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**Dr. Elmore Alexander Named Dean of the School of Management**

**D**r. Elmore Alexander has been named dean of the School of Management.

He served as interim dean since January 2007. Prior to joining Marist, he was dean of the School of Business Administration at Philadelphia University. Previously, he served as director of the Division of Business and Management at Johns Hopkins University, associate dean and chair of the Management Department within the Kogod School of Business Administration at American University in Washington, D.C., and as professor of management and director of the Fogelman Executive Center at the University of Memphis.

He has a PhD and MA in organizational behavior from the Terry School of Business at the University of Georgia and a BA in economics and communication from Wake Forest University. His research interests include various aspects of organizational communication and verbal and sexual harassment in the workplace. He has authored more than 70 articles, papers, and presentations. His research has been published in the *Journal of Conflict Resolution*, *Journal of Management*, *Management Communication Quarterly*, *Journal of Information Technology Management*, and *Personnel Psychology*.

He has made presentations at numerous professional conferences including the Academy of Management, the American Accounting Association, Decision Sciences Institute, and the Society for General Systems Research. He has served as a consultant for organizations such as the Army Research Institute, Federal Express, Hunt-Wesson Foods, and the U.S. Postal Service.

**Dr. Elmore Alexander**

**Marist To Join Pioneer Football League in 2009: Red Foxes Will Become 10th Member of League**

**M**arist football has not only a new home —Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field —but also a new conference. Marist has accepted an invitation to join the Pioneer Football League, beginning in 2009. The Red Foxes will become the 10th member of the league, joining Butler, Campbell, Davidson, Dayton, Drake, Jacksonville, Morehead State, San Diego, and Valparaiso.

“We are proud to be included in a league with schools known nationally for their accomplishments in the classroom and on the football field,” says President Dennis J. Murray. “Marist fosters an appreciation of what it means to be a true student-athlete, encouraging success in academics as well as athletics. The colleges and universities in the Pioneer League share this same philosophy, so we feel we have found the right home for our football program.”

In 2009, each Pioneer League team will play eight conference games in a round-robin format. Each team will have four league home games and four league road games. The Pioneer League, established in 1991, competes in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision. All of the league’s members are committed to the non-scholarship football model.

“The Pioneer League is a great fit for our football program, and I’m excited that we will have a chance to showcase our student-athletes and institution on a national level,” says Marist Director of Athletics Tim Murray. “We will be competing in a stable conference

that exemplifies the standards and overall experience that we strive to provide for our student-athletes at Marist.”

“I am very excited about the opportunity to join the Pioneer League in 2009,” says Marist Head Coach Jim Parady, who will be entering his 17th season at the helm in 2008. “The Pioneer League is very competitive, with the last three Mid-Major National Champions coming from it. The league gives us an opportunity to play a national schedule with games from Florida to California. This will help us with recruiting and enable us to attract student-athletes from all across the country.”

“The Pioneer Football League enthusiastically welcomes Marist as our newest member,” says PFL commissioner Patty Viverito.

Marist football was established as a club sport in 1965.

The program was elevated to varsity status in 1978 and began competition at the I-AA level in 1993. From 1994 to 2007, the Red Foxes competed in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Football League. Marist earned its first conference championship as a varsity program in 1990, when the Red Foxes won the Atlantic Collegiate Football Conference crown with a 5-0 league mark. The Red Foxes won the MAAC crown outright in 1994 and earned a share of the league title in 2006 and 2007.

Marist will compete as an FCS independent in the 2008 season. Fans can visit [www.goredfoxes.com](http://www.goredfoxes.com) for more information. ■



**Marist Students Win Prestigious Sakaiger Award**

**E**ight Marist graduate students were presented with a “Sakaiger” award at the Sakai conference in Newport Beach, Calif., in December for their contributions to Sakai’s quality assurance efforts.

The Sakai Project is a landmark venture to create open-source course management, collaboration, and online research support tools for the higher education community. Begun through a collaboration involving the University of Michigan, Indiana University, MIT, and Stanford University, it now includes approximately 100 universities, colleges, and institutions of learning around the world. Marist has been a Sakai Partner since 2005.

The students are Ajay Parimi ’08, Lochan Chhetri ’09, Pashupathinath Rajendran ’09, Sravanthi Tipirneni ’08, Omprakash Vadapalli

’09, Venkatesh Subramanian ’08, Vidhya Kolappa Pillai ’09, and Vidhya Rajan ’08. Their work in Marist’s Office of Academic Technology and eLearning gives them the opportunity for significant hands-on experience with Sakai.

Marist faculty and staff are becoming known as leaders in the Sakai community. Sakai development work is underway through the IBM Joint Study project, and Director of Academic Technology and eLearning Josh Baron has been elected to the Sakai Foundation Board. Marist faculty members are also increasingly adopting the Sakai course management system.

The Sakaiger was introduced in 2007 as the mascot of the Sakai community. ■

# OUT & ABOUT

## Receptions Highlight Capital Campaign

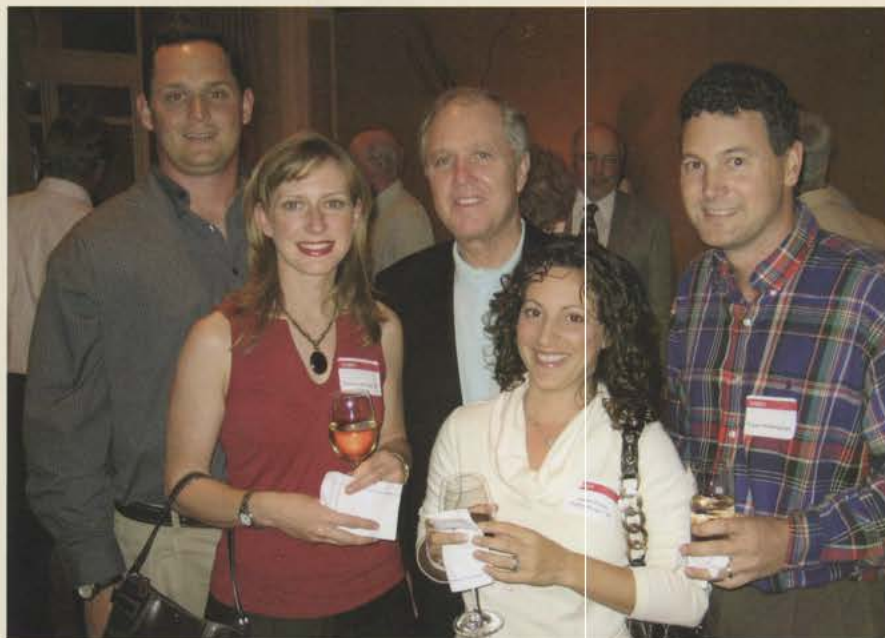
President Dennis J. Murray has been attending regional receptions to update Marist alumni and friends on The Campaign for Marist, the College's newly launched capital campaign (please see page 4). In February, more than 80 alumni and Marist friends attended a reception hosted by the Long Island alumni chapter at Pomodoro Ristorante in Huntington Village, N.Y. In Palm Beach, Fla., Dennis and Marilyn Murray hosted a reception for alumni and friends at the Ritz-Carlton. ■



Guests at the Long Island alumni chapter event included Cynthia Bodenheimer Sheehan '74 and David Sheehan '74



Left to right, Marie Wicks '86, Maureen Doolan Boyle '81, Jack Boyle '78, and John O'Shaughnessy '82 enjoy themselves at the Long Island reception.



Among those at the Palm Beach reception were (left to right) Chris Edelstein '98, Nicole Lauck Edelstein '98, President Dennis Murray, Joann Puma-Pfaffenberger '95, and Walter Pfaffenberger.

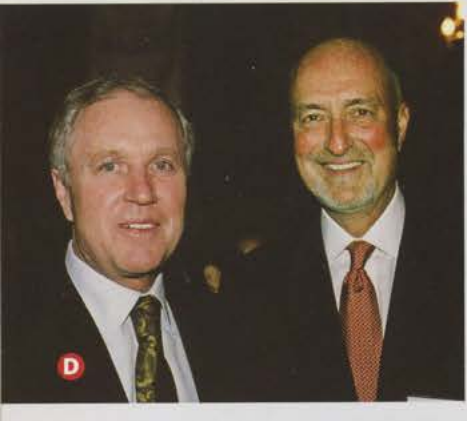
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**Marist College's strong financial position** was affirmed by two financial rating agencies in advance of a bond issue on behalf of the College. Fitch Ratings, in its initial rating of Marist, assigned an "A" rating on new and outstanding debt issues of the Dutchess County Industrial Development Agency issued on behalf of the College. Moody's gave an upgrade from "A3" to "A2," the equivalent of the "A" rating by Fitch. This high rating follows an upgrade of Marist bonds last summer by Moody's from Baa1 to A3. Fitch and Moody's both declared the College's outlook to be "stable." Fitch and Moody's cited several reasons for the assigned credit ratings such as Marist's stable enrollment trends, which have resulted in solid operating margins and healthy balance sheet liquidity; a moderate debt burden; and proven fund-raising capabilities. Conservative financial management and debt issuance policies, and above average student selectivity, also underpin the rating.

Marist College has named **Dr. Helen Rothberg** and **Dr. Eitel Lauria** recipients of its 2007-2008 Faculty Recognition Award. Rothberg is a professor of strategic management and Lauria is an assistant professor of information systems. School of Management Dean Elmore Alexander acknowledged Rothberg for establishing "a substantial stream of research in the area of competitive intelligence" and praised her ability to "inform practitioners and students while bringing recognition to the College." Lauria was recognized for his publication and presentation list that is "nothing short of spectacular," according to School of Computer Science and Mathematics Dean Roger Norton. "Dr. Lauria has nearly 20 accepted papers in some of the top-ranked journals and conferences in the world." In November the president of Argentina, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, presented Argentina's most prestigious IT award, the Sadosky Prize, to Lauria in Buenos Aires for his paper, "Statistical Machine Learning for Network Intrusion Detection: A Data Quality Perspective," co-authored with Giri Tayi of the University at Albany.

Marist's Board of Trustees voted unanimously in November to bestow the title of professor emeritus on **Gerard Cox**, associate professor of English, and **Peter O'Keefe**, associate professor of history. ■

# Launching The Campaign



More than 400 alumni, friends, parents, faculty, staff, and trustees of Marist gathered at the Metropolitan Club Nov. 9 in New York City for the public kickoff of The Campaign for Marist.



**A** Brian and Karen McSherry, parents of Katharine '08 **B** Left to right, Michael Flynn '96, Candida Fink, MD, Michael LaCugna '96, and Rebecca Bowes '96 **C** Trustee Brendan Burke '68 and his wife, Betsy **D** President Dennis Murray and Trustee Dan Hickey '66 **E** Left to right, Karen Fusaro '97, Christina Adzima '96, and Scott Haywood '95 **F** Lauren Moran '07 and her father, William Moran **G** Angela Harris and her husband, Trustee Stan Harris, MD, '68/'06M **H** Left to right, Dr. Barbara Carvalho '79, director of the Marist Poll; Rob Dyson, chair of the Board of Trustees; and Dr. Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion



# for Marist

A college is all about students, so it was only fitting that the party couldn't start until the students arrived.

More than 400 alumni, friends, parents, faculty, staff, and trustees of Marist had gathered at the Metropolitan Club Nov. 9 in New York City for the public kickoff of The Campaign for Marist, the College's first comprehensive capital campaign in 61 years. The Marist Singers Chamber Choir was to open the festivities, but their bus was delayed in Friday rush-hour traffic.

Nobody at the party seemed to mind. Guests had plenty of people to talk to, and a lot to eat, drink, and look at—not only two large video screens offering a slide show of campus and student images but also the magnificent, historic club itself, which was designed by Stanford White and built in 1894.

The Marist Singers were worth waiting for. The 36-member choir entered the hall performing "Bonse Aba," a traditional Zambian song of celebration, accompanied by a student playing a djembe, an African hand-drum. The performance was a natural segue to what Marist Trustee and Campaign Chair Tim Brier '69,

stepping to the podium, wanted to say.

"I can't think of a better, timelier example of what Marist College is all about: harnessing the talents, hard work, and service commitment of young men and women to make their mark on our world and change it for the better," he said.

Brier, a co-founder of Priceline.com, then opened the program by describing how his career had been directed by the experience of spending his junior year in Europe as part of Marist's inaugural Study Abroad Program. "Many of you have had your own special encounter with a Marist person or situation that was transformational to your life. For those of us who have gone to Marist or have been involved in some other way ... we really are who we are because of our time there."

Marist President Dennis J. Murray then told the crowd that every great educational institution in America has had a pivotal point in its history when those who loved the institution made extraordinary commitments to ensure its future success. "Marist is now at such a pivotal point as we launch our capital campaign. The Campaign for Marist will be a transformational moment in the life of our College."

The president said the campaign would improve every facet of the institution and target the College's endowment. Endowment is the capital that provides ongoing income for an institution.

Rob Dyson, chair of Marist's Board of Trustees, then announced the campaign goal of \$75 million. He added that \$45 million had already been

The Campaign for Marist will focus on:

- constructing and expanding academic facilities
- building the endowment
- creating faculty chairs and enhancing academic support to retain and recruit first-rate professors
- attracting highly talented and competitive students by ensuring access to Marist through endowed scholarships and increased financial aid
- enriching student life through support for music, art, theatre, and athletics
- creating in each of Marist's seven schools "centers of excellence" like the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion and the Hudson River Valley Institute
- ensuring that Marist continues to support the less fortunate in society through Campus Ministry and community service programs

raised toward that goal in gifts from trustees, friends, and alumni during the initial, Silent Phase of the campaign.

The success of the campaign, he said, is "not just about large gifts from generous donors, although we are grateful for them. It is about a vote of confidence for the future of Marist College, and a chance to participate in securing the College's future. Please consider your love for Marist and the impact the College has had on your own life and could potentially have on another student's life when you too are asked to make a commitment to the Campaign.

"It's up to all of us to give back—and, in turn, move Marist forward. Please be a part of it."

**I** Director of Choral Activities Sarah Williams leads the Chamber Choir **J** Left to right, Allen Tobin '93, Denis Clifford '93, and Margot Tobin '93



# The Campaign for Marist

## Constructing and Expanding Academic Facilities

The construction and expansion of new academic facilities that has marked Marist's transformation over the past 30 years will continue to be important to meeting the needs of students.

Among projects The Campaign for Marist will support is the Hancock Technology Center, named for Marist's Board of Trustees vice chair, Ellen Hancock, and her husband, Jason, who provided the leadership gift. The center will be not only a hub for information technology but also a facility where students from all academic disciplines can learn and experience how technology plays a role in their particular field of study. The new facility will contain smart classrooms, a 250-seat presentation center, seminar rooms, research space, computer labs, and a data center. It will consolidate Marist's technology research, teaching, and training activities while strengthening the College's expertise in the areas of large-scale data centers, distributed networking, cyber-security, virtual servers, open source software, delivery of rich media content, and e-learning environments.

The campaign will also enhance other academic facilities on campus and will include construction of an Investment Institute and a trading room for the School of Management.



## Creating Faculty Chairs and Enhancing Academic Support to Retain and Recruit First-Rate Professors

A campaign priority will be funding faculty chairs and efforts to retain and recruit talented professors.

Faculty chairs help distinguish the College as a leader in the field in which the chair is established. They can bring special prestige to the College's academic image. They offer Marist an opportunity to add to its faculty an eminent authority in the designated field that the institution otherwise could not afford.

Marist's first endowed chair was the Dr. Richard Foy Chair in Computer Science, named in honor of Dr. Richard Foy '50, president emeritus of the College. The chair was co-founded in 1979 by Marist Trustee Arthur Brook and the McCann Foundation, under the leadership of John J. Gartland Jr. who was president of the McCann Foundation and a Marist trustee.

The Foy Chair recognizes a special interest and expertise of its namesake. It was largely through Richard Foy's efforts that all of the College's key administrative offices adapted their functions to computer use beginning as early as 1967. Throughout the 21 years he served as Marist's president, he chose to teach at least one undergraduate course in mathematics or computer science during each semester.



## Attracting Talented Students by Ensuring Access to Marist Through Endowed Scholarships and Increased Financial Aid

The College's leadership has always strived to keep a Marist education high quality and accessible. Now more than ever, the support of others is needed to make this possible.

As a relatively young institution with a modest endowment, Marist is very tuition-reliant. Under the leadership of President Dennis J. Murray, astute fiscal management has provided Marist with a strong financial base and continuous balanced budgets. Meeting enrollment goals, though, remains paramount, and financial assistance is especially important for the average Marist family.

There is no greater need at Marist than helping students finance their education. Increasing tuition costs coupled with decreasing state and federal aid for private colleges have caused Marist to dramatically increase its institutional aid budget since 1990. More than ever, endowment is needed to provide a permanent base from which scholarship funds can be drawn reliably.

Scholarships offer a range of naming opportunities. The nearly 100 scholarships offered at Marist include ones that remember a loved one such as a spouse or child; honor a parent; dedicate funds to promising students in a specific discipline; encourage leadership development and community service; pay tribute to faculty or staff members; honor trustees; support students in certain geographic areas; and support students attending high schools administered by Marist Brothers or where the Brothers have a presence.

Many Marist scholarships are designated for upperclass students. Scholarships designated for incoming freshmen can help make Marist an affordable choice.

**K** Left to right, Dr. Jim Johnson, executive director, Hudson River Valley Institute; HRVI Advisory Board members Barnabas McHenry and Todd Brinckerhoff, also a Marist trustee; and Dr. Thom Wermuth '84, vice president for academic affairs **L** Marilyn Murray, Jason Murray '83, and President Dennis Murray **M** Trustees Ross Mauri '80 and Ellen Hancock **N** Trustees Tom Ward '69 and Chris McCann '83 **O** Trustee Pat Lavelle '73 and Jim Streibel, father of KellyAnn '09 **P** Trustee Pat Connolly Pantello '76 and her husband, Ron







### Creating “Centers of Excellence” in Each of Marist’s Seven Schools

A successful campaign will also mean the development of more “centers for excellence” at Marist—concentrations of expertise, resources, and services that not only foster teaching and learning, but also share the results of their work to benefit external communities.

One such existing center is the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion, now in its 30th year. MIPO becomes most visible in a presidential election year as student pollsters take the pulse of both the region and the nation and results are circulated to the media. But students also conduct public opinion polls on matters besides politics, resulting in data that decision-makers can use to shape policy.

The Hudson River Valley Institute is another Marist-based center that does valuable work for the community. HRVI, which celebrates its sixth anniversary in June, is dedicated to studying and promoting the Hudson River Valley and to providing educational resources for heritage tourists, scholars, elementary school educators, environmental organizations, the business community, and the general public. Its many projects include the publication of the academic journal *Hudson River Valley Review* and the management of a dynamic digital library and regional portal.

### Ensuring that Marist Continues to Support the Less Fortunate Through Campus Ministry and Community Service Programs

Marist is known for its tradition of service, a legacy of the founding Marist Brothers. This tradition continued during the fall 2007 semester as the campus responded to a variety of Campus Ministry programs.

