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## Marist Board Welcomes New Chair and Members

**Ross Mauri '80 now leads Marist's Board of Trustees; he is the first Marist alumnus to serve as chair.**

**TWO ALUMNI** recently joined Marist's Board of Trustees. Board members elected Maureen O'Rourke '85 and Robert Shanahan '83 to the board during its May meeting.

Also at the meeting, Ellen Hancock stepped down as board chair after serving in that role since 2010. She will continue service on the board and become immediate past chair. The Hancock Center is named in her honor in recognition of her lead gift.

Succeeding Hancock as chair is Vice Chair Ross Mauri '80, who is general manager, IBM Z, at IBM in Poughkeepsie. He is the first Marist alumnus to serve as chair. A resident of Lagrangeville, NY, Mauri has been a trustee since 1996 and until recently served as chair of the board's Information Technology Committee. Mauri was chair of the Presidential Search Committee of the board in 2015-16. His daughter, Dale, graduated from Marist in 2015.


O'Rourke returned to the faculty of Boston University School of Law in June after serving as the law school's dean for 14 years. As dean, she oversaw the renovation of the existing facility and the construction of a new building to form a state-of-the-art campus for law study. She is also widely credited with navigating the school successfully through rapidly changing times in legal education and law employment by expanding financial aid, increasing career development support,

and working with the faculty to develop innovative curricular offerings. *National Jurist* recognized her as one of the 25 most influential people in legal education for 2014-16. She also received Boston University's Metcalf Award, the university's highest teaching honor. She is a co-author of *Copyright in a Global Information Economy* and has published articles in law reviews in her teaching areas of intellectual property and commercial law.

O'Rourke joined Boston University in 1993 after working at IBM. At Marist, she served as chair of the College's Pre-Law Advisory Board and established a scholarship in 2014.

Shanahan was the president and CEO of Lightower Fiber Networks, a privately held company that provides wireless infrastructure, digital fiber optic networks, and wireless services. He oversaw the company's dramatic expansion which culminated in Crown Castle International Corp. finalizing its bid to acquire Lightower for \$7.1 billion in November 2017. He is now overseeing corporate transitions for Crown Castle.

Shanahan's earlier efforts were also immensely successful. He founded Conversent Communications and served as the company's president and CEO from 1998 until it was sold in 2006. Always an entrepreneur, Shanahan began his career founding Pace Long Distance, a startup long-distance provider. He also held positions with MCI, Brooks Fiber, and WorldCom.

Shanahan has participated in Marist's Hudson Valley Scholars program and is also actively involved with the Boys & Girls Club and the Bob Woodruff Foundation. 



Ross Mauri '80



Maureen O'Rourke '85



Ellen Hancock



Robert Shanahan '83



## NEWS & NOTES FROM CAMPUS

## MASTER'S IN GLOBAL FASHION MERCHANDISING TO LAUNCH

Marist has announced the launch of a new program: the master of science degree in global fashion merchandising. The program has been created in partnership with Mod'Spe Paris, a fashion business school, and will start in fall 2019.

The program is the first of its kind, with students spending the majority of their time in Paris.

The 36-credit program is designed both for undergraduates with backgrounds in fashion, business, marketing, communications, or other related fields and for fashion industry professionals. Students will spend the fall semester in Paris; return to New York for a winter intersession at the Marist main campus for an executive seminar series; go back to Paris for the spring semester; and complete a summer capstone project. The curriculum will include megatrend analysis, supply chain management, global business policy, fashion analytics and technology, and social responsibility.

The program is also notable for its structure, which calls for completion within one calendar year.

"Increasingly the fashion industry is looking for more highly educated professionals, and this program is responding to that shift," said Radley Cramer, director of the Marist Fashion Program. "It's unlike any other program currently being offered and really extends what Marist offers in fashion education. Mod'Spe is a leading fashion business school, and this partnership offers the opportunity for students to expand their global awareness and readiness to work in a rapidly changing industry."

A graduate-level course of study is a natural next step for the Fashion Program, which has been ranked as one of the top 50 global fashion programs by *Business of Fashion* and one of the top 25 fashion schools by *CEOWorld* magazine.



More than 2,000 guests attended the 32nd Silver Needle Runway Show at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie. Pictured is a design by Gabby Amaturio '18.

## 32nd Silver Needle Show Highlights Student Talent

On May 4 more than 2,000 guests attended the **32ND SILVER NEEDLE RUNWAY SHOW**, a celebration of the talent and collections of Marist design students and the culmination of the academic year for Marist's Fashion Program.

Students and faculty in the Fashion Program produced an afternoon and an evening show at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie. Each year members of the Fashion Show Production class organize committees dealing with every facet of the show, from invitations to choreography to marketing. They also marshal a cast of volunteers and coordinate their efforts at the event.

The evening show was followed by a presentation of awards and scholarships: the Kate Spade & Company Scholarship, Cutty Sark Scholarship, Young Menswear Association, Mary Abdoos Scholarship Fund, Alecia Hicks Forster Scholarship Fund, Dutchess County Home Bureau, Eva Block Memorial Scholarship, MPorium Scholarship, and Marist College Fashion Program Scholarship Fund.

The award winners were Class of 2018 members Katherine Norkeliunas for Outstanding Portfolio; Cristel Costavalo for Outstanding Design Collection; Melissa Armistead for Outstanding Concept; Nicole Kaiser for Outstanding Garment; and Gina Annunziata, Gianna Bazzano, and Kathleen Zdanowicz for Outstanding Merchandising Capstone. 🏆

## Grant Will Support Advanced Tech for Fashion and Art

**MARIST HAS BEEN AWARDED MORE THAN \$425,000** through New York State's Higher Education Capital Matching Grant Program (HECap). The funds will support the Steel Plant Advanced Technology & Equipment Program.

The Steel Plant Advanced Technology & Equipment Program will use high-tech software and machinery to expand the academic learning environment for current and future Fashion and Arts students. Additionally,



The new Steel Plant Studios, opening in 2018

the program will outfit classrooms with cutting-edge equipment and furniture to enhance pedagogical approaches and create an innovative center for experiential learning. Key components of the program include digital printing, advanced manufacturing space, and the creation of

a center for the study and development of new technologies that enable rapid prototyping, product engineering, and materials testing.

The College's Steel Plant building on Route 9 recently underwent a major renovation. The building will house Marist's Fashion and Art and Digital Media programs beginning this fall.

"We are very grateful to the state for these funds," noted President David Yellen. "The new Steel Plant will provide current and future Marist students with a state-of-the-art facility that will not only inspire creativity, but also provide the equipment to prepare them for the challenges of the professional world in the 21st century." 🏆



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## Mon Afrique Tradition Continues for 8th Year

In April, 400 guests including Marist faculty, staff, students, and members of the outside community attended the eighth annual **MON AFRIQUE**, held in the James J. McCann Recreation Center.

**BY DESMOND MURRAY**

Mon Afrique is a formal gala presented by the Marist Blackout for African Awareness Committee featuring music, food, and speakers all aimed at celebrating Africa and expanding understanding of the continent.

Emelia Lartey '15, one of the speakers at the event, told the audience about the history of the event and why it is so important to continue the tradition at Marist. Lartey, a Ghanaian from London, initiated the event in 2011. She saw a need at Marist for greater awareness of Africa, from the diversity of its countries and cultures to political issues and its emerging role in global affairs. The organization aims to celebrate Africa, educate the campus community, and support African students at Marist.

The theme for the 2018 Mon Afrique event was "Our Heritage." Highlights of this year's program included poetry, dance, and a fashion show featuring outfits by Rachel Effah-Wiafe.

Mon Afrique was first held in the Student Center. What began as a small project has blossomed into a grand celebration. The event is supported by the Center for Multicultural Affairs, Student Affairs, the Gospel Choir, and the Office of the President.

*—Desmond Murray is associate director for the employer experience at Marist.*

*The organizers of Mon Afrique were (front row, left to right) Eddie Forson '20, Sandra Akariza '20, Ornella Mihigo '20, Irene Chibwaye '19, Naya Onyiuke '18; (back row, left to right): Kwaku Asamoah-Bruks '21, Amal Mohamed '18, Lauren Palacios '18, Joe Kariuki '21, and Roda Mohamed '21. Members of the committee not pictured: Samantha Gwiza '18, committee president, and Qadan Mohamed '19.*



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*Some 400 guests including faculty, staff, students, and members of the outside community attended Mon Afrique in April in the McCann Center.*

## DISRUPTIVE TECHNOLOGIES AND THE INTERNET OF THINGS

In collaboration with academic and industry partners, Marist hosted the 10th annual Enterprise Computing Community (ECC) National Conference in June.

Originally funded by a two-year grant from the National Science Foundation in 2008, ECC partners have collaborated to address anticipated skills shortages in large systems computing and to develop ideas to introduce these concepts earlier in students' educational experience. The 2018 conference themes were Disruptive Technologies in the Enterprise and the Internet of Things.

"Industry and government are struggling to attract new technologists to replace aging workers who manage the enterprise computing systems that are vital to continued economic growth and national security," said Dr. Roger Norton, dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics at Marist. "This will leave gaps in the workforce in a variety of areas critical to our country: banking, commerce, health care, public safety, transportation, and the military."

During the three-day event, participants heard presentations from Don J. Duet '88, president and COO of Vapor.io and a Marist trustee; Irving Wladawsky-Berger, emeritus, IBM, and visiting faculty, MIT; Markus van Kempen, executive architect and venture capitalist, IBM; and Bill Thirsk, vice president of information technology and CIO at Marist. The conference also featured a presentation from Tony Sager, SVP and CTO, commercial markets, BlackRidge Technology. The event included technical presentations, panel discussions, and student research project poster displays as well as opportunities to network with students, faculty, vendors, and industry professionals.

The conference was free to all and there is no cost to join the ECC thanks to corporate and academic sponsors including IBM, BlackRidge Technology, NewEra Software, Mainline Information Systems, CA Technologies, Vicom Infinity, Rocket Software, the University of Arkansas, and the Institute for Data Center Professionals at Marist.

## PRINCETON REVIEW RANKS MARIST #8 FOR STUDY ABROAD

Marist has been named among the most popular study abroad programs according to the Princeton Review in the newest edition of its college guide, *The Best 384 Colleges*. Marist was ranked 8th in the Study Abroad category and 20th for Most Beautiful Campus.

"Marist is known for helping its students become global citizens by providing a wide array of study abroad experiences," said Sean Kaylor, vice president for enrollment, marketing, and communication. "We've been ranked as a top school nationally for long-term study abroad in the *Open*

*Doors Report* sponsored by the US State Department. Our branch campus in Florence, Italy, and our new Dublin

freshman experience underscore our belief that expanding horizons through study abroad is a vital part of the college experience. At the same time, Marist's beautiful campus on the banks of the Hudson River is a wonderful home base for our students while providing easy access by train to New York City."

One of the Princeton Review's most popular guides, *The Best 384 Colleges* bases its rankings on surveys of 138,000 students at 384 top colleges; the guide includes a wide representation of institutions by region, size, selectivity, and character.

**THE MARIST COLLEGE SINGERS PERFORMED AT THE WORLD CHORAL FESTIVAL IN SALZBURG, AUSTRIA**, this past summer. The World Choral Festival brings musicians together from all over the world in one ensemble. The week prior to the festival, the Singers embarked on a concert tour, beginning in Vienna with a concert at St. Stephens Cathedral (right) and subsequent concerts in Eisenstaedt and Saint Michaels in Mondsee, Austria. After the tour they traveled to Salzburg and ended the week at the festival with a performance at the Salzburg Cathedral.



Dr. Alicia Slater

## MARIST ABROAD

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## Alicia Slater Named Dean of School of Science

Following a national search, Marist has named molecular ecologist **ALICIA SLATER** the dean of the School of Science.

