASIA Scholarship, this wouldn't have been possible."

—Kristen O'Brien

Juniors Kristen (left) and Allison O'Brien view the Seoul, South Korea, skyline.

A pre-law junior majoring in English and philosophy, he took courses in Spanish film, language, government, and literature at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. He feels fortunate to have been able to travel within Spain to Barcelona, Granada, Toledo, and Salamanca and outside of Spain to Portugal, Morocco, England, France, Belgium, and Italy.

"Winning the Gilman Scholarship means that all my efforts in life and at Marist have a value for which I am exceedingly grateful. It means having the opportunity to live a life in Madrid where I can experience things entirely unfamiliar to me while also having the opportunity to grow as a person by way of such experiences. Ultimately it means that there is always a way to attain one's goals, as far reaching as they may at first appear."



Freeman-ASIA Scholarships

FOR JUNIORS Kristen and Allison O'Brien, identical twins from Islip Terrace, NY, the Freeman-ASIA Scholarship was profoundly life-changing.

"Without this scholarship, it wouldn't have been possible for me to travel abroad," writes Kristen, an English major double-minoring in music and global studies, in an e-mail from Seoul, South Korea. "The Freeman-ASIA Scholarship has been an amazing once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for me! I am also lucky because this is the last semester that students receive the scholarship."

From 2001 to 2009, Freeman-ASIA supported more than 4,000 U.S. undergraduates from more than 600 institutions in their study abroad plans in East and Southeast Asia. With funding from the Freeman Foundation, the private nonprofit Institute of International Education relaunched the Freeman-ASIA Program for two academic years, beginning in summer 2011.

Marist has produced 10 Freeman-ASIA scholars since 2006. The spring 2013 recipients will be the last awardees as the Freeman Foundation funded the program only until summer 2013.

"I feel even luckier, because not only did I receive the scholarship, but my sister did as well," says Kristen. "This only further convinced me that traveling to South Korea was fate for us.

"Allison and I were born in Seoul, South Korea, and we were adopted," she says. "We've always wanted to return to Korea, to see our birth land, but due to financial circumstances, that was impossible.

"It's ironic that about 20 years ago, we were making an unexpected journey to America," she says. "Now, 20 years later, we are making another unexpected journey, but this time we are in Seoul, South Korea. I have literally thrown myself into the unknown, journeying to a country halfway across the world, making a journey that I never thought I'd make."

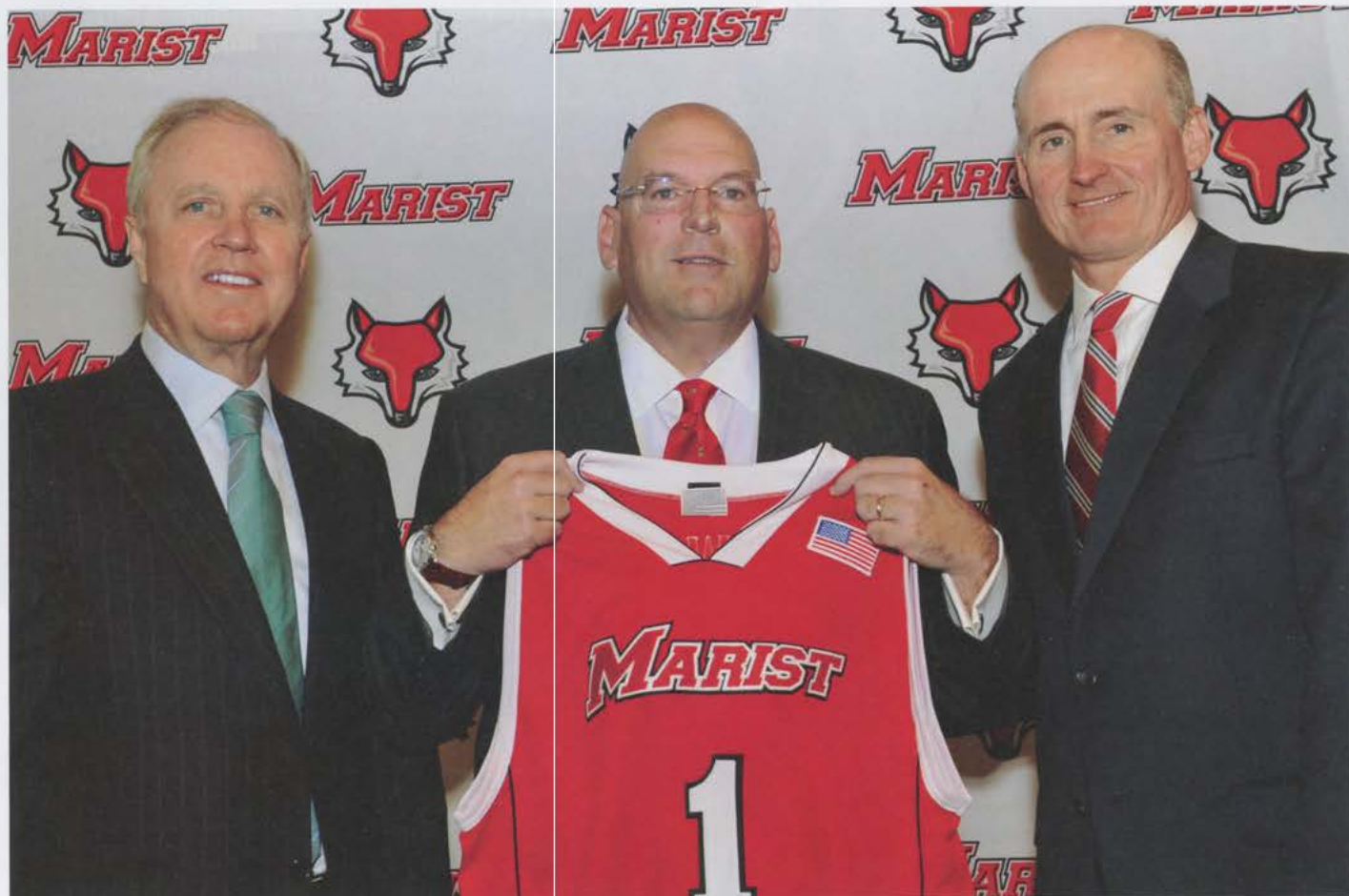
"Freeman-ASIA has given me the chance to reconnect with my roots, while also experiencing a culture entirely different from my own," says Allison, a graphic design major. "Initially I had a bit of a culture shock, more

because I had not traveled very far before, and suddenly I was halfway around the world. I've never been away from my parents for very long, so I was glad to have my sister with me."

Soon she would have more family with her. "After a couple of weeks of being in Seoul, Kristen and I finally met with our birth mother and sister in Hongdae at the Eastern Child Welfare Center," Allison writes in an e-mail from Seoul. "The experience was unreal. It was amazing to see how similar our sister looked, and we learned that we inherited our artistic ability from our birth father. Our sister, Hyerin, majored in graphic design, aiming for the same type of career as me. She has the same bad eyesight, uneven teeth, and even the habit of walking with her foot turned slightly in like Kristen. We see our sister often, sharing the same love of music and art. Although there is a bit of a language barrier, it feels completely comfortable; she's the sister we never knew."

"Studying abroad is an amazing opportunity, and for me it has been more than just experiencing another culture," says Allison, who plans to return to South Korea to teach English after graduating. "I've found a part of me that I never knew I had."

"I have always felt like there was a part of myself that was missing—a part of me that I didn't know," adds Kristen. "After traveling to Seoul, experiencing the culture, meeting other Koreans, and meeting my birth family, I think I can finally say that I feel like I am whole. If it weren't for the Freeman-ASIA Scholarship, this wouldn't have been possible." ■



President Dennis J. Murray (left) and Director of Athletics Tim Murray (far right) officially welcomed Jeff Bower (center) as head coach of the Marist men's basketball team at a press conference April 15 in the Cabaret.

Jeff Bower Named Men's Basketball Coach

ON APRIL 10, Jeff Bower was named the 10th men's basketball head coach in Marist College history.

For Bower, it was a chance to return to a school where he gained a tremendous amount of experience fairly early in his career. He worked for nine years at Marist, serving from 1986 to 1990 as assistant coach and 1990 to 1995 as associate head coach of the men's basketball team. During his tenure, he was on the bench for the Red Foxes' 1987 NCAA Tournament appearance. He also aided in the development of Rik Smits '88, who became the second overall selection in the 1988 NBA Draft by the Indiana Pacers.

Bower, who also was an assistant coach at Penn State for three years, went on to work for the NBA's Charlotte/New Orleans Hornets for 15 years. In his time with the organization, he held a multitude of jobs: general manager, head coach, director of player personnel, assistant general manager, assistant coach, director of scouting, and

advance scout. For the past three years, he served as a consultant to various NBA teams as well as the NBA league office.

Under Bower's leadership, the Hornets enjoyed their best season in franchise history in 2007-08. New Orleans won its only division title, set a franchise record with 56 regular-season wins, and advanced to the Western Conference semifinals, where the team took the San Antonio Spurs to seven games.

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BY MIKE FERRARO '01

Mike Ferraro '01 is Marist's sports information director.

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"I was happy," said junior forward Jay Bowie, who was one of the team's captains this past season. "His résumé speaks for itself. He's had so many years in the NBA and college already, and he seems like he really knows his stuff, so I'm glad he's here."

A press conference to introduce Bower was held in the Cabaret in the College's Student Center on April 15. The well-attended gathering included Marist administrators and coaches, media members from multiple outlets, alumni, fans, and members of the men's basketball team.

"The challenge is to build on the team's current positives, focus on the things we can do better," Bower said at the press conference. "I think that I can step in and help them be better, help them get to those levels and places that they seek. We aim to fulfill

and maximize the potential of our student-athletes and to put them in situations to be successful.

"The challenge off the court is to reinvigorate the community. This community loves basketball; they want to be a part of basketball on those nights in November, December, and through March. We have to bring back that feeling of excitement to the community."

