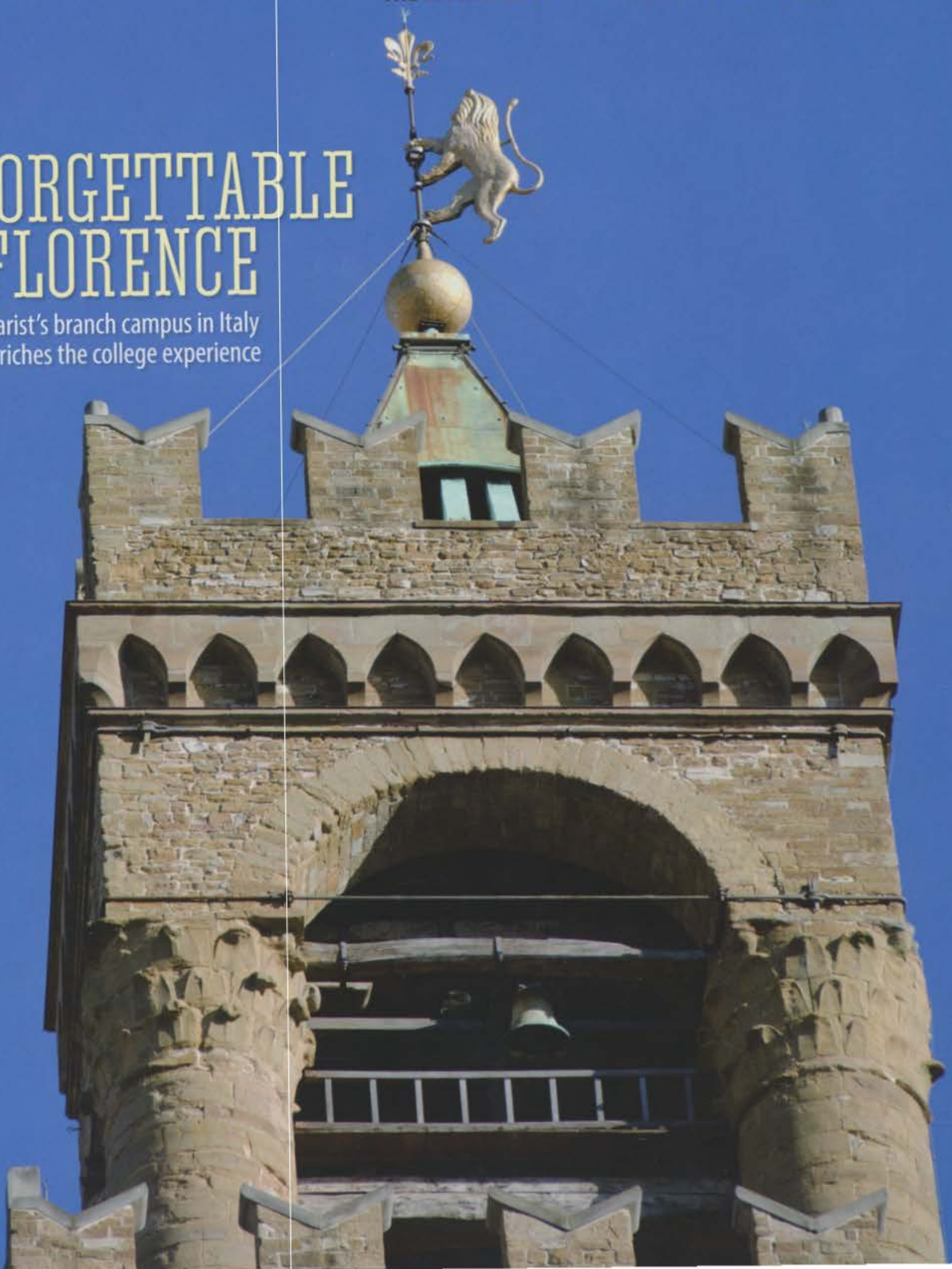


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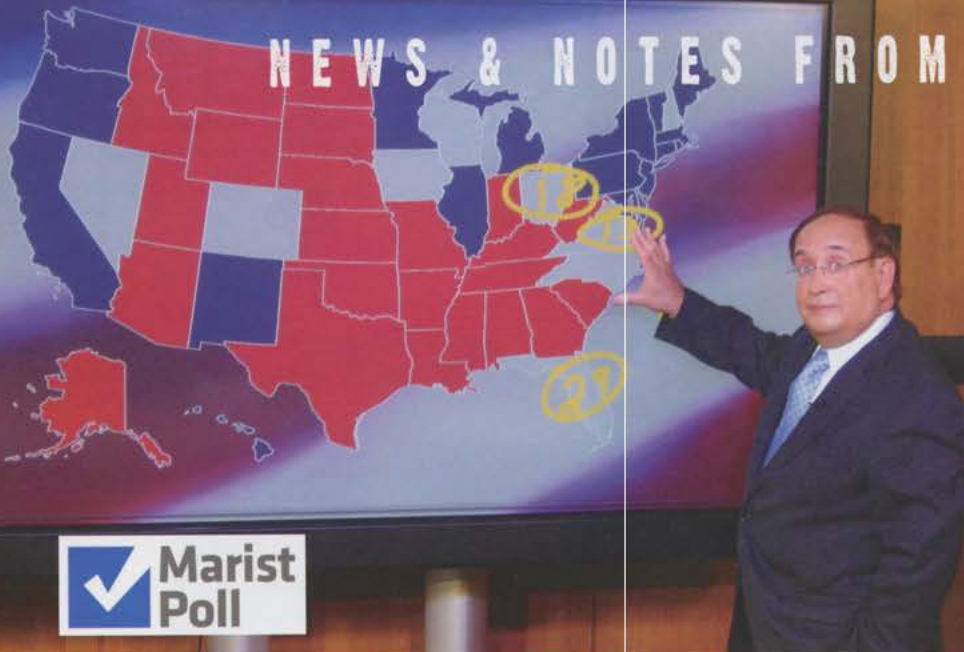
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Dr. Lee Miringoff on presidential battleground states during October.

Marist Poll and NBC News Partner with *The Wall Street Journal* for Battleground-State Polling

The Marist Poll's partnership with NBC News expanded this fall to include *The Wall Street Journal*. The NBC News/WSJ/Marist Poll conducted surveys in key presidential battleground states and accurately predicted the results of the presidential contest and U.S. Senate and governor races

in each of these states. As a result of this partnership, each week during the general election season Marist students were involved in polling hotly contested electoral states including Colorado, Florida, Iowa, Nevada, New Hampshire, Ohio, Virginia, and Wisconsin. NBC News and Marist

partnered successfully during the 2012 Republican primary season to gauge public opinion in key Republican primary and caucus states leading up to the Republican nomination.

"The partnership provided a one-of-a-kind educational opportunity for over 300 students," says Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, director of the Marist College Institute for Public Opinion. "Public polls were under intense scrutiny this election season, and the Marist Poll was perfect."

As results were released, NBC News Political Director and Chief White House Correspondent Chuck Todd, who was Marist's 2012 graduation speaker, broke down the numbers on *NBC Nightly News*, *Today*, and *Meet the Press*. NBC's political unit provided coverage on other national NBC broadcasts and online at NBCNews.com. Live from the Hancock Center at the College, Miringoff provided detailed analysis of the results on MSNBC's *The Daily Rundown* with Chuck Todd. The *Journal* included extensive analysis and news coverage in print and in stories on its online polling page at WSJ.com. Survey results were covered by broadcast, print, and electronic media around the country. Miringoff was also a regular guest on Fox Business News' *Varney and Co.* The Marist Poll posted complete survey findings and results online at maristpoll.marist.edu. ■

President Dennis J. Murray and Marist Trustee Elizabeth Wolf (left) presented Associate Professor of English Moira Fitzgibbons with the 2012 Board of Trustees Distinguished Teaching Award.



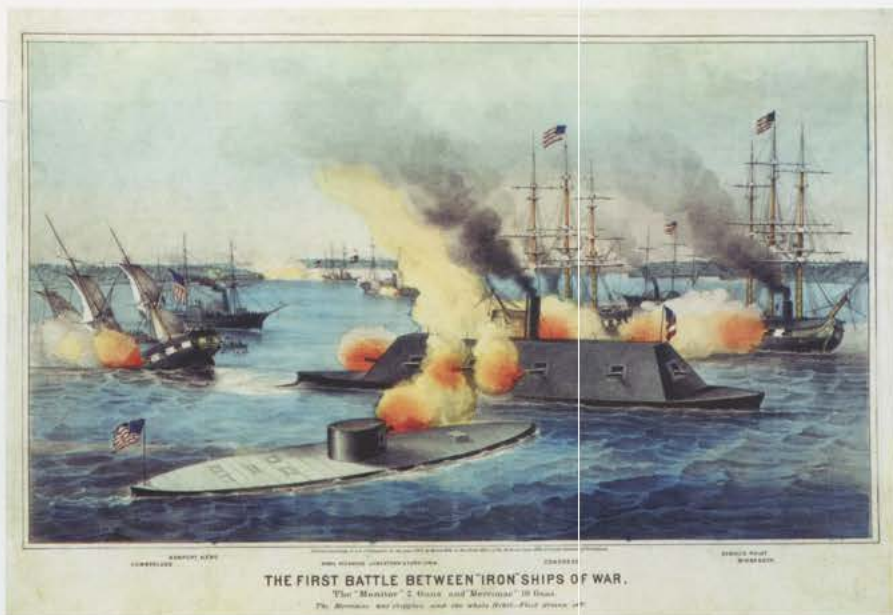
Moira Fitzgibbons Receives Top Teaching Award

PRESIDENT DENNIS J. MURRAY presented Associate Professor of English Moira Fitzgibbons with the 2012 Board of Trustees Distinguished Teaching Award at the annual faculty convocation in September.

Previously Fitzgibbons had won the Student Government Association's Faculty of the Year Award for the School of Liberal Arts three times.

Fitzgibbons, who came to Marist in 2003, is well known for helping students understand and appreciate medieval texts and for incorporating technology in the classroom. She is also director of the Core/Liberal Studies program.

She earned her PhD at Rutgers University and her BA at Georgetown University. ■



COURTESY OF THE MARINERS' MUSEUM IN NEWPORT NEWS, VA

The first confrontation between ironclads, the USS *Monitor* (foreground, at left) and the CSS *Virginia*, formerly the USS *Merrimac* (at right), took place at Hampton Roads, VA, on March 9, 1862. The building of the *Monitor* was financed by John Flack Winslow, a 19th-century industrialist who settled at Wood Cliff, a Hudson River estate that is now part of the Marist College campus.

Lecture Highlights Hudson River Valley's Links to Ironclad *Monitor*

ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY YEARS after the USS *Monitor* made military history in a Civil War naval battle at Hampton Roads, VA, history buffs gathered at Marist to learn about the famous ship's connection to the Hudson River Valley.

John Flack Winslow was a leading 19th-century industrialist who personally financed and supervised construction of the *Monitor*. The new ship was constructed of iron and wood and possessed the world's first ship-mounted rotating gun turret, considered one of the greatest technological advances in naval history. The *Monitor* made history on March 9, 1862, by facing the ironclad CSS *Virginia* (the former USS *Merrimac*) at Hampton Roads. Afterward,

Winslow was deemed the "benefactor of the nation" and widely heralded for his vision and foresight. Winslow moved to Poughkeepsie in 1867 and purchased the Wood Cliff estate along the Hudson River on what is now part of the Marist campus.

The *Monitor*'s link with the Hudson River Valley was highlighted in a talk by *Monitor* expert David S. Krop titled "Conserving Ironclad Glory: The *Monitor* at 150—Excavating, Conserving, and Interpreting Winslow's Legacy" earlier this year in the Nelly Goletti Theatre. Descendants of Winslow who live throughout the Northeast attended the lecture by Krop, who is the *Monitor* conservation project manager at the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, VA.

The talk commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College (www.hudsonrivervalley.org). HRVI is supported by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. ■

A lecture by David S. Krop (center) of the Mariners' Museum in Newport News, VA, commemorated the 10th anniversary of the Hudson River Valley Institute. The executive director of the institute is Dr. James M. Johnson (left), the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Professor of Hudson River Valley History. Dr. Thomas Wermuth (right) is the institute's director and vice president of academic affairs and dean of faculty.

Tommy Zurhellen Wins Gold Medal at Independent Publisher Awards

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ENGLISH TOMMY ZURHELLEN was awarded a gold medal for his debut novel, *Nazareth, North Dakota*, at the 2012 Independent Publisher Awards (IPPYs) in New York City.

"I'm thrilled to have my novel recognized at the IPPY awards this year," Zurhellen says. "To me, these awards are so important because they honor many writers and editors whose work might fall outside the mainstream. I'm also happy literary fiction like *Nazareth, North Dakota* still has a sizable audience who enjoy literature that challenges them a bit."

Nazareth, North Dakota, published by Atticus Books, won the "Best Fiction: Midwest" category for its irreverent retelling of the story of the young Messiah, set in the lonely prairie and Badlands of North Dakota starting in the 1980s. *Publishers Weekly* said of the book, "[T]his debut novel reveals the hardscrabble life of normal, unguided people who put their last dollars in the jukebox and don't worry about what will happen when the song ends... Zurhellen's masterful dialogue often makes for gripping scenes that sustain these characters for decades."