Slater, who began as dean July 1, comes to Marist from Stetson University in Florida, where she was professor and chair of biology as well as director of curriculum and assessment. While biology chair, she also led the Health Sciences Department and held the endowed Hollis Chair of Health and Wellness, which included responsibility for overseeing retention efforts of students in STEM majors.

As director of curriculum and assessment, she served in the provost's cabinet and oversaw general education and program-level assessment for Stetson's College of Arts and Sciences, College of Law, School of Business, and School of Music. She is credited with improving student performance and retention while instituting powerful advances in curriculum, tutoring, and advising. In her 15-year career at the university, she received Stetson's Hand Award for Research, Scholarship, and Creative Activity and numerous "First-Year Student Advocate" awards.

"Marist is thrilled to welcome Dr. Slater," said Dr. Thomas Wermuth '84, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. "Her background as both a scientist and dedicated administrator makes her perfectly suited to this important leadership position in our growing School of Science."

Slater's research interests include the scholarship of teaching and learning, particularly learner-centered pedagogies. As a scientist, she has published in peer-reviewed journals on geographic distribution of and genetic variation in freshwater invertebrates. In addition to research grants from state agencies, she has received several grants from the National Science Foundation, including an international postdoctoral research fellowship to study stream insect population genetics in Australia.

Slater holds a BS in biology from Georgia Institute of Technology and an MS and a PhD in biology from Virginia Tech. 🇺🇸



## New Residence Halls Named



President David Yellen (right) welcomed Tom Ward '69, his wife, Mary Walker, and daughter Alison Klie for the dedication of Tom and Mary Ward Hall on May 4, 2018.

**S**TUDENTS RETURNING TO CAMPUS THIS FALL soon found that their impressive new residence halls had new names to match. Formerly known as A, B, and C, three of the four buildings in Marist's North Campus Housing Complex now have been named in honor of some of the College's most devoted supporters.

Tom and Mary Ward Hall, previously Building A, was dedicated this past spring in honor of Trustee Tom Ward '69 and his wife. Building B is now Lavelle Hall, recognizing Trustee Pat Lavelle '73 and his family. Building C will be called John and Nancy O'Shea Hall, honoring Trustee John O'Shea and his late wife, Nancy. Each benefactor has provided a leadership gift to support these spectacular additions to the campus.

"Pat Lavelle, John O'Shea, and Tom Ward have been business leaders and longtime Marist trustees," said Marist President David Yellen. "Pat and Tom are also Marist alums. We are proud to have our wonderful new residence halls named in their honor."

### TOM WARD '69 AND MARY WALKER

Tom and Mary Ward Hall was dedicated May 4, 2018. Tom Ward and his wife, Mary Walker, cut the ribbon at the ceremony, joined by daughter Alison Klie, who traveled to Poughkeepsie from Atlanta where she lives with her husband, Todd, and their two daughters.

"The dedication of Tom and Mary Ward Hall was a very special and historic moment for Marist College," noted Chris DelGiorno, vice president for college advancement. "Tom and Mary's generous gift signifies the beginning of an exciting new era of alumni philanthropy with important implications for Marist's future."

Tom was a business administration major at Marist who credits Professor Jack Kelly and the Economics 101 course for spurring his interest in business. After attending the Graduate School of Business at Drexel University, he entered a corporate training program at J.P. Stevens, a large textile manu-

#### ABOUT THE NORTH CAMPUS HOUSING COMPLEX

Opened in August 2016, the North Campus Housing Complex accommodates nearly 800 undergraduate students, most of whom reside in suites with single bedrooms and common living spaces that include a generously sized living room, kitchenette, and bathroom. Each of the four buildings features community study lounges on each floor and a laundry facility. The complex provides enhanced community space for students, faculty, and staff. In addition to housing residential students, the fourth building in the complex boasts a fitness center and satellite dining facility, making the north campus a vibrant hub of collegiate life.

Designed by the renowned firm Robert A.M. Stern Architects, the complex carries forward Marist's architectural palette of granite, limestone, and red brick. The architects were inspired by the three historic buildings—Greystone, St. Peter's, and the Kieran Gatehouse—remaining from the original estate that became Marist College.

The new facilities are also designed to support academic initiatives beyond the traditional school year such as Marist's summer Pre-College programs for high school students. The lawns and open space provide views of the Hudson River. The new complex also expands Marist's capacity to host conferences and other large-scale events that welcome guests from outside the area, allowing the College to continue to play a key role as one of the region's economic engines.



# For Generous Benefactors

## HONORING THE GARTLAND FAMILY

The North Campus Housing Complex sits partially on the grounds of the former student garden apartments that were known as Gartland Commons. The apartments were named in honor of John J. "Jack" Gartland Jr., who served on Marist's Board of Trustees for 30 years, including two years as its chair. Following in his father's footsteps, Jack's son Michael served on Marist's board for 18 years. The Gartlands supported Marist through their dedicated work not only on Marist's board, but also as trustees of the James J. McCann Charitable Trust. With fellow McCann Trustee Richard Corbally, they secured millions of dollars in grants to expand and enhance facilities, scholarships, and programs at Marist.

The entire College community was saddened when Jack Gartland died in 2003, and again when Mike Gartland passed away this past April. At the dedication of Tom and Mary Ward Hall on May 4, President David Yellen expressed his gratitude and appreciation for the Gartland family's steadfast support of Marist.

"Mike was both an outstanding person and a pillar of the Poughkeepsie community," said Yellen at the dedication. "Like his father, John J. 'Jack' Gartland, a former chair of Marist's board,



*John J. "Jack" Gartland Jr. (right) and his son Michael (left), shown on the Marist campus in 2000, were widely recognized community leaders. Both served as members of Marist's Board of Trustees, Jack for 30 years and Mike for 18 years. As trustees of the James J. McCann Charitable Trust, they were instrumental in securing significant foundation support to expand and enhance Marist facilities, scholarships, and programs that benefitted thousands of students.*

North Campus Housing Complex will be formally named Gartland Commons and will be rededicated at a future date in recognition of the Gartland family's exceptional support of Marist. "We have been truly blessed to have the Gartlands as part of the Marist family," said Murray. "The new Gartland Commons will be a reminder of their extraordinary contribution to Marist College and to our region."

Mike was a civic-minded leader dedicated to philanthropy and to improving life for others in the Hudson River Valley. He will be greatly missed, and his legacy will be felt for decades to come."

"The Gartlands have been leaders in the Hudson River Valley and at Marist College for three generations," said Dr. Dennis J. Murray, president emeritus of Marist. "Jack Gartland was instrumental in the development of the College during its early decades. Mike Gartland took the seat his father held on the Board of Trustees and provided invaluable oversight for 18 years, helping to guide Marist to its current prominence. And now Patrick and Greg Gartland are emerging as leaders in the community, carrying on their family's legacy of service."

facter. He spent 31 years at the company—which became WestPoint Stevens Inc.—and was elevated to president and chief operating officer. Later he was chairman of Thomas Ward Associates, consulting with the Coles Group, one of Australia's largest retailers. He went on to join Maidenform Inc. as president and CEO and retired as chairman of the board of directors of Maidenform Brands in 2009.

Mary is a graduate of the University of Maryland and earned an MBA from George Washington University with a concentration in finance and marketing. She managed oil

transportation on a worldwide basis at Exxon International and later moved to AT&T, managing product development.

Now retired, the Wards are active in many philanthropic causes and have remained close to Marist. Tom joined Marist's Board of Trustees in 2002 and serves on the Audit and Finance committees as well as the Joint Board of Overseers of the Marist Health Quest School of Medicine. In 2017, Marist presented him with the Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50 Outstanding Alumnus Award for distinguished service to his profession and to the College.

"We have achieved some success and are grateful for what Marist College provided—from the strong bond created as a member of the Class of 1969 to a quality education," said Tom. "We felt it important to contribute to the next generation of students and, at the same time, help to increase the value of a Marist degree."

Although there are other named buildings on the Marist campus, Ward Hall is the first to be named for an alumnus as the result of a gift. At 116,879 square feet, it's the largest of the four residence halls in the North Campus Housing Complex. ▶



John O'Shea and his late wife, Nancy (center), with their children (left to right) Sandy, Patty, Mike, and Steve '81

## JOHN AND NANCY O'SHEA

Few names are more synonymous with community service and leadership in the Hudson River Valley than that of John O'Shea. He is an institution in the region by virtue of his six decades with Poughkeepsie insurance agency Marshall & Sterling and his prodigious record of volunteer work. He was Marshall & Sterling's president for 25 years and now serves as chairman.

The O'Shea family has been connected to Marist for four generations. John first set foot on the Marist campus as a youth, accompanying his father, an electrical contractor, on jobs for the founding Marist Brothers.

A Marist trustee for almost 25 years, he serves on the board's Advancement and Finance committees. He is also a founding member of the Marist College Legacy Society, a group of individuals who have included the College in their estate plans.

Several members of the O'Shea family are alumni of Marist. Son Steve O'Shea '81 and grandson Scott Sweeney '04 earned degrees in business administration from the College. Granddaughter Katie Viola '13/'15MA graduated with a BS in psychology magna cum laude and an MA in school psychology. Mindful of the challenges many students face in paying for a college education, John and Nancy established the John and Nancy O'Shea Scholarship to assist traditional-age commuter students.

Service has been a priority throughout John's life. After graduating from Poughkeepsie High School and Fordham University, he enlisted

in the US Navy, which included service in the Korean War. He remained in the Naval Reserves for two decades before retiring at the rank of commander.

Closer to home, John has served as a trustee and chair of Vassar Brothers Medical Center, which is home to the John and Nancy O'Shea Pediatric Specialty Center. He is a founding trustee of Health Quest, a Hudson Valley-based family of integrated hospitals and health care providers. John has also served as director of the United Way of Dutchess County, the Area Fund of Dutchess County, and the Bardavon 1869 Opera House.

Nancy, who died in September 2017, was a Vassar Brothers volunteer for many years, including a term as president of the hospital auxiliary, and a director on the hospital foundation's board. She also served on the advisory board of New York Lighthouse Vision Rehabilitation Services and was honored by that group in November 1998.

John's work and volunteerism have been broadly recognized. In 2004 Marist honored him with the President's Award for Community Service. The Dutchess Community College Foundation gave him the Bernard Handel Community Leadership Award. The *Poughkeepsie Journal* named him Business Person of the Year in 2005.

He received the Franciscan Award from St. Francis Hospital, the Service Above Self Award from the Poughkeepsie Rotary Club, the Distinguished Citizen Award from the Dutchess County Boy Scouts, the Alexis de Tocqueville Community Service Award from the United Way of Dutchess County, the Humanitarian Award from the St. Cabrini Home, and the 37th Meritorious Service Award from the Exchange Club of Southern Dutchess County. The American Heart Association honored him at the Dutchess-Ulster Heart Ball, and his family was recognized as Family of the Year by Family Services of Dutchess County.

John and Nancy O'Shea Hall





Pat Lavelle '73 (center), his son Michael '02 and daughter-in-law Kristen '05, and their daughters Charlotte (left) and Emily were among Lavelle family members honored at the dedication of Lavelle Hall on Sept. 7.

## PAT LAVELLE '73 AND FAMILY

Patrick Lavelle, a respected CEO, triathlete, and passionate Marist supporter, has always stepped up for his alma mater.

A Marist trustee since 2005, he led the Marist Fund campaign as national chair for 2016 through 2018. He served as a national Alumni Division chair for the 2004 and 2005 Marist Fund campaigns and was a member of the committee that led the Campaign for Marist which successfully concluded in 2012 after exceeding its goal. Pat chairs the board's Advancement Committee and serves on the Admission and Enrollment and Executive committees.

His family's generous philanthropy has included not only monetary support but also in-kind gifts such as cutting-edge audio equipment for Tenney Stadium and the Murray Student Center through VOXX International Corp., where he is director, president and CEO.