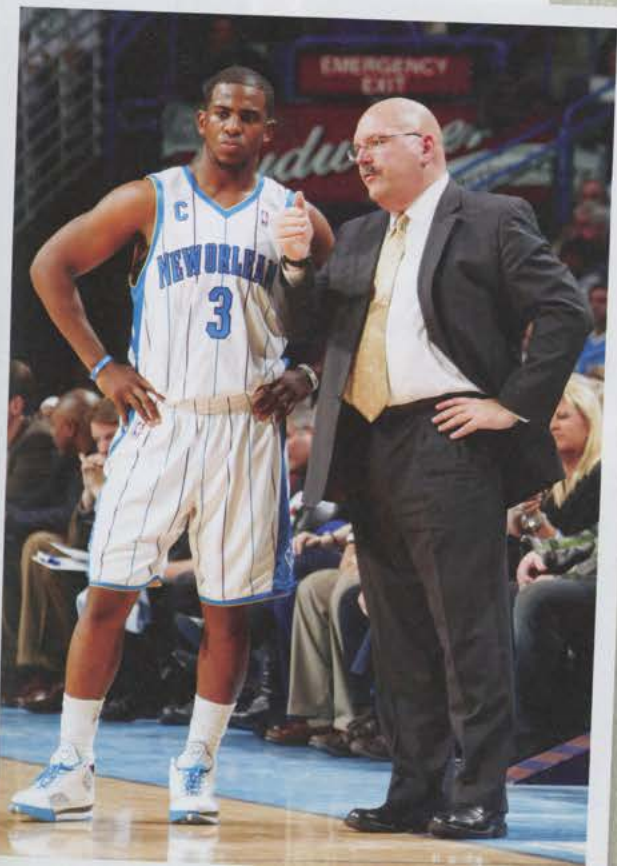
Marist Director of Athletics Tim Murray worked alongside Bower as an assistant coach from 1986 to 1989 and believes Bower is a natural fit for the position. Murray stated at the press conference that "we have expectations to win championships" and thinks Bower is the right person to accomplish the goal based on his basketball acumen and his belief in the institution.

"He has top-notch ability to coach and to evaluate talent," Murray said. "He brings credibility to our program and on the recruiting trail. Jeff understands Marist's ideals and values."

With nine years of prior experience at the school, Bower returns to Marist with memories of what makes the college special. "We want student-athletes who fit the profile of a winner, who understand the academic standards of Marist, and who understand the value of hard work and the importance of following through," Bower said. "They should be prepared to be successful."

"When I spoke with my friends and colleagues, both professionally and collegiately, they all said, 'You hit a home run. That's a great place and a great situation.'" ■

Jeff Bower talks with NBA All-Star Chris Paul.



What They're Saying About Jeff Bower

"I loved him as an assistant coach. We worked closely together on post moves. We worked out a lot of early mornings. As a kid, I was not a morning person, but he convinced me to get up early, and it sure paid off. He's a very insightful guy, very smart, and he loves the game and studies it. He's an all-around good guy and good coach. I'm glad to see he's back at Marist, and I think it will really help Marist."

—Rik Smits *Marist College and Indiana Pacers Center; Second Overall Pick, 1988 NBA Draft; NBA All-Star, 1998*

"I'm thrilled for Jeff and Marist College. I know how strongly he feels about the school and community. They are getting a great coach, leader, and person. Jeff is not only a great teacher, he also has the unique ability to communicate and motivate each individual player to help them reach and achieve their maximum potential."

—Tom Thibodeau *Head Coach, Chicago Bulls; 2011 NBA Coach of the Year*

"Jeff is a brilliant basketball coach who has held every conceivable job in the NBA, which makes him an astute hire for Marist College. His background is unique, but I don't think he has ever forgotten his roots at Marist. I think he's going to combine the knowledge he gathered in the NBA with his passion for Marist College, and make them a perennial contender in the MAAC."

—Jeff Van Gundy *NBA Television Analyst; Former NBA Head Coach—New York Knicks, Houston Rockets*

"What a great hire! Jeff is a great basketball guy. He was as knowledgeable at what he did as anyone in the NBA, and a tremendous talent evaluator. He's a great coach who I think players will love playing for. The kids who decide to play at Marist will have a tremendous advantage because Jeff knows what it takes to be a great player. He's been around the best of the best."

—Stan Van Gundy *Former NBA Head Coach—Miami Heat, Orlando Magic*

"I think Jeff is a fantastic coach, and he's a great hire. He brings a lot of real-world experience at the highest level, and I think he's going to bring us back to where we should be. He definitely helped me both personally and professionally. He has a great way about teaching the fundamentals. He's very patient, and he worked with me as I developed. He put in a lot of hours with me, and it showed."

—Alan Tomidy *Marist College Center; Program's Single-Season Record Holder, Rebounds (11.3 per game, 1995-96)*

"I'm ecstatic with the hiring of Jeff Bower as the head men's basketball coach at Marist College. I've never seen anyone more meticulous and organized. Hopefully he will bring some of the magic he had with the Hornets to the men's program. It will be an honor to work with him."

—Brian Giorgis *Head Women's Basketball Coach, Marist College*

"I would like to welcome Jeff and his family back to the Marist College community and the Hudson River Valley. I am confident in his ability to evaluate talent and character given his breadth of experience at the collegiate and NBA levels. Jeff understands Marist's values and the high academic standards that are expected of our student-athletes. Our goal is to win MAAC championships, and we feel that Jeff has both the leadership and management skills to reach this standard."

—Tim Murray *Director of Athletics, Marist College*

Women's Basketball Wins 9th MAAC Title

ANOTHER SEASON has come and gone, and the Marist College women's basketball team won the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) regular-season and tournament championships, advanced to the NCAA Tournament, and played well against a school from a power conference. Sounds like a typical season in Brian Giorgis's tenure as head coach, right?

From a results standpoint, yes. But the journey the Red Foxes had to navigate toward another championship is what made the end result that much sweeter.

Within the first month of the 2012-13 season, the Red Foxes lost two key components to season-ending injuries in 6-foot-3 red-shirt sophomore Tori Jarosz and 6-foot-5 freshman Delaney Hollenbeck. As a result, Marist was forced to deploy more of a perimeter-based attack.

Marist finished the non-conference portion of its schedule with a 5-6 record, but

the true indicators of the Red Foxes' future success lay beneath the wins and losses. Four of their losses came against teams ranked in the top 12 in the country at the time of their match-up: Purdue, eventual national champion Connecticut, Oklahoma, and Kentucky.

The strong competition also gave the Red Foxes the opportunity to come together as a team, one that was constructed a little bit differently than past Marist championship teams. For the first time in six years, Marist did not have the MAAC Player of the Year, or a First Team All-MAAC selection.

What the Red Foxes did have was plenty of Giorgis's coaching, and a selfless group of individuals who embraced the team concept. When conference play began in January, the Red Foxes were poised for another successful run in conference play. The results proved to be staggering.

Marist enjoyed its third perfect conference season in the last six years with an 18-0

record in regular-season play, plus three more victories in the conference tournament. The Red Foxes got stronger as the season went on and were simply dominant coming down the stretch. They set a program record by winning seven straight games by over 20 points—their final four of the regular season, and all three in the MAAC Tournament.

In the MAAC Tournament championship game on March 11, the Red Foxes defeated Iona by a score of 72-48. Senior Elizabeth Beynonn was honored as the tournament's Most Valuable Player.

"They carry a lot of traits that other Marist teams have had in the past," Giorgis said following the game. "They just believe in themselves, and they don't care what anyone else thinks."

Marist drew a number 12 seed in the NCAA Tournament and traveled to College Park, MD, to face fifth-seeded Michigan State of the Big 10 Conference in the first round. In

The women's basketball team won its 10th straight MAAC regular-season championship, eighth straight MAAC Tournament championship, and ninth championship overall.



Women's Swimming and Diving Captures 14th MAAC Championship

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The MAAC Tournament took place in Springfield, MA, home of the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. As part of the weekend's festivities, the MAAC hosted a special ceremony in which two former players from each MAAC school were inducted to the MAAC Honor Roll. Honorees were profiled in a video display within the exhibit "The MAAC Experience" at the Hall of Fame. Marist recognized alumni **Rachele Fitz '10** and **Fred Weiss '66** as its honorees.



The women's swimming and diving program captured its 14th MAAC championship in February 2013. Head Coach Larry VanWagner (back row, far right) earned Women's Swimming Coach of the Year honors, and Associate Head Coach/Diving Coach Melanie Bolstad (back row, second from right) earned Diving Coach of the Year.

a game that was evenly matched throughout, the Spartans pulled away late to win 55-47.

Still, the loss allowed the Red Foxes to reflect on a season of remarkable accomplishments. Marist won 26 games, its 10th straight MAAC regular-season championship, its eighth straight MAAC Tournament championship, and its ninth championship overall. The eight straight conference championships is the longest active streak for any Division I basketball program in the country, men's or women's. The nine MAAC championships are now tied for the most of any program in conference history.

Individually, the Red Foxes earned several accolades as well. They had four selections to the Second and Third All-MAAC teams (Elizabeth Beynnon, Second Team; Casey Dulin, Second Team; Leanne Ockenden, Third Team; Emma O'Connor, Third Team), which set a school record. Ockenden was named MAAC Defensive Player of the Year. Kristina Danella was named Sixth Player of the Year. Sydney Coffey was named to the MAAC All-Rookie Team. And Giorgis was named MAAC Coach of the Year for the seventh time, extending his conference record. ■

Giorgis to Serve on Team USA Staff for World University Games

THE DAY FOLLOWING HIS TEAM'S MAAC Tournament triumph, it was announced that Brian Giorgis was selected to serve as an assistant coach on the USA women's basketball team that will compete in the World University Games this summer. The games

ON FEB. 16, THE MARIST WOMEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING PROGRAM captured its 14th MAAC championship thanks to a dominating team performance.

Marist amassed a total of 801 points, 193 better than second-place Rider. As usually comes with the territory, several Red Foxes brought home individual honors. Senior Kate Conard was named Co-Women's Most Outstanding Swimmer, senior Chelaine Eliazar was named Women's Most Outstanding Diver, Head Coach Larry VanWagner earned Women's Swimming Coach of the Year honors, and Associate Head Coach/Diving Coach Melanie Bolstad earned Diving Coach of the Year.

Conard wrapped up her career—which included MAAC championships in all four years—with 11 individual titles.

For VanWagner, the award provided a fitting bookend to a season that saw him win his 300th career dual meet, which came against Canisius in the season opener on Oct. 20. ■

will be played from July 8 to 15 in Russia and will include teams from 16 countries.

Giorgis and Penn State Head Coach Coquese Washington will serve on the staff of Head Coach Sherri Coale, who is the head coach of the University of Oklahoma women's basketball team. The staff was selected by the USA Basketball Women's Junior National Team Committee and approved by the USA Basketball Board of Directors. ■



Lynn Bassanese '75

Lynn Bassanese '75 Named Director of FDR Presidential Library and Museum

LYNN BASSANESE '75 has been appointed director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum in Hyde Park, NY. The Roosevelt Library is the premier research center in the world for study and research of the Roosevelt era, containing more than 17 million pages of documents including the papers of President and Mrs. Roosevelt and many of their associates.

