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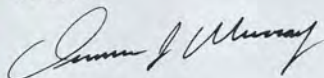
# A Note from President Dennis J. Murray

Dear Members of the Marist Community,

I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the fall season. In all candor, I didn't expect to be sitting in Greystone penning another letter to the Marist community. But as you know, the Board has asked me to serve as Interim President while it considers the most appropriate process and timeline for a new presidential search. While this situation is something that Marilyn and I could never have imagined, we are grateful for the opportunity to be of service to an institution we love. We both remain deeply committed to advancing Marist and will do whatever we can to provide stability and continuity during this transition.

I believe that Marist will be an extremely attractive opportunity for the right type of leader. The College is at an exciting point in its history, and there are a lot of wonderful things happening. We have a stable financial outlook, and we just brought in a terrific freshman class. We're about to bring the new McCann Center online with some of the best athletic and recreational facilities in the nation. Our distinctive academic programs continue to receive accolades from around the country. We were again listed in *The Princeton Review's Best 385 Colleges* and in its publication *Colleges That Create Futures*. We are at #10 in *U.S. News & World Report*, which also identified us as a "Most Innovative School." And we are fourth among all American universities in study abroad according to the U.S. State Department's *Open Doors* report.

If there's anything that gives me confidence in the future, it's the people of Marist—the students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the College. Presidents may come and go, but it's the people and community that make Marist so special, and with your continued active engagement, the College will be successful for many years to come.



Dennis J. Murray  
President



Marilyn and Dennis J. Murray



Denise Vanech

## THREE JOIN BOARD

Denise Vanech, Greg Gartland, and Dan Moran II '03 have become members of the Marist College Board of Trustees.

Vanech is a philanthropist and human resources professional who has worked at Nabisco, American Express, and Combustion Engineering. Along with her husband, Dean, Vanech is a trustee of the Vanech Family Foundation, which supports education, human services, and performing arts programs in New York and New Jersey. In 2017, the foundation endowed a generous scholarship at Marist and the Vanech Special Services Fund which meets the needs of financially disadvantaged students with learning disabilities. Vanech's son, Nicky, graduated from Marist in 2018. Denise and Dean reside in New Vernon, NJ.

Gartland is a partner at Winston & Strawn, an international law firm with nearly 1,000 attorneys in key financial centers around the world. He works in Winston's New York and Chicago offices, where he specializes in restructuring, insolvency, lending transactions, and business reorganization. Prior to joining Winston in 2009, Gartland was an associate attorney at Lusk, Stern & Eisler, a New York City law firm that specializes in bankruptcy and loan restructurings. He worked at Corbally, Gartland & Rappleyea in Poughkeepsie from 2003 to 2005. Gartland is the son of Michael Gartland and grandson of John J. Gartland Jr., both of whom served as Marist trustees—Jack Gartland as chair. Greg resides in Poughkeepsie with his wife, Ellen, and their two children.



Greg Gartland



Dan Moran II '03

Moran is president of the Marist Alumni Executive Board, having served as a member since 2009 and as secretary from 2014 until becoming president. The Alumni Executive Board president is an ex officio voting member of the Marist Board of Trustees. Moran is senior director of operations at Covanta Energy, a waste management and incineration service provider headquartered in Morristown, NJ. Previous roles there included business manager and director of mergers and acquisitions. In 2019, the online trade publication *Waste 360* named Moran to its "40 Under 40" list of innovative professionals under age 40 whose work in waste, recycling, and organics has made a significant contribution to the industry. Moran also co-owns 13 Stars CrossFit in Morristown with Brian Vagnini '03. He earned a business degree from Marist, where he was a member of the swim team, and an MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Moran and his wife, Marie Isolda '03, live in New Jersey with their daughter, Gracie.

Vanech and Gartland were elected to the board in November 2018. 🇺🇸



## WOODSTOCK @ 50: HRVI PRESENTS CONFERENCE ON WOODSTOCK FESTIVAL AND ITS IMPACT

Three days of peace and music were actually almost a decade in the making.

This past June 13-14, the Hudson River Valley Institute (HRVI) at Marist College hosted "1969: When Woodstock Changed the World," a conference examining the events that led to the iconic music festival.

"Looking at this historic event through the lens of social movements has allowed us to construct panels that explore the impact of that transformative decade, the 1960s, and its most memorable event, the Woodstock music festival," noted Dr. Thomas Wermuth '84, director of HRVI and vice president for academic affairs.

The conference explored the social history of the tumultuous decade leading up to Woodstock with panel discussions on music in the '60s; social movements, including civil rights and black power, communal living, feminism, and the Vietnam War; and peace movements. It also featured keynote lectures by CNN presidential historian and 2019 Barnabas McHenry Scholar in Residence Dr. Douglas Brinkley and '60s historian Dr. David Farber.

The two-day event began with a field trip to Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, the site of the 1969 Woodstock festival, and concluded with a panel moderated by Wade Lawrence, museum director at Bethel Woods, that included festival photographer Elliott Landy, attendees Bobbi and Nick Ercoline, Rachel Marco Havens, Julia Fell, and a musical performance by the Chogyi Lama band.

### HRVI HIGHLIGHTS LOCAL HISTORY

Hudson River School painter Thomas Cole will be the focus of the eighth annual Handel-Krom Lecture in Hudson River Valley History. Dr. H. Daniel Peck, professor emeritus at Vassar College, will present "The Stream Will Have Its Course: Thomas Cole, the Hudson River Valley, and the Paintings of Catskill Creek" on Oct. 16, 2019, at 7 p.m. in Marist's Nelly Goletti Theatre. The lecture is free and open to the public.

For last year's lecture, Dr. Susanah Shaw Romney, assistant professor of history at New York University, presented "Who Built Dutch New York? Personal Ties and Imperial Connections in the 17th-Century Greater Hudson Valley."

The Handel-Krom lecture series, coordinated by the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College, was established through the generosity of community leaders Shirley and Bernard Handel and Lt. Col. Gilbert A. Krom.



Dr. Douglas Brinkley, CNN presidential historian and 2019 Barnabas McHenry Scholar in Residence, was a keynote speaker at "1969: When Woodstock Changed the World," a conference examining events that led to the iconic music festival.

## Richard Monsky '20 Receives Goldwater Scholarship

**RICHARD MONSKY '20**, a chemistry major in the Honors Program, has become the latest Marist student to receive the prestigious and nationally competitive Barry Goldwater Scholarship.

Monsky, from Deer Park, NY, is the seventh Marist student to receive the award since 2006.

The Goldwater, named after the late U.S. senator from Arizona, provides scholarships to college sophomores and juniors who intend to pursue research careers in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering. This year, fewer than 500 Goldwater Scholarships were awarded nationally. 🇺🇸



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## Fulbright Winners Head to Italy, Malaysia, Indonesia



Tess Cimino '19 (left) and Daniel Knoll '19 received Fulbright English Teaching Assistant awards. Cimino will teach in Malaysia, Knoll in Indonesia.

With a research grant from the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, **LIANA FRASCA '19**, of Bethel, CT, will spend a year in Italy making a documentary film. **TESS CIMINO '19** and **DANIEL KNOLL '19** also received Fulbright fellowships this past spring.

In the past 15 years, 27 Marist students and alumni have been awarded Fulbrights

for academic and professional achievement, a record of service, and leadership potential in their respective fields.

Frasca, who majored in communication with a concentration in journalism, will spend her Fulbright year in Biancavilla, Sicily. Cimino, from Encinitas, CA, and Knoll, from Blue Bell, PA, each received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistant award and will teach English in Malaysia and Indonesia, respectively. Cimino majored in fashion merchandising with minors in global studies and journalism. Knoll, a history and adolescent education major, was a standout on the College's swimming and diving team; he is a six-time record holder and the recipient of an MVP award.

The Fulbright Program, sponsored by the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, is designed to build lasting connections between Americans and people of other nations. 🇺🇸



Fulbright recipient Liana Frasca '19 will spend a year in Italy making a documentary film.



Ross Mauri '80, chair of the Marist Board of Trustees, spoke at the opening of the Security Operations Center, a high-tech classroom where students learn to use security platforms from industry partners such as IBM, Cisco, and BlackRidge Technology.

## Marist Opens Security Operations Center

Marist—one of a few colleges in the Northeast to offer a cybersecurity major—opened its **SECURITY OPERATIONS CENTER (SOC)** in a next step to deliver cutting-edge cybersecurity education.

Common in most large companies, an SOC is a centralized unit that deals with information security issues on an organizational and technical level. The Marist SOC, located in the Hancock Center, is a hub for hands-on activities for students studying cybersecurity. The SOC features IBM cybersecurity technologies including the IBM QRadar Security Intelligence Platform, which applies advanced analytics to detect and prioritize threats across the IT environment, as well as IBM Security AppScan, which helps identify and remediate application security vulnerabilities. The SOC also includes security gateways from BlackRidge Technology that prevent and log unauthorized access of network resources, allowing the SOC to control and adjust trust levels for anyone using the data center.

“In our program, we teach students how threats and attacks work and how to counteract them,” said Dr. Casimer DeCusatis, director of the Cybersecurity Program and assistant professor of computer science. “In the SOC, students have an opportunity to practice their skills in a safe, isolated cloud environment that replicates real-world scenarios such as the widely publicized security breaches at Equifax, Target, and Sony.”

The Marist/IBM Joint Study Program, Marist’s longstanding collaboration with IBM, has played an integral role in the development of the SOC, including providing expert advising and software obtained through the IBM Academic Initiative.

The launch of the SOC follows the approval of a new bachelor’s degree in cybersecurity. The program received approval from the New York State Education Department in June 2018, and its first cohort of students began class in fall 2018.

The Marist curriculum includes studying attacks against electric power plants; hacking airplanes from the in-flight Wi-Fi; securing wireless medical devices such as insulin pumps; and controlling the Internet of Things (smart cars, drones, GPS navigators, and home assistants such as Alexa, Siri, and Cortana).

Learn more about Marist’s Cybersecurity Program at [www.marist.edu/computer-science-math/cybersecurity](http://www.marist.edu/computer-science-math/cybersecurity).



## 1,719 EARN DEGREES AT COMMENCEMENT

In ceremonies on May 24 and 25, Marist College conferred 1,719 degrees on the Class of 2019.

The Saturday ceremony, for traditional undergraduates, conferred degrees on 1,208 graduating students. The commencement address was delivered by Vanessa Friedman, fashion director and chief fashion critic for *The New*



Vanessa Friedman, fashion director and chief fashion critic for *The New York Times*, addressed traditional undergraduates at their ceremony May 25.

*York Times*. The valedictorian was Kirstyn Watson '19, who graduated summa cum laude with a BS in criminal justice, a minor in accounting, and a paralegal certificate.

The Friday ceremony was for adult undergraduate and graduate students and conferred a total of 511 degrees (103 to adult undergraduates; 408 to graduate students). The commencement address was given by entrepreneur Henry Helgeson '96. Also speaking at the ceremony were Alexa Mariel Comuniello '16/'19MA, the recipient of the Award for Excellence in Graduate Studies, and José Henry Fields '19, the recipient of the Award for Academic Distinction.



Entrepreneur Henry Helgeson '96 addressed the adult undergraduate and graduate students at the May 24 ceremony.



The **MARIST COLLEGE EXECUTIVE CENTER** in New York City officially opened its doors with a special event on April 25. Dr. Lee Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion (left), and Dr. Barbara Carvalho '79, director of the Marist Poll (center), hosted a conversation with Lester Holt, anchor of NBC’s *Nightly News with Lester Holt*.

## NEW TUITION BENEFIT FOR ALUMNI

Marist is offering all alumni their first graduate course tuition-free.

- The tuition benefit applies only to new students initiating an application to a stand-alone graduate program through the Office of Graduate Admission.
- Students may take only their first graduate course tuition-free; currently enrolled graduate students do not qualify.
- The master’s in physician assistant studies, the doctorate in physical therapy, and dual/five-year degree programs are excluded from this benefit.

For information, visit [maristconnect.marist.edu/freegradclass](http://maristconnect.marist.edu/freegradclass).

To apply, visit [marist.edu/graduate](http://marist.edu/graduate) or call 1-888-877-7900.



# Celebrating 50 Years of HEOP at Marist

**OVER THE PAST 50 YEARS**, the Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program at Marist has provided critical academic support to nearly 500 students who otherwise might not have been able to attend a private college or university.

"It is gratifying to see that for 50 years Marist HEOP has brought the opportunity of a private education to so many deserving students who have developed into extraordinary leaders," said Iris Ruiz-Grech, director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs/Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program. "Their contributions have positively impacted Marist and continue to do so in their communities today."

In 1969, legislation established the Higher Education Opportunity Program at independent colleges and universities in New York State. In 2006, the state's governor and legislature approved a name change in honor of the important role played in increasing access to higher education by Arthur O. Eve, a former New York State assemblyman representing districts in Buffalo, NY. Marist was one of the original 24 schools to participate.

HEOP is an academic access program that provides services to New York State residents who because of academic and economic circumstances would otherwise be unable to attend a postsecondary educational institution. Sponsored by New York State and Marist, HEOP also provides structured support services including a pre-freshman summer program, counseling, tutoring, and coursework. In addition to academic support, program participants receive financial assistance toward their college expenses. This fall, 15 students entered the program.

HEOP works to fully integrate its students into the Marist community, where they often take on leadership roles. HEOP students were among the founding members of

campus organizations such as Black Student Union, ARCO (Appreciating Races and Creating Opportunities), and Asian Alliance and Greek organizations such as Kappa Kappa Gamma and Zeta Psi, according to Ruiz-Grech. Three HEOP students have been student body presidents.

Through their achievements, HEOP students contribute to the College's reputation for academic excellence. Over the past three years, two HEOP students, Darriel McBride '17 and Jaquan Jacob Arzu '16, won prestigious Fulbright U.S. Student Program Grants. McBride also was named a Gates Millennium Scholar and a Humanity in Action Scholar. Dylan Lopez '19 was awarded a Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.

Katherine Alvarado '19 interned this past summer with Atlas Air and is pursuing an MS in accounting at Stony Brook University. Joseph Iradukunda '19 is a special education teacher at Hudson Hills Academy and a community habilitation specialist at Abilities First. Leslie Lazcano '18 is in her second year of the John Marshall Law School and is studying abroad at the University of Oxford.

"They have to work extra hard," said Mary Rice, assistant director of the Center for Multicultural Affairs/Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program. "They start off unprepared, but using all the support, they are able to take this opportunity and run with it. They flourish when they are here and do beautifully."

Many HEOP alumni reach out to current students in the program. "Our alumni are really truly committed to giving back," said Ruiz-Grech, who has been director of HEOP for 26 years and has worked at Marist nearly 30. In 2003, HEOP alumna Mariel Sosa '02 started the HEOP Alumni Fund, which supports essential needs beyond tuition such as

*HEOP staff welcomed the HEOP Class of 2023 at a breakfast on campus Aug. 2: From left, front row: Sandy Chillogalli, Miguel Arango, Samantha Morales, Rayken Almonte, Angelica Tapia-Jimenez, Thomas Vaselekos; second row: Iris Ruiz-Grech, director, Multicultural Affairs/HEOP, Mary Canto Rice, assistant director, Multicultural Affairs/HEOP; back row: Gabriel Bautista, programming tutor counselor, Durashahwar Ahmad, writing tutor counselor, Keenen Bingham, Nichole Carrillo, Cassandra Larsen, Issamar Brito, Karolina Gomez, Nizarindani Antonio-Lavariega, Madison Fonseca, Beatrice Cardona, Jose Sanchez, and Minerva Pena, math tutor counselor.*

fare for commuting to internships, professional attire for employment opportunities, and other academic and career-related expenses not covered by financial aid or the HEOP grant.

HEOP alumni say the program has a powerful impact. "The HEOP program and staff played a major role in helping me develop into the person I am today," said Luis Santiago '98, interim director of admissions at Western Connecticut State University. "They took a kid from the Bronx with raw talent and potential and provided me with the tools and confidence to be a success. I look forward to continuing to participate in HEOP alumni panels and networking events. HEOP doesn't stop at graduation. HEOP is for life."

"Marist's HEOP program created a community of personal support which extends beyond my college tenure into the present day," said Yesenia Cruz-Troy '95. "They accomplished this by offering comprehensive, integrated, and long-lasting guidance and resources. Their mentoring contributed to my success by increasing confidence, and both addressing and validating my path after graduation. Even all these years later, I am so appreciative they were a beacon of hope for so many like me, who never thought college was an option."

"I entered freshman year with a group of friends and left with a bigger family," said Freddy Garcia '09/'14MBA, regional director for diversity, inclusion, and community engagement at Westchester Medical Center Health Network. "I'd like to thank Marist/HEOP for taking a chance on me and equipping me with the tools to navigate a world unfamiliar to me, at the time. Thank you for 50 years of being the real engine of opportunity for the various generations of New Yorkers." 📌



In January, the College opened the renovated and expanded Steel Plant Studios, the new home of the Fashion and Art & Digital Media programs.

# Marist Named Top Fashion School

Marist has been top-ranked for both **UNDERGRADUATE FASHION DESIGN** and **FASHION BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT** by premier industry publication *Business of Fashion* in its Global Ranking of Fashion Schools for 2019.

Based in London, *Business of Fashion* has a worldwide following as a daily news resource in the fashion industry. Using 30 metrics and more than 13,000 responses from students and alumni, *Business of Fashion* analyzed 66 schools worldwide. Marist was one of 37 schools recognized for fashion design and one of just 15 recognized for fashion business and management.

Over the past decade, the program has grown from 200 total students to about 500. Nearly 90 percent of fashion majors study abroad at least once during their four years. Students also can participate in Marist in Manhattan, an internship program that uses the campus's proximity to New York City—a fashion industry hub—to full advantage.

## Other recent developments for the Marist Fashion Program:

Design major Isabel Holden '20 won the prestigious Council of Fashion Designers of America's (CFDA) Liz Claiborne Design Scholarship Award. Established in 2009, this \$25,000 scholarship is awarded to an undergraduate fashion student each year. Holden, of Hopkinton, MA, was one of five Marist students selected to apply for the scholarship by creating a signature fashion collection that supports the Claiborne brand and also includes an element of sustainable design innovation. CFDA solicits applicants only from the top 20 fashion design schools in the United States. From there, four finalists are chosen to present their collections to a selection committee. Holden was awarded the top prize.

This past May, students in the Marist Fashion Program produced the Silver Needle Runway for the 33rd year. The event showcases garments designed and made by senior



Design major Isabel Holden '20 has won the prestigious Council of Fashion Designers of America's Liz Claiborne Design Scholarship Award.

fashion design students in a professional runway setting. A panel of industry professionals judges the collections. For a list of winners, visit [marist.edu/snr33/about](http://marist.edu/snr33/about). For a list of show sponsors and partners, visit [marist.edu/snr33/sponsors-and-partners](http://marist.edu/snr33/sponsors-and-partners). The show paid tribute to Fashion faculty member Richard Kramer, who passed away this past spring.