Pat Lavelle has spent most of his career at VOXX. During his 41 years there, including 13 years as CEO, the company became a global leader in automotive and consumer electronics and accessories and premium audio. A highly regarded business leader, he was honored by the Anti-Defamation League of New York with its American Heritage Award for promoting growth, diversity, and democratic ideals in the workplace.

Pat was named president and CEO of VOXX International Corp. in May 2005 following stints as vice president, senior vice president, and president of VOXX Electronics Corp. Elected to the VOXX Board of Directors in 1993, he serves as a director of most of VOXX's operating subsidiaries.

Under his direction, VOXX diversified into mobile electronics and quickly became a dominant manufacturer of automotive entertainment and security systems.

Under his leadership, the company has expanded its lines and brands including developing a significant international business. Brands acquired include well-known names such as Klipsch, RCA, Acoustic Research, Jensen, Code Alarm, and Terk as well as international brands such as Magnat, Heco, and Mac Audio. A veteran of the consumer electronics industry, Pat takes an active role in the Consumer Technology Association, where he sits on the Executive Board as industry advisor.

Pat attributes his business success to the foundation he received at Marist from professors such as Dr. Jack Kelly. "There was a real emphasis on operating ethically in business," Pat said. "That seemed really critical and was reinforced throughout my Marist experience."

Pat lives in Orlando, FL, where VOXX is headquartered, although his work takes him all over the world. He has three children—Meghan, Kate, and Michael '02, who married a fellow Red Fox, Kristen Stevens '05—and three granddaughters, Emily, Charlotte, and Penelope. A former college wrestler and lacrosse player, he enjoys competing in triathlons, including the Ironman.



Students attending the dedication of Lavelle Hall joined Pat Lavelle '73 for a photo. Left to right are Marcos Guerrero '21, Mark Palmer '20, Pat Lavelle, Student Government Association President Ted T'Challa Dolce '19, Biagio Raimondi '20, Ankofa Billips '19, Justin Olson '21, and Ornella Mihigo '20.

## Expanding Opportunities

**Marist College is grateful to alumni, parents, and friends for their generous support. The College is pleased to announce the following leadership gifts:**

■ Dean and Denise Vanech and the Vanech Family Foundation have generously endowed a substantial scholarship for students with demonstrated financial need. The Vanechs, parents of Nicky '18, have been dedicated volunteers during their son's time on campus. They served on Marist's Parents Council, a group of valued ambassadors for the College and generous supporters. The Vanechs also have graciously hosted welcome receptions in New Jersey for President David Yellen and for incoming students and their families.

Dean Vanech is president of Olympus Holdings, a privately owned firm involved through its subsidiaries and affiliates in the areas of energy, entertainment, and commercial finance. Olympus was a corporate sponsor of Marist's Lifetime Excellence in Sports Communication Award in 2015 and 2017. Dean has served on a number of nonprofit boards including New York Stage & Film Company,

Sustainable Preservation Initiative, and Citizen Schools New York.

The Vanechs support many organizations through the Vanech Family Foundation. They are both graduates of Western New England University, where they established the Nicholas V. Vanech Memorial Scholarship in honor of Dean's father.

■ Generous Marist benefactor Frank T. Bumpus has made an additional contribution to his previous support for ongoing operations for the Hudson River Valley Institute. A longtime member of HRVI's Advisory Board, he has supported all aspects of the institute over the years, most notably establishing the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Chair in Hudson River Valley History.

■ Bernard and Shirley Handel and the Handel Foundation have made a generous gift to establish the Bernard Handel Prize in Accounting. The prize recognizes the top graduating senior major-

ing in accounting and provides him or her with tuition assistance for graduate studies in Marist's master of science in professional accountancy program. The inaugural prize was awarded to Michael F. DeMaria '18.

■ Longtime benefactors Herb and Sue Redl continue to support the Herb and Sue Redl Scholarship, awarded to upperclass students who reside in the mid-Hudson region (preferably Dutchess County) and need financial assistance to complete their education at Marist. Since 1995 when the fund was established, 120 scholarships have been awarded, helping more than 50 students.

■ The James J. McCann Charitable Trust is now in its 50th year of supporting Dutchess County students through annual scholarships. Awarded by the Office of Student Financial Services, the scholarships assist traditional-age Marist students who are Dutchess County residents and graduates of Dutchess County high schools, with preference given to Our Lady of Lourdes High School graduates. The scholarships have helped hundreds of students realize their dreams of going to Marist. 📖

## Legacy Society Celebration Highlights HRVI



Marist College Legacy Society members gather during the society's annual celebration.

Marist College President David Yellen recognized founding members of the Marist College Legacy Society and welcomed new inductees Michael and Li Matsler P'20 and Jack and Susan Pretak at the Col. Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion in May.

The focus of the afternoon was Marist's Hudson River Valley Institute, a nationally recognized regional studies center that is the academic arm of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Author Michael Matsler shared the many facets of his research for his article, "Pine Hill Farm, Lost Paradise of a French Gentleman Farmer," which appeared in the spring 2018 issue of *The Hudson River Valley Review*. ▶

Members of the Legacy Society are including Marist in their long-term charitable plans. To learn more about such opportunities, including gifts that provide income for life, contact Joan Gambeski '83, director of gift and legacy planning, at 845-575-3942, by email at joan.gambeski@marist.edu, or by visiting marist.giftplans.org.



Dr. John Wilcox '61 (center) greets former students Dr. Terry Mooney '71 (left) and Dr. Steve Wysowski '71, whom he taught in high school.

### Event Reunites Three from High School Days

This year's annual Legacy Society celebration proved a memorable reunion for Dr. John Wilcox '61 and two of his former students, Dr. Steve Wysowski '71 and Dr. Terry Mooney '71.

Wilcox taught Wysowski religion at St. Joseph High School in Trumbull, CT. "I have vivid memories of him playing Simon and Garfunkel music and tying in the lyrics with what we were reading at the time, especially 'The Sounds of Silence,'" Wysowski recalled. "He was a tremendous inspiration and motivated me to [get] an advanced terminal degree."

"A Marist Brother at the time, John was one of my teachers at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx," said Mooney. "He was an intelligent, kind instructor who became a role model. We also have a special connection as both John and my daughter, Cara, were Fulbright Scholars." Cara Mooney is a member of Marist's Class of 2015.



Lee and Dominick ('78) LaRuffa join HEOP students (left to right) Fernanda Ramirez-Mejia '22, Cesar Jimenez '22, and Gabriel Bautista '21 during a visit to campus. Dominick is a Marist HEOP alumnus.

## Dominick LaRuffa '78 Shares Wisdom with HEOP Freshmen

**"IT DOESN'T MATTER** where you start out. It's where you end up."

That was just one of the observations Dominick LaRuffa '78 shared with students in the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP) as they prepared to enter their first year at Marist. LaRuffa, joined by his wife, Lee, met with 18 students on June 27 in the Cannavino Library to share wisdom gleaned from collegiate life and his successful career in sales of hardware, software, and security systems to the hospitality industry.

LaRuffa too was once an HEOP student at Marist. Born and raised in Brooklyn, NY, he said he was the first in his family to go to college. Starting out at Marist as a psychology major, he eventually focused on media, communication, and advertising. He served in two advertising internships, one in Poughkeepsie and one in New York City. He said while he enjoyed the social life on campus, he never neglected his studies.

"I had the desire to succeed."

After graduating cum laude with a BA in communication arts, he landed a sales position with the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. He found he liked sales. Psychology and advertising courses at Marist helped him, he said. That job led to more work in sales, and then a management position. He went on to work at companies including Sharp, TecAmerica, and Sweda International, holding many management positions over the years.

He advised the students to dream big. "Believe in yourself. Strive to be the best you are capable of being. If I can do it, I'm certain all of you can do it."

LaRuffa added that when he took a job, it wasn't always about the money. "Every job I

was doing, I did with the same vitality.

"I knew that there was a better life out there for me and my family. I resigned myself to push forward, even when there were failures. I never let life defeat me."

He is grateful for his Marist College education. "I had such a great experience being on campus here. I thank God every day for the experience I got at Marist."

The students appreciated the presentation. "His motivation to continue learning after he graduated showed us that we can always improve and continue learning even after we graduate and get our degrees," said HEOP freshman Cesar Jimenez.

LaRuffa retired in 2012 as a senior account executive from Micros Retail Systems Inc. after 17 years with the company. He and his wife are founding members of the Marist Legacy Society, a group of individuals who have included Marist in their estate plans.

Following his talk with the students, LaRuffa and his wife had a surprise for HEOP: a gift for the HEOP Alumni Fund. The fund helps students by providing financial support for essential needs beyond tuition such as fare for commuting, professional attire for internship opportunities, and other academic and career-related expenses not covered by financial aid or the HEOP grant.

"Dominick and Lee LaRuffa have been loyal contributors to the HEOP Alumni Fund," said Iris Ruiz-Grech, director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs/Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program. "It was a great honor to meet them in person. Dominick's talk to the HEOP freshmen was on point with what they learn during the summer program. Everyone has an opportunity to be successful. Dominick is a great example that 'HEOP Works!' " 📌

# Marist College and Health Quest

**The Marist Health Quest School of Medicine will meet significant demand for physician education nationally and regionally and prepare new doctors for today's technologically advanced healthcare environment.**

## A PIONEERING COLLABORATION

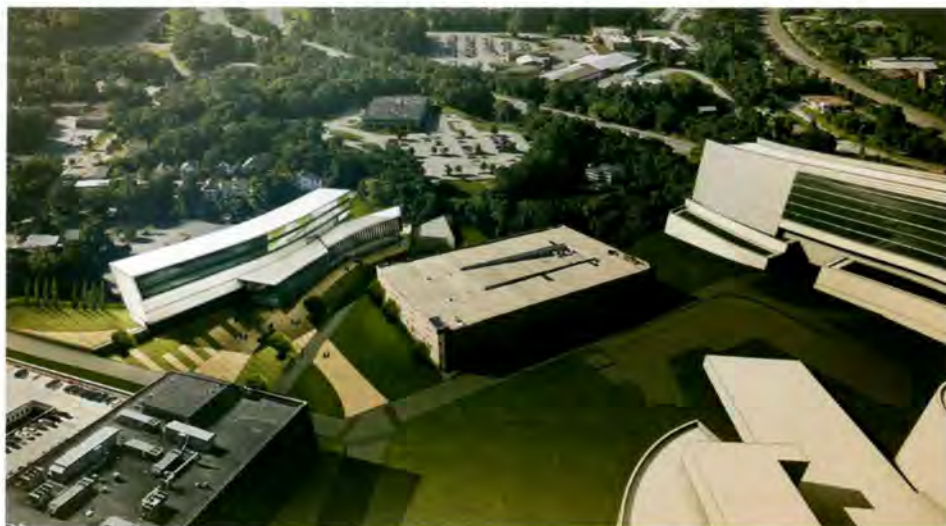
between Marist College and Health Quest will change the academic and healthcare landscape in the mid-Hudson Valley by training the next generation of physicians who are so crucial to the future of healthcare in the region.

The two organizations will partner to create the Marist Health Quest School of Medicine to provide physician education that transforms patient care and prepares new doctors for today's technologically advanced healthcare environment.

The first class is expected to begin studies in 2022.

"Marist College and Health Quest are both pillars of the community with long histories in the Hudson Valley," Marist College President David Yellen said. "This is a unique partnership of two very dynamic organizations that are perfectly aligned to bring a medical school to the region. Marist is a highly selective college with a strong reputation for academic excellence, a technology-driven approach to curriculum and an established commitment to allied health education through our Physician Assistant and Doctor of Physical Therapy programs. Embarking on a medical school is a natural next step for the College."