Bassanese's career at the Roosevelt Library began more

than 40 years ago. While attending Marist, she answered an ad on the College's placement office bulletin board for a part-time archives aide at the library, which is just two miles north of the Marist campus. The following year, she became a full-time office machine operator at the library, copying for researchers and micro-filming collections while continuing to pursue her undergraduate degree part-time. She resigned from the library in January 1976 after earning her bachelor's degree in history and

starting a family in 1975.

Four years later, she returned to the library as an intermittent sales clerk in the museum store. From there her titles included sales operations manager, public affairs specialist, archives specialist, archivist, acting facilities manager, director of public programs, and deputy director. She has served as acting director of the library since February 2011.

Bassanese was instrumental in the design and construction of the site's Henry A. Wallace Visitor Center, which opened in 2003, acting as the contracting officer's representative for the project. She serves in the same capacity for the library's current \$35 million renovation project and leads the team designing new permanent museum exhibits scheduled to open on June 30, 2013. She has received three Archivist Awards for Outstanding Achievement.

She has been married for more than 40 years to John Bassanese '71, U.S. Navy, retired. They have two sons.

In May 2012, Marist awarded Bassanese its Distinguished Alumna Medal, the highest honor presented to a Marist graduate. Marist presents the award to individuals who exemplify the College's ideals: excellence in education, the importance of community, and dedication to service.

She continues to foster ties between Marist and the library and has worked extensively with the College to redesign the library's Web site, which is hosted by Marist. The library and the College have been working together on a major project that will digitize 350,000 pages of microfilmed records and make them accessible on the library's Web site. Marist is one of only six colleges and universities nationwide to be affiliated with a presidential library.

The Roosevelt Library is America's first presidential library, and the only one used by a sitting president. Conceived and built under President Roosevelt's direction and opened to the public in 1941, it is one of 13 presidential libraries administered by the National Archives and Records Administration. ■

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1952

Gus Nolan is working on a PowerPoint presentation on the history and development of Marist.

1964

Bro. Rene Roy is a campus minister at Central Catholic High School in Lawrence, MA. He recently visited former students in Burundi and Rwanda.

1965

Ron Streck and his wife, Patti, welcomed a grandson, Aleksander Francis, son of **Ryan '01/'04MBA** and Ania Streck.

1966

Rocco Pietrofesa is making wine, salami, and sausage and spending time with his grandchildren, Olivia and Jackson. He is also taking part in the Marist football mentor program. "Life is good!" ■ **Alan Schultz** is tending to five grandchildren and still working part time at Kingston Ulster Airport.

1967

James Clancy recently retired. He is spending time with his four grandchildren and catching up with old high school and college friends. ■ **Charles McDermott** is loving retirement in Florida. ■ **Robert Johnson** is planning a bike ride from Florida to Los Angeles in 2014. ■ **Fred Policastro ('88MS)** is enjoying his three grandchildren, traveling, running, hiking, biking, and staying healthy. ■ **Allan Wiehn** and his wife, Fran Pirotta, welcomed their second grandchild, Greta Ava Field.



1968

Donald Brown was named to *Super Lawyers* magazine's list of outstanding lawyers in the greater New York metro area for 2012-2013. ■ **Lawrence Carr** is chairman of the board of trustees for Union Graduate College in Schenectady, NY. ■ **Arthur Jaeger's** daughter, Deborah Lynn, married Alan Horowitz on June 24, 2012. ■ **Dan Kuffner** has stayed active in public service since retiring from the Dutchess County Legislature in December 2011. In January 2012, Dan was appointed to the board of directors of the Coalition Against

Sexual and Domestic Abuse and serves as board treasurer. New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo recently appointed him to the board of trustees of Dutchess Community College for a term lasting through June 2018. Dan lives in Hyde Park with his wife, **Deborah '89/'95MA**. ■ **Thomas Reichert** retired from his special education teaching career. Thomas taught in New York and New Jersey from 1968 until his retirement in June 2012. ■ **Martin Scanlan** retired in March 2012. He has two grandchildren, Thomas and Teagan. ■ **Ed Sulkowski** retired after working 46 years, the past 18 with IFF South Brunswick. Ed is spending his retirement working around the house, traveling with his son, and staying active in the Highlands (NJ) Fire Department. He has been a volunteer firefighter for more than 37 years and has served as department secretary for 34 years. Ed serves as chief of the Fire Police Unit, a training officer, and an incident safety officer while holding a New Jersey Fire Prevention Inspector license. His only regret about retirement is that his wife of 39 years passed away in 2010 and cannot enjoy it with him. ■ **James Zoeller** retired and moved to Alpharetta, GA. James and his wife are enjoying their three sons and their families, who have given them six grandchildren. "Life is good!"

1969

Thomas Casteel sadly lost his wife of over 40 years in August. He misses her dearly. ■ **Steve Johnson** and his wife, Sharon, want to thank the Class of 1969 and the entire Marist community for their support and prayers after the passing of their son, Kevin, in January 2012.

1970

Robert Brown's daughter Erin was recently admitted to the Florida Bar and graduated from college magna cum laude. His daughter Kate is a marketer at Glaceau and Pitts, and his son Connor is a chef. ■ **Bro. Sean Sammon** was elected as a provincial councilor to serve with Bro. Ben Consigli, Marist Brothers' provincial, for the next three years. ■ **Robert Wood** retired from Westfield Insurance in October 2012.

1971

David Gordon's daughter Shaina graduated summa cum laude from the University of Oklahoma and is applying to medical school. David's son David graduated from Oklahoma State University with a BS in mechanical engineering technology and ROTC as a 2nd lieutenant in the National Guard. He works as a site engineer for Schlumberger.

1972

James McLoughlin traveled with a delegation from the Washington,

D.C.-based organization Interfaith Peace Builders to the West Bank in May 2012. The delegation observed events firsthand as part of the organization's mission to raise awareness and deepen understanding of the situation there.



1973

Dr. Dana Delaware retired after teaching for more than 32 years at Truman State University as chair and professor of chemistry. ■ **Rich Freccia** was reelected to the executive board of the New Jersey Association for College Admission Counseling. He is a school counselor at Allentown High School in Monmouth County, NJ. ■ **Bro. Patrick McNamara** was elected as a provincial councilor to serve with Bro. Ben Consigli, Marist Brothers' provincial, for the next three years.

1974

Mark Kleinhans and his wife, Robin, recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

1975

Mike Asip earned his Doctor of Education degree from the College of William and Mary in May 2012. He completed his dissertation, "A Program Evaluation of a School District's Multisensory Reading Initiative," and coursework in the college's educational policy planning and leadership program with a focus on special education leadership. Mike recognized the support of his family in helping him succeed with this achievement. Mike is the director of exceptional education in Chesterfield County Public Schools in suburban Richmond, VA, where he leads initiatives to serve more than 7,100 students with disabilities. Mike and his wife, Leslie, a Chesterfield County gifted-education leader, live with their daughter, Cailin, in Powhatan, VA. Mike's son, Dan, is manager of season ticket service and retention at Madison Square Garden and a 2008 graduate of Muhlenberg College. ■ **Thomas Herman's** son, Aedan, plays lacrosse at Marist. Aedan, a member of the Class of 2013, is following in his father's footsteps as a Marist athlete. ■ **Marie Strack's** son, James, married Melissa on Oct. 3, 2009. Marie lost her husband, Richard, on April 8, 2011.



The flag denotes classes that will celebrate reunions in 2013.

A College Friendship Proves Stronger Than a Storm



JeanMarie Haggerty '08 and Matt Bursic '08 in 2007



The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in Far Rockaway, NY

I OFTEN FIND MYSELF BOASTING about Marist, both to my peers and to younger individuals considering the College for what is presented to them as one of the most important, if not the most important, four-year period in their lives. "You'll never make friends like the ones you make at Marist," I say, thinking of the monthly reunions I still have with 10 women whom I met there. "There's so much opportunity to have a unique college experience," I add, remembering my time as an RA, my time abroad in Sydney, my Tuesday nights in intramural basketball, the excellent mentoring and leadership provided by many faculty, and the many fun nights I had, all on the serene landscape along the Hudson River in Poughkeepsie. "I wouldn't take back anything about it," I usually finish with, hoping to connect with the anxiety I assume these younger people feel in selecting what college to attend.

In the nearly five years since I have graduated from Marist, I have obtained my MSW from the Hunter College School of Social Work, embarking on a career as a social worker in New York City. I often found myself feeling privileged for my life overall, but specifically for my time at Marist and the seemingly easy way of life I felt I was awarded there. I admit I have scoffed at the idea of the college experience as one of the most important periods of one's life. What was so significant about life at Marist? How did those four years profoundly impact my life? Aren't promotions, partnering, children, and loss so much more important? The life-defining moments were surely ahead. In retrospect, my pride and motivation to always strive for something better

obstructed my insight. Still, it is hard to imagine tragedy when you fly high, and even harder to imagine who will support you when your wings falter.

On Oct. 29, 2012, my life, the lives of my family members, my fiancé and his family, and the lives of my friends and neighbors in the communities of Rockaway and Breezy Point, NY, were struck by tragedy. As is the case with these types of things, our lives changed forever and in ways that we were not prepared for. Hurricane Sandy hit us, and hit us hard. My family was among the lucky ones, as our home in Rockaway Park remained standing, the ocean water flowing from a block away and stopping one step below the first floor, creating a nine-foot-deep saltwater pool in the basement apartment, causing my parents, brother, and one sister to carry my youngest sister who is wheelchair-bound up to the second floor during high-tide fear. The one-story home belonging to my brother, sister-in-law, and my two-year-old niece was destroyed. Around them, mass catastrophe: flooding everywhere, whole blocks burnt to the ground around the corner and then, 10 blocks away, the beloved family restaurant that I waitressed at throughout graduate school, the Harbor Light, also destroyed by fire, over 100 homes burnt to the ground in Breezy Point, and sadly, lives lost. Rockaway and Breezy, small communities that were home to dozens of Marist alumni and current students, were faced with arguably the toughest times they will ever meet. I will never forget the feeling as I drove into

Rockaway that Tuesday morning, absorbing all that I witnessed: an ocean that had unlawfully swallowed up land; smoldering fires and empty spaces where my friends' homes once stood; the homes that stood ransacked, or crumbled like a caved-in chocolate lava cake; shell-shocked people, with tear-streaked, tired faces; planks of the famous Rockaway Beach boardwalk left haphazardly by the ocean in my family's front yard; waterlines along homes, fences, cars, and businesses that punched me in the stomach. I imagined that if I picked up a displaced seashell, I could hear the ocean mocking, "What did you expect? I wouldn't rise that high?" There was nothing we could do that day. Most were marooned without cell phone service, cars, gas, food, electricity, and heat. In a community where extending oneself to help another in need is commonplace, we were all in need and knew not where to turn.

