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“The semester I spent in South Africa through Marist’s Study Abroad program gave me new ways to look at the world. After spending four days a week volunteering at an orphanage in Langa, I decided to pursue my dreams of working with the U.S. government in humanitarian affairs and assisting Third World countries. I am thankful for the exceptional education and life-changing opportunities that I have received at Marist.

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—MARISSA CARADONNA '07, LEVITTOWN, N.Y., POLITICAL SCIENCE



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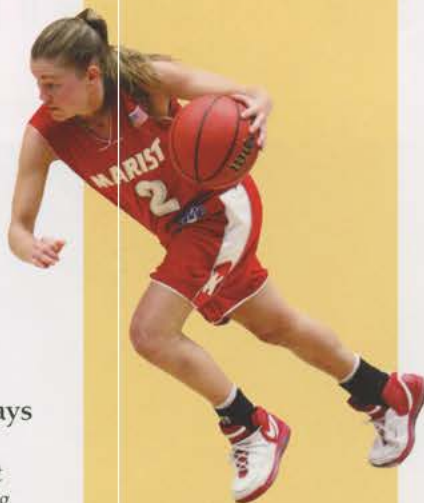
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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE CAMPUS



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Lauren Jackson '08 (left) has received the Dr. Andrew A. Molloy Memorial Scholarship in Chemistry. Rosemary Molloy '91 (center) established the scholarship in the name of her husband, who was professor emeritus of chemistry. Dr. Michael Tannenbaum (right) is dean of the School of Science.

McGowan Scholar Chosen

Patricia Arena '08 of New Windsor, N.Y., has been named a William G. McGowan Scholar and Marist's top business student for the 2007-2008 academic year.

The prestigious and highly competitive award from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund will provide an \$18,000 scholarship toward her senior year as she completes a double major in accounting and business. ■



Patricia Arena '08

MATTHEW GILLIS

Chemistry Major Is First Recipient of Molloy Scholarship

Lauren Jackson '08 has been named the first recipient of the Dr. Andrew A. Molloy Memorial Scholarship in Chemistry.

"Like Andy, Lauren has a great love for chemistry and a driving enthusiasm to work until the assignment or project is completed," says Dean of the School of Science Michael Tannenbaum.

Jackson has worked on faculty-student research projects, a hallmark of the School of Science that Molloy helped shape. She has also presented twice at the Pittsburgh Conference on Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy and done grant-supported research at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center. She plans to pursue a PhD

in proteomics and genomics.

Rosemary Molloy '91 founded the scholarship to honor her husband of 40 years. Named professor emeritus of chemistry, Andy Molloy had a 26-year career at Marist that included five years serving as academic vice president. He graduated from Marist in 1951 and passed away in August 2006.

The scholarship will be awarded annually to a top chemistry major who exemplifies his commitment to academic excellence and service to others. Gifts to the Molloy Scholarship Fund may be made online through the Marist alumni Web site, www.marist.edu/alumni, or by contacting College Advancement, Marist College, 3399 North Rd., Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12601-1387. ■



Dr. James P. Honan '78

Alumnus and Harvard Educator Named a Marist Trustee

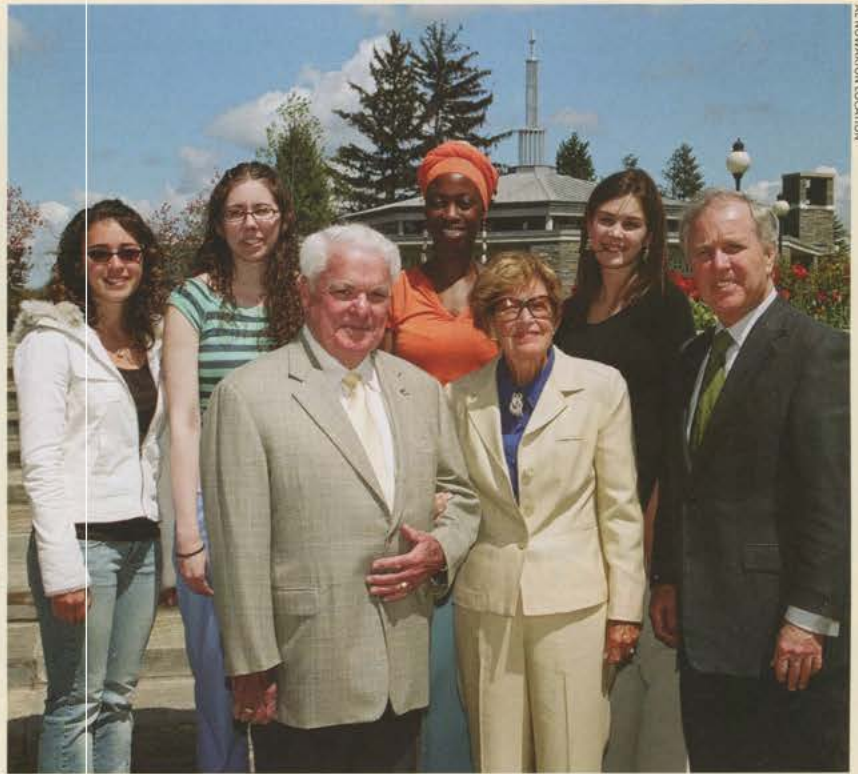
Dr. James P. Honan '78, co-chair of Harvard's Institute for Educational Management, has joined the Marist Board of Trustees for a three-year renewable term.

Honan has served on the faculty of the Harvard Graduate School of Education since 1991. He has been a faculty member in a number of Harvard's executive education programs and professional development institutes for educational leaders and nonprofit administrators.

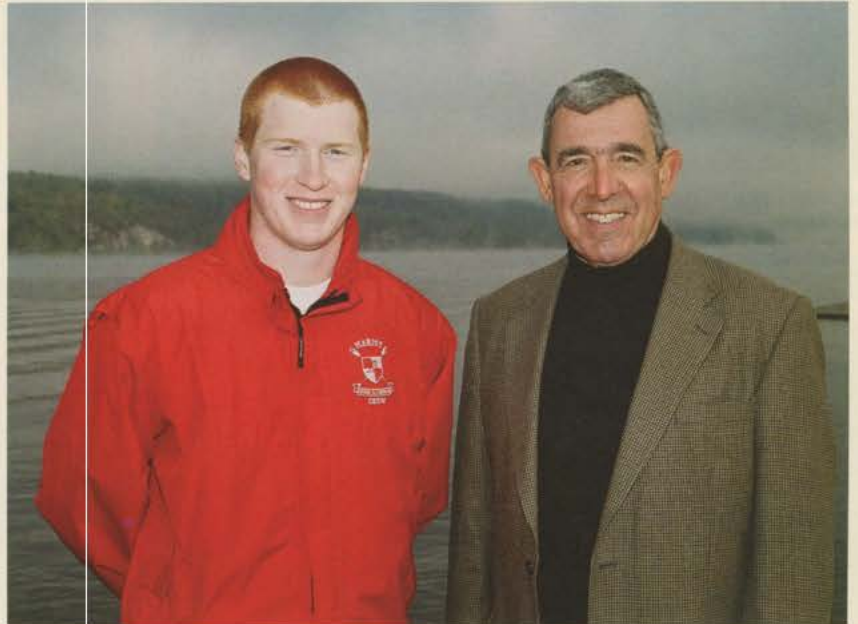
His teaching and research interests include financial management of nonprofit and education organizations, strategic planning, organizational performance measurement and management issues, and higher education administration. He is the author or co-author of several publications including *Monitoring Institutional Performance* for the Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities and *New Yardsticks for Measuring Financial Distress*, with Kent Chabotar, for the American Association for Higher Education. He received the Fussa Distinguished Teaching Award from the Harvard University Extension School in 1995.

Honan is a member of the board of directors of the Plan for Social Excellence, Inc., a private foundation based in Tampa, Fla., and serves on the boards of trustees of Fitchburg State College and Dana Hall School in Massachusetts. In addition to receiving a bachelor's degree in communications from Marist, he also holds an MA and EdS in higher education from George Washington University and an EdM and EdD in administration, planning, and social policy from Harvard University. ■

More Scholarships Established



Charles and Mabel Conklin (center front) have established scholarships for talented young people who transfer from Dutchess Community College to complete their bachelor's degrees at Marist. The inaugural Charles E. and Mabel E. Conklin Scholars at Marist College include (back row, left to right) Nicole Anderson '07, Elizabeth M. Wardell '08, Natoya Williams '08, and Laura Leahy '08, shown with President Dennis J. Murray.



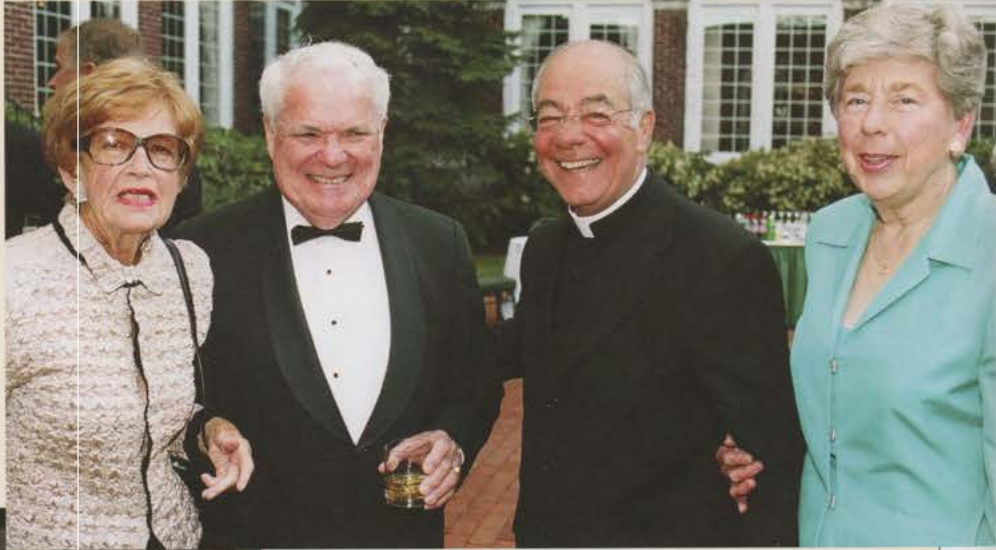
Captain of Marist's crew team his senior year, Stanley J. Becchetti '66 (right) has fond memories of his days on the Hudson River. To support student athletes participating in the College's oldest sport, Becchetti has made a \$25,000 leadership gift to found the Captains' Scholarship for Rowing. Thus far, 20 former men's and women's crew captains have joined him in advancing the endowment. Jordan Kieschnick '10 (left) of Palo Alto, Calif., is the first recipient.

OUT & ABOUT

A Marist tradition: Alumni, trustees, and friends gathered for the President's Annual Dinner Dance in May at the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.



Trustee Ross Mauri '80 and his wife, Barbara



Mabel and Charles Conklin, campus minister Rev. Richard LaMorte, and Trustee Betty Wolf



New York State Assemblyman Joel Miller with Mike Arteaga '70 and his wife, Sandy



Maria Gordon Shydlo '87 and her husband, Brian



Michael and Sarah Jordan, parents of Jared Jordan '07 and chairs of the Marist Fund Parent Division campaign

Trustee Todd Brinckerhoff and his wife, Beverly, with New York State Senator Stephen Saland



(IN BRIEF)

Marist has received the largest government grant in the history of the College, a \$5 million capital grant from New York State. The award will be used to create space within the new Hancock Technology Center to encourage economic development and innovation in the 10-county Hudson River Valley region. The proposed project would consist of development laboratories; office space for start-ups; high-tech education and training facilities; collaborative workspace for joint projects; an executive presentation center; and labs with shared access to some of the most advanced IBM and Cisco technology in the world. The grant was secured under the auspices of New York State Senator Steve Saland.

Marist contributes more than a quarter-billion dollars annually to the economy of the Hudson River Valley, according to a recent study. Using a methodology provided by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Economic Analysis, Marist's Office of Institutional Research determined the College's economic impact on the surrounding county and valley region. Marist has 1,128 full- and part-time employees, ranking the College as the third largest private-sector, non-healthcare employer in Dutchess County and the 15th largest in the Mid-Hudson Valley. In addition to the employees who live in the area year-round, approximately 4,200 full-time students live on campus or within a short drive, providing more than \$15 million annually in additional revenues to merchants in the county. In addition, more than 35,000 out-of-county visitors come to Dutchess each year to visit the College and attend events. Those visitors spend an additional \$4 million annually in Dutchess County.

The study determined that, based on direct spending by Marist, students, and visitors, the total contribution to the economy of the Hudson River Valley for the 2006 fiscal year was \$251 million, with a Dutchess County impact of \$204 million. The College's economic activity supports 2,059 jobs in Dutchess County and another 507 jobs in the remaining counties of the Hudson River Valley. ■



PHOTOS BY ROBERT J. LYNCH '75

Fr. Stephen Bosomafi and other students dance to a song by a cappella group Time Check at a Battle of the Bands to raise money to build a well for a village in Ghana.

Students Giving Back

During the spring 2007 semester, students spearheaded fund-raisers for a wide variety of causes, some new and some traditional.

The Marist campus hosted its fourth annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life, headed by senior and cancer survivor Lauren Flood. The 12-hour campus relay walk raised more than \$52,000 for the American Cancer Society.

What started as a class project by business majors turned into a humanitarian effort that raised \$10,000 to build a well in a village in Ghana, providing a badly needed source of fresh water. Fr. Stephen Bosomafi, a Ghanaian priest pursuing an MBA at Marist, detailed the plight of residents throughout his country who do not have fresh drinking water when he spoke to an undergraduate business class taught by Assistant Professor of Management Dr. Beate Klingenberg. The School of Management's Council of Business Leadership, a student organization advised by Associate Professor of Management Dr. Helen Rothberg, took up the cause. Students raised about \$5,000 holding a Battle of the Bands competition in April. A Marist employee who wishes to remain anonymous donated an additional \$1,000, and the Millbrook, New York-based Dyson Foundation provided the remainder.

Brian Loew '07 ran in the Boston Marathon to raise money for the Meningitis Foundation of America in memory of Caitlin Boyle, a fellow Marist student who died in fall 2006. Although he was not close to Boyle, many of his good friends were. "She meant a lot to them, so anything I can do to help raise awareness of meningitis and help others

remember Cait, I thought I should do it," he said. He raised \$1,500.

A marathon fund-raiser held on campus for the fourth year was Gaming for Hope, which raised \$1,500 for Child's Play, a charity that donates toys and video games to hospitals nationwide. The event, in which people came to campus to play a wide variety of video games, was hosted by the Marist Computer Society and the Anime Society.

A poker tournament, sponsored by the Athletic Affairs Committee of the Student Government Association and Professor Keith Strudler's Sports Public Relations class, raised \$300 for Hope for a Cure for Parkinson's Disease. ■



Marist hosted its fourth annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

Remembering Adrian Perreault



Adrian Perreault led the library through expansions and moves from Greystone to Donnelly Hall to the former Fontaine Hall.

Adrian Perreault, one of Marist's early librarians, passed away Nov. 17, 2006.

Part of the College from its earliest years, he joined the Marist Brothers in 1932. He spent seven years in Poughkeepsie, completing high school and two years of college. He received a bachelor's degree

from Fordham University and a master's degree in library science from St. John's University. He taught in several Marist Brothers schools in New England and New York, eventually returning to Poughkeepsie in 1958 to serve as head librarian at what was then Marian College. He resumed his lay status after 40 years of service with the Brothers and retired from the College in 1984.

At the time of his appointment, the College's entire library was located in the Greystone building. He oversaw the library's subsequent growth and expansion as it moved first to Donnelly Hall and later to the former Fontaine Hall.

After his retirement, he remained active in the local community. Even when a stroke impaired his abilities, he and his wife, Betty, continued to take great interest in Marist and regularly attended campus events and activities. She earned an MBA from the College in 1988.

"During his tenure, he dedicated himself to the conservation of knowledge used in the teaching and learning process," says President Dennis J. Murray. "He will be greatly missed by all of us who were fortunate enough to have known him."

In July a reference research room in Marist's library was dedicated to him. More than 50 family members and friends attended the ceremony. ■



Mary Foy was the wife of Linus Richard Foy, Marist's president from 1958 to 1979.

Remembering Mary Foy

Mary Foy, wife of President Emeritus Linus Richard Foy, passed away Nov. 30, 2006.

Born in 1938, she graduated from Our Lady Seat of Wisdom High School in Richmond Hill and took courses at Saint John's University as she worked with exceptional children. She later received a degree in nursing from the Catholic University of America and worked at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

In 1970, she moved to Poughkeepsie and began teaching in the nursing departments of Mount Saint Mary's College in Newburgh and Ulster County Community College in Stone Ridge. That same year, she married Richard, who served as Marist's president from 1958 to 1979. When he was vice president of Boyden Associates, an international executive recruiting firm, the family moved to Chappaqua, N.Y. They returned to Poughkeepsie in November 2006.

She is survived by her husband and their two children, Peter Joseph Foy III '95 and Dr. Bridget Morley Foy '98.

"Mary exuded a warmth that made those around her feel special and had a smile that would light up a room," says President Dennis J. Murray. "Her sense of humor, deep faith, and love of family carried her through during her long-term illness. She was an integral part of the Marist family during her years at the College and a frequent visitor to the campus over the ensuing years. She will be greatly missed by all of us." ■

Remembering Jerry McBride

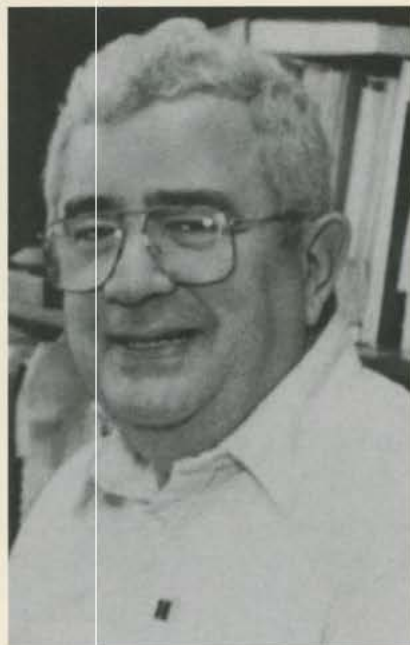
Professor Jerome "Jerry" McBride died on Nov. 11, 2006.

He came to Marist to establish the graduate program in information systems and served as its first director. He spent 21 years at Marist as an administrator and associate professor of information systems.

"Jerry was passionate about his discipline and was known as a master teacher," says President Dennis J. Murray. "Beloved by his students, many of our alumni credit Jerry with shaping their careers and enhancing their lives."

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Judy, and daughters Joelle Floriana '89 and Julie Stepp '91, four grandchildren, and siblings Ethel and Robert McBride. Recently Jerry and Judy had moved to Ohio to be near their daughters. ■

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Alumnus Named Academic Vice President

Dr. Thomas S. Wermuth '84 has been selected the new vice president for academic affairs at Marist.

The vice president for academic affairs is the College's chief academic officer, responsible for the planning, management, direction, and leadership of all academic programs. The vice president also serves as the College's liaison with certain external agencies such as New York State Education Department.

Wermuth began his career at Marist in 1992 as an assistant professor of history and was promoted to associate professor in 1998. In 2001, he received the Board of Trustees' Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching. He is the author of *Rip Van Winkle's Neighbors: The Transformation of Rural Society in the Hudson River Valley, 1720-1850*, published by the State University of New York Press, and the author of numerous articles in distinguished academic journals.

Since 2001, Wermuth has served as the dean of the School of Liberal Arts, where he has been involved in the development of a number of academic programs at Marist.

Wermuth has also received major grants, fellowships, and awards, including two U.S. Department of Education Teaching American History grants, a Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area Grant, a National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Fellowship, and the Charles G. Kennedy Award from the Economic and Business Historical Society.

A specialist in early American history and Hudson River Valley history and culture, Wermuth is the founder of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist, a regional studies center. As part of HRVI, he assumed lead-



Dr. Thomas S. Wermuth '84

ership of *The Hudson River Valley Review: A Journal of Regional Studies*, a peer-reviewed journal offering scholarly articles on the history, culture, art, literature, and environment of the area.

Wermuth graduated from Our Lady of Lourdes High School in Poughkeepsie in 1980 and received a BA in history from Marist. He went on to earn an MA in history from the State University of New York at Albany and a PhD in history from Binghamton University. He completed Harvard University's School of Education Management Development Program and was also a Fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's McNeil Center for Early American Studies. ■

Kiplinger's Ranks Marist One of Nation's "Best Buys"

Kiplinger's *Personal Finance* magazine has named Marist one of the 50 "best buys" in private college education in the U.S. The designation was contained in the April 2007 edition of the popular economics and money management publication.

The Kiplinger's ranking follows a December announcement by another financial publication, *Barron's*, that named Marist one of the 247 "best buys in college education." Marist was also named one of "the 361 best colleges" in America by the Princeton Review, which also named Marist's School of Management one of "the top 282 business schools" in the U.S. and Canada.

Kiplinger's selected 50 best values among private universities and another 50 among liberal arts colleges across the country. Marist was named to the first list because it offers a comprehensive education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. Criteria included the quality of the institutions' educational programs and the availability of a wide variety of financial aid offered to admitted students.