"The School of Medicine will have significant positive economic and social benefits for the Hudson Valley and beyond," Health Quest President and CEO Robert Friedberg



*Marist Health Quest School of Medicine building concept.*

said. "Upon graduation, many of these highly educated professionals and their families will remain here to be part of an academic medical center, which will strengthen the quality of healthcare in the area. This will also create high-paying jobs and provide local residents with greater access to top-quality healthcare professionals close to home."

The Marist Health Quest School of Medicine will meet significant demand for physician education in both the national and regional marketplaces. According to a study by the Association of American Medical Colleges, the US may fall more than 100,000 physicians short of its projected need by 2030. Closer to home, there are no MD-degree granting medical schools in New York State between Westchester County and Albany. The Marist Health Quest School of Medicine will address both of these needs.

"This region needs more doctors. The population is getting older and many of our existing primary care physicians and special-

ists are nearing retirement age," said Greg Rakow, chairman of the Health Quest Board of Trustees. "The medical school will train a new generation of providers who will make this their home and workplace and pave the way for future generations."

"I am delighted that Marist and Health Quest have joined together to start a medical school," said Ross Mauri, chair of Marist's Board of Trustees. "The medical school will have many benefits for our two institutions and, just as importantly, it will have a very positive impact on our region. As a Marist alumnus, I am very proud of how far we have come and that our future is so bright."

With only 151 MD-granting schools of medicine in the US, Health Quest and Marist are set to join an exclusive academic, research, and clinical community. After launching a medical school, other educational institutions have increased their ability to attract higher-caliber students and faculty, while being a part of an academic medical center has—for

## Key Facts

- There is an enormous need for medical schools. According to the Association of American Medical Colleges, there will be a shortfall of between 40,800 and 104,900 physicians by 2030.
- The ratio of qualified college graduates to available medical school slots is 100:1.
- The Marist Health Quest School of Medicine will be the only medical school between Westchester and Albany in New York offering an MD degree.

## Marist Health Quest School of Medicine

### By the Numbers

- \$184.8 million: 10-year startup costs (2019–29).
  - \$110 million in operational costs
  - \$75 million in building costs
- 60: Total students in first class (summer of 2022).
- 120: First full class size (expected FY2029).

### Milestone Dates

- 2019–20: Leadership team assembled, dean and faculty hired, accreditation pursued.
- 2021: Accreditations and New York State approval expected; begin recruiting students.
- July 2022: First class matriculates.

# Partner to Create a Medical School



other health systems—served as a draw for more highly qualified physicians interested in the education and research opportunities such an affiliation provides.

The regional community will benefit as well. Due to the highly accomplished physician faculty attracted to academic medical centers, consumers looking to make healthcare decisions often remain in their market rather than traveling to larger cities. Above all, Health Quest will meet its social obligation to attract and train primary care and clinical specialists who are so crucial to the future of healthcare and patient well-being.

## Technology-enabled medical education

Through the use of Marist's advanced learning management systems and the addition of Artificial and Augmented Intelligence (AI), the traditional medical school model will be transformed, ultimately changing how medical students, faculty, and patients experience healthcare.

"The unique and collaborative partnership between Marist and Health Quest will push the boundaries of healthcare by focusing on where medicine is going—not where it's been," said Dr. Glenn Loomis, Health Quest's chief medical operations officer and president of Health Quest Medical Practice. "Together, we're creating a nationally recognized school of medicine to provide technology-enabled medical education."

"Faculty for the new medical school will be recruited based on their interest and willingness to engage with advanced technology-enabled education," said Geoff

Brackett, executive vice president of Marist. "Ultimately, we believe this will bring forth a generation of doctors with open approaches to treatment and that will, by extension, improve the way patients experience healthcare."

The Marist Health Quest School of Medicine will work to create a teaching platform that will allow students to be trained by combining the computing power of AI with their own intuition and communication skills, creating more personalized and effective healthcare education.

"By improving how medical education is offered, we will also change how healthcare is delivered," Loomis said.

## A road map to the future of healthcare

The school administration and classroom space will be located on the Vassar Brothers Medical Center campus in Poughkeepsie. Plans call for a building of approximately 100,000 square feet to be constructed on a preselected site. Once confirmed, the timeline for completion of this building would be approximately three years and in time to seat the first class in the summer of 2022. Additionally, students will be educated in special purpose facilities on the Marist campus for subjects such as gross anatomy. There will be more than 100 full-time employees at the medical school, with numerous additional part-time opportunities.


The Marist Board of Trustees will oversee academic governance matters, while the Health Quest Board of Trustees will oversee matters related to clinical governance.

Marist and Health Quest will also convene a Marist Health Quest School of Medicine Joint Board of Overseers to serve as the immediate oversight authority for all matters regarding operations, budget, and strategic planning. Five Marist members, five Health Quest members, the Marist president, the Health Quest CEO, and the School of Medicine dean will populate the Joint Board. The dean will provide day-to-day leadership of the School of Medicine, overseeing a carefully recruited group of faculty and staff.

The School of Medicine will seek approvals from the national accrediting body for medical education programs—the Liaison Committee on Medical Education (LCME)—as well as the New York State Education Department and the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. A search for the School of Medicine's founding dean and dedicated faculty will begin immediately. Once fully staffed and accredited (by July 2021), the School of Medicine is expected to begin actively recruiting students, with the first class of 60 matriculating in July 2022. By 2028, that class size is projected to increase to 120.

## About Health Quest

Health Quest is a family of integrated nonprofit hospitals and healthcare professionals in the Hudson Valley and northwest Connecticut. Health Quest combines talented physicians, state-of-the-art technology and compassionate caregivers dedicated to providing quality care across a variety of service lines, including neurosciences, oncology, cardiovascular, women/children's, and orthopedics.

Health Quest has a network of convenient locations throughout Columbia, Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Putnam, and northern Westchester counties in New York as well as western Connecticut, including four award-winning hospitals—Northern Dutchess Hospital in Rhinebeck, Putnam Hospital Center in Carmel, Sharon Hospital in Sharon, CT, and Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie—plus multiple Health Quest Medical Practice primary care and specialty locations, two Urgent Care locations, and affiliates including the Thompson House, a 100-bed skilled nursing facility on the Northern Dutchess Hospital campus, Health Quest Home Care, and the Heart Center, a leading provider of cardiology services in the region. 

# To Pray and To Work

*The Marist Brothers community on the Poughkeepsie campus includes Bro. Luis Ramos, an Iona College graduate who began his formation as a Marist Brother in 2016.*

During their two-year post-college novitiate program, young men with an interest in becoming Marist Brothers study the history, spirituality, and mission of the congregation. In addition, they receive a broad education in theology, youth ministry, and language studies, particularly French and Spanish. Their formation program also includes valuable hands-on experience working with young people in the local community.

For his part, Brother Luis has helped to lead a men's group as part of the College's Campus Ministry program and has done volunteer work with Catholic Charities in Dutchess County.

"So many people here at the College have been welcoming, especially as I had questions or needed help," said Brother Luis. "They've certainly made me feel at home and part of the campus community."

"The Brothers asked to locate their novitiate at Marist for several reasons," according to Brother Séan. "First of all, we wanted to have this stage of our formation program on campus as a sign of the Marist Brothers' ongoing support of the mission of the College. We also realized that the educational community here has a number of resources that complement our novitiate program. Finally, we hoped that having a community of Marist Brothers on campus would help young people and others get a firsthand look at our way of life."

Founded in 1817 by Saint Marcellin Champagnat, the order today has approximately 3,500 Marist Brothers working in 79 countries alongside 40,000 lay colleagues; each year, they serve more than 700,000 young people in Marist ministries. Marist College, which has been an independent institution for decades, is nonetheless still guided by the values handed down by its Marist Brother founders: excellence in education, a sense of community, and a commitment to service. The College maintains close ties with the Brothers and belongs to an international network of Marist colleges and universities. In 2016, the College hosted the biennial conference of this network, welcoming to campus representatives from Latin America, Europe, Africa, Asia, and Australia. 🇺🇸

**The Marist Brothers have once again established a novitiate on the College campus.**

**IN 1905**, the Marist Brothers arrived in Poughkeepsie and purchased the McPherson estate that now forms part of the campus of Marist College. The Brothers quickly transformed the house on the property into a formation center to prepare young men interested in becoming Marist Brothers. Until 1970, generations of young Brothers passed through Marist as they completed their undergraduate education and went on to lives of service.

Now the Brothers have once again established a house of formation on the Marist campus. Located in Kirk House (between the Hancock Center and Foy Townhouses), the Marist Brothers novitiate will play an important role in preparing young men for the life of a Marist Brother in the 21st century.

Currently, the community at Kirk includes Bro. Luis

Ramos, an Iona College graduate who began his formation as a Marist Brother in 2016. Other community members include Bro. Séan Sammon '70, scholar-in-residence and a member of Marist's Board of Trustees, who serves as novice director, Bro. Kenneth Hogan '68, a religious studies instructor, and Bro. Michael Flanigan, a campus minister who joins the novitiate community for meals and prayers and other activities and who, like Bro. Frank Kelly '73, director of Campus Ministry, lives in the Champagnat residence hall.



Kirk House



# Marist Expands into NYC

**The College has purchased space in midtown Manhattan for graduate, undergraduate, and corporate programs and special events.**



*Marist College has purchased 18,000 square feet of space at 420 Fifth Avenue in midtown Manhattan.*

**MARIST HAS PURCHASED SPACE IN MIDTOWN MANHATTAN** to expand its graduate, adult, undergraduate, and corporate programs. The College bought 18,000 square feet of space at 420 Fifth Ave.

The College's \$18.4 million purchase encompasses the entire 14th floor of the building, which is situated at the corner of 38th Street near Bryant Park in a key commuter area convenient to Grand Central Terminal, Penn Station, and the Port Authority.

The space will be home to the Marist College Executive Center and serve as a central New York City location for the College's academic offerings. The space will also serve as the location for prominent events such as the Marist Fashion Program's ongoing involvement with New York Fashion Week, programs featuring the nationally recognized Marist Poll, seminars, lectures, receptions, and alumni networking events.

The premier New York City location will allow for expansion of a wide variety of programs, including the very popular Marist in Manhattan internship program and the School of Management's Career Trek, which

connects business students with potential employers in New York City.

"Marist's ties to New York City are numerous, and the Marist College Executive Center in midtown will allow us do even more to connect our comprehensive academic and professional education programs to the

New York City market," said Dr. Geoffrey Brackett, executive vice president. In addition to its main campus in Poughkeepsie, Marist has a branch campus in Florence, Italy, and academic program centers in Madrid, Paris, and Dublin.

"Marist has offered select programs in Manhattan for many years, such as the master of public administration and our Medical Technology Program, but our offerings have been limited in number and size because of available space," said Dr. Thomas Wermuth, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty. "This expansion will allow us to bring a variety of premier Marist programs to new audiences in Manhattan while also making excellent use of the many resources the city has to offer. The new educational site will further enrich opportunities for students on the Poughkeepsie campus as well, by strengthening internship options and career-development events, which will help them make professional connections and enhance their career opportunities."

"This purchase of a space in Manhattan is beyond exciting for us students as it gives the student body a more comprehensive opportunity to leave our home nestled on the Hudson River to regularly explore more of what New York City has to offer," said Ted T'Challa Dolce '19, student body president. "Moreover, it is a bold statement and lasting symbol of the effect of the school's strategic plan on student experiences at Marist and beyond."

The center is expected to open in spring 2019. 📍



*The space will be home to the Marist College Executive Center.*



**Former Red Fox pitcher Kevin McCarthy is establishing himself in the Kansas City Royals' bullpen.**

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# From Marist to the Majors

**EVEN THOUGH THE OCCURRENCES** have become more frequent, they still come as a pleasant surprise for Kansas City Royals relief pitcher and former Marist baseball player Kevin McCarthy.