At some point in that Monday-Tuesday span, I received a text from an old Marist friend, Matt Bursic, offering any help that my family should need during the hurricane. Although Matt and I had infrequently kept in touch since we graduated in 2008, I regarded him as one of my closest friends during my time at Marist. He was actually my first Marist friend. Matt was from Brooklyn, and we had met the summer before college at the beach club in Breezy Point where we both worked. We were often inseparable when we began our careers at Marist, ultimately forming new friendships with others and finding our individual niches in college. I always knew Matt's character was unquestionable, and that if I ever

BY JEANMARIE HAGGERTY '08

were stuck in a hard spot, I could depend on him. Hurricane Sandy was one of the lowest points in my family's life, and I knew Matt's offer to help was genuine, so I said yes. All Matt said was, "I'm on my way."

I did not know that "on my way" meant ending a family vacation in Florida early to drive all the way back to New York. I did not fathom that "on my way" meant buying a gas-powered generator and water pump in North Carolina for my family, an expense in and of itself incredibly generous, but meaning so much more as we were cold and sitting in the dark, hearing that generators were impossible to buy throughout the tri-state area. I could never have imagined that "on my way" meant that Matt and his family would come to my family's home every day that first week after Sandy hit, and then every single weekend for over a month to gut and clean, and bring us hot meals and much needed gas.

Each Saturday morning in November I was blown away by Matt and his family's presence. They showed up again on Sunday morning, never stopping until the sun went down. It was cold. The rubble was heavy. The smells of gasoline and bleach seeped into your skin. Any clothes one wore were ruined. Yet Matt and his family never hesitated. In mid-December Matt and his family moved my parents and siblings back into Rockaway from an apartment rented in Brooklyn, and then brought cookies and other holiday goodies to my house on Christmas Eve morning. All of this from a friend whom I was not even in regular contact with. In response to my fumbled, feeble thank you's for the most generosity and support my family has ever been shown, all Matt said was, "You would do the same." Simply describing Matt and his family's actions dwarfs their significance; timeliness was a huge factor in saving what was left of one's home after Sandy struck. The threat of mold, and the long-term, insidious damage it could wreak on one's home was on everyone's minds. Despite having nine feet of water in the basement, we never found mold, and just over one month after Sandy, we were able to move back in. Without the help of Matt, his family, and a few other family friends, my family would have lost our home completely.

How naïve I was, indeed, to regard my time at Marist as not being one of the most important times in my life. Marist attracts a specific caliber of person, and then continues to foster that character in ways that are made manifest throughout life as we are presented with the opportunity to define ourselves through our actions. Marist has allowed me to cross paths with individuals who have changed the course of my life, and that of my family's, for the better. Matt Bursic and his family are such people. Without Marist, I would probably never have become friends with Matt. It was not Marist that saved my family's home, but it was the person and his family that I met through Marist, which serves as a testament to the Marist experience and the bonds we formed there. I can confidently, proudly say that I wouldn't take back anything about it. ■

Raymond A. Rich Leadership Institute Hosts Capt. Paul X. Rinn, USN (Ret.) '68



Capt. Paul X. Rinn, USN (Ret.) '68 spoke to alumni and business community leaders on "Critical Decision-Making During Challenging Times" in a residency hosted by the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development (below). At left, each of his two speeches at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, NV, for Clockwork International Inc. drew an audience of approximately 2,000, and both earned standing ovations.

CAPT. PAUL X. RINN, USN (RET.) shared his insight into leadership at the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development in October 2012.

The 1968 Marist alumnus visited several classes, met with student leaders, and delivered a presentation to alumni and business community leaders entitled "Critical Decision-Making During Challenging Times" at the Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion. In his talk, he discussed the keys to making sound decisions in times of high stress, reflecting on his distinguished career as a naval officer.

Rinn was commander of the guided missile frigate *Samuel B. Roberts* when it struck an Iranian mine in the Persian Gulf in 1988, an incident vividly described in the book *No Higher Honor*. He and his crew heroically saved the ship without loss of life. Among many other honors for his leadership, he has been awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat "V," selection to the Surface Warfare Hall of Fame, and an honorary degree from Marist in 1989.

Currently vice president of the Marist College Alumni Association Executive Board, he has been delivering motivational speeches across the United States. Each of his two speeches at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, NV, for Clockwork



International Inc. drew an audience of approximately 2,000, and both earned standing ovations. He also addressed an audience of 900 at the Michigan Farm Bureau Annual Presidents Conference in Lansing, MI, and recently received critical acclaim speaking to an audience of 1,800 at the annual United States Surface Navy Symposium in Washington, DC, and the Constitution Association in Boston, MA. ■

1976

Patricia Tillou recently opened Xenia Chiropractic in Xenia, OH.

1977

Brian Bennett is grateful that his daughter, Kerry, a member of Marist's Class of 2014, is able to spend two semesters in London at London South Bank University. "What an experience!" ■ **Joan Stauffer Holtom** is easing into retirement as her youngest daughter enters college.



1978

Dennis Cosgrove's daughter, Jacquie, is a member of Marist's Class of 2014.

1980

Kenneth Sullivan was named senior vice president, director of credit management in TD Equipment Finance, a subsidiary of TD Bank.



Kenneth Sullivan '80

1981

Chuck Calio received an IBM Excellence and Innovation Award for setting the strategic direction of the IBM STG Technical Enablement ISV Team.

1982

Roger V. Coleman has been ranked No. 1 in New York State on the *Barron's* list of the top 1,000 financial advisors for the third consecutive year. He is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Garden City, NY. ■ **Patrick Rush's** company, Rush Hour Graphics, won a bid from CBS to help display its



Roger V. Coleman '82

"eye-conic" logo on its iconic building, Black Rock, in New York City. While Black Rock, the worldwide headquarters of CBS and a landmark building on West 52nd Street, has been undergoing renovations, CBS wanted its logo visible. Rush Hour was one of 12 companies asked to bid on the project. ■ **Thomas Gillis** joined Wells Fargo as a managing director in the markets clearing and futures execution group.

1985

Phil Boyle was named insurance sales producer for central Connecticut and western Massachusetts at Pierson & Smith, a division of First Niagara Risk Management, Inc. He joined First Niagara from the Health Consultants Group, LLC. Phil serves on the Connecticut Healthcare Cabinet, appointed by Connecticut Gov. Dannel Malloy to a three-year term. He is a board member for several charitable organizations such as the Geno Auriemma "Fore the Kids" Charity Golf Tournament and Holy Family Retreat Center.



Phil Boyle '85

He also volunteers for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and Coaches for Cancer events. He lives in Farmington, CT, with his wife, Deb, and their three children. ■ **Thomas Lehrkinder** and his wife, **Lynne (McGahan) '86**, have a son, Timothy, who is a member of Marist's Class of 2015 and on the Dean's List. Their daughter, Ryan, has been accepted to and is considering joining the Marist Class of 2017.

Nominations Welcome for Alumni Association Executive Board

If you or an alumnus/alumna you know is interested in joining the Alumni Association Executive Board, please visit www.marist.edu/alumni/board.html. Nominations are currently being accepted.

1986

Anthony DeBarros ('97MS) is now director of content for Gannett Digital, guiding interactive news applications for *USA Today* and Gannett newsrooms. ■ **Ian O'Connor** was named New York State Sportswriter of the Year by the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association, an honor shared with the *New York Post's* Mike Vaccaro, who covered Marist basketball for the *Middletown Times Herald-Record*. Ian is an ESPN.com columnist. ■ **Stephen Ryan** and his wife welcomed a son, Jake Andrew, born May 19, 2012. Jake was 8 pounds and 20 inches long.

1987

Kevin Kaley is project manager for Verizon Business for complex delivery solutions. Kevin deployed to Afghanistan from August 2010 to August 2011 and was recently promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves. ■ **Karen Manion's** daughter Kerry, 17, is a competitive soccer player and her daughter Kayla, 14, is a talented dancer. ■ **Michael Tallman ('93MS)** was recently promoted to the rank of colonel in the U.S. Army. "Over 30 years ago when I raised my right hand as a private E-1, I never thought I would be wearing the eagle," he says.



1988

Michael Carson recently retired from the U.S. Army after 22 years of service. He works for Geisinger Health Systems as a life flight pilot supporting their base in Avoca, PA. ■ **Thomas Ruede** is vice president of Suddath Global Logistics. His wife, **Nora (Bomba)**, is a media aide at Bartram Trail High School in Florida.

1989

Mike Kinane was elected to the board of directors of Advancement for Commerce, Industry and Technology of Long Island. ■ **Pierce Redmond** and his wife, **Catherine (Tagliaferro) '90**, are keeping busy with their three daughters (15, 10, and 6). Pierce recently began his 15th year as a detective in the Rockland County (NY) Sheriff's Department, and Catherine has been a special education teacher at Valhalla High School for 22 years.

Nominate Your Classmate

The Alumni Association is still accepting nominations for the Alumni Association Awards. Details about the awards, including an online nomination form, are available at www.marist.edu/alumni/awards.html.



2012 award winners (left to right) Brendan T. Burke '68, Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50, Edward Summers '04/'06M, and Bro. Sean D. Sammon, FMS '70

Announcing 2013 Theatre Hall of Fame Honorees

Please join us on Oct. 5, 2013, during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend for the 5th Annual Marist Theatre Hall of Fame Induction & Alumni Reunion. The following honorees will be inducted:

- President Dennis J. Murray
- Paul R. Tesoro '73
- Suzanne (Deak) Wittig '76
- Edwin M. Budd '93
- Christopher M. Yapchanyk '01



On Sunday, Feb. 10, 2013, Marist alumni were treated to an exclusive pregame Meet & Greet and private Q & A session with Brooklyn Nets

Assistant General Manager Bobby Marks '95. During the reception, alumni also had an opportunity to see the new Barclay's Center in Brooklyn. Following the Meet & Greet, alumni enjoyed some NBA action as the Nets took on the San Antonio Spurs.

1990

Michael Buckley recently became vice president of business communications for Facebook. He is in charge of the company's international, monetization, corporate, consumer, and policy communications. ■ **Catherine (Tagliaferro) Redmond** and her husband, **Pierce '89**, are keeping busy with their three daughters (15, 10, and 6). Catherine has been a special education teacher at Valhalla High School for 22 years and Pierce recently began his 15th year as a detective in the Rockland County (NY) Sheriff's Department.