Zurhellen has taught creative writing at Marist since 2004, and his short fiction and essays have appeared widely in literary journals including *Quarterly West*, *Carolina Quarterly*, and *Appalachee Review*. His second novel, *Apostle Islands*, was released in September 2012 from Atticus Books (www.atticusbooksonline.com) and has already received critical acclaim, including a starred review from *Publishers Weekly*. Zurhellen received his MFA in fiction from the University of Alabama.

The IPPYs have been held annually since 1996 to recognize the best fiction and nonfiction titles from academic and small presses around the world. ■

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The School of Global and Professional Programs Advisory Board, shown with GPP staff, has established Marist's first scholarships for online degree programs. Left to right, back row: Dr. John Peters, dean of international programs; Dr. Lauren MOUNTY, dean of the School of Global and Professional Programs; James Hochstatter, senior VP/technology officer, Ulster Savings Bank; scholarship recipient Gregg Jocelyn '16, Ulster Savings Bank; Howard Goldstein, partner and co-founder, Vedanta Capital; Bill Chess, former COO, Ogilvy PR Worldwide; and Liz van Caloen, former managing director, Sugimoto Capital and Glenrock Funds. Front row, left to right: Lisa Cathie '03, president and CEO, Ulster Savings Bank; Emily Smith, former managing director Scudder, Stevens, Clark/Scudder Investments; Toni Constantino '00/'11MPA, coordinator of online programs; and Jeanne Eschbach, assistant dean for the School of Global and Professional Programs. Not pictured are Tony Nicolis '74, Nicolis Insurance Agency, and scholarship recipient Tonya Gardiner '16, Rondout Savings Bank.

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SEVERAL HUDSON VALLEY CORPORATIONS are taking advantage of Marist's online BA/BS in liberal studies by offering the degree program at a reduced rate to their employees.

Lisa Cathie, president and CEO of Ulster Savings Bank and a 2003 Marist graduate, wanted to give her employees the opportunity to earn Marist degrees. Cathie, who chairs the Advisory Board of the School of Global and Professional Programs, initiated a partnership between Ulster Savings and Marist that facilitates degree completion, including tuition remission from the bank and academic advising and orientation at a bank site. This past spring, Ulster Savings employees began the online program. Rondout Savings Bank also has employees enrolled.

"The Marist bachelor's degree is offered fully online in an accelerated format that allows someone to complete the degree in a way that is more flexible and convenient," says Dr. Lauren MOUNTY, dean of the School of Global and Professional Programs. "Students can join us without having to leave work early and commute to campus. Adult students may then continue their education in one of our many online graduate degree programs."

Master's programs available fully online are the MPA, the MBA, the MA in communication, and the MA in integrated marketing communication as well as the MS in information systems and technology management. On-ground programs leading to the MEd are also available.

First Scholarship for Online Study Awarded

This year Cathie and the School of Global and Professional Programs Advisory Board established Marist's first scholarships for online degree programs. The scholarships were funded by members of the Advisory Board.

The scholarships cover tuition for one online course. For academic year 2012-13, scholarships were awarded to Gregg Jocelyn '16 and Tonya Gardiner '16. The scholarships will be awarded annually.

"The Advisory Board saw the efforts that were being made in distance education here at the College and our various degree program options," says MOUNTY. "They wanted to provide funds to assist adult students in their quests to receive degrees."

For further information, visit www.marist.edu/gpp. Dean Lauren MOUNTY is available to speak with any organization interested in establishing a connection with Marist for its employees. ■

U.S. News Ranks Marist No. 8 Best Regional University

MARIST JUMPED FIVE SPOTS to No. 8 on *U.S. News & World Report's* latest rankings of the "Best Regional Universities" for the northern United States, its highest-ever position on the influential list.

The 2013 *U.S. News* rankings are based on peer assessment, graduation and retention rates (each accounting for 25 percent of the total score), faculty resources (20 percent), student selectivity (15 percent), financial resources (10 percent), and alumni giving (5 percent).

In its small class sizes and its high selectivity, both factors in the rankings, Marist is comparable to many of the top institutions on *U.S. News's* "Best National Universities" list. Fifty-seven percent of Marist classes have fewer than 20 students. Marist accepted just over 31 percent of applicants for the Class of 2016, placing it in the top 100 colleges and universities nationwide in terms of selectivity.

The news follows other recent rankings recognition for the College, with the Princeton Review naming it for the 10th straight year one of its "Best Colleges." For the seventh year in a row, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* included Marist in its annual ranking of best values in private colleges and universities.



A "Military-Friendly School"

MARIST HAS BEEN NAMED by G.I. Jobs.com as a "Military-Friendly School" in recognition of the services and programs it provides to support its student veterans and active-duty military. G.I. Jobs is a source for veterans seeking information on higher education and civilian careers.



The survey-driven list has been published annually since 2001. The 2013 list includes more than 1,700 schools.

For more information on military and veterans programs at Marist, please visit www.marist.edu/admission/military or call (845) 575-3800. ■



The rampant fox acknowledges the mascot of Marist College as well as a long tradition of the fox as a heraldic symbol of wisdom.



The medallions depict important figures from different eras in the Hudson River Valley.

Gates Reflect History of Marist and Hudson River Valley

Marist's south entrance has a distinctive new look thanks to stone carvings that represent the history of the College and the Hudson River Valley.

The gate on the south side of the road features a rampant (rearing up) fox, acknowledging the mascot of Marist College as well as a long tradition of the fox as a heraldic symbol of wisdom. A similar fox appears on the College's coat of arms.

The medallions on the opposite gate depict important figures from different eras in the Hudson River Valley.

- ◆ St. Ann was the namesake of the Marist Brothers' original property in Poughkeepsie, St. Ann's Hermitage.
- ◆ Edvard Bech was the owner of the estate purchased by the Marist Brothers in 1908 to expand their Hudson River holdings.
- ◆ St. Marcellin Champagnat was the 19th-century French priest who founded the Marist Brothers.
- ◆ Frederic Church was a landscape painter who was a central figure in the 19th-century American art movement known as the Hudson River School.
- ◆ Henry Hudson was an English navigator who explored the river that now bears his name.
- ◆ Daniel Nimham was the last chief of the Wappinger tribe; he died fight-

ing for the American side during the Revolutionary War.

- ◆ Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt, America's 32nd president and his wife, were Hyde Park residents and global figures who helped shape the 20th century.
- ◆ Sojourner Truth was a 19th-century abolitionist and women's rights activist who was born in Esopus.
- ◆ George Washington made his headquarters and residence in Newburgh

from April 1782 to August 1783 while commander-in-chief of the Continental Army.

- ◆ John Flack Winslow was a 19th-century industrialist who helped finance the construction of the USS *Monitor*, which made history in 1862 by defeating the ironclad CSS *Virginia* at Hampton Roads, VA, during the Civil War. Winslow's estate was located on what is now the northern part of the Marist campus. ■



Work Underway on New Academic Building and Student Center Renovation

Work is well underway on construction of a multipurpose academic building and renovation of the Student Center. The project will be ready for students in fall 2013. For progress updates, please visit www.marist.edu/about/construction.

The Campaign for MARIST

\$150 Million and Counting

Dear Friends,

I'd like to offer my heartfelt thanks to the more than 14,000 alumni, parents, and friends who have participated to date in *The Campaign for Marist*. This impressive groundswell of support has enabled the College to meet and exceed its ambitious goal ahead of schedule—a feat that is the envy of many of Marist's peers in higher education. The campaign is a resounding success because of the generosity of all of the members of the Marist community who have made supporting the College and ensuring its sound future a priority.

This fall marks the campaign's final countdown, as the effort will officially draw to a close on December 31, 2012. Beginning in February, 2013, the College will launch a series of celebrations across the country to mark the campaign's unprecedented success. Each and every campaign donor will be invited to participate in what promises to be an incredibly uplifting celebration of the monumental impact the campaign has had across the institution and a fitting tribute to our dedicated supporters.

If you haven't yet made a commitment to the campaign, I invite you to thoughtfully consider a gift or pledge now so the College can count you among the valued participants in this historic fundraising effort. Though our initial goal has been successfully met, there are a number of key institutional priorities with significant remaining need. The Marist Advancement team will be happy to assist you should you have an interest in discussing funding opportunities that are aligned with your interests.

When asked recently why I support *The Campaign for Marist*, I responded as I often do—because it genuinely feels good to give back. My great thanks again to all those who have already joined me by participating in *The Campaign for Marist*. To all who are contemplating the opportunity, I encourage you to make a gift or pledge before December 31, and be a part of this transformational time in the history of Marist College.

Sincerely,



Timothy G. Brier '69, Chair, *The Campaign for Marist*



Left to right, Marist President Dennis J. Murray, former Chair and current member of the Board of Trustees Robert R. Dyson, and Campaign Chair and Trustee Timothy G. Brier '69



Chair of the Marist Board of Trustees Ellen M. Hancock



Vice Chair Ross A. Mauri '80

Celebrating *The Campaign for Marist*

A series of campaign celebrations is set to launch beginning in February 2013 to mark noteworthy achievements of *The Campaign for Marist* and recognize the individuals and organizations that made the effort such a resounding success. The dates and locations are as follows.

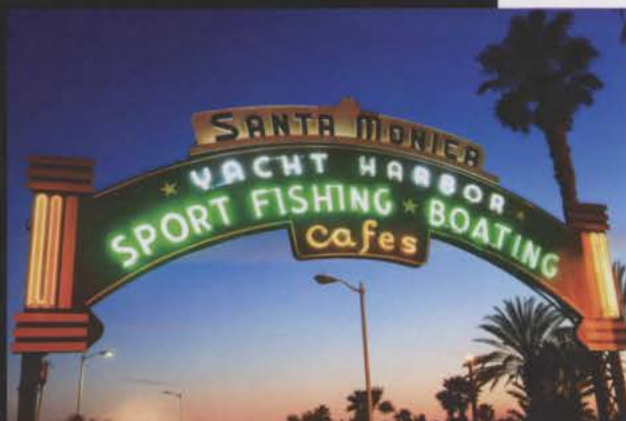
Wednesday, March 13—
McCann Center Arena, Marist
(all donors to the campaign)



Thursday, Feb. 21—LaPlaya Beach & Golf
Resort, Naples, FL (by special invitation)



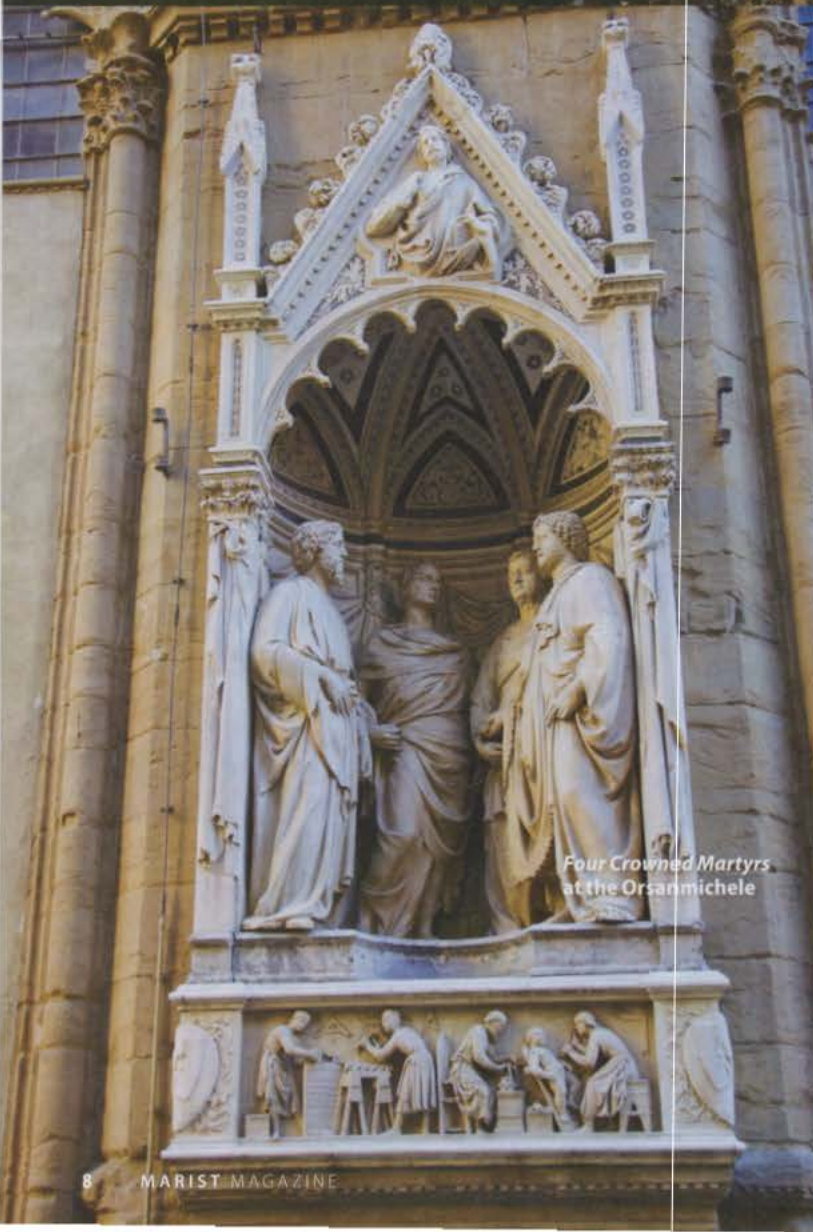
Thursday, April 4—Metropolitan Club,
NYC (by special invitation)



Late July—Santa Monica, CA
(by special invitation)



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*Four Crowned Martyrs
at the Orsanmichele*



The Florence Baptistery



The Florence skyline

FLORENCE

Spending their first year of college at Marist's branch campus in Florence, Italy, brought the La Mela twins an extraordinary learning experience.