In November, Marist contributed more than \$6,500 through annual Hunger Month activities. The money was donated to organizations that help in the fight against hunger. In addition, students filled and distributed 50 boxes of food to families in Dutchess County as part of their annual Thanksgiving food drive. In December, faculty, staff, and students donated more than 700 presents as part of the annual Giving Tree project, bringing a merrier Christmas to 31 families, including 83 children, in the City of Poughkeepsie.

Service is also a major part of activities of other organizations on campus. For example, in October the Student Government Association sponsored a walkathon for Special Olympics Miles for Medals, raising \$17,000. Approximately 450 people participated in the event, held in the McCann Center.



### Enriching Student Life Through Support for Music, Art, Theatre, and Athletics

The campaign will enhance the collegiate experience outside the classroom by supporting the arts and athletics.

The campaign has already made a significant impact on athletics at Marist with the construction and dedication of Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field (please see page 9). Construction of the stadium started in October 2006 and was completed in October of 2007. The architectural firm of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill LLP designed and oversaw the project, which enhanced and developed two key areas of the facility—the playing surface and spectator seating. The stadium is now used by five varsity programs—football, men’s soccer, women’s soccer, men’s lacrosse, and women’s lacrosse—as well as by intramural and club teams. The facility also has improved the spectator experience for all students and parents.

The capital campaign will also fund renovation of the James J. McCann Center. Plans call for refurbishment of seating and locker rooms that have remained unchanged since they were built 25 years ago. At that time, Marist athletes numbered 125 and were mainly men. The upgrades would serve the now 600 male and female Marist athletes. Improvements to gym/track seating will provide more attractive and comfortable accommodations, potentially increasing revenue from athletic and cultural events.

Campaign support for arts programs would include appropriate rehearsal space for Marist’s Music Department, sorely needed by the College’s much-lauded bands and choirs.

**S**upport for The Campaign for Marist will allow Marist to continue fulfilling its mission, says Robert L. West, vice president for college advancement. “Everyone who’s been associated with Marist takes pride in the College’s transformation over the past 30 years. They also recognize the importance of increasing Marist’s endowment for the future. The Campaign for Marist is a new and different undertaking because it centers on people—faculty and students—as much, if not more than, on buildings.”

#### Here’s How You Can Help:

- **Advocate for Marist** Spread the word about Marist. Encourage classmates and other friends to support The Campaign for Marist.
- **Make a Gift** Start with an annual gift to the Marist Fund and then, if possible, make an additional gift to help the capital campaign.
- **Bring Your Friends Along** Ask others to join you in giving.
- **Volunteer for Marist** Join the online Marist Alumni Career Network. Help Marist’s Center for Career Services arrange an internship for a Marist student in your workplace. Help our Alumni Relations office plan your class reunion. Assist with plans for Homecoming Weekend Oct. 4–5, 2008. Help organize alumni events in your area. Host a Marist event at your home, workplace, or club. Tell us about classmates interested in volunteering for Marist.

For more information or to volunteer, contact Robert L. West, Vice President for College Advancement, at (845) 575-3412 or robert.west@marist.edu.

## What is an Endowment?

**C**ollege and university endowment funds are important sources of revenue. Endowments are very complex. They usually consist of many—sometimes thousands—of different funds. Most of these funds are subject to restrictions that donors impose and that institutions are legally required to uphold. Endowment funds are managed to provide a permanent source of income to support the teaching, research, and public service missions of institutions.

Charitable donations are the primary source of funds for endowments. Donors typically restrict their gifts to specific purposes such as establishing student scholarships, creating professorships, instituting new programs, or constructing new facilities. Some donors provide unrestricted gifts that enable institutions to support general operations or special initiatives. Endowments typically grow over time and through a combination of donations and investment returns.

Colleges and universities spend endowment income on a wide variety of purposes. At institutions with large endowments, endowment spending contributes significant resources toward their operating budgets; in some cases, it is the largest source of revenue for the institution. Thus endowment spending helps to keep tuition below the level that would be necessary if tuition alone paid the true cost of educating a student.

A typical college or university endowment includes many individual funds that are restricted (most often by donors, but also by the institution) to student financial aid.

Faculty chairs or professorships are another leading purpose for which individual endowment funds are dedicated. As with endowment funds for student scholarships, investment income earned by faculty endowment funds is used annually to fund the professorships. Endowed professorships are often awarded to leading scientists and scholars who are contributing significantly to teaching and research in their respective disciplines.

Some alumni and donors make charitable endowment gifts for the restricted purpose of supporting intercollegiate athletics. Colleges and universities use investment income from such gifts to fund athletic scholarships, facilities, salaries, and equipment.

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**Q** Left to right, Jim Joyce '74 and Trustees Mary Joyce '74 and Mark Dennis '83  
**R** Left to right, Joe Finnerty '83, Shaileen Kopec, senior development officer for planned giving and endowment support, Greg Welsh '76, President Dennis Murray, and Brian Morris '76  
**S** Left to right, Vice President for College Advancement Bob West, Trustee Tim Brier '69, and Ian Green '88  
**T** Caroline Kretz '84 (second from left) and her husband, Charles Liu (far left), with Trustee Jim Barnes '84 and his wife, Donna

# Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field Is Dedicated

**A** new chapter in Marist athletics began on Oct. 6, 2007, with the dedication of Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field. The event, which took place during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, drew 4,621 spectators including many alumni and local government officials.

During the opening festivities, Marist Trustee Tim Tenney, CEO of Pepsi Cola of the Hudson Valley, was honored for his leadership gift. Four other Marist benefactors were also honored for their leadership commitments: Matthew Daly '91; Susan and Jack Eberth '69; Tom Taylor '66; and CRM Holdings, Ltd., represented by Dan Hickey Jr. In addition, a \$50,000 grant for the stadium was received from the J. M. McDonald Foundation. Marist Trustee Pat Lavelle '73, president and CEO of Audiovox Corp., and Audiovox donated several flat-screen TVs for the stadium's press box as well as for other campus locations.

The stadium construction project consisted of removing the former grandstand and press

booth along the west side of the field and building a new precast grandstand structure along with a modern press booth, media booths, and VIP suites along the east side. An athletic training room, team and officials' dressing rooms, restrooms, concessions, and storage space were incorporated in the area located under the spectator seating. The new seating includes 1,744 chair-backs in the grandstand, with additional seating located on the West Berm, giving Tenney Stadium a capacity of 5,000. ■

**U** President Dennis Murray (far left) and Director of Athletics Tim Murray (far right) with Trustee Tim Tenney (second from right) and his family **V** Matthew Daly '91 and his son, Jack, who represent, along with Matt's father, three generations of the Daly family involved with Marist—the Hon. T. F. Gilroy Daly served on Marist's Board of Trustees from 1994 to 1996 **W** Jack Eberth '69 and his wife, Susan **X** Tom Taylor '66 (left) and Tim Murray **Y** Dan Hickey Jr. (left), representing CRM Holdings, Ltd., and Tim Murray



The dedication of Marist's new stadium drew more than 4,600 spectators including many alumni.



# From the Wheelhouse to the White House

**An unforgettable internship at the White House has shaped future plans for political science major Vinny O'Neill '09.**

**V**inny O'Neill Jr. was measuring a lobster's carapace on the 42-foot *Rebecca E.B.* in the middle of Long Island Sound when the White House called.

He had his hands full at that moment with his summer job working for the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on its western Long Island Sound lobster survey. So he wrote the caller's number down on a cardboard bait box and returned the call later. It was then he learned that the White House wanted to interview him for the internship he had applied for. The interview took place that night by phone.

The next time the White House called, the Marist junior was installing a bilge pump on a boat in the DEC equipment yard. When it came to boats, he had been the go-to guy all summer; he grew up around the marine business his father owned in Bohemia, N.Y.

It didn't take him long to accept the offer of an internship in the White House Office of Presidential Correspondence. "For a political science major, it was the pinnacle of success, the be-all and end-all," says O'Neill.

The internship, which he heard about through American University's Washington Semester program, proved to be a full-time commitment. From September to mid-December 2007, O'Neill lived on American University's campus in Washington, D.C.—one of the few students who left his dorm each day wearing a suit—and worked at the White House Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. and sometimes on Saturdays. Known as "Intern Vinny," he was the only intern assigned to the

presidential writers; during his time there he took part in the composition of proclamations, executive orders, and correspondence to heads of state and often assisted staff members by proofreading their work before a final edit.

As a Republican, he was in his element. "Every time I walked out [of the West Wing], I was awed."

He met President George W. Bush several times and found him to be a very nice man who would ask how he was doing and thank him for his hard work. He also met former Kansas senator Bob Dole, who co-chairs the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors; Vice President Richard Cheney; Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff; and White House Chief of Staff Joshua Bolten. He watched Marine One arrive with the president on board. He and eight other interns sat in the Presidential Box during a concert by the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, tickets that arrived in a special envelope bearing the presidential seal.

Through the internship, he made contacts, earned references, and forged many strong friendships. "We spent so many hours together. Even though it's the White House, it's still an office. We have fun just like [employees in] any other building."

Coming back to college after the internship was difficult, he says. "I miss it every day. It's hard to go from doing to practicing. I was immersed in the world of politics."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF VINNY O'NEILL '09

**"Intern Vinny" at the White House**

Still in Washington mode, he checks the online news networks 10 times a day. He returned to D.C. over the Christmas break to visit his friends. They took him to watch Marine One land on the South Lawn, where the president greeted him and paused for a photo.

A former volunteer for the Rudy Giuliani campaign, O'Neill hopes to land a position with the John McCain campaign this summer in Washington, D.C. If the Republican candidate wins, he will try for a job in the White House after college graduation. If not, he will go to law school.

His White House internship showed him how the real world works, he says. "I can honestly say it was the best experience of my life." ■



**President George W. Bush greets Vinny O'Neill '09 (right) and bystander Hailey Lynn on the South Lawn of the White House.**

# An Enduring Gift

**A dream of the Foy Brothers four decades ago, the Peter and Virginia Foy Scholarship endowment has grown from a gift of \$5,195 to nearly \$112,000 today and has helped more than 30 students complete their college education.**

**T**he Foy Brothers—Richard and Peter—were born three years apart in the 1920s in a house on 237th Street in the Wakefield section of the Bronx. Their mother, the former Virginia McKeon, was a native New Yorker with family roots in Ireland. Their father, Peter, emigrated from Ireland and fought with the U.S. Army in France in World War I. His sons recall his personal diary describing how horses pulled ammunition wagons on the battlefield in 1918.

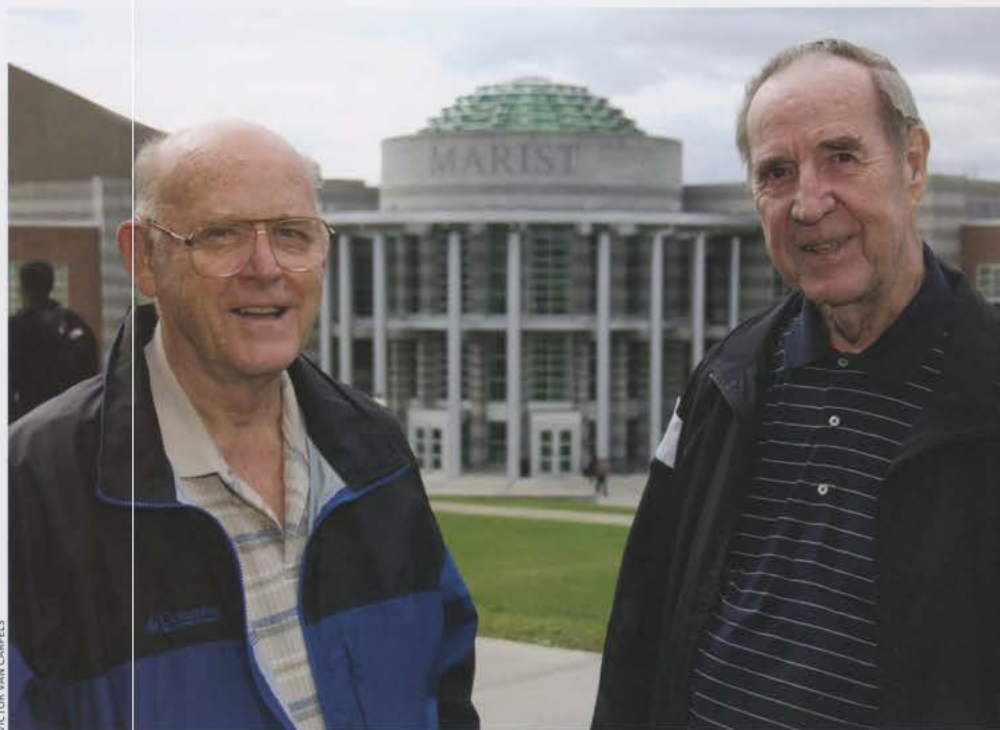
Peter Sr.'s early ambition was to be a jockey, but he grew to be six-foot-two. (Son Peter topped him at six-foot-six; Richard stopped at six-foot-one.) To support his family—and that term came to include many relatives from Ireland—the senior Foy became an enterprising businessman who established 14 neighborhood grocery stores, mostly in Yonkers and the vicinity. While the introduction of supermarkets in 1938 brought an end to Royal Food Stores, the Foy parents' example of hard work, commitment to family, and faith in God created enduring values for their sons.

Peter served in the Marines during World War II and after his discharge enrolled at MIT to study electrical engineering on the GI bill. His career path took him into the emerging field of computers, and he became a lifelong Californian.

Richard entered the Marist Brothers, graduated from Marist College, and earned a PhD in mathematics from the Courant Institute at New York University. Appointed president of Marist College at 28, he was regarded then as the youngest college president in the country. In time, Richard left the Marist order but remained as Marist's leader for 21 years.

Among President Foy's many challenges was to create a sound financial base for his young institution. Older colleges had well-established endowments, and it was clear that some effort should be made to start such a permanent fund for Marist. The Foy brothers teamed up—Richard researching funds at other schools and determining a good model for the College, Peter making the first contribution. "I beat him

BY SHAILEEN KOPEC



During the period when Richard Foy '50 (left) was president of Marist, his brother, Peter, established the College's first endowed scholarship to honor their parents, Peter and Virginia Foy.

to it. I take full credit," says Peter laughingly, adding, "Of course, he was a Brother."

In 1964, Peter and his wife, Eileen, gave \$5,195 to initiate the Peter and Virginia Foy Scholarship, named in honor of Peter's and Richard's late parents. The criterion for Marist's first endowed scholarship, which has endured for 44 years, was to help students with significant financial need achieve a Marist education. Over the years, more than 30 Foy Scholars have been able to do just that.

The \$5,195 given so many years ago, to help a young college and to honor beloved parents, has grown through prudent investment into a fund valued today at \$111,639.09. The endowment currently enables Marist to annually award a \$5,500 scholarship, as well as to continue building the fund for the future.

"Our father received the equivalent of a sixth grade education in Ireland, and our mother graduated from Newtown High in Queens," Richard recalls. "Both of them were caring and intelligent, but that was all the opportunity available to them. Today college is the expectation. Our parents stressed the importance of higher education to us, and we both pursued it. The Peter and Virginia Foy Scholarship is designed to ensure that bright young people like our parents are able to complete their college education—and at Marist." ■

## Establishing a Scholarship at Marist College

**D**uring The Campaign for Marist, one of the College's highest priorities is to increase scholarship endowment. The College has established a minimum gift level of \$25,000 for a donor to found a named endowed scholarship. A donor may establish a scholarship to support students in a specific major or to help students where the need is greatest. The scholarship may be named for the donor, a loved one, or as a memorial.

An individual scholarship fund becomes part of Marist's overall endowment for purposes of financial management, but each fund is individually tracked with respect to principal and annual award. A scholarship's annual award is based on 5 percent of the current principal's value for the individual fund and is derived from annual interest. The principal is never invaded, with interest beyond 5 percent reinvested. Endowment investment is regularly reviewed by Marist trustees.

For further information about establishing an endowed scholarship at Marist now or through your estate, contact Shaileen Kopec, senior development officer for planned giving and endowment support, at 845-575-3468 (private line) or shaileen.kopec@marist.edu.



# Red Fox Roundup

**The women's basketball team earns its third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament, men's and women's swimming and diving pull off upsets to win the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Championships, and women's soccer and football secure regular-season MAAC titles.**

Another year, another Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament gone by with the Marist women's basketball team winning the championship. Sounds like just another ordinary year, right?

Well, this year has been anything but ordinary for the Red Foxes, who continue to pile up victories at a record pace while gaining more attention at the national level.

On March 9, Marist earned its third consecutive trip to the NCAA Tournament and fourth in the past five years with an 83-63 triumph over Iona in the MAAC Championship game. In Baton Rouge, La., Marist defeated DePaul 76-57 March 22 in the first NCAA round before falling to LSU 68-49 March 24 in the second round, ending the Red Foxes' 22-game winning streak, the longest in the country. Marist finished the season with a program-best record of 32-3.

The excellence achieved by the team was displayed in the numerous honors earned by the team's players and coaches. Brian Giorgis was named MAAC Coach of the Year for the fourth time in five years. Rachele Fitz '10 earned MAAC Player of the Year honors just a year after winning MAAC Rookie of the Year. Erica Allenspach '11 followed in Fitz's footsteps by being named MAAC Rookie of the Year, and Lynzee Johnson '10 was recognized as the conference's top performer coming off the bench as she was lauded as Sixth Player of the Year. Sarah Smrdel '08 was named MAAC Tournament Most Valuable Player, while Fitz and Nikki Flores '08 earned MAAC All-Tournament Team honors.

The outstanding team and individual achievements were not lost on media and coaches alike across the country. For the first time in program history, the Red Foxes were ranked in the Associated Press poll and the ESPN/USA Today Coaches' poll during the season. Entering the NCAA Tournament, Marist was ranked 22nd in both.

On March 6, Marist was named the MAAC winner of the "Pack the House" challenge, an NCAA initiative designed to increase attendance at women's basketball games. In an effort spearheaded by Assistant Athletics Director Travis Tellitocci, Marist sold out its Jan. 25 game against Siena as 3,200 fans filled the McCann Center and were treated to a 78-48 victory for the Red Foxes.

BY MIKE FERRARO '01

The storylines in the 2007-08 school year through early March have been plentiful.

## Men's Basketball

The men's basketball team reached the MAAC Tournament semifinals for the third consecutive year and put together a record of 18-14. The Red Foxes have had the best record in conference play (37-17) of any team in the MAAC over the past three seasons.

While the Red Foxes' starting lineup generally consisted of four seniors, newcomers in the backcourt offered plenty of hope for the future. Freshman guard Jay Gavin led the team in scoring at 12.3 points per game and was named MAAC Co-Rookie of the Year, becoming the first Red Fox to earn MAAC Rookie of the Year honors. Red-shirt sophomore David Devezin stepped into the lineup at point guard and started all but one game, also finishing third on the team in scoring at just under 10 points per game.