McCarthy has a pre-game routine that includes shagging fly balls in the outfield while the Royals take batting practice. Afterward, as he's trotting off the field, it happens.

"I'll hear 'Kevin ... Red Foxes!' And then they'll say their class year," McCarthy said. "It's awesome."

McCarthy pitched for the Marist baseball team from 2011 to 2013. Following his junior year, he was selected by Kansas City in the 16<sup>th</sup> round of Major League Baseball's First-Year Player Draft. His contract was selected by the Royals on Sept. 6, 2016. When he made his Major League debut three days later against the Chicago White Sox, McCarthy became the first former Red Fox to play in a Major League Baseball game.

In 2018, McCarthy established himself as a mainstay in the Kansas City bullpen. He ranked among the team's leaders in appearances for most of the season and was often called upon to get key outs in close games.

While he departed the Poughkeepsie campus five years ago, Marist remains ingrained in him.

What McCarthy has realized is that a Major Leaguer can come from any school. Prepare the right way, handle your business on and off the field, and scouts will notice.

"I hope guys looking to play college baseball know that anything can happen," McCarthy said. "If you put your work in, doesn't matter where you are, they're going to find you."

The tutelage McCarthy received at Marist greatly enhanced his prowess as a pitcher. He

**BY MIKE FERRARO '01**

*Mike Ferraro '01 is assistant athletic director/sports information at Marist.*

played for head coach Chris Tracz '05, who won 38 games and set numerous pitching records during his own playing career for the Red Foxes.

Playing in college for a head coach who was also a pitcher, not to mention one who enjoyed a tremendous amount of success and who was able to impart his knowledge, resonated with McCarthy.

"He took a particularly strong interest in us," McCarthy said. "He could be hard on us sometimes, but it was good for us. It definitely helped me separate myself from the rest of the group."

In turn, having a Major Leaguer come through your program has set an example for the current crop of Red Foxes.

"There's a certain set of guys who have a skill set that translates to professional baseball," Tracz said. "For the guys who do, they have a plan and they have a path. Seeing that and knowing that it's out there changes the goals, changes the work, and it changes the

progression that they go through. I think it makes us better as a program, and these guys better as players.”

Even as a Major Leaguer, McCarthy has kept a close watch on the Marist program and has stayed in touch with his former coach.

“He’s great,” Tracz said. “He always answers, he checks in on our guys, and after big wins there’s always a text or a call from him.”

Tracz has transitioned from the role of coach to friend and fan. Their conversations will often turn toward pitching, and Tracz has been impressed with McCarthy’s desire to build on the success he’s achieved to this point.

“He’s not only pitching in high-leverage situations and he’s been more consistent,” Tracz said, “but he wants to be better.”

McCarthy has also maintained contact with several of his former teammates, whom he will see in the off-season or who will travel to see him play in different cities. And there is one he sees in-season who also dons a Major League uniform.

In the spring of 2011, Ricky Pacione was a senior at Marist when McCarthy was a freshman. Following that season, Pacione was drafted by the Los Angeles Angels. After playing two seasons in the Angels organi-



Kevin McCarthy (right), shown with Special Olympian Andy Martinez, is active in the programs of Royals Charities, including this year’s celebrity golf tournament which helped to raise \$100,000 with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Special Olympics in the Kansas City metro area.

zation, Pacione became one of the bullpen catchers for the Cleveland Indians. He has held this job for the past six seasons and was a member of the Indians’ 2016 American League championship team.

As rivals in the American League Central, the Royals and Indians face each other 19 times a season. This has given McCarthy ample opportunities to see his former Marist teammate, and the two will often meet up after games.

“I get so jacked up every time I see him across the outfield,” McCarthy said.

McCarthy has also been generous with his free time. He has been involved in numerous service activities with Royals Charities. The organization supports children, education, youth baseball and softball field renovations, and military families around Kansas City. One such event, this year’s Royals Charities’ Celebrity Golf Tournament, helped raise \$100,000, with a portion of the proceeds benefitting Special Olympics in the Kansas City metropolitan area.

“I’m really grateful for where I’m at in life,” McCarthy said. “Giving back to the community is important. Anytime a situation arises where Royals Charities needs some of us, I’m always there to hop on board.”

## Rowing Selected for IRAs

For the first time since 2007, the Marist men’s rowing varsity 8 competed at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association national championships. The boat received an at-large selection, and the varsity 4 also competed at the event. The varsity 8 consisted of Dan Arrato '19, Chris Lazich '19, Tom Roach '20, Morgan Stippa '18, Tadd Bindas '19, Matthew Blaszczyk '20, Joseph Kohn '18, Raymond Mattingly '19, and coxswain Ryan Lillis '18. The rowers in the varsity 4 were Ryan Miller '18, Tom Basso '19, Christopher Rechen '20, Dmitrey Guenther '21, and Ari Streeter '20.

## Marist Tops MAAC in Academic Honor Roll Selections

For the 17th straight year, Marist led the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference in selections to the conference’s Academic Honor Roll. A school-record 273 Red Foxes were honored, breaking the previous mark of 267 set for the 2016-17 academic year. Marist’s student-athletes on the Honor Roll represented 66 percent of eligible student-athletes and included honorees from 23 states and 13 countries. To be eligible for the MAAC Academic Honor Roll, a student-athlete must have completed at least two semesters at his or her current institution while maintaining a grade-point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale.



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# Mentoring About Money

**Private wealth advisor Alyssa Moeder '89 empowers others—women in the financial services industry, Marist students, Girl Scouts—by sharing her knowledge and experience.**

Fourteen years ago, **ALYSSA MOEDER '89** looked around her working world at Merrill Lynch and saw a need—women in financial services needed mentoring.

So began the Women's Exchange, a networking and mentoring program for the women at Merrill Lynch that has since had 5,000 participants at locations across the country.

"I never imagined that it would grow into what it is today," said Moeder, who earned a BS in accounting at Marist. She is a private wealth advisor and a principal of Moeder Salvino & Associates within the Private Banking and Investment Group at Merrill Lynch.

The Women's Exchange has been a satisfying experience for someone who had very few women as classmates or instructors in accounting classes and few female colleagues when she started in financial services.

Moeder, a campus guest lecturer in April, now sits on the Advisory Council of the Women's Exchange. The program offers workshops and pairings of mentors and mentees.

Moeder began her career in public accounting and obtained her CPA license. She has worked in financial services since 1991. She provides goal-based wealth-managed advice and services to multigenerational families. Honored numerous times within her industry, she was named to the *Crain's New York Business* "Most Notable Women in Finance" listing earlier this year.

She's also been the recipient of Merrill Lynch's David Brady Award, given for exceptional service to clients. That accolade had special significance since Brady, a financial advisor, died in the terrorist attacks

on the World Trade Center in 2001, as did Tommy Crotty '81, Moeder's brother-in-law.

Caroline Crotty, daughter of Tommy and Moeder's sister, Joanne, is a Marist freshman.

Moeder's interest in mentoring isn't limited to the workplace, or adults. As the leader of her daughter Nicole's Girl Scout troop, she led lessons about credit, budgeting, and the stock market. That troop's members are now going off to college.

"I have a special passion for working with women. They don't have to be the breadwinner to be financially independent. It's important and empowering for them to understand and properly plan," Moeder said. One mom later emailed to say her Girl Scout daughter had presented her with a budget of what she needed for allowance.

Today Moeder's a member of the board of directors of the Girl Scouts of Greater New York, and she's involved with the troop of Sarah, her 14-year-old daughter. Moeder and her husband, Charlie, a research scientist, also have a son, Alex, 10.

Whether talking to Girl Scouts, clients, or college students, her underlying message about money is the same: It's not about the money amount. It's about going through the planning process and sticking with the discipline.

During her recent visit to the campus, Moeder met with the Marist Investment Club and gave a guest lecture in a class called Fixed Income, according to instructor Brian Haughey, assistant professor of finance and director of the Investment Center in the School of Management.



He said Moeder inspired the students and gave practical advice, too.

"Ms. Moeder spoke about how only 10 percent of families sustain their wealth past three generations, and the importance, therefore, of educating your children about financial responsibility," said Haughey. "She also spoke about the personal characteristics that lead to success, and the challenges that she had to overcome, such as the death of her long-term business partner (Ed Spector)."

"In the classroom we learn a lot of 'hard skills' and formulas, but her visit really showed me the importance of soft skills and customer service," said Mary Vange '19. "I also learned about niche jobs that I didn't know existed." Moeder said she was impressed with the faculty, students, and development of the campus.

She said she wanted to make it clear to students that their career paths don't have to be set in stone. "I told them to be open to trying different things. Be open to exploring. Any experience, for the most part, can be a good experience to leverage," she said. Moeder also told students not to underestimate the value of social media skills and practical skills they're learning in classes.

What two students said to her afterward proved that they got her message. When they thanked her for her talk, she asked which part. "That you don't have to have it all figured out right now," they replied. 📌

*Alyssa Moeder '89 came to campus in April to talk with business, accounting, and finance students, answering questions about her career path, her successful investment advisory practice, the markets, and ways students can position themselves for success.*

**BY KATHLEEN  
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# Strengthening Student-Athletes

**Eli Bisnett-Cobb '04 brings a wealth of NFL and NCAA experience to his new position as head athletic trainer at the University of San Diego.**

The University of San Diego (USD) has named **ELI BISNETT-COBB, MS, ATC**, director of sports medicine and head athletics trainer.

The 2004 Marist graduate previously held positions with two NFL teams and served as an associate athletic trainer with University of California, San Diego (UCSD) for the past four years.

"Eli has earned an outstanding reputation as a result of his terrific work at USD, UCSD, and in the NFL, and the wealth of experience he brings to our program will be of immense value," said USD Associate Vice President/Executive Director of Athletics Bill McGillis. "Eli is very well-trained and is passionate both about his craft and the student-athletes he serves. I am very confident that his positive energy and leadership style will enable us to build on the great foundation already in place."

USD will be a familiar place for Bisnett-Cobb, having worked there as an assistant athletic trainer from 2008 to 2010.

He fills the void left by longtime Toreros head athletic trainer Carolyn Greer, who retired on July 20 after 40 years in the position. Bisnett-Cobb's first position in collegiate athletics was under Greer's leadership.

"USD has been a very special place for my family and I for a long time, and I'm glad I get to return to such an amazing university and continue to uphold the standard of care for the Torero student-athletes that Carolyn Greer has worked so hard to establish," said Bisnett-Cobb. "She set the standard really high and I'm honored to be following her."

Bisnett-Cobb earned his undergraduate degree in athletic training from Marist, where he was captain of the track and field team, before completing his master's in exercise science at George Washington University in 2006. At George Washington, he was a graduate assistant athletic trainer.

He began his professional career with the Minnesota Vikings in 2006, assisting the sports medicine staff with injury prevention, treatment, rehabilitation, and emergency medical care to athletes and team personnel.

After two seasons with the Vikings, he made his way west for his first tenure with USD as an assistant athletic trainer providing primary coverage for the men's soccer, baseball, and cross country teams.

Bisnett-Cobb returned to the NFL in 2010, serving as the assistant athletic trainer with the Washington Redskins. He assisted in the management, care, prevention, evaluation, recognition, treatment, and rehabilitation of all players and team personnel.

During his time with the Redskins, he was also heavily involved in concussion protocol monitoring and record-keeping, maintenance and records of prescription medication usage, and managing a group of seasonal interns.

He returned to San Diego in 2014 as an associate athletic trainer at UCSD, where he provided primary care for the men's basketball, men's and women's cross country, men's and women's track and field, and men's golf teams.

Bisnett-Cobb worked closely with the athletic performance director, sports performance coaches, sports nutritionist, and mind coach to develop a sports performance unit that worked together to enhance the overall performance and well-being of student-athletes.