GOING TO COLLEGE means leaving home, adjusting to a new environment, and learning how to do things on your own for the first time. For 19-year-old twins Nick and John La Mela of Marlboro, NY, it meant something more: spending a year in Florence, Italy.

John had been planning to participate in Marist's Freshman Florence Experience (FFE) ever since he was in 8th grade. The twins and their parents had visited their older sister, Amanda, in Florence when she spent her freshman year at Marist's branch campus there in 2006-2007, the inaugural year of the program.

"It was a beautiful place, and I wanted to come back to it," John says. Their parents were very supportive of the idea, Nick says, because his sister had had a great experience abroad. "She grew so much, and they wanted the same thing for us."

They felt nothing but excitement as they sat in Kennedy Airport in August 2011 waiting to board their flight to Italy. "For us," Nick says, "there was no nervousness."

The twins were two of 56 Marist students who would be spending their first year of college in Florence, a city of 400,000 with huge cultural and historical significance as the birthplace of the Renaissance. Florence has proved a popular destination for English-speaking students from around the world, including Marist students. In 2006, the first year Marist operated the branch campus, 17 students participated in the BA and FFE



Renaissance Men: Nick and John La Mela

studio art (available as both a BA and BS). Thus a student can complete one of these degrees at the branch campus completely in Italy in what is the only American four-year undergraduate program in Florence.

Several factors make Marist's Florence programs unusual. First, the College's branch is a partnership with the Lorenzo de Medici Institute. The institute began in 1973 as one of the first centers in Florence to specialize in teaching Italian as a foreign language. Later, the institute branched out into studio art courses and is now known as Italy's largest and most comprehensive institution for international education. This partnership gives Marist-LdM an authenticity missing from other Florence programs.

At Marist-LdM, the professors and administration are from Italy and across the globe. This highly international staff allows students to have access to different views and opinions.

"While many other institutions operate campuses in Italy, they do not have the branch campus status Marist has," says Christie Alfaro, assistant director of Marist-LdM programs.

"Additionally, many of these schools mostly import American professors and American administrations executing an American degree on international soil. In some cases, they can be a bit of a cultural silo."

"We seek to push beyond the silo," says John Peters, dean of international programs. "We want as much as possible to push stu-

programs in Florence. That same year, Marist sent another 62 students to Florence to study for a single semester as part of their Marist studies. By 2012, the corresponding numbers had grown to 118 in the BA, FFE, and the new MA program in museum studies, and some 222 semester-based students from Marist spent time in Florence as well. Note that students can spend a semester, a year, or even longer on the branch campus. In fact, the branch campus offers eight four-year degrees in seven available majors: conservation studies, digital media, fashion design, fine arts, interior design, Italian, and

PHOTOS BY VICTOR VAN CARPELS



Marist students have the opportunity to restore ancient art under the tutelage of Lorenzo Casamenti, a renowned art restorer and professor at the branch campus in Florence. Above, the professor guides a group through "Michelangelo's Hideout," a small chamber under the Medici Chapels where Michelangelo drew on the walls during two months he spent in hiding there.

UNFORGETTABLE FLORENCE *continued*

dents to engage with Italians and Italian culture and learn about Italy on Italy's terms."

Second, faculty at the branch campus are highly qualified academics with significant experience in their fields. As such, the branch campus specializes in experiential learning, as students are challenged to explore what Peters calls "the theory/practice dynamic."

A prime example is Professor Lorenzo Casamenti. "We have a world-renowned art restorer who is on the faculty of LdM, and he is sought after worldwide," says Alfaro.

The Marist-LdM restoration department has relationships with many of the top museums and churches in Florence, which send their treasures to Marist-LdM for restoration. "Students involved with this particular faculty member in the classroom are actually restoring ancient work," says Peters. "So you see a 20-year-old Marist student working on a painting that might be 200 years old. And the professor will stand behind her or to the side and give direction on how to restore it." After restoration, artwork is returned to its church or museum of origin.

The faculty, says Alfaro, "are really amazing people who are so incredibly passionate about the things they do, and Lorenzo in particular. Because his credentials and his expertise are so sought after, he often is able to give these students an internship type of experience that goes beyond a résumé builder."

Enhancing student engagement in the classroom through reflection on real-world experiences is a defining characteristic of international programming at Marist, says Peters. "It's not enough for students to be in the classroom, nor is it enough for them to be getting their hands dirty—figuratively, or in some cases, literally," he says. "They have to combine the two."

Third, Marist is one of only a handful of schools that offer a degree in conservation studies, and the only one in which students work directly on original artwork from the 14th to 19th centuries. Marist also offers a master's degree in museum studies in Florence. The program began in 2010 with five students. This fall the program had 30 and a waiting list.

The FFE program is another aspect that sets Marist apart. While FFE students must complete the same requirements as their Poughkeepsie counterparts, they have Florence with all its cultural riches to inform their learning.

The La Mela twins were ready to make the most of the city that was now at their fingertips. Their 2011 sojourn to Italy was

"The crazy part is, things that were exciting ended up being everyday life."

their third; prior to visiting Florence in 2007, their family had visited relatives in Sicily when the twins were 5. And in high school, they had gone on a school tour of France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, and Belgium.

The first week, an orientation in Tuscania, was a good bonding experience, John says. Then they moved into Marist quarters, shared with four other FFE students, on the Via del Corso. Walking to class every day past the Duomo was a "dream come true," says John.

Much of the twins' time was occupied with core courses plus courses in their majors. Nick is a business major with a minor in psychology. John is a communications major focusing on PR with a minor in global business. While the classes, mainly made up of Marist students studying abroad, were taught in English, the twins also took classes in Italian and practiced the language daily in conversations outside of class. All Marist students studying in Italy are required to study Italian language and culture.

Both young men are hard pressed to come up with any downside to studying in Florence for a year. On the other hand, there was plenty to enjoy.

"The most amazing thing to me was that every weekend, you could go somewhere," says Nick. "In regular college, you could go to this bar or that club. In Florence, it's 'Let's go



Students create Web sites in a digital media class in Florence.

to Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Prague.' That's what made it so special."

In an effort to help students maximize their cultural experiences and travel opportunities, the Florence campus holds the majority of its courses Monday through Thursday. The twins used their free time by traveling via inexpensive deals on bus, train, and plane to Germany, Switzerland, and other parts of Italy: Sicily, the Amalfi Coast, and Cento as well as Padua and Vincenza, where they visited their relatives.

When the rest of the FFE contingent left for home on May 11, the twins found an apartment and stayed in Florence through June, working three days a week at part-time jobs. "We were supposed to be home by Mother's Day," Nick says, "but we bought Mom gifts in Rome instead."

When the time came for them to go home, they were ready to see their family, John says. Yet when they pulled into their hometown of Marlboro, population 8,808, at 11 p.m., it finally hit them that they were no longer in Florence, where even late at night, "you could walk out anywhere and be in the thick of the action," Nick says. "It was reverse culture shock."

John is already pondering whether to go back during his junior year. Nick too believes he will return to Florence. "It's a city you can't be away from for too long. It'll always draw you back."

Both highly recommend the Freshman Florence Experience. Nick believes having it on his résumé landed his current internship at a hedge fund. John agrees that it's a plus on a résumé. "It shows that you're a go-getter. You've gone through things that the average person hasn't."

"I grew so much," says Nick. "You don't [initially] speak the language. You're in the

thick of a city. You learn to adapt to different things. It was a great experience. The crazy part is, things that were exciting ended up being everyday life."

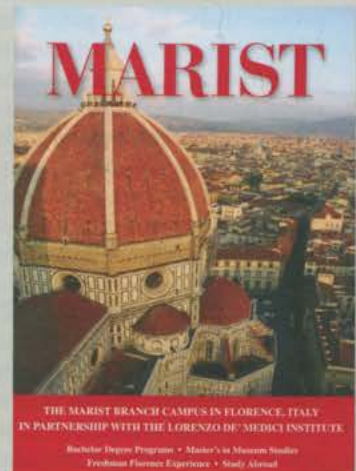
"It was like a class in itself, a very practical learning experience," John says. "When I get out of college, I won't be entirely lost. It taught me how to use my resources." ■

Princeton Review Ranks Marist's Study Abroad Programs Among Top 20

FOR THE SECOND CONSECUTIVE YEAR, Marist has been included in the Princeton Review's "top 20" list for "most popular study abroad program." Marist ranked seventh in the study abroad category in *The Best 377 Colleges*, the 2013 edition of the Princeton Review's annual guide.

Nearly half of the Marist student body studies abroad, while the national average for all undergraduate schools is less than 10 percent. In the most recent Open Doors survey, Marist is ranked 18th in undergraduate participation in study abroad among institutions that offer master's degrees. The survey is compiled by the U.S. Department of Education's Institute for International Education.

The Marist International Programs office provides opportunities for students of all majors to study abroad in many countries throughout Europe, Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Semester, full academic year, and short-term programs are available. For more information, visit marist.edu/international, call (845) 575-3330, e-mail international@marist.edu, or go to Marist International Programs on Facebook.





How Tweet It Is

THESE DAYS, FACEBOOK AND TWITTER are obvious choices for colleges and universities that need to communicate with a broad and diverse audience of current and prospective students, parents, alumni, and friends.

But just a few years ago, the benefits of being on the top social media sites wasn't nearly as clear as the potential pitfalls. Did colleges and universities that play such an important and serious role in a person's life have a place alongside pictures of last night's party and 140-character reviews of the new burrito joint?

More than 3,400 Tweets, almost 6,000 Twitter followers, and over 11,000 Facebook "likes" later, the answer is clearly yes, at least for Marist. Gone are the days when college brochures and campus visits were the primary sources for high school students and parents looking to learn more about a school.

"If Marist isn't telling our story on Facebook, Twitter, and other popular social media sites, someone else will be," says Dean of Undergraduate Admission Kent Rinehart

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Indeed, Marist students, faculty, staff, and alumni are providing such an independent glimpse, whether intentionally or simply by sharing with their friends things like photos of the Hudson River, updates from a Marist football game, or notice of a

student musical performance. With such a beautiful campus right on the Hudson River, Marist is a natural subject for photo sharing, especially on sites like Pinterest and through applications like Instagram.

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A Brief History of Social Media @ Marist

Social media may be here to stay, but individual services may rise and fall. New ones pop up all the time. Rather than bet on whether or not they will catch on, the safe approach is to reserve the Marist name in case they do.

BY GREG CANNON

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Thanks to the foresight of Marist Admission and Information Technology staff, the @Marist name was reserved on Twitter and Facebook before it was clear exactly to what use the College would put these services.

The official College accounts joined an already active Marist community, which took to the social networks, particularly Twitter, early and enthusiastically. A widely adopted theme on Twitter is “Follow Friday,” in which people recommend weekly other Twitter accounts worth following. Marist put its own spin on things early on when avid Twitterer Michael Sterchak '07 (@MichaelSterchak) started the #MaristMonday hashtag, with which students, alumni, and others make a habit of Tweeting something special about the College, generating thousands of positive messages.

The official Marist social media accounts reside in Admission and are managed in concert with the Office of Public Affairs. As a result, there is a strong emphasis on external audiences. Inevitably, individual clubs, sports teams, and campus offices have taken to Twitter and Facebook to get their own messages out to their respective audiences.

While in keeping with the freewheeling nature of social media, the result was a sometimes muddled and confusing conglomeration of official, semi-official, and unofficial communications going out under the Marist name. To address the problem, the campus-wide Marketing Communication Group recently conducted an inventory of all social media accounts associated with the College and developed a new, unified brand to tie them all together.



Marist Social Media by the Numbers

Facebook	More than 11,000 likes
Twitter	More than 5,700 followers
YouTube	More than 101,000 video views
Fox Tales Blog	More than 84,000 views
Pinterest	More than 540 pins
Flickr	More than 1,300 photos
LinkedIn	More than 5,200 members
Marist.edu/socialmedia	More than 500 view per month

The result is a detail of the “M” from the Marist College seal. The idea, according to Director of Social Media and Online Initiatives Brian Apfel '05/11MS, is to create a unifying brand for academic schools, departments, and programs in much the same way that the Red Fox serves to identify Marist athletics.

“Many of the world’s great colleges and universities use a seal or crest to identify themselves,” Apfel says. “Marist belongs in this company, and the mark we’ve adopted is a modern take on a historic Marist symbol.”