## Men's and Women's Swimming and Diving

After a regular season in which the men's team lost a pair of conference meets and the women lost one as well, neither squad was tabbed as a favorite for February's MAAC Championships. But under the leadership of Head Men's and Women's Coach Larry VanWagner and Head Diving Coach Melanie Bolstad, both the



Soccer player Maria Baez '10

men's and women's teams pulled off upsets and emerged as MAAC champions. The two championships now give the Red Foxes' men's and women's programs a total of 22 since joining the MAAC for the 1995-96 season.

## Women's Soccer

Under the direction of third-year Head Coach Elizabeth Roper, the Red Foxes took a leap forward to become one of the MAAC's elite. Marist won the conference's regular-season championship and advanced to the MAAC Tournament final. The Red Foxes won a program-record 11 games while also setting single-season records for longest unbeaten streak (six games), goals scored (40), fewest goals allowed (20), and shutouts (seven). The program also earned a regional ranking from *Soccer Buzz Magazine* for the first time in program history as the Red Foxes were rated 14th in the Northeast in the final poll. Roper was named MAAC Coach of the Year, and sophomore Maria Baez was named First Team All-MAAC.

## Football

Marist celebrated the opening of Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field on Oct. 6 as the Red Foxes drew 4,621 fans on a sun-splashed day for their game against Duquesne. After a rough

Cross country/track runner Girma Segni '09



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start, the team rebounded in the second half of the season to claim its second straight share of a MAAC Football League championship. On Senior Day, Marist earned a thrilling 37-31 triple overtime victory and followed it up with a 17-14 win at Iona in the season finale to clinch a share of the MAAC crown. A total of 14 players earned All-MAAC honors, and Head Coach Jim Parady was named MAAC Coach of the Year.

### Men's and Women's Cross Country

The men's team had a strong second-place finish at the MAAC Championships, trailing only Iona, which just so happens to be ranked second in the country. Girma Segni '09, David Raucci '09, and Mike Rolek '08 were named All-MAAC after placing in the top 15 at the MAAC Championships. Segni and Raucci went on to earn All-East honors following their performances at the IC4A Championships. The women's team placed fourth behind a fifth-place overall finish from Brittany Burns '10, who was named All-MAAC for the second year in a row. The teams combined for 20 MAAC

All-Academic selections, with the men having a conference-high 11 selections.

### Men's and Women's Indoor Track

The Red Foxes had a strong indoor season athletically and academically. Caitlin Garrity '08 won the 5K at the MAAC Championships, and Girma Segni broke a school record in the 5,000 meters at the IC4A Championships. Marist led the conference with 31 All-Academic selections, including 18 coming on the women's side. Mike Rolek becomes the first student-athlete in school history to earn an NCAA postgraduate scholarship, making him just one of 174 student-athletes across the country to earn the honor.

### Men's Soccer

Under the direction of first-year Head Coach Matt Viggiano '99, the Red Foxes laid the foundation for a promising future. Marist finished sixth in the MAAC at 6-8-4 overall and 3-3-3 in the conference. The Red Foxes improved from start to finish in a season in which six freshmen were often in the starting lineup.

Three first-year players—Nico Mossa, Steven Morales, and Joe Touloumis—were named to the MAAC All-Rookie Team, while Shareif Ali '08, Marcelo del Rio '09, and Chris Nacca '09 were MAAC All-Academic selections.

### Volleyball

The Red Foxes finished the 2007 season with records of 10-20 overall and 6-12 in the conference. Sophomore Alexandra Schultze was named Second Team All-MAAC following a season in which she set the program's single-season record for kills with 488. Schultze notched a career-high 27 kills in Marist's triumph over Manhattan on Sept. 15. In addition to her achievements on the court, Schultze was also lauded for her work in the classroom, as she was one of five Red Foxes named to the MAAC All-Academic Team. She was joined by Christy Lukes '08, Kelsey Schaefer '09, Jordan Rowe '09, and Dawn Jan '10. ■

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# Excelling with Instruments

**Music and science have been passions since childhood for each of the young Gupta brothers. Now Robert, after graduating from Marist at age 17 and earning a master's in music at Yale, is the youngest violinist in the Los Angeles Philharmonic. Akshar Patrick will graduate this May at 17 and is headed for a master's in public health and then medical school.**

**M**arist senior Akshar Patrick Gupta may be his brother Robert '05's biggest fan—and earliest critic. While Robert practiced his violin at an age when most kids were just learning to tie their shoes, Akshar, who is three years his junior, often sat contentedly, eating Cheerios. If his brother made a mistake, Akshar would look up from his cereal and say, "Wrong note!"

When he was old enough to play himself, Akshar took up the violin, and then the piano, primarily so the two could play duets. "Growing up we played tons of recitals together," says Robert, who last June became the youngest member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic at age 19. "He's a phenomenally gifted musician. He's completely embraced the amount of hard work and drive it takes to go into the sciences."

"I like the fact that a violin and piano can collaborate," says Akshar, who will graduate from Marist this spring at age 17 with a major in biology and minors in chemistry and music. And while his sights are set on medical school—"I hope to practice in something that involves pediatrics because I've always wanted to work with children," he says—Akshar hopes the opportunity to return to the stage with his brother will present itself soon. "I like to think of my music as an enhancement in my life," he adds. "I don't like to use the word hobby."

As Chandana Gupta tells the story, by the time Robert started nursery school in Montgomery, N.Y., "he pretty much knew the colors and he knew his alphabet. He couldn't tell us he was bored, but the only thing we could let him do independently was to watch TV." While he sat passively through *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* and its ilk on PBS, whenever a musical program came on, "you would see



From a family photo album, Akshar at age 1½ and Robert in 1992



"My inspiration is Zubin Mehta because he embraces music with his whole heart," says Robert Gupta '05, who performed as a soloist with Mehta at age 12 in Tel Aviv.

BY DICK ANDERSON



his hands going all over the place," she says. "We couldn't buy a \$50,000 piano, but we got him a small keyboard." Not long after, Robert switched to violin, "and he took off."

"It became very serious, something that stemmed from a very deep love that I had for playing this music," says Robert, who enrolled in the Juilliard School's Pre-College Division at age 6 and performed his first solo two years later. His music took him across the United States and Europe, as well as to Israel, India, and Japan.

While he was flourishing musically, he found little support in his home school district. After six years of traditional school and skipping a grade as a 12-year-old, Robert did well enough on his SATs to win a scholarship to Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, N.Y. There he dove into his other passion—biology—and by his third summer was invited to do spinal cord research at Hunter College in Manhattan.

During his sophomore and junior years, he also began studies at the Manhattan Conservatory of Music. "My parents were commuting me back and forth every other day," says Robert. (By her own estimation, Chandana was driving 60,000 to 70,000 miles each year taxiing her children to their schools.) "It became insanely difficult for them."

Then Akshar, who had been home-schooled while also studying piano and composition at Juilliard, transferred from Mount Saint Mary to Marist. "One of the things that drew me to Marist was that I could be a music minor," says Akshar, who completed that course of study with a 4.0 GPA. He is now finishing his studies while waiting to hear back from graduate schools (he plans to pursue his master's in public health en route to a career in health management).

According to his mother, it took a little coaxing to convince Robert, who was 15 credits away from graduating from Mount St. Mary's, to transfer to Marist. But the College's strengths in the sciences, coupled with its library and scenic locale along the Hudson River, went a long way toward persuading him. "Robert is a book addict," Chandana notes. "If you give him a lot of books, he will vacuum the house for me."

Temporarily, at least, music took an intermission during Robert's year at Marist. He studied the neurotoxicity of platinum group metals with a group that presented its research at a conference in Washington, D.C., and researched Parkinson's disease at a laboratory at Harvard run by famed neuroscientist Dennis Selkoe. "I wanted to have that breadwinning degree—the one where it would have facilitated my interests to become a doctor or researcher," says Robert, who has long been fascinated with the healing capacity of music. "But I loved playing so much because it came from something deeper inside. It was something I needed to do."

After finishing his degree, Robert strongly considered going straight to medical school, but



**"Akshar is very strong in his opinion when he wants something to be done," says his mother, Chandana. "He knows what he wants."**

instead enrolled in a master's of music program at Yale, where he completed his second degree last spring. And it was there that his journey to the LA Philharmonic began last May.

"I didn't think I had a chance of winning an audition," admits Robert, who was invited to Los Angeles to try out for one of two openings at violin. He went through two rounds of blind auditions, where the committee made its decisions based solely on the music, before being called back for a third, decisive day.

"I don't like eating very heavily before an audition or a performance," Robert says, so the final day of auditions he ate an omelet in the morning and a cup of yogurt in the afternoon before going on at 5:30 p.m.—90 minutes past his expected call time. A second, unscreened round followed around 7:45, when the then-starving teenager saw the audition committee and conductor for the first time. "I was so exhausted I couldn't even feel nervous," he recalls. "I just wanted to go out and play." (Afterward, an assistant slipped him several small plates of food that had been prepared for the judges.)

His last callback came at 10:30 p.m. An hour later, they announced the two winners: Robert and Russian-born David Chernyavsky. Three performances into his trial week, Robert

was offered the job. He made his professional debut, complete with fireworks, with the LA Phil at the Hollywood Bowl on July 2.

"It's a very welcoming group, and they didn't have to be," says Robert, who is the orchestra's youngest member by about eight years. Following a glowing profile of Robert by *Los Angeles Times* columnist Steve Lopez in January—"I wasn't sure whether I wanted to interview him, clone him or strangle him," Lopez wrote—the wunderkind violinist took his share of ribbing from his fellow performers. "There are some great characters in this orchestra—some amazing people," he says. "But they can rip on you, that's for sure."

While he has his hands full right now learning the LA Philharmonic's repertoire—a three-year task, at least—Robert hopes to get back to science somewhere down the road. "If that opportunity makes itself available, I'll go for it." Meanwhile, Akshar—who last performed with Robert at the Grand Montgomery Chamber Music Series in May 2007—hopes that he and his brother will someday live closer again, so that "we can share our children's childhoods and our families." ■

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# d\_parture spa Takes Off



**Entrepreneur Gina Egel Stern '99 has made her unique concept of airport spas a million-dollar success and is sharing her vision with at-risk youth.**

**G**ina Stern's 5-year-old son, Maddox, is methodically removing items from her purse and spreading them on a table in the food court in Terminal B of Newark Liberty International Airport.

He is sitting in the food court next to his mother while she has a meeting. Gina Egel Stern '99 tries to include Maddox and her other son, Beckham, 2, in her work. She is president and owner of d\_parture spa, a full-service salon with locations in terminals B and C of Newark Liberty International Airport and Terminal A of Orlando International Airport. The spa offers everything from hair cutting, color, and styling to manicures, pedicures, waxing, massages, and facials. The company has 63 full-time and five part-time employees, and revenues in 2007 were more than \$1.3 million.

In 2006 Stern was one of 20 entrepreneurs chosen out of almost 500 applicants to participate in "Make Mine a Million \$ Business," a program to help women whose small businesses have potential. The distinction has led to TV, print, and online media coverage including an interview on *The Montel Williams Show*. She is also an inspirational speaker and has founded a program to help at-risk youth realize their dreams.

### The Last Stop

Stern has had to chisel her own route up, carving a foothold each step of the way. Growing up in the Bronx, she was an A student through the ninth grade at Thomas C. Giordano Junior High. Upon her sophomore year, the school district reorganized, splitting up longtime schoolmates among several high schools. She was placed at Harry S. Truman High School, an hour from her home, where cliques had already formed, where teachers, she says, were unenthusiastic, and where she was in the racial minority. After witnessing a gang-related beating in a stairwell one day, she and other student witnesses were escorted home for security reasons and transferred the next day to another school, Walton High. The events stunned her.

Home life, meanwhile, included a number of difficulties as her family struggled in many respects. Circumstances sometimes made it an effort to go to school each day despite the pep talks she gave herself as she left home each morning.

Gina Stern '99 is president and owner of d\_parture spa, a full-service salon with three locations in airports in Newark and Orlando.

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Walton was “the last stop” for teachers, she says, and one of them told her she might as well drop out. So she did, in the eleventh grade.

The sudden death of her grandfather from a heart attack led her to go to California. Her brother’s dire illness related to a rare heart condition brought her back to New York. His death motivated her to achieve.

“I strive to prove him right about me,” she says now. “He always told me I was special, that I had greatness inside of me. He told me I would do big things in this world.”

### You Start with a Swatch

Unsatisfied with where she was in her life, she had enrolled, at age 25, in Marist’s Fashion Program. “Marist College as a whole really embraced me, nurtured me and helped me to grow into the person I am today. It was the right place for me to be. The environment and faculty held such standards that they quietly molded me.”

The Fashion Program was demanding, the caliber of the instructors high. There were deadlines and an expectation that she would perform. Ripping out seams, she says, was “an amazing, character-building experience.”

“You get to the point where you trust your creative ability.”

Fashion faculty member Sue DeSanna remembers Gina as an extraordinary student: talented, enthusiastic, responsible, and creative. “She worked very hard both in school and at jobs to pay for her tuition. As a non-traditional student, she was more mature than the others, but managed to integrate very well with her classmates. She was a good cook – she would often bring an electric pan and food to cook a late-night snack for her classmates. I always enjoyed her sense of humor, which was often brought forth to counter a stressful situation.”

Stern’s first job was with John Anthony Couture, which discovered her during Marist’s Silver Needle Fashion Show at the Time Life



**Stern (center) talks with cosmetologist Yuri Gonzalez (left) and massage therapist Jose Aponte inside d\_parture spa.**

Building in New York City in 1999. It was her dream job: cutting patterns, working with the best fabrics, embellishing, assisting with the creation of gowns that sold for tens of thousands. On the bus ride to work she read *Think and Grow Rich*.

Then one day at home, her platform sandals caused her to stumble and fall down a flight of stairs. Her therapy called for bed rest for three weeks plus daily chiropractic visits, a regimen that led to the loss of her job.

It was while recuperating that she wrote a 28-page business plan for what became d\_parture spa, drawing on her Fashion Program experience of building things from concept to creation. The concept was inspired by a six-hour flight delay at Newark during which she walked around the terminal trying to make the best use of the time.

After several months of trying—“with zero network,” she adds—she got a foot in the door to present her idea to Newark airport retail developers. They liked the concept but had already leased all their space. Two weeks later, however, they called. They had redesigned their merchandising mix and offered her the last space available.

Still paying off her college loan, she obtained a personal loan to pay for construction of the spa. “All things are possible,” she says simply. Again, she recalls her Fashion Program

education. “You start with a swatch. I had the focus, I had the passion, like I did when I had a collection.”

She opened her first d\_parture spa at Newark Liberty International Airport in Terminal C in November 2000. In 2003 she opened two more spas: the one in Terminal B at Newark and the one at Orlando.

### Make Mine a Million

In October 2006 Stern became a finalist in the “Make Mine a Million \$ Business” program sponsored by the nonprofit Count Me In for Women’s Independence and its partner, OPEN from American Express®. Count Me In launched the program to inspire one million women entrepreneurs to reach annual revenues of \$1 million by 2010. The program awarded the finalists money, mentoring, marketing, business services, and technology assistance.

It made Stern realize that there were not a lot of women in her position. “The program is so empowering. It’s changing people’s lives.”

She herself hopes to change lives through a project she created last year at Union High School in Union Township, N.J. Students in the Trust Project are divided into groups, and each group is given \$100 via a credit card. The money is then entrusted for 24 hours to an individual in each group with instructions to spend it mentally and repeatedly. At the end of the 24 hours the student writes about the experience and passes the \$100 to the next student.

“I believe there is such a thing as the millionaire mindset,” Stern says. “The mindset isn’t necessarily about money. Many urban youth are stricken by circumstances that have limited their ability to dream, taken away the magic that comes from believing there are no limitations in this life. I want to inspire that mindset in at-risk youth.”

This past year she changed her own mindset when she advanced to a higher level, “Make Mine a Multimillion \$ Business,” of the empowerment program. By networking with women who face the same challenges, she again has learned something about herself.

“I had to readjust my vision. I wasn’t dreaming big enough. God has steered the ship all this way. Now my challenge is to listen even more closely—to live the path He has laid for me—and realize my full potential.” ■

**The spa in Terminal B of Newark Liberty International Airport**



## Keeping Up With Marist Graduates

1953

Bro. James Kearney, FMS, was honored in April 2007 by the Dominican Sisters of Blauvelt and received the Mary Ann Sammon Award for Compassion and Service. The award is named after the founder of the Sisters. Brother Jim is president of the board of trustees of the Lavelle School for the Blind in the Bronx, N.Y. The Dominican Sisters have staffed the school since 1912. Brother Jim is a Marist College trustee.

1954

After eight years of parish ministry in rural West Virginia, Bro. William Lavigne, FMS, is a pastoral associate for two neighboring parishes in Rahway, N.J., that are eventually to merge.

1956

James Friel is editor of *Humanities Magazine*, which marked its 35th year in 2007. He is also co-chair of the Long Island Philosophy Society and publisher at Justin Books Co. ■ Bro. Patrick McNulty, FMS, is still on the job at Marist High School. He started his career in 1956 at St. Ann's Academy in New York.



1958

Dr. Roger Fernandez is retired and spends his time traveling and writing in English and Spanish. His books include *Odyssey to Opportunity*, *Odyssey Resumed*, *Odyssey Fulfilled*, and *Beyond My Odyssey*.

1962

William Lenehan is enjoying retirement and is always happy to hear from former crew and football athletes.

1964

Bro. Rene D. Roy, FMS, traveled to Rwanda, Africa, to attend the ordination of his former student, Jean Baptiste Mvukiyeye, to the priesthood.

1965

While Robert O'Handley continues to teach and do research at MIT, a small company he co-founded a few years ago, Ferro Solutions, has won a three-year, \$2 million Advanced Technology Program award from the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The company develops

a new, more effective means of wirelessly transferring electric power into the body for medical therapy. The company's web site is [www.ferrosi.com](http://www.ferrosi.com).

1966

Jack Broderick had a month-long show of his artwork at the Wood Memorial Library in South Windsor, Conn., in October. Jack is a plein-air and studio painter who has traveled and painted in Argentina, Spain, Cuba, and Ireland. Most recently he was in Japan and Italy, exhibiting and teaching. ■ John Hart, PhD, published his fourth book in September 2006, *Sacramental Commons: Christian Ecological Ethics*. He was elected president of the board of directors at Montana Environmental Information Center. He was also awarded a research grant from the Center of Theology and the Natural Sciences to be principal investigator for a science-theology-ecology project, "Extraterrestrial Contact: Human Placement in the Cosmos," on which he will work with scientists in SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence). He is director of social ethics doctoral programs at Boston University. ■ Pete Nesterok is retired and "loving it." ■ Dr. James Sullivan retired in July 2006 as deputy superintendent of the South Huntington (N.Y.) School District. He is now supervising student teachers at Dowling College.

1967

Dr. Joseph Gajda and his wife have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. ■ Anthony LaRocco was reelected to a third term on the board of directors as vice president of the Fire Island Pines Arts Project. Anthony also sits on the board for the Prescott Fund for Children and Youth in New York City. ■ Charles McDermott Jr. moved from New York in December 2006 and spends winters in Naples, Fla., and summers in St. Augustine, Fla.