He lives in San Diego with his wife, Christie, who played volleyball for USD from 2003 to 2007, and their two sons, Tyson and Braylen. 🇺🇸



*Eli Bisnett-Cobb '04, MS, ATC*

# Making History

**One of the first women to graduate from Marist, Dorothy Kondash Willis '68 earned her degree at age 37 while raising 10 children.**

**DOROTHY KONDASH WILLIS '68** began her quest for higher education before she finished high school. She took the GED in 11th grade and immediately headed to college in Boston. However, life had different plans for her. It would be 20 years before she completed her degree. But she did it. The second woman to graduate from Marist College, she not only earned a degree but did it while raising 10 children.

Dot Willis was born in Newark, NJ, and grew up in Nutley, NJ, where she took the GED, was accepted to Radcliffe, and moved to Boston at age 17.

"Then," she says, "I got distracted. I met John Willis. We started going out together." She left Radcliffe and in 1950 she and John, a member of Harvard's Class of 1952, were married.

**"To some extent you have to have the cooperation of your children. And I did have that. They understood that it was important that I go to college."**

They moved to Southern California, where John's father was a farmer and his mother a teacher. Their first four children, Anna, Jackie, Joe, and Walter, were born in California. Jim and Steve were born in Arizona, where the family had moved for John's new position. She took classes at Arizona State University, where she had a tuition benefit through her husband's job.

John's work took the family to several more states. Felicia was born in Ohio, Frances in Illinois, and Mike and Kathy in Poughkeepsie. Here, Willis looked at the options for continuing her education. "Marist was all men," she remembers. She says Vassar College, also in Poughkeepsie, offered her only a single degree program: one that led to becoming a preschool and kindergarten teacher.

"Why should I take their program?" she recalls thinking. "I have my own nursery. It was off-putting."

Dorothy and John ended up divorcing, and she continued her quest for a college education, taking classes at Dutchess Community College. She also found time to volunteer at the Adriance Memorial Library in Poughkeepsie.

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Dorothy Kondash Willis graduated in 1968 with 8 of her 10 children in attendance. They were (left to right) Kathy, Walter, Frances, Felicia, Michael, Steve, Jim, and Anna.



In July, Dorothy Kondash Willis (right) and daughters Kathy Willis (left) and Frances Antonelli sailed on the Cunard Queen Mary 2 from New York City to Southampton, England.

Today, Dorothy Willis lives in Florida, where she enjoys volunteering at the local library. “Libraries are my heart,” she says. “It’s a delightful place to be socially,” she adds.

This past July she embarked with daughters Kathy Willis and Frances Antonelli on the Cunard Queen Mary 2 from New York City to Southampton, England. Upon her return to New York, Willis, daughter Kathy, and daughter Felicia McGinty visited old friends in the Hudson Valley and took a tour of Marist. Five members of the Class of 1968 joined her for a luncheon

And then, she says, “Thankfully, Marist opened its doors to women.” The College began admitting women in 1966.

Daycare was expensive, but Willis was able to find students from DCC to babysit at night while she was in class. She majored in history.

“I remember my Mom studying and writing in notebooks when I was little,” says daughter Frances Antonelli. “This stayed with me as a normal part of our family home life and inspired me to study and prepare for college as well.”

In 1968, at age 37, after years of taking classes at four institutions while caring for her growing family, Willis donned a cap and gown. She received her diploma as 8 of her 10 children looked on.

Her next objective was to get a job and earn an income, and she soon accomplished that as well.

After graduation she volunteered as a park aide at the Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site in Hyde Park, NY, run by the National Park Service. Her supervisor encouraged her to take the exam required by the US government for full-time employment at its agencies.

She took the exam and landed a job at the US Military Academy at West Point. She worked there for 15 years, retiring at age 62.

in her honor, where several classmates expressed their admiration for her trailblazing as one of the first women to attend Marist.

What advice would she give mothers seeking a college education while raising families? “To some extent you have to have the cooperation of your children,” she says. “And I did have that. They understood that it was important that I go to college.

“I think sometimes women find themselves like I did: you’re divorced and have no personal income.”

But she says she was fortunate in that her father bought the family a house in Poughkeepsie, and she was grateful to have a compassionate supervisor who encouraged her to take steps to get a permanent job instead of a temporary one.

“You meet a lot of nice people in this world, and I have been blessed.” ❄️

On Aug. 6, Dorothy Kondash Willis '68 visited the Marist campus and joined fellow Class of 1968 members (left to right) Don Brown, John Ritschdorff, Dan Kuffner, and Joe Walsh to celebrate their 50th reunion year.





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## 1966

**Alex Arenò** is enjoying retirement in the Phoenix area. Classmates may remember that he was active in the Theater Guild, being a charter member of the Marist chapter of the Delta Psi Omega fraternity, and played the organ at daily Mass in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel. In retirement, Alex has been studying piano at a local community college and loves playing in student recitals, performing the works of Beethoven, Brahms, Debussy, Mendelssohn, and Scarlatti. He also sings with the Orpheus Male Chorus of Phoenix, the oldest performing arts group in Arizona, and writes the program notes for chorus playbills. In addition, he writes for a web site, the Ship of Fools (shipoffools.com), based in London, for which he is the lead editor of the Mystery Worship feature. **Rich McKay** just returned from his fourth clown tour with Patch Adams, this time in Morocco.

## 1967

**Leo Berendes** enjoyed six great days on the water, working the Volvo Round the World Race Newport visit.

## 1968

**Charles DiSogra** was recently recruited by Google as their CX Lab's senior survey methodologist. A statistician and data scientist, he manages survey research and insights at Google headquarters in Mountain View, CA. With a master's and doctorate from UC Berkeley, he has fond memories of his C+ in introductory statistics while at Marist. An avid cyclist and competitive distance swimmer, he lives with his wife, Sue Duffey, in the San Francisco Bay area.

## 1969

**Steve Johnson** has been elected president of the New Canaan Men's Club. Composed of retired men in the town of New Canaan, CT, the NCMC holds weekly business meetings, which include a featured guest speaker. The membership of the NCMC reflects

a diverse background of corporate, government, and private professional experience. The club also directs and participates in a variety of community activities. **John McCann** sold his accounting practice in Schenectady, NY, and retired.

## 1971

**Jack Walsh** teaches tai chi, Pilates, and cabinet making.

## 1972

**Michael Smith** recently received recognition as a fellow of the Health Ethics Trust at the organization's 21st annual Healthcare Best Compliance Practices Forum at the Ritz Carlton Pentagon City in Arlington, VA. The award represents extraordinary contributions to the field of ethics and compliance in health care. By naming him a fellow, Health Ethics recognized Michael as "an individual whose courage, perseverance, honesty, and personal integrity is a model worthy of emulation for the next generation of health care ethics and compliance professionals."

## 1973

**Mark Mahoney** and his wife, Cindy, welcomed new grandchildren, twin boys. They also have a 3-year-old grandson. Mark's company, Energy Brokers, Inc., has moved its operation to Glendale, AZ, and now covers the West Coast and Southwest oil industry.

## 1975

**Francis Christensen** retired as a judge in the Town of Milan, NY, as of Jan. 1, 2018, after 24 years. **Brian McCulloch, MD**, was recently named assistant director of ob-gyn at Rush University Medical Group. He is also the medical director of maternal-fetal medicine at Rush Copley Medical Center in Aurora, IL.

## 1981

**Jim and Ana Gilligan's** son, Danny, passed away Aug. 10 after an 18-year bat-

tle with cancer. Jim was recently highlighted on northjersey.com for spending 19 years leading a grassroots community blood drive in West Milford, NJ. The article said the monthly blood drive at the West Milford First Aid Squad building became a community tradition. Since 1999 when Jim started the blood drive, it has collected an average of about 65 pints per month. The average blood drive size is around 20 to 24 pints, the article said. Jim estimated that from the nearly 15,000 pints donated, nearly 45,000 people may have benefited. Jim ended his involvement this past summer to spend more time with Danny.

## 1982

**Virginia "Ginny Rogers" (Luciano) Brophey** was named program director for radio station 101.7 "The Bull" in Boston. The station is owned by iHeartMedia Boston, part of national media outlet iHeartMedia. Ginny is responsible for day-to-day programming operations. She works closely with on-air personalities and sales to oversee the station's on-air content, digital footprint, and music programming. Ginny is a 34-year radio veteran who has focused on country radio for the past 24 years.

Virginia  
"Ginny Rogers"  
(Luciano)  
Brophey '82



KEEPING UP WITH MARIST GRADUATES

## 1983

**Jim Comes** moved to Nashville, TN. **Joseph Finnerty** started a new adventure in life, health, and retirement planning after a successful 34-year career brokering securities on Wall Street. **Jeanne (Ball)** and **Joseph Fox '82** are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kate '10, to Dan Mulrooney. The wedding will be June 15, 2019, on eastern Long Island.

## 1984

**Maureen (Mirra) Kakos** has retired to South Carolina after 33 years of teaching. **Cynthia O'Shea '84MS** is married with three children. She has been living in Texas and working for IBM for the past 40 years.



**DR. LINDA FEDRIZZI-WILLIAMS '00/'08MA** has been named the 10th president of Central Penn College in Summerdale and Lancaster, PA.

She joined Central Penn College in July 2016 as provost/vice president of Academic Affairs and then served as interim co-president.

In her former role as provost, Fedrizzi-Williams provided leadership for all operations at the college and oversaw a \$19 million budget. She managed all instruction and student support including program development, personnel decisions, budget and resource allocation, strategic planning, and assessment for Academic Affairs and Student Services.

She earned bachelor's and master's degrees summa cum laude from Marist in communication and organizational communication, respectively. She received a doctorate in education from Benedictine University in Lisle, IL.

## 1986

**Karen (Butkovich) Gault** is a member of Veriditas, an international association of labyrinth walk facilitators, and is a certified labyrinth walk facilitator. Labyrinth walk meditation is a spiritual practice that appeals to individuals, and groups across age groups and spiritual traditions. In her work as a facilitator, she uses her connection with reiki energy to serve as a healing presence to walkers and applies skills learned in Dr. Jephtha Lanning's public speaking class. In 2017 she delivered a sermon titled "Who's Your Fellowship?" at her church.



Sean Noble '88

## 1988

**Sean Noble** started his own company in 2016. Supreme Furniture Services is located in Glen Rock, NJ, and provides reupholstery and wood refinishing for commercial clients. When not running his business, he spends time running around with Gabriella, his 4-year-old daughter. That's a lot of running!

## 1989

**Michael Kinane '89/'15MA** and his wife **Carol-ann (Catucci)**, celebrated the graduation of their oldest son, Timothy, from Hartwick College. Tim is following in mom's footsteps by becoming a special education teacher.

## 1990

**Michael DeCosta** has been named office managing partner of the Stamford office of Caldwell Partners, one of the world's largest executive search firms. He also leads the firm's professional services practice globally. He specializes in the recruitment of senior leaders for accounting, consulting, and law firms. **Michael** and his wife, **Dawn (Carroll) DeCosta '90**, celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in October 2018. They live in Brookfield, CT. **Tracie (Meyer)**

**DiMarco** celebrated the graduation of her youngest son from Clarkson with a degree in mechanical engineering. She also started a new position in the North Country of New York with Adirondack Health and is excited about this new chapter in her life.



Stephen Batta '91

## 1991

**Stephen Batta** has been appointed senior vice president, operations, for MCR in New York, NY. He leads operations for MCR's entire independent full-service hotel portfolio including the High Line Hotel in Manhattan's Chelsea neighborhood and the TWA Hotel at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport, opening in spring 2019. Previously, he was general manager of the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel, the JW Marriott Essex House New York, and the Renaissance New York Hotel. A leader in New York City's hotel industry, he is secretary of the Hotel Association of New York City, where he chairs the finance committee and is a member of the audit and nominating committees. He also serves as a trustee for the New York Hotel Trades Council and Hotel Association of New York City Inc. Employee Benefit Funds. He received a BS in business marketing from Marist.