A number of Marist alumni work at the Apple store in Danbury, CT. They are (from left) Dawn DeCosta '90, Nick Fugitt '11, Grady Kline '10, Eric Georges, and Gary Albanese Jr. '11.

1991

Sheila Clancy-O'Donnell brought a little bit of American trick-or-treating to her home of Letterkenny, County Donegal, Ireland. For the first time in its history, Letterkenny planned to host a Halloween event that included this great American pastime. It was part of a ShopLK initiative to keep business local, for which Sheila is a strong advocate. ■ **Marlon Hosang** and his wife, Andrea, welcomed a son, Maxwell Scott, born Sept. 19, 2010. ■ **Jeffrey Thibeault** has a new job as territory manager in Colorado for Costa Sunglasses.

1992

David D'Arco and his wife, Andrea, welcomed a baby boy, Dominic David, born Jan. 18, 2012. Dominic joins big brothers Salvatore and Michael at home. ■ **Kathleen (Mitchell) Godleski** was recently named associate director for athletic advancement at LeMoyne College.



1993

William Burns successfully defended his dissertation and received his Doctor of Letters degree from Drew University in Madison, NJ. William is the dean of the Arts and Communication Division at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ. He lives at the Jersey Shore with his wife, **Lisa (Giordano) '92**, and their children, Kaylan, Emily, and Billy. ■ **Stuart Gallagher** is serving as a detachment commander at Fort Bragg for the 4th Psychological Operations Group, U.S. Army Special Operations (Airborne). ■ **John Suzuki** and his wife, Lisa, welcomed a daughter, Danielle Aiko, born April 6, 2011.

1994

Erica (Plate) Lavin graduated from Georgetown University's accelerated second-degree Bachelor of Science in Nursing program and is working in labor and delivery in Norfolk, VA. Erica resides in Chesapeake, VA, with her husband and their four children.

1995

Yesenia Cruz-Troy works for the Oprah Winfrey Network. ■ **Charles Lynch (MA)** retired from IBM and

Showing Support for Newtown

KERIN SOVERN '05 was born and raised in Newtown, CT, about a mile from Sandy Hook Elementary School. Unlike many young people looking to go far from home when selecting a college, she happily chose one nearby. "I went to Marist knowing that it was so close to home because I was a homebody. I loved Sandy Hook and Newtown and take great pride in where I grew up." She and her friends even made T-shirts that said "I love Newtown" to show their love for their hometown.



T-shirt sales by Kerin Sovern '05 of Newtown, CT, have raised almost \$36,000 for the families of victims of the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School.

The shooting that took the lives of 20 first graders and 6 educators at Sandy Hook Elementary on Dec. 14, 2012, surely changed almost everything, for everyone in Newtown. But it didn't change how Sovern and her friends felt about their home.

After the shooting, from San Diego where she works as an account manager for Libbey Foodservice, Sovern posted a photo on Facebook of her and her friends wearing their "I love Newtown" T-shirts. There was an outpouring, she says, "from everyone, telling me to make them as a fundraiser."

Links Unlimited of Ohio, where a Newtown friend of Kerin's works, donated the first 500 shirts, as well as printing and shipping. The company provided the rest of the shirts at cost, with continued free shipping. More than 2,000 shirts were made.

A Web site selling the shirts, www.newtownpride.com, went live on Dec. 19. Since then, sales have raised close to \$36,000 for the My Sandy Hook Family Fund. The fund was established by Sandy Hook parents and friends dedicated to providing support for the families who lost loved ones in the tragedy. "Every last dime is going to the families," Sovern says.

Word of the effort traveled fast via radio and TV interviews and social media. "I am pretty Facebook-savvy and have a great network, so it spread like wildfire," she says. While much of the support came from San Diego and Newtown, Sovern says shirts have been mailed as far as Australia, Germany, England, Canada, and Mexico.

Her Marist College network came through as well. Every single one of her Marist friends purchased a shirt, says Sovern, and her sister, Liz Sovern '03, also helped a great deal.

The event was devastating, says Kerin, but the subsequent show of support for Newtown was inspiring. "We are so blessed to live in a town with such great people and to have so many people who are so supportive." ■

works for Quality Billing Services in Poughkeepsie, NY. ■ **Brian Murphy (MPA)** serves as commander, 91st Civil Support Team (WMD) in the Arizona Army National Guard (AZARNG). ■ **Brian Smith** accepted a new position with Philip Morris and moved to Lausanne, Switzerland. ■ **Jayme Stofko** wel-

comed a baby boy, Skyler Matthew, born in November 2010. She also achieved national board certification for teaching.

1996

James Ellis (MA) retired and lives near Charleston, SC. ■ **Christine Manna** competed in an Ironman



The flag denotes classes that will celebrate reunions in 2013.

competition in May 2012 in The Woodlands, TX. Out of 2,700 athletes, she finished 422nd with a time of 11:40:39. The competition consisted of a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and a 26.2-mile run.

1997

James Lord and his wife, Melanie, welcomed a daughter, Delilah Elisabeth, born June 27, 2012. ■ **Daryl Richard** was named by the *Hartford Business Journal* as one of the top 40 business leaders under the age of 40. Daryl is national vice president of public relations for UnitedHealthcare.



1998

Jennifer (Bradley) Collins and her husband, Alvin, welcomed a son, Maxwell Tanner, born in June 2012. Their daughter, Maci, loves being a big sister. ■ **Michael Goot** married Katie Welter on Aug. 4, 2012, in Clifton Park, NY. Michael is a reporter for the *Daily Gazette* in Schenectady, and Katie is a nurse. ■ **Tim Haniffy** and his wife, **Katherine (Ventimiglia)**, welcomed a daughter, Kayla, born Oct. 18, 2012. ■ **Bob Roberts** completed his 14th year at Ulster-Greene ARC in the Psychology Department. ■ **Timothy Zeszutek (MPA)** retired from the New York State police after more than 20 years of service. He is an associate professor at SUNY Orange, teaching criminal justice courses. ■ **Darryll Towsley** welcomed his second son, Anthony Joseph, born Oct. 11, 2012.

1999

Donna (Facilla) Brignoli and her husband, Tom, welcomed their first child, Hunter Rocco, born March 15, 2013. Hunter was 8.5 pounds and 21 inches long. They live in Huntington, NY. Donna teaches special education in the Lindenhurst School District. ■ **Richard Cocchiara (MS)** was named to the IBM Academy of Technology Leadership Team. ■ **Jamie Farrell** and his wife, **Amanda (Flood)**, welcomed a baby girl, Julia Rose, born May 7, 2012. Amanda is vice president of sales for Unruly Media in New York City. ■ **Paul Sydlansky** is an associate account executive at John G. Ullman & Associates, Inc.



From left, Patricia Tow '12, Rebecca Strumpf, Emily Strumpf, and Lauren Strumpf '12 model their Marist scarves before heading out on the slopes.

Guests Enjoy Marist Day at the Hermitage Club

Through the hospitality of Marist Trustee James R. Barnes '84 and his wife, Donna, more than 200 alumni, students, parents, and friends spent Jan. 25, 2013, at the Hermitage Club in West Dover, VT. All skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing, ice skating, and snow tubing were free for the entire day. Later, at a reception at the Hermitage Inn, President Dennis J. Murray provided an update on developments at the College. A slide show from the day's activities is available at www.marist.edu/alumni/specialevents.html. For further information about the Hermitage Club and the Hermitage Inn, visit <http://hermitageclub.com/>. ■



President Dennis J. Murray (left) and Marist Trustee James R. Barnes '84, owner of the Hermitage Club, prepare to ride the "Catillac" to the summit of Haystack Mountain.

2000

Kathryn (Himiak) Daughton and her husband, Tim, welcomed a daughter, Bronwen Elizabeth, born May 10, 2012. Bronwen joins big brother Liam, 5, at home. Kathryn earned her doctorate in education and organizational leadership in 2011. ■ **Ryan Hunter** is entering his 10th year as a senior assistant district attorney in Suffolk County,

NY. ■ **Hanneh Kalyoussef** is senior vice president of business development at Eagil Financial Group. ■ **Jennifer (Simmons) Lombardo** and her husband, Daniel, welcomed their first child, Joseph Daniel, born Oct. 25, 2012. ■ **Elizabeth Owens ('01MPA)** married Declan Mitchell on Sept. 23, 2011. ■ **Anthony Pesce** welcomed his second child, a son,

Andrew Michael, born Sept. 5, 2011. ■ **Steve Pifferi** celebrated nine years with EISAI Pharmaceuticals. He and his wife, Joyce, recently returned from Steve's sales award trip to Hawaii. ■ **Nick Ross** manages DVD operations with Netflix for the entire state of Virginia. ■ **Lisa (Douglas) Whelan** and her husband, Erik, welcomed their second son, Zachary Douglas, born July 9, 2012. Zachary joins big brother Lukas at home. Since November 2011, Lisa has been an executive function coach for Thinking Outside the Classroom in Framingham, MA.

2001

Rob Adamski and Lisa Suski are engaged and plan to marry in 2013. Rob was promoted to graphics/playback producer in ESPN's Production Department in Bristol, CT. ■ **Randeep Dang (MS)** was promoted to run the anesthesia drug delivery segment for GE Healthcare. ■ **Jaclyn (Rannazzisi) Duddleston** and her husband welcomed a son, Noah Harrison, born in January 2012. ■ **Justin Greenblum** joined Carter Ledyard as a litigation partner. ■ **Jennifer McGurk** received her New York State life, accident, and health insurance sales license. She is an independent agent for AFLAC. ■ **Brian Smith** is a financial services professional with New York Life and recently received the company's Career Life Success Award.

2002

Melissa (Katomski) Hughes and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Elizabeth Katherine, born Dec. 31, 2011. ■ **Cynthia (Millar) Nash (MA)** is excited to announce the recent completion of her PsyD in clinical psychology. ■ **Edward Nini** and his wife, Catherine, welcomed their second child, Joseph Hamilton, born Oct. 17, 2012. ■ **Alison Reilley** married Ricky Guifarro in July 2012.



2003

Jane Blankson has been promoted to supervisor of the blood bank at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Cornell. ■ **Linda Calvelli** received her Master of Accountancy in December 2012 from the University of South Florida. Linda's daughter, Nicole Rose McMillen, married Joseph Conder in May 2012. ■

Melissa (Payne) DiNunno welcomed a daughter, Sophia Helen, born April 10, 2012. ■ **Christine (Barnett) Gagnon** and her husband, Sean, recently welcomed a second child, Tyler. ■ **Brian Kelly** is director of government affairs for New York State Sen. Terry Gipson. ■ **Danielle (Coscia) Krehel** and her husband welcomed a daughter, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, born Dec. 19, 2012. ■ **Colin Patterson (MPA)** is pursuing a PhD in homeland security at North Central University in Prescott, AZ. ■ **Robert West** works with Geo Care as a substance abuse counselor. ■ **Monica Winiarski** and **Jean-Pierre Walker** became engaged.