Marist was the only New York college to make the list. Four universities in the Empire State were also named—Cornell, Columbia, Fordham, and Syracuse. Also making the cut with Marist were schools such as Brown, Duke, Harvard, Penn, Princeton, Rice, UCLA, Yale, the California Institute of Technology, and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Marist accepted only 41 percent of its applicants this year, compared with 49 percent in 2006, making this the lowest acceptance rate in the College's history. The average SAT scores of accepted students were up 18 points over last year, and about half of the students were from outside New York State. ■



Old Shooter



New Shooter

Shooter Gets a Makeover

Shooter, the Red Fox mascot, has a new look. The need for a new Shooter was the result of a costume aging from wear and tear, says Travis Tellitocci, assistant athletics director of external affairs. The goal was to make the new costume less bulky and to change the fur type and color to give it the same characteristics as a red fox. The Athletics Department also wanted to create a costume that would allow the mascot to be more mobile, says Tellitocci. "The new design enables the mascot to perform at a higher level and allows for higher mobility when interacting with the fans."

Starting in the spring of 2006, Athletics invited Marist students to send in their renderings for review. A sketch was chosen and sent to various companies that specialized in designing and producing mascot costumes. Athletics selected the final design after reviewing the submissions from those companies. The costume, which took about eight weeks to produce, was made by Alinco Costumes in Murray, Utah. Alinco Costumes has created mascots for clients such as the Arizona Diamondbacks, the Seattle Seahawks, Nestlé, Disney, the Phoenix Suns, the Chicago Bulls, and more than 50 percent of the teams in the NBA. ■

—Jack Bishop '07

Red Fox

Basketball Puts

For someone who doesn't go around seeking a great deal of attention, Jared Jordan sure seems to find it.

In his four years as point guard of the Marist College men's basketball team, Jordan went about his business in a quiet, unassuming manner on and off the floor—even when the results he produced were spectacular.

At approximately 11:26 p.m. on June 28, 2007, all his years of hard work and outstanding production turned a childhood dream into reality.

Jordan was selected by the Los Angeles Clippers in the second round of the NBA Draft with the 45th overall selection, becoming just the second Red Fox to ever have his name called on draft night. The first was 7-foot-4 Rik Smits, who was picked by the Indiana Pacers with the second overall selection of the 1988 draft.

Naturally, Jordan's response to being linked with Smits was similar to the on-court mantra which made him so successful as a Red Fox: always take care of the big man.

"Wherever we'd go, people would always associate Rik Smits with Marist," Jordan says. "Hopefully I can be mentioned with him. He should get all the recognition he does. He put Marist on the map, and hopefully I'll try to continue in his footsteps."

Jordan was the Division I leader in assists in both his junior and senior seasons, becoming the first player to lead the nation in assists twice



Jared Jordan '07 was selected 45th overall by the Los Angeles Clippers in the 2007 NBA Draft.

since Southern University's Avery Johnson accomplished the feat in 1986 and 1987. He was also named Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Player of the Year, and he won the Haggerty Award as the All-Met Division I men's college basketball player of the year this season. In addition, Jordan departed Marist as the program's all-time assists leader and was a finalist for the Bob Cousy Award—given to the nation's top point guard—as a senior.

As a team, the Red Foxes grew each season with Jordan on the floor, increasing their victory total each of the last three seasons. Marist won a program-record 25 games this season, including its first outright MAAC regular-season

The men earned their first postseason victory with a 67-64 win at Oklahoma State on March 13 in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

After leading the men's team to its best season ever, Jared Jordan '07 became the first Marist player to be drafted by the NBA since Rik Smits in 1988.

NBA Taps Two-Time National Assist Leader Jared Jordan

BY MIKE FERRARO '01



Marist on the Map

championship in program history. On March 13, the Red Foxes earned their first postseason victory in program annals with a 67-64 triumph at Oklahoma State in the first round of the National Invitation Tournament.

"His leadership with our team was clearly invaluable," Marist Director of Athletics Tim Murray says. "The people in the Hudson River Valley have been spoiled by the level of his basketball knowledge and just the fact that he was such a pure point guard to watch."

Beyond the statistics and style of play that thrilled fans at the McCann Center, Jordan's down-to-earth approach made him a true team leader. Even as his national profile expanded during his senior year, as evidenced by being named Most Outstanding Player of the nationally televised Old Spice Classic and appearing on ESPN2's *Cold Pizza*, he didn't let the extra attention affect his demeanor or his play.

"I lead by example," Jordan says. "I'm not the biggest talker out there. I just try to go about things the right way, to be on time, be respectful. I think everyone knew that was my way of leading and they tried to follow that."

Jordan played his first season at Marist under Dave Magarity, who recruited him to Poughkeepsie. He spent his final three seasons receiving tutelage from Matt Brady, who had arrived at Marist with a proven track record of developing guards. In Brady's final year as an assistant at St. Joseph's, two of his protégés—Jameer Nelson and Delonte West—became first-round NBA Draft choices.

According to Brady, the primary factor in Jordan elevating his game was improving his level of fitness. It paid off, as Jordan played at least 40 minutes in a game 15 times in his senior season.

"We agreed that we'd make him a more lithe and quick basketball player," Brady says. "We agreed to do it and he did the work."

Another factor that made Jordan more valuable in the eyes of NBA scouts was his progression as a scorer. He raised his scoring average every year as a Red Fox, improving from 6.1 points per game as a freshman to 11.7 as a sophomore, 16.1 as a junior, and 17.2 as a senior.

The irony in Jordan elevating his own stock through the antithesis of what made him such a great player and leader was not lost on his coach.

"I had to encourage him to become a more aggressive scorer," Brady says. "That was more difficult because of his complete unselfishness." ■

Mike Ferraro '01 was assistant sports information director at Marist in the 2006-2007 year and previously was a sports writer and copy editor for the Poughkeepsie Journal.

The women's basketball team captured the MAAC Tournament title in overtime and then won two games in the NCAA Tournament to reach the Sweet 16 round before falling to eventual national champion Tennessee.

The Glass Slipper Almost Fits

The 2006-07 Marist women's basketball season began on Nov. 10 just as it had for the previous four seasons under Head Coach Brian Giorgis. Hopes were high for another winning season, another MAAC crown, and maybe even another bid to the NCAA Tournament. After an 82-72 victory over Stony Brook in Poughkeepsie, it appeared that those dreams might be possible.

The season ended on March 25 in Dayton, Ohio, on the floor of the University of Dayton Arena as the women fell 65-46 in the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 game to the top-seeded Tennessee Volunteers—a place no one imagined they'd be on that brisk day back in November.

"It was an incredible experience and an especially incredible way for a senior to go out," says guard Alisa Kresge '07. "I was excited we could do that and put Marist on the map."

After compiling a program-best 29-5 record, Marist jumped onto the national stage as a contender and was the 2007 Cinderella story. The *Waco-Tribune Herald* down in Texas said it best when they proclaimed, "Cinderella's name is Marist."

One of the reasons the Red Foxes caught the imagination of the country was this: no MAAC team had ever reached the Sweet 16. So when Marist upset fourth-seeded Ohio State 67-63 in the first round, people started talking. Then, two days later when they upended fifth-seeded powerhouse Middle Tennessee State 73-59, the nation hopped on the Marist bandwagon.

"Guidance counselors and parents from all over the country were calling to say that they had been hearing a lot about Marist College lately and they were curious about the school," says Corinne Schell '83, admissions director for external recruitment and outreach.

People weren't hopping on the bandwagon merely because they liked the Red Foxes' style of play—they liked their style. Inboxes at Marist were overflowing and telephones were off the hook with supporters from Massachusetts to



Guard and co-captain Alisa Kresge '07 was named MAAC Defensive Player of the Year.

California applauding the class, grace, and poise of the student-athletes.

"One of the reasons why several of the phone calls came in," says Schell, "was because these people were extremely impressed with the manner in which these women presented themselves. They were gracious and unassuming and so happy to be where they were that the callers wanted to know more about this place."

Marist had been thrust into the national spotlight and was now playing for an audience far larger than it ever had in Poughkeepsie. For its athletic achievements—being only the third No. 13 seed in NCAA history to advance to the Sweet 16—everyone from ESPN, the *New York Times* and *Los Angeles Times* to the *Boston Herald* and the *San Francisco Chronicle* was carrying stories about Marist. All of them

BY BRIAN LOEW '07



Coach Brian Giorgis (back row, far left) led the Red Foxes to the Sweet 16 round and the first national ranking in program history.

The Glass Slipper

Almost Fits

seemed to end with the same question: "Who is this Marist College?"

For the first time, the nation was seeing Marist: a mid-sized school in the Hudson Valley with a great athletics program and individuals who had reached the top of their games with the strength of character to not lose sight of how they got there. Coach Giorgis encapsulated the experience in an interview with ESPN.com writer Graham Hays:

"For Pat [Summitt] and Tennessee it's an expectation—26 out of 26 [Sweet 16 appearances]. This is obviously our first, and I really wanted the kids to enjoy it," Giorgis said. "It's a moment that hopefully they'll never forget, so they should soak it up as much as possible—and still try to be a normal person, as far as doing their schoolwork and just being a normal college student."

"The most exciting piece of it," remembers Chief Public Affairs Officer Tim Massie, "was that so many of the e-mails and phone calls that came in weren't from alumni or individuals related to the school. They were simply people who had watched the games and were so impressed with these women that they wanted to call and extend their support."

Not only was the nation behind the Red Foxes, but so were the Red Fox faithful that had been there all along. Students and local residents who had been at the games throughout the year were excited as well.

When word got out to the student body that Marist President Dennis Murray had chartered a private jet for students and Red Fox Club members to the Sweet 16 game in Dayton, hundreds of students lined the third floor of the Student Center, some camping out overnight, in the hopes of snagging one of the 150 tickets. For \$100, students got transportation to and from Stewart International Airport, the chartered flight, and transportation to and from the University of Dayton Arena.

"I was very proud of the girls and proud to be a Red Fox," says Michael Gelormino '07. "They did something that no one thought feasible for them and they excelled. I don't know how you couldn't be a fan after that accomplishment."

"I was watching it on TV back here at Marist," recounts Marissa Nelson '07. "All you could see was Tennessee fans. But all you could hear was Marist." ■

Marist chartered a jet to carry students, staff, alumni, and other fans to Dayton, Ohio, for the Sweet 16 round.



And the Fans Followed



Class of '01 alumni (left to right) Vinny Pettograsso, Todd Hutton, John Nicolucci, Chris LaRose, Ryan McCue, and Jason Echols rooted for Marist at the National Invitation Tournament in Raleigh, N.C.

When Jason Echols '01 of Raleigh, N.C., learned that the Marist men's basketball team would be playing its second-round game of the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) at North Carolina State University in Raleigh on Friday, March 16, he talked his pal Todd Hutton '01 into making the drive down from Newburgh, N.Y. Todd, in turn, recruited several other Class of '01 alumni to make the trip with him. After picking up Chris LaRose '01 on Long Island, the two drove to Philadelphia late Thursday, March 15, in order to miss the huge snowstorm predicted for the tri-state area. In Philly, Todd and Chris picked up John Nicolucci '01 and Vinny Pettograsso '01 and started out for Raleigh at 7 a.m. on Friday. Four hundred miles later, through pouring rain, the group finally arrived at the home of Ryan '01 and Seneca (Beck) McCue '01, who had just had their first child, Adelyn Grace McCue. That evening they headed for downtown Raleigh sporting plenty of Marist gear. In a city dominated by NC State students, alumni, and fans, this group of Marist alumni definitely stood out in the crowd. NC State ultimately defeated Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference regular-season title winner Marist 69-62.

"We enjoyed a close game," says Ryan, "and were proud to see Marist representing the MAAC so strong in a dominant ACC atmosphere." ■



Marist basketball fans around the country followed the men's and women's basketball teams as they made historic postseason appearances.



Marist fans went to Rik's, a restaurant in St. Maarten, to cheer on the Red Foxes in their Sweet 16 game against the University of Tennessee. Gathered were (left to right) Nadine and Lou Persico, Eileen Sico '97, Dan and Jean vanderKar, Ina and Richard Bennett, and Anita Serano.



Members of the Boston chapter of the Alumni Association gathered at the Cask 'n' Flagon near Fenway Park to watch the Sweet 16 game. Below, Marist fans still "believed" in the Red Foxes outside the University of Dayton Arena after the Marist vs. Tennessee game.



Tony Campilii '62 (left) along with his daughter, Allison Campilii Sapp '91, and son, Christian, were three of the 150 passengers aboard the "Flying Red Fox," the chartered flight that traveled from Stewart International Airport in Newburgh, N.Y., to Dayton, Ohio, on March 25 for the Sweet 16 game.

Marist Again Captures JetBlue Airways MAAC

Commissioner's Cups

The Red Foxes have again taken the highest honors in their athletic conference, becoming the first team in league history to win the overall, men's, and women's categories of the Cup competition four times.

Marist, which captured six Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference titles during the 2006-07 academic year and a women's basketball berth in the Sweet 16, has claimed the league's highest honors, earning all three JetBlue Airways MAAC Commissioner's Cups.

This is the fourth time that Marist swept all three categories (overall, men's, and women's), the first member institution to do so in the history of the league.

"This is a remarkable accomplishment for Marist's outstanding student-athletes, coaches, and administrators," says Marist President Dennis J. Murray. "Our student-athletes have performed well, not only in athletic endeavors, but in the classroom."

The cup is awarded annually as a symbol of overall excellence in athletics in the 25 championship athletic events conducted within the MAAC. Each institution is scored in all championships in which it fields a varsity team. However, only the scores from the men's and women's basketball participation, plus the other top six men's and other top six women's championships, are used to determine an institution's total points.

Marist finished with a total of 128.50 points, 28.50 points ahead of runner-up Loyola College. On the men's side, the Red Foxes captured the league crown with 58 points, just 9.50 points more than second-place Manhattan. Marist finished in the top spot in the women's cup race by compiling 70.50 points, 16.50 points ahead of Loyola.

"The Marist College athletic program continues to set standards for excellence that

The men's swimming and diving team captured its third straight MAAC championship. Junior diver Devon O'Nalty (inset, above) was named MAAC Diver of the Week three times during the 2006-07 season. Upper left: the men's and women's squads both emerged victorious at the 2007 MAAC Rowing Championships. The men won their seventh consecutive conference championship and 10th overall, while the women earned their second title in as many years and eighth in program history.

will be difficult to match for future generations of MAAC student-athletes and coaches," MAAC Commissioner Richard J. Ensor says. "I congratulate Athletic Director Tim Murray and his team of administrators for their tremendous effort to build and sustain the Marist program."

The Red Foxes captured four women's and two men's championships this past season. This past winter, Marist earned the title crown in women's basketball as well as men's and women's swimming and diving. In the spring, Marist captured the men's and women's rowing and women's tennis championships.

The rest of the overall field finished as follows: Loyola (100), Fairfield University (93.00), Manhattan (92.50), Niagara University and Siena College (88.50), Iona College (81.00), Rider University (72.50), Canisius College (71.00), and Saint Peter's College (52.50).

In the men's standings, Manhattan finished second with 48.50 points, followed by Niagara (46.50), Loyola (46), Fairfield (40.50), Siena (39.50), Iona (35), Rider (34), Canisius (30), and Saint Peter's (29.50).

On the women's side, Loyola was second with 54 points, followed by Fairfield (52.50), Siena (49), Iona (46), Manhattan (44), Niagara (42), Canisius (41), Rider (38.50), and Saint Peter's (23). ■

The women's swimming and diving team captured its fourth straight MAAC title. Senior swimmer Lauren Malski (below) won the 100- and 200-yard breaststroke events at the MAAC championships and was also part of the winning 200- and 400-yard medley relay teams.



NPR President Encourages Graduates to Lead

At Marist's 61st commencement, Kevin Klose, president of National Public Radio, told more than 1,000 new graduates that their education has equipped them to meet the challenges of the future.

Kevin Klose, president of National Public Radio, told members of the Class of 2007 that their Marist education will enable them to solve the world's problems.

"It will fall to you and your generation to help the rest of us find a path to a secure and peaceful future for our country, our citizens, our families."

He said the new graduates would be faced with challenges such as wars, epidemics, and climate change, but that they were among the chosen because they were better educated than any previous generation.

"You know the rigors of a disciplined search for credible facts. You have been gifted with a dynamic, questing, engaged faculty to help you hone the skills of thinking things through that must be your firmest companion throughout your lives. And also you have been honed in reaching for the best solutions for family, community, self, country." He emphasized Thomas Jefferson's proposition that a nation cannot be both ignorant and free.

Klose spoke to more than 1,000 undergraduates and an estimated 9,000 of their family members and friends at the College's 61st graduation ceremony.

Klose has led NPR, the nonprofit radio programming organization that the *New York Times* has called "a primary news source for millions of Americans," since 1998. Over the past nine years, listenership and program sponsorships have risen dramatically. One of the most noteworthy highlights of his tenure was a bequest of more than \$200 million left to NPR in 2003 by the estate of philanthropist Joan B. Kroc, the widow of McDonald's Corp. founder Ray A. Kroc.

Prior to joining NPR, Klose was director of the U.S. government's international radio and TV broadcasting services and earlier was president of the government's radio service Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, which broadcast to Central Europe and the former Soviet Union.

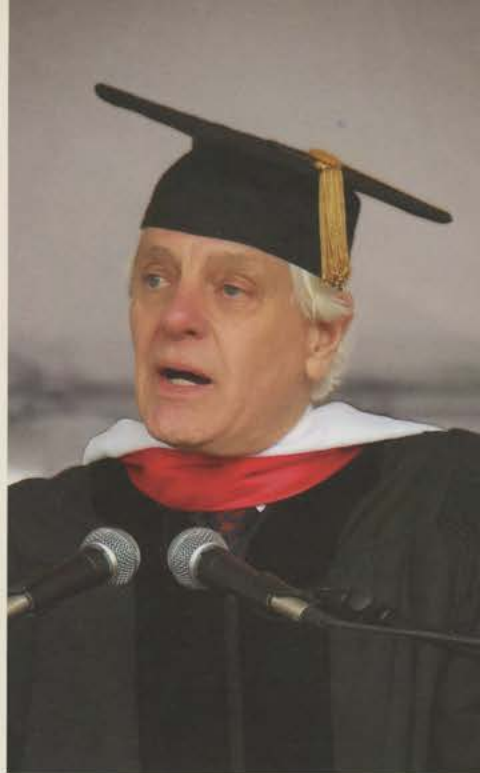
Prior to directing the broadcast services, he was an editor and reporter at the *Washington Post* for 25 years. His positions there included city editor, Moscow bureau chief, Midwest correspondent, and deputy national editor. He is the author of *Russia and the Russians: Inside the Closed Society*, which won the Overseas Press Club's Cornelius Ryan Award, and co-author of four other books. He received a BA degree, cum laude, from Harvard. At commencement, Klose was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree.

The previous evening, more than 370 students received degrees through the School of Graduate and Continuing Education in a ceremony in the McCann Center. Dignitaries onstage included Sadie Effron '79, who was awarded the College's Distinguished Alumni Medal. At age 100, she is Marist's oldest living graduate. An English major, she graduated from Marist at age 72. Many in the College community know of her because of the lecture series she and her husband established at Marist. The annual William and Sadie Effron Lecture in Jewish Studies at Marist marked its 30th year in fall 2006.

The medal is the highest award Marist presents to its graduates and is presented to individuals who exemplify the College's ideals: excellence in education, the importance of community, and dedication to service.

Effron had some distinguished company on the dais during commencement. Among those onstage was Lithia Greenman, who at age 91 was awarded a BA in English. The audience gave both women a standing ovation as they were introduced.

President Dennis J. Murray also recognized another guest on the platform, Preston Felton '84/'98 MPA, interim superintendent of the New York State Police. ■

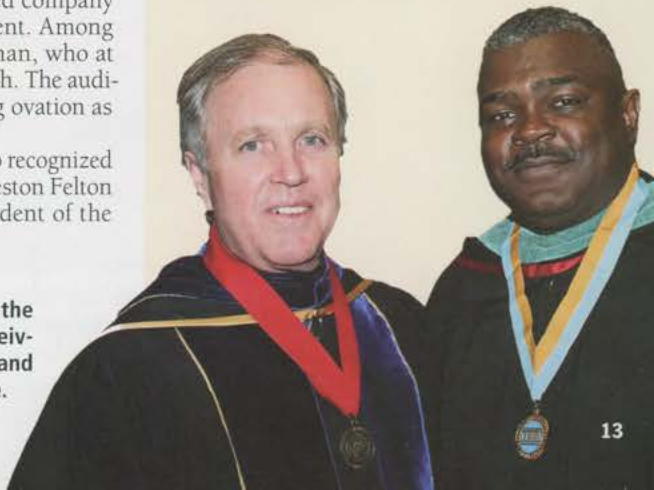


Kevin Klose, president of National Public Radio, gave the commencement address.



President Dennis J. Murray (left) awarded the 2007 Distinguished Alumni Medal to Sadie Efron '79 (center) as Efron's son Ira joined her on the platform.