1968

Richard Amodeo is planning to retire from his position as administrator of Katonah Medical Group. In 2008, he will be semi-retired as a tax practitioner and accountant. ■ Robert Bailey, Esq. has been elected to the National Academy of Arbitrators Board of Governors. He conducted an NCAA accreditation review of Penn State's Athletics Department. He is also a member of the drafting committee for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws. ■ Dr. James Croteau is president and CEO of Elder Care Services, Inc., a nonprofit serving elders in Leon and Franklin counties in Florida. He recently retired from Leon County Schools after 35 years in positions ranging from elementary school teacher to

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Above (left to right), Daniel Kuffner '68, Peter Hayden '69, William Kuffner '68, and Robert D'Errico '68 get together at a Brooklyn Cyclones game. The Kuffner family frequently gathers to go on minor league baseball tours. Since 1994 they have gone on eight tours covering the Midwest, North Carolina, Oregon, Texas, central and western New York, and New York City. In 2007 they had two great family reunions and went to Cyclones, St. Yankees, and Newark Bears ball games.



Above, John McGinnis '97 (left) and Pat Mara '97 reach the summit of Mt. Hood in Oregon. They summited on June 17 at sunrise, their second attempt on Mt. Hood; poor weather conditions prevented them from getting to the top the first time. In 2002 they climbed Mt. Washington in New Hampshire together and then decided to do all 48 4,000-footers in New Hampshire. They have since climbed about 25 state high points including Boundary Peak (Nev.), and Whitney (Calif.), the highest in the lower 48. In 2004 Pat climbed Rainier (Wash.), the "prep" mountain for Denali/Mt. McKinley in Alaska which he plans to take on in 2009. This summer he will attempt Mt. Elbrus in Russia, the highest peak in Europe.

interim superintendent. He has also held adjunct faculty appointments at Florida State University, Florida A&M University, Jacksonville University, Barry University, and the College of St. Rose and made presentations at many state and national conferences. Jim and his wife, Theresa, enjoy living in Tallahassee but look forward to visiting their children and grandchildren whenever they can. ■ **Carl DiCesare** is a financial and estate planning representative for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. ■ **John Forbes** recently returned from a 36-month assignment at the Asian Development Bank in Manila, Philippines, for the U.S. Treasury Department. He worked as an advisor on matters concerning anti-money laundering, border controls, and port security. ■ **Dr. Chuck Howlett** received the 2007 Graduate Faculty Recognition Award presented by the graduate education students at Molloy College. Chuck is also an award-winning historian and continues to serve as an Air Force Academy admissions liaison officer. ■ **William Karl** has retired after 32 years of teaching special education in Saratoga Springs. He continues his work as a New York State licensed real estate agent throughout the Capital District. ■ **Daniel Kuffner** was elected to the Dutchess County (N.Y.) Legislature on Nov. 6, 2007. He represents District 7. ■ **Kenneth Maass** is completing his 25th year of teaching at St.

Augustine High School in Florida and still enjoys playing basketball and studying international relations and political theory. "Thank you, Lou Zuccarello," he writes. ■ **Robert Maguire** volunteers in the Finance Department of Saratoga Hospital. ■ **Thomas Nolan** has owned his own practice for the past 25 years, focusing on individual, marriage, and family therapy.

### 1969

**William Coby** reports that he finds it hard to retire from a job where he works by himself, but he's working on it! ■ **Brian Flanagan** recently returned from New Orleans after escorting foreign police officials to the annual International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference. Next year the conference will be held in San Diego. He calls this a "work-

ing retirement!" ■ **Stephen Johnson** recently accepted a sales position with XO Communications in New York City. His son, Kevin, attended Marist's Summer Business Institute. ■ **Joseph Kastrup** was named director-head of real estate capital markets for Ireland by Wachovia Bank in February 2007. As a member of the senior management team, he is responsible for creating and managing Wachovia Bank International in Dublin, Ireland. He and his wife, Kathleen, relocated to Dublin and are enjoying traveling throughout Europe. In addition, they recently purchased a residence in Connecticut to be near their children and first grandchild. ■ **John Moccio** has retired from the Mount Vernon (N.Y.) School District after 29 years of service. He taught students with disabilities and was a school counselor clinician. He has moved from Carmel, N.Y., to Aylesford, Nova Scotia. ■ **Vincent Mooney's** son, Chris, is the library/media specialist at John Jay High School in East Fishkill, N.Y. His daughter, Erin, works in the development office at the College of the Holy Cross. ■ **John Noonan, MD**, has been named chief of plastic surgery in the Department of Surgery at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, N.Y. In private practice in Albany, he has served as an attending physician at St. Peter's since 1980 and as co-director of St. Peter's Craniofacial Center since 1987.

### 1970

**Art Jung** recently completed his third trip to Antarctica, including the McMurdo and Amundsen-Scott South Pole U.S. research stations, to conduct environmental impact evaluations. ■ **Larry Kazemier** retired after 36 years of teaching and administrative work in the West Islip (N.Y.)

**Bill Dourdis '70 (right), editor of the Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers publication PostScript, was recognized for his work at the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT)**



**Representative Assembly Journalism Awards luncheon in 2007. Bill won a first-place plaque for best editorial or column and an award of merit for general excellence. During his eight-year tenure as editor of the WCT Commentator, he won six NYSUT awards and five American Federation of Teachers awards for general excellence, best news story, best editorial or column, and best feature. At left, NYSUT President Richard Iannuzzi presents the award to Bill in Washington, D.C.**



## UNIONS

### 1956

**John Duggan's** daughter, Sheila Duggan, and Geoff Hatch, May 26, 2007

### 1971

Christine MonteFerrante and **Thomas Ferrara**, March 21, 2007

### 1988

Jacqueline and **Kevin Kennedy**, Sept. 30, 2006

### 1990

**Donna Jeannette** and William Bailey, October 2007

### 1991

Cyndy and **Scott Tummins**, Dec. 31, 2005

### 1992

**Jennifer Boulay** and Eli Acosta, September 2007

Andrea and **David D'Arco**, Dec. 16, 2006

### 1996

**Lisa Goddard** and Fred L. McGhee, PhD, July 6, 2007

### 1997

**Leo Byron** and Debbie Moolick, June 3, 2006

**Jacqueline Turner** and Keith Puri, Sept. 21, 2007

### 1998

**Tom Gallagher** and Elaine Cohn, Aug. 5, 2006

**Rebecca Spearrin** and Michael Paholski, March 2007

**Dana Coghlan** and Charles Stabile, Nov. 4, 2006

### 1999

**Allison Glaser** and Justin Spillane, July 1, 2007

**William Mills Jr.** and Elizabeth Del Salto, Nov. 25, 2006

**Jessica Spencer** and Matthew DeLorenzo, Oct. 21, 2006

Lisa Urgola and **Dan Wagners**, Oct. 14, 2006

# Alumni news



## UNIONS

### 2000

**Kristi Bouthillette** and  
William Mount, June 30, 2007

**Katie Daley** and  
David Gatta, July 10, 2004

**Jessica DeCicco** and  
Anthony Stalters, Dec. 3, 2006

**Katie Feeney** and  
Bill Marko, Sept. 9, 2006

**Diana Gennaro** and  
Philip Walsh '01, July 21, 2006

**David Orser** and  
Jamie Augienello '01, Nov. 20, 1995

**Anthony Pesce** and  
Dawn DeCandido, July 6, 2007

**Rachel Tollen** and  
Paul Schnabl, June 10, 2006

### 2001

**Jamie Augienello** and  
David Orser '00, Nov. 20, 1995

**Joseph Cannerelli '01/'02MA** and  
Katherine Romeo '02, July 15, 2006

**Joseph Catrino** and  
Holly Angelbeck '02, Sept. 30, 2006

**Sheila Conturso** and  
Scott O'Neill, April 20, 2007

**Jennifer Latham** and  
Ryan Kelley, Aug. 5, 2006

**Mark Lynch** and  
Lori Yelenovic '02, April 28, 2007

Nicole and **Joseph Parizo**,  
Aug. 18, 2007

**Leigh Shillington** and  
Andrew Neys, Jan. 27, 2007

**Mary Tomm** and  
Richard Knowlton, June 30, 2007

**Jessica Weissman** and  
Steven Hill, June 8, 2007



Members of the Class of '57 were honored at their 50th-anniversary reunion during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend in October. Seated (left to right) are 1957 graduates Bro. Kevin L. O'Neill, FMS, Ludwig A. Odierna, Martin Cullinan, Robert E. Grady, and Rudolph M. Ramirez. Standing (left to right) are Jim Daly '72, president of the Alumni Association, and President Dennis Murray.

School District. He is the director of continuing and professional development at Dowling College. ■ **Col. David Stevener** is starting his eighth year as a seventh grade social studies teacher following his retirement from the U.S. Air Force.

### 1971

**Thomas Ferrara's** daughter, Eve Lyons, completed her first year of college at the Fashion Institute of Technology. She is majoring in commercial photography. ■ **Jim Pratt-Heaney** works with Merrill Lynch Private Banking and Investment Group in Westport, Conn. ■ **Patrick Quinlan** was appointed a member of the adjunct faculty of Roger Williams University School of Law in Bristol, R.I. He is teaching two courses on mediation and settlement facilitation. He practices law and operates a lobbying practice in Providence,



R.I. He is the father of five children and has one grandchild in Florida. ■ **Patricia Rittenhouse** continues to teach Latin and Spanish at Tyburn Academy in Auburn, N.Y.

### 1972

**Ellen Reigle MacMillan** lives in Athens, N.Y., and works in the development office at Bard College. Over the years, Ellen and her husband have moved to Virginia, New Jersey, and Michigan because of their work. ■ **Susan Pratt-Heaney** has a business, the World of Susie Pratt. She creates one-of-a-kind pieces for the home such as lamps, pillows, and sculptures using items including vintage fabric, buttons, needlepoint, and jewelry. ■ **Michael Smith** is vice president of the corporate compliance office at Elant, Inc., a large health-care and housing provider based in Goshen, N.Y., that has facilities in four counties including Dutchess. ■ **Robert Volk** retired from full-time practice as a lawyer on Sept. 1, 2007, after celebrating his 25th anniversary with Ryan, Roach & Ryan.

**Joe Rubino '71** has been selected to conduct a nationwide transportation research study for submission to the Federal Transit Administration. Joe will perform the study on behalf of Easter Seals Project Action. The study will chart current best practices in public transit for the nation's disabled population. Joe is a consultant in the field of passenger ground transportation. His firm, J. M. Rubino Consulting, works with both municipalities and private companies across the U.S. His recent projects have included a major California paratransit program and the State of Texas Medicaid transportation contract. He lives on Anastasia Island, Fla., with Diane, his wife of 33 years. They have two daughters, Natalie, 27, and Malorie, 22.



### 1973

**John Bardong's** daughter, Lindsay, completed a bachelor's degree in business at Marist in December 2007. ■ **Anthony DiRosa** retired as a nurse in December 2001. ■ **Patrick Lavelle** has been named chairman of the Consumer Electronics Association. Patrick is president and CEO of Audiovox Corp. and is a Marist trustee. ■ **Mark Mahoney** is president and CEO of Energy Brokers, Inc., which deals in the buying and selling of gasoline, diesel, and jet fuel.

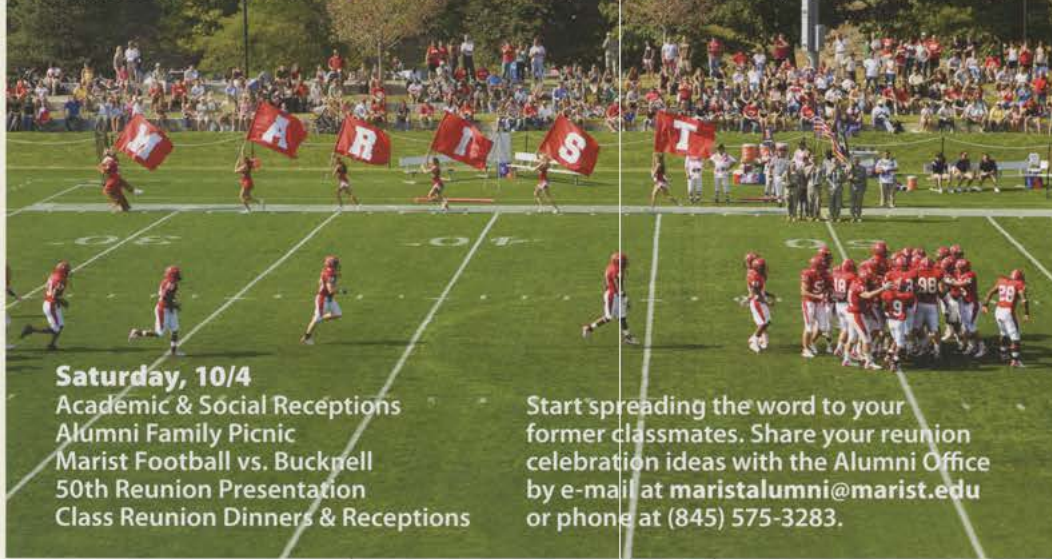
### 1974

**Juan Campos, Esq.**, has been practicing law in the Bronx, N.Y., doing criminal defense work, for the past 25 years. ■ **Charles Huber** retired from the U.S. Postal Service in June 2007. ■ **Joseph McCann, Esq.** was sworn in as city court judge for the city of Glen Cove, N.Y., in January 2007. ■ **Robert Piersa** took a job as director of employee benefits at Lutheran Healthcare in Brooklyn,

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N.Y., in April 2007. He and his lifetime partner, Lawrence, are celebrating 20 years together. ■ **Dennis P. Whalen** was appointed New York State's deputy secretary for Health and Human Services in December 2006 and reports to the governor of New York. He had served as executive deputy commissioner for the state's Department of Health, where he oversaw all of the department's programs and operations, since 1996. He began his career with New York State at the Department of Health as a public health educator. He is a graduate of the National Preparedness Leadership Institute at Harvard's Kennedy School of Government.

## 1975

**Rich Beaney** is general manager of Red Rock Brewing Company in Salt Lake City, Utah. ■ **Dr. Dorothy DeCastro Escribano** has been appointed senior vice president for academic affairs at the College of New Rochelle. As the chief academic officer for the college, she supervises the operations of the college's four schools, the library, and various academic support services. Previously she was interim vice president for academic affairs and a tenured member of the Languages and Literature Department at Worcester State College in Worcester, Mass. After earning a BA in Spanish at Marist, she received an MA in liberal studies at SUNY Stony Brook, an MA in Spanish literature at the University of Rhode Island, and a PhD in Hispanic studies at Brown

University. ■ **John Cecilia** has completed 25 years with Kimberly Clark Corp., where he is senior director of global operations. ■ **Maureen O'Toole** and **Karl Reimer's** youngest daughter, **Jaclyn**, graduated with an MS from Florida State University. Their daughter **Meghan** graduated with an Associate in Arts degree from Indian River Community College and is working full-time.

## 1976

**Dr. Jeffrey Burdick** is a neurologist in private practice in Albany, N.Y. ■ **William Kudlacik** is director of security, parking, and traffic for the Meadowlands and Monmouth Park Racetracks. Monmouth Park was host of the 2007 Breeders' Cup World Championship races. ■ **Peggy Madden** and **James Stevens'** son **James** graduated from the University of Vermont in May 2007. Their son **Thomas** graduated from Columbia University in May 2007. Their daughter **Kerry** is a freshman at the University of Maryland. ■ **Kathleen Manning** was promoted to full professor in 2006 at the University of Vermont. In March 2007, **Kathleen** was honored by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators with its Outstanding Contribution to Scholarship Award. ■ **Kenneth Muckenhaupt** was promoted to executive IT specialist at IBM, where he has worked for 29 years. His wife, **Judith**, teaches at Dutchess County BOCES, and their daughter, **Sara**, is in her junior year at Fordham University.



**Rose Marie Castano** is an adjunct instructor at Marist. ■ **Debra Citrone** graduated from Mercy College in May 2007 with an MS in childhood education. ■ **Dennis Cosgrove** is a regional vice president for Compass Group and lives in Park Ridge, N.J., with his wife, **Stephanie**, and their children, **Chris** and **Jacque**. ■ **Sam Delgado** was appointed vice president of external affairs of Verizon New Jersey in 2006. ■ **William McLaughlin's** twin sons, **Matthew** and **Michael**, both graduated from Villanova University. His daughter, **Michelle**, had a daughter in February 2007.

## 1979

**Eugene Bryan** is the CEO and owner of HispanicAd.com and AdNotas.com. ■ **Grace Decken, RN, NBCT**, received the S.C. Health Science Technology Teacher of the Year award in January 2007. In June 2007 she was elected president of the S.C. Association of Career and Technical Education (SCACTE) and also received the SCCTE Teacher of the Year award. She will represent South Carolina as Teacher of the Year at the ACTE regional conference in October 2008. ■ **Reene Courtney O'Neill** earned a second BS in nursing from the College of New Rochelle in May 2007 and is a nurse at Greenwich Hospital. ■ **Sadie Effron** was featured in an article in the June 2007 issue



## UNIONS

### 2002

**Holly Angelbeck** and **Joseph Catrino '01**, Sept. 30, 2006

**Patricia Collins** and **Gilby Hawkins '03/'03M**, July 27, 2007

**Andrew B. Lennon** and **Sara Jackson '04MBA**, Nov. 11, 2007

**Lisa Miller** and **Andy Kulp**, Sept. 16, 2006

**Missy** and **Michael Reilly**, Aug. 26, 2006

**Katherine Romeo** and **Joseph Cannerelli '01/'02MA**, July 15, 2006

**Scott Snyder** and **Andrea Cotsonas '03**, July 14, 2007

**Crystal VanDeMark** and **Sethu Sundaramoorthy**, May 14, 2007

**Lori Yelenovic** and **Mark Lynch '01**, April 28, 2007

### 2003

**Eric Cadestin** and **Yahaira Conde '04**, Aug. 12, 2007

**Andrea Cotsonas** and **Scott Snyder '02**, July 14, 2007

**Dana C. Ferro** and **Michael N. Fassnacht**, Sept. 29, 2006

**Jaime Gillespie** and **Brian McHugh**, Aug. 10, 2007

**Jennifer Guiliano** and **Ralph Carusillo**, July 7, 2006

**Gilby Hawkins '03/'03MA** and **Patricia Collins '02**, July 27, 2007

**Jacquelyn Henderson** and **Randall Ingham**, June 29, 2007

**Megan Lizotte** and **David McNally**, Aug. 12, 2006

**Laura Roy** and **Charles A. Kibort III**, Aug. 25, 2007

**Brian Sands** and **Kathleen Vazoulas**, Nov. 11, 2006

**Kimberly Snyder** and **Eric Schleif**, Oct. 5, 2007

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## UNIONS

### 2004

**Yahaira Conde** and  
**Eric Cadestin '03**, Aug. 12, 2007

**Lauren Ducatelli** and  
**Andrew Turley**, March 4, 2006

**Jennifer Frisenda** and  
**Christopher Malone**, May 26, 2006

**Sara Jackson '04MBA** and  
**Andrew B. Lennon '02**, Nov. 11, 2007

**Katie Martyniuk** and  
**Jeremy Watson**, Oct. 20, 2007

### 2005

**Brooke Blackiston** and  
**Garrett Bergen II**, May 26, 2007

**Jennifer Heinsman** and  
**Steven Glassen**, Sept. 8, 2007

**Kerri Oliveira** and  
**Capt. Nathan C. Whitten**, May 5, 2007

### 2006

**Michele** and  
**Zachary Spalding**, Oct. 21, 2007

of *Bridge Bulletin*, a magazine of the American Contract Bridge League. The story highlighted the fact that she turned 100 in March 2007 and is a very active player in duplicate games of the Dutchess County Bridge Association, where she is an honorary life master.