In January, the College opened the renovated and expanded Steel Plant Studios, the new home of the Fashion and Art & Digital Media programs. Designed by Robert A.M. Stern Architects, the project expanded 12,000 square feet of existing studio and learning space with a two-story, 35,000-square-foot addition. Key spaces include digital labs, fashion studios, a makerspace, a fashion exhibition gallery, an art gallery, a retail laboratory for merchandising students, and a café. 📍





# PHILANTHROPY



**Dr. J. Richard LaPietra '54, a Heritage Professor and professor emeritus of chemistry, served the Chemistry Department with great distinction for 41 years.**

*Richard and Barbara LaPietra*

## Honoring the Legacy of Dr. J. Richard LaPietra '54

**A LONGTIME FRIEND** of the College, Barbara LaPietra, has made a very generous gift to benefit the Chemistry Department which her late husband, Heritage Professor and Professor Emeritus of Chemistry J. Richard LaPietra '54, served with great distinction for 41 years. Barbara's contribution will enable the College to replace its aging nuclear magnetic resonance spectrometer, an essential piece of equipment actively used by all students and faculty in organic chemistry. It will also support the expansion of the Dr. J. Richard LaPietra '54 Sponsored Student Research Fund.

Barbara established the Dr. J. Richard LaPietra '54 Sponsored Student Research Fund in 2011 to provide a meaningful opportunity for a talented undergraduate chemistry or biochemistry student to pursue a summer research project under the supervision of Marist faculty. The program has been enormously successful, with participants going on

to PhD programs in chemistry at some of the nation's most prestigious universities including Yale and Cornell. Recently one LaPietra Scholar earned a Fulbright fellowship. Barbara's contribution will allow a second student to participate in the program each year and will provide resources for faculty who oversee the program.

In addition to this meaningful gift, Barbara also made a very generous provision for Marist through her estate. Upon her passing, the J. Richard LaPietra Visiting Teacher-Scholar Fund in Chemistry will be established. The fund will enable the College and School of Science to invite exceptional teacher-scholars to join the Marist faculty for one to two years to teach students and also collaborate with fellow faculty on undergraduate research. The fund will provide invaluable opportunities for students to complete research and pres-

**Recently a LaPietra Scholar earned a Fulbright fellowship.**

ent or publish it, experience that can lead to successful graduate school admissions and employment. Barbara's contributions will ensure that Richard LaPietra's legacy as a beloved teacher, scientist, administrator, and mentor will be known and felt by future generations of students and faculty alike.

"This generous, thoughtful commitment from Barbara LaPietra truly reflects what Richard was all about: helping students develop a passion for chemistry and for research," said President Emeritus Dennis J. Murray. "Richard was one of the titans in the history of Marist. Over his 60-year relationship with the College, he had a positive impact on virtually every aspect of the institution. As a student, he literally helped build Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel. As a professor, he was a master teacher who served as an inspirational mentor and advisor to thousands of students. As academic dean, he provided leadership for our faculty and set a high standard for all to meet. He even wrote the College's alma mater, which is loved by Marist alumni. We are honored that Barbara has remained such an active, committed member of the Marist College family." 📖

# Residence Hall Named for Genine and



The McCormick family (left to right): Kristen '16, Grace, Genine '88, Michael '88, and Olivia

**I**N A CEREMONY on campus May 3, the fourth and final residence hall in the North Campus Housing Complex was formally dedicated as McCormick Hall in recognition of a very generous gift made by Marist Trustee Genine McCormick and her husband, Michael, both members of Marist's Class of '88.

"Our journey together and our journey with Marist began in August of '84," said Genine McCormick at the dedication ceremony. "Our upperclassman years living in a building that was basically on this geographical location was the time of our lives. We've tried to live with the philosophy of paying our blessings forward and giving with the heart. I think our goal is to be an inspiration to those who walk through the doors and sleep in the beds. May this residence give them the comfort to dream big, build aspirations, and create the vision for their future, which is what Marist did for us." A plaque in the lobby of McCormick Hall, composed by the McCormicks, expresses this sentiment.

"Genine and Michael have been among the most dedicated and supportive alumni in the history of Marist College," said President Dennis J. Murray. "Over the past 30 years, they have not only volunteered their

time to lead the Marist Fund but also have supported the James A. Cannavino Library, the music building, theatre facilities, and the new Career Center in the School of Management. Marist is extremely grateful for their longstanding commitment and fortunate to have them, as well as their daughter Kristen, a 2016 graduate, as part of the College community."

The McCormicks have remained very involved with the College since graduating. Genine, who is a CPA, joined the Marist Board of Trustees in 2010 and currently lends her expertise on the Executive Committee and Advancement Committee, and as chair of the Audit Committee. She previously volunteered as national chair of the Marist Fund, and she and Michael co-chaired the fund's Alumni Division for two years. Genine also served as co-chair of the special tribute event honoring Dennis and Marilyn Murray

in May 2016.

Michael has spent more than 25 years in the finance industry as a partner and portfolio manager with Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co, LLC, an investment firm in

New York City. He was instrumental in the development of Marist's Investment Center and Greystone Equity Fund and was a driving force in the establishment of the newly launched School of Management Career Center at Marist, which offers students and alumni an array of programs and services to help them succeed in an increasingly competitive job market.

Their dedication to philanthropy is wide-reaching. In 2000, they established the McCormick Family Foundation to provide educational opportunities for children. The foundation has played an invaluable role in the growth and success that Marist has enjoyed over the years. In addition to work with their foundation, the McCormicks are involved with Girls Educational & Mentoring Services (GEMS), a nonprofit that provides services to sexually exploited and domestically trafficked girls and young women.

# Michael McCormick '88/'88



McCormick Hall

Michael is also a member of the board of directors of Classroom, Inc., an organization that uses gaming and other technological resources to support literacy efforts in underserved communities.

McCormick Hall is the third campus building to be named in honor of alumni through philanthropy. The previous two are also part of the North Campus Complex: Tom and Mary Ward Hall was dedicated in honor

of Trustee Tom Ward '69 and his wife, Mary, and Lavelle Hall was dedicated in honor of Trustee Patrick Lavelle '73. This past fall, John and Nancy O'Shea Hall was dedicated in honor of Trustee John O'Shea and his late wife, Nancy.

The North Campus Housing Complex is a state-of-the-art facility that accommodates nearly 300 undergraduate students in suites with single bedrooms and common

living spaces that include a living room, kitchenette, and bathroom. The buildings also feature a large interactive community lounge, various study lounges, and a laundry facility. The complex provides ample community space for students, faculty, and staff. In addition to housing residential students, McCormick Hall boasts a fitness center and dining facility, making the North Campus a vibrant hub of collegiate life. Its lawns and

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

*The four residence halls in the North Campus Housing Complex are named for (left to right) Michael and Genine McCormick '88/'88, Tom Ward '69, John O'Shea, and Patrick Lavelle '73.*



# Supporting Research and Scholarships

**THE PHILANTHROPY** of alumni, parents, and friends continues to make a substantial impact at Marist. The College is grateful for their support and ongoing dedication. Among recent commitments:

■ Marist Trustee **Suresh Kothapalli '91MS** and his brothers, **Rajesh K. Kothapalli '92MS** and **Vinod K. Kottapalli '94MS**, have made a generous pledge to significantly strengthen two important initiatives within the School of Computer Science and Mathematics. The brothers lead iSpace, a global services company headquartered in Los Angeles with more than 400 employees. Their pledge continues support for the Kothapalli Family Scholarship, which assists students pursuing a master's degree in computer science/software development, and for the Kothapalli Brothers/iSpace Summer Research Fellowship Program. The fellowships provide research opportunities under the mentorship of a faculty sponsor for one undergraduate student and one international graduate student. The brothers also have thoughtfully designated support for the Marist Fund.

*Trustee Maureen O'Rourke '85 and her husband, James Molloy, are establishing an endowed scholarship.*



■ Marist Trustee **Maureen O'Rourke '85** and her husband, **James Molloy**, have made a generous pledge to establish a new endowed scholarship, the O'Rourke Family Scholarship. In addition, they have committed resources to activate the fund with annual gifts while the endowment is building. They previously funded an Annual Giving Scholarship. O'Rourke is dean emerita of the Boston University School of Law, serving as dean of the law school from 2006 to 2018, and serves as chair of Marist's pre-law Advisory Board.

■ Hudson River Valley residents **Martin '70 and Pauline Gyves** have made another generous commitment to support the Martin J. & Pauline C. Gyves Scholarship. Martin attended Marist part time in the 1960s while working full time at the IBM Corp. and graduated with a BA in mathematics. Knowing the value of higher education, Martin and Pauline created the scholarship in 2016 to provide financial assistance to traditional-age undergraduates with outstanding academic potential.

■ Two longtime faculty leaders have pledged additional support for the innovative internship program they established at Marist that gives students hands-on experience while helping the surrounding community. In 2014 **Margaret Calista**, former dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences,

and her husband, **Dr. Donald J. Calista**, former director of the Graduate Center for Public Policy, launched the Marie and Rupert Tarver Summer Internship,

*Martin '70 and Pauline Gyves are shown with the two current recipients of the Martin J. & Pauline C. Gyves Scholarship, Emma LeMay '20 and Francesca Denaro '21.*



*Left to right, Vinod Kottapalli '94MS, Rajesh Kothapalli '92MS, and Suresh Kothapalli '91MS at their company iSpace in El Segundo, CA*

named for two local community leaders. The program gives students the opportunity to address pressing social problems while working full time in a local nonprofit. The Tarver interns, guided by a Marist faculty member, serve in paid internships and receive free tuition for three credits and free campus housing during the eight-week summer program. The 2019 cohort involved 10 dynamic interns in majors varying from social work and political science to economics and psychology.

■ Since 1969, the **James J. McCann Charitable Trust** has carried out James J. McCann's vision for a charitable trust supporting recreational, health, community, religious, and educational opportunities in Dutchess County. A centerpiece of its mission has been scholarships for local students. For more than 50 years, the trust has given generously to Marist to support area students through annual scholarships. Awarded by the Office of Student Financial Services, the scholarships assist traditional-age Marist students who live in Dutchess County and graduate from county high schools, with preference for Our Lady of Lourdes High School graduates.

In addition, a \$2 million grant from the trust is making possible the replacement and significant expansion of the auxiliary gym and fitness center in the James J. McCann Recreation Center, the cornerstone of Marist's Division I athletics and recreational programs. The trust made possible the construction of the original recreation center in 1977 and has generously supported every major expansion and renovation of it over the past four decades. The entire Marist College community is enormously grateful to the James J. McCann Charitable Trust for its longtime support for these scholarships and facilities which make such a huge impact on the College and its students. 📌



# Paying It Forward

**Her Marist experience inspired Maureen Sorbo Logan '78 and her husband, Mark Logan, to establish a need-based scholarship for Mid-Hudson Valley students.**

**MAUREEN SORBO LOGAN** was among the most distinguished graduates of the Marist Class of 1978. She was named valedictorian, earned an accounting degree summa cum laude, and received the Academic Excellence Award and the Wall Street Journal Award for Excellence in Business and Economics. Yet what she smiles about most in recalling her commencement in the "new" James J. McCann Recreation Center is her 4-year-old daughter, Stephanie, sitting in the front row, trying to climb on stage.

Her other most heartwarming memory is the support she received from the Marist faculty as the mother of a young child, returning to college with few financial resources. In gratitude, Maureen and her husband, Mark, recently established the Mark and Maureen (Sorbo '78) Logan Scholarship, a permanent, endowed scholarship fund at Marist to support students from the Mid-Hudson Valley who have significant financial need and are majoring in STEM (science, technology, engineering, or mathematics), accounting, or finance. The scholarship recognizes the commitment of the Logans, who live in Poughkeepsie, to helping talented local students reach their potential, earn a bachelor's degree, and find career-focused employment following graduation. In addition, the Logans are recent inductees to the Marist College Legacy Society.

The Class of 1971 valedictorian of Pine Plains High School in eastern Dutchess County, Maureen began her college studies at Bennett College in Millbrook, NY, where she received an associate's degree. She later transferred to Marist.

"Brother Cornelius (Russell, FMS '50)

took me under his wing," she recalls. "I was a mother of a 1-year-old. He made sure I had the assistance I needed." For example, she says Brother Cornelius and other business faculty made sure she got into courses that would allow her to attend class full time two to three days a week instead of going part time over five days, greatly easing the crunch of balancing commuting, courses, and childcare.

Her mentors continued to look out for her throughout her time at Marist. In her final semester, she says she had trouble with her financial aid.

"I couldn't get a loan. I was really distraught. Even books were a problem." She thought she would not be able to finish college. "I was so very disappointed."

But she recalls Brother Cornelius reassuring her: "Don't worry, we'll figure it out. We'll find a way." Ultimately, she was able to get a loan. She and Brother Cornelius remained friends for years after she graduated. "He'd come visit and have dinner with my whole family."

Hired shortly after graduation by a CPA firm, Maureen went on to a 38-year career at IBM. Prior to her retirement in 2016, she managed the business process, contract management, and financial operations group for the corporate intellectual property organization.

Her husband, Dr. Mark Logan, also is academically distinguished. He received a BS in chemistry from Puget Sound University in 1981 and earned his doctorate in chemistry at UC Berkeley in 1985. He is a founder and vice president for business development of Solid State Cooling Systems, Inc., based in



Maureen Sorbo Logan '78 and Mark Logan

Wappingers Falls, NY. The firm provides cooling technologies for biotech, semiconductors, lasers, and other industries to an international roster of clients including Forbes 100 firms.

Today Maureen and Mark enjoy traveling. But they also devote a lot of time to helping others in their community. Maureen has volunteered on several boards including those of the Dutchess County Mediation Center, Peach Hill Park; Giant Kids, an organization that supports families of children with cancer; and Hudson Valley Home Matters, a nonprofit that helped people age in place. Maureen and Mark are also members of the Patriots Circle of the Marines' Memorial Association/Foundation, where Maureen is now a member of the Foundation board. She was a deacon for several years at Freedom Plains Presbyterian Church, where she and Mark help organize an annual Thanksgiving Day dinner for those in need. Through the church they became involved with efforts to supply personal-care items to local high school students in need.

From her Marist days, Maureen still has the plaques awarded at commencement citing her academic honors. But what has inspired her to volunteer, and with her husband to establish the scholarship, is the example set by Brother Cornelius and his colleagues.

"We just wanted to help kids. Payback," she says simply. "We felt strongly that maybe we could change somebody's life." 🇺🇸



**MARIST LEGACY SOCIETY CELEBRATES** The Steel Plant Studios provided an ideal setting as the Marist Legacy Society welcomed new inductees and fellow leadership donors for the group's annual celebration. Guests learned from distinguished faculty and students of the College's world-class programs in fashion and art. To view additional photos, visit "Marist College Legacy Society" at [marist.giftplans.org](http://marist.giftplans.org).

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

# A First Year in Dublin

**Students broaden their perspectives in the Freshman Dublin Experience as Marist expands its first-year abroad programming to a second country.**

**ALEXANDRIA SANATORE '22** had always wanted to travel. For her first trip outside of the United States, the Marist sophomore from Mount Sinai, NY, chose to spend her initial year of college abroad through Marist's Freshman Dublin Experience.

"Having a freshman year completely unlike one spent anywhere else was especially appealing," said Sanatore, a political science major. "Although it was a big first step, I can say with absolute certainty that I made the best choice by being a part of this program. I fell in love with the city of Dublin."

Sanatore was one of 25 Marist students who completed the inaugural year of the Freshman Dublin Experience (FDE) this past spring. The group followed a similar curriculum to that of first-year students in Poughkeepsie, in courses approved by Marist faculty that are offered by the Dublin Business School. DBS enrolls more than 9,000 students from Ireland, Europe, and all over the world in its undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs in business, the arts, law, and accounting.

"Ireland offers a welcoming and engaging experience that is both rich in culture and cosmopolitan," said Dr. John E. Peters, dean of international programs at Marist. "While Dublin is a major capital city, students find Dublin approachable and the people they meet to be as interested in them as they are in Ireland."

Building on the success of Marist's first-year program in Florence, the FDE expands Marist's first-year abroad programming to a second country, enabling students to select a program that best fits their educational goals, Peters said. "First-year abroad programs are rare, and full-year freshman abroad programs even less common. That Marist now has two full-academic-year freshman programs abroad points to our strong commitment to internationalization of the Marist experience."

The College offers more than 50 semester and academic-year programs abroad. According to the Open Doors 2018 report produced by the Institute for International Education, compared to other colleges and universities that offer master's degree programs, 53 percent of Marist undergraduates study abroad. Marist is fourth in the nation in number of students who study abroad for a semester, and seventh in the number who study abroad for a full academic year. Marist also has been ranked 12th in the Study Abroad category in the Princeton Review's 2020 guide, *The Best 385 Colleges*.


Eighteen students are enrolled in the FDE this fall. The inaugural year of the program went very well, said Shane Duffy, FDE director. "DBS has been running semester abroad programs for American undergraduates for

many years, so all necessary systems for dealing with students have been set up." It was the first time having the same group return for a spring semester, but it also represented a unique opportunity for the students and program, he said.

Marist partners with the London-based Foundation for International Education to organize orientation, housing, and excursions for the FDE students. The students live in a residential building with FIE staff to support and advise.

FDE students recognized the unusual opportunity they had to take their first collegiate classes in an international environment. "It had always been a longtime dream of mine to study abroad at some point in my college career," said Sofia Galvez '22 from Mastic, NY. But as a double major in accounting and business administration, she felt study abroad might be difficult to fit into her schedule without delaying graduation.

"Studying my freshman year in Dublin allowed me to complete all the basic required courses that I would be taking in Poughkeepsie but in a very beautiful and culturally rich country."



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—Sofia Galvez '22



PHOTO BY SAM BLANCHARD  
 Shane Duffy, director of the Freshman Dublin Experience Program (front row, far left), with the inaugural FDE class (left to right, front row): Erin Kiffney, Sophia Jordan, Elijah Bischoff, Sofia Galvez, Breeanna Sharkey, Alexandria Sanatore; (middle row) Kaylyn Rehm, Geandry Rodriguez, Lauren Shand, Ethelle O'Mara, Willow Waltemire, Brooke Varnum, Kenya Bailey, Kathryn Deeter, Sarah Urena-Clark; (back row) William VanNieuwenhuyze, Kevin Brown, Griffen Puc, Griffen Goldstock, Joy Hollinsed, Alexandra Douglas.

Growing up traveling back and forth between family in Germany and the United States led Sophia Jordan '22 of West Milford, NJ, to choose Marist because of its great study abroad programs, she said. She too chose a first-year program "because I would be able to take my general classes first while getting a once-in-a-lifetime experience." She selected Dublin because it fit well for her major, political science.

Adapting to a new place is challenging no matter where in the world you are, Sanatore noted, but the program keeps the students busy with activities and study tours throughout Ireland. During academic breaks, she traveled with fellow FDE students to Italy and Spain.

Sanatore said although a few of her friends occasionally felt homesick, she did not. "With all that we have going on, there is little time to feel homesick."

"There is something about being a small group traveling together that really unites us. We all know each other very well and generally look out for one another... I have had these unique experiences with people I have become very close with."

They shared mundane moments too, she said. The program offers no meal plan, but a grocery store is a five-minute walk from the Marist housing, so many of the FDE students dined together. Sanatore often cooked for her group of friends. "In a way, we have become a family."



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Friendships formed with other international and Irish students as well. "Dublin Business School has a very diverse student body," said Sanatore. "We have gotten the chance to interact with students from all over the world."