President Murray (left) recognized Preston Felton '84/'98MPA (right) as one of the distinguished guests on the dais at Marist's commencement ceremony for adults receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees through the College's School of Graduate and Continuing Education. Felton is interim superintendent of the New York State Police.



The Music Program

The modern-day Marist Band started in 1986 with two trumpet players and a bandleader named Arthur Himmelberger. Today, as director of the Music Department, he oversees more than 350 students performing in vocal or instrumental ensembles and another 350 taking music courses. His students credit him with changing their lives.

The 150-member Marist College Band joined Marist's 30-member string orchestra and 180-member Marist Singers organization in performing to a standing-room-only crowd in the historic Bardavon 1869 Opera House in downtown Poughkeepsie in April.



Hits a High Note

A veteran of 26 years in the U.S. Army, he does not cry. Even when his parents passed away, Marist Director of Music Art Himmelberger was able to give their eulogies. But the day he watched a homemade video his graduating students gave him in 2004, the unthinkable happened: tears rolled down his cheeks.

"You've given me the confidence to be who I am today," trumpet player and choir member Pamela Bellemare '04 said in the video. "Without the band I don't think I would have come this far as a person."

"From your knowledge and your mentorship I've learned so much about myself, so much about my potential to become a better human being and a better leader, not only in the band but in everything that I do," said Michael Napolitano '04. Over and over in the video, students thanked him for his support and inspiration.

Bellemare, who today plays trumpet in the Brookline Community Band in Massachusetts, recalls now that her music skills grew tremendously at Marist. She was a member of not only the Marist Band but also the Marist Singers, Jazz Foxes, and Chamber Singers. She became "first chair," the position in every orchestra reserved for the best musician on each instrument. "I remember practicing a concerto freshman year when Art came into my practice room and said that I had a great sound. He said I should be playing 'first.' I wasn't very confident about my playing, but afterwards, my confidence grew. Before I knew it, I was the principal first trumpeter/section leader, playing solos and helping the freshmen in my section get into the groove. It helped boost my confidence in Singers, too, where I was the only female tenor, and I started singing solos.

"It was exciting to be a part of something that was growing—and continues to grow!—over those four years."

Backstage at the Bardavon, Amanda Rollizo '08 (left) and Karen Pickford '08 prepared flowers to be worn by members of Kappa Kappa Psi and Tau Beta Sigma, the national honorary band fraternity and sorority.



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A First-Rate Band

The 150-member Marist College Band organization is surprising people, near and far, who believe that small colleges cannot establish and maintain great bands, says Himmelberger. "The Marist Band has become the standard that other small college bands emulate," he says.

Although all of the members of the band don't travel to every venue because of their class schedules, the group has nevertheless gained exposure over the past dozen years through multiple appearances at Walt Disney World, National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournaments, Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference basketball tournaments, National Invitation Tournament games, basketball games at Madison Square Garden, and the nationally televised Kick-Off Classic in Giants Stadium at the Meadowlands.

The band made quite an impression on one sports writer this past November when the men's basketball team played in the Old Spice Classic at Disney's Wide World of Sports Complex. "The band was one of the highlights of the event, especially when they stayed and played during the championship game," wrote ESPN columnist Jeff Shelman in his account of the Classic. "This isn't a mid-major band—this is a major-major outfit."

The band gained more exposure than ever this past March when it played at the Red Foxes' basketball games during the MAAC Championship Tournament in Bridgeport, Conn., and NCAA women's regional games in Palo Alto, Calif., and Dayton, Ohio, events televised nationally. Band members traveled more than 10,000 miles this academic year, by far the most ever. Himmelberger says all the directors of the other teams' bands were surprised at the caliber of the Marist Band.

The band also performs in concert halls, befitting its primary mission: to "master symphonic band repertoire that provides higher levels of technical and aesthetic difficulty so our student members can grow as musicians and perform acclaimed concert literature," Himmelberger says. This ensemble, along with Marist's 30-piece string orchestra and 180-member Marist Singers organization, draws a standing-room-only crowd to the 933-seat historic Bardavon 1869 Opera House in downtown Poughkeepsie at its fall and spring concerts each year.

Before coming to Marist, Art Himmelberger was a U.S. Army percussionist and member of the senior leadership team of the U.S. Military Academy Band at West Point.



Art Himmelberger conducts onstage.

Modest Beginnings

It wasn't always that way. A 1983 story on the front page of the student newspaper the *Circle* describes a pep band that formed in 1982 and performed at men's home basketball games. But it was not chartered as an official student club and had no budget, and the College's sole instrument was a bass drum, according to the article.

Today's band dates to January 1986. Himmelberger was a U.S. Army percussionist and member of the senior leadership team of the United States Military Academy Band at West Point when Marist asked him to prepare a band for the College's upcoming game against Fordham in Madison Square Garden. When he arrived at the Marist chapel for the first rehearsal, he was stunned to find only two students inside. One of them, Paul Stento '90, recalls also being shocked by the dismal turnout. But, he says, Himmelberger was "the consummate positive thinker and professional" who knew



The department's motto is "No Music Without Fun, No Fun Without Music."

The band performs regularly at Walt Disney World.

how to get things done. The three practiced, and two days later the bandleader drove them to the Garden, bringing along a drum kit. The modern-day Marist College Band was born.

Despite a busy schedule that included playing on the soccer team, Stento, a trumpeter since sixth grade, wanted to continue in the fledgling outfit. Himmelberger augmented the small group with his West Point musician buddies, paying each with a hot dog, a soda, and \$15 in travel money when they came to an event. Marist's then-athletics director, Gene Doris, bought the group red-and-white striped shirts. The band became a welcome part of basketball games. Cheerleaders would request certain songs to cheer to. The athletes themselves would say afterwards, "Hey, good job out there" and "Going to be at the next game?"

The band grew more popular as it gained exposure, and in 1994 the band's first president, senior trumpeter Michael Gordon, established the band as a club under the bylaws of the Student Government Association. That year it turned a corner when four first-year students took charge during the second semester. Jennifer Trenary Malcarne '97, Judy Reid LaVoie '97, Anastasia Filak '97, and Jessica Cramer Richard '97 served as band officers for three years. Although Marist has no music major, the Music Program recruits high school students whom the College has accepted and who indicated on their applications that they play instruments. The four newly elected band officers set about convincing such students to choose Marist and join the band. By the time the four women graduated, the band had grown to 50 people. That included members of a string orchestra, formed in 1997.

Seminoles for a Day

In 1998 the band, at 80 members, had an experience that made it even more attractive to students. Members were in band camp, held annually the week before fall classes start, when the president of the Florida State University Alumni Association called Himmelberger in a panic. FSU was facing Texas A&M in the Kick-off Classic at Giants Stadium in New Jersey. The Texas school had a 400-piece marching band ready to perform. The FSU Band wasn't ready, and the FSU Alumni Association wanted a band pronto.

The Marist Band rode to the rescue: Himmelberger again called on his friends from bands past, sending them sheet music. FSU paid for buses and food and donated several thousand dollars to the Marist Band fund. The musicians mustered in the Giants Stadium parking lot before the game for a two-hour rehearsal, their first and last. For that night,

they were the FSU Band. The FSU Alumni Association awarded the band a plaque that now sits in the trophy case in Marist's Music Department.

"From that point on, the band has grown significantly," says Himmelberger.

A major reason for the growth of Music Department programs has been President Dennis J. Murray. When he became Marist's president in 1979, there was no band or choir, Himmelberger says. "Dr. Murray has been very, very helpful and instrumental in our development. He has been our greatest advocate."

Stento, now a financial advisor with Merrill Lynch Global Private Client Group in Albany, still plays his trumpet occasionally for his three young children. He heard the band this past February when he attended a basketball game at Marist. Now he says he is glad he and the other early players were so committed to keeping the group going. "The band is top-notch, first-class, and a lot to be proud of."

One of the band's functions is to perform at athletics events.



A Choral Tradition

Although the band was only just hatching in the 1980s, choirs had been a major part of campus life in the College's earliest days when it was Marian College, an academy for training Marist Brothers. From the founding of the Marist Normal Training School in 1923 through the late 1950s, the tradition of choral singing was extraordinarily rich, says Professor Emeritus of Chemistry J. Richard La Pietra '54. All students were involved in the preparation of both Gregorian chants and harmony-singing several times a week, singing at masses and in campus concerts. Special choirs sang the more difficult pieces and also performed in the community. After 1959, when the College became independent, the tradition of singing together continued. "No faculty party in the '60s was complete without a session around the piano, Marist Brothers and lay, singing familiar tunes," the professor remembers.

But by 1980 when DorothyAnn Davis became the director of music, she had to build a choral program from scratch. Formerly the choral director at Ladycliff College in Highland Falls, N.Y., she not only taught music classes at Marist but also directed three student choirs, eventually taking groups to perform in Italy, Germany, Austria, Egypt, Israel, Australia, and New Zealand.

She was succeeded as director of the Music Department by Mark Lawlor and then Laura Russell, who both continued to strengthen the program. At each director's side since 1982 has been Ruthanne Schempf, accompanist and music history instructor, who accompanies the Marist choirs today.

Although Himmelberger came on board the Music Department staff in 1986, he maintained his full-time role at West Point until 2002. That year he retired from the Army and joined Marist full time as director of the Music Department.

He now oversees all orchestral, choral, and academic offerings of the department, helped by band and choir alumnus Mike Napolitano, who is now manager of Music Department operations, a much-needed position created in 2005. Fourteen part-time instructors teach academic music classes and lead ensembles that include the Jazz Band, woodwind ensemble, brass ensemble, percussion ensemble, handbell choir, low brass choir, woodwind quintet, string orchestra, string quartet, jazz sextet Funk 101, and two flute choirs.

Today 180 students participate in the Marist Singers, directed by Christopher Sheehan, assistant director of the Music Program and director of choral activities, who joined the Music Department in 2005. The department's vocal ensembles include three women's choirs, a men's choir, a gospel choir, liturgical singers, chamber singers, and the *a cappella* groups Time Check and Sirens. The groups perform at campus special events, in community venues, and even at Carnegie Hall.



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No Fun Without Music

Altogether more than 350 students are involved in Music Department instrumental and vocal groups. Although practice space for the department, located in the basement of the Student Center, is limited, the student musicians remain admirably dedicated. Three evenings each week, band members spend an hour removing dining tables and chairs from the Student Center cafeteria to make room for rehearsal set-ups that include chairs, music stands, and many large percussion instruments. They spend another hour dismantling their set-ups at the end of each rehearsal and arranging the cafeteria tables and chairs for the following morning's breakfast. Since the area is too small to contain the 140 band members at once, the symphonic band practices Monday nights, the percussionists Tuesday nights, and the wind symphony Thursday nights.

Douglas Richard leads the Marist College Orchestra.



Similarly, the 180 members of the Marist Singers seldom rehearse as a complete ensemble. The choir room comfortably and safely can hold 60 singers at a time. So the ensemble rehearses as three separate units: the freshman women, the upper-class women, and all men singers. When pending performances dictate that the ensemble must rehearse as a whole, 140 singers cover the floor space, crowding around the grand piano, with 40 more singers spilling through open doors into the adjacent hallway.

Classroom schedule conflicts relegate the College's string orchestra to preparing its repertoire in the Music Department's instrument storage room, amidst stand-alone tubas, Sousaphones, euphoniums, and trombones that overflow from the department's storage cabinets. "We outgrew our current facilities several years ago," Himmelberger says. "The

desire of our student musicians to succeed, excel in their crafts, and provide audiences with quality performances supersedes obstacles that they face every day in preparing their concert literature.”

In addition to the singers and musicians, more than 350 other Marist students, including student-athletes and students from all other major academic programs, take classes in jazz, opera, music theory, piano instruction, voice instruction, medieval and renaissance music, history of motion picture music, and music of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, among other subjects in the music discipline. “Our music program provides and emphasizes worthwhile music activities and academic offerings for students who don’t wish to make a living at music,” Himmelberger says. Music minors are offered in instrumental or vocal tracks. The Dr. Edwin A. Ulrich Charitable Trust supports music at Marist with an annual gift that the Music Department distributes as private lesson scholarships.

The department’s motto is “No Music Without Fun, No Fun Without Music,” and Himmelberger says the band, orchestra, and choirs have become wonderful social and musical outlets for the students. “We’ve developed a Music Department family.”

Marist Singers president Amanda Schreiner ’08 agrees. “My participation in Singers represents a huge part of my college experience. I joined the program immediately when I came



Spring Music Festival 2007: Above (left to right), Assistant Director of Choral Activities Sarah Williams conducted two women’s choirs; Director of Choral Activities Christopher Sheehan led the Singers; and Director of the Marist College Orchestra Douglas Richard conducted the orchestra. Below, President Dennis J. Murray congratulated graduating seniors.

to Marist, and I think it was one of the best choices I could have made. This department has truly become like family to me—I spend a great deal of time with my fellow Singers both in rehearsal and outside of it, and I think the people in the Music Department are what make it so special.”

Band president and clarinet player Matthew DePace ’08 says that being part of that family has been one of the best things about playing in the band and being involved in the Music Department. “I know, and the other members of

our organizations know, that everyone is always there for each other.” He says Himmelberger has made a tremendous impact on him. “His dedication to music and his loyalty to Marist are unmatched. He has a tremendous amount of energy, and his passion for what he does is an inspiration.”

“I learned so many things that I will always take with me, about music and about life, from Band and Singers, and of course from Art,” says Pamela Bellemare. “It’s an experience I wouldn’t trade for anything.” ■



A Bachelor's Degree Program Is Launched in

Florence

The Florence program offers bachelor's degrees in seven academic disciplines: studio art, art history, fashion design, English literature, interior design, conservation studies/restoration, and digital media.

Marist has launched a new bachelor's degree program in Florence, Italy, allowing students to earn a four-year Marist degree abroad.

Marist students can choose to spend anywhere from one to four years at the new site. Through a unique partnership between Marist College and Scuola Lorenzo de Medici in Florence, the program offers bachelor's degrees in seven academic disciplines: studio art, art history, fashion design, English with a concentration in literature, interior design, conservation studies/restoration, and digital media. The site in Florence has been approved by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education as Marist's first branch campus.

Seventeen students enrolled for the first semester of the program last fall. Most are from the United States, with others hailing from countries such as Kazakhstan, Russia, and Sweden.

Meg Franklin, assistant dean of academic affairs and director of Marist-LdM Programs, says plans for the program began in spring 2005. "We have had a longstanding relationship in terms of study abroad with Lorenzo de Medici in Italy. Our students have always been very happy there. It is our most popular program." The new site aims to draw students not only from the United States but also all parts of the world to create an educational experience with an international flavor. Students will have to meet the same requirements as their peers in the States, including core liberal studies courses and college writing.

In addition to those in the Florence degree program, more than 450 Marist students studied abroad in 2006-07, making it the most successful academic year ever for Marist's international programs. ■

BY RACHEL PATTERSON '07

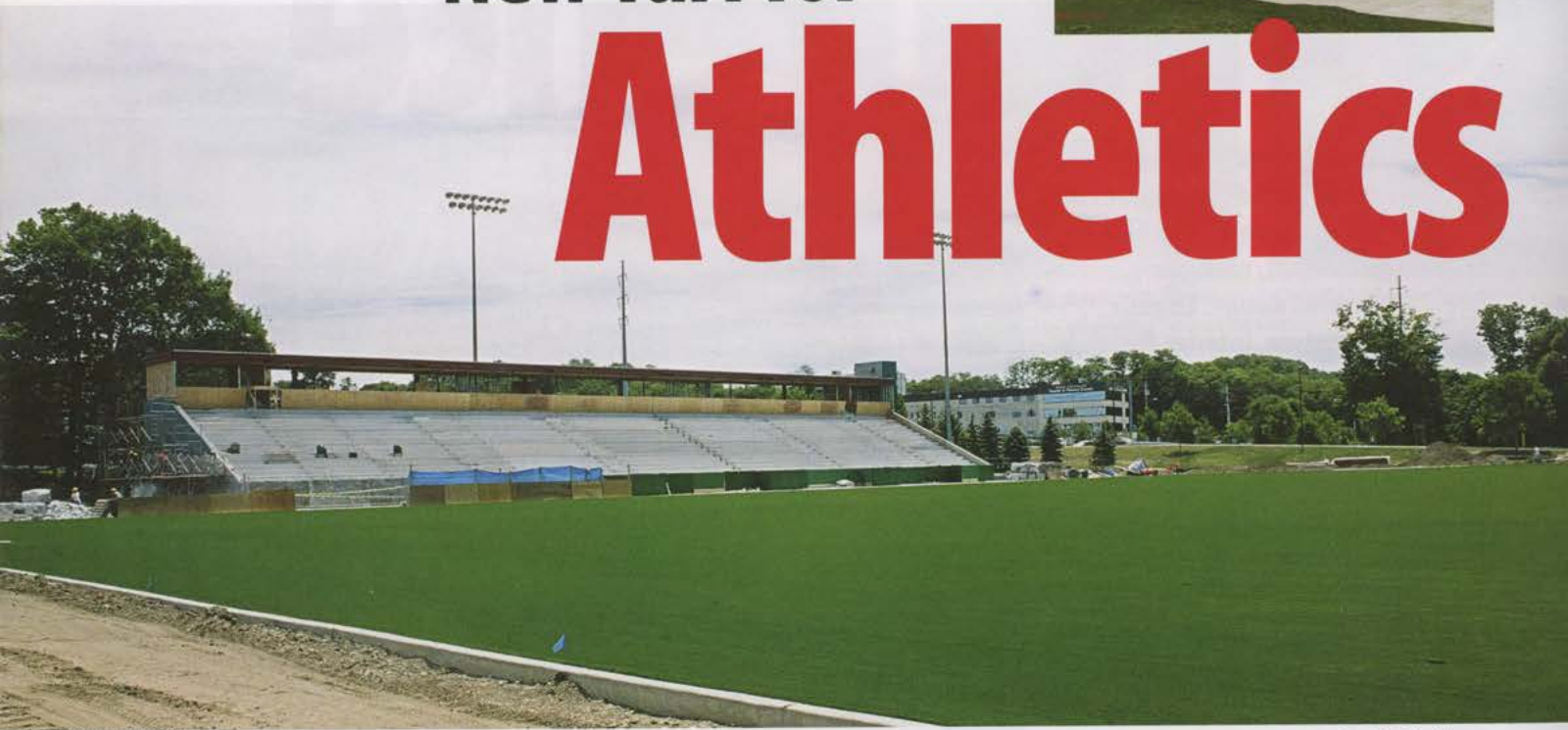


The first group of Marist degree students arrived in Florence in fall 2006.

Students posed with Professor Jacopo Berti (sixth from left) in front of the Duomo (Cathedral of Santa Maria Dei Fiori) are (left to right) Brittany Preston, Sarah Hajtol, Jackie Casaceli, Amanda LaMela, Lauren Peters, Patrick Sarson, Bridgete LaRose, Tarsy Koentges, and Nicholas Sera-Leyva.

New Turf for

Athletics



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The new grandstand will seat 2,200 and have an athletic training room, team and officials' dressing rooms, restrooms, concessions, and storage space. The first football game will take place Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. against Duquesne during Homecoming Weekend.

A new athletic stadium has taken shape, and chemistry labs as well as the historic Cornell Boathouse have been renovated.

Marist's latest construction project is obvious to anyone who has driven by the campus on Route 9 since October.

Leonidoff Field, located at the south entrance to the campus, is undergoing a major overhaul, including a new precast grandstand structure topped with a press booth and VIP suites. The stands will have 2,000 seats and

space for 200 additional seats in the press box for a total capacity of 2,200. Beneath spectator seating will be an athletic training room, team and officials' dressing rooms, restrooms, concessions, and storage space. The Marist Media Center worked with the project's architects, Skidmore, Owings & Merrill, to upgrade the sound system. Skidmore, Owings & Merrill also created the master plan that is guiding Marist's campus development through 2011.

A mild December and January helped keep the project on track. In addition, the area under the seating, where plumbing and electrical work was required, was enclosed so that work could continue regardless of winter weather.

The stadium will serve as the home field for the Marist football team as well as the men's and women's lacrosse and soccer teams. The first football game to be played on the new field will take place Oct. 6 at 1 p.m. against Duquesne during Homecoming Weekend.



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A new pavilion in Longview Park offers scenic views of the Hudson River.



and Academics

A 264-bed townhouse complex is planned, pending town approval, for the east side of campus.

A New Chemical Compound

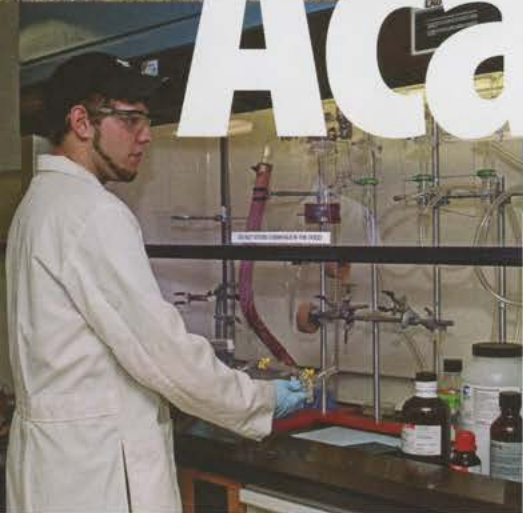
Leonidoff Field isn't the only area on the southern end of the campus to get a face-lift. Renovations to the Chemistry Department in Donnelly Hall began in May and will be complete by the fall 2007 semester.