### 1980

**Vincent and Patricia Trombley Barone '81's** daughter, Gina, graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas College with a teaching degree. Their son, Joe, plays varsity baseball for Nyack (N.Y.) High School. ■ **Dave Powers** was inducted into the New York State Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame and has completed his 27th year of teaching.

### 1981

**Tim Anderson** owns a company called Executive Branches that does high-end property management and landscape design. He plays grandmaster's lacrosse with Team FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes). He played goalie on Marist's first lacrosse league-championship team in 1981. He lives in Maryland with his wife, Donna. ■ **Matthew Cole** is a volunteer at the YMCA. ■ **Sarah Herman** recently completed her seventh marathon in Boston. ■ **Patricia Hodder's** artwork was featured in 1999 *Artist Trading Cards* by Patricia Bontonas as well as *Somerset Studio Magazine* and *Newsday*. ■ **Cicely Perrotte** and **Rosemary Molloy '91** have opened an art gallery called Simply Art in Red Hook, N.Y. Friends since 1980, Cicely and Rosemary have individually pursued their artistic interests over the years. In October they decided to offer original, affordable paintings in watercolor, pastel, and oil in Red Hook, which is increasingly becoming a center for antiques



**Rick O'Donnell '84** has been named director of supply management for UTC Power, a division of United Technologies focused on the development and manufacture of alternate energy solutions. His wife, **Karyn Magdalen O'Donnell '84**, is a special education educator for Somers Public Schools in Connecticut. An active volunteer, she is president of the Somers Music Patrons, leads the Middle School Student Volunteer Organization, and coordinates local soup kitchen operational support. Their daughter, **Allyson**, is in her freshman year at Marist, majoring in international business and fashion merchandising. Their son, **Ricky**, is in his junior year at Somers High School. The O'Donnells live in Somers.

and art. Both have exhibited their work in Connecticut and regionally over the past few years. They are excited about this venture and hope area alumni will visit when in Red Hook. ■ **James Townsend** along with **Terence Smith '91** produced the 2007 Women's U.S. Open Bowling Championships for ESPN in Reno, Nev. ■ **Patricia Trombley** and **Vincent Barone '80's** daughter, Gina, graduated from St. Thomas Aquinas College with a teaching degree. Their son, Joe, plays varsity baseball for Nyack (N.Y.) High School.

### 1982

**BG Fergal Foley** is vice president of operations for American Defense Systems. ■ **Edward Tucker** has started a travel business, Tucker Travel Associates, [www.ytb.com/ea](http://www.ytb.com/ea).



### 1983

**Karen Scott Dylong** is coordinator of inpatient tobacco cessation service at Albany (N.Y.) Medical Center. She helps inpatients who want to quit smoking. ■ **Tom Gagliano** and **Nancy Brigandi '84** have been married for 21 years. They recently moved to the beautiful town of Madison, Conn.

### 1984

**Nancy Brigandi** and **Tom Gagliano '83** have been married for 21 years. They recently moved to the beautiful town of Madison, Conn. ■ **Michele**

**Muir** is a professional photographer who has photographed weddings and other rites of passage for Marist graduates. ■ **John Petacchi** is in his sixth year of teaching physical education at Poughkeepsie Middle School. He coaches girls' varsity soccer, girls' junior high basketball, and girls' varsity softball. Prior to teaching, he was a sports producer for Major League Baseball, WNBC-TV, and ESPN productions. ■ **Eileen Wallace** teaches third grade in the Huntington (N.Y.) School District. She lives in Northport with her husband, Bill, and their three daughters, Kacey, Ali, and Meghan. ■ **Joan Ducey Wetzler** works part-time for a kitchen design company. Her husband, **Richard '85**, is the COO of Oliver Wyman Consulting in New York City.

### 1985

**Lisa Farabaugh** and her husband, **Thomas Pilewski**, celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary with children Kelsey, Daniel, Olivia, and Brendan. ■ **Michael LaVergne's** daughter, **Amanda**, enrolled in Marist this past fall and is a member of the Class of 2011. ■ **Michael Lowen** lives in New York City and Lido Beach, N.Y., with his wife, **Tara**, and son, **Luke**. ■ **Nora Sakell Malley** has been elected chairperson of the Phoenix Chapter of Americans for the Ethical Treatment of all Flora and Fauna. ■ **Danny Maniscalchi** is returning to Marist to pursue an MBA. ■ **Edmund**

**Ceal Salinovich Murray '81 (right)** and her husband, **Richard**, were recognized in spring 2007 by the Friends of the Cos Cob (Conn.) Library for extraordinary dedication to the Friends organization. In 2005 Ceal was named the library's Volunteer of the Year. One of her contributions was to help establish the library's Genealogical Speakers Series, which has become a Cos Cob community institution.





McKenna co-authored *Word-Doku*, a letter-based Sudoku puzzle book. He was also elected deputy grand knight of the LaGrangeville Knights of Columbus. ■ **Nancy Moody** and her husband, **Dwight '86MA**, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 28, 2007. ■ **Richard Wetzler** is the COO of Oliver Wyman Consulting in New York City. His wife, **Joan '84**, works part-time for a kitchen design company.

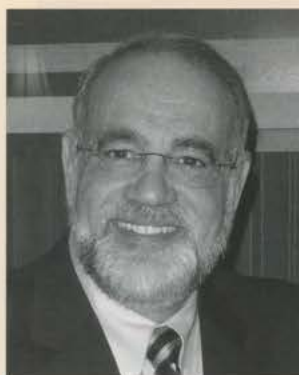
## 1986

**Tom Begg Sr.** completed the 2007 Ironman Lake Placid Triathlon in 14:04:26. The triathlon requires a 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride, and 26.2-mile run. ■ **Sandra Carroll's** husband, **Ed**, started his own business in the Hudson Valley in April 2006 called Edward R. Carroll Heating and Cooling. ■ **Anthony DeBarros** is database editor at *USA Today*. His reporting on college safety issues won the 2007 Missouri Lifestyle Journalism Awards in the Consumer Affairs category. ■ **Karen Szklany Gault** is co-manager and CFO of a business promoting her husband's photography, Forest River Creations ([www.forestrivercreations.com](http://www.forestrivercreations.com)). Several of her poems have been published on [www.palibra.com](http://www.palibra.com). ■ **David Joyce** was promoted to director of inside sales for W.W. Grainger Inc. He now resides in Alpharetta, Ga., with his wife and two children. ■ **Michael Masterson** is director of sales and marketing at the Ritz-Carlton, Kapalua, on Maui in Hawaii. ■ **Martin McParland Jr.** was promoted to police lieutenant and assigned to the training division/accreditation unit operating out of police headquarters in Rockaway, N.J. ■ **Karen Neevel** is the literacy specialist for the Wappingers (N.Y.) Central School District.

## 1987

**James Boland** has been appointed director of operations for Creditex, a derivatives interdealer brokerage firm in Manhattan. ■ **Kim Borell** is an artist living in the Hudson Valley. She is a member of the Colored Pencil Society of America and the Kent Art Association. Her work is displayed at the Gallery at Kent in Kent, Conn., and the Hudson Valley Gallery in Cornwall, N.Y., owned by **Paul Gould '70**. ■ **Maria Gordon Shyldo** joined Padilla Speer Beardsley Public Relations as vice president after eight-and-a-half years with Oxford Health Plans/United Health Care.

**Joseph Mirrione '74** will be recognized by the Connecticut Trial Lawyers Association in June for his contributions to the legal profession and to the CTLA. He will be a co-recipient of the T. Paul Tremont Advocacy Award, last presented in 2001, for his contributions to the development of a trial advocacy program at the University of Connecticut School of Law. **Joe** teaches an Intensive Trial Advocacy course there that culminates in an entry to the American Association for Justice annual trial advocacy competition. **Joe** was also recently honored by the law school, which presented him with a plaque recognizing his dedicated service over the past decade.



An attorney for more than three decades, **Joe** earned his JD from Vermont Law School in 1977. He is certified as a civil trial advocate by the National Board of Trial Advocacy and was listed in *Connecticut Magazine* as a medical malpractice "Super Lawyer" in 2006 and 2007. He was elected president of the CTLA in June 2007.

**Joe's** practice in New Haven specializes in personal injury and medical malpractice. He lives in Guilford, Conn., with his wife, **Cynthia**, and children **Anastacia** and **Joseph**.



## 1988

**Roger Ardanowski** has joined independent PR agency Gibbs & Soell as vice president and group head of its professional/financial services group. The agency is headquartered in New York City. ■ **Joe Esposito** is director of basketball operations at the University of Minnesota. ■ **Robert Hock** is enjoying retirement from IBM. He especially enjoys golfing in North Carolina and had his first hole-in-one in February 2007. ■ **Kevin Kennedy** completed a master's in physical education at Manhattanville College. ■ **John Lanza** now lives in Eltingville, Staten Island, N.Y., with his wife, **Erin**, and their children **Thomas**, **Jacklyn**, and **Madeline**. ■ **Peter Prucnel** has been named first vice president for human resource policy and compliance at Washington Mutual's corporate offices. ■ **James Selby** is a case manager with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services. ■ **Paul Ziegler** is vice president of post closing at American Home Mortgage.

## 1989

**Deborah Kuffner** recently started a new position as a K-1 special education teacher at North Park Elementary School in the Hyde Park (N.Y.) School District. ■ **Karen McGetrick** is a freelance special events producer. She lives in Babylon, N.Y., with her husband, **James**, and their four

children. ■ **Jane Regan Emig** teaches early education classes called Clever Kids at the retail store Toys and More in Wappingers Falls, N.Y.

## 1990

**Donna Jeannette Bailey** and her husband, **William**, bought a house in Mill Valley, Calif. They work for software companies in Silicon Valley. ■ **Mary Berean** is treasurer for the Poughkeepsie City School District. She is married to **Anthony Ivich** and has two children. ■ **Michael DeCosta** was promoted to senior client partner at Korn/Ferry International, a global executive search firm. He is based in the firm's Stamford, Conn., office. ■ **Stephen LoCicero** is the head football coach at Lynbrook High School in New York. ■ **Patrick Norman** is a teacher for the Wake County School District. He lives in Wake Forest, N.C., with his wife, **Kerry**, and daughter, **Kellyn**. ■ **Laura FitzPatrick Tamke** has four children: **Farrell**, **Connor**, **Anna**, and **Mark**.

## 1991

**Shamus Barnes** works with Fitco Moving and Storage, a company that continues to grow, adding new accounts such as Citigroup, NHL, Merrill Lynch, and Condé Nast. ■ **Thomas Coyne's** agency, Coyne Public Relations, has been named the best agency in America to work for by the *Holmes Report*, a public relations and marketing industry trade publication. The 80-person agency is based in Parsippany, N.J. The annual



## NEW ARRIVALS

### 1966

**Helen** and **Michael Ward III**, a granddaughter, **Giana Grace Richard**, July 16, 2007

### 1967

**Palma** and **Dennis A. Mega**, a grandson, **Marcus Sam Mega**, on Sept. 9, 2007

### 1978

**Ellen Burnett** and **Michael Woods**, granddaughters, **Charlotte Griffin**, Apr. 18, 2007, and **Claudia Marie**, July 29, 2007

**Rebecca** and **William McLaughlin**, a granddaughter, **Mary Grace Melchionda**, Feb. 20, 2007

### 1983

**Nancy** and **Stephen Pryor**, a granddaughter and a grandson, 2006

### 1987

**Ellen Fitzpatrick** and **Robert Saunders**, a daughter, **Kyra Jade**, Sept. 12, 2007

**Beth Willems** and **Dan Rylaarsdam**, a son, **Willem Hartman**, June 18, 2007

### 1988

**Kimberly Graziano** and **James McClelland**, a daughter, **Kaleigh Rose**, Nov. 1, 2007

**Mary Hegarty** and **John Dodd**, a son, **Liam Anthony**, Oct. 26, 2005

### 1990

**Judith Connolly** and **Joseph Rebholtz**, a daughter, **Braedon Catherine**, June 22, 2007

**Dawn Newsome** and **Carl Marinaccio**, a son, **Christopher William**, June 15, 2007

### 1991

**Kimberly** and **Gerard Battista**, a daughter, **Brooke**, July 19, 2007

**Kym Eggers** and **Jeff Sorbel** adopted a son, **Jacob Michael**, June 24, 2007

**Dr. Stephanie Brewer** and **Dr. James Jozefowicz** adopted a daughter, **Abigail AnMarie ZiYi**, born Nov. 2, 2006, from the Guangdong Province of China, July 9, 2007

**Nicole** and **Chris Russell**, a daughter, **Maggie Rey**, Sept. 27, 2007

# Alumni news



## NEW ARRIVALS

### 1992

Danielle and **Michael Dumont**, a daughter, Julia Grace, July 11, 2007

**Melissa Hard** and George Leyva, a son, Daniel Tristan, July 3, 2007

**Marie and Kenneth Kantor**, a daughter, Paige Maria, April 19, 2007

Kristen and **Matthew Kruger**, a son, Henry Michael, Aug. 22, 2007

**Christine McCann** and Peter, a son, Peter Robert, Sept. 7, 2007

**Maureen McGuire** and E. Christopher Schmid, a son, Daniel, Apr. 28, 2006

Stephanie and **Paul Molinari**, a son, Jason, Sept. 12, 2006

**Jennifer Riat** and Stephen Kerrigan, a daughter, Samantha Anna, Nov. 6, 2007

**Tara Robertson** and **Matthew Notine**, a son, Andrew Patrick, April 10, 2007

**Stacy Swierk** and **Thomas Ashburn**, twins: a daughter, Caitlin Emma, and a son, Brady Christopher, Oct. 14, 2006

**Karen Wiese** and Kenny Osterdorf, a daughter, Maggie, Aug. 2, 2007

### 1993

**Carey Allaband, Esq.** and Timothy LeRoux, a daughter, Sophia Grace, Aug. 17, 2007

**Susan Brown** and David Williams, a daughter, Grace, March 6, 2007

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

**Lisa MacFarlane** and Bryan Reiser, a son, Nathaniel Walter, Jan. 9, 2007

**Tara Pantony** and Edward Moore, a daughter, Michaela Lauren, Sept. 28, 2007

**Leanne Rafferty** and Trinidad Gonzalez, a daughter, Karyna, Sept. 20, 2006

**Michele Rubis** and Jeffrey Francisco, a son, Colin William, June 18, 2006

**Tracey Saal** and **Paul Czajak**, a daughter, Abigail, Sept. 21, 2007

**Teresa Sorrentino** and John Dezio, twin daughters, Savanna and Sienna, Aug. 4, 2007

**Tricia Taskey** and Mark Modifica, a son, Oct. 13, 2007

**Margot Power** and **Allen Tobin**, twins, a daughter, Carla Claire, and a son, Shane Martin, Jan. 9, 2007

award is based on several factors including an extensive review of the agency's human resource policies, staff initiatives, and an anonymous-employee survey. ■ **Kristin Fay** is a special education teacher at Happy Hollow School in Wayland, Mass. ■ **Steven Giannone** has three children: Allison, Caroline, and Matthew. He still stays in touch with Bro. Richard Rancourt, FMS, whom he says left a lasting impression on his life. ■ **Jason Green** was named general manager of Ovations Food Services at the Solomon P. Ortiz International Center in Corpus Christi, Texas. Ovations Food Services is a subsidiary of sports and entertainment firm Comcast-Spectator. ■ **Maureen Louney Heffernan** and her family moved from Alexandria, Va., to Newbury, Mass. Her husband started a new job in Boston and she is a stay-at-home mom. They have three children. ■ **Rosemary Molloy** and **Cicely Perrotte '81** have opened a gallery called Simply Art in Red Hook, N.Y. Friends since 1980, they have individually pursued their artistic interests over the years. In October they decided to offer original, affordable paintings in watercolor, pastel, and oil in the charming village of Red Hook, which is increasingly becoming a center for antiques and art. Both have exhibited their work in Connecticut and regionally over the past few years. They are excited about this venture and hope area alumni will visit when in Red Hook. ■ **Kevin St. Onge** recently opened a private law practice in Mountainside, N.J., focusing on wills, trusts, and estates for high net worth business owners and their families. ■ **Terence Smith** along with **James Townsend '81** produced the 2007 Women's U.S. Open Bowling Championships for ESPN in Reno, Nev. ■ **Thomas C. Stanton '91/'92MA** graduated from the University of Wyoming College of Law and lives in Jackson Hole, Wyo. ■ **Jeff Thibeault** is going on his 10th year of employment with Maui Jim sunglasses, selling in Colorado.

### 1992

**Tom Ashburn** is middle school principal at Newark Academy in Livingston, N.J. He and his wife, **Stacy Swierk**, had twins in October 2006. ■ **Denise James Malario** is a new franchise owner of Image Sun Tanning Centers in Bristol, Conn. ■ **Paul Molinari** recently joined Digitas of Boston, Mass., as vice president/associate director of marketing. He

handles General Motors owner retention and loyalty programs. ■ **Stephen Popper** joined SageView Advisory Group as managing director of new business and product development in its Boston office. The company acts as co-fiduciaries for corporate and not-for-profit retirement plans, serving more than 170 employers and advising on almost \$6 billion in plan assets. ■ **R. Allen Roy** was named regional sales director of JoS. A. Bank Clothiers for the Northeast Ohio-Pittsburgh Metro region. He and his wife, **Julie Shrider Roy '94**, live in the Cleveland area with their two daughters. Julie is a special projects producer for WEWS, the ABC-TV affiliate in Cleveland. ■ **Joey Stanford** works for Europe-based Canonical Ltd., the makers of Ubuntu Linux ([www.ubuntu.com](http://www.ubuntu.com)). He is the manager of the Launchpad Release Team ([www.launchpad.net](http://www.launchpad.net)). He lives in Colorado, where he joined the Boulder County Sheriff's SWAT team ([www.co.boulder.co.us/sheriff/field\\_ops/swat.htm](http://www.co.boulder.co.us/sheriff/field_ops/swat.htm)).