## 1992

**Joey Stanford** was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Civil Air Patrol in October 2017. In February 2018, he became the squadron commander of RMR-CO-022 Vance Brand Cadet Squadron. He was officially appointed by France's Commission Nationale de l'Informatique et des Libertés as a data protection officer in May 2018. In other news, his work has been featured in four ghost-hunting books and one UFO book and someone played him in a TV episode of *America's Most Haunted*.

## 1993

**Greg Caires** has established 7 Seas Consulting LLC, a veteran-owned and veteran-managed business offering pub-

lic relations, branding, and marketing communications services. ♣ **Brenda (Long) Wittman** is pursuing her school administrator's license through Cleveland State University.

## 1994

**Kevin Stranahan** will graduate from the University of New Haven, majoring in investigations with a concentration in digital forensics. ♣ **Pete Tartaglia** joined ESL, the industry leader in esports, as the head of content. He is in charge of content creation for North America. ♣ **Ray Varuolo** celebrated 20 years as an assistant district attorney. In April 2018, he received the Law Enforcement Recognition Award from Mothers Against Drunk Driving for successful criminal prosecution in vehicular homicide cases.

## 1995

**Shelley (Curran) Joyce** was married in November 2017. ♣ **Heatherly (Hane) Law** welcomed son Jack on Feb. 27, 2018.

## 1996

**Melanie (Fester) Dawson** received her certified nutrition consultant degree and is a practicing health and wellness consultant in her company, Cultivate Wellness.

## 1998

**Jennifer (Minnella) Ryan** has had multiple articles published in *The Mighty*. ♣ **Darryll Towsley** and his wife welcomed a baby boy. Andrew Scott was born on April 10, 2018.

## 2000

**David Gianna '02MSIS/'02MBA** is an advisory board member of Rutgers Cyber Security and an adjunct at University of Maryland University College. He is also a captain in the Civil Air Patrol. ♣ **Joseph A. Kardash** has been appointed superintendent of Rensselaer (NY) City School District. Joseph came from the Colton-Pierrepont Central School District in Colton, NY, where he had been superintendent/business administrator since 2011. He previously was business administrator, computer coordinator, and athletic director for the district. Joseph has a bachelor's in technical communications from Clarkson University, a master's in computer science from Marist, a certificate of advanced study in school district business leadership from SUNY New Paltz, and a certificate of advanced study in school district leadership from Niagara University. He is also an adjunct professor at St. Lawrence University.

During his time at Colton-Pierrepont, he helped the district achieve a 100 percent graduation rate. Joseph also serves as president of the Tri-County Solar/Energy Consortium, an energy partnership involving multiple schools and municipalities in northern New York. He started his professional career at IBM in Poughkeepsie as a software engineer. ♣ **Amy (Spero) Petersen** is the children's librarian at Pope Memorial Library in her hometown of Danville, VT. ♣ **Courtney (Connolly) Weisberg** started a new job with St. Peter's Health Partners after nearly 18 years as a news producer for her local NBC affiliate, WNYT-TV.

## 2001

**Christopher Blasie '01/'07MA** and his wife, Kimberly, welcomed Mason on April 19, 2018. He joins big sister Madison. ♣ **Jennifer (Sperry) Santiago** successfully defended her dissertation, "Newcomer ELs: How Experiences Shape Self-Identity," to receive her PhD in multicultural multilingual education and research methodologies from George Mason University in February 2018.

## 2003

**Jackie Jacobson** is moving to Paris. ♣ **Anne (Kearns) Valluzzi** and her husband, Bob, welcomed their second daughter, Ada Lynne, on May 1, 2018. Their first daughter, Jennie Mae, was born Oct. 1, 2012.

## 2004

**William Copeland** and his wife, **Laura (Castagna)**, recently moved from Hoboken, NJ, and bought a new house in "The Caldwelles."

## 2005

**Stephen Dietrich** welcomed a new addition to his family. Adelaide Mae Dietrich was born Feb. 10, 2018. ♣ **Jessica (Donnelly) Akopyan '05/'06MA** and her husband welcomed baby boy Abel Tigran on June 3, 2018. He weighed 8 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 21" long. Jessica was promoted to senior vice president at global communications marketing firm Edelman, where she specializes in health care. She is based in Los Angeles. ♣ **Jessica (Tortorella) Lafont** and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Luciella, on Oct. 17, 2017. She joins her older sister, Valentina.

## 2006

**Lindsay (Liquori) Quackenbush** and her husband welcomed their first child, a son named Mick, on March 20, 2017.



*John McMullen '94MSCS/'95MPA read his poetry at Barnes and Noble Booksellers at the Stamford (CT) Town Center in April 2018.*

**JOHN F. MCMULLEN '94MSCS/'95MPA CAME TO BE POET LAUREATE** of the Town of Yorktown, NY, by a rather circuitous route.

After graduating as an English literature major from Iona College in 1961, a quirk of fate took him into a 50-year career as a technologist, first with the federal government and then as CIO for two major Wall Street firms. After he left

Morgan Stanley and Co., he and his wife, Barbara, founded a technology consulting firm which in turn led to writing for publication and adjunct college teaching positions. After adjunct positions at NYU and the New School for Social Research, both came to Marist. Barbara, in addition to adjunct teaching, served first as director of academic computing and then, after a stint at Tufts University, as assistant to the president for technology and director of grant-funded technology projects; John, in addition to adjunct teaching, served as technology consultant to the president.

John went on to become a full-time professor at Monroe College and then an adjunct at Purchase College and Westchester Community College while also returning to Marist as an instructor in the Center for Lifetime Study. He also continued to write for publication.

In 1996, inspired by Charles Bukowski's poetry, he wrote his first poem, entered it in a national contest, and won third prize. He has since been published in a number of poetry journals and has authored six books of poetry, all available on Amazon, including a 110-poem *New and Collected Poems* and his most recent book, *Live At The Freight House*, released in April 2018.

John also hosts a weekly internet radio program that now has more than 250 episodes (including an interview with Marist President Emeritus Dennis Murray). Links to the recordings of all shows are available at [www.johnmac13.com/the-johnmac-radio-show.html](http://www.johnmac13.com/the-johnmac-radio-show.html).

As poet laureate of the Town of Yorktown, John gives poetry readings throughout the Hudson River Valley, participates in panel discussions, coordinates a monthly poetry workshop, and looks for other ways to popularize poetry in the area.

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**THE CLASS OF '69** enjoyed a golf outing in June at McCann Memorial Golf Course in Poughkeepsie.

## 2007

**Jamie (Newcombe)** and **Frank Lombardy** welcomed Keira Alice, born June 28, 2018. Their son, Liam, is a big fan of his baby sister. ¶ **Joseph Macho** and his wife, Himani, are expecting their first child on Dec. 30, 2018.

at Adelphi University in Garden City, NY. ¶ **Stacy (Allaire) Paulson** and **DJ Paulson** welcomed their first child, Cooper James, on April 8, 2018. ¶ **Steven Platt** married **Samantha Gioffre '12** on June 23, 2018, at the Links at Union Vale in Lagrangeville, NY. Steven and Samantha first met at Marist while they were student workers in the Student

Financial Services Office. ¶ **Harrison Sangster** (MBA) has been named Northern Region corporate banking manager for Glens Falls National Bank and Trust Co. He manages commercial lending in the Plattsburgh, NY, region. He joined the bank in 2006. He earned an MBA and master's certificate in financial management from Marist.

## 2008

**Chelsea Lancaster** moved from Connecticut to Southern California (Newport Beach) in June 2017 and is celebrating one year of employment with media agency USIM as marketing manager. She is enjoying her new adventures exploring sunny California. ¶ **Matt McDonnell** started a new role as a business analyst at Disney and ESPN Media Networks. ¶ **Christina A. Myers, SHRM-SCP, SPHR**, has been appointed AVP, director of human resources at Rondout Savings Bank. She has a master's in human resources and employment relations with a concentration in staffing, training, and development from Pennsylvania State University. ¶ **Caitlin Quinn** is operations director for Hearts Speak, an international nonprofit that uses art and advocacy to increase the visibility of shelter animals. The group was featured in a May 29 article on ConsumersAdvocate.org. ¶ **Rachel (Klauber) Rainha** and her husband moved to New Hampshire and had their first child, Jack Antonio.



**DR. JEFFREY SCHANZ '94/'99MPA** (far left) met with Marist students who were on a tour of Albany Law School as part of Marist's Albany Summer Internship Program. Students in the program intern full time for six weeks in the state legislature or in advocacy organizations. Jeff is vice president for institutional advancement at Albany Law.



Chelsea Lancaster '08



Christina A. Myers '08

## 2009

**Cynthia (Palumbo) Cruger** was promoted to assistant dean for the College of Health Sciences at the University of Rhode Island. ¶ **Stephanie Espina '09/14MA** was named president-elect of the New York State Association for College Admission Counseling. She is director of freshman admissions



Harrison Sangster '09

He is a US Navy veteran and volunteers with a number of local nonprofit organizations. ♣ Alexander and Amy (Wheeler) Sutton '10 welcomed daughter Clara on Jan. 29, 2018.

## 2010

Victoria Billeter and Matthew Lubrano '11/'12MBA were married in June 2018 by Father Richard LaMorte. ♣ Anthony Bilotto is a licensed mental health counselor in New York. ♣ Brittany (Pinkham) Bitram married Ian Bitram in May 2016, and the couple welcomed Mackenzie Rose on July 28, 2018. She weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. ♣ Elizabeth (Horowitz) Castellani and her husband purchased their first house, in Bloomfield, NJ. ♣ Melissa Drespel was promoted from production assistant to associate product manager for Macy's, as part of the Charter Club women's clothing team. ♣ Kate Fox is engaged to Dan Mulrooney. The wedding will take place June 15, 2019, on eastern Long Island. ♣ Marisa Rizzuti began working at UNICEF USA as an associate on the planned giving team in January 2018. ♣ Courtney Savoia contributed articles to three theater websites (stagebuddy.com, BroadwayWorld.com, and Theaterscene.net) and conducted Broadway interviews. ♣ Amy Wheeler-Sutton and Alexander Sutton '09 welcomed daughter Clara on Jan. 29, 2018.

## 2011

Matthew Lubrano '11/'12MBA and Victoria Billeter '10 were married in June 2018 by Father Richard LaMorte.

## 2012

Shelley Doster '12/'15MEd and Joseph Cuccia '13/'14MBA were married Oct. 16, 2015, in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the Marist campus. ♣ Samantha Gioffre married Steven Platt '09 on June 23, 2018, at the Links at Union Vale in Lagrangeville, NY. Samantha and Steven first met at Marist while they were student workers in the Student Financial Services Office. ♣ Aurora Heller has joined Buckley,



**TENA ELMAN '12** proposed to **STEPHANIE CARABALLO '12** at the top of Pike's Peak in Colorado (14,111 feet) in September 2017. The couple met as juniors at Marist while studying abroad in Florence, Italy, and Madrid, Spain.

Mendleson, Criscione and Quinn, PC, in Albany as an attorney focusing on workers' compensation law. Aurora graduated summa cum laude from Marist, majoring in French and political science. She attended the University of Virginia School of Law where she was on the editorial board of the *Virginia Journal of International Law*. Aurora also holds an MS in information science from the University at Albany. Her legal experience includes time with the New York State Office of the Attorney General and litigation experience at Bingham McCutchen. A member of the New York Bar and the New Hampshire Bar, she has received accolades for her pro bono work which ranges from criminal law to immigration law. ♣ *Fever Rising* is the third book from Kelly Mangerino, who writes under the name K.M. Riley, and her first dystopian novel with Trifecta Publishing House. Kelly's background is in game design and creative writing, and she works in the games industry.