"The overarching goal of this renovation is to provide a physical setting that better supports 21st-century teaching and research methods in the chemistry discipline," says Executive Vice President Roy Merolli. Crews will upgrade the plumbing and heating and air conditioning infrastructure, improve lighting and safety equipment throughout the labs, and reconfigure the lab spaces to enhance faculty/student interaction and support instruction. The total estimated cost of the stadium and lab projects is \$11 million.

Improvements West to East

Meanwhile, work on waterfront Longview Park is wrapping up and a new scenic overlook pavilion at the top of a hill offers expansive views of the Hudson River. Renovations to the historic Cornell Boathouse include replacement of windows, installation of new cedar siding and wood trim, and new exterior paint. A small area used for environmental science has been upgraded, and the boathouse will continue to support environmental science pursuits as well as the men's and women's crew teams.

On the east side of the campus, construction may start this summer on a 264-bed townhouse complex. Marist administrators are awaiting approval for the complex from the Town of Poughkeepsie Planning Board. ■



Marist's chemistry labs have been undergoing renovation. Jeremy T. Madden '07 (above) carried out research in the labs for his advanced inorganic chemistry course this past spring. He is starting a PhD program in chemistry at Purdue University this fall. Below, the Cornell Boathouse sports new siding, paint, and windows as well as improvements to the Environmental Science Department lab inside.

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Marist Grad Is Head Ed



Alumni PROFILES

David Ng '80 paid his dues as a reporter. Now he runs the irrepressible, inimitable *New York Daily News*.

On Sept. 10, 1963, the cover of the *New York Daily News* featured a photograph of an Asian immigrant and her five-year-old daughter. The two, along with others in their family, quickly became local celebrities in their Chinatown neighborhood on Manhattan's Lower East Side.

"That was my first introduction to journalism and the power of the press," says David Ng '80, the brother of the girl in the photo. "I never forgot that."

More than 40 years later, Ng is often the one deciding what will go on the cover of that same newspaper.

As the *Daily News's* executive editor, his office looks out toward the paper's busy newsroom. Several memorable *Daily News* covers from throughout his life in journalism fill the wall behind his desk, including that of his mother and sister from 1963.

"Throughout my life, I've been fortunate to come across one great opportunity after another," Ng says. "So often it's about being at the right place at the right time."

As Ng recalls, that's exactly how he ended up at Marist.

While attending St. Raymond High School for Boys in the Bronx, where he was editor of the student newspaper, Ng went to a college fair on Manhattan's West Side. He bumped into his former English teacher, John Noonan, who had since left St. Raymond's to become an admissions counselor at Marist. Shortly thereafter, Noonan convinced him to spend a weekend in Poughkeepsie.

"I fell in love with the place," Ng recalls. He thrived at Marist, becoming editor of the student newspaper the *Circle*, studying abroad in London, and interning at United Press International. Not bad for a guy who was the first in his family to go away to college.

"He was a very vocal kid, very bright, and a great writer. David was the type of kid you knew was going to make it somewhere," says Noonan, who is now dean of admissions at Stony Brook Southampton. "I'd like to think that I had some role in his development by

BY JEFF DAHNCKE '01

PHOTOS BY MATTHEW GILLIS

In 1983, David Ng's byline appeared under one of the *Post's* most legendary headlines: "Headless Body in Topless Bar."

teaching him and introducing him to Marist, but he probably would have been successful no matter where he went to college. He was just that type of person."

Others recall different qualities that made Ng stand out. "The first thing that immediately impressed me about David was that he could spell," says Richard Sisk, for whom Ng interned at UPI. "The second thing that impressed me was that he could count. None of us can count."

Sisk is currently a reporter in the Washington, D.C., bureau of the *Daily News*, meaning Ng has gone from being one of his interns to being one of his bosses. It's a progression that Sisk doesn't at all resent, however.

"David was so enthusiastic and showed that he had a feel for it. He picked up so quickly on what journalism was about and what the meat of a story was," Sisk says. "As an editor, David has never lost a knack for being a colleague. He has an ability to listen, to take it from the reporter on the scene. A lot of editors, frankly, don't have that."

Ng's ability to listen to reporters comes from the many years he was a successful reporter himself. After graduating from Marist, he joined the *New York Post* as a dictationist, a pre-mail position in which he transcribed stories that reporters phoned in from the road.

Over the next 13 years, Ng worked his

way up at the *Post* from reporter to associate managing editor. He covered many memorable stories along the way, including the infamous Central Park jogger case in 1989. In 1983, Ng's byline also appeared under one of the *Post's* most legendary headlines: "Headless Body in Topless Bar."

Ng first joined the *Daily News* in 1993, where he held various positions including metropolitan editor and deputy managing editor. In 2000, he left to join the *Star-Ledger*, New Jersey's largest newspaper, where he served as assistant managing editor. It was a homecoming of sorts for Ng last year when he returned to the *Daily News* to assume his current position.

"David is a smart guy who brings intelligence to the craft and an understanding of people to the table," says Dinah Eng, a syndicated columnist for Gannett News Service. "Nothing is achieved without the support of others, and David's savvy, empathy, and sense of humor make him a natural leader."

While he's a leader in the journalism community overall, he is also one of the most prominent journalists ever to come from an Asian American background.

"There are very few Asian American newsroom leaders at the top of their organizations, and David is the first Asian American to run a newspaper the size of the *Daily News*," says

Eng, who also serves as director of the Asian American Journalists Association's Executive Leadership Program. "Having his name on the masthead is an inspiration for other Asian American journalists, and indeed, for all minority journalists."

Despite his success, and the hundreds of congratulatory e-mails he received from around the country upon returning to the *Daily News*, Ng remains humble and shies away from calling himself a role model.

"People should pick their own role models," says Ng, who grew up idolizing tennis great Arthur Ashe. "He was a classy, poised gentleman," Ng recalls of Ashe.

Ng has those same qualities, and they have helped to propel his career. They have also served him well in his life outside of journalism. He and his wife, Joan Harrison, live on Staten Island with their two daughters—Isla Clare, 12, and Esmé Maria, 6—and their two dogs.

"David is a warm, loving human being who has a razor-sharp wit and deep sense of spiritual values," Eng says. "He loves being the father of two daughters."

His ascension from his Chinatown childhood to the top of New York City journalism is nothing short of the quintessential American success story.

"I live the white picket fence life, minus the white picket fence," Ng says with a smile. ■





Keeping Up With Marist Graduates

1 9 5 6

James Friel is editor of *Humanities Magazine*. The year 2007 marks the 35th anniversary of the magazine. He is also president of Justin Books Publishing Co. and is the director of the Center for Philosophy, Law, Citizenship, Inc. ■ **Rudolph Ramirez** survived open heart surgery and continues to teach and coach at St. Thomas Aquinas High School in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



1 9 5 7

G. Patrick Gallagher is president of the Gallagher-Westfall Group. He has been involved in law enforcement liability and expert witness services for police for the past 25 years and has recently been named a co-director of the Legal and Liability Risk Management Institute, which provides a wide range of services to police departments all over the country.

1 9 5 8

Three of **William Maher's** four children will be married by August 2007 and his first grandchild, Zoe Marie, was born in March.



1 9 6 2

William Lenehan is enjoying retirement. He participates in outdoor sports, volunteers, travels, and spends time with his children and six grandchildren. ■ **Patrick Murphy** is completing his 44th year in education, with no retirement in sight yet! His last son is in college. ■ **Dr. M. John O'Connell** has had much success in establishing a virtual community of more than 160 Marist Brothers and ex-Brothers who were in school together more than 40 years ago (from 1954 to 1962). For more information, e-mail OBbWAT@aol.com. ■ **Frank Sutton** has retired from teaching but still runs Sutton's Place, a guest house in Marchester, Vt. ■ **Frank Swetz** is the editor of e-journal *Convergence*. Visit his site at <http://convergence.mathdl.org>. ■ **Francis Walsh** retired to Englewood, Fla.

1 9 6 4

Robert VanAernem is retired and has three grandchildren.

1 9 6 5

Dennis Feeney retired from the Huntington schools on Long Island in 2006. He was the recipient of the 2007 Distinguished Teacher of the Year Award from the Harvard Club of Long Island. ■ **Samuel Maneri** retired in June of 2006 as a middle school counselor. ■ **Bob O'Handley** is enjoying life with three grandchildren, with one more on the way. In addition to teaching and carrying out research at MIT, he has started a small company making energy-saving devices and sensors.

1 9 6 6

Theodore Flynn is vice chair of the board of directors of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans. ■ **Joseph Garcia** and his wife are enjoying retirement in Florida. They travel occasionally throughout the United States, especially to visit their children and grandchildren. ■ **Alan Schultz** is a retired lab director for the New York City Department of Environmental Protection. He is a flight inspector with River Aviation at the Kingston/Ulster Airport in Ulster County, N.Y.



1 9 6 7

Michael Gilfeather is still enjoying retirement as he waits for his last son to graduate from college. ■ In 1997 **Bob Johnson** started Kaffe Magnum Opus (www.kmcoffee.com), a wholesale coffee manufacturer that in 2006 will top \$2 million in sales. Bob's current indulgence is bluegrass music. He and his wife, Cathy, travel extensively to jams and festivals, collecting songs and singing. He formed a group, Kettle Creek Band (www.kettlecreekband.com), in September 2006. Bob and Cathy plan to have a second home in Galax, Va., a bluegrass and mountain music mecca. Daughter Jennifer is a supervising producer on CBS's *Cold Case* and his son Paul started Meadowbrook Landscaping. He has five grandchildren: Maggie, Jake, Marli, Luke, and Ingrid. ■ **Joseph Lallo** retired on April 1, 2006, as manager of ExxonMobil Risk Management after 27 years of service. ■ **Anthony LaRocco** has been elected vice president of the Fire Island Pines Arts Project. ■ **Rupert Ross** says that the fishing is great in Port Aransas, Texas.

1 9 6 8

Robert Bailey, Esq., is the director of Missouri University School of Law's nationally ranked Dispute Resolution Center. As commissioner of the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, Robert continues to work as a salary arbitrator for Major League Baseball. ■ **Thomas Bauer** has been appointed to supervisor of practical arts, in addition to being the world language supervisor, at Park Ridge High School in New Jersey. ■ **Dr. Joseph Brosnan** has been named the 12th president of Delaware Valley College. ■ **Paul D'Ascoli's** fourth son, Christopher, is a senior at Marist and spent a semester in Australia. ■ **Dominick Favata** retired to Hilton Head, S.C. ■ **Paul Hickey** produced a CD of songs about the Brooklyn Dodgers. Visit his Web site at www.brooklyndreamof55.com. ■ **Dorothy Kondash Willis** has been reelected president of NARFE Chapter 662 of Leesburg, Fla. She hopes that all active and retired federal employees are or will become members. ■ **Edward Manganel** is celebrating his 25th year of teaching at Monsignor Farrell High School on Staten Island, N.Y. ■ **Michael Ryan** has been appointed facilities manager and trade show logistics manager at Biesse America in Charlotte, N.C.

1 9 6 9

Harry Carroll is still the president of the St. Patrick's Day Parade and Faire for Phoenix, Ariz., and the Arizona Colleen Pageant. ■ **Brian Flanagan** retired to Southport, N.C., in July 2005. He has opened



Dr. Joseph Brosnan '68

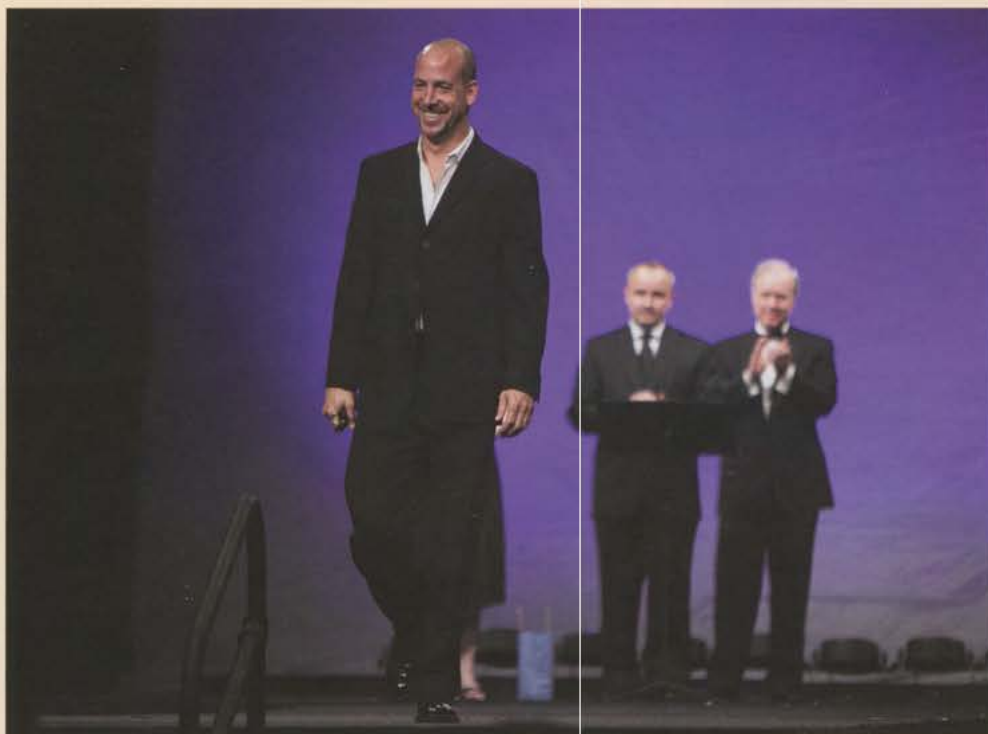
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JR Morrissey '88 Receives Fashion Program's First Distinguished Alumni Award

The Marist College Fashion Program has presented its inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award to JR Morrissey '88.

President Dennis J. Murray and Fashion Program Director Radley Cramer gave the award to JR at the 21st Annual Silver Needle Fashion Show April 27 at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie.

The award will be given in the future only as a very special honor to outstanding alumni from the Fashion Program, according to Radley Cramer.

JR has contributed substantially to the ongoing success of the Fashion Program, he says. "JR is an active member of the Fashion Program Advisory Board, has permitted use of his garment center showroom for the program's annual alumni reception, and contributes a scholarship to the Fashion Program honoring an outstanding garment from a third-year design major at the program's Silver Needle Fashion Show."

His scholarship award this year went to Sheila Cooney '08 for her "Project Green" garment, which used bamboo fabric donated by the Bamboo Textile Company.

Also at the show, Fashion Program alumna Dominique Pino-Santiago '99 served on the panel of judges that evaluated the designs and presented a scholarship. She contributed to a scholarship that honored the Outstanding Senior Garment from the show finale. The award went to Kristina Iacobucci '07 for her "Lily of the Mohawks" design.

More than \$35,000 in other scholarships was awarded. The award for Outstanding Senior Collection went to Amanda Marcalus '07 for "The Devil's Rejects." Amanda Cassese '07 won the award for Outstanding Senior Design Portfolio.

The show featured more than 180 garments by seniors as well as first-, second-, and third-year designers.

a small business, is involved with the community food pantry, and is a volunteer firefighter. He is enjoying coastal North Carolina very much. ■ **Gregory King** and his wife, Rosie, have three children, all graduates of St. Louis University. ■ **Sean O'Neill** was elected rear commodore of the Albany Yacht Club. Founded in 1873, the Albany Yacht Club is one of the oldest yacht clubs in the country.

1970

Robert Brown and his wife, Mary Ellen, have been married 34 years. Daughter Erin is married and Kate will be getting married. Son Connor is also doing well. ■ **John Kren** was ordained as a permanent deacon in the Diocese of Richmond in March

2003. ■ **Anthony P. Lofaro** was named assistant director with the U.S. Government Accountability Office in Washington, D.C. He and his wife, Nanette, live in Springfield, Va. ■ **Austin Sansone** retired after a career in public service. ■ **Dean Scribner** retired in July 2006 after 35 years of government service, 23 of which were as a research physicist at the Naval Research Laboratory. In August 2006, he took a position as associate chief scientist with Northrop Grumman Corp.

1971

William Fil's daughter, **Cheryl**, graduated cum laude from Marist in 2006 with a degree in psychology. His other daughter, **Laura '01**, is

in her third year of medical school at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine. ■ **W. Terrence Mooney** runs a large mental health practice in Albany, N.Y., with more than 40 employees. ■ **John Rogener** has joined MSCI Barra, a provider of benchmark indices and risk management analysis products, as the head of global learning and development. ■ **Joseph Rubino** was elected to the First Coast Metropolitan Planning Organization. The organization is responsible for transportation planning, related air, noise, and water quality planning, and a variety of other transportation-related issues that affect people living in the greater Jacksonville, Fla., area. ■ **Robert Ullrich** has developed a software program named LaxSoft



MARRIAGES

1980

Paul Pless to Angela Person, April 29, 2006

1984

Daniel Rogers to Risa Rae Willcott, Nov. 4, 2006

1988

Patricia Kelly to Dominic Perri, Nov. 4, 2005

1990

Jay LaScolea to Cheri Lynn Smerdon, June 2006

Karen Schaeffer to Michael Brooks, Oct. 27, 2006

1992

Mary Delmar to Kurt Benecke, April 2006

Keren McNulty to Karim Hindi, Sept. 29, 2007

Melissa Orcutt to Dennis Routson, Jan. 7, 2006

1993

April Butcher to Kirk Wennerstrom, Nov. 25, 2006

Jackie Gruebel to Adam Wheeler, Oct. 21, 2006

Barbara Zisa to John Petrie, Oct. 20, 2006

1994

Steven Crane to Danielle Szelag, Dec. 30, 2006

Jennifer Littlely to Edward Andres Jr., May 14, 2005

1995

Sharon Deloughery to Jeremy Nihart, Aug. 2, 2003

Colleen McGrath to Kevin Shanley, Nov. 11, 2006

Anthony Mignone to **Matthew Coumbes '01**, June 24, 2006

Bree Scott to Kevin Pelczar, June 25, 2004

Joanne Ungechauer to Joseph LePauloue, Nov. 18, 2006

1996

Todd Coulson to Christina Finello, Sept. 30, 2006

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MARRIAGES

Steven Dardanella to Marnie Cambria,
Sept. 22, 2006

Casey Frost to Brad Woodley,
May 27, 2005

Jill Heller to Joseph Slankas,
June 18, 2005

Gary O'Brien to Violet Hastings,
July 29, 2006

1997

Philip Mason to Danielle Sobal,
July 1, 2006

1998

Nicole Carino to Joseph Garafolo,
April 23, 2006

Carissa Keane to Daniel Giardino,
Sept. 16, 2006

John Gallagher to Elaine Cohn,
Aug. 5, 2006

Laura Giraldi to Mario DiGesaro,
July 8, 2005

Mary Martello to Joseph Glista,
May 6, 2006

Elaine Swanson to Drew Coberly

Lisa Wiggins to Paul Yauch,
Oct. 7, 2006

1999

Lark-Marie Anton to Daniel F.
Menchini, May 20, 2006

Vanessa Arturi to Patrick Shyrer,
Sept. 9, 2006

Jennifer Bowen to Brian Killea,
Nov. 11, 2006

Jennifer Buhrman to **Erich Mann**,
September 2006

Beth Cimino to Timothy Tomlinson,
Oct. 15, 2006

Danielle DuPont to Brandon Barnes,
Aug. 5, 2006

Martin Kappus to Dawn Marie DeLuca,
Oct. 15, 2005

Jody Mirto to Mendy Clouse,
Sept. 23, 2006

Jill Salvucci to Ryan Henebury,
May 13, 2006

Steven Schaming to Judy Conway,
Aug. 4, 2006



Welcome Home, Alumni! October 5-7, 2007

Saturday, October 6:

Athletic Stadium Open House
10:00 a.m.–noon, Leonidoff Field

Alumni Family Picnic
Noon–4:00 p.m., Campus Green

Athletic Stadium Dedication
12:30–12:45 p.m., Leonidoff Field

Marist Football vs. Duquesne University
1:00 p.m., Leonidoff Field

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**We look forward to
welcoming you home!**

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that captures and reports statistics for boys' lacrosse. It had limited distribution within Michigan in the past year but now is being marketed nationally.



William Anderson, PhD, is the associate vice president for enrollment management at William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J. ■ **Raymond DelMaestro** retired from the Yonkers Board of Education after receiving the Administrator of the Year/Leadership in Education Award for 2006. His school was also awarded the No Child Left Behind National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence Award for 2004-2005. Ray served Yonkers public schools for 34 years. ■ **Rev. Bryan Glancey** is pastor at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Hurlock, Md. He is the proud grandpa of Audrey Beth. ■

Susan Pratt-Heaney owns her own business, called Susie Pratt's World. ■ **Michael A. Smith** has been appointed associate administrator of Elant, Inc., a regional health care facility headquartered in Goshen, N.Y. ■ **James Wilkens** appeared on *New York Magazine's* list "Best Lawyers in New York" in July 2006.