Living abroad also has expanded their awareness of the world beyond the United States. "Being separated from American politics, culture, and society for so long has definitely given me a chance to see another side of the world, not as a tourist but as a

global citizen," said Jordan. "DBS has introduced me to many cultures along with Irish culture."

Sanatore said the experience expanded her world view. "Being able to interact with people from so many different cultures has allowed me to develop a more global perspective," she said. "My experiences in Dublin have influenced me in so many ways, and I will take those lessons with me throughout the rest of my life." 🇮🇪

Reflecting on the Extraordinary Legacy of

# Linus Richard Foy

Dr. Foy set the direction for Marist College's future during his dynamic tenure as president from 1958 to 1979.

**THIS PAST SPRING**, the College community mourned the passing of President Emeritus Richard Foy '50, a transformational leader and revered figure in Marist College history, who died April 16 at the age of 89. Dr. Foy led the College into a modern era that set the foundation for Marist to emerge as a nationally and internationally known institution in the decades that followed.

**D**R. FOY'S SERVICE spanned three critical decades for Marist, beginning with his appointment in November 1958 as the youngest college president in the United States. At 28 years old, he used his brilliant mind and boundless energy to advance a vision for the College's future. When his 21-year tenure concluded, President Foy had grown Marist's budget from \$27,000 to \$10 million; expanded enrollment from 130 to nearly 2,000 students; and overseen breathtaking campus expansion with the addition of 14 buildings and athletic fields. He also opened the College's doors to the surrounding community and was in the forefront of making higher education available to nontraditional students—namely, adults and young people who were disadvantaged or disabled.

Dr. Foy served as president of the College from 1958 to 1979, overseeing Marist's development into a modern, residential college. After his presidency, he had a successful career with an executive search firm, but his great commitment to the College continued. He was appointed a life trustee in 1983, providing excellent counsel to Marist's leadership for many years and representing a cherished connection to Marist's heritage. A towering figure in the history of the College community, he is remembered through the Dr. Linus Richard Foy Chair in Computer Science, Marist's first endowed chair, which was established in the president emeritus's honor in 1983, and the Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50 Town Houses overlooking the Hudson River.

The executive board of the Marist College Alumni Association recognized his contributions by establishing the prestigious Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50 Outstanding Alumnus Award, presented annually to a Marist graduate for distinguished service to a profession, the College, the nation, or humanity.

"Transformational leaders like Richard are rare," said President Dennis J. Murray in speaking about Dr. Foy. "They do two important things. They bring about major changes to their organizations, and they lead with their values. It is an understatement to say that Richard Foy brought about fundamental changes at Marist. Even at the young age of 28, he had a clear vision



*Dr. Richard Foy '50 speaking at the 2003 dedication of the Foy Town Houses*



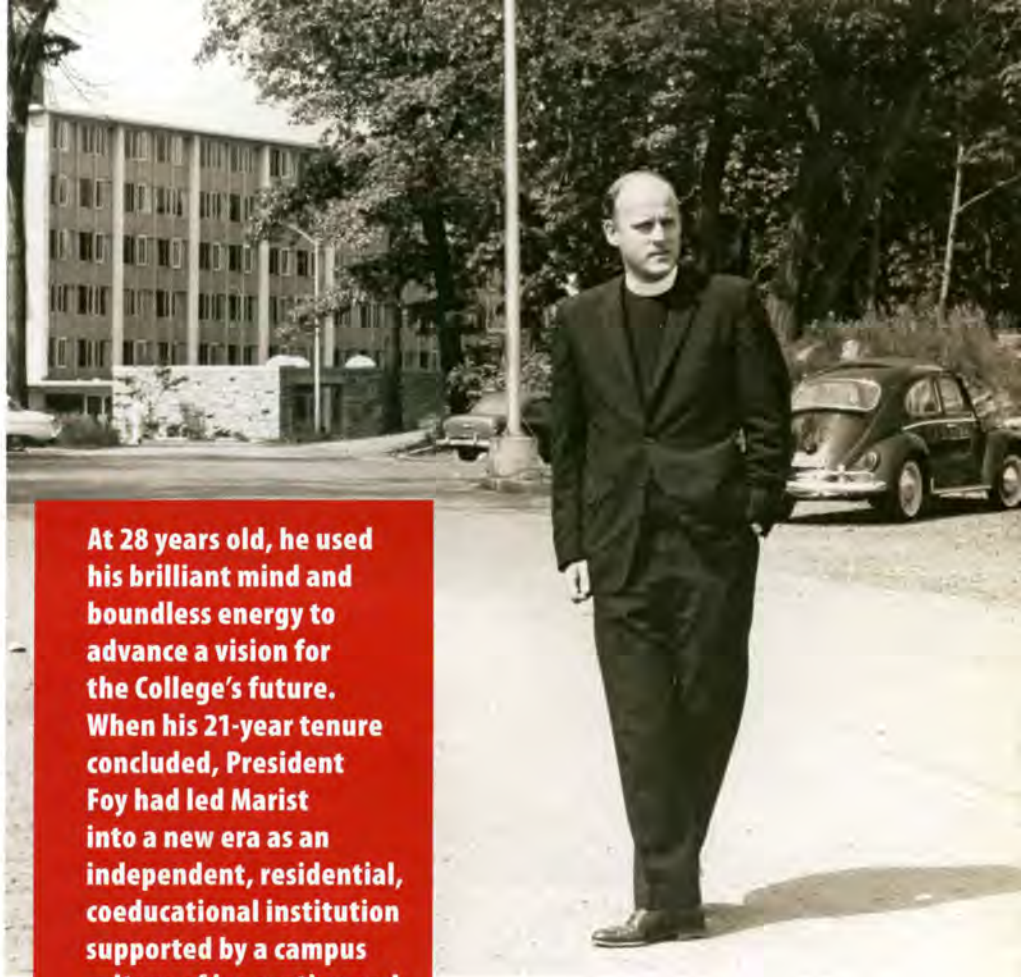
for the College's future, and he was enough of a risk-taker to make that vision a reality. Richard let his actions speak for themselves, and the results of his work showed his true character. He never sought attention or awards but in the Marist Brothers tradition, went about 'doing good quietly.'"

Linus Richard Foy, as he was known during his presidency—his name bridging his years as Brother Linus and as layman Dr. Richard Foy—set a direction for Marist's future by implementing significant transitions. First, he took the College from a school that did an excellent job educating Marist Brothers to one that made education available to laymen and -women, and he changed the nature of the campus by creating residential facilities for its students. At a time of great change for many Catholic colleges, he restructured the relationship between the Marist Brothers and the College, resulting in an independent institution governed by a multid denominational lay board that would honor the heritage of the Marist Brothers as an integral part of the College.

As a very young institution, Marist was unflinchingly entrepreneurial. In a 1978 interview in *Marist Today*, the Alumni Association magazine that later became *Marist* magazine, Dr. Foy explained. "I saw a rapid pattern of growth for the College, from the 130 students it had enrolled when I graduated. I suppose I was one of the first people to visualize it rapidly expanding to between 1,200 and 2,000 students. My predecessors had estimated a slow growth to eventually around 600 students who commuted every day, similar to a high school. It became clear to me that we would never survive if we took that route, so I was the one who opted to expand as rapidly as possible."

The new president made two major decisions soon after he took office. The first was instituting an adult evening division for laymen, which was a success and eventually the gateway for women to study at Marist. "The second decision," he explained, "was based on our growth projections, and that was to take the gamble and go residential." In 1960, the traditional undergraduate program opened to laymen and in 1968 it became coeducational. To support the ambitious enrollment goal, the campus needed to move beyond the small cluster of buildings that existed in 1958, comprised of the original Fontaine complex, the chapel, the Brothers' gym, Adrian Hall's student lounge, and Greystone housing the library.

Known as "the college that built itself," Marian College, which was renamed Marist College in 1960, benefited over the decades from the industrious and unpaid labor of Marist Brothers who constructed as many



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as a dozen major buildings. The young men were supervised by the legendary Bro. Nilus Donnelly, namesake of the iconic circular building constructed from 1958 to 1962 as the hub of an expanded Marist offering classrooms, two lecture halls, a library, a cafeteria, administrative offices, and even dormitory rooms.

However, it soon became clear that President Foy's ambitious vision to rapidly grow Marist's student body would require a bold new course. In 1961, he secured a federal loan to build a freestanding dormitory, Sheahan Hall, which became the first building on campus since 1905 that was not constructed by the Marist Brothers. In relatively quick succession, other buildings followed: Leo Hall, Byrne Residence, Champagnat Hall and Campus Center with a cafeteria and theatre, and Benoit and Gregory houses.

The physical transformation of Marist was conspicuous, but the institution's academic charge was also advancing to a higher level. Marist's faculty was expanding, and a new period of faculty governance and academic innovation was underway. Although a relatively unknown school at the time, Marist began attracting faculty with advanced

degrees from top schools like Princeton, the University of Chicago, Fordham, New York University, and Duke.

Marist was an exception among most Catholic schools of the era in its retention of professors from religious orders who became laicized. Dr. Foy, himself a former Brother, valued these men as excellent teachers and important conveyors of the institution's core values of educational excellence, service to others, and ethical living. The blending of these men with newer faculty, many of whom were recently minted or soon-to-be PhDs, became the core of what is known as the Heritage Professors—an honor bestowed by Marist's Board of Trustees in 2004 on faculty who served for at least 25 years prior to 1968.

One of the keys to Marist's early success was Dr. Foy's appointment of enterprising administrators, many of whom were also young, to elevate or establish vital departments focused on business affairs, admissions, academic administration, student affairs, student records, athletics, career placement, buildings and grounds, alumni relations, and public affairs. These administrators had two things in common: a desire to help build a college and the willingness to take on any challenge. The president also knew that obtaining external funding was crucial to Marist's existence, and he initiated a track record for securing government fund-

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# Linus Richard Foy

ing, including a prestigious Title III grant, as well as foundation grants. A donor base for private philanthropy was started through a development office, the forerunner to today's College Advancement division, and Marist's first capital campaign centered on an athletics facility and other priorities.

When Dr. Foy stepped down, Marist's curricula had expanded to 23 undergraduate majors, and the school was beginning a gradual transition from a liberal arts college to a comprehensive institution, as seen with the introduction of majors in business and communication and graduate study for the MBA and the MA in community psychology. The faculty, however, never lost sight of liberal arts as the core of a Marist undergraduate education, a distinction that remains to this day.

Like other aspects of Richard Foy's legacy, a number of academic initiatives begun during his tenure have endured for half a century. The Marist Abroad Program, established in 1963, placed students at institutions such as the London School of Economics, the Sorbonne, and Trinity Dublin as well as universities in South America and Africa. Today Marist's International Programs are a hallmark of a Marist education.

Marist broke ground in New York State and the country with its school-college program for high school students to complete a first year of college in the senior year. Marist was a leader in student internships, including a widely publicized one in admissions that had students recruiting the next freshman class. The Communication Internship Program with its emphasis on New York City media was the first in the Northeast. When Bennett College closed in nearby Millbrook, NY, in 1977, Marist acquired its fashion design program, providing the origin of what is now an illustrious major at the College.

Reflecting Dr. Foy's belief that education should be available to all, three initiatives started 50 or more years ago are recognized today for their excellence. Federally supported, the Upward Bound Program helps high school students from low-income families succeed in pre-college performance and ultimately in higher education. The Arthur O. Eve Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), marking its 50th anniversary at Marist this year, is a partnership with the state of New York that provides economically and educationally disadvantaged students the possibility of a college education. The College was one of the first 24 institutions to adopt HEOP. Marist's Special Services Program was in the forefront nationally in supporting



The Foy family at the Foy Town Houses dedication: (left to right) Dr. Foy, his wife, Mary, daughter Dr. Bridget Foy-Pomerantz '98, and son Peter Foy '95.

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students with physical disabilities seeking a college education. As accessibility became more widespread on campuses, Marist's emphasis turned to students with learning disabilities who are now served by the Office of Accommodations and Accessibility. Cumulatively, an estimated five thousand students with physical disabilities have been served by these programs with high success rates.

WHEN RICHARD FOY was working on his doctorate at New York University in 1954, he wrote his first program on a Univac and began a lifelong love of computers. As his young college was evolving, the president seized on revolutionary technology to make Marist in 1967 one of the first colleges in the country to establish a computer center. The versatile Brother Nilus was named its first director and the registrar's office was the first department to automate its work. Soon students were not only accessing the center but were employed there. Using a 16k model, the largest computer in the 1401 IBM series, Marist began its exciting progression to a future status as one of the most technologically advanced colleges in the country.

Not to be overlooked is Dr. Foy's passion for mathematics, which he taught equally well to high school students, Marist undergraduates, and IBM physicists studying in the evening division. He inspired a number of early alumni who followed in his footsteps, becoming distinguished professors or CEOs of major enterprises.

Recognizing the need for a fuller undergraduate experience, the president called on faculty and students to institute extracurricular programs, and the tradition of empowering students to establish clubs and organizations was born. One example is the *Circle*, Marist's student newspaper, which flourished in the '60s and '70s and produced a number of prominent journalists. Continuously published, its successor is the *Marist Circle*, which embraces both print and digital formats.

The first student club on campus was the Theatre Guild, which opened a creative floodgate for generations of students to be performers, directors, and production assistants. Theatre in all forms as well as playwriting found a home in the Student Center's theatre, precursor to the Nelly Goletti Theatre, which opened in 1965. Notably, over the past 50 years Marist Children's Theatre has delighted tens of thousands of local elementary school children with its annual spring productions.

Perhaps most ambitious was Dr. Foy's inauguration of intercollegiate athletics, and with that came the need for quality facilities and the leadership of dedicated athletic administrators and coaches. In 1960, when Marist was an all-male institution, the president developed an interest in starting a rowing program. Three years later the William Martin Boathouse was built along the Hudson River adjacent to the historic course of the Intercollegiate Rowing Association's regatta, one of the nation's premier sporting events when it was held from 1895 to 1949

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in Poughkeepsie. Women's rowing began in 1974, and today Marist maintains its legacy as one of the country's top rowing programs for both men and women. In the mid '70s, Marist expanded its rowing facilities by acquiring the historic Cornell Boathouse.

The College's first major athletic facility, Leonidoff Field, was dedicated in 1968. Leonidoff, the forerunner to Tenney Stadium, became the home of the Marist Vikings, the club football program initiated and sustained by students until the College brought it under the umbrella of the Athletics Department. Today Marist's football program competes in the Football Championship Subdivision, and three former Marist football players have signed contracts with NFL teams.

The opening of the James J. McCann Recreation Center in 1977 brought Marist athletics into its own new era. With a stunning natatorium, Marist's swimming and diving program began a decades-long dynasty that endures to this day. The McCann Center also became the permanent home for the Marist men's and women's basketball teams, which have earned a combined 16 NCAA and NIT postseason bids, as well as for Marist volleyball. A large grant from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust made the McCann Center possible, and in the decades following, the trust would continue its philanthropic support to update and expand the facility, including the major project now underway.

One of President Foy's favorite quotes was from Cardinal John Henry Newman: "To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often." Dr. Foy took this to heart both professionally and personally. In an interview marking his 20th year as Marist's leader, he said, "One of the interesting things about being a college president is that you're in a situation where people around you are constantly changing. The students' values and perspectives are always changing and this has a tremendous impact on you if you work closely with them as I try to do. My whole value system is constantly growing and changing because of that."

Throughout his tenure, President Foy embraced change for Marist and for himself. With his values and his vision, his capacity to break ground and take risks, and his enormous intellect and work ethic, Linus Richard Foy vigorously led Marist College into a new era that made all the difference for the extraordinary future that lay ahead. 📖

*In 1972, President Richard Foy appointed Shaileen Kopec as Marist's first full-time alumni director. Her 43-year Marist career had eight additional professional positions, including 14 years as vice president for college advancement.*

**R**ICHARD DANIEL FOY was born Nov. 17, 1929, in the Bronx, NY. The son of Irish immigrants Peter and Virginia (McKeon) Foy, he had an older brother, Peter Joseph II. Following his mother's death, he attended Marist Preparatory in Esopus, NY, from 1942 to 1945. He then progressed through the Marist Novitiate in Poughkeepsie from 1945 to 1947 and graduated from Marist College, then called Marian College, in 1950 with a degree in mathematics. He took the name Linus when he became ordained. After graduation, he taught at Saint Ann's Academy in Manhattan while studying part time to obtain his MS in mathematics at St. John's University and PhD in mathematics at New York University.

In 1958 at age 28, Dr. Foy was named president of Marian College, becoming the youngest college president in the United States. His 21-year tenure brought transformative change to the school, ushering it into a modern era with transitions to independent status, coeducation, and residential living as well as the emergence of a campus culture marked by innovation and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Foy resigned from the Marist Brothers in 1970 but remained president of the College until 1979. As a civic leader, he was president of the Chamber of Commerce and the United Way and a trustee of Vassar Brothers Hospital and the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. Despite his numerous commitments, Richard Foy made his family the center of his life and the source of his greatest joy. He was married to Mary Ellen Morley, a nurse at Lenox Hill Hospital, for 35 years and they were devoted partners until her death in 2006. The Foy's were exceptionally proud that their two children graduated from the college their father had built and that each had chosen to serve society in important professions. Peter Foy '95, who is married to the former Tracy Stockwell, is a successful prosecuting attorney. Dr. Bridget Foy-Pomerantz '98 is a respected physician and is married to Jason Pomerantz '98. Dr. Foy delighted in his five beloved grandchildren: Mary Josephine, Zoe Morley, Daniel Scott, Linus Richard, and Lars Henry.

In 1979, Dr. Foy became COO of Boyden World Corp., an international search firm operating in 40 countries. For two decades he oversaw the transition of the organization from a single corporation to independent franchises, traveling extensively in the United States, Europe, South America, and Asia. He retired in 1999 to spend time with his family and to research family history. A number of years later, he relocated to Poughkeepsie, where he frequented Marist women's and men's basketball games and was a welcome resource for Marist Archives and Special Collections.

Throughout a great part of his life, Richard enjoyed playing basketball, tennis, and softball and rowing and sailing on the Hudson. Over the years, he was an avid skier, obtained his pilot's license, and even took up windsurfing. Among family, friends, colleagues, and alumni, Richard Foy was renowned for his gentle nature and kind heart, touching every person who came in contact with him in some way. He also had a mission to reach out to those in need, and to learn the personal stories and struggles of those around him.



*Dr. Foy pictured in Marist's 1973 yearbook*

*Contributions may be made in Dr. Foy's memory to the Peter and Virginia Foy Scholarship, which honors his parents. The Foy scholarship, initially funded by Peter II and later augmented by both brothers, was Marist's first endowed scholarship. It has been awarded for more than 50 years to help students with significant financial need achieve a Marist education. Gifts may be sent to College Advancement, Marist College, 3399 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.*

# A Look at Generation Z

**THIS FALL'S** college Class of 2023, which recently arrived on campuses, learned of the attack on New York's Twin Towers from parents and grandparents once they were old enough to handle it. Born in 2001, they have lived in a world in which shedding shoes at airport security; capturing news from crawling headlines on the TV screen; flying Jet Blue; and recognizing that blackboards, pens, and watches are sometimes smarter than we have all been routine occurrences.