The Next Best Thing to Being There

With thousands of members of the Marist community regularly sharing Marist-centered messages, photos, and videos with their vast networks, there now exists a legion of enthusiastic ambassadors helping to create and sustain interest in Marist simply by doing what comes naturally on social media.

But it’s fair to ask, to what end? In addition to serving as a practical source of infor-

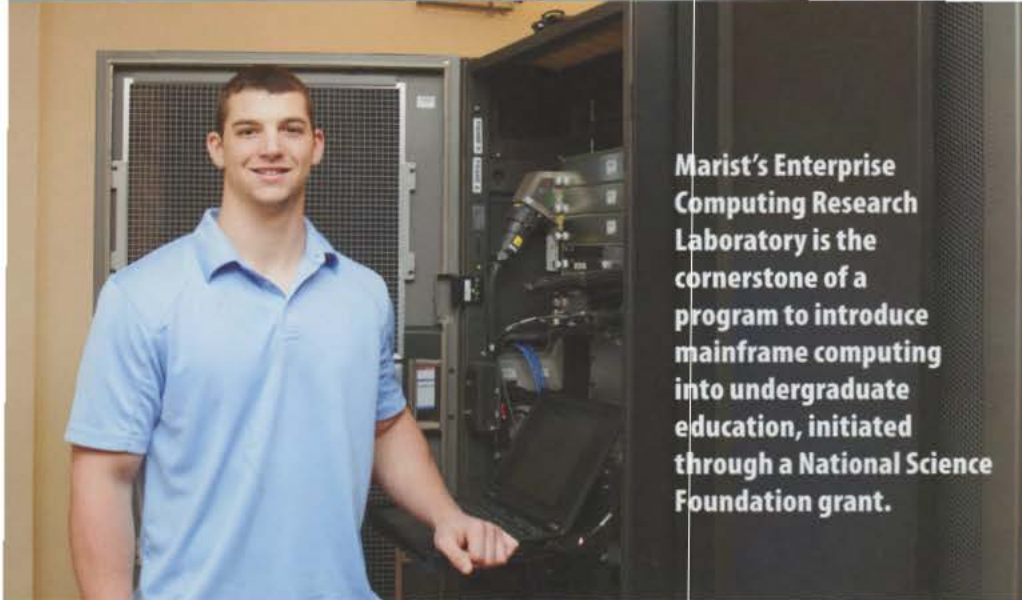
mation and a means of generating interest in the College and keeping alumni engaged with their alma mater, there is increasing evidence that prospective students and their families feel that the information they get through social media, in addition to the College’s Web site and other traditional communications, gives them all they need to know to make a decision on where to attend.

“As we have grown our geographic diversity, we see more and more students making the decision to enroll in Marist without ever doing a formal tour and information session,” says Apfel. “Over the last several years we have seen a growing number of deposited students visit campus for the first time during Orientation or even Freshman Move-In.”

Many of these students report becoming interested in Marist online. That’s the power of social media. ■

Greg Cannon is Marist’s chief public affairs officer.





Marist's Enterprise Computing Research Laboratory is the cornerstone of a program to introduce mainframe computing into undergraduate education, initiated through a National Science Foundation grant.

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Putting Mainframes in the Mainstream

EVER SINCE MARIST SENIOR DOUG ROHDE was in middle school, he's been interested in computers.

"I was the one who was always on the computer, always took tech classes in high school," Rohde says. "It wasn't something that ever bored me, because it's always changing."

Rohde is now an information technology major who puts in as many as 20 hours a week (and put in 40 hours a week this past summer) as a student-intern system administrator for the IBM System z 114 mainframe and zBlade Center, the rock star of Marist's new Enterprise Computing Research Laboratory. The lab is the cornerstone of a program to introduce mainframe computing into undergraduate education, initiated at Marist through a National Science Foundation grant.

The NSF awarded the two-year \$400,000 grant to Marist College in September 2008 to work with eight academic partners and nine industry partners to build an academic and industry community that would revitalize undergraduate education in enterprise computing. The lab and related equipment were also supported by a second NSF grant. Additional equipment was provided by IBM, the world's primary manufacturer of enterprise computing systems, which has had a research partnership with Marist since 1988.

Why is enterprise computing education important? "Enterprise computing and IBM mainframes are quietly and securely running the most mission-critical businesses in the world," says Don Resnik, IBM worldwide

System z academic initiative and client skills leader. "This includes government, financial, retail, and the public communities.

"A CIO once told me that schools should be calling this education 'Extreme IT' because it's the most extreme computing in the world." Currently, Resnik says, 1,067 schools around the world include IBM enterprise computing in their curricula.

Among them, Marist has taken the lead in establishing an enterprise computing community (ECC) that now has about 1,000 members worldwide. It is anchored by a robust educational component. "Marist College has definitely distinguished itself as a global leader in enterprise systems education," says Resnik, by first having "an IT staff that runs the most efficient and secure enterprise computing environment that's best of breed globally in academia, and secondly, an enterprise computing education program that was developed in partnership with over 20 global industry leaders in enterprise systems."

Marist's offerings include nine undergraduate credit-bearing courses and eight noncredit courses, all available online through the Institute for Data Center Professionals at Marist College. Faculty members use the Enterprise Computing Research Laboratory to train undergraduate and graduate students in research methods and practices. The lab is available to Marist faculty and student researchers as well as academic and industry researchers.

The lab is used solely for research and research training, Rohde says, which is unusual. "Usually when there is a mainframe, it's in a production environment, so not many resources get dedicated to research and development." Rohde sets up and oversees the research projects, making sure the lab's resources are allocated appropriately.

Another key activity of the ECC is its annual conference. Since 2009, Marist has hosted a conference each June that has drawn at least 150 and as many as 230 people. The audience is made up of 60 percent industry and 40 percent academia, says Assistant Dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics Mary Ann Hoffmann. Partners and sponsors in the ECC are Illinois State University, North Carolina A&T State University, Widener University, University of Arkansas, Monroe College, San Jose State University, Stevens Institute of Technology, Binghamton University, Aetna, Bank of America, BMC Software, CA Technologies, Citigroup, Compuware, IBM, Micro Focus, Morgan Stanley, Progressive Insurance, Rocket Software, State Farm Insurance, the Travelers Companies, and Verizon.

For the 2012 conference, guests traveled to Marist from as far away as Australia. Soon after the conference, there were more international visitors. Representatives came to Marist from Shenzhen University in Guangdong and Tongji University in Shanghai to learn about the College's enterprise computing courses. Marist also sent its own representatives abroad; when the University of Canberra held its own enterprise computing conference in May, one of its keynote speakers was Dr. Roger Norton, dean of Marist's School of Computer Science and Mathematics.

Rohde says he learned about mainframes in his Marist classes but also learned a lot from his hands-on work with the System z 114. "This job gives me the opportunity to learn things in college that most other students don't get a chance to."

"Businesses that require the most secure and dependable systems on the planet want students who can build and maintain enterprise systems, storage, and software from many hundreds of vendors," says IBM's Resnik. "There are unlimited jobs in this industry, but students have to get the fundamentals to get started and from there—the career choices are amazing. Enterprise systems are about building and maintaining the most important IT infrastructures in the world." ■

For more information about the ECC, visit <http://ecc.marist.edu>.

For information on submitting research proposals, visit <http://www.marist.edu/compscimath/researchlab/>

Red Fox Roundup

Yarde Named 2011-12 MAAC Student-Athlete of the Year

CORIELLE YARDE '12 of the women's basketball team was named the 2011-12 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Female Student-Athlete of the Year. Yarde became the fourth Marist student-athlete to receive the award in the past 10 years, joining her former teammate Rachele Fitz (2009-10) and current Marist assistant coach Alisa Kresge (2006-07). Additionally, David Bennett of the men's basketball team was named the Male Student-Athlete of the Year in 2002-03.

The 2012 MAAC Player of the Year and MAAC Tournament MVP, Yarde led the Red Foxes in nearly every statistical category this past season. She was first in scoring, rebounding, assists, and blocked shots. She was also among the team leaders in steals, field goal percentage, and three-point percentage. Yarde finished her career ranked in 10 of the 14 Marist top-10 categories for individual records.

Yarde traditionally saved her best performances for the national spotlight. In the five NCAA Tournament games she played in after becoming a full-time starter her sophomore year, Yarde averaged 17.2 points, 7.0 rebounds, and 3.8 assists against some of the country's best competition. She recorded a double-double with 25 points and 12 rebounds in the 2011 second round against Duke. In this past year's NCAA first round, Yarde scored 21 points and grabbed seven

BY MIKE FERRARO '01
AND BRENDAN THOMAS

Mike Ferraro '01 is Marist's sports information director, and Brendan Thomas is assistant sports information director

boards in leading the 13th-seeded Red Foxes to a 76-70 upset over fourth-seeded Georgia.

Along with her success on the court, Yarde excelled in the classroom. She was a three-time member of the MAAC All-Academic Team. She was also nominated for the NCAA Woman of the Year. She volunteered with her teammates at the Special Olympics and participated in the Kids' Day Out program. In the spring, Yarde graduated cum laude, receiving her degree from Marist in psychology and special education.

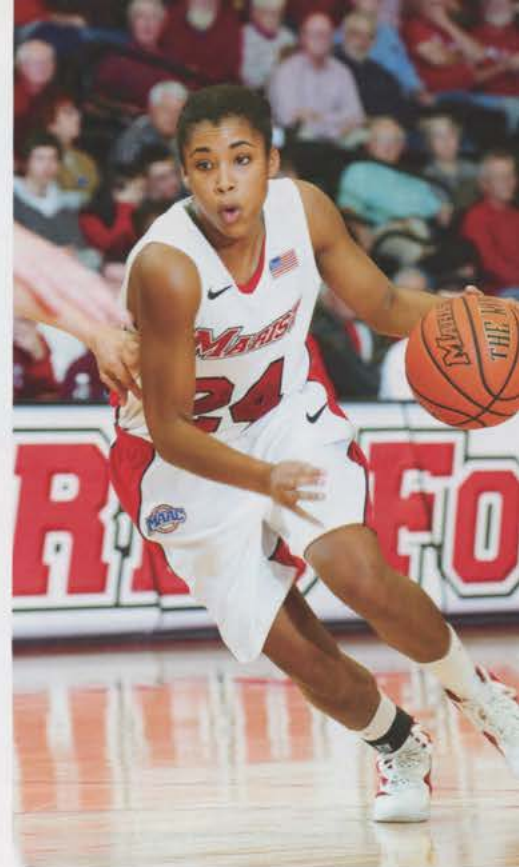
"This is a terrific honor to validate a Hall of Fame athletic career and is the true definition of the 'final product' of what a Marist graduate should emulate," Marist Director of Athletics Tim Murray says. "Marist could not be more proud of Corielle and her accomplishments."

237 Student-Athletes Named to MAAC Academic Honor Roll

FOR THE 11TH STRAIGHT YEAR, Marist led the MAAC in number of student-athletes named to the MAAC Academic Honor Roll. The Red Foxes had 237 student-athletes honored for the 2011-12 season.

A student-athlete must maintain a grade-point average of at least 3.2 on a 4.0 scale to be nominated for the Honor Roll. Marist had 66 more student-athletes named to the Honor Roll than the next closest school.

The students placed on the MAAC Academic Honor Roll cover 22 of Marist's 23 varsity sports. The lone exception is football, in which the Red Foxes compete in the Pioneer Football League. Marist had 27 student-athletes named to the PFL Academic Honor Roll, which requires a grade-point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.



Corielle Yarde '12 of the women's basketball team was named the 2011-12 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Female Student-Athlete of the Year.

During the 2011-12 academic year, Marist had 16 student-athletes earn CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District selections. Swimmer Michelle Fountain '12 was named Third Team Academic All-American.

Marist Wins Women's Commissioner's Cup

MARIST WON the MAAC Women's Commissioner's Cup for the third straight year, and seventh time in the last eight years.

In the 2011-12 school year, the Red Foxes won conference championships in three women's sports: soccer, swimming and diving, and basketball. Soccer won its first MAAC championship, swimming and diving captured its 13th conference championship, and basketball took home the MAAC championship for the eighth time.

Five Teams Earn NCAA Public Recognition Awards

FIVE MARIST TEAMS earned NCAA Public Recognition Awards for their 2010-11 Academic Progress Rate (APR) scores. The women's basketball, women's cross country, women's indoor and outdoor track, and volleyball teams were all awarded for being in the top 10 percent of their respective sports with their APRs during the 2010-11 academic year. ■

Swimmer Michelle Fountain '12 received academic accolades.



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Alumni Return for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend

Hundreds of alumni along with their families and friends came back to campus to celebrate Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Sept. 22 and 23. Saturday began with the inaugural Alumni Awards presentation in the Hancock Center. Then it was over to Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field, where Marist defeated Pioneer Football League foe Davidson. Alumni also enjoyed the annual Family Picnic on the campus green, followed by the Theatre Hall of Fame induction ceremony in the Nelly Goletti Theatre and 10 class-reunion celebrations.