1973

James J. Corcoran III has been awarded another patent from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for a system and device that utilizes water power through both waves and estuary flow to generate electricity. ■ **Brian Doyle '73/90MPA** took office in January 2006 as a member of the Poughkeepsie City Council and also was elected chairman of the council. ■ **Neil Esposito** retired in June 2006 after 32 years of teaching at Albany High School in Albany, N.Y. He also moved back to Bayonne, N.J. ■ **James J. Lavery** passed away on

Feb. 12, 2007. Jim was dedicated to his alma mater and was very active in alumni activities. He was a member of the Marist Alumni Association Executive Board and recently was elected president of the Long Island alumni chapter. His family, friends, and classmates have established the James J. Lavery '73 Memorial Scholarship at Marist. For more information, please call Marist's Office of College Advancement at (845) 575-3868. ■ **John Redmond** is now president/CEO of Universal Environmental Services in Peachtree City, Ga.

1974

Bruce McGann has been appointed medical co-director of Tranquility Hospice in Woodbury, N.J.

1975

A profile of **Pastor MaryAnn Paradiso Berry** appeared in the 2006 edition of *Who's Who of American*

Women. She is also the co-host of *Faith for Today*, a radio broadcast. ■ **Margaret Darragh Castelli** teaches at St. Martin de Porres School in Poughkeepsie. Her husband, **Jack '75**, has worked at IBM for 27 years. Their son J. Matthew received his MA from Georgetown University in 2006. Son Thomas is a 2005 graduate of Marist and daughter AnneMarie is a 2007 Marist graduate. ■ **Thomas Herman** is the executive director of special operations with L-3 Comcept, Inc. He is a retired U.S. Army colonel and his last duty assignment was with the White House. ■ **Gary Slavin** was reelected president of the East End Disability Foundation, which raises money for children and adults with special needs. He also recently received an award from the town of Oyster Bay, N.Y., for bringing the community together to build a "field of dreams." He is a member of the board of directors of the Massapequa Chamber of Commerce.

1976

Larry Hurley is retiring in 2007 from Philips Semiconductors after 11 years, following 30 years with IBM. Larry has moved to Kissimmee, Fla. ■ **Matthew Masiello** works as vice president of community health at Memorial Medical Center, the

largest hospital of the Conemaugh Health system in southwestern Pennsylvania. It is recognized as the only U.S. member hospital of the World Health Organization-Health Promoting Hospital/Network. ■ **Phyllis Mendreski** and **William Hoar's** daughter, Margaret, graduated in spring 2007 from Marist with a degree in psychology/special education. She was on the Dean's List every semester and was named to the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference All-Academic Team, rowing on the varsity crew team. ■ **Carmine Pirone's** son, Domenic John, will be a sophomore at Marist in the fall.



1977

Cynthia Cusumano '77/'05MBA was promoted to director of compensation and benefits at Precision Valve Corp. in Yonkers, N.Y. She has been very busy as 2006/2007 president of the Junior League of Westchester-on-Hudson, a women's volunteer organization, in Tarrytown, N.Y.

1978

Debra Bowers Citrone teaches second grade in Scarsdale, N.Y., and is completing a master's in childhood education. ■ **Dennis Cosgrave** is a

regional vice president for Compass Group and lives in Park Ridge, N.J., with his wife, Stephanie, and their children, Chris and Jacquie. ■ **William Sharp** joined McCarthy Building Companies Inc., in St. Louis, Mo., as vice president of risk management. ■ **Robert Wishart** is accounts manager for Snyder of Hanover. His spouse of 30 years, Jeniene, teaches art and their sons, Scott and Brent, have graduated from Maryland colleges.

1979

Maria Troiano Paul's eldest son, Matt, attends Brown University. Her second son, Mark, is in the Johnson & Wales Culinary Program and continues to train for the 2012 Olympics in dressage. ■ **Kathleen Anderson Pereira** is in her fourth year of homeschooling her 16-year-old son. She says it has been a rewarding learning experience.

1980

Lou Merlino is proud to say that the tradition is continuing: his niece, Kristen, is attending Marist. She pitches on the women's softball team. ■ **Elizabeth Diggelman Pectal** is a senior controls analyst with Swedish Match North America. ■ **Dave Powers** was inducted into the New York State

Joan Crawford '94 Named 2007 Social Worker of the Year

The New York State Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers has named Joan Crawford '94 the 2007 Social Worker of the Year. Joan is a licensed clinical social worker and vice president of Family Services, Inc., in Poughkeepsie.

The award is not the first Joan has received in her field. While at Marist, she was awarded the Excellence in Social Work award. After she received a BS degree in social work from Marist as an adult student, Joan went on to earn a master's degree in social work from Columbia University.

"I absolutely feel like I got the strongest foundation possible in social work," she says. "When I went to Columbia I was nervous, but when I got there to get my books, they were the same ones I read at Marist. I was much more prepared than many of my fellow students due to the rigor of the Social Work Program at Marist."

At Family Services, Joan is responsible for clinical and administrative oversight of a wide range of community-based programs. In addition, as a private



Joan Crawford '94

consultant, Joan develops curricula and provides training on the assessment of crisis in the workplace, bipolar disorder, violence in the workplace, sexual harassment, and outcome measures. She serves as the president of the New York State Crime Victims Advisory Board and was chair of its task force on outcome measures. She is also the appointed chair of the Dutchess County Children's Services Council and past co-chair of the Victims Subcommittee of the Dutchess County Criminal Justice Council.

"I've always remained close to the Marist community," she says. "I look to Marist when it comes to hiring; many of my staff are graduates of the Marist BSW program. Staying connected gives me an added benefit as an employer."

She also currently sits on the Marist College Social Work Advisory Board and often visits campus as a guest lecturer. She formerly taught social work in Marist's Saturday Social Work Program that caters to adult students, which she felt was a wonderful match since she had gone through the program herself.

—Kerry Sykes



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Allyson Travis to Daniel Kane, Aug. 13, 2006

Daniel Wagnes to **Lisa Urgola**, Oct. 14, 2006

Kathleen Wisniewski to Timothy McEnroe, July 16, 2006

2000

Elizabeth Browne to Michael V. Homenick, Sept. 2, 2006

Jessica Cooper to Leo Palliardi, April 2006

Jennifer Ferris to Thomas Azzariti, Sept. 16, 2006

Lauren Gancarz to Christopher Dabek, Oct. 21, 2006

Rebecca Jones to **Thomas Acerno**, June 3, 2006

Maria Lacerra to Lawrence Comeau, Nov. 25, 2006

Kimberly Lux to Robert Connelley, Sept. 10, 2005

Roseanne Racanelli to **Adam W. Broussard**, June 17, 2006

Tippi Sutfin to **Edward Butler**, Oct. 1, 2005

Heather Suydam to Scott Herrington, Sept. 16, 2006

Kate Tamas to Shawn Temple, July 22, 2006

Kathleen Tower to Bill Millis, August 2003

Kelly Ulmschneider to **Brian Jingeleski '00**, November 2005

2001

Jennifer Bradish to Andrew Kernan, Feb. 18, 2007

Randeep Dang to Navjir Kaur, Jan. 7, 2007

Leah Duggan to Anthony Crist, Aug. 11, 2006

Kimberly Feinman to **Mark Martiuk '00**, May 20, 2006

Sharon Kennedy to Anthony DePalo, July 2006

Kimberly Neal to **Kevin Stack '00**, April 2006

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Kimberly Niforos to Jack Bolan,
Sept. 9, 2006

Jamie Peloquin to Ian Landsman
'99, Aug. 24, 2003

Christina Schwab to
Nicholas Pontilena, June 2006

Leigh Shillington to Andrew Neys,
Jan. 27, 2007

Karen Stack to Garrett Goodwin,
June 9, 2006

Katherine Willhoit to Nicholas Turner,
Oct. 28, 2006

2002

Jennifer Barbieri to Chris Parfett
'01, June 2006

Lisa Bonnes to CPT Kevin Johnson,
Aug. 5, 2006

Megan DeVita to Eric Helmecke,
Aug. 4, 2006

Kerri-Ann Lang to Ryan Kessler '00

Kerrie Mendez to Joseph DeAntonio

Sarah St. Germain to Erik Dietz '99,
Nov. 4, 2006

Kara Stoutenboro to
William J. Brinkerhoff, June 2006

2003

Hadley Bauman to Mark Sands,
May 7, 2005

Mary Kate Carew to
Matthew Goodman, March 24, 2007

Erin Covell to Leonard Evans,
June 24, 2006

Sarah Ferguson to Ethan Olberding,
Aug. 4, 2005

Christopher Hart to Laura Yurgesis,
June 25, 2004

Amy Mathason to Darren Hagan,
Oct. 1, 2006

Nichola Williams to Tommy Glass,
Oct. 7, 2006

2004

Randi Chizinski to
Michael B. Pierce '02, July 1, 2006

Kim Bayles to Michael Gerhowsky,
August

Basketball Hall of Fame on March 24, 2007, in Glens Falls, N.Y. Dave has been a winning coach in the Hudson Valley for 23 seasons, taking both Tuxedo and Nanuet varsity teams to Section 9 girls' hoop titles and the state Final Four. Powers is the first girls' coach ever to be inducted into the New York State Basketball Hall of Fame. ■ **John Shannon's** daughter, Megan, is a sophomore at Marist where she is studying communications, works for the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, and is on the ski team.

1981

Kathleen Sheldon Ball is working at Fossler's Cheltenham Tennis Center and enjoying competing on Buxmont and USTA tennis teams in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. She has been happily married to **Don Ball '80** for 25 years. Their oldest son, Don, recently graduated from Georgetown University. Son Chris is a senior at Georgetown and daughter Lauren a freshman. Kathy participated in a three-day, 60-mile walk for the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation in October. ■ **Jim Gilligan** was awarded the 2005 Larry Frederick Award at the annual America's Blood Centers conference, held in Houston in February. The honor recognizes Jim's leadership in raising awareness of the need for blood donations. Jim has been a local advocate and volunteer and was recognized by the West Milford (N.J.) Town Council as Volunteer of the Year for 2005. ■ **Rory Ferguson Keogh** is teaching pre-K at Holy Saviour School in Westmount, N.J., where she lives with her husband, Michael, and three sons. ■ **Brian Whalen** has been appointed president and CEO of the Forum on Education Abroad, a global membership organization serving the field of education abroad through research, education, and setting standards of good practice.



1982

Elaine Doremus developed and led a class on time management at Knowledge Network in Albany, N.Y. She also donated a career consulting and résumé development package, valued at \$225, to the PBS Great TV Auction. Elaine is the CEO of Résumés Written (www.resumeswritten.com) and is a career consultant and résumé

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writer. ■ **Frank Ostrander** is now operations budget director with CH Energy Group. ■ **Leslie Byerly Ragusa** and **Mike Ragusa '79** have four sons. Their oldest son, Michael, is in his second year at Boston College and plans to study abroad in Madrid next spring. Son Greg is a senior at North Shore High School and plans to attend UMass/Amherst. Leslie just received an interior design degree from the New York Institute of Technology and Mike is senior vice president of Quest Software. ■ The 6th Annual **Bob Sweeney** Golf Outing will take place Monday, Sept. 24, 2007, at the Plandome Country Club in Manhasset, N.Y. The event, held in memory of Bob Sweeney who died in 2002 of pancreatic cancer at age 43, raises funds for a camp held annually for children who have lost a parent, grandparent, or sibling. The camp, called Bob Sweeney's Camp Comfort, was created by Bob's wife, Diane. Anyone interested in either golf or dinner is invited to contact **Karen O'Connor** at (631) 547-0781.

1983

Frank Burhance joined Cardean University as vice president of operations and student services. Frank leads the operational areas of Cardean's two online universities, Ellis College of New York Institute of Technology and Cardean University. Frank and his wife, **Linda Zemba '85**, reside in Newtown, Conn., with their son, Noah. ■ **Elizabeth Miller Haupt** recently divorced and sold and bought a new home. Her second daughter graduated from SUNY Morrisville. ■ **John Kraus** has observed his fourth year as a Big Brother. ■ **Hugh Taylor** was one of six Northrop Grumman Corp. employees honored for their outstanding contributions to engineering, managerial, and community service excellence at the 2007 Black Engineer of the Year Awards conference in Baltimore Feb. 15-17. Hugh, president of the Commercial, State and Local Group in the company's Information Technology sector in



Hugh Taylor '83

McLean, Va., received the technical sales and marketing award. He has completed a number of executive management, project management, and leadership development courses during his more than 20-year career with Northrop Grumman.

1984

Preston Felton '84/'98MPA has been named interim superintendent of the New York State Police. He has been a member of the New York State Police for more than 22 years. This past May he was one of the distinguished guests on the dais at Marist's commencement ceremony for adults receiving undergraduate and graduate degrees through the College's School of Graduate and Continuing Education (see Page 13). ■ **Derek Lewis** finished graduate school at ORU in Oklahoma in 1990. He married in November 2002 and he and his wife, Nancy, live in Luther, Okla. Derek thanks Marist for giving him a quality education. ■ **Daniel Rogers's** daughter, Meaghan, is considering Marist among her future college choices. ■ **Tracy Barnett Suhovsky** is happily married with three children. She lives on Long Island and teaches chemistry. ■ **Liz Cook** and **Steve Funk** live in Litchfield, Conn., with their four children.



The flag denotes classes that will celebrate reunions in 2007



Michael Diaz '06 (far left) was one of three winners of the Barnabas McHenry Hudson River Valley Award presented by the Open Space Institute. Other winners were (second from left) Jenny Reisner of Yale University and (third from right) Matt Weiner of Vassar College. They were joined at the award presentation by (left to right) former U.S. Secretary of State James Baker, Marian Heiskell, and Barnabas McHenry, Marist College Hudson River Valley Institute Advisory Board member.

Michael Diaz '06 Receives Inaugural Award for History Research

The Open Space Institute has presented one of its inaugural Barnabas McHenry Hudson River Valley Awards to Michael Diaz '06.

The award provides financial support to promising young leaders and exemplary projects that make significant contributions in environmental conservation, historic preservation, and the arts in the Hudson River Valley.

Michael was one of three recipients of the award, presented in New York City in April. The award

will support his research this summer on Loyalists in the Hudson Valley during the American Revolution. Michael majored in history at Marist and plans to attend graduate school and then either work in the museum and public history field or earn a PhD in colonial American history.

The award is named for Barnabas McHenry, who OSI says has worked to protect the Hudson River Valley's landscapes, heritage, and culture for more than four decades.

1985

Janet Lawler is working at NBC News as an editor. She is also the executive producer of the Internet talk show *The Alcove with Mark Molaro* at www.markmolaro.com.

■ **Susan Studley Marcy** is a 2006 graduate of the Ulster Leadership Development Initiative, sponsored by the Ulster County (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce with help from M&T Bank. ■ **Charlene Bernazza Mitchell** is the human resources and volunteer manager for an art museum in Memphis, Tenn. She became certified as a professional in human resources, or PHR, through the Society for Human Resources Management. ■ **Shawn Mulligan** and his wife, Lora, have two sons, Jaime and Casey.

1986

Thomas Begg completed the 2006 NYC Marathon and Triathlon. Visit his Triathlon Club at www.grtri.com. ■ **Ken Briggs** added a full horn section to his new band, Nite Train. His daughter, Amy, and his wife, Marla, sing in the band. For information, go to www.nitetrainband.com. ■ **Shauna Ziegler Erdogan**

recently got divorced and is starting life over with her new business, Apex Airport & Limousine Service in Wappingers Falls, N.Y. She enjoys traveling with her 4-year-old son, Alex. ■ **Mark Garrett** has been named executive vice president and chief financial officer for Adobe Systems Inc. ■ After taking some time off to care for her infant son, Liam, **Cathy Gilio** reopened her psychotherapy practice in Hackensack, N.J. ■ **Michael Masterson** has moved to the Ritz-Carlton in Kapalua, Hawaii, as director of sales and marketing. He was recognized as Leader of the Year in Marketing for Ritz Carlton's western region in 2005. ■ **Howard Mills III** has accepted a position as chief advisor with Deloitte & Touche USA, LLP. ■ For the sixth time **Ian O'Connor** has been named one of America's top five sports columnists in the annual Associated Press Sports Editors national contest. He is working on a book about the historic golf rivalry between Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus. The book, to be published by Houghton Mifflin, is due out in April 2008. ■ **Kendall R. Stanley Sr.** has been happily married

to his wife, Lisa, for 22 years. Son Kendall Jr. has completed his freshman year at the University of Buffalo where he is studying nuclear medicine. Son Derek has completed his junior year at Saugerties (N.Y.) High School and has applied to West Point. Son Ethan has moved up to junior high and daughter Tessa is now in third grade and is the "boss of the house." Kendall is working to connect health-care communities through Regional Health Information Organizations (RHIOs).



1987

Kevin Kaley has moved to the Premier Account Division with Verizon Business. He was also promoted to lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army Reserve and is battalion commander for 1-355th in Round Rock, Texas. ■ **Jean Clements Kelly** ran the New York City Marathon in 2006 and reports that she did better than she did when she was in her twenties. ■ **Carol I. Lethin** was promoted to team leader at Pederson-



MARRIAGES

Jennifer Frisenda to Christopher Malone, May 26, 2006

Jennifer Knoerzer to John T. Smith, May 27, 2006

Tracey Maida to Kevin Altieri, July 15, 2006

Lindsay Martel to David Buckner '02, Sept. 3, 2006

Kara McNulty to Luke Baron, Oct. 22, 2006

2005

Adriana Abreu to Walvis Pena, Dec. 30, 2006

Richard Sassi II to Lisa Marra, Oct. 20, 2006

2006

James Butler III to Jaime Marie Berryann, Oct. 14, 2006

Alumni news



NEW ARRIVALS

1956

Anne and **Jack Duggan**, a grandson,
Devon Jack

1958

Elaine and **William Maher**, a granddaughter,
Zoe Marie, March 23, 2006

1966

Rose Marie and **Charles Barry**,
a granddaughter, Taylor Nicole, April 9, 2005

1968

Rosemary and **George Bennett**, a grandson,
Jack Sheridan, Dec. 25, 2005, and a
granddaughter, Grace Xistris, Aug. 9, 2006

1969

Phyllis and **James Conroy**, a granddaughter,
Sophia Rose, July 21, 2006

Peggy and **Ed Spaight**, granddaughters,
Riley Elizabeth Cerino, May 24, 2006, and
Susan Margaret Spaight, Dec. 15, 2006

1970

Lesley and **Andrew Fallon**, a grandson,
Mason Wesley Fallon, Dec. 11, 2006,
and a granddaughter, Blake Fallon Meeks,
March 12, 2007

1984

Cheryl Bowering and **Peter Fredsall '83**,
a son, Arthur, July 12, 2004

1985

Jennifer Bohanan and **David Fleming**,
a son, Shane, Feb. 23, 2004

Tara and **Michael Lowen**, a son,
Luke McCaffrey, May 19, 2006

Linda-Sue and **James John Murphy**,
a son, Adam, July 1, 2003

1986

Karen Szklany and **Edward Gault**,
a daughter, Cosette Amanda Cecilia,
Sept. 18, 2004

1987

Kristin Durcan and **Anton Nieroda**, twins,
a daughter, Charlotte Estelle, and a son,
Anton Matthew, Jan. 25, 2006

Ellen Fitzpatrick and **Robert Saunders**,
a son, Wyatt, Aug. 13, 2005

Krag Center's Assertive Community Treatment Program in Smithtown, N.Y. ■ **Mike McHale** is the founder of Cleverworks, a creative think tank that has recently added its 50th client. ■ **Scott Neven** purchased a building in 2004 and now operates a 6,000-square-foot store specializing in furniture of the era 1940 to 1970 in Hudson, N.Y.

1988

Michael Carson was promoted on April 1, 2006, to chief warrant officer 4 in Germany after returning from 18 months in Afghanistan. He received the Bronze Star Service Medal for his work as a maintenance platoon leader and an air medal for performing more than 100 medical evacuation flights in an unarmed UH-60 Blackhawk. He is still performing as an aviation maintenance officer with the 236th Medical Company (Air Ambulance) in Landstuhl, Germany. ■ **Kenneth Lorello** has his own business, Clean Room Depot, where he makes germ-free portable rooms for hospitals, government facilities, NASA, and computer companies. ■ **Peter G. Oppenheim** completed his fifth marathon, the 2006 Philadelphia Marathon. ■ **Kathy Wanamaker** moved from Tuxedo, N.Y., to Hillsborough, N.C., in March 2005.

1989

Susanne Lynn Wilson is an account executive for Tempur-Pedic and lives in Lindenhurst, N.Y. She is mother to Zachary and twin daughters Lyndsey and Sofie. ■ **Joseph Nowak's** son, Zachary, and daughter, Alyssa, both play AAU basketball, which Joe coaches. Alyssa was also a starter on her school's varsity softball team as a freshman. ■ **Roger Roush** received the Probation Officer of the Year award from the New York State Division of Probation and Correctional Alternatives for his work in gang-recruitment prevention.