## 2013

Darren Bushey and Annmarie Zito are engaged. They plan to marry on Nov. 19, 2019. ♣ Joseph Cuccia '13/'14MBA and Shelley Doster '12/'15MEd were married Oct. 16, 2015, in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the Marist campus. ♣ Jeffrey Donato obtained a master's in mental health counseling from Hofstra University in 2015. He has been working at South Oaks Hospital providing services to children, adolescents, and adults in an inpatient setting and has been accepted to Chestnut Hill College's doctoral program in clinical psychology. Jeffrey is forever grateful to Marist and the professors in the Psychology Department for providing him with an unbelievable foundation



**MCKEON SIBLINGS** (left to right) John '76, Margaret '87, and Patricia '94 recently visited the Marist campus in Florence, Italy.



Alumni Executive Board Member **GILDA BONANNO '93** visited with **RIKA KANAI '02** and **KAORI KAMIGUCHI '02** while in Japan on business this past July. Shown left to right are Kaori and her son, Haruki, Rika, and Gilda.

to build his career. ♣ **Chelsea Hebert** received a juris doctor degree in May 2017 from Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. She recently sat for the Uniform Bar Examination and received a position with a boutique law firm in Greenwich, CT. Chelsea continues to build her background in public interest and family law while taking her first steps as a young woman in the legal field. ♣ **Robert Peterpaul** was cast in a TV series, a college comedy that was picked up by Amazon and will air beginning in fall 2018. ♣ **Steve Sabato** and **Hollyn Rosen** were married in September 2017. ♣ **Kara Sellix** obtained her LCSW license in New Jersey. She is engaged to Michael Kushnir. ♣ **Kelley Sullivan** moved to Sydney, Australia, in 2017 to play rugby as part of an international player sponsorship program. She is currently playing for Eastern Suburbs Rugby Union in Sydney and teaching English as a second language.

## 2014

**Leanne Klarer** received the 2017-18 Diane Kent Park First-Year Teacher Award presented by the Wake County (NC) public school system. Each year, the school district presents four awards



Aurora Heller '12



Robert Peterpaul '13

recognizing teaching excellence in the categories of elementary, middle, high school, and special education. Leanne teaches K-2 autistic students at Millbrook Magnet Elementary in Raleigh. ¶ **Nicole (Esposito) Steinmetz** was married in August 2017 with alumni in attendance ranging from Class of 1981 to Class of 2017. ¶ **Demetra Pappas** has been teaching in Hawaii for the past three years.

## 2015

**Deanna D'Apuzzo** is pursuing an MPA from Marist in the online program. ¶ **Ryan DiTomaso** and **Brenda O'Donnell** are engaged. ¶ **Carla Huskins** will marry Robert Weeks in fall 2018.

## 2016

**Zacharey Berzal** is living in New York City and working at the Midas Exchange, an agency under GroupM. Eleven months into his job, his company promoted him from assistant to media negotiator, working with broadcast and cable networks on television buys. ¶ **Maureen Duddy** is finishing a master's degree and teaching credentials. She teaches math at Downtown College Prep El Camino Middle School in San Jose, CA. ¶ **Marianne Fisher** was married on March 17, 2018. ¶ **Mary Kathryn Schipke** is the Lilly Pulitzer specialist at Belk Hanes Mall in Winston-Salem, NC.

## 2017

**Emily Bogner** is a fashion stylist who had her first story published in *Blanc Magazine*. ¶ **Sarah Babcock** passed her Series 7, Series 63, and life, accident, and health exams and became a licensed financial consultant. She began her career at AXA in December 2017. ¶ **Nicollette Barraco** has been accepted to the University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2022. ¶ **Michael Bonse** joined Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children of Ulster County as a board member. He also returned to Marist to obtain his master's in public administration. ¶ **Katelyn Boylan** has been living and working in Melbourne, FL, at Northrop Grumman Aerospace Systems. She also started a business management rotation program. ¶ **Douglas Cyr** married Andrew Maguire in Central Point, OR, on Sept. 23, 2017. He was hired as an adjunct instructor in Marist's School of Management in September 2017. ¶ **Jenna Daniels** is in a master's program at Adelphi University. ¶ **Michael DiDonato** is achieving his goals in his new, ever-growing organization. ¶ **Erica Falco** is consultant support staff at an elementary school and is pursuing an MS in literacy at Queens College. ¶ **Samantha Falero** begins law school in 2018. ¶ **Allison Farrell** is a full-time student at Ohio State University in the graduate social work program. ¶ **Aimee Gifford** was accepted to the PA Program at Mercy College. ¶ **Dani Horbiak** started a new job working on feature film *The Kitchen* produced by Warner Brothers' New Line Productions. The cast includes Melissa McCarthy, Tiffany Haddish, Elizabeth Moss, and Domhnall Gleeson and follows the three leading ladies as they take over the Irish Mafia dominating Hell's Kitchen in the 1970s. Dani is so thankful for her time at Marist for allowing her to pursue her professional dreams. ¶ **Jonathan Javier (MPA)** is enjoying work, enjoying life, and staying in touch with the Marist community. ¶ **Shannon Kirkness** is happy to announce that she got a job one



**SEAN STELLATO '02**, founder of sports representation and marketing agency Stellato Sports, represented eight players in Super Bowl LII between the Philadelphia Eagles and the New England Patriots. Above, Sean (left) joined clients Bryan Braman (center) and Billy Brown on the field post-game.

month after graduating from Marist. ¶ **Kimberly Marsden** is thrilled to be at Marist College, now as an employee. ¶ **Elise Martos '17MA** is director of marketing and communication at MARTOS Engineering, a structural engineering firm. ¶ **Laura Miller** is pursuing a master's in social work at Columbia University. ¶ **Minna Prisco '17MPA** moved to Boston to pursue a career in staffing/employment solutions, working in a new franchise with Express Employment Professionals. ¶ **Tyler Robinson** is a graduate student at Hofstra. He is also a lieutenant at a local community ambulance company and an occupational health and safety officer. ¶ **Jennifer Rutkowski** began working for NYU in December 2017 in the Khanna Lab, using her biomedical science degree. ¶ **Lauren Schultz** began working as the community relations specialist at the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, and in February 2018 she was promoted to marketing and communications coordinator. ¶ **Amanda Sblendorio** plans to return to her high school to help coach the girls' swim team in her free time and weekends. ¶ **Jhonny Urgiles '17MS** has a new position as a QA analyst at Horizon Media in Manhattan, NY. ¶ **Janet Valk** began working for Gateway Community Industries in September 2017. ¶ **David Wukitsch** wishes to thank all of his accounting professors at Marist for preparing him to work for a great international accounting firm in Boston. ¶ **Kayla Yantz** completed her third internship with Herschel Supply Co. and has started her first full-time job at Basic Resources under the brand U.S. Polo Assn.



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More than 30 Marist students turned out for "A Day in the Park" benefitting the **DAVE MOCCIA '03 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**. The guests included Brendan Gallivan '18 (front row, in blue shirt, holding cup), the scholarship recipient for the past three years. The event, hosted by Dave's family, is held each May at Bowdoin Park in Wappingers Falls, NY.

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Pictured below are Connor Dalton '12 (left) and his teammate, Rachel Lasitsa of Drexel University, in the William B. Bryant–Luke Charles Moore Moot Court Competition at Howard University in Washington, DC. At right: Kaitlin Bond '16.



Two Marist grads found themselves facing off in the final round of a competition this past spring when they represented their law schools in the William B. Bryant–Luke Charles Moore Moot Court Competition at Howard University in Washington, DC.

**CONNOR DALTON '12** and **KAITLIN BOND '16** are both in their third year of law school, Conner at Villanova's Charles Widger School of Law and Kaitlin at Brooklyn Law School, two of 17 schools that participated in the mock trials. After two preliminary rounds and three knockout rounds, both Kaitlin's and Connor's team made it to the final round of competition. In the end, judges determined that Brooklyn Law School outscored Villanova. Kaitlin was also awarded "Best Oralist" in the competition.



Former members of Marist's men's lacrosse team participated in the Lake Placid Summit Classic in early August. From left to right are **HUGH MCGUIRE '90**, **CARL MARINACCIO '90**, **SCOTT ZALUCKY '92**, and **CHRIS CORWIN '91**.



Alumni and friends gathered for a tailgate party at a **NEWPORT POLO MATCH** on June 30 in Portsmouth, RI.



Nearly 100 alumni, parents, and friends joined Marist at the **MUSEUM OF SCIENCE IN BOSTON** June 5 for a reception hosted by President David Yellen. The president provided an update on the College and answered questions from the audience. The event drew an all-time high attendance for a Boston-area event.

## In Memoriam

### Alumni

Bro. William C. Lambert, PhD '61  
 Robert J. Bennett '66  
 Anthony S. LaRocco '67  
 Thomas P. Connelly '68  
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 Philip H. Chase  
 Associate Professor of Business  
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# Marriages



Jenna Snyder '15 and Daniel Hokanson were married May 26, 2018, in Atlantic City, NJ. Red Foxes and faculty in attendance included Jonny Pistilli '15, Kaitlyn Pedalino '15, Renee Stagnaro, Lauren Berry '15, Joseph Theall '16, Kimberly McVetty '15, Madeline Kachou '15, Dr. Joanne Gavin, Brian Luciani '15, James Boylan '12, Lizzie Grisafi '15, Colin D'Amelio '15, Michael Figueiredo '15, Caitlyn Murphy '15, David Gavin, Anthony Graci '15, and Elizabeth Hehir '15.

Nicole Pace '02MA married Matthew Addeo on Sept. 30, 2017, in Toms River, NJ.



Douglas Cyr '17 (right) married Andrew Maguire on Sept. 23, 2017, in Central Point, OR.

Sarah Holmes '11 and Mike Walsh '11 were married April 21, 2018, with a number of Marist alumni in attendance.







Kurtis McManus '09 and Justin Santore '10 were married Dec. 2, 2017, in Washingtonville, NY, surrounded by their Red Fox friends and family.



Deanna DuBois '13/'17MPA married Michael Marotta '13 (front row) in May 2018. Alumni present ranged from the Class of 1984 to the Class of 2018 including (back row, left to right) Jeffrey Donato, Patrick Jozwiak, Brent Dukin, Michael Schuster, Robert Roarty, Melanie Marotta, Allyson McQuillian, (middle row left to right) Cheryl Lown, Alyssa Nash, Emily Clarke, Jerry Griparich, Amanda Acevedo, and Christopher Turek.



Natalie Lesko '14 married Nick Kaszei '14 on June 23, 2018. Several Marist alumni from the Class of 2014 were there to celebrate including Alana Brolly, Tyler Ramsey, Jack Marston, Kristofer Riemer, and Patrick Desautels.



Freddy Garcia '09/'14MBA and Amber Mahmud '10/'14MA were married Oct. 7, 2017, at Locust Grove in Poughkeepsie.



▲ More than 120 alumni and friends came out Aug. 7 for a **SUNSET CRUISE AROUND NEW YORK HARBOR** on the vessel *Hudson's* at Pier 81.

▼ Brandon Tierney '96 (center) gave a **STUDIO TOUR** to Marist students who participated in a "Road to the Workplace" career trip to CBS Radio sponsored by Marist's Center for Career Services during the spring semester. Tierney co-hosts **TIKI AND TIERNEY** with former NFL Pro Bowl running back Tiki Barber on CBS Radio on weekday afternoons. The career trip was coordinated by Richard Nass '92, general sales manager/FM music at CBS Radio.

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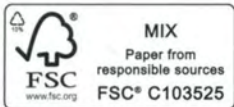
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## MOVE-IN DAY



Students in the Fontaine parking lot load a truck headed to residence halls on Aug. 25, Move-In Day for first-year and transfer students.

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