These are among the observations in the 2019 Marist Mindset List which captures the worldview of this year's first-year college class, noting what has "always" or "never" been true in their lifetimes and how the colleges that will serve them should better understand their experiences. This is the 22nd edition of the Mindset List and the first year that it has been affiliated with Marist College.

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[www.themindsetlist.com](http://www.themindsetlist.com)

Marist is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as a Most Innovative School, and taking over the Mindset List was a logical move. "We're tech savvy but we are rooted in the liberal arts," said Dr. Martin Shaffer, dean of Marist's School of Liberal Arts. "So much of what the Mindset List explores is related to the very different world in which these students have grown up as it relates to technology. That naturally leads to a very different type of life experience."

In terms of demographics, co-author and sociologist Dr. Charles Westerberg notes, "With half of this generation composed of people of color, they are among the most demographically significant cohorts in American history. American politics today is hard to comprehend without taking account

of this major trend since, within a year, their generation will represent 25 percent of the U.S. population."

"The Mindset List helps put into context the growing interest high school and college students have in social issues," noted Shaffer. "We're seeing a more engaged, more deeply

involved student body on campus."

The Marist Mindset List is created by Ron Nief, director emeritus of public affairs at Beloit College, Dr. Tom McBride, professor of English emeritus at Beloit, Westerberg, Shaffer, and Tom Zurhellen, associate professor of English at Marist. 📖



**BORN IN 2001**, the incoming class of college students never shared the earth with Joey Ramone, George Harrison, Timothy McVeigh, or Ken Kesey. Among their classmates could be Billie Eilish, Sasha Obama, or Duane "The Rock" Johnson's daughter Simone.

Like Pearl Harbor for their grandparents, and the Kennedy assassination for their parents, 9/11 is a historical event.

Thumb, jump, and USB flash drives have always pushed floppy disks further into history.

The primary use of a phone has always been to take pictures.

The nation's mantra has always been: "If you see something, say something."

The Tech Big Four—Apple, Facebook, Amazon, and Google—are to them what the Big Three automakers were to their grandparents.

Their smart pens may write and record faster than they can think.

Nearly half of their generation is composed of people of color.

When they pulled themselves up off the floor for the first time, they may have been hanging onto the folks' brand-new Xbox.

There have always been indecisive quadrennial debates regarding the future of the Electoral College.

Oklahoma City has always had a national memorial at its center.

Self-contained, battery-powered artificial hearts have always been ticking away.

Because of Richard Reid's explosive footwear at 30,000 feet, passengers have always had to take off their shoes to slide through security on the ground.

They are as nonjudgmental about sexual orientation as their parents were about smoking pot.

They have outlived iTunes.

Heinous, sexually-based offenses have always been investigated by the Special Victims Unit on *Law and Order*.

The Mars Odyssey has always been checking out the water supply for their future visits to Mars.

Snapchat has become their social media app of choice, thus relieving them of the dilemma of whether or not to friend Mom.

In an unprecedented move, European nations via NATO have always helped to defend the U.S. militarily.

They may well not have a younger sibling, as the birth rate in the U.S. has been dropping since they were in grammar school.

PayPal has always been an online option for purchasers.

They have witnessed two African-American secretaries of state, the election of a black president, Disney's first black princess, and the rise of the Black Lives Matter movement.

As they crawled on the floor, TV headlines began crawling at the bottom of the TV screen.

"Pink slime" has always been a food additive.

With flyovers, honor guards, and "God Bless America," sporting events have always been marked by emphatic patriotism.

Only two-thirds of this generation identify as exclusively heterosexual.

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Segways have always been trying to revolutionize the way people move.

YouTube has become the video version of Wikipedia.

There has always been an International Criminal Court, and the U.S. has never been a signatory.

Newfoundland and Labrador has always been, officially, Newfoundland-and-Labrador.

There has always been an American Taliban.

By their sophomore year, their generation will constitute one-quarter of the U.S. population.

Apple iPods have always been nostalgic.

They have always been able to fly Jet Blue, but never Ted and Song.

Quarterback Troy Aikman has always called the plays live from the press booth.

It has always been illegal to use a hand-held cell phone while driving in New York State.

Except for when he celebrated *Jeopardy's* 35th anniversary, Alex Trebek has never had a moustache.

Face recognition technology has always been used at public events.

Skilled DJs have transitioned into turntablists.

The Apple Power Mac Cube has always been in a museum.

The year they were born, the top NBA draft pick came directly out of high school for the first time.

They have always been concerned about catching the West Nile virus.

There has always been a DisneySea in Tokyo.

They have grown up with Big Data and ubiquitous algorithms that know what they want before they do.

Most of them will rent, not buy, their textbooks.

They have probably all been "gaslighted" or "ghosted."

There have always been "smartwatches."

Their grandparents' classic comics have evolved into graphic novels.

They have grown up with a Patriot Act that has dramatically increased state surveillance to prevent terrorism.

Defibrillators have always been so simple to use that they can be installed at home.

Pittsburgh's Steelers and Pirates have never played at Three Rivers Stadium.

Congress has always banned human cloning completely and threatened arrest for offenders.

At least one of the murderers of the four schoolgirls in Birmingham, AL, in 1963 has always been in prison.

Monica and Chandler have always been married on *Friends*.

Blackboards have never been dumb.

A Catholic pope has always visited a mosque.

Cal Ripken Jr. has always been retired.

The U.S. has always been withdrawn from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Euthanasia has always been legal in the Netherlands.

Teams have always been engaged in an Amazing Race around the world.

Coke and Pepsi have always been competing in the sports hydration science marketplace.

Myers became the first player in NFL history to hit five 55-yard field goals in a single season. His six field goals of 50-plus yards set a Jets' record, and the total was tied for highest in the NFL this past season.

Myers with the Jets.

Athletics

# Reaching Goals

**After an outstanding 2018 season as placekicker for the New York Jets, Jason Myers '13 became the first Marist football player to play in the Pro Bowl.**

**A CHRISTMAS PRESENT** showed up seven days early for Jason Myers last year.

Tuesdays are customarily days off in the NFL, and Myers was enjoying one on Dec. 18. He was nearing the end of an outstanding 2018 season as the New York Jets' placekicker, one which saw him establish team records and rank among the league's elite at his position.

That evening, he was having dinner with his wife when the phone rang. Todd Bowles, New York Jets head coach at the time, was on the other end.

"You got selected to the Pro Bowl," Myers recalled his head coach telling him. "I'm super excited for you, especially with what you overcame to get there."

On Jan. 27, 2019, Myers became the first Marist football player to play in the Pro Bowl and just the second Red Fox to appear in a major league all-star game. The first came when Rik Smits played in the 1998 NBA All-Star Game.

Myers certainly persevered to earn the honor.

After graduating from Marist in 2013, Myers kicked in the Arena Football League for the San Jose SaberCats and the Arizona Rattlers. He signed his first NFL contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2015 and earned the Jaguars' kicking job that summer after the team traded 11-year NFL veteran Josh Scobee. Myers held the position with Jacksonville until he was released six games into the 2017 season.

In January of 2018, Myers signed a reserve/future contract with the Seattle Seahawks. He was released by the Seahawks on Aug. 20 but claimed off waivers by the Jets the following day. Three days later, he was kicking in a preseason game against the New York Giants after taking a red-eye flight from the West Coast into New York. Less than three weeks after that, he found himself kicking in front of a national television audience on *Monday Night Football* in the Jets' season opener at Detroit — and as it turned out, on his way to a Pro Bowl season.

Myers is not one to stop and think about the whirlwind of the previous year. What has helped him achieve success is a keen understanding of what he needs to do mentally and physically to compete at an elite level. He has worked with a kicking coach (former nine-year NFL kicker Michael Husted), trainer, sports psychologist, and physical therapist.

"This is going to be my fifth year in the NFL," Myers said. "In every situation I'm in, I learn from it. I have my routine, and I stick to it. If I keep my mind on my routine, then everything else falls into place."

BY MIKE FERRARO '01

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



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*Jason Myers '13 at the Pro Bowl.*

In 2018 he became the first player in NFL history to hit five 55-yard field goals in a single season. His six field goals of 50-plus yards set a Jets' record, and the total was tied for highest in the NFL this past season. Myers' strong leg also translated to kickoffs, where he had 60 touchbacks in 82 attempts. The touchback total also set a Jets' single-season record and was fourth-highest in the NFL last year. His accuracy matched his power, as his 91.7 percent accuracy rate on field goals (33 for 36) was tied for third in the NFL.

On Oct. 14 2018, Myers enjoyed a memorable performance in the Jets' 42-34 triumph over the Indianapolis Colts. He set a team record with seven field goals, which earned him the AFC Special Teams Player of the Week honor.

"He's worked extremely hard to get this opportunity," Marist head football coach Jim Parady said. "He came through with a Pro Bowl year. For him, the satisfaction has to be great, as is our happiness for him with all that he's accomplished in his career."

The Pro Bowl provided a great way for Myers to celebrate his season in a relaxed atmosphere with his family by his side. He arrived in Orlando five days before the game and stayed two days after it to visit the local parks the day following the Pro Bowl. Myers said there were approximately 20 family members with him at the Pro Bowl. They enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate Myers' season and be around the NFL's stars.

In rainy conditions at the Pro Bowl, held at Camping World Stadium, Myers connected on field goals of 31 and 47 yards as the AFC earned a 26-7 triumph.

"It was an incredible week," Myers said. "It was extremely laid-back and really built toward players being able to enjoy each other."

### Back to Seattle

Myers became a free agent following the 2018 season. On March 14, he returned to the Seattle Seahawks with a multi-year contract.

Positive relationships matter to Myers, and he forged good ones in his time with Seattle. He has become good friends with the team's fellow specialists, long snapper Tyler Ott and punter Michael Dickson.

"I wanted to be somewhere I'm comfortable," Myers said. "I was comfortable in terms of the relationships, and I let my agent do the hard part. Everything lined up well for me."

### Support from the Marist Community

Myers played for the Marist football team from 2009 to 2012. He became the Red Foxes' primary placekicker early in his freshman season, Marist's first as a member of the Pioneer Football League.

His freshman year included a game-winning field goal against Georgetown with one second remaining. Myers would depart Marist with the longest field goal in program history (49 yards, a record that still stands) and the program record for points scored by a kicker.

Playing for a New York team this past season allowed Myers to reconnect with some former teammates living in the area.

"It's awesome," Myers said. "I always have people, current students and alumni, reaching out via social media. Every week or two I get a letter from the Alumni Office. I've had great relationships with Coach Parady and the coaching staff."

The relationship has worked well both ways, as Myers has lent support to the next generations of Red Foxes.

"Jason has stayed very connected to our program since he's graduated," Parady said. "He's been a good friend and mentor to our kickers and other players in the program. He's a guy who's helped on different levels since he's graduated." 📧

### About Jason Myers

**Age:** 28

**Time at Marist:** Played the 2009-12 seasons for the Marist football team; graduated from Marist in the spring of 2013.

**NFL Experience:** Jacksonville Jaguars, 2015-17; Seattle Seahawks, 2018; New York Jets, 2018; Seattle Seahawks, 2019.

**Pro Bowl:** 2018 season.

**Career Statistics:** 84.3% field goal accuracy (97 for 115), 61.5% accuracy on field goals over 50 yards (16 for 26), 72.6% of kickoffs have been touchbacks (201 for 277).



The Red Foxes won their third MAAC Championship in program history and hosted an NCAA Tournament opening-round game.

# Men's Lacrosse, Women's Rowing Win MAAC Championships



The Marist Athletics Department's list of Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference champions grew by two in May as both men's lacrosse and women's rowing won titles.

**U**NDER THE LEADERSHIP of eighth-year head coach Keegan Wilkinson, men's lacrosse has become a perennial contender in the MAAC. The Red Foxes captured the conference's regular-season crown for the third time in Wilkinson's tenure and hosted the MAAC Championship semifinals and final at Tenney Stadium in early May.

The Red Foxes' resiliency was on full display in both of their conference tournament contests. In the semifinal round against defending champion Canisius on May 2, Marist trailed 3-0 deep into the first quarter before storming back. The Red Foxes shut out the Golden Griffins in the third quarter as they took the lead for good and held on for an 11-10 triumph which sent the team to the MAAC championship game for the fifth time in the last six seasons.

The championship game brought another formidable foe and another comeback. Facing second-seeded Quinnipiac on May 4, the Red

Foxes once again found themselves trailing by three in the first quarter. And once again, Marist fought its way back. Three straight goals in the second half gave the Red Foxes the lead for good. Marist then withstood a late charge by the Bobcats for a 15-14 victory, which gave the Red Foxes their third MAAC championship in program history and first since 2015.

Captain Joe Tierney '20 was named Most Outstanding Player of the MAAC Championship while Billy Andrie '19, Jamison Embury '22, and captain James Sarrocco '19 were named to the All-Championship Team.

"It's an incredible feeling," Tierney said following the MAAC championship game. "I think we really deserved this as a team. The coaches deserve this. We did a great job preparing since the fall, and to come out on top is just an awesome feeling."

The following night, Marist learned that it would host an opening-round game in the

NCAA Tournament on May 8 against UMBC. It was the second time the men's lacrosse program hosted an NCAA Tournament game, as the Red Foxes defeated Bryant in the opening round at Tenney Stadium in 2015. Although the Red Foxes were defeated by the Retrievers, the outcome could hardly dampen the spirit of the Marist community and the accomplishments of a championship season. A crowd of 2,134 packed the stands of Tenney Stadium for the contest. The total was the largest-ever for an opening-round NCAA Men's Lacrosse Tournament game.

"It was obviously not the result we were looking for tonight," Wilkinson said following the game against UMBC. "I'm really disappointed about that but very proud of the guys for the amazing year that they had. I'm super proud of these seniors, who leave as champions in a year when a lot of people had doubted them. They did an amazing job and planted the seed for future years to come."





Women's rowing won its 11th MAAC championship in program history.

**I**N 2013, the Marist women's rowing program won the MAAC championship and earned the conference's first automatic berth to the NCAA Tournament. Over the next five years, the Red Foxes remained highly competitive in the conference but placed second to Jacksonville each year.

In 2019, the tables turned.

This year's championship was held on May 19 at Cooper River Park in Cherry Hill, NJ. In the first grand final of the day, Jacksonville narrowly held off Marist in the Varsity 4. The Red Foxes answered by winning the Second Varsity 8 by over 10 seconds, with Jacksonville coming in second. The winning crew consisted of Isabelle Koch '20, Shawna Gilson '20, Lydia Giguere '22, Kate Beebe '19, Abbey Gragg '19, McKenna Klineyoung '21, Maddy Gragg '19, Cassandra Nicholson '22, and Jasmine Miller '21.

The Varsity 8 was the last final of the day. The Red Foxes maintained a slim lead over Jacksonville in the early part of the race, but they pulled away down the stretch and crossed the finish line nearly nine seconds ahead of the Dolphins. The crew of Caitlin Green '19, Bernadette Winby '19, Elisabeth Kamm '20, Clodagh Deasy '19, Sydney Ford '20, Selena Mildon '21, Kerriann Ernenwein '19, Marie Ryden '21, and Eliza Hartford '19 captured the gold for Marist.

Deasy, Ford, Green, Hartford, and Winby all earned First Team All-MAAC honors afterward, while Mildon was named Second Team All-MAAC. Tom Sanford was honored as MAAC Coach of the Year.

"The team performed very well," Sanford said following the MAAC Championship. "Everyone is extremely excited. It's been a long time. Each crew deserved to win as a team. I can't be more proud of them; they accomplished what we set out to do."

It was the 11th MAAC championship for women's rowing in program history. Through the conclusion of the 2018–19 school year, Marist has captured a conference-record 113 MAAC Tournament championships. 🏆

### Three Men's Lacrosse Alumni Make New York Lizards' Roster

**T**HREE MARIST MEN'S LACROSSE alumni—Mike Begley '15, J.D. Recor '17, and Brian Corrigan '18—made the opening-day roster of Major League Lacrosse's New York Lizards. Begley, Recor, and Corrigan were all part of the Red Foxes' 2015 MAAC championship team, which earned the program's first NCAA Tournament victory with an opening-round triumph over Bryant.

In 2016, Begley became the first Red Fox to make an MLL final roster when he suited up for the Boston Cannons. Recor completed his second season as an assistant coach at Marist in 2019. Corrigan was named MAAC Defensive Player of the Year in 2018. Both Begley and Corrigan were named to the Watch List for the Tewaaraton Award during their Marist careers, and Recor was a finalist for the Senior CLASS award.



Director of Athletics Tim Murray presented Marist apparel to Deirdre Hargey, then the lord mayor of Belfast, Northern Ireland, when the Marist men's basketball team took part in the Belfast Classic last year. Marist won both of its games in the tournament's Samson Bracket, with triumphs over Dartmouth and LIU Brooklyn. The Red Foxes also had time to hold a clinic for local schoolchildren and do some sightseeing.

# Storytelling with Data

**Anthony DeBarros '86/'97MSIS, a data editor at *The Wall Street Journal*, is an expert in a field that combines journalism and computer science.**

**THIRTY-THREE YEARS AGO,**

even before he graduated from Marist with a degree in English, Anthony

DeBarros landed a job reporting news for the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.

Soon after, he became enamored with computers, bought one, and went back to Marist for a master's degree in information systems.

Today DeBarros is an expert in a field that combines journalism and computer science. He is a data editor at *The Wall Street Journal* and author

of the book *Practical SQL: A Beginner's Guide to Storytelling with Data*.

A journalist for most of his career, he focuses on data analysis—"building, acquiring, vetting, and analyzing data sets to find news and trends," he explained.

DeBarros began reporting news before he enrolled at Marist. After two years at Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie, he worked at radio station WEOK/WPDH in Poughkeepsie, first as a part-time DJ and then as a reporter.

Transferring to Marist, he majored in English with a concentration in writing. He continued reporting, for *The Circle* and for an internship at the *Poughkeepsie Journal*, a Gannett newspaper. He was inspired by his advisor at the time, journalism faculty member David McCraw, who today is vice

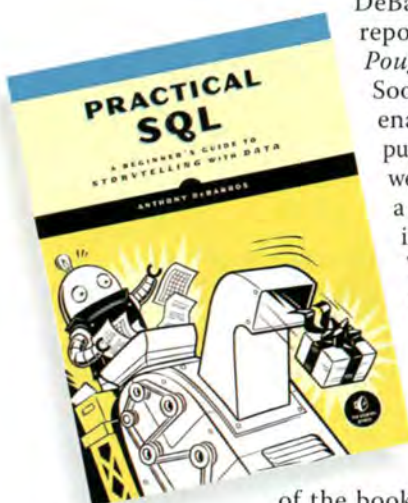
president and deputy general counsel at *The New York Times*.

"He was instrumental in getting me into *The Circle*," DeBarros said. "He became a major inspiration."

A month before his graduation from Marist in 1986, the *Poughkeepsie Journal* hired DeBarros. He covered town government and the police department before leaving the newspaper briefly to travel. He returned in 1987 as a features writer and went on to handle multiple roles, including editor of the Life section. He also taught journalism at Marist for two semesters as an adjunct.

While at the *Journal*, he pursued the MSIS part time at night.