1990

Sean Creighton received his PhD in the Leadership and Change program from Antioch University in August 2006. ■ **Celeste Frasier English** earned a master's degree at the College of St. Rose and now teaches fifth grade at Edinburg (N.Y.) Common School. ■ **Shunda Taylor-McRae** earned an MBA at Long Island University and a Master of Divinity degree at New York Theological Seminary. She was ordained in May

2005. ■ **Jossette Geronimo** and **Paul Mead '89** are the proud parents of identical twin daughters, Ashley and Sarah. Brothers Christopher and Jonathan are great helpers. ■ **Leonard Klie** was promoted to senior editor of *Speech Technology Magazine* in New York City. ■ **Edward Sagarese** teaches English at Charlotte High School in Punta Gorda, Fla. He expects to complete a master's degree program in educational leadership at National Louis University in 2007. ■ **Sheila Quirk Voyles** was the top woman finisher from the Tampa Bay area in the Bank of America Marathon. Sheila placed fifth with a time of 3 hours, 16 minutes, and 37 seconds and received \$500 for her effort. She resides in Florida and has two sons.

1991

Marissa Manderioli Arcaroli and her husband, Frank, have three boys, Nicholas Frank, Joseph Anthony, and Antonio George. **Cherylyn Briganti-Torrisi '91** is godmother to Joseph. ■ **Stephen Batta** works at the Marriott Marquis in New York City's Times Square, overseeing all hotel operations. He and his wife, Jennifer, have three children, Kristyn, Jackson, and Dylan. ■ **Christine McCaffery-Deter** recently incorporated Creative Ventures. ■ **Tara McLaughlin McGuinness** and her husband, Peter, have three children, Patricia, Matthew, and new arrival Megan Irene. ■ **Rosemary Molloy** was the guest artist at the gallery in the Dyson Center for Cancer Care at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie throughout January and February. Rosemary's exhibition featured watercolors and work in pastels. While currently interested in capturing the disappearing farmlands of rural Dutchess County and surrounding areas, she also exhibited pieces from her studies in Venice. In addition to several one-person shows, she has had her work displayed at the Arnot Art Museum in Elmira, N.Y., and Clermont Historic Site in Germantown, N.Y. She is a member of the Barrett Art Center in Poughkeepsie and the Tivoli Artists Co-op. ■ **Sheila Clancy O'Donnell** lives in county Donegal in Ireland with her husband, Martin, son Séamus, and daughters Chloë and Alexandra Rose. ■ **Richard Park** is a computer integrated manufacturing (CIM) engineer for dpiX, LLC, a manufacturer of digital x-ray image sensor arrays in Colorado Springs,

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Colo. ■ **Allison Campilii Sapp** and her husband, Jay, have two sons, Jay, 3, and Kevin, 1. Kevin was adopted from Tver, Russia, on Oct. 18, 2006. ■ **James Saunders** is vice president in the private equity group of the Blackstone Group. He resides in Garden City, N.Y., with his wife, Shannon, and daughter, MaryKate. ■ **Kindra Predmore-Thompson** received the Sports Emmy Award for Outstanding Production Design and Art Direction at a ceremony in April 2007 in New York City. The award, presented by the National Television Academy, is based on her costume and set design for *Cinderella Man: The James J Braddock Story*. See more of her work at www.kindrastyle.com.



1992

James Alecca is still distributing his debut album. ■ **Mary Delmar Benecke** and her husband, Kurt, have two young sons, Craig and Hunter. ■ **John Cleary** is director of tennis at Norbeck Country Club in Rockville, Md. He was named 2006 Maryland Professional of the Year and 2006 Mid-Atlantic 35s Player of the Year. He serves on the board of the United States Professional Tennis Association's Mid-Atlantic



Kimberly Steinhorn '95 (fourth from left) and her students at Khan Market in New Delhi.

Teaching in India

Kimberly Meehan Steinhorn '95 spent three months in 2006 teaching at a school in New Delhi, India.

Through the Fulbright Teaching Exchange Program, she switched positions with a teacher at Sanskriti School in New Delhi. Students at Greenwich High School in Greenwich, Conn., learned about India through teacher Sreelekha Sarcar while students at Sanskriti School learned about America through Kimberly.

The experience, Kim says, was amazing; she was embraced by the school community and found the cultural differences fascinating as well as challenging. "I'm honored to have had this experience. I feel fortunate to have represented the United States to my 150

Indian students. I know I'll continue to reflect on this incredible opportunity." Inspired by her term in New Delhi, she has been integrating lessons into her classes at GHS and has been speaking about India to other classes, colleagues, and the local community.

Kim has taught English for 12 years, the past seven in Greenwich public schools. She lives in New York City with her husband, Bartholomew Steinhorn '93. They have been married for three years after reconnecting in 1999, 10 years after they met at Marist College.

Kim welcomes questions and comments about India. Contact her at steinhornghs@gmail.com and read more at www.steinhornindia.blogspot.com.

Division as its secretary. He has spent the past 10 years at Norbeck Country Club and the past five years in his current position. ■ **Dr. B. Afena Cobham** has been appointed assistant provost for student life at the University of Denver. She received a Master of Education degree in student personnel and higher education from the University of Georgia in 1996 and in 2000 made history at Indiana University by becoming the first recipient of the Master of Arts degree in African American and African Diaspora Studies. She earned a PhD in higher education and student affairs in 2003. ■ **Sue Santamore Coffey** and her husband, Jim, live in Littleton, Colo. They enjoy their two young children, Josie and Patrick. Sue has owned her own counseling practice since 2001 in Littleton, called *Believing in Kids and Families*. She continues to practice social work and is thankful for the strong foundation in social work she received at Marist. ■ **Michael Feeny** has been promoted to senior vice president of corporate communications for the A&E Television Network. ■ **Dean Mastrangelo, Esq.**, started a mortgage company, Platinum Home Finance, Inc., in addition to maintain-

ing his law practice. ■ **Leslie Moore Massaro** has joined a new real estate company, American Dreams, LLC, in East Windsor, Conn. ■ **Jennifer O'Connell Nickelsen** has accepted a position as senior program manager for McKesson Specialty. She works out of the home office in New Jersey. ■ **Michael O'Farrell** is the publicist for Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Conn. Over the past year he appeared on Fox News, CNN, *Good Morning America*, *The CBS Evening News*, and *The Montel Williams Show* to discuss one of the institution's historic vessels. A research group had come to Mystic Seaport to investigate whether the 1841 ship, the *Charles W. Morgan*, had paranormal activity. A local newspaper story on the investigation drew the national media. Mike notes that he never promoted the vessel as haunted but rather encouraged visitors to learn more about the ship and decide for themselves. ■ **Michael Prout** and his wife, Audra, relocated to Washington, D.C., after Michael was named deputy assistant director of the U.S. Marshals Service. ■ **Robert Ranieri Jr.** has been promoted to vice president at Rose & Kiernan, Inc., in East Greenbush, N.Y. He received the Greater Southern Dutchess (N.Y.)

Chamber of Commerce's Top Forty under 40 Shaker Award in February. ■ **Christine Tansy Williamsen** and her husband, Stephen, have four children, Nicholas, Jillian, Gabrielle Nicole, and Danielle Marie.

1993

Julia Burns is a senior business analyst with Diversified Investment Advisors in Purchase, N.Y. ■ **Robin Gestl Garcia** is a franchise owner of Dunkin' Donuts in New York and Massachusetts. She has four children, Brianna, 17, Justin, 15, Aijah, 3, and Atticus, 1. ■ **Maria Giovanna Licari Cohen** is a producer for *Good Morning America* and coordinates cooking segments with celebrity chefs such as Emeril Lagasse, Rachael Ray, and Wolfgang Puck. ■ **Jennifer Smith DeFelice's** students at her Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center performed on opening night for the Boston Celtics at the Boston Garden. The Competition Team has received many regional as well as national dance titles. The team also was asked to perform at the Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, Fla. ■ **John-Takashi Suzuki** and his new baby daughter, Ellie, watched the women's basketball team march all the way to



NEW ARRIVALS

Maureen Keenan and Dean Swartz, triplets: a daughter, Gretchen, and sons Blake and Luke, April 3, 2005

1989

Rachel Mastrostefano and Steven Nichols, a daughter, Maggie Joyce, June 12, 2006

1990

Leslie and **Sean Creighton**, a son, Quinn, Aug. 8, 2006

Josette Geronimo and **Paul Mead '89**, twin daughters, Ashley and Sarah, Nov. 10, 2005

Catherine Tagliaferro and **Pierce Redmond**, a daughter, Brenna Marie, April 11, 2006

Ann Triant and Charlie Cave, a son, Carter, Jan. 28, 2006

1991

Dana Branchesi and Jake Tedford, a daughter, Lauren Olivia, June 19, 2006

Allison Campilli and Jay Sapp, a son, Kevin James, Dec. 25, 2005; adopted from Tver, Russia, on Oct. 18, 2006

Sheila Clancy and Martin O'Donnell, a daughter, Alexandra Rose, April 26, 2006

Jacqueline Conroy and Sean O'Donnell, a daughter, Sophia Rose, July 21, 2006

Denise Gormley and Sean Brennan, a daughter, Deirdre, Jan. 1, 2007

Tara McLaughlin and Peter McGuinness, a daughter, Megan Irene, March 17, 2006

Sara Jones and **Peter O'Keefe**, a son, Ryan Peter, Aug. 20, 2006

Jennifer Shotter and Mike Mignano, a son, Aidan Joseph, Nov. 23, 2006

1992

Patricia Camperlengo and **Robert Meindl**, a daughter, Erica Rose, Oct. 26, 2006

Connie and **Kevin Francis**, a daughter, Gabriella Mae, Dec. 14, 2005

Jennifer O'Connell and **Jason Nickelsen**, a daughter, Olivia, Dec. 31, 2005

Georgia and **Steve Popper**, a son, Braden Alexander, Aug. 28, 2006



NEW ARRIVALS

Diane Raven and Brian McLaughlin, a daughter, Megan Joan, June 2, 2006

Christine Tansey and Stephen Williamsen, twin daughters, Gabrielle Nicole and Danielle Marie, Dec. 31, 2005

Jennifer Walker and David Fielding, a daughter, Shaeleigh Hope, Sept. 10, 2005

Debra Waller and Peter Frederick, a daughter, Riley Patricia, April 19, 2006

Karen Wiese and Kenny Osterndorf, a son, Jack Edward, March 3, 2006

1993

Mary and **Robert Allison**, a daughter, Sophia, Aug. 6, 2006

Margaret Barrett and Raymond Resseque, a son, Brandon Raymond, May 28, 2006

Robyn Berger and **James Ulbrich '95**, a daughter, Zoe, May 23, 2006

Elisa Cannizzo and Patrick Kinsman, a son, Holden Patrick, May 9, 2005

Patricia and **Wilbert den Ouden**, a son, Gabriel den Ouden, March 25, 2005, and a daughter, Isabel Joy, Jan. 12, 2007

Jennifer and **Kraig DeMatteis**, a son, Aidan James, April 2006

Stacy Giblin and Tom Edwards, a son, Donovan Thomas, Dec. 16, 2005

Kathleen Kollar and **Brian McCourt '94**, a son, Teagan Patrick McCourt, June 27, 2006

Maria Licari and David Cohen, a son, Matthew Jack, Oct. 25, 2006

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

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

Lisa Smith and Brian Gilmurray, a son, Nicholas Robert, Sept. 18, 2006

Lisa and **John-Takashi Suzuki**, a daughter, Ellie Nozomi, Feb. 15, 2007

1994

Clarissa and **Robert Farrier Jr.**, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, Nov. 17, 2006

Wendy Fell and Dominick DeAngelis, a daughter, Luciana Rose, Oct. 3, 2007

World Community Grid: When Doing Nothing Is Doing Something

Marist College invites all alumni to join the undergraduate population and other Marist friends in the biggest philanthropic grid computing venture in the world. Marist signed on in fall 2004 on to IBM's World Community Grid, a global humanitarian effort that aims to bring together the collective power of millions of individual PCs and business computers to address the world's most urgent challenges using grid computing technology. There are an estimated 650 million PCs in the world.

Those who sign on as participants in World Community Grid lend idle computer time for a multitude of high-potential research projects looking for cures for cancer, AIDS, Alzheimer's, and SARS; mapping the human genome; or providing early warning of impending earthquakes. World Community Grid helps expedite calculations, normally requiring years, to produce results in mere months. World Community Grid will be available only to medical, environmental, and other research projects conducted by public and not-for-profit organizations that meet stringent standards for the betterment of humanity. Results will be made available to the world research community.

President Dennis J. Murray, faculty, staff, and students have joined World Community Grid, and

computers in the various labs across campus have also been connected.

Students in Dr. Mark Van Dyke's communications capping class at Marist recently partnered with IBM to help spread the word about World Community Grid while gaining real world experience and helping humanitarian causes. Some projects organized and implemented by the students include shooting a television commercial for Marist College Television and YouTube, talking to undergraduates about World Community Grid, publicizing the project through flyers posted around campus, and sponsoring a talent show to promote the humanitarian project. They also provided a new slogan: "Be a part of World Community Grid—when doing nothing is doing something."

To read more about the endeavor and to register your own computer, visit www.worldcommunitygrid.org. Enter a member name, password, and e-mail address. Under "Select a Team," choose "Marist College."



Marist students in Dr. Mark Van Dyke's public relations classes and capping courses provided the new slogan for World Community Grid: "Be a part of World Community Grid—When doing nothing is doing something."

the Sweet 16 in Dayton, Ohio, and were beaming with pride. ■ **Jackie Gruebel Wheeler** was promoted to manager of employment at the Boat Owners Association of the United States. ■ **Michael Wilberton** has been working as a structured products trader at Descap Securities, a division of First Albany Corp., since early 2005.

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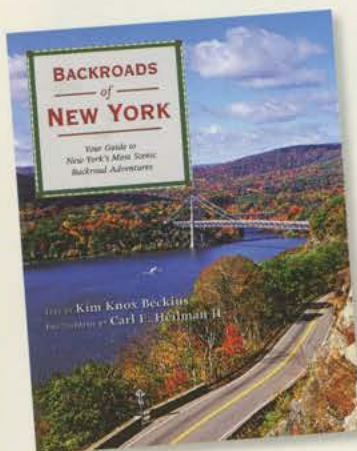
Jennifer Pellegrino Barbee is the founder of Sterling Equine Appraisals, a horse valuation firm. ■ **Jennifer Caron Brady** is an assistant traffic manager for KXAS NBC 5-TV in Dallas, Texas. ■ **John Campbell** was promoted to senior software engineer at IBM. ■ **Cathy Agolia Cote** and **Michael Cote** adopted their daughter, Danrah Catherine, from Russia in

March 2006. She is now 2 years old. Michael was promoted to partner in his law firm. ■ **Wendy Fell DeAngelis** and her husband, Dominick, have three children, Nicolas Saverio, Alexander Jack, and Luciana Rose. ■ **Paul DiGiacomo** and his wife moved from New York to Chicago in November 2005 when Paul became senior editor of Stats LLC, a joint venture between the MegaSports Department of the Associated Press and Stats, Inc., which specializes in providing sports content to online customers. ■ **U.S. Army CPT John F. "Jay" Gavigan** completed his second tour of Iraq in October. He and his wife and their 2-year-old son moved in January from Germany to Fort Lee, Va. He has been at Fort Lee taking the Combined Logistics Captains Career Course that will prepare him

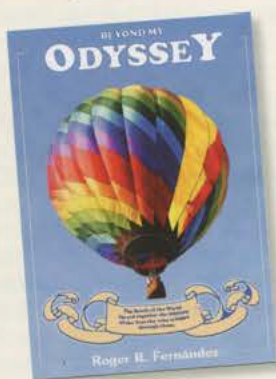
to lead a unit of 100 to 200 soldiers. ■ **Jennifer Smith Frischknecht** is the quality engineering lead for IBM's WebSphere Portlet Factory. ■ **Matthew Muro's** "Activity Partner" and online dating site, www.lifeknot.com, has surpassed 15,000 members. ■ **Jeffrey Schanz** received a certificate of advanced studies and an MS degree in educational administration and policy studies from the University at Albany in 2006. ■ **Kevin Stranahan** was promoted to security manager of the Omni New Haven Hotel at Yale University. Previously Kevin served as a police officer in the NYPD's 104th Precinct for five years and spent the past four and a half years as a security supervisor at Mohegan Sun Casino in Uncasville, Conn. He was recently recognized by the American Heart



ALUMNI AUTHORS

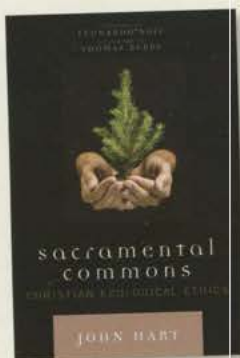


Voyageur Press has just published *Backroads of New York*, the fourth book by **Kim Knox Beckius '90**. A combination coffee table and guide book, the volume presents 28 of New York State's most colorful and scenic drives. See an excerpt at www.backroadsnewyork.com.



Elderberry Press has published *Beyond My Odyssey* by **Roger R. Fernández '58**. In a follow-up to previous books in his autobiographical travel series, Roger writes about his trips to South America and the Philippines as well as the area in Spain, El Bierzo, where he grew up.

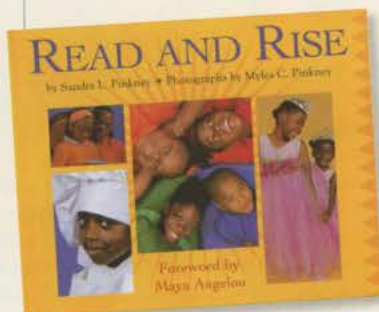
Deborah Jack '93's second volume of poetry, *Skin*, has been published by House of Nehesi Publishers. It's written under the name Drisana Deborah Jack.



John Hart '66's latest book is *Sacramental Commons: Christian Ecological Ethics*, published by Rowman & Littlefield. He also wrote a chapter, "Catholicism," in the *Oxford Handbook of Religion and Ecology*. He is professor of Christian ethics, chair of the Social Ethics Program, and chair of the theology, ethics, and philosophy area at Boston University School of Theology.



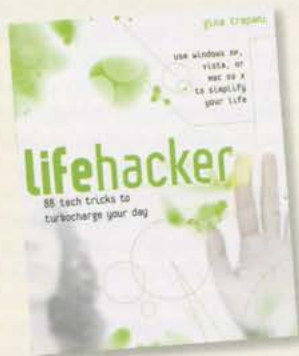
In her new book, *Crazy in America: The Hidden Tragedy of Our Criminalized Mentally Ill*, **Mary Beth Pfeiffer '76** tells the stories of six people whose mental illnesses thrust them into the arms of police and into jails, prisons, and juvenile facilities that were ill-prepared to care for them. Mary Beth is a long-time investigative reporter who was a 2004 Soros Justice Media Fellow. For more information, see www.crazyinamerica.com. The book was published in May by Carroll & Graf.



Myles Pinkney '94 and his wife, Sandra, have released their third book, *Read and Rise*. Published by Scholastic, Inc., it encourages young children to read. For more information visit www.scholastic.com or www.MylesStudio.com.

Aventine Press has published **Lesley Springstun Schaffer '76**'s book *Pet People—Surviving the Alcoholic Home with the Family Pet*.

William F. Supple Jr. is the author of *Becoming a Baby: How Your Baby Grows from Day to Day*.



John Wiley & Sons Inc. has published **Gina Trapani '97**'s *Lifehacker: 88 Tech Tricks to Turbocharge Your Day*. The 88 "life hacks" are ways to tweak your computer for maximum productivity. Hacks include how to automate repetitive tasks, streamline common tasks, control your e-mail, organize your files, and master the Web.