2004

Carmen Alu and his wife, Dawn, welcomed their second son, Bryce Holden, born Jan. 5, 2013. After “eight wonderful years at IBM,” Carmen took a job with pharmaceutical company Quintiles as an associate HR director at the corporate office in Durham, NC. ■ **Joe Borelli** was elected to represent Staten Island’s 62nd District in the New York State Assembly. Joe is engaged to Rachel Armenia. ■ **Bradley Cook** and his wife welcomed their first child, a son, Broderick “Brody,” born March 13, 2012. ■ **Raymond Ferranti ('05MBA)** and his wife, **Kristen (Schnitzer)**, purchased a new home in Eastchester, NY. They live there with their son, Raymond, 5, and two daughters, Mia, 3, and Tessa, 2. ■ **Dr. Laura Fil** graduated from New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and is currently an emergency medicine resident on Long Island. Laura married Dean Olsen in August with her Marist housemates in attendance. ■ **Jordan Gallo** married Jaclyn Grablewski. He has also become board-certified in emergency medicine. ■ **Marissa (Artiano) Pugh** and her husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, a daughter, Kennedy Helen, born May 15, 2012. ■ **John Saginario** took a job as a Web producer at Gartner in Stamford, CT.

2005

Danielle D’Annibale and **Bryan Keinz '06** married last year with fellow alumni **Melissa Congdon**, **Victoria Iacobazzo**, **Dave Kim '06**, and **Ryan Doran '07** in the wedding party. Danielle and Bryan

Peter Wilderotter '76: Inspired to Help Others

AT 13 YEARS OF AGE, PETER WILDEROTTER '76 found a lump on his neck which the doctors first thought might be mumps, or possibly a tooth infection. However, a biopsy revealed it was Stage IV Hodgkin’s disease. On that fateful day, he promised himself that if he recovered, he would dedicate his life to helping others. After more than five years of radiation and chemotherapy, Wilderotter triumphed as a survivor.

He was introduced to Marist College through his father’s best friend, Bill Gardner, a co-trustee at the time and principal broker of the emerging McCann Foundation. “Dad would travel to Poughkeepsie every summer with Bill and have a chance to play golf and get to know Marist’s new president, Dr. Dennis Murray,” recalls Wilderotter. “He would regale me with stories and the vision that Marist was about to become a truly great institution with national prominence, and I was glad that he and Mr. Gardner got to see that come true.”

During his time at Marist in the early 1970s, Wilderotter embarked on his pledge of helping others. In 1973 he organized a team of fellow students to roll a beer barrel from the Poughkeepsie campus to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery in Newark, NJ, and back to raise money to fight cancer. Shaileen Kopec was the director of public relations at Marist at the time.

“It was evident even then that Peter was a born leader. To spearhead a team that mastered the many physical and legal logistics involved in rolling a beer barrel—of all things—along 250 miles of highways and roadways through two states was an incredible feat,” says Kopec, who is now a senior development officer at Marist. “Peter also turned out to be a born fundraiser. Back then, to get a corporation like Anheuser-Busch to buy into a student-organized event like this and then kick off fundraising with a \$10,000 contribution was quite an accomplishment.”

“Shaileen’s stewardship and counsel during the barrel roll and subsequent volunteer activities garnered great publicity for Marist and the American Cancer Society and led to my start in the field,” Wilderotter recalls. “Not a day has passed when I don’t recall something Shaileen has taught me.”

As a result of the event, he was asked to join the local cancer society board. Upon his graduation from Marist, that connection led to a job as development director for the Essex County, NJ, unit of the American Cancer Society. After a year-long stint for the ACS in Boston, he returned to New Jersey and,

in 1980, was promoted to area director.

Wilderotter’s career continued to advance and he was named vice president of development at WNYC Radio, America’s largest public radio station, where he directed all fundraising programs and was credited with doubling the station’s income growth, tripling major gifts donated to the station, and restructuring the membership department. Wilderotter later held the position of vice president at Planned Parenthood Federation of America where he directed fundraising programs. He also worked at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund as director of development and public relations, spearheading a historic endowment campaign.

“Much of my career success has its foundation in the people and opportunities I was presented with at Marist,” says Wilderotter. “Thanks to Don Honeman, who was residence hall supervisor in Champagnat Hall, I was selected as a resident coordinator—giving enormous responsibility to a 19-year-old kid to manage people, problem solving at the intellectual and emotional level, and to help students in their life-changing decisions.”

“The Marist staff and my classmates demonstrate the real greatness of Marist,” says Wilderotter, “the commitment to an individual student bathed in a collaborative and compassionate community.”

Wilderotter is now the president and CEO of the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation. He joined the Reeve Foundation in 2005 as the vice president of development and helped grow its national donor base through strategic partnerships and alliances with both individual and corporate donors. He provides counsel to the

foundation’s board of directors on issues including marketing programs and volunteer relations.

Wilderotter also serves on the board of St. Benedict’s Preparatory School in Newark. He is an ardent New York Giants fan and loves attending home games with his children. He is a devoted father of four and lives in Manhattan.

A seasoned marathon runner, he completed his 11th race in London last year, dedicating each mile of the course to a member of the paralysis community who inspires him. “Marathons are the perfect metaphor for our work: when bodies break down, the mind and the spirit must carry us.” ■

Anthony Mercogliano '92 is development officer for leadership gifts at Marist.

BY ANTHONY MERCOGLIANO '92



Peter Wilderotter '76

“Much of my career success has its foundation in the people and opportunities I was presented with at Marist,” says Wilderotter.

live in Hillsdale, NJ, with their dog, Sheena. ■ **Eric Kimmel** was promoted to coordinating audio operator at ESPN. He continues to travel to many high-profile events including the World Series, BCS National Championship Game, and Super Bowl to mix the studio coverage.

2006

Jordi Iriarte recently passed the Series 6, 63, and life insurance exams. ■ **Bryan Keinz** and **Danielle D'Annibale '05** married last year with fellow alumni **Melissa Congdon '05**, **Victoria Iacobazzo '05**, **Dave Kim**, and **Ryan Doran '07** in the wedding party. Bryan and Danielle live in Hillsdale, NJ, with their dog, Sheena. ■ **Michael McManus** and his wife, Christina, welcomed a baby girl, Valentina Rose, born Aug. 28, 2012. Valentina weighed 5 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. ■ **Stuart Orenstein** became a board member of Concord 51, a political action committee. Stuart is also chairman and co-founder of the Ties to the Future Foundation. ■ **Kelly Shemming** graduated with an MBA from NYU Stern School of Business.

2007

Justin Calderon is a regular contributor to CNN Travel and *Newsweek*. He is a business journal-



Andrew Paulsen '12 took a group of 35 students from East Side High School in Newark, NJ, to the presidential inauguration on Jan. 21, 2013. He teaches 9th and 10th grade math at East Side High School as a member of the Teach For America corps.

ist specializing in emerging markets, namely the GCC and ASEAN. Justin is also a moderator at economic forums. ■ **Linda DeNotaris** and **Anthony Connors** are engaged. The couple plans an October 2013 wedding in New Jersey. ■ **Christina Goldsmith** recently became a family medicine doctor. ■ **Jason Miller** and **Gwynyn Holobaugh** met and started dating during

their freshman year at Marist. After graduation, they moved to New Orleans, where Gwynyn was a zookeeper at the Audubon Zoo and Jason was in graduate school in the math department at Tulane. After Jason earned his PhD in May 2012, they moved back north and got married in Connecticut in June 2012. In October 2012 they moved to Maryland, where Jason works at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory. Gwynyn plans to go back to school to study nursing. ■ **Beth Palmer** is happy to announce that she and her very good friend will be getting married in September 2013. They met freshman year at Marist. ■ **Jennifer Reinhart** graduated from the physician assistant program at Wagner College with a Master of Science degree. Her thesis, written with **Alexandra DeMeglio '08** and Wagner classmate **Matthew Koss**, was titled "Prescription Drug Abuse in College Students." Jennifer is now a physician assistant in hematology/oncology at Staten Island Physician Practice.

REUNION 2008

Alison Candamil was promoted from special education teacher to academic assistant principal at the Success Charter Network in



Sean P. Stellato '02 was inducted into the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame New England Chapter in March 2013. An NFL Players Association-certified contract advisor, he currently represents nine players in the NFL. He is shown (on left) with fellow inductee and former New England Patriot **Joe Andruzzi**.

Harlem. ■ **Alexandra DeMeglio** graduated from the physician assistant program at Wagner College in May 2012. She works at Staten Island University Hospital doing breast surgery as a physician assistant. ■ **Tara Driggs** and **Kurt Hopfenspirger ('11MBA)** became engaged July 3, 2011, in the Outer Banks (NC). The couple met during their sophomore year at Marist and plan to wed June 15, 2013, at St. Luke's Roman Catholic Church in Ho-Ho-Kus, NJ. Tara is director of public relations at Immaculate Heart Academy in Washington Township, NJ, and Kurt is a strategy associate at Teneo Holdings in Manhattan. ■ **Mark Heftler** passed the bar exams for New York and New Jersey and was sworn into the New Jersey Bar in early December. Mark recently opened his own law practice, the Heftler Law Firm LLC. ■ **Brendan Keane (MPA)** was promoted from adjunct faculty to associate director of the Long Island Business Institute's homeland security and security management degree program. ■ **Lindsay (Deighton) Mason** lives in central Texas with her husband, Mike. She is a manager with UPS. ■ **Patrick McGrady** and **Lisa Sannazzaro '09** are engaged. Patrick was promoted to vice president at Bank of America Merrill Lynch. They recently relocated to the Washington, DC/Northern Virginia area.