**Greg Caires** recently changed employers and relocated to Washington, D.C., for a promotion as the principal spokesperson for BAE Systems in the United States. He was promoted to lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve on Dec. 1 and is assigned to the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. ■ **Anne DeLomba** earned a master's degree in 1997. She is the clinical director at a residential school in southeastern Massachusetts. ■ **Teresa Sorrentino Dezio** was part of a team of producers that received an Emmy Award nomination in March 2007 in the Outstanding Lifestyle Program category for *The Martha Stewart Show*. ■ **Patrick Dolan** married in August 2006 and bought a house in Florham Park, N.J. He was tenured and promoted to associate professor at Drew University. ■ **Jennifer Ubert Eraca** recently launched a company that designs and sells labor and delivery wear for women who are expecting. Digna-Ware: Labor with Dignity is trademarked with a patent pending and is available at [www.digna-ware.com](http://www.digna-ware.com). ■ **John Favazzo** moved back to Boston. He is senior member services representative at Eduventures, Inc., in Boston. ■ **Charlene Fields** lives with her fiancé, two sons, and future stepson and stepdaughter. She teach-



**Andrea Hadhazy '96** returned in November from Macau, China, where she spent almost three months training 65 new gondoliers at the Venetian Hotel & Casino. Andrea reports that the casino/resort, which opened Aug. 28, is the largest in the world at 10.2 million square feet and one of the largest air-conditioned buildings in existence, second only to the NASA facility in Houston, Texas. She is a gondolier at the Venetian Hotel in Las Vegas, Nev., and has a second career as a licensed financial planner in the states of Nevada, New York, and California. Above, Andrea is in a boat in Macau in her training uniform.

es fourth grade in Schenectady, N.Y. ■ **Elisa Kinsman** lives in Germany while her husband, Patrick, is deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom for 15 months. ■ With a very long commute to work and an infant son, **Maria Licari-Cohen** doesn't have much free time. She reads a lot on the train ride, enjoys cooking at home and, most important, loves spending time with baby Matthew and husband David. Maria does miss her theatre days and once in awhile makes an appearance singing the National Anthem at a Marist homecoming game. Together with her sister, **Antonella Licari '94**, she chairs the Alumni Division of the 2008 Marist Fund. ■ **Robert Melillo** was named president of sales and marketing for White Hat Marketing, LLC, an Internet marketing and search engine optimization firm.

### 1994

Three plays by **Ken Collins** have been produced in New York and New Jersey. They include *Off the Beaten Path*, showcased most recently in the Hudson County One Acts Festival, and *5 Easy Payments*, shown at the 27th annual Samuel French Festival in Manhattan. ■ **Edgar Glascott** is the principal of Poughkeepsie Middle School. ■ **Chang-Yu Hsiao** has been a children's librarian in the Maryland public library system for the past



Some of the many Marist alumni who work at ESPN gathered on the set of SportsCenter at ESPN in Bristol, Conn., for a group photo this past summer. Seated (left to right) are Korin Daniels '00, graphics developer, Creative Services, and Marissa Cucolo '04, senior production coordinator, Event Production; standing (left to right) are Maura Shea '05, coordinator, Commercial Operations; Marty Sinacola '97, manager, Commercial Operations; Chris Smith '98, coordinator, Commercial Operations; Eric Kimmel '05, operations technician, Production Operations; Rob Adamski '01, associate producer, Event Production; Ken Menard '98, producer, Event Production; Craig O'Brien '05, broadcast editor; Paul Palmer '84, producer, *Outside the Lines*; Mike Dumont '92, manager, Broadcast Promotions; and Brittany King O'Connor '98, manager, Event Production.

seven years. In 2001 she created the first Chinese and English bilingual story time which draws popular attendance from all over Maryland. ■ **Jeffrey Hurley** is the section chief of environmental health safety for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. ■ **Thomas Kirwan** was named advertising director of the Consumer Healthcare, Hospital, and Pharmaceuticals Group at the New York Times Co. in New York City. His responsibilities include overseeing all aspects of advertising related to healthcare both in the *New York Times* newspaper and on the web site [www.nytimes.com](http://www.nytimes.com). ■ **Jay LaScolea** is an ordained minister in the Wesleyan Church. He is a staff pastor at Victory Highway Wesleyan Church in Painted Post, N.Y. He and his wife, Cheri, celebrated their one-year anniversary in June 2007. ■ **Antonella Licari** worked on ABC's *One Night, Two Parties*—*The New Hampshire Debates in Manchester, New Hampshire* and ABC's *Countdown to Oscar* show and will work on the conventions this summer. Together with her sister, **Maria Licari-Cohen '93**, she chairs the Alumni Division of the 2008 Marist Fund. ■ **Ann Marie Lopane, CPA**, opened a certified public accounting practice in September 2006. ■ **Mary Ann McGovern** is working for the Garden

City (N.Y.) Public Schools as a special education/living environment inclusion teacher. ■ **Julie Shrider Roy** and her husband, **R. Allen Roy '92**, live in the Cleveland area with their two daughters. Julie is a special projects producer for WEWS, the ABC-TV affiliate in Cleveland. R. Allen is regional sales director of JoS. A. Bank Clothiers for the Northeast Ohio-Pittsburgh Metro region. ■ **Peter Tartaglia** is the co-executive producer for the Bravo television series *Real Housewives of Orange County*.

### 1995

**Jeannine Brescia Castaldi** was promoted to manager of technical accounting at Pepsi Bottling Group in Somers, N.Y. ■ **Paul DiGiacomo** is a senior editor for Stats LLC in Chicago, a company that deals with online sports stories, headlines, and statistics. ■ **Brian Kenworthy** lives in Arcadia, Calif., with his wife, Virginia, and baby daughter, Victoria. He is director of technical services at Deluxe Digital Studios and frequently works with Pixar, Fox, Paramount, and Universal Studios. ■ **Kim Mahoney** is pursuing an MS in criminal justice and security from the University of Phoenix. ■ **Steven Rice** accepted an account supervisor position with Eric Mower and Associates in Atlanta, Ga. ■ **Jonathan Sorelle**,

MD, is opening a hand-surgery practice in a new surgery center and office in Las Vegas. He received the Society of Laparoendoscopic Surgeons Outstanding Laparoendoscopic Resident Award in June 2007.

### 1996

**Christopher Berinato** was awarded an Emmy for Outstanding Newscast in the evening/medium-market category from the National Capital Chesapeake Bay chapter of the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences. He is a news producer at WBFF TV in Baltimore, Md. ■ **Stacey Dengler Girard** has been working for more than 10 years with various NBA and WNBA teams. ■ **Gregory Donohue** is married to Kristen, an employee of Double Click, Inc., located in New York City. They have a son, Bobby. ■ **Susan Gullotta** is a stay-at-home mom of two boys and started a home-based business making and selling baby quilts and nursery accessories. ■ **Ramon Hache** is COO and head of sales management in the Private Wealth Management/Latin America Division of Deutsche Bank. He is responsible for managing the Americas investment platform and helping wealthy Latin American clients with investments. He oversees \$3.7 billion of assets under management. ■ **Joe Jarjura** is a deputy sheriff in the San Diego (Calif.) County Sheriff's Department. ■ **Jason Lopes** has been promoted to lieutenant firefighter in the LaGrange (N.Y.) Fire Department. ■ **Stacey Nunes-Ranchy** teaches French at Newtown (Conn.) High School. ■ **Dr. Joseph Phillips** has been named to staff as attending physician at Ochsner Medical Center in the Department of Hematology and Oncology. His work includes training and teaching oncology fellows at the hospital.

### 1997

**Danny Basile** is physical education and health teacher/athletic director at University Academy Charter High School in Jersey City, N.J. He is also head coach of the New Heights Warriors AAU team for ages 14 and under. ■ **Kimberly Byda** is an event sales manager at Jillian's Boston. ■ **Jessica Alfieri Casamento** is a stay-at-home mom. She has started a business painting murals. She also helps run the Mothers' Club at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Kristen Koehler** received a Doctor of Education degree from Seton Hall University in



## NEW ARRIVALS

**Jennifer Ubert** and Greg Eraca, a daughter, Ava, March 20, 2007

### 1994

Julie and **Martin Feeney**, a son, Liam Martin, Oct. 15, 2006

Danielle and **Edgar Glascott**, a son, Kevin Patrick, Oct. 1, 2006

**Erin Flannery '97** and **Thomas Kirwan**, a son, Thomas Finnbar, June 8, 2007

**Jennifer Littley** and Edward Andres, a daughter, Stacey Marie, March 13, 2007

**Pamela Ricigliano** and Mark Gnapp, a daughter, Alexa Sophia, June 2007

**Stephanie Stewart** and Joseph Barry, a daughter, Bridget, June 30, 2006

Rishika and **Peter Tartaglia**, a daughter, Maya Joan, May 2, 2007

Stephanie and **Jeremy Thode**, a daughter, Olivia Paige, May 30, 2007

### 1995

**Linda Baron** and Raymond Necci, twins, a daughter, Kaylin Rose, and a son, Brayden William, August 2007

**Laurie Bianchi** and Matthew Pirog, a son, Nathan, Feb. 26, 2006, and a son, Thomas, July 25, 2007

**Erin Butler** and Mark Lombardo, a daughter, Katherine Butler, July 14, 2007

**Jillian Caci** and Michael Kukulka, a son, Ronan Francis, Aug. 13, 2007

**Jennifer Donza** and Michael Giammusso, a daughter, Caroline Mae, Oct. 14, 2004, and a daughter, Sara Elizabeth, July 16, 2007

**Marlo Dyson** and Kevin Schorling, a son, Jake Robert, March 8, 2007

**Carrie Gallagher** and Dan Coughlin, a daughter, Norah Jeanette, Feb. 21, 2007

Sandra and **Matthew Gillis**, a son, Richard Joseph, April 24, 2007

**Melissa Miller** and Donald Pecora, a daughter, Lily Grace, July 16, 2006

Vita Marie and **Brian Murphy**, a son, Brian Peter, Aug. 7, 2007

**Kristen Rath** and Robert Velasco, a daughter, Alena Lauren, Jan. 11, 2007

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## NEW ARRIVALS

### 1996

**Jenny Benedetti** and Antonios Rousos, a son, Dean Anthony, May 2, 2007

Marnie and **Steven Dardanello**, a daughter, Melissa Rose, June 6, 2007

**Stacey Dengler** and David Girard, a daughter, Jane Elizabeth, April 22, 2007

**Megan Dowden** and Mike Carrete, a son, Patrick Joseph, April 20, 2007

**Christine Dube** and Robert Mathers, a son, Melvin Albert, March 15, 2006

Joann and **Michael Flynn**, a son, Gavin Meyers, May 3, 2007

**Lisa Goddard** and Fred L. McGhee, PhD, a son, Alexander Nanepashemet, May 2, 2007

**Amanda Howard** and Paul Fanuele, a son, Andrew Brennan, July 23, 2007

### 1997

**Jessica Alfieri** and Ken Casamento, a son, Bryce Lucas, March 30, 2006

**Mary Ann Blanco** and Bryan Kimes, a son, Bryan Charles, Dec. 19, 2006

Allison and **Bryan Christian**, two sons, John Jackson and Cooper Linfante, Nov. 23, 2007

**Amy Coppola** and Schuyler Woods, a son, Cameron Jack, June 20, 2007

**Claudia Corso** and Scott Healy, a daughter, Laurel Maris, Aug. 28, 2007

**Jennifer De Marco** and Michael Nyhuis, a son, Anthony Michael, Oct. 27, 2006

**Erin Flannery** and **Thomas Kirwan '94**, a son, Thomas Finnbar, June 8, 2007

**Tania Gojdcyz** and David Sones, a son, Alexander, April 4, 2005, and a son, Aiden, July 21, 2006

**Erika Harnish** and Rich Bello, a daughter, Alyssa Rose, April 5, 2007

**Anne Henry** and Jim McNiff, a daughter, Caelan Erin, Feb. 15, 2007

**Amy Hunt** and **Jared Breault**, twin daughters, Addison Rose and Alexis Lily, Dec. 18, 2006

**Michelle Lopez** and Fredrick Dalton Hughes III, a son, Jake Dalton, Dec. 16, 2006

Casey and **Eric Mandeville**, a daughter, Addison Sue, April 30, 2007

May 2007. Her dissertation was titled *The Role of the President in Balancing Athletics and Academics at Division I-A Institutions*. ■ **Kyle Reeves** is a marketing communications specialist at FLIR Systems, Inc., in North Billerica, Mass. ■ **Tania Gojdcyz Sones** opened her own photography business, Tania Sones Photography, in Connecticut in 2005. She also stays at home with her two sons, Alex and Aiden.



**Michael Benevento** has been working for Bloomberg LP in the Bloomberg Television Traffic Department since November 2006. ■ **Rachel Carter** launched an independent marketing and public relations consulting business in Burlington, Vt., called Rachel Carter Public Relations. ■ **Kerriann Redmond Doyle** married a fellow Red Fox, **Desmond Doyle**. They have two young children. ■ **Irene Henderson O'Brien** married Paul O'Brien in 2002 and lives in Stamford, Conn. She has worked for A&E Television Networks for the past seven years and last year was promoted to managing producer of post production. In 2006, she won the A&E Television Networks President's Award. ■ **Christine Rosenvinge** was commissioned as a cryptology officer in the U.S. Navy in 2004 and serves in a reserve status. ■ **Giuseppe Sarrica '98MS** writes that his son, Gregory, graduated from Marist in May 2007. Gregory is now married, and his wife is attending medical school. ■ **Bethann Steiner** is chief of staff to Massachusetts state senator Benjamin B. Downing. Fellow alumna **Elizabeth Mahony '99** was hired as counsel. ■ **Keith Sunderland** is in his sixth year working at his high school alma mater; it is his third year as dean of students. He recently participated on the validation team for the Middle States Association for Colleges and Schools. ■ **Dr. Brian J. Webber** graduated in June 2007 from the five-year diagnostic radi-

### Rachel Carter '98



Above, some of the 55 members of the 1970 undefeated club football team reunited at the dedication of Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field in October. Inset is the original team.

ology residency program at Nassau University Medical Center, where he served as chief resident for 2006-07. He is attending the University of Rochester/Strong Memorial Hospital for a one-year sub-specialty fellowship in MRI that began in July 2007. ■ **Mario Wilson** has moved to Albuquerque, N.M., and works for the University of New Mexico as an assistant track and field coach.

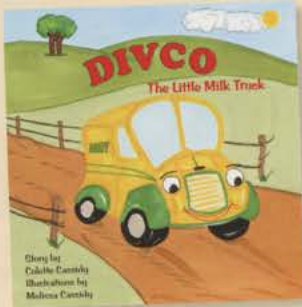
### 1999

**Russell R. Boedecker** was named director of finance for the Checkfree Corp. in Portland, Ore. Russell was awarded the Lybrand Gold Medal for outstanding finance publication of the year for his article on offshoring, "A Journey Overseas," published in *Strategic Finance* in March 2007. ■ **Carrie Amrich Bowen** served for the second year on the committee for the Des Moines (Iowa) Playhouse's Hollywood Halloween fund-raiser. She recently started on a new career path as a data specialist with a global nutritional ingredient manufacturer. Her husband, **Seth Bowen**, is in his third year in information security at the Principal Financial Group in downtown Des Moines. In 2007 he was promoted to associate for process/procedure/projects. ■ **James Byrne** moved to Boston from San Francisco after six years on the West Coast. He is a senior helpdesk engineer at Bain Capital, LLC, in Boston. ■ **Jennifer Canonico** is on maternity leave from teaching third grade in Harrison, N.Y., to spend time with baby daughter Marissa. Her husband, **Bryan Auroch '00**, continues to teach at a middle school in Stamford, Conn. ■ **Donna-Marie**

**Facilla** earned more than 75 graduate credits above her master's degree and currently teaches fifth grade special education in Lindenhurst, N.Y. She also teaches an after-school sports program. ■ **Michael Frisch** and his wife, Dr. Anna Frisch, MD, PhD, live in Atlanta, Ga., with their two young daughters. Michael graduated from Harvard University graduate school in June 2007 with a business degree. ■ **Kenneth Gerrish** returned this past summer from his third tour in Afghanistan. He deployed with D Company 1-102nd Infantry, 29th Infantry Division. He worked as a fire team leader and was part of a security force that protected Provincial Reconstruction Team Asadabad. He is a corrections officer in Danbury, Conn. ■ **Colleen Hoffman** teaches pre-K at the Half Hollow Hills Central School District in Dix Hills, N.Y. She also coaches crew for Half Hollow Hills. Her love for crew stems from her days spent at Marist. ■ **Mandy Liles** recently moved back to New York City from San Antonio, Texas, for a job opportunity and to be closer to home. She is research manager for Univision Radio National Sales. She is on the board of directors for American Women in Radio and Television's New York City chapter and previously served on the board of the San Antonio Media Alliance. ■ **Summer Lopes** is pursuing a master's at Columbia University in the nurse anesthetist program. ■ **Amy Cotter Mero** is an online content manager for Pearson Higher Education's Global Production and Manufacturing Group in Boston, Mass. She lives in Manchester, N.H., with her husband, **Christopher**



## ALUMNI AUTHORS



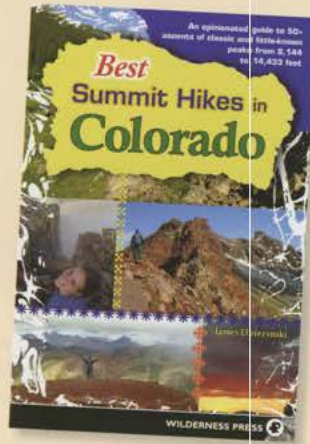
Melissa Maples Cassidy '99 has illustrated her first children's book, *Divco, the Little Milk Truck*. Written by her sister-in-law, Colette Cassidy, the book is about a vintage milk truck that comes to life. The character is based on an actual truck produced by the Detroit Industrial Vehicle Company. The distinctive delivery trucks, produced from 1926 until 1986, were used not only for the delivery of milk but also baked goods, laundry, and newspapers. Melissa works full-time in the fashion industry as a design director of better women's sportswear. She looks forward to illustrating more books.

Ken Foye '89 wrote *Smart Choice 3 Teacher's Resource Book*, part of an ESL textbook series, published by Oxford University Press in 2007.

Margaret Kearney '86's second book, *The Secret of Me*, is a novel in verse for teens. Published by Persea Books in 2005, it was to go into paperback in December 2007, along with a teacher's guide for those who want to use the book to teach poetry in the classroom. Meg is the director of creative writing programs at Pine Manor College.

Ray Landry '60's second book of poetry, *Growing into Infancy: A Collection of Self-Proclaimed Award-Winning Poems*, is to be published soon.

Edmund McKenna '85 co-authored *Word-Doku*, a letter-based Sudoku puzzle book.



James Dziezynski '98's recently published book *Best Summit Hikes in Colorado* features 50 of the best mountain hikes in the state. James spent plenty of time playing in the Catskills, 'Gunks, and Adirondacks during his time at Marist, he says. "It was a natural progression to seek out new wilderness areas." Each summit is included because of a notable feature such as a ghost mine, airplane wreckage, thundering waterfalls, colorful floral meadows, wildlife, or accessibility. Some peaks offer unique opportunities, such as a trailhead accessible only via a steam-powered railroad. The book, published by Wilderness Press, covers all of Colorado's major mountain ranges from the well-known Sangre De Cristo, Gore, Sawatch, Indian Peaks, and Maroon Bell wilderness areas to the lesser-known Grenadiers, Medicine Bow, and Outer San Juan peaks.