Three dedicated Marist alumni received inaugural Alumni Awards. From left, Brendan T. Burke '68 received the Marist College Distinguished Service Award; Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50, President Emeritus of Marist College, was honored as the namesake of the Outstanding Alumnus/ Alumna Award; Edward Summers '04/'06M received the Marist College Young Alumnus Award; and Bro. Sean D. Sammon, FMS '70 received the Dr. Linus Richard Foy '50 Outstanding Alumnus Award. Nominations for the 2013 awards should be submitted online by March 28, 2013, at www.marist.edu/alumni/awards.



The 2012 inductees into the Theatre Hall of Fame included (left to right) Vinny Capozzi '78, Marc Liepis '92, George Halpin '69 (seated), Shelley Curran '95, and Jim Fedigan '87. Also inducted but not present was Marydale Dolezal Leonard '87.



At their 20-year reunion, Class of '92 members Jennifer (Boulay) Acosta, Anthony Mercogliano, and Jennifer (Riat) Kerrigan recreated their photo from the 1992 Marist yearbook.



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Fifteen members of the Class of 1962 returned for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend to celebrate their 50-year reunion. The alumni traveled from as far as Hawaii to reconnect once again on the Marist campus, and President Dennis J. Murray presented each one with a signature Marist watch. Standing from left are Pat Murphy, Jerry McKenna, Bill Lenehan, George Conboy, Martin Faherty, Jim Callahan, Tony Campilli, George Bagnell, and President Murray. Seated from left are Frank Walsh, Russ Therriault, Frank Swetz, Bob St. Amand, Bill Shannon, Vincent Poisella, and John O'Connell.



The band is back together! Second Look performed at the Class of 1987 25-year reunion with (from left) John Macom '87, Tim Curry '87, Bob Higgins, and Matthew Browne '87.



Alumni and their families and friends enjoyed the Family Picnic on the campus green.



A Life Less Ordinary:

Violinist Robert Gupta '05 Releases His First CD

Is there such a thing as a typical day in the life of Robert Gupta '05? Here's a guy, after all, who completed his undergraduate studies in biology at age 18 at Marist, finished a master's in music at Yale University at 19, and became the youngest member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic just shy of his 20th birthday. If the story ended there, that would be remarkable enough.

But that would underestimate Robert Gupta. Now 25 and still the youngest member of the Philharmonic, Gupta recently recorded his debut album, *Suryodaya*, a self-described "musical journey from India to Los Angeles," on a 1716 Stradivarius belonging to a patron in the City of Angels. Recorded at Walt Disney Concert Hall in July and financed entirely through gifts from the online funding platform Kickstarter, all proceeds from the CD will go toward Gupta's other passion project: the Street Symphony program.

Street Symphony grew out of a relationship Gupta developed with Nathaniel Ayers,

the Juilliard-educated musician and homeless schizophrenic made famous by Jamie Foxx's portrayal in the 2009 film *The Soloist*. The two met in 2008, at a birthday party for Ayers at a bowling alley in Glendale, Calif. "He started asking me questions about this really difficult passage at the end of a Beethoven symphony, and I didn't know how to describe it," Gupta recalls. "And I had my violin with me, so I pulled it out and started playing it."

A couple of weeks later, Gupta got an e-mail from *Los Angeles Times* columnist Steve Lopez saying that Ayers wanted violin lessons. During their first lesson, "Nathaniel had a complete manic episode. His eyes went completely bloodshot. I really saw a very disturbing manifestation of mental illness right in front of me. And what was striking was the fact that it was happening with a violin in his hands." As he found his composure, Ayers started throwing out requests. "I related to this guy," Gupta says. "But that's one

Gupta (upper right) and fellow musicians have played for audiences ranging from patrons of the Midnight Mission on Skid Row (above) to veterans at a center in Long Beach and nonviolent offenders at four different L.A. County jails.

face of 50,000 homeless people in L.A. What do you do? It became a catalyst for me to not turn a blind eye toward homelessness anymore."

With his background in neuroscience, Gupta has always been intrigued by the healing possibilities of music. "Is there a role for music in mental illness?" he asks. Street Symphony became that vehicle to explore the connection. Since its inception, Gupta and his fellow musicians (not only from the Philharmonic, but also students from the Colburn School and University of Southern California) have played for audiences ranging from homeless patrons of the Midnight Mission on Skid Row to veterans at a center in Long Beach and nonviolent offenders at four different L.A. County jails. By his own count, Gupta has played a total of 47 events in the last 16 months.

"We try to bring music to the most deeply underserved, mentally ill individuals who are dealing with homelessness and incarceration,"

says Gupta, who curated an event called TEDxSkidRow in June with the help of friends he made through TED (a community of individuals from the worlds of technology, entertainment, and design). "But we also want to start reaching out to veterans with PTSD, or with massive brain trauma, as well as hospices and hospitals—any place where this music would have a role in healing."

If Street Symphony represents one passion project of Gupta's, the other has been his first album—a globe-spanning collection that reflects his culture and his influences. "Indian classical music is the first music I ever heard, and it's music that was part of my family and my culture and my childhood," he explains. "But I'd never played it before."

In the same exhaustive fashion typical of his other ventures, Gupta listened to "probably every recording on iTunes and watched every video on YouTube" to learn ins and outs of writing Indian classical. *Suryodaya* (now available on iTunes and Amazon) opens with "Jaunpuri," an Indian classical raga that he composed by hand, then segues from Persian music to European music spanning the medieval, baroque, and romantic periods, fast-forwarding to American music (closing with an original composition by Philharmonic timpanist Joe Pereira).



Gupta—who raised \$22,000 over five weeks from 216 backers via Kickstarter—describes *Suryodaya* as "very much a musical offering and a journey of music and myself from East to the West."

"I'm very happy that I will reach an audience wider than the classical audience alone," says Gupta. "*Suryodaya* means 'sunrise' in Sanskrit, but it also means a kind of gift of light." In talking to audiences about Street Symphony, he frequently quotes 19th-century German romantic composer Robert Schumann, who also suffered from schizophrenia. "He said, 'To send light into

the darkness of men's hearts—such is the duty of the artist.' And I feel like it's a beautiful way of making a parallel between the light of music and what we do for Street Symphony."

The Stradivarius he plays on the album belongs to businessman and philanthropist Jerry Kohl. It was played for many years by Nathan Milstein (1904-1992), who to Gupta was "the ultimate violinist. He had this 60-year career churning out perfect, deeply honest music." The first time Gupta played on the nearly 300-year-old violin, "I felt like a puppy on Ritalin. My mind was going to explode. Playing on that Strad was just a dream."

As Robert and his younger brother, Patrick '08 (who is now finishing up a PhD in chemistry at RPI), thrive in their post-Marist careers, their mother is now following in their footsteps. Chandana Gupta enrolled at Marist this fall after a couple of years of coursework at Orange County Community College. "I'm thrilled and so proud of her," says Robert of his mother, whose undergraduate studies at Queens College were interrupted by his birth in 1987. "She's an incredibly hard worker—she's staying up very late—but she wants to get the most out of Marist that she can, and I think she will. She certainly knows the campus very well." ■

—Dick Anderson



All in the Marist Family

Patrick M. and Patricia E. Lavelle '73/'74 (center) have been among Marist College's most dedicated supporters over the years. Pat, the president and CEO of Voxx International Corp., is a Marist trustee and a member of the committee that led the successful *Campaign for Marist*. He and Patty served as national alumni chairs of the 2004 and 2005 Marist Fund campaigns. The Marist tradition continues with their son, Michael '02, and new daughter-in-law, Kristen Stevens '05. The family is shown with a host of Marist friends at Michael and Kristen's wedding on Nov. 19, 2011. Michael is a key account manager at Voxx International and Kristen is a manager in human resources administration at MSC Industrial Direct.



Herbert Weinman, MD, with new friends in Uganda

A Uganda Experience

Herbert M. Weinman, MD, '93 MBA traveled to Uganda this past summer on a medical mission. He and his children own FirstCare Walk-In Medical Center in Highland, NY, across the Hudson from Marist. He has practiced in the area since 1968. He shared thoughts about his trip with Alumni News.

I always pursued what I felt would give me the most satisfaction—it's called following your passion. Being a physician has always allowed me to give to others. Now, in the twilight of my life, I felt I needed to give back in a more meaningful way.

I always envisioned doing more hands-on medicine in a disadvantaged country with people who would really appreciate the effort. Not sure why this trip was on my bucket list but I was sure I'd have answers to that question by the end of my adventure.

My six companions, including the physician assistant from my urgent care center, and I began in Kampala, Uganda's capital. No alarm clock was needed for wake-ups as the cows mooed outside my window at 5 a.m.—milking time. The city was very congested, and there were no traffic lights, lane markings, or crosswalks. Dr. Mark Kitende, our native Ugandan host, driver, navigator, and interpreter, was very skilled in avoiding everything in his path.

Our first stop was the pharmacy, where we bought about \$250 worth of medications which would have cost at least \$2,000 in the United States. Lunch awaited us at the church school

at which we would hold two days of clinics in a large tent. The pastor and his wife were great hosts, and she prepared a buffet which turned out to be fare similar to what we would eat for

the next two weeks: white rice, pasta, salad, beans, and fresh fruit.

On the first clinic day, we saw more than 100 patients in four hours. At the second clinic in Kampala, a local pediatrician joined us as we saw about 150 patients.

Among people we met were women who run an HIV-AIDS project. They make unique beaded necklaces and bracelets out of paper which is cut into pieces, compressed, strung, and lacquered. It takes three to four hours to make each piece, which sells for less than \$2.

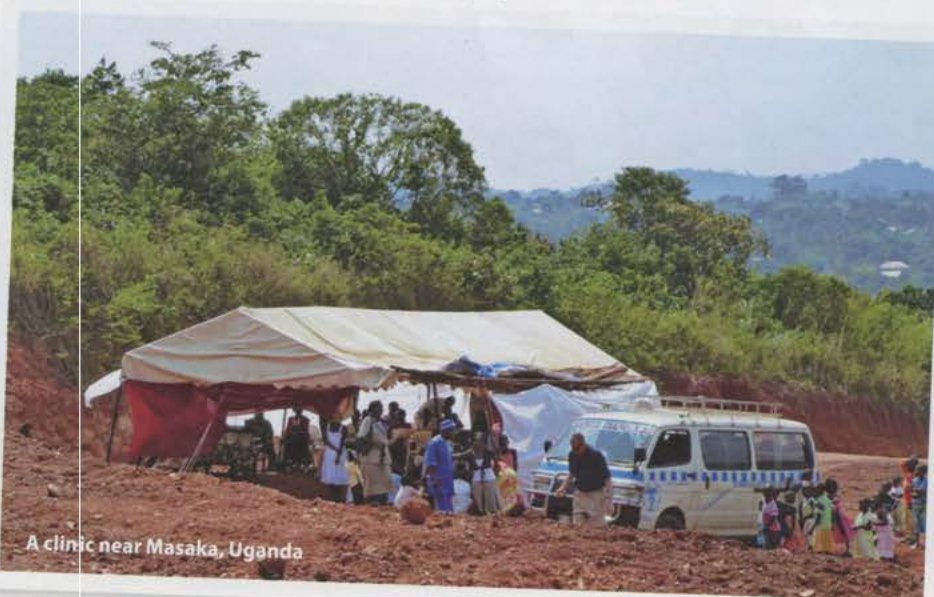
Our third clinic experience was in a small village about 20 minutes outside of Kampala. As we drove down the bumpy dirt road, locals seeking medical care were already following us. Our clinic was held in a tent with no sides but good protection from the sun.

Three of us plus Dr. Mark, acting as the extraction dentist, saw more than 200 patients. The diseases I saw I usually don't encounter in the U.S.: TB, malaria, worms, and HIV-AIDS. Chief complaints were back pain, high blood pressure, diabetes, ulcers, headaches, the flu, and cough—everyone coughed there as it is so dusty from the unpaved red-clay roads.

On our final night in Kampala our generous hotel owner treated the group to a barbecue: meatballs, salad, fish sticks (made from real fish), and local beer. The owner also provided a specially decorated cake for us.

Next adventure: to the town of Kisoro and gorillas in the wild. We traversed a narrow, dusty, rocky dirt road along a cliff overlooking a beautiful lake. We were greeted by friendly rangers, our own one-man armed escort, and a guide. They collected an entry fee of \$500 per person and told us there would be a 50 percent refund if we didn't see any gorillas (they said this hardly ever happens).

We went by car to the starting point, prepared for a short uphill climb. One and a half hours later, up a trail that varied from 30 to 40 degrees on the mountainside and then through jungle trails, we waited. Eventually trackers



A clinic near Masaka, Uganda

"My watch stopped working four days into the trip and I didn't miss it at all."

radioed our guide saying they had spotted gorillas. Back on the trail, we suddenly cut into the jungle, led by our machete-wielding guide.

Down a slope, then around the corner we encountered our first silverback gorilla, lying on his back as he munched on plants. He looked at us and continued to eat throughout our photo shoot.

Our final four nights were in the town of Masaka, the hometown of Dr. Mark and his family. The clinic that Dr. Mark owns here is in the bush, about 30 minutes from town. Still under construction, it has no running water and only a hole in the ground for a toilet.

Our lab work consisted of doing quick tests for malaria and HIV. Here we again used many \$5 Wal-Mart specials—generic glasses of different magnification—and "cured" blindness. We also cured deafness by removing wax from many an ear canal.