"Data journalism has been a central theme of investigative report-



## Advice on a Career in Data Journalism

**Marist magazine:** What advice would you give students who want to work in journalism, and in data journalism?

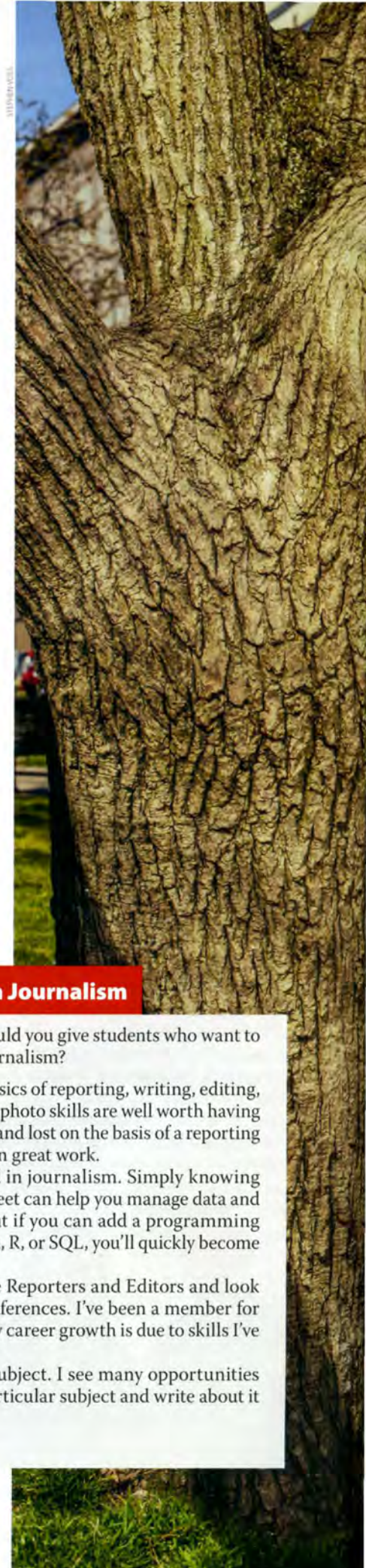
**Anthony DeBarros:** Excel in the basics of reporting, writing, editing, and interviewing. Audio, video, and photo skills are well worth having also. Many entry-level jobs are won and lost on the basis of a reporting or editing test, so be ready to turn in great work.

Data skills are in high demand in journalism. Simply knowing your way around an Excel spreadsheet can help you manage data and find unique stories. Start there. But if you can add a programming language, such as JavaScript, Python, R, or SQL, you'll quickly become very marketable.

Join the nonprofit Investigative Reporters and Editors and look into its training programs and conferences. I've been a member for more than 20 years, and much of my career growth is due to skills I've acquired through IRE's offerings.

Think about specializing in a subject. I see many opportunities for people who can go deep on a particular subject and write about it for expert readers.

Network!





Anthony DeBarros '86/'97MSIS is a data editor at The Wall Street Journal and author of the book *Practical SQL: A Beginner's Guide to Storytelling with Data*.

ing for well over 25 years, growing considerably in the last 10 years," said DeBarros. "My involvement in data journalism began while I was at the *Poughkeepsie Journal*. I was studying for my MSIS at Marist at the time and was able to bring concepts about databases I learned in the classroom into the newsroom."

"Today every major news publication has dedicated teams who focus on data analysis," he said, citing *The Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, and *Washington Post*.

When Gannett's flagship newspaper, *USA Today*, offered him a position as database editor in 1997, he and his family moved from Hyde Park, NY, to the Washington, DC, area. He became one of four database editors at the national newspaper, working on the Life section on stories related to health, education, demographics, and entertainment. In 2008, *USA Today* promoted him to the new position of senior database editor. He took on management of the team of database editors—"by then we called ourselves data journalists"—and expanded the team to six people. During that time, he became more involved with investigative stories and interactive data visualizations, and the team won multiple awards.

In 2012, he was offered a spot with Gannett Digital, a division of the parent company that built its Web sites and mobile apps. He created a small team that made apps for election results, investigations, and other stories. He also produced a first-of-its-kind virtual reality project called Harvest of Change for Gannett's *Des Moines Register*.

A longtime member of the non-profit organization Investigative Reporters and Editors (IRE), he has been a frequent speaker and trainer at its conferences. Through a grant from the Knight Foundation, he joined the IRE staff full time in 2015 as director of product development for DocumentCloud, a Web-based software platform for organizing, researching, annotating, and publishing primary source documents.

After DocumentCloud, he worked for a small publishing and

events company, leading product development and content strategy. In September 2018, he joined the staff of *The Wall Street Journal* as data news editor in its Washington, DC, bureau.

Early on, a *Wall Street Journal* project he worked on won an award. He was part of a team that reported the data behind the visual "China: Emergence of a Trade Leviathan," which explained China's rise to power as a U.S. trading partner ([www.wsj.com/graphics/china-emergence-of-a-trade-leviathan/](http://www.wsj.com/graphics/china-emergence-of-a-trade-leviathan/)). The Society for News Design awarded the piece a bronze medal in its Best of Digital Design competition, in which 13 judges from around the globe reviewed 1,300 entries.

*Practical SQL* was released by the San Francisco tech publisher No Starch Press in May 2018. Its genesis was his blog about technology and journalism. The posts that drew the most readers were his short explainers on how to install or use software.

"I had learned the database language SQL while studying for my master's at Marist, and over the years it became a big part of my data analysis toolkit. Many have written books about SQL, but I thought it would be helpful to write one that used real-world data rather than the hypothetical examples you typically find in a textbook."

He began the book in 2011, writing on the bus, on the train, and on planes, whenever he could find time. After producing nine chapters, he found a publisher who offered him a contract.

"As a one-time staff member of Marist's student newspaper, *The Circle*, and a beneficiary of both the school's outstanding journalism and computer science programs, my book reflects how the preparation I received at Marist helped me excel in my career," he said.

As for the future, his expertise in data journalism gives him an informed perspective on what's next in the field. "I'm excited about finding uses for machine learning and artificial intelligence as well as employing automation to gather and analyze data." 📄

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## 1958

**William Maher** spends three to four months a year in Stuart, FL. He and his wife, Elaine, celebrated 45 years of marriage and have nine grandchildren.

## 1961

**John Trainor, PhD**, came out of retirement to return to private practice, this time as a Catholic therapist utilizing teleconferencing and videoconferencing.

## 1962

**M. John O'Connell** reports that a virtual community of 60+ members of the Classes of 1960 to 1964 remain in touch, with about 15 of those who are able gathering each year (always welcome at the Marist Brothers Center in Esopus, NY) for some old-fashioned "face-time."

## 1963

The following marked their 60th anniversary as Marist Brothers in June 2019: **Bro. Ronald David Barabino**, **Bro. Gerard Breerton**, **Bro. Robert Conley**, **Bro. Francis Garza**, **Bro. John C. Herrmann**, **Bro. Benedict LoBalbo**, **Bro. John McDonagh**, **Bro. John McDonnell**, **Bro. John Nash**, **Bro. Edmund Sheehan**, and **Bro. Michael Williams**.

## 1964

**Peter Haight** was ordained a Roman Catholic deacon. **¶ Peter Hanley** received prestigious awards during his career as an advertising and marketing executive including Effie Awards in the gold, silver, and bronze categories. The Effie Awards honor effective marketing communications and companies and individuals on six continents and in more than 40 countries. Peter was a member of Marist's Board of Trustees for 18 years. **¶ Bro. Rene Roy** was named president emeritus at Central Catholic High School, his alma mater, in Lawrence, MA.



*Class of '68 members Paul Rinn and (left to right) Bob D'Errico, Dan Kuffner, and Joseph Walsh visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC, to honor their Marist classmate Lt. Frank Egan on the 45th anniversary of his death during the conflict in Southeast Asia. Frank, an Air Force OV10 reconnaissance pilot, was remembered for his determination, character, and dedication to his country and mission. Also celebrated were humorous stories of his days on campus and on the Marist crew team.*

## 1965

**Tom Kirkman** is retired but volunteering for several groups. He also spends time catching up on reading.

## 1966

**John Conrad** received a 30-year pin in 2018 for service at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, NY, where he is an adjunct professor. He retired from LaSalle Institute in 2009. **¶ Frederick Gilmore** has three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

## 1967

**Richard Sinkoski** remembers fondly the good friends he met at Marist who have since passed away: David Thompson, Joseph Nolting, and Jan Carmody, who served and died in Vietnam.

## 1968

**Dominick Bollella** has been happily married for 48 years to Ruth and is a granddad to three teenagers. The oldest graduated in 2018; another is a pitching prospect for a college; and the youngest girl is science/math-oriented and looking toward interior design or architecture. **¶ Stanley Harris '68/'06MA** was elected chairman of the Joint Board of Overseers for the Marist-Health Quest Medical School, scheduled to open in

2023. **¶ Mike Ryan** and his wife, Jane, moved north to Bolivar, OH, after spending 37 years in North Carolina. The move brings them closer to Jane's remaining family, and they are enjoying putting their mark on their property.

## 1969

**Stephen Digilio** retired from Morgan Stanley on June 30, 2018, after 39+ years in the financial services industry. **¶ John Moccio** volunteered for five years as a hospice companion and became an Emmaus Brother. **¶ William Nevins** is the vice commander for American Legion Post 6 in Milledgeville, GA. **¶ John Pashley** has been retired from the New York State Department of Health for 15 years.

## 1970

**Bill Dourdis** received the New York State United Teachers (NYSUT) Community Service Award in 2018. A journalism, mass media, and communications teacher at Roy C. Ketcham High School in Wappingers Falls, NY, for 33 years, he has volunteered extensively. His community service includes holding leadership positions in a slow-pitch softball league for 49 years, coaching soccer for 27 years, and serving as Sunday



# KEEPING UP WITH MARIST GRADUATES

school superintendent at Tabernacle Baptist Church for 17 years. He also has shared his news and design expertise with a number of area organizations including editing the Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers newsletter *PostScript*, issued six times a year, for 13 years. As *PostScript* editor, he has won 39 NYSUT communications awards. ¶ **Tom Hoffay** retired as grants director on the staff of the New York State Assembly 103rd District office in June 2018.

## 1971

**Deacon Robert Gurske** retired on Dec. 31, 2018. He continues as permanent deacon at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church in Scotch Plains, NJ, while leaving behind his position as director of communications. Bob has worked there since 2004 in various capacities and has worshipped there his entire life. He was also reelected deputy chief of the Scotch Plains Rescue Squad and continues to be the squad chaplain. ¶ **Bill Spenla**

founded a business called P4 Advisors LLC, a professional human resources firm focusing on people, potential, possibilities, and performance. His wife, **Mary Jane '72**, continues her career as a software computer consultant. They are enjoying their children and four grandchildren and also enjoy watching Marist grow, prosper, and flourish as an institution of character.

## 1972

**Vincent Coda, DPM**, has been going to Guatemala annually to do foot corrective bone surgery in the La Labor region. ¶ **James Cosentino** proudly announces the arrival of grandson Jackson Joseph Cosentino in 2018. Jackson joins big sister Brynn Mary.

## 1973

**Rafael Polo** is beginning negotiations with a publishing company regarding his first novel. ¶ **Dr. John Siolas** was honored with the Faculty Mission Award by the Vincentian Center for

Church and Society. The award took place during St. John's University Founder's Week at the D'Angelo Center.

## 1975

**Dr. Mike Asip** retired from 38 years in Virginia public education, where he served three school districts as a special education teacher, principal, and director of special education. Mike now leads statewide special education directors, advocating with the Virginia General Assembly and other state leaders for special education policy and legislation. Mike and his wife, Leslie, volunteer to make political change in rural Powhatan County, where they have lived for almost 10 years. They are proud grandparents of Nolan James Asip, who lives in New Jersey with parents Danny and Heather Asip. Danny is a leader at the Madison Square Garden Co. Mike and Leslie's daughter, Cailin Asip, lives in Roanoke, VA, where she is the director of admissions at Hollins University.

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Bill Dourdis '70



The Office of Alumni Relations has launched *Marist Connections*, a podcast highlighting alumni, students, faculty, staff, coaches, and other members of the Marist community. Listeners can subscribe through Apple and Android podcast apps, through email, or through "MyCast." Or simply visit [maristconnect.marist.edu/podcast](http://maristconnect.marist.edu/podcast) to hear recent episodes.

### EPISODES:

**TADD BINDAS '19**, a computer science and math major, **EMMA STARK '20**, an education major, and **LAUREN VECCHIO '19**, a marketing major with a minor in fashion merchandising and psychology, discuss the Honors Program at Marist, their Senior Thesis projects, and how the program helped define their college experience. They are joined by **DR. JAMES SNYDER**, associate professor of philosophy and director of the Honors Program, and **DR. MARY STONE**, assistant professor of psychology and assistant director of the Honors Program.



Dr. James Snyder



Dr. Mary Stone

**IAN O'CONNOR '86**, a sports columnist for ESPN, speaks to **JANE MCMANUS**, Marist's new director of the Center for Sports Communication, about his recent *New York Times* best seller, *Belichick*, and his career as a journalist and writer. He recently signed with Houghton Mifflin Harcourt to write a biography of Mike Krzyzewski. O'Connor wrote for the *New York Daily News*, *USA Today*, the *Journal News*, the *Record*, and *Foxsports.com* before accepting his position at ESPN.



Ian O'Connor '86

**JUDY ANNUNZIATA '96**, owner of four Edible Arrangements franchises, and **DEANNA BELLACCICO BREAUT '92**, founder and owner of Bella's Home Baked Goods, share their thoughts on entrepreneurship, leadership, and chasing dreams.



Judy Annunziata '96 and Deanna Bellacicco Breault '92

**ALVIN PATRICK '86**, senior producer at CBS News, talks about producing stories with special correspondent James Brown across all network shows and platforms. He is interviewed by **AMY WOODS '97**, executive director of Alumni Relations, and sports communication major **WILL BJARNER '20**.



Alvin Patrick '86

**KIRSTYN WATSON**, a criminal justice major and the Class of 2019 valedictorian, interviews **JEROME PICKETT '98**, executive vice president and chief security officer for the NBA and former Secret Service agent.



Jerome Pickett '98

# Alumni Guide Students at Career Events

**Inaugural VIP Networking Event brings alumni from top companies to campus.**



Alumni and other representatives from top companies came to the campus for the inaugural VIP Networking Event sponsored by Marist's Center for Career Services. The attendees were (first row, left to right) Anthony Perez, Merrill Lynch; Samantha Tilton '18, Citi; Will Cahan '14, NBC Sports Group; Kibria Biswas '17, Verizon; Devon J. O'Nalty '08, Lockheed Martin; Jason Murray '83, Transamerica Financial Advisors; Molly Cunningham '16, Travelers; Ciara Mulligan '18, New York State Senate Office; (second row) Steven Cain '18, Schultheis & Panettieri, LLP; Daemyian Watson '06/'12MSIS, Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.; Allison Newton '04, Schultheis & Panettieri, LLP; Eric Kimmel '05, ESPN; David Barton '07, Edelman; Mike McHale '87, Cleverworks; Kevin Stark '14/'16MSIS, Javits Center; Christie VanHorne, Peace Corps; (third row) Zachery Malitz '18, PwC; Christopher Gallanty '18, JP Morgan; Stephen Krill '07, CNN.

**A TOTAL OF 240** Marist juniors and seniors had the opportunity to network with alumni employed by 16 top companies at the inaugural VIP Networking Event sponsored by Marist's Center for Career Services this spring.

Companies represented at the March 7 event in the Murray Student Center Cabaret were Verizon, Edelman, NBC Sports Group, Travelers Insurance, JP Morgan, ESPN, CNN, Lockheed Martin, PwC, Cleverworks, the New York State Senate, Transamerica Financial Advisors, Schultheis & Panettieri, Merrill Lynch, the Javits Center, Citi, the Peace Corps, and Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.

"I came to get some exposure to some high-level professionals and get some advice on what to do in my career," said Tom Jones '20. He also wanted to hear how the alumni launched their own careers. "It's a really interesting event. It's motivation just as much as it is inspiration."

Dr. Mary Jones, executive director of the Center for Career Services, and Desmond Murray, associate director for the employer experience, helped plan and facilitate the event along with the Advancement and Alumni Relations offices. "Each year we have a career fair in the fall as well as the spring to connect students with employers that are hiring," Jones said. "We wanted to bring more alumni and employers from large corporations to Marist, knowing many of these companies have hired Marist graduates. We invited alumni from these different prestigious companies to connect with students so that students would have a chance to network and possibly be able to obtain full-time or internship opportunities at these companies."

Stephen Krill '07, director of marketing for CNN worldwide, took part after welcoming Marist students to CNN offices earlier in the



The Communication Internship Program held its annual Alumni-Student Networking Event April 10 at the new Marist College Executive Center in New York City. Alumni participating were (back row) Stephen Krill '07, CNN; Steve Raum '15, Sports Illustrated; Matt Onorato '18, Reprise Digital; Brian McMillan '11, Alliance; Katie Meena '12, MTV; Ryan Rivard '15, Reel Works, Stephanie Duffy '15, DeVries Global; (front row) Dana Carullo '00, CBS News; John Mosho '18, Sports Illustrated; Molly Weeks '17, RED Music; Christine Petrillo-Blaine '88, Al Roker Entertainment; Ali Read '14, Investigation Discovery; Joey-Lyn Adessa '06, Mindshare; Nick Bitetto '13, Associated Press; Brooke DiPalma '18, Yahoo! Finance.

BY EROS RIOS-TINOCO '21

*The inaugural Public Service Career Trip brought 41 students to Washington, DC, in March for alumni panels, tours of the FBI and U.S. Capitol, and a networking event with alumni and parents at the Army and Navy Club (shown).*



year in a program called Road to the Workplace. “They got to see some of our live on-air operations, to talk to a recruiter. They got a chance to talk to a couple of the employees to see what it’s like to work at CNN. I hope that that gave them a clear picture on career paths and what’s available.”

Krill is responsible for marketing original series, films, and live news programs. “I think one of the hardest parts about the job-search process is you may have an idea of what you want your career to be, but it’s hard to get honest real-world information about what it’s like day to day. I’m happy to try to give any information that I can about what it’s like to work at a company like CNN, what it’s like to work in New York, and hopefully help the students figure out what they want to do for their career.”

Road to the Workplace is a series of employer site visits that give students chances to network with Marist alumni and other professionals who work at a variety of companies. By attending a Road to the Workplace trip, students can also get a sense of an organization’s culture and learn about its professional development opportunities. Murray and Kevin McCall, coordinator of outreach, marketing, and communications in the Center for Career Services, help organize each site visit and prepare the students who attend.

Students at the VIP Networking Event valued the experience. Robert Schardt ’20 enjoyed it because of the big-name companies, citing ESPN, NBC, and Verizon. “Getting your name out to those guys and asking for advice is honestly the best thing you could do.”

At the same time as the VIP Networking reception in the Cabaret, Career Services was holding its spring 2019 Career and Internship Fair, known as Meet the Companies, upstairs in the Murray Student Center Hudson River Rooms. Fifty-two employers and more than 600 students attended. Students were encouraged to attend both events.