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NEW ARRIVALS

Jennifer Little and Edward Andres Jr., a son, Aidan Edward, Feb. 11, 2005

Heather and **Chris Iardi**, a daughter, Sofia Maryanne, Feb. 17, 2006

Gina and **Matt Miller**, a daughter, Marina Grace, May 10, 2006

Patricia Mocker and AJ Freshwater, a son, Christopher Charles, Aug. 20, 2006

Elizabeth Noonan and **Edwin Ryan II '93**, a daughter, Teagan Jane, June 24, 2006

Michelle Pontecorvo and Daniel Costello, daughters, Sofia Rose, May 5, 2005, and Amelia Jean, Nov. 19, 2006

Jennifer Smith and Steven Frischknecht, a daughter, Holly Christine, Jan. 3, 2007

Colleen Talbot and **Scott Jacques**, a son, Connor Julien, March 17, 2006

Stephanie and **Jeremy Thode**, a daughter, Hannah Deborah, April 1, 2006

E. Robin Vazquez and **Dan Ryan**, a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, Oct. 20, 2006

Shannon Vincent and **Anthony Uanino Jr. '93**, a daughter, Melinda, Oct. 12, 2006

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Dana Avagliano and Thomas Blount, a son, Andrew Francis, Jan. 8, 2006

Shannon Bostwick and Jason Steele, a son, Connor Austin, Feb. 22, 2006

Jeannine Brescia and William Castaldi, a son, Anthony, June 14, 2005

Mary Kate Calabro and **Kyle Bader**, a son, Brendan, Nov. 30, 2006

Kerry Connors and Stanley Broadway, a daughter, Grace Ursula, Aug. 15, 2005

Danielle Couture and Mark Wilson, a daughter, Hailey, April 27, 2005

Maria Cuneo and Eric Kincheloe, a son, Trevor Michael, April 19, 2006

Maryanne and **Sean Dumas**, a daughter, Abbey Mae, June 9, 2006

Suzanne Jacobs and **Marc Gasperino**, a son, Drew Martin, May 14, 2005

Sharon Deloughery and Jeremy Nihart, a daughter, Keleigh, April 2005

Colleen Murphy and **James Nagurney**, a daughter, Anna Elizabeth, July 1, 2005

Jennifer Schneider and John Kemnitzer, a son, Alex, Dec. 31, 2004

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NEW ARRIVALS

Bree Scott and Kevin Pelczar, a daughter, Avery Madison, June 30, 2006

Laura and **Brian Sheridan**, a son, Jack, Dec. 25, 2005

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Virginia Barnes and **George Siegrist '91**, a son, Patrick William, June 14, 2006

Deborah Cartalano and Kolby Slocum, a son, Hudson Liam, April 6, 2005

Cathleen and **Jason Farago**, a daughter, Caitlin Rose, June 2, 2005

Brenda Gallagher and Stephen Liberti, a son, Luke, Jan. 30, 2006

Jennifer Hichborn and **Joseph Badalamenti**, a daughter, Jordan Nicole, Aug. 3, 2005

Amy and **Mark Jeary**, a daughter, Macrina Clare, March 24, 2007

Beth Kershaw and Raymond Mahoskey, a daughter, Faith Maria, Sept. 1, 2006

Katie McMahon and Doug Horstman, a daughter, Abigail Jane, Aug. 25, 2006

Theresa Mottola and **Christopher Mulkins '97**, a son, Matthew Eric, April 4, 2006

Meghan O'Neill and Andrew Currier, a daughter, Catrina Avery, May 11, 2005

Valerie and **Mike Pappagallo**, a daughter, Amelia Rose, Dec. 4, 2005

Heather Spino and Craig Pelletier, a daughter, Megan Ann, July 22, 2006

Jen and **Sean Stam**, a daughter, Payton Louise, Dec. 20, 2005

Karen Teufel and Michael Mushorn, a daughter, Kathryn Mary, Oct. 8, 2006

Julie Vetter and Bryan Palmieri, a daughter, Olivia Grace, Oct. 29, 2005

Carley Waldron and George Tzaglos, a daughter, Marist, Oct. 31, 2006

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Emily Bennett and Jamie Rosica, a son, Kieran Luke, April 5, 2006

Kristine and **Michael Bogush**, a son, Matthew Stephen, May 31, 2006

Gina D'Angelo and Robert Mullen, a daughter, Ava Noelle, Sept. 26, 2006

Association for performing CPR on a casino patron. Through his efforts, along with those of the Mohegan Tribal Fire Department, the patron was resuscitated on the scene and survived. Kevin resides in North Haven, Conn.

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Sharon Deloughery-Nihart lives in Forsyth, Ill., with her husband, Jeremy, and daughter, Keleigh. ■ **Michael J. Dunne** would like to contact Tau Epsilon Phi Marist fraternity brothers about a reunion in New York City. Anyone from TEP can contact Michael at Mduenne@starcpq.com or Durbin "Rod" Hunter at DRH@Themecintyregroup.com. ■ **Anthony Galvin** started a new job in June 2006 at World Wrestling Entertainment as promotions manager for partnership marketing. ■ **James Henne** was promoted to manager in Distribution Services with TJX Corp.'s Homegoods Division. His wife, **Marcia Rosbury-Henne**, is director of admissions at Holyoke Community College in Holyoke, Mass. They reside in Orange, Mass., with their daughters, Lauren, 6, and Abigail, 3. ■ **Megan Mould** is assistant director of programs and events at Boston College. ■ **Kevin O'Neill '95/00MS** teaches BA and MBA classes for the University of Phoenix in the Pittsburgh area. He also does free-lance Web developing for www.pinkcloud.com. ■ **Victoria Perotti** was elected councilwoman for Amenia, N.Y., in January 2006. ■ **Jennifer Pusatere** accepted a position in August 2006 as director of development for the nonprofit Freedom Alliance. Freedom Alliance works with troops and their families. ■ **Sean Ryan** and **David Whitehead** play in a New York City rock band called Liquid Carousel. They have released three records over the past 10 years with another release planned for 2007. Liquid Carousel recently played the 2007 HBO Comedy Arts Festival in Aspen, Colo. For more information, visit www.liquidcarousel.com and www.myspace.com/liquidcarousel. ■ **Danielle Couture Wilson** is a senior Web producer for Lego and is living in Sturbridge, Mass.

1996

Barbara Amos is enjoying life in New Hampshire. She is busy with volunteer work, training for a triathlon, politics, and spending time with her adorable granddaughter. ■ **Todd Coulson** is currently a multimedia developer



Class of 1968 members **Charlie DiSogra** and **Bill Karl** contacted other '68 graduates living in the Poughkeepsie area and held a mini-reunion in January. The group consisted of (left to right) **Dan Kuffner '68**, **Bill Karl '68**, **Nes Bojarczuk '68**, **Toni Bojarczuk '92**, **Bob D'Errico '68**, **George Probolus '68**, and **Charlie DiSogra '68**.

for Haley Productions and is also a teacher at Philadelphia University. His wife, Christina, is finishing a degree in law and a PhD in clinical psychology at Villanova and Drexel universities. ■ **Brian Frankenfield** was promoted to director of development and service, reporting to the CEO and president, at Long Term Care Partners, LLC. ■ **Joshua Gaynor** is class dean of academic advising at Columbia University. ■ **Kathryn Johns-Masten** received her MLS degree in 2004 from SUNY Buffalo. She is a librarian at Siena College. ■ **Sylvia Wood Pastor** resigned from her quality assurance manager position at Edward S. Babcock & Sons, an environmental, analytical laboratory, in Riverside, Calif., to be home with her daughter, Sarah. Raising a 2-year-old and running a home is hard but rewarding work, Sylvia says. She uses her degree every day: chemistry ("how will I get this stain out?"), ethics, economics, and psychology all come into play. She and her family are enjoying their recent relocation to Knoxville, Tenn. ■ **Amy Somes Read** participated in Operation Freefall by jumping out of a plane at 10,000 feet. The jump was part of a nationwide campaign to raise awareness about sexual assault and funds for local service agencies as well as the national organizations Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network and Speaking Out About Rape. More than 270 people across the country jumped, raising more than \$215,000. ■ **Michelle Rivera** participated in a weight-loss challenge on a show called *Primetime Live* and lost 25 pounds. ■ **Stacey Rhubin** is the building coordinator for the Gifted and Talented Program at Monroe-Woodbury (N.Y.) High School. ■ **Virginia (Ginna) Barnes Siegrist '98MA** and **George Siegrist '91** have four young children: Madison Mae, George II, Caroline Jane, and

newest addition Patrick William who was born in June 2006. The proud Siegrist family continues to reside in Poughkeepsie where George is a custom-home builder and Ginna is back at Marist College teaching psychology. ■ **Scott Sullens** has been named president of Bentbrook Furniture. Bentbrook produces custom leather upholstery and leather-fabric combinations. Scott visited Bentbrook's factory south of Shanghai, China, in March. The company is to open a warehouse and a showroom in High Point, N.C., this summer. Scott and his wife, **Vanessa '97**, have lived in Pittsburgh, Detroit, and Overland Park, Kansas, and now reside in High Point with their two daughters, Grace and Molly. ■ **Brandon Tierney** is the host of *The Brandon Tierney Show* which airs weekdays from 7 to 10 p.m. on ESPN Radio 1050 in New York City. He is also the host of pre-game, halftime, and post-game broadcasts of the N.Y. Knicks games. Brandon is an analyst/play-by-play host for St. John's University basketball and contributes to *Out of Bounds* on Comcast's Channel CN8.



Scott Sullens '96



To hundreds of Marist graduates, Mike Malet will always be "Coach." Mike led dozens of Marist teams to victory as head football coach (1978-88) and head lacrosse coach (1984-90). Arriving at Marist in 1970 as assistant football coach, he came to serve as a senior athletic administrator. Mike now leads Arthur S. May Elementary School in Poughkeepsie, where he has been principal for the past eight years. Ten Marist graduates are on his team. Shown in the school library, left to right, are Julie Smith '99, third grade teacher; Christine Barry '86, kindergarten teacher; Carol Porter '72, teaching assistant; Michael Schratz '86, fourth grade teacher; Mike; Tom Voelker '71, school psychologist; Kimberlee Vallo '87, special education teacher; Kelly Becker '01, first grade teacher; Joleigh Burleigh '04, fifth grade teacher; and Michele Anderson '98, special education teacher, shown with her daughter, Emily, a prospect for the Class of '28.

REUNION 1997

Robert Autenrieth is teaching K-5 technology in the Jackson Township School District in New Jersey. He is pursuing a PhD in supervision and special education certification at Georgian Court University in New Jersey. ■ **Maura Wallin Cawley** and her husband, Jay, adopted twin girls, McKenna and Elizabeth, from Guatemala in September. The family recently moved from Hawaii to New Hampshire. ■ **Stephanie Figura** is heading up the New York office of I/D PR, an entertainment/celebrity PR firm, where she is managing several accounts including Starbucks and Tiffany's. ■ **Sue Frost** is the head women's lacrosse coach and the Learning Center manager at the University of Southern Maine. ■ **Karen Fusaro** joined Nine West in 2005 as vice president of international sales. She had worked for the company from 1997 to 2001. ■ **Thomas Holmes Jr.** is a producer and writer for the Fox News Channel. ■ **James O. Lord** was named vice president of public relations for the Surf Restaurant Group on Cape Cod. ■ **Matt McAlear** runs a non-public school in Richmond, Calif., serving students diagnosed on the autism spectrum. The school falls under the umbrella of the California Autism Foundation. CAF serves more than 200 individuals across the greater San Francisco Bay Area. In 2006 a government task force from Slovenia

invited and sponsored Matt to teach a week-long training course in autism service development and delivery for Slovenian medical and educational staff. Matt said the training was an amazing experience, allowing him to work with a recently independent nation as it develops an infrastructure for the education and treatment of this exploding population. He was invited to return for a second visit during summer 2007. ■ **Karin Mitchell** has moved to State College, Pa., and is a quality control inspector. ■ **Stacey Renner** was promoted from assistant treasurer to treasurer of CH Energy Group in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Daniel Tarpey** is a police officer in the Emergency Service Unit for the Port Authority Police Department of New York and New Jersey.



Stacey Renner, '97MBA

1998

Daniel Berggren built a new home in Bondurant, a suburb of Des Moines. ■ **Thomas Dannible** took a new job at the Albany Medical Center as the cardiac services business manager. ■ **David Hartman** is a police officer and also a real estate agent in Wilton, Conn. ■ **Andrew Kilpatrick** held his first public photography display, "The Hudson Valley—A Natural Beauty," at the Hyde Park (N.Y.) Free Library Annex in January 2007. ■ **Liz MacDougall** is an animal care technician at St. Lawrence University, where she also teaches classes on anesthesia, analgesia, surgery techniques, and government rules and regulations pertaining to research animals. ■ **Ronald Markowitz** retired in April 2006 from the IBM Corp. after 25 years of service. He and his wife, Natalie, run a small used-book business in Poughkeepsie called Ron-Nat Books. ■ **Jennifer Scheulen Moss** and her husband, Richard, bought a house in May 2006. ■ **Dr. Bridget Foy Pomerantz** moved back to Poughkeepsie and joined a family practice in Fishkill, N.Y. ■ **Kristen Jones-Tangarone** is the engineered products manager for Pearse-Bertram and lives in New Hartford, Conn., with her husband, Jeremy, and 4-year-old daughter, Corrin.

1999

Jennifer Canonico Avroch teaches third grade at S.J. Preston Elementary School and her husband, **Bryan Avroch '00**, teaches eighth grade reading in Stamford, Conn. ■ **Diane**



NEW ARRIVALS

- Willow Lanpher** and **Thomas Dannible '98**, a son, Jaxson Thomas, April 9, 2007
- Catherine Liebman** and **Michael Kirby**, a daughter, Caroline Elizabeth, May 22, 2006
- Suzanne McNamee** and **Van Snyder**, a son, Jonah, Dec. 19, 2006
- Jo-Ann Piezzo** and **J. Patrick Holmes**, a son, Jack Thomas, May 2, 2005
- Colleen Smith** and **Benjamin Hawkinson**, a daughter, Riley Frances, July 2005
- Marianne Vetter** and **Brian Warner**, a son, Robert John, Jan. 8, 2007
- Maura Wallin** and **Jay Cawley**, twin daughters, McKenna and Elizabeth, Feb. 16, 2006
- Tabitha Zierow** and **James Maccalou '97**, a daughter, Allison, January 2006
- Sandra Dougall** and **Christian Stromberg**, a daughter, Gretchen Eva, April 19, 2006
- 1998**
- Jolene Barnao** and **Christopher Plant**, a son, Andrew James, Feb. 21, 2006
- Danielle Battiloro** and **Marc Vaphides**, a daughter, Isabella, July 2006
- Amie** and **Mike Blanchette**, a daughter, Anna Noelle Blanchette, Dec. 1, 2006
- Holly Giammarella** to **John Maroney '00**, Oct. 28, 2006
- Suzanne** and **Russell Heigel**, a daughter, Gabriela, Jan. 17, 2006
- Brittany King** and **David O'Connor**, a son, James David, Feb. 1, 2006
- Melissa Manso** and **Adam Pennucci**, a daughter, Adeline Ann, Jan. 2, 2006
- Kimberly McHugh** and **Christian Toelle**, twin daughters, Phoebe and Chloe, Nov. 15, 2005
- Kimberly Metera** and **Carl Fishback**, a son, Benjamin Riley, Feb. 9, 2007
- Mandi Morabito** and **Brett McLaughlin**, a son, Anthony William, Nov. 24, 2005
- Melissa Podgurski** and **William Shimukonas**, a daughter, Nicole Marie, Oct. 23, 2006

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NEW ARRIVALS

Allison Poulin and Martin Sinacola '97, twin sons, Lucas Martin and Logan Michael, Feb. 2, 2006

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Kerry Barrett and Wilson Mendez Jr. '01, a son, Kevin Wilson, April 27, 2006

Melissa Bennett and Chris Xistris, a daughter, Grace, Aug. 9, 2006

Gina Cabuzzi and Joseph Bozek, a son, Benjamin Anthony, March 30, 2006

Jennifer Canonico and Bryan Avroch '00, a daughter, Marissa, July 26, 2006

Meredith and **Kevin Lundy**, a son, Brendan Michael, July 11, 2006

Joelene Lyons and Michael Lenyk, a daughter, Allison Nicole, Oct. 26, 2006

Keri and **Mike Melfi**, a son, Dante Michael, March 9, 2007

Ursula Modzelewski and Eric Sward, a son, Lukas Kevin, Oct. 4, 2006

Robin Monk and Gregory Bilotta, a son, Jack Keller, Feb. 20, 2006

Dana O'Rourke and James Condela, a daughter, Makayla Elle, May 28, 2006

Emily Snayd and Benjamin Scurto, a son, Noah Richard, March 8, 2006

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Manjari Gangwar and Koustubh Warty, a daughter, Niharika, September 2006

Kimberly Lux and Robert Connelley, a son, Robert Lux Connelley, Nov. 22, 2006

Beth Mathewson and Mark Law, a son, Matthew Thomas, March 9, 2006

Lorraine Millen and Garrett Millen, a daughter, Niagara Marie, September 2006

Kate Tower and Bill Millis, a daughter, Kelly Morgan, Dec. 12, 2006

Janeen Van Beesel and Keith Allmendinger, a son, Eric Michael, March 3, 2006

2001

Robin Applegarth and Mark Bielawiec, a daughter, Amelia Anne, June 26, 2005

Seneca Beck and Ryan McCue, a daughter, Adelyn Grace, Feb. 26, 2007

Bonsignore is a producer on *Inked*, a reality show on A&E about tattoo artists. ■ **Richard Cocchiara** was recognized as an IBM Distinguished Engineer in May 2006. ■ **Colleen Hoffman** is teaching pre-K at Half Hollow Hills Central School District in Dix Hills, N.Y. ■ **Emily Kucharczyk** is a development researcher/writer at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn. ■ **Amanda Liles** is president-elect for the 2006-2007 board of directors of the San Antonio Media Alliance, a chapter of American Women in Radio and Television. ■ **Kathleen Wisniewski McEnroe** is pursuing an advanced certificate in literacy at Hofstra University. ■ **Mike Melfi** placed third in the 2006 Key Bank Vermont City Marathon in a time of 2 hours and 32 minutes. ■ **Jessyka Peeters's** son, Colten, turned 2 years old in June. Jessyka teaches second grade in Averill Park, N.Y.

2000

Jennifer Ferris Azzariti and her husband, Tom, bought a house in Massapequa Park, N.Y. ■ **Heidi Bock** is Columbia Land Conservancy's conservation easement stewardship associate in Columbia County, N.Y. ■ **Lauren Gancarz Dabek** moved from Syracuse, N.Y., to Tolland, Conn., and became the marketing manager at Schoenhardt Architecture & Interior Design in Tariffville, Conn. ■ **Anna Darpino** graduated from law school and passed the July 2006 Pennsylvania and New Jersey bar exams. She began a clerkship for the Hon. William Mathesius in Mercer County Superior Court in Trenton, N.J. ■ **Michael Galante** is manager of the Co-Marketing Division for ESPN Customer Marketing and Sales. ■ **Manjari Gangwar and Koustubh Warty** relocated to Frisco, Texas, near Dallas. ■ **Heather Suydam Herrington** was recently elected to the Executive Committee of the Young Lawyers Division of the Philadelphia Bar Association. ■ **Tracy Pizzola Jensen** is pursuing a degree in radiologic technology. ■ **Aisha Wright Kutter**, program manager for the New York Power Authority's Peak Load Management Program, was named the Power Authority's 2007 Black Achiever. Aisha was recognized for improving NYPA's efforts to estimate its customers' energy use, allowing NYPA to more accurately arrange for their energy needs. ■ **Christopher Vaughn-Martel** was sworn in as a member of the Massachusetts bar on Dec. 1,



Marist students and staff had the opportunity to shop for a good cause when Caravan, the boutique launched by Claudine '96 and Brian Gumbel '96, came to campus in April. Opened in June 2005, Caravan makes the rounds in Manhattan, offering men's and women's clothing, accessories, and gift items from around the globe. Caravan donated 10 percent of sales to the Marist College Fashion Program Scholarship Fund. Above, Claudine (right) greets shopper Katie Magarity '05, Marist's alumni relations assistant.

2006. ■ **Jacqueline Martin** graduated from Boston University with a master's in school counseling. She is coordinator of career assessment, planning, and placement at Blue Hills Technical School in Canton, Mass. She runs its cooperative education program, administers career assessments for incoming freshmen, and assists with recruitment. ■ **Jennifer Matarazzo** resigned from *Fitness Magazine*, where she was an associate editor, and is now senior editor at *Weight Watchers Magazine*. ■ **Margo Henninger Musgnug** is pursuing a master's in educational administration at the University of Scranton. ■ **Mike Musgnug** was promoted to director of marketing at Inverness Medical. He has offices in Maine, the UK, and Germany. ■ **Alison O'Brien** has been named partner at Gagnon Securities, an investment firm where she has worked since 2003. ■ **Jessica Cooper Palliardi** completed an MA in education at the University of Connecticut and is certified to teach middle and high school social studies. Jessica and her husband, Leo, a financial advisor in Hartford, Conn., reside in Manchester, Conn., and recently purchased their first home. ■ **Chelsey Ferrigno Patris** is thrilled to be the new director of alumni relations at Fitchburg State College in Massachusetts. ■ **Kerri Darmody Philipbar** is busy raising her son,

working, and attending nursing school at SUNY Farmingdale. ■ **Kelly Ulmschneider and Brian Jingleleski** live in Wantagh, N.Y., where Kelly teaches at Herricks High School and Brian is an Emmy-Award winning cameraman at News 12 Long Island. ■ **Abby van Horne** ran in the 2005 New York City Marathon and completed the 2007 Boston Marathon with a time of 3 hours and 26 minutes. ■ **Rachael Vollaro** was promoted to vice president at Rubenstein Communications, Inc., in New York City. ■ **Adam Weissman** became the president of the Hoboken Ski Club. ■ **Shelly Napoli Yapchanyk** graduated from nursing school in 2006 and became a registered nurse.