Other memorable activities included a visit to a church in the bush. The church was made of sticks and straw and had blown down the week before, but it was rebuilt and finished the day before we arrived. About 25 members of the congregation were present, including African drummers. We each stood in front of the congregation and through an interpreter gave a brief comment on who we were and a comment about our mission. It was a moving event.

Then it was off to another church founded 12 years ago by Dr. Mark's wife, Beatrice, who was the pastor. She had a following of about 4,000 parishioners. We arrived at the end of the service and a wedding ceremony followed. Again we were asked to come on stage and give a brief commentary.

We also visited an orphanage and school founded by Pastor Beatrice with 23 children four years ago in one small building. It now has more than 500 students, of which 280 board there.

As we rolled into the driveway, an amazing sight greeted us. About 100 children were lined up on both sides of the driveway, cheering and waving as tears flowed from our group. We took pictures, sang, and danced with all the children and told stories as they gathered around us.

Later we were on our way, battling rush-hour traffic en route to a 46th birthday party for the wife of the pastor at the tent church where we had held our first clinic. What a treat—African wedding and birthday on the same trip.

My watch stopped working four days into the trip and I didn't miss it at all. No cell phone, either. It was a great, relaxing, slow pace of life. I will certainly be back next summer if not sooner. I now know why this was on my bucket list. Anybody ready for a great adventure: join our group! ■

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Many Marist Brothers attended the 2012 Champagnat Lecture.

Bro. Sean Sammon '70, FMS, Delivers Champagnat Lecture

Marist Scholar-in-Residence and Trustee Bro. Sean Sammon '70, FMS, spoke on "Leadership for a Global Society within a Marist Tradition" in Marist College's annual Champagnat Lecture this past spring.

The free, public presentation, held in the Nelly Goletti Theatre, focused on attitudes and tools needed for effective leadership in the Catholic Church and society during the 21st century and also addressed emerging challenges facing leaders.

Prior to his appointments as scholar-in-residence and trustee, Brother Sean was superior general and vicar general of the Marist Brothers internationally and a leader of one of the Brothers' U.S. provinces. He has also served as president of the Conference of Major Superiors of Men, a group that represents the leadership of Catholic religious congregations within the United States. In 2011, Brother Sean received the St. Edmund's Medal of Honor from the Edmundite Fathers and Brothers for his contributions to the Catholic Church. In addition to his BA from Marist, he holds a PhD in clinical psychology from Fordham University.

The annual Champagnat Lecture is sponsored by the St. Marcellin Endowment for Catholic Activities at Marist College. It was created to commemorate the 1999 canoniza-



Pictured at the Champagnat Lecture were (left to right) President Dennis J. Murray, Bro. Sean Sammon '70, FMS, Dr. John Allan Knight, assistant professor of religious studies and coordinator of the Catholic Studies Program, and Bro. Frank Kelly '73, FMS, director of Campus Ministry.

tion of Marcellin Champagnat, who founded the Marist Brothers in 1817 as a teaching order dedicated to serving the educational and spiritual needs of youth. ■

1962

William Lenehan is interested in hearing from guys he coached in crew and football in the 1960s and '70s. Bill is still going strong at 74, hunting and fly fishing. He has been married for more than 53 years to his high school sweetheart, Onnie. ■ **Patrick Murphy** recently retired after spending 47 years in education and putting four children through college.

1966

Dr. Thomas Berger retired in May 2010 after 29 years in the pharmaceutical industry at Abbott/Hospina. He and his wife, Linda, welcomed two granddaughters, Greta and Lucca, born in August 2012. They now have five grandchildren.

1967

Dan Meyer's children have all graduated from college. Deborah is about to enter nursing school while raising two children, Aimee



Dr. Dorothy Escribano '75

Dr. Dorothy Escribano '75 has been appointed provost of the College of New Rochelle. The Office of the Provost is at the core of academic administration and planning at the college.

Previously she served as the college's senior vice president for academic affairs for five years. She held prior positions at Worcester State College, Clark University, and the University of Rhode Island. She also held a year-long American Council on Education Fellowship for Administrative Leadership at the University of Rhode Island.

She has a BA in Spanish from Marist, an MA in liberal studies from SUNY Stony Brook, an MA in Spanish literature from the University of Rhode Island, and a PhD in Hispanic studies from Brown University.

is finishing med school, Tim has a fine job with ARC, and Matt is working with ADHD students in an adventure-based camp. Dan and his wife, Sue, celebrated 30 years of marriage in August.

REUNION 1968

Thomas Nolan Jr. is in private practice in individual, couples, and family therapy. His daughter, **Jaclyn '06**, is a school counselor at Indian Hills High School in New Jersey.

1969

Sean O'Neill was elected commodore of the Albany Yacht Club for 2012. He has previously served in all the flag positions. Albany Yacht Club, formed in 1873, is one of the oldest yacht clubs in America.

1970

Kenneth Quinn retired in December from Old Bethpage Village Restoration, Long Island's living history museum. He started as a volunteer more than 20 years ago and over the years became a seasonal, then part-time, and finally full-time staff member. At the time of his retirement, he was the interpretation supervisor and the village supervisor, but to thousands of visitors whom he met every year, he was better known as "the Hatter." He says it was a fun and unique job running the only working hat shop in a museum, making felt hats by early 19th-century methods. ■

Gregory Rakow is proud to say he was recently elected first vice chair of the board of directors of Health Quest, a three-hospital healthcare system serving the Hudson Valley. The three hospitals that constitute Health Quest are Vassar, Putnam, and Northern Dutchess. Other affiliates include Health Quest Medical Practice.

1971

John Wynne recently retired from the practice of law and moved to Wilmington, NC, this past July.

1972

Bill Carey lives in North Carolina with his wife of 38 years, Robin. They live near their four sons, two daughters-in-law, and three grandchildren. A fourth grandchild is on the way.



Brian Viola took home the trophy as Low Net Winner of the 36th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament on Aug. 27 at Dutchess Golf and Country Club in Poughkeepsie, NY. All proceeds from the tournament benefited the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund which is awarded to an incoming freshman or transfer student each year who is the son or daughter of a Marist graduate. Pictured in the photo with Brian are **Amy Woods '97**, executive director of alumni relations (left), and **Donna Watts**, alumni assistant (right). Photos from the tournament can be viewed at www.marist.edu/alumni/golftournament.html.



The Low Net Team award at the Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament went to (left to right) **Nicholas Homler '13**, **John Walsh**, **James Steinmeyer '71**, and **Robert Homler**.



Members of the Class of 1969 enjoyed a golf outing on Aug. 9 at Casperkill Country Club in Poughkeepsie. The group included (left to right) **Ray Yarish**, **Dan Mahoney**, **Ray Jurina**, **Rich Berg**, **Mike Cann**, **Dennis D'Amico**, **Jack Breitenbach**, **Jack Eberth**, **Ed Duffy**, **Steve Johnson**, **Gordie Walton**, **Jim Conroy**, **Fred Brand**, **Tom Annunziata**, **Bill Rowley**, **Frank Russo-Alesi**, **Bob McNeil**, and **Frank Dolcemascalo**.

1974

Jack Ledwith, senior vice president of international distribution for Universal Pictures, received the 2012 CinemaCon Passepardout Award at CinemaCon's Convention in April. The award is presented annually to an industry executive whose dedication and commitment to the international marketplace is unparalleled. CinemaCon is the official convention of the National Association of Theatre Owners (NATO), the largest and most important gathering of cinema owners and operators around the world.

1975

Stephen Carberry has been running sports camps throughout the Brooklyn area and also has an indoor and outdoor tennis business.

1976

Larry Hurley has been retired for five years and is enjoying every minute of it. Larry and his wife are helping their granddaughter with school and volunteering at the school and the sheriff's department by patrolling their community. ■ **Janet (Orlowski) Lang's** son, Eric, is now a student at Marist after transferring from another college in the fall of 2011. ■ **Lesley (Springstun) Schaffer** is teaching second grade at Milan Elementary School in Milan, NM. ■ **Patricia Tillou** opened a solo chiropractic practice in Xenia, OH, after 21 years of raising a family.



Don Duet '88, global co-chief operating officer of the technology division and head of global technology infrastructure at Goldman Sachs, spoke on "Leadership in Technology" at the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development. Right: An overflow crowd of students turned out to hear about cloud computing.



Goldman Sachs Exec Don Duet '88 Speaks at Marist

Marist's School of Computer Science and Mathematics sponsored a special event this past April featuring Don Duet '88, global co-chief operating officer of the technology division and head of global technology infrastructure at Goldman Sachs.

He gave a presentation titled "Leadership in Technology" at the Payne Mansion in Esopus, NY, home of the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development. He spoke to regional leaders in technology, members of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics Advisory Board, and Marist administrators and faculty members. The presentation was part of the Rich Institute's distinguished guest lecture series. Later, he spoke about cloud computing to an overflow crowd of students in the Hancock Center on the Poughkeepsie campus.

An internationally recognized leader in the field of information technology, Duet has held key leadership positions at premier Goldman Sachs' locations around the globe including New York, London, Frankfurt, and Tokyo during his 24-year tenure with the firm.

Just in time for all of her classmates to retire, she's going back to work. Patricia's most recent practice was in the High Falls/Stone Ridge region of Ulster County, NY.



1978

Mark Vitale retired from the Department of Defense because of an on-the-job injury in 2009.

1980

Valerie (Poler) Vitale recently graduated from Bryn Mawr College with a master of social service degree. She is a licensed social worker, working as a mental health outpatient therapist for Creative Health Services in Pottstown, PA.

1981

Matthew Cole helps feed people as a volunteer for Meals on Wheels.

1982

George Armstrong Jr. is a senior manager of quality systems. He is treasurer of the Mercer County

Green Party and a member of Rolling Thunder New Jersey Chapter 2. He is also a member of the 156th Field Artillery Association in Kingston, NY. ■ **Virginia (Luciano) Brophey** is assistant program director and music director of Country 102.5 WKLB, a radio station in Boston. Ginny, whose radio name is Ginny Rogers, established the "Country Healing Tour" at Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center through the radio station. When country music artists are in town for a show, the tour brings the artists to the hospital to sing and visit with the children and their families. Recent celebrity singers have included Carrie Underwood. Ginny received the Country Radio Broadcasters—Country Aircheck Award for Major Market Music Director of the Year in both 2012 and 2011. ■ **Ed Tucker** (MPA) has joined the staff of New York State Assemblyman Frank Skartados. His principal role is to help the assemblyman serve his constituents.



1983

Jeff Laper is Northeast area director at NetIQ.

1984

David Brideau was promoted to senior director of regulatory planning at Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp. ■ **Adam Thier** is coaching graduate student project teams at Stanford University's Hasso Plattner Institute of Design. Adam notes that this is the same program that created Google.

Members of the Class of '84 got together for four days of golf and relaxation in Ocean City, MD, this past summer. Left to right at Lighthouse Sound Golf Course were Ted Kissel, Andrew Ortiz, John Ritter, Rich LaForce, Tom Laux, Paul Crowell, Brian Foley, and Ted Loughlin.



On St. Patrick's Day 2012 (top row) Megan Flynn '09, Maura McCue '07, (bottom row) Tom Walsh '08, Jim McCue '77, Joanne Melton '77, George Janis '79, and Mike Marchesano '78 took part in Oriën's Leprechaun Leap. The pub crawl covered 10.3 miles along the South Shore of Long Island, NY, and raised more than \$10,000 for the Wounded Warrior Project and Fisher House, two organizations that support injured veterans and their families.



1985

Robert LaForty was recently featured in New Jersey's *Ridgewood News* in the "Village Voices" column. When a reporter asked, "What is something you wish I asked you?" he responded, "I wish you asked me where I went to college." He went on to answer the question: "Marist College... or Harvard on the Hudson, as we call it. I am a very proud graduate of Marist." Robert's interview is available at www.northjersey.com/community.
 ■ **Janet Lawler** married Carolina Correa in New York City this past August.

1986

James Ferguson was reappointed as a commissioner on the New York State Board of Parole. New York State Gov. Andrew Cuomo nominated James for the position, and the New York State Senate confirmed him for the position on June 20, 2012. He has served as commissioner since 2005. Previously, he served as an administrative law judge for parole and prior to that, as an assistant district attorney in the Bronx. He has worked in the criminal justice system for more than 20 years. He has also been an adjunct professor for 16 years and teaches CLE courses for attorneys.
 ■ **Ian O'Connor** was named one of America's top 10 sports columnists by the prestigious Associated Press Sports Editors organization in its annual national writing contest. Ian is a columnist for ESPN, a radio host for ESPN New York, and author of two *New York Times* best sellers, including *The Captain: The Journey of Derek Jeter*. ■ **Kevin Reilly** is in the process of becoming a licensed marriage and family therapist. He says although it's not film, TV or radio, communications got him there. ■ **Jack Wicks** is managing a four-year, \$750 million strategic reengineering program at a major investment firm.