Alumni also networked with students during Marist’s first Public Service Career Trip to Washington, DC, March 18-19. Career Services sponsored the trip along with the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and School of Liberal Arts. More than 40 students enjoyed alumni panels, tours of the FBI and the U.S. Capitol, and a networking reception with 65 alumni and parents at the Army and Navy Club.

Communications alumni were on hand as well when the

Communication Internship Program held its annual Alumni–Student Networking Event April 10 at the new Marist College Executive Center in New York City. Some 38 students attended, meeting and mingling with 15 alumni from all aspects of the media world—advertising, journalism, public relations, film, television, sports, and gaming. The event is organized each year by Internship Director Gerry McNulty ’79 and Internship Coordinator Sara Nowlin. 📷



*During students’ Public Service Career Trip, DC-area alumni served on a career panel, organized by Dr. Martin Shaffer, dean of the School of Liberal Arts (back row, far left), in the U.S. Capitol Visitors Center March 19. The alumni were (seated, left to right) Jane Sheehan ’10, senior federal relations manager, Families USA; Andrew Overton, ’10, senior director of communications, Chesapeake Bay Foundation; Lydia Denis ’17, legislative correspondent, U.S. House of Representatives; (standing, left to right) Danisha Craig ’18, staff assistant to U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal; Matthew Kent ’10, regulatory policy associate, Public Citizen; Brian Smith ’95, vice president, alliance development and external affairs, Biotechnology Innovation; Colleen McCulloch Learch ’99, executive vice president, KRC Research; Jenna Grande ’14, press secretary, U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono.*



Alumni, retired faculty and staff, and friends gathered in two locations in Florida this past February for receptions: at the Pelican Grand Beach Resort in Ft. Lauderdale Feb. 19 and at Tiburón Golf Club in Naples Feb. 21. Guests in Naples included (above) **BOBBY MARKS '95** and his wife, Michelle, and (below, left to right) Marist Trustee **JOHN O'SHEA**, his son and daughter-in-law Michael and Tess, and **GINNY KELLER '78**.



## 1976

Mary Ellen Redmond shared the sad news that her sister **Nancy Fletcher Amico '75** passed away Nov. 19, 2018, from glioblastoma brain cancer.

## 1978

**Robert Goonan** was promoted to senior vice president of logistics with Boscov's Department Store, LLC. ¶ **Matthew Meltzer** welcomed his third granddaughter, born in 2018. He is proud to announce that his first grandson and fourth granddaughter are due in 2019.

## 1979

**Thomas and Suzanne Conway** welcomed their third grandchild, Claire Conway. ¶ **Charles Joseph** and his wife, Joyce, welcomed baby Michael in December 2017. ¶ **Richard (Rick) Ryan '79/'82MBA** retired from IBM in 2016 after a 34-year career. He was an



Richard Ryan '79/'82MBA

executive/associate partner in business intelligence and analytics in the CIO organization. In January 2017, he was excited to be recruited by Ernst & Young as an associate director in enterprise business and information architecture, and in 2018 he moved into management as the principal solution architect for data and information in its systems applications and products in data processing (SAP) program in Core Business Services. He is married to Kathleen and has two adult children, Bridget and Danny. They reside in Atlanta, GA. ¶ **Brian White** retired from teaching biology and moved to Maine. He founded Glacier Bear Adventures LLC and guides sea kayaking expeditions in Alaska.

## 1980

**Brian Dow** is the ACEF (Albany, NY, chapter) board member-at-large ASIS (Albany Chapter) vice chairman. ¶ **James Lemakos** retired from the Bogota, NJ, Police Department and now works in Florida. ¶ **John Shannon** became vice president of sales for GK Training and Communications in September 2018. His daughter, **Megan Shannon Jonas '10**, and her husband, Michael, had a baby girl in October 2017.

## 1981

**Bill DeWinne** and his wife, Rita, welcomed their first grandchild, Hunter Chase Darrell, in 2018. Parents are daughter Heather and son-in-law Tanner Darrell of Dallas, TX.

## 1982

**Elaine Doremus** has a new Web site for her business: ResumesWritten.net. She is willing to mail brochures and business cards to those interested. ¶ **Mike McCarthy** is general manager of Marquee Sports Network, the future TV home of the Chicago Cubs.

## 1984

**Karyn (Magdalen) and Rick O'Donnell** have been enjoying their move (six years ago) to Charlotte, NC, as part of a major relocation of Rick's company's headquarters. In 2018 they celebrated the marriage of their daughter, **Allyson '11**, to James Marsden, an event attended by 16 Marist alumni in York Beach, ME. They also were named co-presidents of the North Carolina chapter of the Marist Alumni Association. Karyn is retired and spends her time volunteering at three Charlotte organizations: Classroom Central, Urban Ministry, and the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry. Rick is the senior director for Aftermarket



Left to right, President **DENNIS J. MURRAY**, Seattle Seahawks placekicker **JASON MYERS '13**, and **MATT DALY '91** enjoyed a Marist football game at Tenney Stadium last season.

Supply Chain at United Technologies (33 years) and still travels extensively for work (over 55 countries visited so far). He is also a board member in the O'Donnells' high-rise condo in the center of Charlotte. They look forward to celebrating the wedding of their son, Ricky, and their 35-year Marist Homecoming and Reunion celebration in the fall of 2019.

## 1986

**Thomas Begg** is proud to announce his son TJ will graduate from UNC-Chapel Hill in 2019. His daughter, Caitlin, had an article published in *Forbes*, "Social Selling: Five Essentials for Driving Sales." ¶ **Karen Szklany Gault** is a member of the Veriditas International Association of Labyrinth Walk Facilitators and is a certified labyrinth walk facilitator. Labyrinth walk meditation is a spiritual practice that appeals to individuals and groups across age groups and spiritual traditions. In her work as a facilitator, she uses her connection with Reiki (Level I) energy to serve as a healing presence to walkers and applies skills learned in Dr. Jephtha Lanning's public speaking class. In August 2017, she delivered a sermon titled "Who's Your Fellowship?" at her church. She also gave a sermon titled "Is It Time to Regenerate?" in August 2018. ¶ **John E. Young** has been named head coach of the Fairfield University men's basketball program. Jay most recently spent three seasons as an assistant coach in the Big Ten at Rutgers University.

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# Five Inducted into Marist Hockey Hall of Fame



Left to right, vice chairman of the awards committee Casey Bryant '17, Mike Caridi '82, Alissa Kurtz on behalf of John Kurtz '82, Karin Walsh on behalf of Dennis Walsh '82 (posthumously), Brian Foley '84, Scott Kendall '91, and assistant coach and chairman of the awards committee Brian Pecchia '08.

**JAN. 26, 2019**, marked the second annual Marist Hockey Hall of Fame induction. As a sport that began 41 years ago at Marist, it offers many deserving graduates to honor. This year's five honorees included three of the founders of the program.

The day began with an alumni game at the McCann Ice Arena in Poughkeepsie featuring 35 former players ranging from the Class of 1983 to the Class of 2018. Afterward, more than 140 alumni, family members, and friends gathered at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel for a luncheon and presentation. Proceeds from the event benefit the hockey program.

This year's inductees:

**Mike Caridi '82** is one of the founders of the modern-day hockey program and served as a co-captain and a center for the 1981 and 1982 squads. In addition to leading his team on the ice, Caridi handled team finances and assisted with scheduling. He is now the third forward from the 1981–82 team to be inducted into the Hall of Fame,

joining Jim McDonald '84 and Rob Trabulsi '85 last year. The '81–'82 squad netted 109 goals in 17 games, which is almost 6.5 goals per game. Caridi scored 19 that season with 23 assists, putting him third in the division in scoring. Coach Glen Van Bramer told the *Circle* that Caridi and Trabulsi "played 35–40 minutes a night and work better together than any two hockey players I've ever seen."

**John Kurtz '82** not only served as the team's primary financial coordinator and go-between for the team, league, and school but was also the team's captain and goaltender, the loneliest position in hockey. But Kurtz has been described by teammates as the "main cog" of the Marist hockey teams of 1981 and 1982, organizing funds for ice time and negotiating with Dean Jerry Cox '55 for school backing. Marist went 3-5 in their first season before joining the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference (MCHC). They made an immediate splash in '81–'82, making the playoffs. The team was fifth in

goals-against average with Kurtz as the backstop.

The third founder to be inducted was **Dennis Walsh '82**. He was in charge of securing sponsorships for the team, providing jerseys, and arranging ice time. (If the archives are accurate, the primary sponsorship for the team back then was Pabst Blue Ribbon!) A jovial man always armed with a joke and, of course, the prototypical 1980s mustache that made him look eerily similar to Ralph Cox from *Miracle*, Walsh was a defenseman who enjoyed banging bodies, perhaps to a fault, as he finished second on the team in penalty minutes his senior year with 60 in 17 games. Unfortunately, he passed away in spring of 2018 at the age of 57 after a battle with leukemia. His wife, Karin, accepted his award and was accompanied by their four children—Timothy, Frank, Ryan, and Kerry—daughter-in-law Kelsey, Dennis's brother Joe '79 and sister-in-law Suzanne, sisters Marianna and Noreen, and many other friends and family members.

Defenseman **Brian Foley '84** was nominated by many of his former teammates. He was a highly skilled puck-mover with a propensity to throw his weight around. He sacrificed his body for the team and served as de facto protector for star scorer Jim McDonald '84. In his sophomore season he led the team with 79 PIMs and the following year stepped up and led the entire league with 80. Foley could play at any strength and collected several points shorthanded over his career as well.

**Scott Kendall '91** ranks 7th all-time in goals, assists, and points. He was named Team MVP his sophomore year when he scored 25 goals in 16 games; he was listed as an All-Conference player all four years and never scored fewer than 15 goals in a season. His senior year was his best with 41 points in 17 games. He did all this as a dual-sport athlete, also running cross-country at Marist where he earned all-Northeast Conference honors and was given a team leadership award. Having amassed 142 career points in just 65 games, Kendall is one of the most accomplished players in school history, leading Marist on and off the ice. The Foxes never posted a losing record with him on the team, and head coach John Lentz said if given the choice, he'd take 25 Scott Kendalls on his team. His linemate Brendan McDonald '91 said Kendall "was the kind of player who made everyone around him better. He was the best teammate and most competitive player I ever played with." 🇺🇸



Hockey Alumni Day, Jan. 26, 2019, featured an alumni game at the McCann Ice Arena.



*Dr. Charles Howlett '68, professor emeritus of graduate education at Molloy College, received the 2018 Molloy College Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award. He is shown with Molloy's mascot.*

**DR. CHARLES HOWLETT '68**, professor emeritus of graduate education at Molloy College, received the 2018 Molloy College Alumni Association's Distinguished Faculty Award in a ceremony at Molloy College in Rockville Centre, NY.

## Dr. Charles Howlett '68 Honored with Molloy College Distinguished Faculty Award

Howlett holds advanced degrees from the University at Albany and Teachers College, Columbia University. His doctoral studies were interrupted when as a member of the Marine Corps Reserves he was placed on extended active duty during the Vietnam War. Upon his return, he finished his degree and began a career that included 27 years as a social studies teacher in Amityville, NY, public schools and then 13 years on the education faculty of the graduate school of Molloy College, where he taught American and European history.

His distinctions include numerous published works, a Fulbright to the Netherlands, a Woodrow Wilson Foundation Teaching Fellowship, a Brown University Teaching Fellowship, and a National Endowment for the Humanities grant.

Of all his achievements, one he cherishes took place while he was a student at Marist. A four-year varsity starter on Marist's soccer team, he was a senior co-captain during Coach Howard "Doc" Goldman's first winning season. "I am quite proud of this accomplishment," Howlett said, "given how hard the team worked to achieve this goal."

His wife, Tricia, is a nurse and elder law attorney who is a recipient of the New York State Bar Association Elder Law Attorney of the Year Award for her pro bono work. Chuck and Tricia are the proud parents of two combat veterans still on active duty: Lt. Col. Sean Howlett, a 2002 graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy, and Maj. Patrick Howlett, a 2006 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy.

### 1987

**Mike McHale** sold Cleverworks, his media strategy consultancy, to Jump 450 Media and joined them as chief business officer.

### 1988

**Bob O'Connor** is building a labor arbitrator/mediator practice.

### 1989

**Marc Hamlin** retired from the Tampa Police Department after 28 years of services as assistant chief of police. He took a job as security manager of Coca-Cola Florida and also consults on security for the NFL. ¶ **Paul Mead** is founder and CEO of Cold Spring Properties, LLC, a real estate investing company operating in Michigan and Indiana, with plans to expand into Ohio. ¶ **Kristine (Varnum) Nakutis** was selected to serve as the Austin Peay State University campus director supporting active duty soldiers, family members, and civilians. ¶ **Susanne (Lynn) Wilson** and her husband, Aubrey, celebrated the graduation of their son, Zachary, from Yale University. Zachary was a double major in astrophysics and applied mathematics. He was commissioned upon gradu-

ation as a 2nd lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force and is heading to Sheppard AFB for fighter pilot school.

### 1990

**Jeanne (Shufelt) Rebillard** founded Rebillard Public Relations after years of working as a public relations account executive and as a general manager for a chain of newspapers and magazines. Clients have included the Endometriosis Foundation of America, for whom she planned the 2018 Blossom Ball at Cipriani in New York City where honorees included the singer Halsey. She also planned the medical conference Breast, Ovary and Endometriosis. Other projects include Trade Secrets, a rare-plant and garden antiques sale and tour that benefits Women's Support Services, Inc., chaired by Bunny Williams and named Martha Stewart's Garden Event of the Year. Jeanne's other work includes PR support for the Silo Ridge Field Club in Amenia; she helped the club navigate the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act process and communicate its project to the community. In 2018, **Andrew Rebillard** graduated from Marist and joined the company.

### 1991

**Rosemary Molloy** has four grandchildren in college. Rosemary's husband, Dr. Andrew A. Molloy '51, was professor emeritus of chemistry and a Heritage Professor and also served as academic vice president at Marist.

### 1992

**Christopher Bautista** became a proud member of the Board of Trustees at the NJ Sharing Network, a nonprofit organization responsible for the recovery and placement of donated organs and tissues for those in need of life-saving transplants. His personal connection to organ donation is that he is a donor dad to his son Luke, who died in May 2016. Luke was able to save five lives via organ donation and close to 75 others through tissue donation. Christopher has been sharing Luke's story and inspiring others to register as organ and tissue donors. ¶ **Joy (Williams) Eyrolles '92/'97MPA** took the lead as executive director at the Anchor Scholarship Foundation in 2018. The foundation makes college more affordable for U.S. Surface Navy families worldwide.

## 1993

**Jake Knorr** has three beautiful children. Daughter Katherine is a published author, living in New York. His older son Michael is attending California State University, Fullerton, on a baseball scholarship, even after he was selected by the San Diego Padres to play right out of high school. Youngest son Peter is an all-star baseball player as well, attending high school.

## 1994

**Jennifer (Caron) Brady** received her Society for Human Resource Management certification.

## 1995

**Michael Dunne** is regional director for ResCare Workforce Services. He is responsible for workforce operations that oversee TANF, WIOA, business services, and youth programs in Connecticut, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Rhode Island. Prior to joining ResCare Workforce Services, Michael led all workforce development programs in New York City and Long Island and assisted in the expansion and development of programs in the New England region for Fedcap Rehabilitation Services. His work, which includes 23 years of executive experience, has served a variety of populations including veterans and those who are justice-involved, homeless, disabled, or addicted to drugs. **Charles Lynch '95MA** retired from Health Quest and is enjoying retirement.

## 1996

**Stacey Berrios** was promoted to blood & marrow transplant advanced practice providers (APP) supervisor at Miami Cancer Institute (MCI) and APP to the chief of BMT/malignant hematology at Miami Cancer Institute of Baptist Health of South Florida. Stacey is proud to be part of the pioneers of MCI in building the BMT service and having an outpatient autologous stem cell transplant program.

## 1997

**Janis (Russell) Budds** married Colin Budds on Oct. 6, 2018. **Aimee (Roux) McCanney** gave birth to a daughter, Isabel Margaret, in April 2018. **John Seifert** started his own business as a financial advisor with Thrivent Financial.

## 1998

**Tom Gallagher** is manager of escalations and operations within House information resources at the U.S. House of Representatives. **Patrick Holton**

was hired in January 2019 as executive director for graduate business career relations in the Frank G. Zarb School of Business at Hofstra University. **Bob Roberts** celebrated the end of his first five years as CEO of Peoplewhisperersny.org, a tutoring and mentoring service for veterans and other adult students attending colleges in the mid-Hudson Valley. **Darryll Towsley** welcomed a new baby, Andrew Scott, in April 2018. **Shannon (McNamara) Wasilewski** is graduating from the University of New England with an EdD in educational leadership. Her dissertation topic was global citizenship education. **Dr. Brian J. Webber**, a board-certified diagnostic radiologist specializing in musculoskeletal MRI, was named chairman of the Department of Radiology at Good Samaritan Hospital in West Islip, NY.

## 1999

**Benjamin Grimaldi** and his wife, Renee, welcomed a baby boy, Benjamin Dale, into the world in August 2018. Ben also had a children's book published, available on Amazon, called *The Adventures of Fanny Pack Ray and the Family Vacation*. **Christopher Harvey '99/'00MS** lives in Needham, MA, with his wife, Erin, and 2½-year-old daughter, Ashley. He is a software engineer at MathWorks in Natick, MA. **Kenna (Moran) Reznich** gave birth to daughter Josephine Elizabeth in February 2018.

## 2000

**Jennifer (Boudreau) Djang-Riccio '00/'01MA** remarried Jim Riccio on June 2, 2018. She was promoted to director of clinical implementations in August 2018. **Cassandra (Giarrusso) Holdridge '00/'07MPA** and her husband, Sean, welcomed a baby girl, Holly Christine, in February 2018. She joins big sisters Lauren (6) and Siobhan (4).

## 2001

**Melissa (Missy) Giandurco** has received many awards throughout the years. In 2015 she received a grant from the Fund for Teachers for a project highlighting Hawaiian history and culture. In 2018 she received a classroom grant from Fairfield County Savings Bank. In 2019 she received the Mary Fitch Trust Award to attend the National Special Education Teacher Conference in San Diego, CA. She is active in the Norwalk, CT, Kiwanis Club and since 2014 has served in the roles of member, vice president, president, and past president. **Brendan Licata** and **Megan (Richard)**



**Dr. B. Afeni McNeely Cobham '92** has been named chief equity and inclusion officer at Grand Rapids Community College in Grand Rapids, MI. She has more than 27 years in higher education as a faculty member, administrator, and consultant. Her research interests examine race, identity, and culture in American higher education, identity development of college students, and the influence of hip hop culture and music in socio-political thought.



**Col. Angela Woods '14MBA** (center) received the Rockland County Freedom Award for outstanding service to the nation from Rockland County Deputy County Executive Guillermo Rosa (left) and county Veterans Service Agency Director Susan Branam March 5 in New City, NY.