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## 2000

Bryan Auroch continues to teach at a middle school in Stamford, Conn. Jennifer Canonico '99 is on maternity leave from teaching third grade in Harrison, N.Y., to spend time with their baby daughter,

Marissa. Jackie Baker ran the Nike Women's Marathon in San Francisco in October as part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Team in Training. She raised more than \$6,000 in memory of her uncle, Robert Patterson. Alyson Fink was one of 65 teachers chosen to participate in an academically rigorous program at the Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford, Conn., in July. In 2004 she received the James Madison Memorial Fellowship. One teacher per year, per state, receives this fellowship in American history and attends Georgetown University for a summer institute as part of his or her graduate work. Alyson teaches history at James B. Castle High school in Kaneohe, Hawaii. Dave Gianna '00MS/'02MBA and Denise Zottola adopted a daughter, Ava Maria. Ava was born Dec. 8, 2006, in Guatemala. Her first stop in the U.S. was Disney World—her family was vacationing in Florida when she was ready to come home. She joins her brother, Anthony, who is also from Guatemala. Dave is a senior security consultant at Verizon Business and works out of his home. He is also a senior member of Civil Air Patrol. James Hunter left his job of seven years at Finalsite in East Hartford, Conn., to become a web producer within the Enterprise Systems Department of Yale University in New Haven, Conn. Ryan Hunter works as an assistant district attorney in the narcotics bureau at the Suffolk County district attorney's office. Matthew Marino has been promoted from district sales manager of the New York City market for Staples Business Advantage to regional sales director for Minneapolis. Thomas Mirabella went to New Orleans this past summer to help rebuild homes with a company he owns, LIHome411.com, a directory service of Long Island home improvement contractors. "We drove down in a 16-foot box truck filled with donations from fellow Long Islanders including tools, housewares, clothes, and furniture for the residents of the area," Tom writes. LIHome411.com teamed with a not-for-profit organization, Phoenix of New Orleans, for the project. Kristi Bouthillette Mount and her husband, William, recently bought a house in Bristol, Vt. Michael Musgnug has become vice president of marketing at Inverness Medical. After graduating from Marist, Nicole T. Ornek traveled in Europe for three months before work-



## NEW ARRIVALS

Kristen and Charlie Melichar, a daughter, Olivia Charlotte, Sept. 13, 2007

Amy Cotter '99 and Christopher Merrow, a son, Brady Norman, April 21, 2007

Kristin Richard and Fred Aguilera, a son, Brandon Thomas, Sept. 26, 2006

Tracy and Adam Towne, a son, Alexander Richard, June 1, 2007

Danielle Vecchia and Peter Torres, a daughter, Isabella Rose, Jan. 16, 2007

## 1998

Michele Araneo and Michael Anderson, a daughter, Emily Rae, Nov. 8, 2006

Lisa Buhler and Douglas Vigo, a daughter, Emma Grace, Aug. 17, 2005

Jamie Scott '99 and Mark Conway, a daughter, Sophia Elizabeth, June 26, 2007

Traci Davis and John Lanner, a son, Justin John, April 25, 2007

Cybil Golas and Eric Lovly, a daughter, Olivia, May 23, 2007

Danielle and Patrick Holton, a son, Ryan Patrick, Aug. 22, 2007

Kelly Mitchell and Aaron Batt, a daughter, Brooke Lindsay, Sept. 25, 2007

Shannon O'Rourke and Ray O'Connor, a son, Aidan Robert, June 7, 2007

Kathryn Robinson and Andres Gonzalez, a son, Gabriel Eduardo, Jan. 14, 2007

Lorraine Scotti and Christopher Daly, twins, a daughter, Ava, and a son, Ryan, Aug. 25, 2006

Gyna Slomcinsky and Ryan Soucy, a son, William Albert, Sept. 20, 2007

Alison Spanovich and Michael Ricca, a son, Michael Anthony, April 30, 2007

MaryEllen Siegrist '01MA and Domenic Trocino, a daughter, Ava Marie, Oct. 15, 2007

## 1999

Missie Backes and Larry Dunn, a son, Sullivan Zander, Feb. 22, 2007

Erin Minor '00 and John Black, a daughter, Kylie Taylor, May 30, 2006

Elizabeth "Beth" Clarke '99/'03MBA and Brad Cookinham, a son, Brayden, Oct. 10, 2007

Merrow '97, and two sons, Noah and Brady. Lindsay White St. Lucia was promoted from account executive to senior account executive at Martino Flynn, LLC, an advertising and PR agency based in Rochester, N.Y.

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**Amy Cotter and Christopher Merrow '97**, a son, Brady Norman, April 21, 2007

Anna Frisch, MD, PhD, and **Michael Frisch**, a daughter, Julia, Dec. 31, 2003, and a daughter, Karolina, Dec. 21, 2005

**Kristen Germana** and Lee Nolan, a daughter, Grace, Apr. 12, 2007

**Jessica Hawkens and Chris Cardella**, a daughter, Elizabeth Rose, May 24, 2007

**Julie Morin and George Heudorfer**, a daughter, Ella Mary, June 7, 2006

**Jamie Scott and Mark Conway '98**, a daughter, Sophia Elizabeth, June 26, 2007

**Jessica Spencer** and Matthew DeLorenzo, a daughter, Izabella Lorelai, Nov. 5, 2007

**Heather Vir** and Chris Hildebrandt, a daughter, Caitlin Elisabeth, Feb. 19, 2007

**Barbara Glass '00 and Justin Chase**, a son, Jakob Logan, Nov. 15, 2007

## 2000

**Katie Daley** and David Gatta, a daughter, Emma Rose, Oct. 3, 2006

**Dave Gianna '00MS/ '02MBA** and Denise Zottola adopted a daughter, Ava Maria, born Dec. 8, 2006, from Guatemala.

**Barbara Glass and Justin Chase '99**, a son, Jakob Logan, Nov. 15, 2007

**Kristen Hoey and Ben Amarone '01**, a son, Benny Andrew III, Nov. 13, 2006

**Elizabeth Johnson and John Shibles**, a son, Ryan Joseph, March 1, 2007

**Erin Minor and John Black '99**, a daughter, Kylie Taylor, May 30, 2006

**Shelly Napoli and Chris Yapchanyk '01**, a daughter, Anna Joyce, April 5, 2007

**Melissa Ranslow** and Jason Beland, a son, Joshua James, May 19, 2007

**Megan Williams '01** and **John Ragozzine**, a daughter, Hazel Lucia, May 15, 2007

## 2001

**Elaine Findlay** and Lloyd E. Perryman, a son, Lloyd Evans Jr., Nov. 5, 2007

**Kristen Hoey '00 and Ben Amarone**, a son, Benny Andrew III, Nov. 13, 2006

**Shelly Napoli '00 and Chris Yapchanyk**, a daughter, Anna Joyce, Apr. 5, 2007

ing at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City as an assistant curator. After two years, she followed her dream of becoming a social studies teacher. She taught for three years at Windsor High School in Connecticut and also coached the girls' soccer team there. She now has changed careers once again and is project manager for Reliance Realty Partners, a real estate investment development company in Stamford, Conn. ■ **David Orser** and his wife, **Jamie Augienello '01**, recently bought a house in Washingtonville, N.Y., and adopted a baby pit bull named Maggie. ■ **Elizabeth Owens** is a physician sales representative for Becton, Dickinson and Co. ■ **Jared Parker**, senior service representative for Travelers, and his wife, Joanna, bought a beautiful house in Chicopee, Mass. They live there with several pets: a cat, Lynx; three rats, Isis, Ninlin, and Flower; a hamster, Mal; and a beta fish, Finnegan Fishington II. ■ **Susan Goulet Synan '00/'04M** will receive her second master's degree in May 2008. ■ **Adam Weissman** appeared on CBS's *The Early Show* on Oct. 3. The segment was about finding your "GoogleGanger"—what comes up when you Google your own name. It all came about after Adam was quoted on Googling yourself in an article that appeared in the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*. Adam is a senior account executive at DBA Public Relations. He has been reelected as the president of the Hoboken Ski Club in Hoboken, N.J., where he resides.

## 2001

**Christopher Asmann** is finishing his master's at Fordham and will graduate in spring 2008. He's been accepted by a sign language interpreter program and will begin in fall 2008. ■ **Jamie Augienello** and her husband, **David Orser '00**, recently bought a house in Washingtonville, N.Y., and adopted a baby pit bull named Maggie. ■ **Jamie Veley Batcher** opened a law practice in Cobleskill, N.Y., in September 2006. ■ **Kristin Burke** teaches kindergarten for Fulton County (Ga.) Public Schools. She received an MA in teaching from Mercer University in Atlanta this past summer. ■ **Joseph Cannerelli '01/'02MA** became an operations executive for Target at the company's import warehouse in Suffolk, Va. His wife, **Katherine Romeo '02**, earned a master's from LeMoyne College and teaches at Kings Fork High School in Suffolk, Va. ■ **Michael Cunningham**



Former Marist basketball player Bobby Joe Hatton '00 came out to see the Red Foxes when the Marist men's basketball team played in the ESPNU O'Reilly Auto Parts Puerto Rico Tip-Off in San Juan in November. Above, Bobby Joe (right) talks on the air with longtime Marist radio broadcaster Ed Weir.

graduated *cum laude* from St. John's University School of Law. He is an associate in the Structured Finance Department at Thacher, Proffitt & Wood, LLP. ■ **Jim Lieto** teaches second grade and coaches girls' junior varsity lacrosse and modified volleyball in Mahopac, N.Y. ■ **Nicholas Loeser** and his wife live in Hamden, Conn. He has launched the web site [www.customerfriendly.org](http://www.customerfriendly.org). ■ **Mark Lynch** is a police officer. He and his wife, **Lori Yelenovic Lynch '02**, a flight attendant, live in Hillsborough, N.J. Their bridal party included eight fellow Marist grads. ■ **Lee Shillington Neys** is a study abroad integration coordinator at the University of Minnesota Duluth. ■ **Anne Perkins** is a physician assistant in surgery in Queens, N.Y. ■ After producing the 6 p.m. news for New England Cable News in the Boston area for two years, **Ian Philbrick** has moved into news management. He is now executive producer for WVTM, the NBC TV station in Birmingham, Ala. He is responsible for on-air content and presentation in four evening newscasts. ■ **Christina Schwab Pontilena** has been a buyer for Linens 'n' Things since July 2006. ■ **Tim and Cristina Sorensen** purchased their first house, in Monroe, Conn. ■ **Edward Synan '01/'06M** completed his first year teaching social studies at Commonwealth Academy in Alexandria, Va. He was to finish his second master's degree in December 2007. ■ **Jessica Weissman** and **Steven Hill** were married in June and bought their first home, in Nesconset, N.Y. ■ **Kyle Wood** received tenure in

the Social Studies Department at Brewster (N.Y.) High School.

## 2002

**Gary Albaugh** and his wife, Misty, changed duty stations from Germany to Fort Lewis, Wash. Their second son was born Sept. 12, 2007. ■ **Sarah Beamish** was promoted in summer 2007 and is now managing Global Capital Markets MBA Campus Recruiting at Citi. Her responsibilities include recruiting for full-time and summer associate programs in capital markets restructuring and origination, sales and trading and fixed income strategy and analysis. ■ **Katherine Romeo Cannerelli** earned a master's from LeMoyne College and teaches at Kings Fork High School in Suffolk, Va. Her husband, **Joseph Cannerelli '01/'02MA**, became an operations executive for Target at the company's import warehouse in Suffolk, Va. ■ **Pete Frisoni '02MPA** was promoted to detective captain of the Schenectady (N.Y.) Police Department in May 2007. ■ **Lori Yelenovic Lynch** and her husband, **Mark Lynch '01**, a police officer, live in Hillsborough, N.J. She is a flight attendant. Their bridal party included eight fellow Marist grads. ■ **Jeremy Meyers** recently became head editor for Time Warner Cable Capital News 9's *High School Sports Kickoff Show*. The program airs weekly Thursday nights and again Fridays and kicks off the local high school football game of the week. He continues his normal duties of editing all video content for news at the station. ■ **Thomas Murray, CFA**, was recently promoted to vice pres-

ident at Goldman Sachs. ■ **Michelle Pantaleo** is celebrating her fifth year in her job as a special investigator for USIS. ■ **Christopher Parfett** graduated with a master's in social work from Adelphi University in August 2007. ■ **Michael Reilly** helps lead the youth ministry program with his wife, Missy, at Cross Point Community Church in Knightdale, N.C. ■ **Joanna Waters** is currently team-teaching a third grade inclusion classroom and recently won an outstanding teaching award from the Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress.



**Steven Black** continues to work as a database analyst for IPSOS-ASI. His wife, **Jillian Duffy Black**, teaches third grade in Westport, Conn. ■ **Traci Cillis** received a master's degree in literacy and is now a certified reading teacher. ■ **Brad Cook** is in his fourth year of teaching eighth grade special education in Johnson City (N.Y.) Central Schools. In his first season as varsity baseball coach, his team went 20-3 and finished second in the New York State Class A state rankings. ■ **Jaime Gillespie McHugh** is in her fifth year of teaching special education. ■ **Jacquelyn Hendersson Ingham** is pursuing an MS in early childhood special education at Southern Connecticut State University. ■ **Jaclyn Jacobsen** is a postgraduate student at City University London, training in international print journalism. She earned an MA at McGill University and was a professor of political science at CUNY-Staten Island from 2005 to 2007. ■ **Brian Kelly** teaches history and government at Rockland and Dutchess community colleges. ■ **Jeff Kuznekoff** has a new title at the School of Visual Arts in New York City. He has moved from research associate to associate director of institutional research.



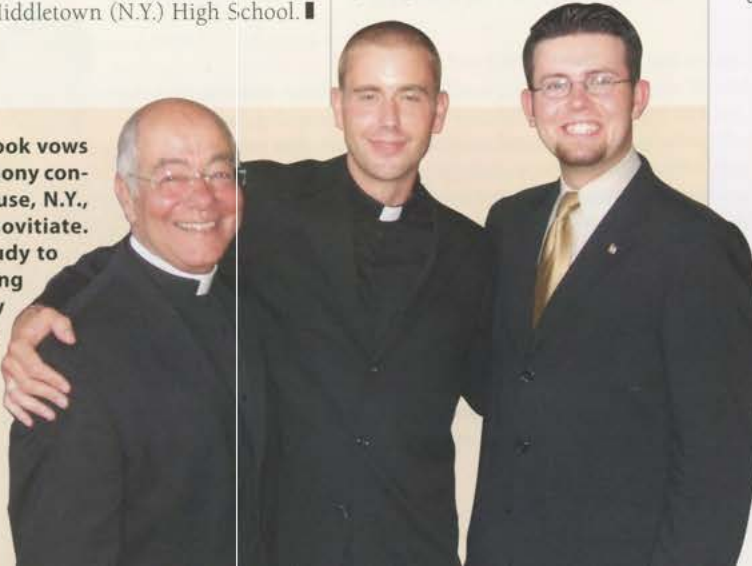
**John C. Tkazyik '03** was elected City of Poughkeepsie mayor in November. Above, Marist President Dennis Murray (right) congratulates John (left) at his inauguration.

■ **Thomas McGerty** was hired by the Sewanhaka (N.Y.) Central High School District as a business teacher at Floral Park Memorial High School. ■ **Tiffany Metti** graduated in May 2003 with a BA in communications and a minor in psychology. She lives in San Diego. ■ **Kelly Naughton** graduated from Albany Law School in May 2006 and received the Capital District Trial Lawyers Association Award. She has been admitted to practice in Massachusetts and New York as well as in the federal court for the Northern District of New York. She practices law in Goshen, N.Y. ■ **Rebecca Scribner** is a therapeutic social worker at Abbott House, working with foster children. ■ **Michelle Warren** is a promotions coordinator at *Parenting Magazine*.

### 2004

**Richard Ambrosio** is teaching in Japan via the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme. ■ **Jeanine Branham** received a master's of education in adolescent biology from Mount Saint Mary College in 2006. In 2007, she was awarded tenure at Middletown (N.Y.) High School. ■

**Kimberly Cuccia** is enrolled in the organizational leadership/communication master's program at Marist. ■ **Stephen Harrison** was recently promoted to chief operating officer, vice president of human resources, and vice president of finance at Seva Technologies, LLC, in Tallahassee, Fla. He remains active in the community and supports a variety of local organizations. He was recently elected vice president of the board of directors for a local contemporary art gallery, 621 Gallery ([www.621gallery.org](http://www.621gallery.org)). ■ **Jenae Jones** received an MS in TESOL (Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages) from Queens College. ■ **Kristin Mancini** is teaching high school Spanish on the Connecticut shoreline after receiving an MA in Spanish literature from the University of Connecticut. ■ **Mike Massa** is a producer for Voice Coaches. He works in a recording studio and produces voice-overs for clients. In addition he travels around the country teaching introductory adult education classes about the voice-over industry. When he recently taught a class in New London,



**Benjamin Brenkert, SJ, '02** (center) took vows this past summer at a religious ceremony conducted at Lemoyne College in Syracuse, N.Y., where the Society of Jesus has its novitiate. Ben has embarked on 11 years of study to be ordained a Jesuit priest and is taking courses in philosophy and sociology at the Jesuit House of Studies at St. Louis University. Joining Ben to mark the occasion are Father Richard LaMorte, Marist chaplain, and Jess Boyle '09, Marist chapel sacristan.



## NEW ARRIVALS

**Amanda Kelly** and Ryan Coyle, twins, a daughter, Aubrey Madison, and a son, Landon Emerson, June 30, 2007

**Charissa O'Reilly** and **Rob Zbikowski**, a daughter, Brenna Rae, June 4, 2007

**Danielle Patterson** and George Omondi, a daughter, Sanaa Marie, Oct. 29, 2006

**MaryEllen Siegrist** and **Domenic Trocino '98**, a daughter, Ava Marie, Oct. 15, 2007

**Katie Twist** and George H. Rowlinson V, a son, George Henry VI, March 25, 2007

**Jennifer Vaiana** and Ian Becker, a daughter, Caitlin M., Sept. 26, 2006

**Amanda Whelan** and Andrew Weiss, a daughter, Lauren Alexandria, April 20, 2007

**Megan Williams** and **John Ragozzine '00**, a daughter, Hazel Lucia, May 15, 2007

### 2002

Misty and **Gary Albaugh**, a son, Brandon Miles, Sept. 12, 2007

**Alyssa Bobb** and **Rory S. Boice '03MA**, a daughter, Riley Alexis, Dec. 2, 2006

**Heather Corkins** and Brian Hunt Sr., a son, Brian Thomas Jr., Jan. 23, 2007

Jennifer and **Christopher Parfett**, a daughter, Gabriella Rose, Oct. 26, 2007

Denise Zottola and **Dave Gianna '00MS/'02MBA** adopted a daughter, Ava Maria, born Dec. 8, 2006, from Guatemala

### 2003

**Kimberly Espey**, a daughter, Peyton Nicole, Dec. 10, 2006

**Megan Lizotte** and David McNally, a daughter, Madison Rose, Aug. 10, 2007

**Alyssa Bobb '02** and **Rory S. Boice '03MA**, a daughter, Riley Alexis, Dec. 2, 2006

### 2005

Stephanie and **Jeremy Thode**, a daughter, Olivia Paige, May 30, 2007

### 2007

**Mary Elizabeth Lass '07MA** and **Edward Eberling '88**, a daughter, Ava Grace, May 1, 2007

# Alumni news

## IN MEMORIAM

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Conn., a reporter from theday.com wrote an article and created a slideshow about the course. ■ **Ellen Oman** and her husband, Brian, still live in Colorado. Ellen is the assistant director of an environmental nonprofit organization and received an MPA from the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs. ■ **Sophia Sarantakos** moved to New Orleans to attend Tulane University two weeks before Hurricane Katrina struck the city. After the hurricane she moved to Houston to begin her first semester in the MSW program at the University of Houston. She moved back to New Orleans in December 2006 to complete her degree from Tulane. Immediately after graduating she began working as a social worker there. ■ **Kirsten Waage** has her own personal training business and works independently, going to people's homes. She works mainly with young athletes.