1987

Fred Dever was ranked a top 10 U.S. Masters competitive age group swimmer at the 2012 Spring Nationals. ■ **Virginia Waite-Hosley** made a major move this year from Vermont, where she has lived since graduating from Marist, to South Carolina. She



TV personality **Regis Philbin** joined Marist President **Dennis J. Murray** and **Ron Vuy '74**, general manager of LaPlaya Beach and Golf Resort in Naples, FL, for a snapshot following the Marist alumni reception at LaPlaya this past February. Alumni and friends are invited to attend this annual get-together in Naples on Feb. 21, 2013, which this year will celebrate the success of *The Campaign for Marist*.

would love to hear from Marist grads in the area. ■ **Derrik Wynkoop** ('92MBA) recently became president and CEO of Walden Savings Bank, an 11-branch community bank in Orange and Ulster counties. The bank is based in Montgomery, NY.



1988

Michael Carson recently moved to the DC area after a 10-year tour in Germany. ■ **Nicholas Mancuso** is a teacher at King Street School in

Port Chester, NY. He is also assistant football coach and head track and field coach there. His team won a league championship in 2012. ■ **Allison (Hughes) Stanton** is editor of the *Okyeame*, the magazine of the U.S. Embassy in Accra, Ghana. She is also the embassy's assistant community liaison officer.

1989

Marc Hamlin's son, Anthony, is attending Marist and playing baseball for the Red Foxes as part of the Class of 2016.

1990

Donna (Jeannette) Bailey and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Abigail, born in November 2011. Donna works in mobile product marketing for Visa. ■ **Molly (Ward) Fagan** is director of social services at Oasis in Paterson, NJ. Oasis's mission is to feed and clothe needy women and children and offer educational resources to break the cycle of poverty. Molly and her husband, **Kiernan Fagan '90**, live in Morris County, NJ, with their two children. ■ **Sean Graham** recently started a new business, We Appreciate You!, Inc. The business specializes in teaching people how to increase business sales and personal income through appreciation marketing. ■ **Kelly (Woods) Traudt** is a technical recruiter for ThinkBRQ.

1991

Anthony Azzara started a new job on NBC's *Infamous*. ■ **Dr. James Jozefowicz**, a professor of economics at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, has been named to the Princeton Review's "Best 300 Professors" list. The guide, published in April 2012, was produced by the Princeton Review in partnership with *ratemyprofes-*

Alumni PR Pros Meet with Students

Michael O'Looney '87, managing director and head of corporate communications at Barclays Capital and Barclays Wealth, shared his public relations expertise with Marist students during a visit to campus this past spring.

He addressed a group of upperclassmen during a luncheon in the Dyson Board Room in the Hancock Center. He then spoke to two sections of the Public Relations Case Study class taught by School of Communication and the Arts faculty member Jennie Donohue. He talked about his experiences working in public relations, particularly regarding crisis communication.

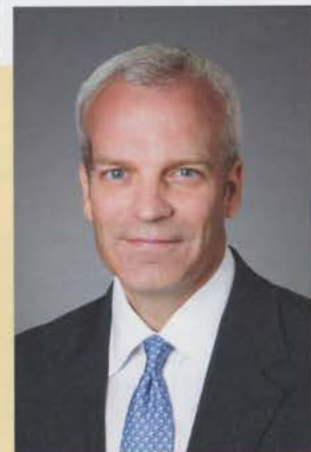
O'Looney formerly was deputy commissioner for public information for the New York Police Department. In that role he was the department's chief spokesperson and a senior advisor to Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly. Previously he was an on-air reporter for WCBS-TV and a correspondent for *CBS Evening News*.

Earlier in the academic year, two other high-profile PR professionals spoke to Marist students. Michael O'Brien '86, a partner and director at Ketchum, addressed Donohue's Organizational Communication class as well as the membership of the Marist chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America. O'Brien advises the Marist PRSSA chapter. And Joseph Madden '88, a vice president at Fidelity Investments, spoke to Donohue's Public Relations Case Studies class and her Organizational Communication class.

Both O'Looney and O'Brien serve on Marist's School of Communication and the Arts Advisory Board.



Michael O'Brien '86



Michael O'Looney '87



Life in MLB's Fan Cave

Shaun Kippins '09 spent four months earlier this year living in a cave. Instead of isolation and a diet of nuts and berries, he feasted on baseball, Tweets, Likes, and pizza.

Kippins was plucked from a pool of 22,000 applicants for one of just nine spots in the second season of Major League Baseball's Fan Cave—making it one of the few things tougher to get into than Marist. Another Marist alumnus—Travis Miller '08—just missed making the cut. Marist's offices of Alumni Relations and Public Affairs spread the word over the winter, encouraging members of the Marist community to vote in support of fellow alumni.

Launched in 2011, the Fan Cave at first set for two megafans the challenge of watching all 2,430 regular-season Major League games from a comfortable space in lower Manhattan furnished with a wall of televisions. The competitors also hosted visits throughout the season from Yankees, Mets, and visiting team's stars.

The format was changed for 2012 to an elimination challenge in which Kippins and his fellow Cave Dwellers were given the job of growing their personal followings through social media outlets like Twitter and Facebook while also creating original content in the form of videos and blogs on the MLBFanCave.com Web site, where fans could vote for their favorite contestants.



Shaun Kippins '09 was one of nine finalists picked from 22,000 applicants in Major League Baseball's Fan Cave competition.

The Latham, NY, native defied geography and grew up a diehard Atlanta Braves fan, so the highlight among many memorable moments (ringing the bell at the NASDAQ, lighting the Empire State Building, getting his own baseball card made, taking batting practice at the All-Star Game) was meeting Braves star Chipper Jones.

"He was nice enough to chat me up for a few minutes," Kippins recalls. "That's certainly something I'll always remember."

Many more baseball thrills are sure to come, because even though Kippins didn't make it to the end of the season—he was cut in July—his experience paid off with a new job as an associate producer for MLB.com.

—Greg Cannon

sor.com. The Princeton Review selected professors based on qualitative and quantitative data from survey findings and ratings collected by both organizations. ■ **David Panagotis** has applied for the PhD program in religion and religion education at Fordham University, with plans to start in 2013. ■ **Jo-Anne (Prokopowicz) Sears** was recently named principal for aerospace engineering at Radiant Blue Technologies. ■ **Christopher Sheldon** and his wife, Lisa, celebrated their 18th wedding anniversary in June 2012. Son Chris is running cross country and spring track for Bergen Catholic

High School and daughter Tori is playing soccer for the Glen Rock Shooting Stars. Godson Steven Fox won the 2012 USGA Amateur Golf Championship in Cherry Hills, CO, and will move on to the U.S. Open, Masters, and British Open in 2013.

1992

Patricia Kenyon attended the Natural Gourmet Institute for Health in 2011. She recently moved from NJ to NH to become a private health-supportive chef. ■ **Elizabeth (Murphy) Lynch** joined the MLB Network in August 2010 as a broadcast technical manager. She works primarily on *Intentional*

Talk, a daily show hosted by Chris Rose and Kevin Millar, which she also helped name. She recently won a Sports Emmy award for Outstanding Technical Team Studio for *MLB Tonight*. She remains a devoted mother to her 7-year-old twins, Christopher and Shannon. They enjoy planning family trips and rooting for the Yankees. ■ **Jennifer (Maloy) McGurk** started a new job at the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce as events coordinator. ■ **Anthony Mercogliano** joined the Advancement team at Marist. He is a development officer for leadership gifts.

REUNION 1993

Chris Arrigali played on the U.S. over-35 soccer team in the Pan Am games held in Sao Paulo, Brazil, this past January. ■ **Joe Boyce** is president of Gaia Worldwide, which recently launched the Massachusetts One Solar Roof Initiative, a free service for Massachusetts residents interested in a solar installation for a home or business (www.onesolarroof.com). ■ **Maria (Licari) Cohen** is enjoying being her own boss and doing PR for food and lifestyle clients (www.mariacohenpr.com). She misses working with celebrity chefs at *Good Morning America* but doesn't miss the early hours or the commute. Maria and her husband, David, have two children: Matthew, who is in first grade, and Riley, who is 4 and wishes she were in first grade! ■ **Patrick O'Hara** was awarded the title of Fellow by the prestigious National Tax Practice Institute. NTPI trains tax professionals to represent their clients before the IRS and state agencies in audits, collections, and appeals. Patrick was also elected to the board of directors of the New York State Society of Enrolled Agents.



Roger Coleman '82 (center) and members of the 1981 Marist men's lacrosse team returned to campus this past spring to be honored for a special achievement. The team captured the first Knickerbocker conference title in school history. To celebrate the accomplishment, the Marist Athletics Department presented team members with championship rings in a ceremony at halftime during a game between Marist and Canisius. Special thanks to Roger for his leadership in spearheading this memorable occasion.

■ **Amy Rogers** was promoted to training director for Fred Finch Youth Center in Oakland, CA. The youth center has served children, youth, and families in the Bay Area for more than a hundred years. ■ **Aaron Ward** has been a professional stand-up comedian for the past 10 years. He has appeared in the Boston Comedy Festival and Plymouth Rock Comedy Festival and appears weekly on a popular TV show in the northeastern U.S. known as *The Glenn Slingerland Situation*, now available worldwide on GSSTV on YouTube.

1994

Rob Kolb and his wife own a child-care facility named Kids by the Sea. ■ **Jason LaScolea** and his wife, Cheri, welcomed a son, Noah Jason, born July 10, 2012. Jason also became the adult ministries pastor at Victory Highway Wesleyan Church in Painted Post, NY, in July 2012. ■ **Antonella Licari** is the manager of editing operations at ABC News. She supervises the editing manpower for all of the ABC News platform. ■ **Michael Mostransky** and his wife, **Tara (Ferina) '96**, welcomed their fourth child, Marissa Ann, born July 20, 2011. She joins three big brothers: Michael, 9, Grant, 7, and Evan, 4. In August, they moved from Long Island to Camas, WA, near Portland, OR, to be closer to family. Mike is vice president of product management for Q4, a Canadian company, and Tara is a certified yoga instructor. Tara took her first yoga class at Marist as an undergrad.

1995

Chris Cordaro and his wife, Nicole, welcomed a daughter, Delia, born in 2011. ■ **Matthew Gillis** completed his presidency of the Massachusetts Association of School Business Officials in 2012. ■ **Bobby Marks** was named to the *Crains 40* under 40 list for New York. ■ **Rebecca (Helman) O'Dowd** opened a private practice in Plymouth, Mass., with a focus on substance abuse, addiction, and recovery. ■ **James Sullivan** was named to the *Global Telecoms Business 40* Under 40 list for 2012. The list is compiled from submissions made by GTB readers.

1996

Gregory Donohue welcomed his third son, Peter James, born in May

2011. ■ **Ramon Hache** became the head of the markets coverage group at Deutsche Bank. He is responsible for capital markets sales for private banking in the Americas. ■ **John Hynes** and Laura Riordan married on July 7, 2012, and spent their honeymoon in Hawaii. ■ **Kristen (Mooney) McGarry** and her husband welcomed a daughter, Madison, born Nov. 11, 2011. ■ **Tara (Ferina) Mostransky** and her husband, **Michael '94**, welcomed their fourth child, Marissa Ann, born July 20, 2011. She joins three big brothers: Michael, 9, Grant, 7, and Evan, 4. In August, they moved from Long Island to Camas, WA, near Portland, OR, to be closer to family. Mike is vice president of product management for Q4, a Canadian company, and Tara is a certified yoga instructor. Tara took her first yoga class at Marist as an undergrad.

1997

Christopher Doty celebrated his law office's eighth year as a full-service civil law firm, Christopher Alan Doty, PA, in Ocala, FL. ■ **Jessica Hulett** married Evan Dashevsky in October 2011 in Atlantic City, NJ, and started a new job at Synergistic Marketing as a managing editor. ■ **Chris Laline** has taken a position as an assistant attorney general within the State of New York Office of the Attorney General. Chris previously served as a prosecutor in the Sex Crimes Bureau of the Brooklyn District Attorney's office for seven years. ■ **John Lasker** was promoted to vice president at ESPN. ■ **Carie (Piskura) Perugini** and her husband welcomed their first child, a son, Christopher Jayden, born Sept. 20, 2011. ■ **Aimee Roux** married Michael McCanney on May 15, 2010. ■ **Ashley Rowe** is the associate buying director for broadcast media at a Hispanic advertising agency in Miami, FL.



1998

Jennifer Harmer is pursuing a master's in communication at Marist. ■ **Daniel Henn** was promoted to the rank of sergeant with the New Providence Police Department. He also celebrated the first birthday of his fourth child, Connor, in February 2012. ■ **Bethann (Stanger) Steiner** and her husband, Tommy, welcomed a



Damian Bednarz '04 (right) was presented with the Republic of Poland's Gold Cross of Merit by then-Polish Ambassador to the United States Robert Kupiecki (left) in Washington, DC.

Damian Bednarz '04 Receives Poland's Gold Cross of Merit

Damian Bednarz '04 has received the Gold Cross of Merit from the Republic of Poland. Bednarz received the honor from then-ambassador of Poland to the United States Robert Kupiecki at the ambassador's residence in Washington, DC, in July. Bednarz was decorated for his work on building a stronger relationship between the United States and Poland on energy cooperation, in his capacity as a political appointee in the Obama administration at the Department of Energy. Bednarz, 30, is the youngest ever to receive the medal, the ambassador said.