**Licata '02** are proud to announce that their oldest son, Kieran, has signed his letter of commitment to attend the Corps of Cadets at Norwich University to pursue his BS in physics and to play football for the Cadets. **Ian Philbrick** is the assistant news director with 2News/KUTV in Salt Lake City. He leads the newsroom in daily news coverage and plans for coverage of important events. Ian left his position as executive producer with KARE 11 in Minneapolis after six years. He had the privilege of leading coverage of several large events including the 2014 MLB All-Star Game at Target Field. **Brian Smith** became head of sales at JW Trueth Meat Packers in March 2018, selling center-of-plate  
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products throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions. ¶ **Tim Sorensen** took over directing the spring musical at Darien High School in spring 2018, after directing and producing the school musical at Middlesex Middle School for the previous 10 years. In his first year directing at the high school, the production of *Footloose* earned nominations for Best Show at both the 15th annual Halo Awards and the first annual Stephen Sondheim awards, both regional competitions in Connecticut. Tim also won Best Direction at the Sondheim Awards, and his production team of students won Best Set Design and Best Costumes.

## 2002

**Amanda Harmon** is a professor for Sacred Heart University's Master of Social Work program in Fairfield, CT. ¶ **Megan (Richard) Licata** and **Brendan Licata '01** are proud to announce that their oldest son, Kieran,

has signed his letter of commitment to attend the Corps of Cadets at Norwich University to pursue his BS in physics and to play football for the Cadets. ¶ **Sean Stellato**, founder and CEO of SES Sports, is an NFL sports agent who represents five of the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots. He also has written a children's book, *Football Magic: Buddy's New Beginning*.

## 2003

**Bradley Cook** and his family relocated as he accepted a position as assistant baseball coach at Division I University of Massachusetts-Lowell. ¶ **Cherese (Demme) Cosentino** and her husband, Brian, welcomed a baby girl, Emme Rose, in April 2018. ¶ **Daniel Moran II** has been named to the Waste360 40 under 40 awards list. Dan is senior director operations, healthcare, for Covanta Environmental Solutions. The awards Web site notes that he "has been instrumental in helping



*Sean Stellato '02 (center) celebrated the New England Patriots' Super Bowl win with two of his clients, Patriots Brandon King (left) and Jonathan Jones. Sean, the founder and CEO of SES Sports, is both players' NFL sports agent.*

Covanta set up a U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration-sanctioned drug take-back program for the purpose of safe handling and destruction of expired and unused pharmaceuticals and controlled drugs. He also helped create Covanta's subsidiary, Covanta Environmental Solutions, through the acquisition of 10 companies." ¶ **Jeffrey Kuznekoff** was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor at Miami University (Ohio). ¶ **Anne (Kearns) Valluzzi** welcomed a baby girl, Ada Lynne, in May 2018.

## 2004

**Carmen Alu** is an adjunct professor teaching a junior-level business course at a university. ¶ **Mike Benischek** and **Deborah Sawicki '05** were married in August 2018. ¶ **Andrew Grzybowski** and his wife, Rebecca, welcomed their second child in August 2018, a baby girl named Riley Jane. ¶ **Jeanine (Branham) Hall** was named Project Lead the Way (PLTW) Biomedical Science Teacher of the Year. The award, which is the highest recognition for PLTW biomedical science teachers, was presented in front of nearly 1,000 attendees (including teachers from across the United States) at the PLTW Summit in Indianapolis. PLTW's mission is exceptional commitment to students; school leadership; and meaningful involvement in PLTW curriculum, assessment, and professional development. Jeanine credits Marist for helping her succeed. "A solid undergrad education at Marist played a key role in my ability to succeed as a STEM educator." ¶ **Kristin (Miller) Hellmann** and her husband, Joey, welcomed their second child, Parker August, in November 2018. ¶ **Lauren Klingler** accepted a managing supervisor position at a leading healthcare communications firm, Health Unlimited, in New York City, where she manages a variety of branded public relations



*Terry McGee Ward '04MPA (fourth from left) received the President's Award for Community Leadership at Columbia-Greene Community College in Hudson, NY.*

**TERRY MCGEE WARD '04MPA** received the 2018 Columbia-Greene Community College President's Award for Community Leadership for her contributions to Greene County and beyond.

C-GCC President James R. Campion recognized McGee Ward at the annual President's Community Breakfast held in the HRBT Foundation Student Dining Hall on campus along with several legislators and community leaders.

McGee Ward has served as the executive director of Greene County Department of Human Services since 2011. Earlier, she served as the director of the Greene County Youth Bureau and worked for the Cornell Cooperative Extension, as an educator for Greene County Stop DWI (Driving While Intoxicated), as past director of the Catskill

Community Center, and as a former adjunct professor at C-GCC, where she taught juveniles in a maximum-security detention facility.

McGee Ward has spearheaded many children's programs including the Collaborative Community Partnership for Youth; the Eat Well/Play Hard Community Project; Reality Check Tobacco Program; Common Ground Dispute Resolution; the Even Start Family Literacy Program; and the Greene County Youth Fair Board Committee.

She also taught catechism for a decade at Our Lady of Knock Shrine in East Durham, was president of Catholic Family and Community Services in Greene County, and was a founding member of Columbia-Greene AIDS Task Force.

programs on behalf of pharmaceutical clients. ¶ **Kevin Quinn** and his wife, Kristin, welcomed their second son, Thomas, in September 2018. ¶ **Dr. Edward Summers '04/'06MPA** was named executive director of the Bronx Private Industry Council, an employer-led alliance dedicated to transforming the way businesses, schools, and community organizations develop talent pipelines in the Bronx. Eddie joins PIC from Long Island University, where he was assistant professor of public administration and chief strategy and planning officer. He was also instrumental in building the Brooklyn Education Innovation Network, where he managed the Tech Talent Pipeline Internship Program. ¶ **Allison (Dasaro) Walsh** and her husband, Robert, welcomed son Joseph Christopher in December 2017. They love being a family of five and purchased a bigger home in West Islip, NY. ¶ **Matthew West** married Sara Giffin on Aug. 25, 2018. He was awarded the Industry Leader under 40 Award for Marathon Safety and Security from the National Center for Spectator Sport Safety and Security.

## 2005

**Brian Apfel '05/'12MSIS, '16MA** and his wife, Kelly (Yuill) '16MA, welcomed their first child, daughter Cali-Jae, in July 2018. ¶ **Elizabeth Easlon** and **Daniel Calandro '06** welcomed their first child, daughter Cameran Elizabeth, in June 2018. Grandparents **Anne Easlon '79** and **Kenneth Easlon '78** and aunt **Juliana Easlon '07** were all very excited to welcome this future Red Fox. ¶ **Maria (Negrón) Frantzen** and her husband, Daniel, welcomed their second child, Anna, in March 2018. She joined big brother Carter, born in June 2015. ¶ **Jennifer (Heinsman) Glassen** and her husband welcomed a son, Steven, born in January 2018. ¶ **Deborah Sawicki** and **Mike Benischek '04** were married in August 2018. ¶ **Marybeth Kunsch** welcomed son Jimmy in June 2017 and switched jobs in October 2018. She was also promoted to senior director, accounting, finance, and controllership at Cognizant Technology Solutions.

## 2006

**Laura Dempsey** was promoted on the social media team in consumer and brand marketing at New York Life Insurance. She also volunteers as an alumna relations content specialist for the Alpha District of Kappa Kappa Gamma, which includes the Zeta Chi chapter at Marist College. ¶ **Gregory Fredricks** took a new position in the

Arlington School District as an assistant principal after teaching for the past 12 years. ¶ **Kathryn (Godfrey) Lamanna** and her husband, Raymond, welcomed a baby girl, Sarah Evelyn, in March 2018. ¶ **Andres Oranges** recently moved to Paris-based investment bank Societe Generale as chief operating officer for ALM and Treasury. ¶ **Kristen (Meltzer) Rattanamongkhoun** and her husband, Somprasong, are expecting their first child, a daughter, in 2019. ¶ **Biswajit Roy '06MS** notes that his wife, Manjula Sarkar, competed on the TV show *MasterChef* earlier this year. She was one of 36 contestants. ¶ **Brooke (Heithoff) Tuttle** and her husband welcomed their first child, Nolan, in August 2016. Their second child, Lively, arrived in January 2018. ¶ **Brad Whitmore '06MPA** has been with the Culinary Institute of America for seven years and joined the senior team in its advancement and alumni affairs office five years ago. He and husband **Gary Hulbert '15**, a lieutenant in the Poughkeepsie Police Department, bought their dream home, a 1920 Tudor, in the City of Poughkeepsie and enjoyed celebrating their first Christmas there.

## 2007

**Thomas Arocho** recently passed the CTFA (Certified Trust and Financial Advisor) exam. ¶ **Joseph Macho** and his wife, Himani, welcomed daughter Isabella in December 2018. He was awarded the 2018–19 New Jersey Governor's Educator of the Year Award for the New Brunswick Public School District.

## 2008

**Kristine (Beier) Bartkoski** was married on July 20, 2018. ¶ **Lisa (D'Aniello) Chase** lives in Guilderland, NY, with her husband, Lance, and daughter, Addison, born in 2018. Lisa has been working for the past six years in North Colonie schools and loves her job as an elementary math specialist. ¶ **Katie McSherry** married Billy Collins on Oct. 13, 2017. They bought a house in 2018 in Northvale, NJ, where they live with their puppy, Whiskey. ¶ **Beth (Lenowicz) Morvay** was promoted to manager of corporate account management at Grubhub. ¶ **Rebecca (Allison) Rehnberg** became a physician's assistant in June 2016. She was married at the chapel of the Kent School in Connecticut in October 2016; a reception followed at Kent Hollow Farms attended by other Marist alumni. After becoming a PA, she worked as a hospitalist up until her maternity leave for

the birth of her daughter, Ellery Metta, born in March 2018. ¶ **Jesus Santos** is coaching springboard/platform diving full time, which he says is a dream come true. He loves the city of Pittsburgh and all it has to offer. ¶ **Daniella Rivera** and **James Stewart** married in November 2017. ¶ **Nicole (Lodowski)** and **Andrew Soucheck** married in May 2016 and welcomed their first child, Hudson James, in October 2018. ¶ **Megan Thomas** has joined Bond, Schoeneck & King's Syracuse office as an attorney in the firm's school districts practice. Before joining Bond, Megan focused on litigation and appellate work, arguing before the First Department, Fourth Department, and Second Circuit.

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North Carolina Alumni Chapter Co-Presidents **KARYN (MAGDALEN) AND RICK O'DONNELL '84/'84** organized an alumni gathering May 3, 2019, at NoDa Brewing Co. in Charlotte, NC.



**CLARE KNAPP '03**, coach of Marist's equestrian team, was named Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Horse Shows Association, the governing body of the sport. IHSA encompasses more than 400 member colleges in 45 states and Canada and represents 10,000 members in hunter seat equitation, Western horsemanship, and reining.

# In Memoriam

## Alumni

- Bro. Francis J. Klug, FMS '49
- Dr. Richard Foy '50
- Bro. Martin J. Healy, FMS '51
- Maurice Bibeau '54
- John P. Dunn '59
- Alan William Doerr '60
- Edward McCarthy '62
- Walter C. Bunten Jr. '63
- Thomas P. Hourican '64
- Paul F. Margentino '64
- Thomas Joseph Moore '65
- John M. Phelan Jr. '65
- John James Rose Jr. '65
- Raymond Adams '66
- Thomas W. Aycock '66
- Joseph P. Kennedy '66
- Clifton Gilbert Quick '66
- James M. Waters '66
- Alan R. Bruens '67
- Michael Joseph Gilfeather Jr. '67
- Philip P. Houle '67
- Kenneth E. Neisser Jr. '67
- Roger K. Smith '67
- William S. Zwoboda '67
- Andrew P. Drozd '68
- Dennis J. Goonan '68
- Burton T. Koza '68
- Walter J. Rakow '68
- Peter S. Ramuno '68
- Bart W. Tague '68
- Richard Allan Ainsworth '69
- Charles David Conway '69
- William J. Delahoyde '69
- James M. Eichner Sr. '69
- Joseph Svend Kastруп '69
- John V. Sheehan '69
- John F. Collins '70
- John J. Flynn '70
- Robert B. Hunter '70
- Blase Matthew Jurica Jr. '70
- Bernard H. O'Hare '70
- Dr. Douglas Cedeno '71
- Walter D. McCrow Jr. '71
- Robert L. Miller '71
- Sharon Benin '72
- Bruce W. Bowe '72
- Matthew O'Brien '72
- Eleanor Rogers '73
- Dr. Mary Gail Ryan Coghlan '74MA
- Lawrence Francis Steffann '74
- Richard C. Van Auken '74
- Murray Rudolph Vettraino '74
- William H. Werle '74
- Nancy Fletcher Amico '75
- Edward Albert Valverde '75
- John J. Hughes Jr. '76
- Nancy DeForest Newman '76
- P. David Dobbs '77MA
- Thomas W. Adams '78
- Walter F. Brickowski '78
- James W. Fleischhauer Jr. '78
- Guy Joel Fury '78
- Bonnie Rutz-Hoeft '78
- Robert T. Ryan '79
- Donald G. Nameth '80
- Michael L. Will '80
- Paul F. Balter '81
- Lynne McClravy-Ackert '81
- Elizabeth Scianna-Mullen '82
- Roderick Edward de Ramon '83
- Joseph Stoekeler Jr. '83/OSMPA
- Christine Anne Tuite '84

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Jenna Grossman '17 at Success Academy Harlem 6

# Alumni Teachers Recognized for Excellence

**SIX ALUMNI** who teach at Success Academy, a public charter school network in New York City, have been recognized with Excellence in Education awards. Success Academy honored Colleen Haney '14, Matthew Relyea '14, Jenna Grossman '17, Lucy Watson '17, Jilian Weihs '17, and Jessica Schilling '18 for exceptional talent and commitment. Success Academy schools are free public K-12 schools open to all children in New York state. The network enrolls 17,000 students in 46 schools across Brooklyn, the Bronx, Manhattan, and Queens.

At Success, each class is named after its teacher's alma mater, so Marist was well-represented this year.



Colleen Haney '14 at Success Academy Bronx 2



Matthew Relyea '14 at Success Academy Harlem East



Jessica Schilling '18 at Success South Jamaica



Jilian Weihs '17 (left) with co-teacher Nicole Walsh at Success Academy Bensonhurst



Lucy Watson '17 at Success Academy Flatbush

# Remembering Maurice Bibeau '54

Heritage Professor and Professor Emeritus of Spanish Maurice Bibeau '54 died Oct. 28, 2018, following a brief illness. He was 86.

Bibeau was affiliated with the campus for half a century—as a student, professor, and mentor to many.

Born in Lawrence, MA, in 1932, he graduated from Central Catholic High School in Lawrence. After joining the Marist Brothers, he was awarded a BA from the College, where he helped build several campus buildings including old Fontaine Hall (where the James A. Cannavino Library now stands) and Donnelly Hall. He earned a master's degree from St. John's University. After teaching at Mount Saint Michael Academy in the Bronx, NY, from 1954 to 1963, he joined the Marist College faculty in 1964 as an assistant professor of Spanish. He spent summers studying in Spain, Mexico, and Ecuador. He retired from full-time teaching in 2002



*Professor Emeritus Maurice Bibeau '54*

but taught part time for many years after.

Bibeau was a resident of Hyde Park, NY, for 40 years. In 1988 he married Donna Ryan. Both were loyal Red Fox fans. She died in 1999.

He is survived by his brother Roland Bibeau and wife Joan of Andover, MA, and a number of nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and -nephews.

"Mo" made a lasting impact on countless students. "To say this man had a tremendous influence on my life doesn't justly explain it," Leah Duggan Cristi '01 posted on a memorial Web site. "Professor

Bibeau taught me Spanish, pushed me to spend a semester studying in Spain, encouraged me to participate in my Global Outreach trip to Miravalles, Mexico, wrote letters of recommendation for me to go to graduate school and obtain my job, and ultimately shaped and inspired me to become the Spanish teacher I am today."

# Remembering Helen Hayes

Helen Marie Hayes, professor emerita of computer science at Marist and former president of the Violin Society of America, passed away at her home in Wappingers Falls, NY, on March 31, 2019. Hayes was a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother who will be lovingly remembered by her family including Joseph Regh '67, her husband of 30 years, her sons Richard Gegenwarth and wife Daisy and Robert Gegenwarth and wife Maura, and stepchildren Karen Latter and husband James and Thomas Regh and wife Patricia.



*Professor Emerita Helen M. Hayes*

Hayes was an educator for much of her professional life, starting at the College of St. Elizabeth in Morristown, NJ, where she earned a BS in mathematics and then served as a teacher and Catholic nun in the Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth. After graduating with a master's degree in physics from Fordham University in 1966, she left religious life, working first at Perkin Elmer in Stamford, CT, and later at IBM in East Fishkill, NY. At the time, she was one of three professional women at the IBM facility.

Returning to her roots in education, Hayes first served as a board member in the Wappingers Central School District and then taught at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh as a tenured professor of physics. In 1983 she completed a second master's degree, this one in computer science at Syracuse University. She became a tenured professor at Marist where

she continued to teach computer science, physics, and cosmology and also served as chair of the Computer Science and Information Systems Department. Her passion for cosmology drove her to write several technical papers as well as a textbook used at Marist and in the adult education program at Bard College. She retired from Marist in 2013 after 30 years of service.

In addition to her academic and scientific career, she served for eight years as the president of the Violin Society of America, a nonprofit devoted to the art and

science of making and restoring bowed stringed instruments. She enabled the examination of instruments including the Stradivarius Messiah violin, which helped establish dendrochronology as an important tool for modern violin experts. An avid traveler, she and her husband traveled each year, eventually covering the globe from Russia to South Africa, Thailand to Nepal, and Germany to the Galapagos. Always quick to engage others, she made many friends across the world.

Donations may be made to the Professor Helen M. Hayes Scholarship Fund at Marist College, which supports students majoring in computer science based on academic achievement and documented financial need. Contributions can be made online at [www.marist.edu/give](http://www.marist.edu/give). In the box marked "please direct my gift to" please specify the Professor Helen M. Hayes Scholarship.

## In Memoriam

- Lorraine N. Isler '85
- Gloria Walsh '85
- Richard Santo Trifilo '87
- Stanlee Clae Tyler '87
- James Edward Burnette '89
- Philip Joseph Prince '90
- Robert James Megna Jr. '91
- John Dennis Norton '93
- Richard G. Bingley '94MS
- MSGT Aleks S. Elia, USMC '96
- Peter J. Tremper '99
- Arvin Jay Kaufman '00
- Gina Marie Delmont '01MPA
- Eric G. Bergmann '03
- Klara Martina Tatum '03
- Michael Sather Goerne '04
- Donald E. Thiess '06
- Nicholas A. Smith '07
- Vincent J. O'Neill Jr. '09
- Jennifer C. Banach-Minihane '14
- Craig W. Maupin '16MBA

### Friends

- Patrick J. Garvey Jr.
- Joseph P. Kowalski
- Phillip Shatz
- Eunice E. Tenney

### Faculty and Staff

- Frederick K. Anderson  
*Part-time Instructor of English*  
1994–2019
- Maria Belmonte  
*Administrative Assistant, School of Liberal Arts*  
1994–2018
- Maurice Bibeau '54  
*Heritage Professor and Professor Emeritus of Spanish*  
1964–2002
- Sharon E. Dillon  
*Purchasing Assistant*  
1987–2010
- Raymond Haberski  
*Adjunct Instructor of Education*  
2008–2018
- Helen M. Hayes  
*Professor Emerita of Computer Science*  
1983–2013
- Dawn G. Hedrick  
*Housekeeper and Housekeeper Driver*  
1976–2004
- Richard Kramer  
*Senior Professional Lecturer of Fashion Design* 2000–2017  
*Adjunct Instructor of Fashion Design*  
2017–2019
- Juan M. Martell  
*Security Officer*  
2012–2019
- David J. Mallory  
*Security Officer*  
1994–2016
- Martin A. Quick  
*Carpenter/Mechanic*  
1990–2016
- Dr. Eileen Taylor Appleby  
*Assistant Professor of Social Work*  
1982–2001

### Students

- Greg Wolfson '19



Marist Trustee Jim Barnes '68 and many fellow Marist alumni enjoy Wyndham Mountain.