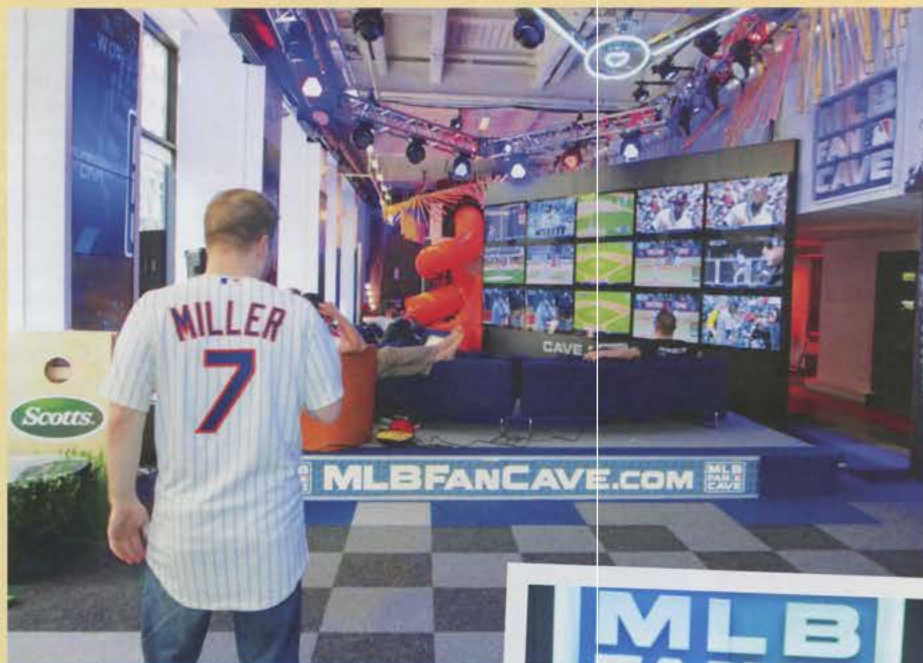
Marist Continues Parade Tradition

A large number of Marist alumni, families, and friends braved the cold, wet snow on March 16, 2013, to march in the 252nd St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. J.R. Morrissey '88 along with his brother, Brian '81, and Brian's wife, Susan (Fahey) '83, served as honorary Grand Marshals to lead the Marist contingent up Fifth Avenue with President and Mrs. Dennis J. Murray.



The Marist College parade contingent included (from left) **Ellen Dolan Sheehan '81**, **Nancy Lane Large '81**, **Sarah Sowinski Herman '81**, **Deirdre Powell Wasilenko '81**, **Kathleen McNulty Graham '81**, **Maureen Kenney '81**, **John McCarthy '78**, **Maureen Doolan Boyle '81**, **Joan Marie Seergy '81**, **Brian Morrissey '81**, and **Thomas Shine '81**.

Travis Miller '08 Moves Into 2013 MLB Fan Cave



Travis Miller pauses in front of the Cave Monster, which has 15 TVs that show games simultaneously.

BY BOBBI SUE TELLITOCCHI '04

"TRAVIS MILLER IS NOT A QUITTER." It was these six words shared by a friend through social media that inspired Miller, a Marist graduate from the Class of 2008, to apply for Major League Baseball's Fan Cave after being rejected in 2011 and again in 2012.

The Fan Cave, run by the Office of the Commissioner of Major League Baseball, selects nine "Cave Dwellers" out of more than 25,000 applicants to inhabit the Fan Cave, event space at 4th Street and Broadway in New York City's Greenwich Village, and engage baseball fans through social media, videos, and Tweets. Dwellers are then eliminated by a combination of MLB and fans as the season progresses.



MLB Fan Cave Dweller Travis Miller '08 rings the opening bell at NASDAQ in late March.

Miller, a Red Hook, NY, native, moved to Chicago, IL, following graduation and was working as a freelance sportswriter for the Associated Press and other media outlets. When he received the call in March that he was going to the Fan Cave, Miller packed his bags, said goodbye to his beloved dog, Winston, and hit the road for New York City. "The hardest part was leaving my dog, but my roommate takes great care of him and I know I'll be back with him soon enough.

"My life has changed completely since I moved back to New York from Chicago," says Miller. "As a freelance writer, I was covering baseball, basketball, and some college sports out in Chicago, so a huge difference is watching all of the games on TV as opposed to being at live events."

As a sportswriter, Miller had to learn to put team biases aside in order to do his job. "A huge adjustment was being able to cheer as a fan again. The experience as a whole is great because it allows me to inject my personality into my work and be at the forefront of the evolution of social media in sports."

Miller is not the first Marist alumnus to be selected as a Cave Dweller. Shaun Kippins '09 was in the 2012 Fan Cave. Kippins was able to use the experience to secure a position at MLB.com where he now works in the advanced media department as a cameraman.

Marist alumni, parents, fans, and friends can help Miller in his quest to remain in the Fan Cave. "Simple social media interaction helps show the impact I'm making as a Cave Dweller," says Miller. "You can follow me on Twitter (@AtTravisMiller) as well as @MLBFanCave. Tweet me to show MLB that I'm your favorite." ■

Bobbi Sue Tellitocci '04 is associate director of alumni and donor programs at Marist.

2009

Kristine Kennen is completing her pre-doctoral internship in clinical psychology at the Trinity College Counseling Center. Kristine is engaged to Adam D'Amario. ■ **Cynthia Palumbo** completed her MS in education and is an academic advisor at Marymount Manhattan College, where she has worked since graduating from Marist. ■ **Lisa Sannazzaro** and **Patrick McGrady '08** are engaged. They recently

relocated to the Washington, DC/Northern Virginia area. ■ **Marc Sausa** and **Amanda Esposito** became engaged while visiting Marist. Amanda will graduate from St. John's in May with a master's in early childhood and special education.

2010

Maria Baez was promoted from account coordinator to account executive at Ebben Zall Group, a

public relations firm in Needham, MA. ■ **Kris Baskiewicz** married his high school sweetheart, Sara Parshley, on Oct. 20, 2012, at Birch Hill in Schodack, NY. ■ **Dori Carlo ('12MA)** married Matt Myers in 2012 and is an eighth grade social studies teacher in Highland Falls. ■ **Andrew Foster** is a physician assistant in primary care at Philadelphia Medical Center in Philadelphia, NY. He also works at Pulse MD Urgent Care in Wappingers Falls,

NY. ■ **Amanda Mulvihill** works at Harper Collins Publishers in New York City. ■ **Daniel Zunich** works with special needs students in the Bayonne school district. He also works in an afterschool program in Bayonne.

2011

Meredith Boyd has been teaching special education in Hawaii for the past two years. This past October, Meredith became engaged to **Eric**

Hildenbrand '07. ■ **Veronica Cortinas** married Dustin Hinze on Nov. 11, 2011. Dustin is a soldier in the U.S. Army, currently stationed in Honolulu, HI. ■ **Amanda Ell** is pursuing a JD from Quinnipiac University. ■ **Katrina Ferrer** is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Dominican College. ■ **Howard Furlong** is completing a two-year research position at the University of Pennsylvania for ALS and has also completed the application process for medical school. ■ **Christopher Fusaro**

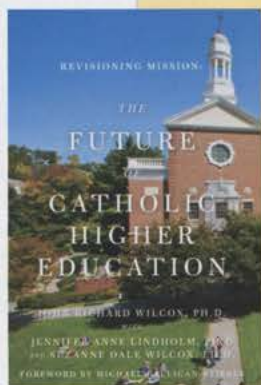
(MPA) welcomed his first child, a daughter, Celena Rose, born March 31, 2012. ■ **Panagiotis Katsaitis** is enjoying a reputable and profitable job as assistant manager for a tour guide outfit in Europe. In addition to good pay and benefits, it offers great life experience, he says. He plans to go to graduate school in the next year or two. ■ **Fr. George Kyeremeh** (MA) has been appointed principal of St. Ambrose College of Education in Sunyani, Ghana. Previously he served as director and counselor of a pastoral and retreat center. George hopes to use his background as a mental health counselor to help the college's students in any way possible. ■ **William Lyons** is a sales representative for New York Bus Sales, a company based in Syracuse. He lives in Clifton Park, NY. ■ **Joanna Macaluso** moved to Hawaii in January 2012 and taught special education at the preschool level. She moved back to New York in June. ■ **Jennifer Velchek** (MPA) recently relocated to Illinois. ■ **Laura Veltre** is an on-air scheduling and planning coordinator at Oxygen Media (NBC Universal).

2012

John Amendola was hired by Nyack Hospital as a full-time human resource specialist after interning there from September through December 2012. John says it has been a wonderful experience and that he loves his job and looks forward to what the future will bring. ■ **Grace Andruszkiewicz** joined marketing and communications firm (add)ventures as a specialist in branding and market-



Alumni Authors



John Richard Wilcox, PhD '61, Jennifer Anne Lindholm, PhD, and Suzanne Dale Wilcox, EdD, have written *Revising Mission: The Future of Catholic Higher Education*. It describes a challenge of continuity that faces Catholic colleges and universities: religious congregations which founded the institutions are no longer present on campus in numbers that allow them to preserve and nurture the Catholic culture and religious heritage of the congregation. *Revising Mission* offers instructions on creating a program for new faculty and employees to introduce or update their understanding of Catholic higher education. The book also offers essays that profile the spiritual life of students; explain Catholic culture, Catholic intellectual life, and adult spirituality; and discuss the founding religious congregations. The final essay emphasizes the importance of university faculty, staff, and

administrators forming a community committed to the continuity and development of the institution in the 21st century as robustly Catholic with the unique heritage of the founding religious congregation. The book is available at amazon.com.

Vincent Begley '70 has three new books. *You Can't Judge a Book: Random Acts of Writing, Vol. I* and *Day Old Donuts: Random Acts of Writing, Vol. II* are compilations of his work previously published in newspapers and magazines. *Lost in Space, Detached from Time: Random Acts of Writing for Children, Vol. III* is a collection of short stories and plays for children. All are available at barnesandnoble.com and amazon.com.

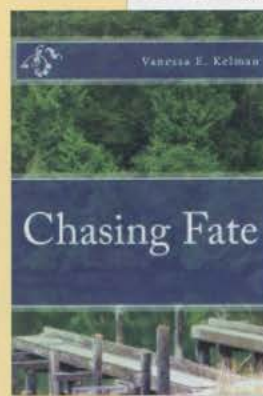
Kelly Mangerino '12 has written *The Spirit: Awakening* (iUniverse, 2012). In this fantasy novel, a princess must summon courage she never knew she had in order to protect her kingdom from destruction.

The fantasy series by **Patrice Sarath '84**, Books of the Gordath, continues with *The Crow God's Girl* (2012), available at amazon.com. Her novel *The Unexpected Miss Bennet* (Penguin, 2011), a sequel to *Pride and Prejudice*, received favorable reviews in the U.S. and U.K. (www.patricsarath.com).

Monster Needs a Costume (Scarletta Press, 2013) by **Paul Czajak '93** will be the first in the Monster & Me series of picture books. According to *Publishers Weekly*, the book will be the first hardcover picture book published by Scarletta Press.