2001

Robert Adamski was promoted to associate producer II within the ESPN Remote Production Department. ■ **James Alackness** moved to Georgia to teach sixth grade special education in Waynesboro. He also recently bought his first house, in South Carolina. He previously worked in residential life at Marist for four years. ■ **Christopher Asmann** is attending master's degree classes at Fordham University and working toward sign language certification. ■ **Christopher Blasie** was promoted to senior analyst of research and on-board product at Continental Airlines. He



President Dennis J. Murray (far left) welcomed Marist Trustee James Barnes '68 and his wife, Maryellen, and their family to the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City. Jim and Maryellen were honorary grand marshals for the Marist contingent. Family members included alumni George Siegrist '91, Sean Barnes '04, Shamus Barnes '91, and Virginia "Ginna" Barnes Siegrist '96/'98MA.

became a member of the Continental Management Association. He was chosen to organize inaugural flights in 2006 to Cologne, Barcelona, and Copenhagen. ■ **Kimberly Niforos Bolan** and **Jack Bolan** recently married and have purchased their first home, in Springfield, N.J. ■ **Michael Coviello** received a master's degree in public history from SUNY Albany in December 2006. ■ **James Dabek** is an avionics software engineer at Lockheed Martin Systems Integration in Owego, N.Y. He recently completed the company-sponsored Engineering Leadership Development Program which included a master's in systems engineering from Cornell University. ■ **Jeff Dahncke** is a vice president at Weber Shandwick, a global public relations firm. He advises companies on corporate communications strategy. ■ **Sharon Kennedy DePalo** and her husband, Anthony, purchased a house on Long Island. ■ **Leah Duggan** is living just north of Boston and still teaches seventh and eighth grade Spanish at Parker Middle School in Reading, Mass. ■ **Jeremy Kosciulecki** completed his PhD in biological chemistry at the University of Connecticut in the fall of 2006. He is now working as an R & D chemist with DuPont. ■ **Gerald Nelson '01MPA** was promoted to Brooklyn North borough commander by the New York City Police Department. ■ **Melissa**

Novick lives in Las Vegas, Nev., and works at the Venetian Hotel. ■ **Christopher Parfett** is pursuing a master's in social work at Adelphi University. He expects to graduate in 2007. ■ **Joseph Parizo** moved to Illinois to be with his fiancée, Nicole. ■ **Matthew Pitruzzello** received a doctor of pharmacy degree in May 2005. He is practicing in Danbury, Conn. ■ **Christina Schwab** is a buyer for a chain of craft stores called the Rag Shop. ■ **Patrick Spence** had been working at WTOP Radio for more than two years but has moved to a sister station, WFED. He is now the associate producer of a new morning show aimed at federal workers both in the Washington, D.C., area and stationed around the country and the world. ■ **Julio A. Torres Jr.** works at the Fashion Institute of Technology as an Equal Opportunity Program advisor/counselor.



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Martin Aguilar was promoted in 2006 to sales director of audiovisual at the Westin New York hotel in Times Square. ■ **Benny Cueto** is a high school business teacher in New Jersey, where his fiancée, **Alyssa Tierney '03**, resides and owns a bridal shop. ■ **Maria De Dallin** is keeping the Geriatric Assessment Program going at Catskill Regional Medical Center in Harris, N.Y., under

a new grant for another year. She is a member of the Geriatrics Mental Health Alliance. ■ **James F. Dooley '02MPA** is a captain in the New York Police Department and has three chil-



NEW ARRIVALS

Rebecca Kizirian and **Jeffrey DiStefano**, a daughter, **Erin Tula**, April 28, 2006

Dawn Russell and **Robert "Gus" Schnitzer '96**, a daughter, **Madeline Mae**, Jan. 22, 2007

Jennifer Sperry and **Oscar Santiago**, a daughter, **Fiona Helena**, July 26, 2006

2002

Kimberly Magrone and **Brian Laffin**, a son, **Patrick Darren**, March 3, 2007

Julie Anne Valente and **Antonio Milelli**, a son, **Giuseppe Christiano**, July 11, 2006

2003

Laura and **Christopher Hart**, sons, **Caelan**, Nov. 23, 2004, and **Timothy**, May 13, 2007

2005

Kristen Meinecke and **Michael Laino**, a son, **Jacob Michael**, Aug. 25, 2006

Alumni Accept Award for Morgan Stanley

James Crutchfield '00 and **Joseph Verderame '00** of Morgan Stanley recently accepted an award on behalf of their employer from Marist College's Center for Career Services.

Stephen Cole '72, executive director of the Center for Career Services, presented the Intern Employer of the Year Award April 26 at the center's Field Experience Recognition Luncheon on Marist's main campus. The annual award recognizes an employer who has a long-standing relationship with Marist, based on full-time recruitment and internship hires.

James and **Joseph** are associates in the Technology Division of Morgan Stanley. In addition, Marist alumni **Vicky Chen '07** and **Jeffrey Forde '06** of Morgan Stanley attended the luncheon, which also drew more than 160 employers, Marist faculty and staff, and students.

Past recipients of the employer award have been **Maggie London International**, **Dutchess County Sheriff's Department**, **Center for Enhanced Performance** at U.S. Military Academy, **St. Francis Hospital**, **IBM**, **Enterprise Rent-A-Car**, **American Cancer Society**, **Central Hudson Gas and Electric**, **Northwestern Mutual Life**, **Paine Webber**, and **Madison Square Garden**.

Also at the luncheon, **Desmond Murray**, assistant director of Field Experience, presented the 2007 Marist College Intern of the Year Award to **Amy Fernandez**, a senior communications major with a concentration in advertising. The annual award, given by the Center for Career Services since 1993, recognizes a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in experiential education, which includes internships, co-ops, and student teaching assignments.

Alumni who would be interested in having Marist students serve as interns in their workplaces are invited to contact Desmond Murray at desmond.murray@marist.edu or (845) 575-3547.

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

Bernard A. Garrett '48
 Dr. Denis D. Murphy '49
 Bro. Matthew R. Snowden, FMS '53
 Patrick M. Curtin '58 (Bro. Patrick Anselm, FMS)
 Bro. Joseph Malatak '58
 Alexander R. Brown '61
 Donald J. Edwards '61
 Bro. Bernard Ruth, FMS '62
 James J. Gara '63
 John P. Loughren '63
 James F. Cardus '68
 Theodore B. Brosnan '70
 Jack Neustadt '72
 James J. Lavery '73
 Stephen F. Murphy '75
 Carl J. Bondell '77
 Kevin P. Gallagher '77
 Michael A. Muscatell '77
 Michael W. Welch, Jr. '77
 Dianne M. Hacker '81
 George R. Penfield '85
 Douglas Maloney '87
 Jeffrey B. Whitaker '87
 Thomas P. Logan '93
 Kimberly L. Knight '94
 Judy K. Parks '94
 Kathleen M. Wilson '95
 Terrina L. Snowden '04
 David C. Brinkerhoff '06MPA
 Antonio Nieves '06MPA

Friends

David Avenius
 A. F. Roy Carpenter
 Evelyn J. Crispell
 Mary Foy
 Phyllis Haven
 Dr. Martin Koloski
 Benjamin Leeds
 Warren J. Mitofsky
 Josephine Minutella
 Joseph O'Brien
 Ethel Schwartz
 Leonard E. Simon
 Dr. Theodore G. Sturgis

dren. ■ **Nicholas Gildard** graduated in May 2005 from Pace University Law School in White Plains. He is an assistant district attorney with the Dutchess County District Attorney's Office in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Elizabeth Hammond** was selected for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Emerging Leaders Program. She completed her rotation at the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services and is now doing rotations through H&HS. ■ **Lisa Bonnes Johnson** has moved back to the United States after living in Bamberg, Germany, for three years. ■ **Megan Richard Licata** is pursuing a master's in analytical chemistry at the University of New Hampshire. Her husband, **Brendan Licata '01**, is the manager for Robert Half International Corp. They have two children, Kieran Brendon, 6, and Brigid Katherine, 16 months. ■ **Thomas Murray** was promoted from vice president to associate director at Bear Stearns. ■ **Emily Pacella** is currently pursuing educational administration certification. ■ **Alison Reilley** finished a master's degree in teaching English language learners. She is teaching Spanish. Four years ago she started a lacrosse program in the Dedham, Mass., public schools, and now the schools have both junior varsity and varsity teams. ■ **Carolyn Salter** has joined the staff of the Lillian and Emanuel Slutzker Center for International Services at Syracuse University as an advisor to international students and scholars. ■ **Diesa Seidel** is pursuing a master's degree and teaching health and physical education in New Jersey after playing professional basketball in Tarbes, France, and Viterbo, Italy. ■ **Mariel Sosa** is working for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

2003

Bridget Boian received a master's in reading from Sacred Heart University in 2004. She is currently a special education teacher at an elementary school in Shelton, Conn. ■ **Erin Burke** is a publicist in the Lifestyle/Beauty Department at Rogers & Cowan in New York City. ■ **Linda Calvelli** passed four parts of the CPA exam, completing the final part in November 2006. ■ **Danielle Coscia** is earning a master's in learning technologies at William Paterson University. ■ **Jonathan DeZinno** was promoted to background screening analyst with Citigroup Security and Investigative Services in its back-



In May, Anthony Trocino '07 was the last of six in his family to graduate from Marist. A photo at commencement included (left to right) Domenic Trocino '98, MaryEllen Siegrist Trocino '01MA, Patricia Trocino '03, Anthony, Christine Fasano, Chris Trocino '05, and Mark Trocino '02.

ground screening unit. ■ **Mary Doyle** moved to Westchester and started a new job with Tri-State Learning Center after completing a master's degree. ■ **Michael Festi** teaches first grade in South Windsor, Conn. ■ **Sarah Ferguson Olberding** and her husband, Ethan, are stationed in Oahu, Hawaii. Ethan is a captain in the U.S. Army and recently returned home from Iraq. ■ **Lauren Gilstein** lives in Manhattan and is employed at Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University as a Web developer for the Education Technology Department. ■ **Nichole Hartzell** spent two years teaching in special education in Hawaii. She now teaches at Overbrook School for the Blind in Philadelphia. ■ **Nick Lakin** is the head coach and program director of the Black Hawk Area Swim Team and was also the 2006-2007 Iowa Swimming Coach of the Year. ■ **Danielle Blank Lambert** bought a home in Pennsylvania, where her husband accepted a position in Wilkes-Barre. ■ **Vito Pagano** was promoted to vice president in Global Corporate Investment Banking for Bank of America Merchant Services. ■ **Matthew Pennacchio** was promoted to senior account executive at Ruder Finn Public Relations in New York City. ■ **Jonathan Wetmore** received a JD degree from the Robert Williams University Ralph R. Papitto School of Law in May 2006. ■ **Nichola Williams** was promoted to manager of product development at Calypso Christiane Cello. ■ **Stacey Willis** has purchased her first house, in Wallingford, Conn., where she says will proudly hang pictures representing many Marist memories.

2004

Kevin and Tracey (Maida) Altieri live in Stamford, Conn. ■ **Kelli Bodrato** is the co-author of the case study "Entrepreneurs Test the Market: Got (Goat's) Milk?" published in the *New England Journal of Entrepreneurship*. ■ **James Dudra** launched a new business, Eco Touch, in New Hampshire. Eco Touch is a new biodegradable, nontoxic, waterless car cleaning product. For more information, go to www.ecotouch.net. ■ **Lauren Fassold** is training for the Honolulu Marathon. She is in her third year of teaching in Hawaii. ■ **Brendan Grimaldi** is a programming manager for AOL Music as well as a music director on AOL Radio, housed in New York City. ■ **Stephen Harrison** was nominated as Web site committee chairman for the Big Bend Society of Human Resources Management, an organization of more than 150 professionals from a variety of agencies in the Tallahassee, Fla., area. He was also promoted to director of human resources for Seva Technologies, LLC, while keeping his title of business manager. ■ **Edmund Hartnett '04MPA** has been appointed commissioner of police in Yonkers, N.Y. ■ **Sean Houlihan** graduated with an MS in national security in 2006 from the University of New Haven. He is a police officer in Connecticut. ■ **Kathleen F. Hyde** has been promoted to corporate trainer at Geico. ■ **Adaze W. Imafidon** is the owner of A.W.I. Security & Investigations. He has employed more than 130 security guards and investigators. ■ **Kristin Mancini** graduated from the University of Connecticut in May 2006 with an MA in Spanish.

■ Since graduating, **John McGarr** has lived in New Mexico and Hawaii. He then worked at *Newsday* on Long Island before becoming an assistant supervisor in the trucking and warehouse division at ABC in New York City. ■ **Frank J. Muthig's** daughter is studying criminal justice at Dutchess (N.Y.) Community College. ■ **Jacqueline Ranaldo** is pursuing a master's degree at C.W. Post. ■ **Allison Seaman** recently returned from Hawaii where she has taught for the past two years. She is now teaching a self-contained special education class in Roselle Park, N.J. ■ **Lauren Selke** has been working as a merchandise coordinator at the Danbury Christmas Tree Shops since July 2004. ■ **Tracey Robinson-Thomas** completed Greenbelt Training for Six Sigma, a unique approach to process improvement and problem-solving.

2005

Jill Anderson is teaching third grade in Brooklyn, N.Y., and has moved to Queens with a fellow Marist graduate, **Timothy McCarthy**. ■ **Alexander Bea** is coaching for the University of Texas club crew team. ■ **Julia Braun** is pursuing a Doctor of Jurisprudence degree and says she misses all of her Red Fox friends. ■ **Patricia Coogan** is earning a Master of Education degree in higher education in student affairs at Salem State College in Salem, Mass. She hopes to pursue a career in residence life

or student activities. ■ **John De Joy '05MBA**, the dean of graduate and continuing education enrollment at Marist, ran in the New York City Marathon and came in No. 33,880, finishing in 5 hours and 30 minutes. ■ **John DeLaat III** has been working at ESPN in Bristol, Conn., for a year as a programming content associate. ■ **Caitlin Donahue**, upon completion of her first year at Thomas M. Cooley Law School, has received two certificates of merit for achieving the highest grade in two classes: Torts I and Research and Writing. ■ **Matt Grant** is pursuing an MS in journalism at Columbia University. ■ **Caitlin Halligan** has taken a new job at *New York Magazine* as a designer. She says she is enjoying life in the city. ■ **Mehren Hopfenspirger** received a master's in science from the University at Albany in December 2006. ■ **Lorraine Lopez** is a program specialist at the New York 21st Statewide Technical Center where she provides training and technical assistance to 21st Century Community Learning Centers, federally funded afterschool programs throughout New York State. Prior to working with the center, Lorraine taught with Orange-Ulster BOCES and the Fallsburg Central School District. Her oldest daughter, Jocelyn, will head to college in the fall. ■ **Nicole Lynch** was promoted from corporate sales assistant for Nets basketball to sales and research coordinator for Brooklyn Sports &



When Lesley Springstun Schaffer '76 replaced the Marist College Alumni license plate on her car recently, she and her husband, Rick, found a good use for the old one. Rick used it to decorate a bird feeder that hangs at their cabin near the Lincoln National Forest in Ruidoso, N.M. "I've noticed a sharp increase in visitors," Lesley says, "and they seem to be a little more educated!"



Mike Mostransky '94's solo photo exhibit, "Moments Captured," is scheduled for Uniondale (N.Y.) Library in September. The same exhibit appeared over the past year at libraries in Baldwin, Wantagh, North Bellmore, Hempstead, and East Meadow. In November two of his pieces were accepted for a group show at the North Shore Art Guild, a juried show that included only two photographers' works among its 150 paintings and pieces of sculpture. For more information visit <http://mikemostransky.blogspot.com>.

Entertainment. ■ **Daniel Mazzone '05MPA** retired from the Schenectady Police Department in December 2005. He is now an agent with the Internal Revenue Service. ■ **Anthony Olivieri** is an associate editor at PA SportsTicker, a real-time sports news information service delivering instant scores, breaking sports news, statistics, previews, recaps, and features to radio and TV stations, broadcast and cable networks, newspapers, wire services, interactive media, online services, paging services, multimedia, and other electronic publishing applications throughout North and South America and Japan. ■ **Richard Sassi II** was promoted to detective with the City of Beacon Police Department in March 2007. ■ **Scott Shukri** is a graduate student in the physician assistant program at New York Institute of Technology. ■ **Allison Stern** is a sales executive for Jones New York's L.E.I. Division. ■ **Lauren Talbot** works at UBS Financial Services in Weehawken, N.J. ■ Marine Lt. **Patrick VanHorne** is stationed at Camp Pendleton in California and is preparing for deployment to Iraq.

2006

Ashley Arcuri is applying to radiography school and seeking a job. ■ **Patrick Bean** is pursuing a master's degree at Duke University. ■ **Christine Behlmer** is a part-time graduate student at Fairfield

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University. She also is an international assignment consultant for Cartus in Danbury, Conn. ■ **Matthew Borchers** is enjoying teaching seventh and ninth grade math and fondly remembers his four years at Marist. ■ **David C. Brinkerhoff '06MPA**, a New York State Trooper, was killed in the line of duty on April 25, 2007. The New York State Trooper Foundation has established a trust fund at Trustco Bank for David's infant daughter, Isabella Grace. ■ **Adam Coppola** is working for *The Insider* and *Entertainment Tonight*. Both shows reportedly recently achieved their highest ratings in the past two years and were rated the No. 1 and No. 2 entertainment news shows on TV. ■ **Remington Cox** has opened CC Blue, a contemporary Japanese restaurant featuring a sushi bar, in the town of St. Helena in northern California's Napa Valley. To read more, visit www.cdbluesushi.com. ■ **Tara Delmour** is pursuing a master's in teaching at Montclair State University in New Jersey. ■ **Amanda DeValerio '06MA** became an adjunct professor at Peirce College in Philadelphia, Pa. ■ **Elizabeth Egan** is pursuing a master's in elementary education at Sacred Heart University in Fairfield, Conn. ■ **Katie Eskin** is the marketing and PR coordinator

for the International Fight League, "the world's first mixed martial arts professional league." ■ **Virginia Fundell** is applying to law school. ■ **Kimberly Fuller** has completed her first year in a PhD program at Syracuse University. ■ **Christina Garibaldi** is working for MTV in its News Department. ■ **Mark Gildard** is a certified athletic trainer and a graduate student in the athletic training program at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va. He is a graduate assistant trainer for several of the university's Big East athletic teams. ■ **Sherri Glicklin** is an investigator for New York State. She says it's a great opportunity and very exciting to be able to apply her degree. ■ **Lorraine Grant** started in the MBA program at Marist this spring. ■ **Edward Grosskreuz** is earning an MA in adolescent education in English at Adelphi University and was observing in the classroom this spring. He continues to pursue his interest in theatre, acting in six shows since graduating from Marist. In January, he performed for the first time in New York City in a play written by a fellow actor. They now, along with a few others, have formed the Winter Theatre Company. They plan to write and stage new work again soon. ■ **Aurora Israelson** is pursuing an MS degree in college student personnel at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, and is running a residence hall. ■ **Darren Johansen** completed a master's degree in psychology at Marist in May. ■ **Kenneth Juras** is pursuing an MPA at Rockefeller College at the University of Albany. ■ **Lindsay Liquori** is the first woman sports anchor/producer at Time Warner in Middletown, N.Y. ■ **Jennifer Luongo** is working as a group assistant for the Kaplan Thaler Group in New York City. ■ **Dennis Marcel '06MPA** retired as a deputy commanding officer with the Rockville Centre (N.Y.) Police Department. He is now a detective investigator for the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office. ■ **Patricia Maxim** lives in West Virginia and is attending West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. ■ **Miranda McAuliffe** is a news assistant for NY1 News and also waitresses on weekends at a local bowling alley. Miranda is considering graduate school programs. Her family has just adopted a shelter dog named Lady. ■ Upon retiring from the NYPD's Organized Crime

Unit, **Anthony Mercogliano '06MPA** went to work for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority Control Bureau as inter-agency security liaison in January 2006. In November, he was promoted to director of security operations for MTA bridges and tunnels. ■ **Christina Moran** is living in Manhattan and working in the fashion industry as an assistant product development manager for Ann Taylor. ■ **Katie Nichols** is working full time as a relocation consultant, specifically for government agencies such as the FAA and NASA. ■ **Sara Nylin** is saving money to go back to school to study photography. She misses Marist. ■ **Lisa Reyes** is a sixth grade special education teacher at Minisink Valley (N.Y.) Middle School and plans to begin a master's degree program this summer. ■ **Leah Schultz** teaches ninth grade algebra and geometry in Litchfield, Conn. She presented at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Annual Conference in Atlanta, Ga., in March. She also coached the girls' varsity tennis team at her school this spring. ■ **Nicole Sciacca** is working for LiveTechnology, an Internet company that helps manage advertising, marketing, and communications for Fortune 500 companies. ■ **Megan Sickler** joined the Community Service Office at the University of New Haven as the community service coordinator. ■ **Lisa Stephens** began working at IBM as a financial analyst right after graduation. ■ **Michaela Sweet** is the marketing manager for the Ottawa Lynx baseball team in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada. ■ **Melissa Troiano** is marketing coordinator at DOT Federal Credit Union in Poughkeepsie. ■ **Alec Troxell** is a presentations coordinator at BBDO, a New York City advertising agency. He loves his job and the company for which he works. ■ **Bryan Van Steenberg** coordinates public relations at the National Kidney Foundation. ■ **David Violante** is the assistant director of emergency medical services for the Arlington Fire District in Poughkeepsie. He also volunteers with the international humanitarian organization SHARE (Society for Hospital And Resources Exchange). ■ **Ryan Wisniewski** has purchased a home and is now president of North Creek Carpentry Inc. ■ **Richard Zayas** has been accepted to the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine.



President Dennis J. Murray (far right) presented the Marist College Alumni Association's 2007 Alumni Leadership Award to Nicholas Lombardi '07 (left) and Maryellen Conway '07 at the College's baccalaureate ceremony in May. Each year the association recognizes two seniors for outstanding leadership and contributions to the campus community. Recipients are nominated and elected by alumni employed by Marist.

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