Marist alumni and friends marched in the 258th St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York City on March 16, 2019. Participants included Alumni Executive Board President Daniel Moran II '03 with daughter Gracie (left), his wife, Marie (Isolda) Moran '03 (right), and Joe Giacalone '03/'09MPA with son Joey.



Alumni in southern California gathered on Jan. 19, 2019, in La Jolla, CA.



Dr. John C. Kelly, Marist's first dean of the School of Management, professor emeritus of economics and Heritage Professor, is pictured with granddaughter Lindsay DeFilippis Falcone '14 and great-granddaughter Scarlett Louise Falcone.



Alumni and friends met at the Liberty Hotel in Boston, MA, on Nov. 29, 2018, for the annual Boston Alumni Chapter Holiday Reception.



Alumni gathered in Philadelphia, PA, on Jan. 25, 2019, at the Field House for a viewing party to cheer on the Marist men's basketball team vs. Quinnipiac on ESPN3.



## 2009

**Allison Bucci** is in her 10th year working for the Boston Red Sox. She serves as senior manager of business development and works in corporate partnerships. ¶ **Victoria Banks** was promoted to government relationship manager at Grainger. She also celebrated her seventh year with the company. ¶ **Douglas Faulborn** is stationed with the Navy in Hawaii, working at DIA. He will later be transferred to California to work at UAV Squadron. ¶ **Jennifer Franz** sold her home in Florida and drove to San Francisco, CA, for a career opportunity at Gap, Inc. ¶ **Kristine Keenan-D'Amario** and her husband, Adam, welcomed their first child, Gavin Rider, in August 2018. ¶ **Lauren (Hunter) Montaruli** and her husband, Michael, welcomed son Isaac in April 2018. He joins big sister Ava. Shortly after returning from her maternity leave, Lauren accepted the position of center director of the Astor Early Childhood Mt. Alvernia location. She previously worked as lead teacher at Astor for nine years. ¶ **Mia (Starmer) Reisweber** defended her dissertation at Saint Louis University. Her field of study is student affairs and her dissertation examined how to impact student learning in English 100 courses. ¶ **Ashley (Morere) Whitney** gave birth to her second child, Kathryn Annette, in May 2018.

## 2010

**Kayla (Abitabile) Lucier** was married on June 8, 2018, in Troy, NY, and honeymooned in Italy and Greece. ¶ **Kevin Ford** began working as a customer engineer for Google Cloud

Platform in Sunnyvale, CA. ¶ **Nicole Giannakis** married Dominic Spinosa in June 2018. She is an associate attorney at DeRossi Law Firm LLC, which focuses on matrimonial and family law. ¶ **Kait (Smith) Lanthier '10/'14MA** was promoted to director of content strategy at Babson College. She oversees all content produced by the College, including news, storytelling, and social media. ¶ **Michael Steier** married Amanda Wagner on Sept. 1, 2018, surrounded by friends from Marist classes 2008–2012. ¶ **Jenell Walsh-Thomas** attained her PhD in environmental science and public policy in 2016. In fall 2018, she joined the 2018–19 American Association for the Advancement of Science's Science & Technology Policy Fellowship cohort in Washington, DC. As a science policy fellow, she is working with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of International Affairs, Division of International Conservation. For her second fellowship year (2019–20), she will transfer within International Affairs to the Division of Management Authority.

## 2011

**Michael Walsh** and **Sarah Holmes** were married April 21, 2018, in Hancock, MA. Sarah is a high school biology teacher at Mount Greylock Regional High School. Mike is a sports reporter with the *Berkshire Eagle*. They met during their sophomore year at Marist and now live in Pittsfield, MA.

## 2012

**Thomas Engelhardt** married **Anna Maser** on Oct. 13, 2018. The ceremony took place at the Marist chapel and

the reception was at the Grandview. ¶ **Marina (Patterson)** and **Kevin Gangeri** welcomed their first child, Ethan, in April 2018. ¶ **Aimee Pell** took a year off work for a round-the-world trip with her partner, traveling to Europe, Southeast Asia, and South America.

## 2013

**Kristen Kurre** got engaged in June 2018 and is getting married in 2019. ¶ **Matthew Montemaro** moved to Los Angeles and is managing productions for E! Entertainment and Bravo. He has also been signed professionally as an actor and has been working diligently toward a career in acting. Prior to the move, Matthew worked at NBC at 30 Rockefeller Plaza for five years post-graduation. ¶ **Laura Tafuri** graduated from medical school and has been accepted by a Yale residency program as an OB/GYN resident physician at Bridgeport Hospital. ¶ **Brittany (Caldararo) Van Houten** got married and bought her first home in New Jersey.

## 2014

**Joseph Amodeo '14MPA** was named executive director of Education Through Music, Inc., a nonprofit that partners with under-resourced schools to provide music as a core subject for all children and uses music education as a catalyst to improve academic achievement, motivation for school, and self-confidence. ¶ **Tyler Hub** was promoted to sales manager at Meredith Corp., where he has worked since graduation. He serves as a lieutenant for the Upper Makefield (PA) Volunteer Fire Company.

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Vincent Reda '15/'18MPA (second from right) received the New York State Police Officer of the Year Award. Shown (left to right) are Charles Gardner, Yonkers Police Department police commissioner at the time; New York State Lt. Governor Kathy Hochul; and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano.

### VINCENT LOUIS REDA '15/'18MPA

of the Yonkers Police Department was honored with the New York State Police Officer of the Year Award in 2018.

He was one of six officers recognized for actions on Sept. 25, 2017, when they apprehended a gunman who had shot one of the officers in the face at point-blank range.

"Amid chaotic gunfire, these officers diffused a potentially lethal situation and showed exemplary courage, pulling one of their injured colleagues to safety while apprehending the shooter without any loss of life," said New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo in announcing the awards.

The six were the first from the Yonkers Police Department to receive the award.

# Marriages



*In 2018 Allyson O'Donnell '11 married James Marsden in York Beach, ME. Sixteen Marist alumni attended.*



*Ben Condon '10 and Dana Grimaldi '10 were married in October 2018 with about 25 Marist alumni in attendance.*



*Matthew Lubrano '11/'12MBA and Victoria Billeter '10 were married in June 2018 in Brooklyn, NY. Over 30 Marist alumni attended and Rev. Richard LaMorte celebrated the Mass.*



*Anthony Zanin '15 and Jordyn Seignious '16 were married in Austin, TX, on Oct. 7, 2018.*



*Dana Murano '14 and Daniel Scofield '14 were married on Oct. 13, 2018, at the Shawnee Inn and Golf Resort in Shawnee on Delaware, PA.*



Brian McMillan '11 and Kailee McEvoy '13 were married on Aug. 4, 2018, in Farmington, CT, with many Red Foxes in attendance.



Scott Connolly '09 and Laura Veltre '11 were married on Aug. 25, 2018, on Long Island.



Stephen Miller '13 and Erica Bucking '15 were married on May 12, 2018. They had a huge representation of fellow Red Foxes ranging from the Class of 1980 to the Class of 2019.



Alicia Salvatore '09 married Joe Francisco on Aug. 3, 2018. Red Fox family and friends included all of her college housemates. The wedding took place at the Branford House in Groton, CT.



Cassandra Graves '14/'15MS and Brian Veltre '14/'15MS were married on Sept. 8, 2018, with many Marist alumni on hand to help celebrate.

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¶ **Christopher Lancaster**, a senior software engineer, has been managing an offshore team of six people while training four people stateside. He co-wrote a “cloud” environment for clients that has been in production for two years. He travels internationally as much as he can and last year went to Iceland, Portugal, Germany, Switzerland, the Czech Republic, Austria, and Canada. He plans to move to New York City for a few months and then may return to Connecticut. ¶ **Kristen Pecci** was promoted from HR recruiter to associate HR generalist in September 2018 at Macmillan Publishers.

## 2015

**Emily Adametz** married Michael Rubin on Feb. 10, 2018, at West Point. The couple moved to Clarksville, TN, and welcomed their first child, Zoe Adrienne, in June 2018. ¶ **Joe Dellaquila** began a new position with Navigant Consulting in New York, NY, in April 2018. He is senior operations coordinator for Navigant’s global investigations and compliance practice. ¶ **Brian Douress** moved to Chicago for a promotion within his organization to manage a team of auto accident investigators who investigate fraud, coverage issues/exclusions in policies, and liability limits for auto accidents. Relocating from the East Coast to Chicago has been an exciting transition and he enjoys learning about his new city. ¶ **Richard Eckert ’15MBA** retired after a 20-year career in law enforcement. He lives in Miami, FL, and works for Baywood Hotels. ¶ **Katherine Fiorillo** completed Field Artillery BOLC at Fort Sill, OK, and moved to Fort Carson, CO. She immediately took control of an M777 platoon and has been enjoying the mountains on the few days she is not working. ¶ **Gary Hulbert** is a lieutenant in the Poughkeepsie Police Department, where he has worked for 16 years. He and his husband, **Brad Whitmore ’06MPA**, who works for the Culinary Institute of America, bought their dream home, a 1920 Tudor, in the City of Poughkeepsie and enjoyed celebrating their first Christmas there. ¶ **Carla Jo Huskins** married Robert Weeks on Sept. 15, 2018. She received the Dutchess County Association of Realtors Rookie of the Year Award in 2017. ¶ **Jared Lynch** is engaged to Melina Parrello. ¶ **Andrew Maher ’15MBA** is a client partner at SAP America, Inc. He received the Client Partner–South Rookie of the Year Award during his first year in the role. ¶ **Julia Palermo** passed the DC bar exam. ¶ **Nicolette**



Nick Berwick '16 proposed to Kathleen Tucker '16 in front of the James A. Cannavino Library.



Harrison Davis '16 and Kelly Stiebler '16 became engaged.



A conference room in Fontaine Hall has been dedicated to the memory of Dr. Casimir Norkeliunas, associate professor of Russian and German and Heritage Professor. Pictured (left to right) are his wife, Sue, and son Philip.

**Strano and Troy Kavana** are engaged. Nicolette completed her MBA in May 2019.

## 2016

**Nick Berwick** proposed to **Kathleen Tucker** in front of the James A. Cannavino Library on Nov. 23, 2018. They met as freshmen and have been together ever since. ¶ **Ty Gamble** has written the recently published book *The Millennial Man: From Darkness to Light*. “This is the story of how I have healed my anxiety, depression, and physical ailments,” Ty said. “We are facing times where many of us are searching for answers to find true happiness and freedom, and I present how I mended my soul and body.” The book is available on amazon.com. ¶ **Andrew Nettles** graduated from the Probation Academy as a peace officer with the Los Angeles County Probation Department. He is assigned to Barry J. Nirdorf Juvenile Hall, working with those who have committed felony offenses. ¶ **Michael J. O’Keefe ’16MPA** was appointed aide to the Grand Marshal of the 2019 St. Patrick’s Day Parade in New York City. ¶ **Kelly Stiebler** and **Harrison Davis** got engaged on New Year’s Eve. They met while at Marist and are both so thankful to Marist for bringing them together. ¶ **Zachary Russo** is employed at Music Theatre International, helping to give back to the arts in schools and communities around the country. He is very happy to have an ongoing relationship with Marist, particularly with the Music Department. Zachary was lucky enough to travel to Austria with the Marist Chamber Choir as an alumnus,

which provided a new opportunity to act as an ambassador for Marist.

## 2017

**Liana (Babich) Jabs** was married on Jan. 19, 2019. She also received the National Engaged Leader Award through the National Society of Leadership and Success. ¶ **Daniel Hastings ’17MPA** was promoted to chief investigator in August 2018. ¶ **Lindsay Lennon ’17MA** is a marketing and promotion coordinator for the School of Fine and Performing Arts at SUNY New Paltz as well as an adjunct lecturer in the Digital Media and Journalism Department there. She is grateful for the education she received at Marist and credits her master’s degree for enabling her to teach as well as opening many doors for her only one year after her graduation. ¶ **Courtney Martere** moved to Europe after she graduated from Marist and works with the travel company Bus2alps. She has lived in Italy for a year, meeting and guiding students to places like the Amalfi Coast, Switzerland, Germany, and Ireland. The biggest thing she looks forward to each semester is finding her fellow Red Foxes abroad. “They know me by my new identity ‘Coco,’” she said, “and are the reason why I love the job so much.” ¶ **Jocelyn McQuade** completed her master’s degree in marketing at Durham University in England. ¶ **Manette Payen** shared that her son was in the hospital due to a bone marrow transplant. ¶ **Jennifer Rutkowski** celebrated one year working with New York University Medical Center in December 2018. She is interested in pursuing a master’s in applied recombinant DNA technology at NYU.

## 2018

**Monisha Adrien** teaches second grade in Orlando, FL. She reports that 100 percent of her students showed growth on their middle-of-year English language arts diagnostics and 88 percent showed growth on their middle-of-year math diagnostics. ¶ **Shamus Barnes** is the youngest account manager in company history at Core BTS. ¶ **Matthew Brodowski** is an analyst and studying for the Certified Management Accountant (CMA) exam. ¶ **Michelle Daley** lives in Bushwick, Brooklyn, even though she considers Georgia her home base. She works in DUMBO Brooklyn full time at an advertising agency and has been training to become a production coordinator. ¶ **Paige DiFiore** was hired as an associate editor at Insider. ¶ **Michael DeMaria** began working full time at KPMG in January 2019 and passed the Financial Accounting & Reporting section of the CPA exam. ¶ **Gabriella Frech** is at Parson's studying fashion design. ¶ **Sarah Gordon's** paper "Social Influence and Perception on Stigmatized Attitudes of Sexual Assault" has been accepted to the 2019 University of South Dakota Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Conference "(Un)Told Stories." ¶ **Paige Jacob** received a Cornell Graduate Fellowship and began working on per- and polyfluoralkyl substance (PFAS) contamination in wastewater. ¶ **Samantha Ketelsen** began working as a creative copywriter for Macy's Branded Entertainment, the department responsible for annual Macy's events including the Thanksgiving Day Parade, Flower Show, and 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular. ¶ **Rachel Kohler** started her first year as a physician's assistant at New York Presbyterian Hospital Lower Manhattan in August 2018. ¶ **Jacob Levinson** began working as a Java developer in February 2019 with his company, FDM Group, and client Morgan Stanley. ¶ **Rachel Maguire** is attending Yale University to become a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner and plans to graduate in 2021. ¶ Within four months of graduating, **Drew Mihans** received a job offer from sports memorabilia company Steiner Sports for the position of social media manager. He has had the opportunity to work with elite athletes such as Eli Manning, Wayne Gretzky, Mariano Rivera, and many more. ¶ **Lindsay Milligan** has been promoted from digital marketing apprentice to social media coordinator at New York City-based digital advertising agency Bigbuzz Marketing Group.



A classroom in Donnelly Hall has been dedicated to the memory of Professor Emeritus and Heritage Professor Laurence J. Sullivan '54. Honored guests were Larry's wife, Jo-Ann, their son Andrew and his wife, Lisa, and Andrew and Lisa's daughter, Caroline.

Lindsay joined Bigbuzz in September 2017. ¶ **Stefanie Mongiardo** joined her local sorority alumnae association. She is pursuing 200-hour registered yoga teacher certification in Anusara/Hatha yoga. ¶ **Meghan Polk** received a full academic scholarship to Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University. Meghan's honors include the Dean's List (fall 2018) and the New York State Bar Association. ¶ **Eric Seltzer** is attending Saint John's School of Law as a St. Thomas More Scholar. This distinction comes with full tuition for all three years as a law student, along with VIP access to special events and lectures

both on and off campus. ¶ **Kelly Stohr** relocated to New Jersey for a shorter commute into Manhattan, where she is enjoying a fully immersed internship program at Ogilvy, contributing to real client work every day and expanding her portfolio. ¶ **Francesca Treglia** was accepted to Teach For America's two-year teaching program, with a completion date in 2020. She is attending Relay Graduate School of Education for her MA in teaching and certification as a general education teacher for grades 5-9 and special education teacher for grades 7-9. After Teach For America, she plans to pursue a career in speech therapy. 🇺🇸



Lindsay Milligan '18



**Eric Wrigley '13/'14MBA** and his robotics team, Bots FC, have been competing on the Discovery Channel's Battlebots with their robot, Shatter! The team (left to right): Adrian "Bunny" Sauriol, Paul Gancitano, Adam Wrigley, Mary Chimenti, and Eric.

# Tommy Zurhellen Completes “VetZero” Trek Across the Nation



**The U.S. Navy veteran and faculty member walked across America to raise awareness of veteran suicide and homelessness.**

**MARIST** English professor Tommy Zurhellen spent 131 days traveling across America on foot to raise awareness for veteran suicide rates as part of the “VetZero” project. The commander of the Poughkeepsie Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 170 walked 22 miles a day to represent the average of 22 veterans who die by suicide each day.

For 2,866 miles, Zurhellen traveled without lodging, carrying just a 30-pound bag on his back. The “VetZero” project’s goal was to create a community with zero homeless veterans and free of suicide. With stops in Idaho, Wyoming, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Michigan, the Marist professor lived the life of a homeless veteran who relies on the kindness of strangers.

Along the way, Zurhellen raised over \$40,387 to benefit veterans through GoFundMe, symbolic of the 40,387 homeless veterans in the U.S., according to a 2015 study. The Marist professor has been featured

on various news channels during his journey such as Fox, MSN, NBC, and others.

On Aug. 23, he completed his journey from Portland, OR, by traversing the Walkway Over the Hudson and finally arriving at Marist College. Members of the Marist

community were there to greet him at the gate to the campus, while the men’s soccer program accom-

panied him in the final steps of the journey.

Upon returning to Marist, Zurhellen was presented with the New York State Conspicuous Service Medal, the second-highest New York State National

Guard military award given to those who have distinguished themselves with exceptionally meritorious service. He also shared some words with the campus community.

“It’s been such an honor to represent Marist these past four to five months. People ask me, ‘How do you do it? How do you stay alone?’ I’m not alone. I have so many people supporting me on social media that I’ve never felt alone once,” said Zurhellen.

“I’ve learned what it means to be a homeless veteran, and it’s not pretty. I’m never going to take what I have for granted ever again ... Although this is the end of the walk, this isn’t the end of what we’re going to be doing for our veterans. Everyone here knows a veteran, so today let’s all say ‘We can do a better job.’”

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*Associate Professor of English Tommy Zurhellen spent 131 days walking 2,866 miles across the United States.*



**BY PETE FAGAN**

*Pete Fagan is a communications assistant for Marist Athletics.*

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