## 2005

**Alexander Bea** is pursuing an MA in communication studies at Virginia Tech. He and **John Mullady** walked from Yankee Stadium to Fenway Park this past summer and filmed interviews about the rivalry between the Yankees and Red Sox for a potential documentary. They were featured in an episode of the Boston UPN show *Red Sox Stories*. ■ **Danny Bellew** has been working for the New York City Fire Department since January 2006. He works in Harlem, N.Y. He also plays for the FDNY lacrosse team. ■ **Katherine Brauer** is corporate administrator for Morris Energy Group, LLC, a company that owns six power plants supplying power to the Northeast market. ■ **Kerry Casey** is the text designer of educational books for young adults published under the imprints of Facts on File and Chelsea House. The sets include *What Can I Do Now*, *Reform*



Marist alumni group the Wall Street Club held a reception this past fall at the New York Athletic Club in New York City. The event offered an opportunity to network and gain industry insight from speaker Bruce Kamich of Smith Barney Citigroup. Alumni guests included (left to right) Stephanie Koutsares '01, Shannon Jergens '00, and Maura McCabe '04.

*Movements in American History*, and *Physics in Our World*. In her spare time she runs a small business called Pics & Fix ([www.picsandfix.com](http://www.picsandfix.com)) where she sells her original photography and offers digital photo repair service. ■ **Melissa Davis** is a Junior Fellow with the United Way. The Junior Fellows program is designed to provide professionals from New York City-based nonprofits with a strong foundation in nonprofit management. She is a student organizer associate with GLSEN. ■ **Kate Daymon** is pursuing an MS in rehabilitation counseling at San Diego State University. ■ **Leslie Giffin Egiziano** relocated to her home state of Pennsylvania and now lives near Hershey. She was promoted to human resources representative II at Paychex, Inc., after obtaining a Pennsylvania life, accident, and health insurance license and professional human resources certification from the Society for Human Resource Management. ■ **Amy Gillespie** became the head volleyball coach at Seminole State College in Seminole, Okla., in July 2007. ■

**Jennifer Heinsman Glassen** was promoted to associate graphic designer of girls' sleepwear at American Marketing Enterprises in New York City. ■ **Matthew Grant** earned an MS in journalism from Columbia University. ■ **Olivia Haley** is pursuing a Doctor of Education degree from Walden University. ■ **Jordan Plante** has completed a year-long training program for the National Auto Dealers Association and a course in financing and insurance. After graduation, he traveled across the country for two months, camping and hiking. Then he traveled to Australia and New Zealand to backpack for five weeks. He has since joined his family's auto dealership—Tri-City Dodge and Subaru—and can be reached at [jplante@tricitydodge.com](mailto:jplante@tricitydodge.com). ■ **Everett Reiss** does technical writing, systems implementation, and software training for Applied Systems Technology. He also volunteers for a church youth group, mentors for McQuade Children's Services, and is trying to read the Bible in one year. ■ **Brandon Richter** owns his own insurance

**Margaret M. Quinlan '03**, a health communication doctoral candidate at Ohio University, is pictured with **Dr. Albert Bandura** (center), the renowned Stanford University psychologist, and **Dr. Arvind Singhal**, a mentor, at the Entertainment-Public Health Summit at the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University in May 2007. A psychology-special education major while at Marist, Maggie credits Marist Assistant Professor of Communication and Director for Undergraduate Research **Dr. Daniel Cochece Davis** with encouraging her to pursue a master's in communication at Illinois State University, which she completed in 2005.







**Kirk Dornton '04**, a Marist record-holder, led a strong contingent of Marist Alumni Racing Team members at the ING New York City Marathon Nov. 4.

Kirk placed 39th in the men's race and was the 12th American finisher across the line with his personal-best time of 2 hours, 33 minutes, and 25 seconds (2:33:25), which was two minutes faster than his previous marathon best, set at the 2006 Philadelphia Marathon. More than 38,000 runners participated in the race. Kirk still holds the Marist record in the 10,000-meter run and is among the fastest Red Fox cross country runners all time at Van Cortlandt Park. He is a science teacher at Arlington High School in Poughkeepsie.

Two of Kirk's college teammates also placed in the top 500 of the race. Patrick Driscoll '02 was 140th in the men's race in 2:43:27, equaling his personal-

best marathon time set at the 2006 NYC Marathon. Sean Hopkins '05 was 397th in the men's race in 2:53:07 in his debut over the 26.2-mile distance.

The Marist Alumni Racing Team was formed two years ago as an outlet for competitive former Red Fox runners to continue to represent their school in road racing and track and field.

Also in the race, Ned Kenyon '99, running for the New York Police Department team, improved his personal best in the marathon by seven minutes with a time of 3:21:50. Ned is a police officer for the NYPD.

—Pete Colaizzo '86

*Editor's Note: Another Marist alumnus who ran in the 2007 NYC Marathon was Pete Colaizzo '86. Pete is in his 17th year as head coach of the men's cross country and track and field programs at Marist.*

company, Ridgefield Insurance Services, LLC, in Ridgefield, Conn. ■ **Scott Semple** is a third-year law student at Boston College. ■ **Lauren Talbot** works at UBS Financial Services in Weehawken, N.J., as a senior associate.

## 2006

**Patrick Bean** is in graduate school at Duke University. ■ **Matthew Borchers** continues to teach math in New Jersey. He stays in touch with many Marist classmates. ■ **Lauren Chiarello** is pursuing a master's in speech-language pathology and audiology at Loyola College. ■ **Edward Grosskreuz** will graduate from Adelphi University in May 2008 with an MA in adolescent education, specializing in English. He continues to participate in theatre. He toured Long Island and New Jersey during the summer in *Damn Yankees* and *Hamlet*. He has been hired as the director for grades 3 through 5 performing workshops at the new South Shore Performing Arts Academy. The theatre company he formed with fellow actor friends, the Winter Theatre Co., produced its second play in New York City. He has been selected to serve as a student teacher/intern in

the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District where he will spend the year teaching eighth and tenth grade English courses. ■ **Brooke Heithoff** is pursuing a master's in higher education/student affairs at Iowa State University. ■ **Melissa Herpfer** lives in Honolulu while teaching twelfth grade English in Oahu. ■ **Matthew Hittenmark** is pursuing an MPA in nonprofit management at Baruch College. He is athletic director at Hyde Leadership Charter School in the Bronx. He coaches three Little League teams. ■ **Michael Kaste '06MFA** was promoted to assistant special agent in charge of the St. Louis Field Division of the FBI in July 2007. ■ **Moses Katalamwa** was to move to Uganda, Africa, to start an organic food farm this past December but will visit Marist often. ■ **Jaclyn Nolan** works in public relations at the Highwater Group in New York City. ■ **Kevin Parsons** finished his first year as an admissions counselor at the University of Delaware. This past summer he was the assistant coordinator for the University of Delaware's 20-day freshman orientation program, DelaWorld 101, managing student orientation leaders and acting as the on-site supervisor for the entire program.

■ **Cyndi Pierre** has relocated for at least four years to Sydney, Australia. She is marketing and advertising coordinator at Your Trading Edge in Belrose, New South Wales. ■ **Lauren Rowland's** father, Dick Rowland, was elected town supervisor in Greenfield. He began his two-year term on Jan. 1, 2008. ■ **Zachary Spalding** is a systems manager for the Southeastern New York Library Resources Council. He is also a volunteer firefighter in the Esopus (N.Y.) Fire Department. He got married on Oct. 21, 2007. ■ **David Violante** is the recipient of the American Red Cross Hometown Hero award. He is pursuing a master's

**Hillary Saeger '07** was selected to represent the United States at the World Orienteering Championships in Kiev, Ukraine, in August. In November she won the U.S. Sprint Championships held in Virginia. She has attended numerous international orienteering competitions including four Junior World Orienteering Championships and the 2006 World Championships. She is ranked third in the United States and fourth in North America. Hillary is a former member of the Marist crew team.



## IN MEMORIAM

### Graduates of the College

- Dr. Denis D. Murphy '49
- Bro. Joseph Malatak, FMS '58
- Robert J. VanAernem '64
- Bro. Denis Caverley, FMS '67
- Anthony Joseph Kondysar Sr. '69
- CDR Francis X. Kraemer '69
- Gerald E. Fay '71
- John J. Goonan Jr. '73
- Michael M. Saintomas Sr. '76
- Peter A. Gamble '77
- Robert D. Hurley '78
- Arnoldo Canelas '79
- John F. Boylan '80
- Frank L. Quattrociochi '81
- Thomas J. Hopkins '82
- Jack Neustadt '84
- Mary Elizabeth Walsh '85
- Douglas Maloney '87M
- Ronald R. Powers '91M
- Thomas P. Logan '93
- Frederick H. Lantz III '95
- Gina Marie Fonseca-Wowk '98
- Claude L. Bennett '99
- Anthony A. Pugnali '99
- Maureen O'Brien '02
- David M. Skiba '05

# Alumni news

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## Don't Miss the Fun

Visit the alumni web site at [www.marist.edu](http://www.marist.edu) to find out when and where chapter events will take place.



Alumni of Marist lacrosse got together for a golf outing this past spring in Rockland County, N.Y. The group included (left to right) Robert Naylor '91, Chris Feldmann '92, Kevin Breen '87, Steve Maloney '90, Desmond Gallahue '90, Chris Corwin '91, Robert Novotny '91, Glenn Mattson '91, Chris Malet '04, Kevin Eversen '90, and Carl Marinaccio '93.

at Columbia University and recently returned from doing public health work in Kenya and Cuba. ■ Colleen Walsh spent a year teaching in Hawaii, "an incredible experience." She is now concentrating on teaching and pursuing a master's degree. ■ Mary Zicari survived the 2006 elections working to elect pro-equality candidates with the Human Rights Campaign in Washington, D.C.

## 2007

Following graduation Todd Bivona worked as an on-set production assistant for the horror movie *Manslaughter*, for the TV programs *The Next Iron Chef* (at the Culinary Institute of America) and *Iron Chef America*, and for live HBO Boxing events in the tri-state area. He also did audio work for HBO's boxing series *Boxing After Dark*. He is now a full-time sports writer/photographer/videographer for the weekly *Coast Star* in Manasquan, N.J. ■ Bridget Burns is attending graduate school at the London School of Economics and Political Science. ■ Elissa Carrick is attending Fordham University School of Law. She plans to receive a JD in May 2010. ■ Sarita Chitkara is working as a treasury analyst with American Sugar Refining, Inc., part of Domino Foods. ■ Kristen DeMeo is attending graduate school at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. ■ JoAnna DePino is working at Yale University's Department of Psychiatry on a substance abuse treatment program. ■ Bernadette Harden-Eldridge is living in Guantanamo



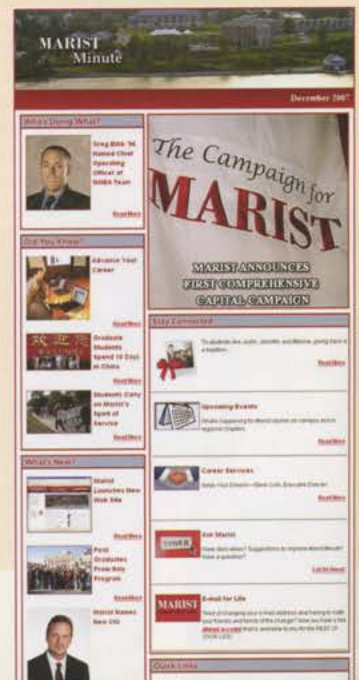
Left to right, Jim Daly '72, president of the Alumni Association, presents the 2007 Alumni Legacy Scholarship to John Becker '11, who is accompanied by his parents, Carol '78 and Kevin Becker, and Bob West, vice president for college advancement. John was one of many applicants for the competitive scholarship awarded each year to a Marist student who is the son or daughter of a Marist graduate.

Bay, Cuba, on the U.S. Naval Base. ■ Robin Henderson is pursuing a master's in humane education through an online program at Cambridge College. ■ Stephen Furst recently finished applying to veterinary school. He has been working at a vet clinic in Ardsley, N.Y., and volunteering at the Bronx Zoo's Department of Herpetology. ■ Jaime Kenworthy is an account coordinator at Gregory FCA Communications in Ardmore, Pa. ■ John McGovern '07MPA was promoted to lieutenant commander detective in the New York Police Department in June 2007. ■ Edgardo Perez is a departmental assistant in the Viewer Services and Public Affairs division of MTV Networks Kids and Family Group, which includes Nickelodeon, Nick Jr., Noggin, the N, and GAS. He assists in managing viewer correspondence, tracking and reporting viewer trends, and diffusing potential legal liability issues. He also monitors regulatory and policy issues and develops campaigns and outreach. ■ Mark Perugini is pursuing an MBA from Fairfield University, concentrating in finance. He has received a graduate assistantship from Fairfield. ■ Nicole Dellairo Phillips is pursuing an MS in physician assistant studies at Albany Medical College. ■ Amanda Russell is in graduate school at Old Dominion University and is a graduate assistant.

## What's Marist Minute?

*Marist Minute* is an e-newsletter produced by the Alumni and Advancement offices at Marist to keep Marist alumni connected with the College. Every two months a new issue is released that includes alumni profiles, feature articles, campus news, a calendar of upcoming events (both on and off campus), and much more! Subscription is free and requires only your e-mail address.

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# Be Part of Marist's Future

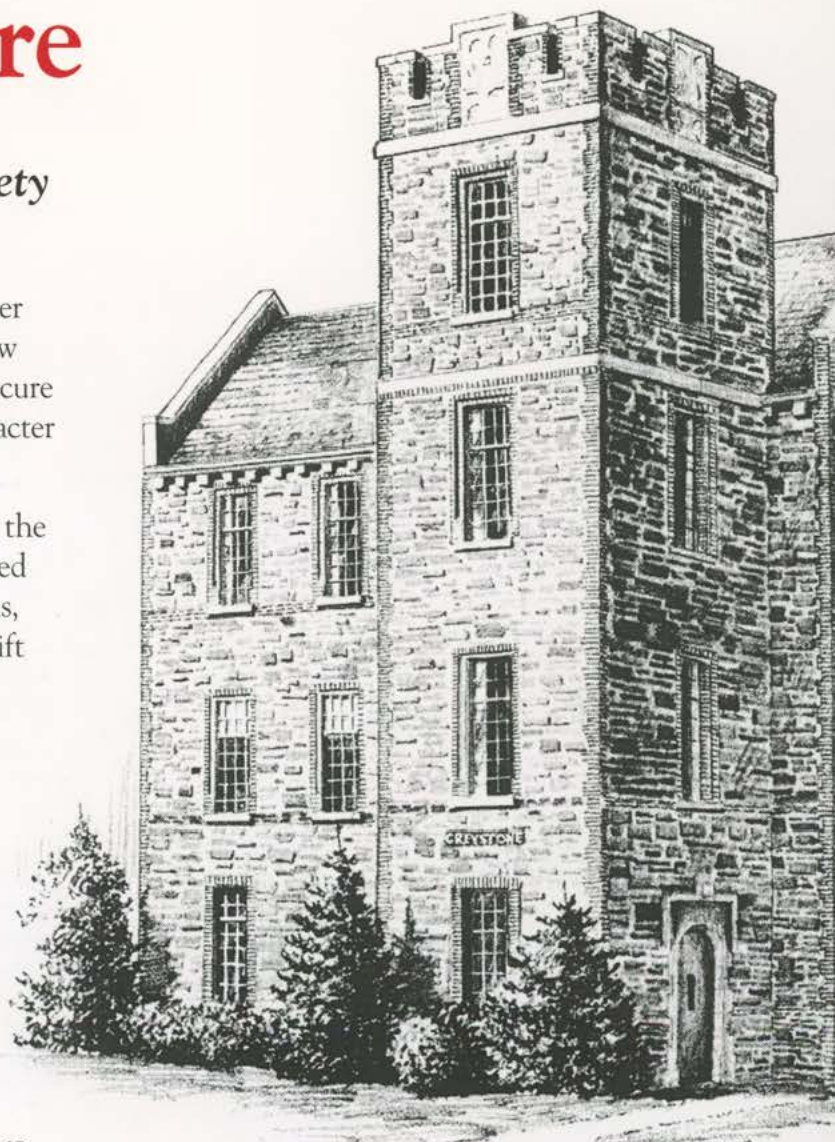
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Find out more about the **Marist College Heritage Society** and how you can become a founding member. A mission promoting academic excellence and service to others is worth passing on.

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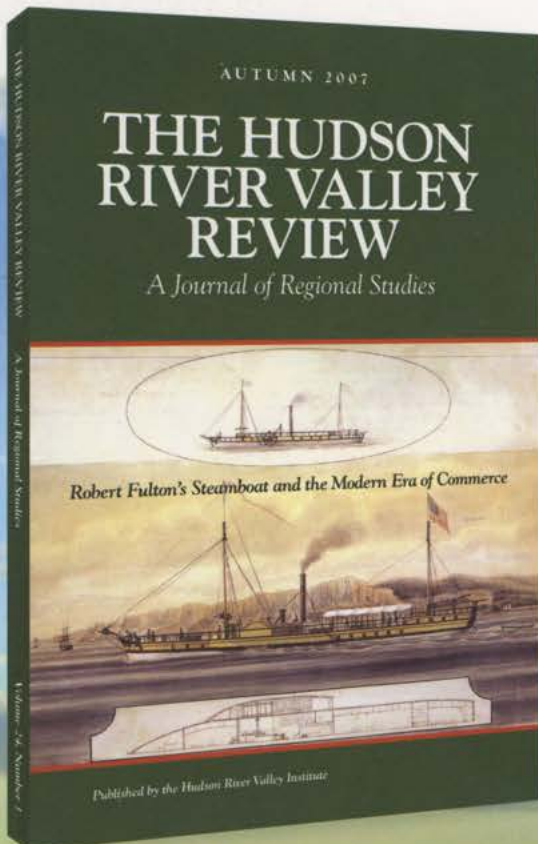
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