Vanessa (Santos) Kelman '02 has published a trilogy of novels and two nonfiction e-books through CreateSpace, KDP, and Smashwords. The trilogy consists of *Chasing Fate* (2011), *Accepting Fate* (2011), and *Tempting Fate* (2012). The e-book titles are *Breast or Bottle? A Woman's Guide to Pumping: The Alternative Method of Breastfeeding* (July 21, 2012) and *Home Furnishings Consultant: A Consumer's Guide to Furniture and Mattress Purchase, Care, and Interior Design* (April 24, 2012). All are available on amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and smashwords.com, or visit www.vanessakelman.com for links.

Long Island native **Marisa L. Berman '04/'05** spent many summers during her youth at Nunley's Amusement Park in Baldwin, NY. Now she has written *Nunley's Amusement Park*, the newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's *Images of America* series. The book, available at bookstores and online retailers, compiles personal stories and remembrances from local residents and more than 200 vintage images of the park, a destination for Long Island families from 1939 until it closed in 1995. Berman is a local historian who has spent the past 12 years working in museums, libraries, and historic sites in the New York area. ■



ing. ■ **Aaron Bairos** is a business operations analyst and has been employed full time since graduating from Marist. He plans to pursue an MBA. ■ **Lauren Cobb** is attending graduate school at St. Lawrence, pursuing a master's in educational leadership. ■ **Danielle Colletti** was promoted to assistant buyer of swimwear at Lord & Taylor after graduating from an executive training program. ■ **Rena Comulada** joined the Shaw lab in the Biology Department at Indiana University Bloomington. She is in the molecular, cellular, and developmental biology program to complete research for a doctorate. ■ **Leesa Contorino** is studying clinical psychology at the Chicago School of Professional Psychology, pursuing a PsyD. ■ **Amanda Doolittle** is pursuing a master's in social work at Wheelock College in Boston. ■ **Annie Frenzel** recently began working at Marist in the Office of College Advancement. She feels like she has "come back home!" ■ **Emily Gardner** recently moved to Boston with fellow alumna **Jenna Finn '11**. ■ **Rebecca Harrison** moved to Indianapolis after graduation in May for a one-year internship with the NCAA in the Eligibility Center. In fall 2013 she will pursue a master's in recreation and sports management at Purdue University. She will also be the graduate assistant in compliance within the Athletic Department. ■ **Kristen Kunkel** is pursuing a master's in health and physical education. She is working as a certified athletic

trainer while attending school as part of the Hughston Clinic ATC Fellowship.

■ **Melissa Leon** shipped out to Great Lakes, IL, for U.S. Navy boot camp two weeks after commencement. She graduated from boot camp in July 2012 and is attending Fire Controlmen A school in Great

Lakes. ■ **Michael Lois** landed a job as a management associate at Key Bank right out of Marist and is enjoying a one-year training program. He hopes to move throughout the banking industry. ■ **Julie Maio** is coaching softball at her old high school as an assistant coach and pursuing a master's in health com-



Marykathryn Gielisse '08 is a foreign affairs officer for the U.S. Department of State. Pictured above her in the lobby of U.S. Department of State headquarters in the Harry S. Truman Federal Building in Washington, D.C., are flags depicting the nations in which the United States has diplomatic missions. Marykathryn was awarded the Alumni Student Leadership Award upon graduation in 2008. The award recognizes outstanding student leadership during a student's four years at Marist. The award also recognizes potential leadership contributions to the Alumni Association.

munication at the University of Albany. ■ **Ryan Marron** plans to attend medical school in August. ■ **Katie Meena** is a production assistant for VH1 Digital, where she interned during the summer of 2011. ■ **Evelyn Morales** is applying to Lehman College to pursue a master's degree. ■ **Joanna Murray (MA)** is pursuing a PhD in counseling and psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University. ■ **Elizabeth Oggeri** is an eighth grade math teacher in Brooklyn, NY. ■ **Joe Papiro** works in Virginia Beach with Domino's Pizza as a specialist in the company's leadership development program, responsible for the financial viability of a store as well as training and coaching fellow team members. ■ **Marina Patterson** and **Kevin Gangeri** are engaged and plan a spring 2014 wedding. ■ **Brittany Pineiro** is pursuing a master's in mental health counseling at Marist. ■ **Tanay Ranadive** is pursuing a master's in environmental science at the University of New Haven. ■ **Nicole Siano** is a JD candidate at Rutgers School of Law, Newark. ■ **Richard Silva (MPA)** is an adjunct professor of criminal justice at Monroe College in the Bronx. ■ **Kerri Smith** is enrolled in Rutgers Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology. ■ **Monica Speranza** works at a newspaper in southwest Louisiana, doing pagination using InDesign. ■ **Emily Whalen** is attending graduate school.

In Memoriam

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Bro. Francis Regis Newbeck, FMS '57
 Rev. Charles W. Hartling '63
 Charles E. Newcomb '66
 Bro. Kenneth Curtin, FMS '67
 Bro. Emil Denworth, FMS '67
 Alfred F. Long '69
 Edmund J. Lueken '69
 Charles J. McBride '70
 Jerry A. Sessa '70
 Charles N. Still '70
 Stephen J. Babits '71
 Thomas E. Greco '71
 Peter Michael Karkowski '73
 Robert J. Bolduc '75
 Raymond M. Rodriguez '76M
 Leonard D. Bernazza '77
 Dolores M. Hanlon '77M
 Irene Cavanaugh Norriella '78
 Judith Norman Rousak '80
 Donna M. Pecchia-Acampora '82
 Veronica Moon Frija '83
 Peter W. Calvelli '85
 Timothy K. Clare '86
 Elizabeth A. Newman '86
 Robert A. Constable '87
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 Arthur F. Noeldechen '97M
 Ameer Hamburger VanTassell '99
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Help the Marist Institute for Public Opinion celebrate its 35th year! The Marist Poll, established in 1978, is planning a birthday bash for Nov. 16, 2013, on the Marist College campus in Poughkeepsie. The day's events will include a football game, tours of MIPO's new home (since 2011) in the Hancock Center, a dinner reception featuring—what else—pizza (MIPO's trademark), and a performance by renowned Washington, D.C.-based comedy troupe *The Capitol Steps* (www.capsteps.com). The event will be open to all, but especially if you're a former poller, please be sure to get on the invitation list by sending an e-mail to the Marist Alumni Office at maristalumni@marist.edu. Lee and Barb are counting on you!



Charles E. Conklin and Mabel E. Conklin Chapel Endowment at Marist College

A Good Deed Multiplied

It started with two caring people and one heartfelt intention. For nearly seven years, an estimated 6,000 young men and women have been touched by the Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Chapel Endowment and its mission to support programs that keep Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel a vibrant part of campus life.



Charlie and Betty Conklin in the chapel

MARRIED FOR 57 YEARS, Charlie and Betty Conklin are longtime residents of the greater Poughkeepsie community and well-known civic leaders. In 2002, at the 50th anniversary Mass marking a rededication of the Marist chapel, the Conklins received thunderous applause for establishing a fund to help the chapel remain an active presence of religious commitment on campus. It was a moving complement to the day's saluting of the Marist Brothers and their steadfast labor to construct this landmark building.

Working with the Advancement Office, the Conklins discussed their vision with President Dennis J. Murray and Campus Minister Father Richard LaMorte. The couple wanted to provide financial resources above and beyond the chapel's annual operating budget and soon developed a focus on expanding, deepening, and initiating programs that enriched the spiritual, liturgical, and leadership experiences of Marist students. Goals and the use of funds were identified, with activities to be monitored by Father LaMorte and to include collaboration with groups such as Campus Ministry and Catholic Connections.

What began as generous annual contributions developed into a significant gift in 2006 to create an endowment. The Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Chapel Endowment has made the following possible, and because it is a permanent fund, which yields an annual award based on a percentage of the contribution and accumulated interest, activities such as these will be underwritten in perpetuity.

BY SHAILEEN KOPEC

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

Spiritual Retreat Opportunities and Fellowship—With the Conklin fund's establishment, nearly 1,100 student enrollments have been partially underwritten for off-campus retreat programs including many at the Marist Brothers retreat center in Esopus, NY. Funds facilitate Catholic College Students Discussion Day, which promotes dialogues and social activities at various campuses and locations. More than 400 students have been involved, with participation extending to Vassar, West Point, the Culinary Institute, Dutchess Community College, SUNY New Paltz, and Mount Saint Mary.

Catholic Leadership Training—With a view to developing future parish leaders, more than 100 students have been selected for Campus Ministry's Catholic Connections' leadership program. Underwritten by the Conklin fund and held in coordination with Marist's Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development, the program focuses on applied leadership training. As part of the program's goals, these student have worked with as many as 600 disadvantaged youth, age 11 to 21, in outreach activities organized by the Catholic Student Association of Campus Ministry.

Spiritual Outreach through Service—Marist's Campus Ministry group has an active volunteer outreach program, and during break periods there are opportunities for students to live their religious values by serving others in impoverished areas. Such experiences have moved some to redirect their lives and education to enter service efforts after graduation. Most recently, the Conklin fund has supported students doing community work in several locations in Mexico.

Enhancement of the Chapel's Liturgical Environment—Attractive and contemporary liturgical hangings provide graphic focal points on the meaning of the holy seasons of Advent and Lent, as well as the celebra-

tions of Christmas and Easter. The addition of a digital piano encourages greater singing participation, enhanced acoustics in an octagonal space, and flexibility in providing music at Mass. Technical enhancements are also now available to the chapel.

Broadening of Spiritual and Religious Education Opportunities—A Conklin endowment speaker series, open to the campus and community at large, addresses topics of interest in Catholicism and draws regular audiences. More than 2,500 pieces of written material on religious information and prayer life are annually underwritten and distributed through an information center installed in the chapel. Special communication is also extended to incoming freshmen who self-identify as Catholic. An interfaith video has been produced to support monthly discussion groups among Campus Ministry's 1,400 members. The piece focuses on three Marist students who are Catholic, Jewish, and Evangelical Christian and how their faith traditions deal with thankfulness.

Expansion of the Liturgical Music Program—Endowment funding has created a more student-oriented liturgical music program at Marist. In addition to providing songbooks, resources have supported the customization of choral materials. Student scholarships are attracting first-rate leaders of song and lead musicians to provide high-quality musical accompaniment for Sunday Masses and related activity.

"In the time that the Conklin chapel endowment has been available at Marist, its activities have strengthened the presence of Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel, the Catholic community on campus, and the spiritual lives of students at large," says Father LaMorte. "We are sincerely grateful to Charlie and Betty Conklin for the generosity of spirit that made this fund possible and we will continue to value and uphold its important mission." ■



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