"It's a great honor for me and my family, especially because of our close Polish roots and culture," says Bednarz. "It's great to see that my Fulbright to Warsaw played such an important role in getting me here."

While a Marist student, Bednarz interned in New York City for the British Consulate and in London for the British House of Commons through the Hansard Scholars Programme.

A political science major fluent in Polish, he was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to carry out research in Warsaw in 2004-05.

baby girl, Caden Elizabeth, born July 25, 2012.

1999

Nichola (Green) Archer graduated from Temple University with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree on May 10, 2012. Nichola resides with her husband, Dwight, and her 2-year-old son, Nathan, in Sharon Hill, PA. ■ **Kathleen (Wisniewski) McEnroe** changed careers but still makes use of her Marist experience by running the school newspaper where she works, which she began doing two years ago. ■ **Steven Napolitani** is an associate director of MSG Network, covering the New York Rangers. He recently completed work on his fourth Olympics for NBC. ■ **Tom Schwab** is a former New York City news reporter turned freelance communications specialist. Tom now works as a high school English and journalism teacher in northern New Jersey. ■ **Meghan St. John** is a school counselor for schools in Wake County, NC.

2000

Korin (Daniels) Chisholm and her husband, James, welcomed their second child, a son, Jack Harrison, born April 27, 2012. Jack joins big sister Reagan Rosemary at home. ■ **Jennifer (Boudreau) Djang ('01MA)** and her husband, Robert, welcomed their second child, a son, Austin Robert, born Feb. 14, 2012. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. Big sister Mia is so proud. ■ **Dan Hagendorn** has become the Southern California area manager for rum producer Serralles, USA. Dan has a wide range of experience in sales and marketing and is responsible for Don Q, Caliche, and Blackbeard rums and Death's Door Spirits. He has launched five brands, including Angle's Envy Bourbon and Wodka Vodka, and maintained brand representation for Don Eduardo Tequila and Cabana Cachaca in California, Arizona, and Nevada. Dan and his wife, Miriam, were married on Long





Alumni Authors

Island in October 2011 and were expecting their first child this fall. Dan spends his free time playing football and baseball and studying craft bartending. His sister, Devin, is in her senior year at Marist. ■ **Cassandra (Giarrusso) Holdridge** and her husband, Sean, welcomed a daughter, Lauren Elizabeth, born June 10, 2012. ■ **Patrick Kelly** and his wife were blessed with a third child, Brigid Elisabeth, born in November 2011. Patrick is a senior policy advisor with the American Petroleum Institute in Washington, DC. ■ **Kate (Tamas) Temple** and her husband welcomed a baby girl, Sydney Kate, born July 19, 2012. She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. ■ **Rebecca Valk** began a new position as senior associate with Shaw Perelson May & Lambert on May 14, 2012, representing school districts throughout the Hudson Valley in employment, labor, and student disciplinary issues. Rebecca practiced in the areas of land use, real estate, and general litigation for more than eight years and still provides those services as necessary.

2001

Allison (Stec) Bell and her husband, Jeremy, welcomed their second son, Tristan, born June 20, 2012. Allison has also been going back to school for funeral services. ■ **Christopher Blasie** ('07MA) and Kimberly LaRock became engaged on July 25, 2012. A fall 2013 wedding is planned. ■ **Mary (Tomm) Knowlton** and her husband welcomed their second child, a daughter, Julie. ■ **Christopher Sparks** has been an English teacher and baseball coach at East Hartford High School for eight years.

2002

Melissa (Katowski) Hughes and her husband, Sean, welcomed their first child, a girl, Elizabeth Katherine, born Dec. 31, 2011. ■ **Eric Jaeger** recently received the Verizon Wireless President's Award of Excellence which recognizes employees for exceptional teamwork, leadership, and outstanding customer service. ■ **Nicole (Hubbell) Kopiasz** and her husband, Greg, welcomed triplets, Lily, Liam, and Noah, born Sept. 1, 2011. ■ **Kristen Lincks** married Brian Hanson on March 19, 2011, in Glen Cove, NY. They live in the Charlotte, NC, area. ■

Dr. Frank Swetz '62 has collected more than 500 culturally and historically diverse math problems in a new book, *Mathematical Expeditions: Exploring Word Problems Across the Ages*, out from Johns Hopkins Press in June 2012. Swetz, a professor emeritus of math and education at the Pennsylvania State University, tells what various cultures knew about math and how they came to learn it. By organizing the problems by culture and historical period, he shows the development of math throughout the world (www.press.jhu.edu).

Joseph Cavano '65's short story "Story Cloth" appeared in issue no. 51 (spring 2012) of the *Potomac Review*. "The Honey Wagon," which was awarded second place in the 2011 Doris Betts Fiction Prize competition, appeared in issue no. 21 (2012) of the *North Carolina Literary Review*. Personalized copies are available to Marist alumni at cost. Contact him at josephcavano.com.

Matt Daigle '01, a senior public affairs specialist at the nonprofit firm LMI in Mclean, VA, is one of three co-authors of a book for public- and private-sector managers whose organizations will need to address the impacts of a changing climate. The book, *Climate Change: What You Can Do Now*, describes the impacts of climate change on public health, communications and IT, land use, infrastructure, vehicles, the supply chain, and national security and suggests strategies for mitigating and adapting. The book is published by and available from LMI (www.lmi.org).

Meg Kearney '86 published her fourth book, *The Girl in the Mirror*, in April 2012. A novel in verse for teens, the book is a sequel to Kearney's previous verse novel, *The Secret of Me* (www.megkearney.com).

S.J. Richard '94 has written *The Peacemaker*, historical fiction about a Civil War veteran who finds himself plagued by vicious memories of the war as well as by the politics of the small town that hired him to be its lawman (www.amazon.com, www.lulu.com). S.J. is writing the sequel, *The Widow-Maker*, which is scheduled for publication in 2013.

Eerena Irene Stefanik Bunin '92 has completed three books about the immigrant experience. The first, *The Baba in Me*, deals with transitioning from one culture to another. Immigrants imitating idioms is the subject of the second book, *With Love from Baba*. The third one, *Baba's Three-Word Stories*, deals with communicating with others (www.amazon.com, www.createspace.com).

Rachel Carter '98 has co-authored (with Christina Tree) *Vermont: An Explorer's Guide*, published in August 2012 by Countryman Press.

If you would like news of your book included in Alumni Authors, please send the title, the name of the publisher, the date of publication, a PDF of the book's cover, and a description of the content to editor@marist.edu or to Alumni Authors, c/o Marist magazine, Advancement, Marist College, 3399 North Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-1387.

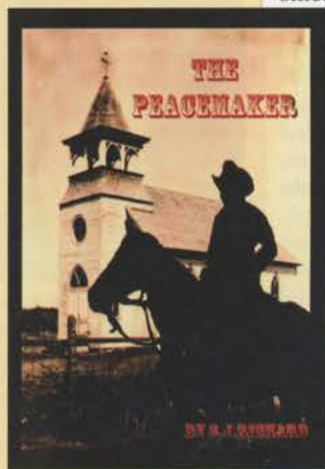
Dawn O'Neil has been promoted to manager of human resources at Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Conn. ■ **Kristin Probst** is a program director at Interdisciplinary Center for Child Development in Queens, NY. ■ **J. Jeffrey Schroeder** and his wife, Tiesha, welcomed twin boys, Caleb Joseph and Silas Jeffrey, born

April 30, 2012. ■ **Justin Spraker** celebrated the birth of his fourth (and final) child, Ashton Christopher, born Oct. 30, 2011. He also celebrated the inception of Justin J. Spraker & Associates, a financial advisory franchise associated with Ameriprise Financial. Justin has completed the course require-

ments and earned the Chartered Retirement Planning Counselor designation certifying him as a retirement planning specialist. He also began coursework for the Certified Financial Planner designation and was scheduled to complete it in August 2012. This year marks his 10-year anniversary of being in business with Ameriprise. Justin continues to serve on boards, volunteer at his church, and offer career counseling to local colleges. ■ **Larry Stoddard** married in April 2012. He also accepted a new position as general counsel for Pegasus Legal Funding, LLC. ■ **Eric Welsh** was promoted to a position in which he created his own digital marketing department within BAYADA Home Health Care, managing social media growth, 200+ Web sites, search-engine marketing efforts nationwide, intranet user experience, and digital marketing education. The department will focus on client acquisition and recruiting for 18,000 employees in more than 250 offices in more than 20 states and in India. Eric also manages the Marist alumni advertising subgroup on LinkedIn which has grown to more than 275 members in the past year. The group brings together alumni in advertising and marketing to share ideas, post job openings, and collaborate.

REUNION 2003

Jessica Bailey married Michael Radon on Sept. 24, 2011, at Mount Saint Alphonsus in Esopus, NY. A reception followed at the Onteora House in Boiceville, NY. ■ **Nicole (Tuttle) Gemmati** and her husband welcomed their second daughter, born April 23, 2012. The couple celebrated five years of marriage in September. ■ **Christopher Santoro** joined the Walt Disney Co. as a real estate account manager in the corporate real estate department. He is part of a team managing the real estate portfolio in the eastern region as well as Latin America. Chris is based in Disney's New York office. ■ **Michele vanBrero** married Max Herzig on Oct. 1, 2011, in New York City. ■ **Monica Winiarski** and **Jean-Pierre Walker** recently became engaged.



2004

Allison Affronti married Brad Newton on Oct. 14, 2011, in Smithtown, NY. They recently purchased their first home and reside in Stony Brook, NY. ■ **Amanda Augustine** was promoted to job search expert at TheLadders. She provides job search and career guidance at conferences, forums, and professional events and on the company's blog. Recently she was interviewed on WCBS-TV's *Eye*



Amanda Augustine '04

on *New York* about job hunting and careers. She is a member of a number of professional organizations and volunteers for StreetWise Partners, a nonprofit that provides free job training for motivated people who face multiple barriers to employment. ■ **Kylie (Streck) Bianco** and her husband, Ralph, welcomed a daughter, Taylor Ann, born July 10, 2011. ■ **Aimee Blackton** was promoted to production manager at Sesame Workshop. ■ **Melonie (Torres) Canarte** was promoted to local sales manager for Comcast Spotlight. She is responsible for advertising for all of western Connecticut. ■ **Allison Desaro** married Robert Walsh on April 1, 2011, and bought a home in Babylon Village. She also completed the School Leadership Program at Stony Brook University and is an intervention specialist on Long Island. ■ **ChristieLyn Diller** recently purchased her first home. ■ **Jordan Gallo** recently graduated from an emergency medicine residency at Penn State Hershey Medical Center and is now an attending physician at Mercy Hospital in Portland, ME. He is engaged to Jaclyn Grablewski. ■ **Tom Harrison** married **Nicole Peters '05** on April 28, 2012, at Longview Park at Marist, with many alumni in the wedding party and in attendance as guests. ■ **Melissa (Granell) Kudlo** gradu-



John Liporace '88 is shown with with Olympic champion **Ryan Lochte** during the London 2012 Olympic Games. Liporace is a managing partner at Taylor, which helped International Olympic Committee sponsor Procter & Gamble create and execute the company's Olympic campaign. A member of Marist's Communication Advisory Board, Liporace has hired several Marist alumni for internships and full-time positions at Taylor, which is one of the country's leading public relations agencies. He was joined in London by **Kellie (Cunningham) Smyth '06** and **Kristen Spirko '09**. Liporace has worked closely with Taylor's client partners creating and executing marketing communications campaigns to support partnerships with many major sports properties such as the International Olympic Committee, United States Olympic Committee, FIFA, the National Football League, Major League Baseball, and NASCAR.



Robert LaForty '85 (left), producer for *CBS This Morning*, graciously hosted **Dean Steve Ralston** and a team of professionals from the School of Communication and the Arts for a behind-the-scenes tour of CBS studios in New York City on Oct. 19. The visit was one in a series of studio tours in which the group has participated over the past year to review best-in-class facilities as they finalize plans for a full-scale overhaul of the television broadcast studios in the Lowell Thomas Communication Center, slated to take place during the summer of 2013. The studio renovations are the second phase in the transformation of the center that began last summer with an overhaul of the lower level and first floor of the building, which originally opened in 1987.



Earlier this year, Marist alumni who were working either freelance or on staff at the Major League Baseball Network in Secaucus, N.J., got together for a photo, complete with the Marist logo and MLB Network graphic. Pictured (left to right) are **Matthew Angrisani '08**, formerly lead production assistant for MLB Productions, now at marketing firm Neo@Ogilvy; **Christopher Vaught '83**, freelance/independent camera operator; **CJ Bottitta '93**, director of operations, creative services, at MLB Network; **Andrew Batti '08**, broadcast associate at MLB Network; **Paul Beckerle '84**, freelance/independent operator/owner BeXCam Productions, Inc.; **Todd Bivona '07**, freelancer in TV and digital productions and stage manager and studio utility at MLB Network; and **Elizabeth Lynch '92**, broadcast technical manager at MLB Network.

ated this past May from veterinary school in Texas and looks forward to finding a job back home in New York. ■ **Ross Stoltz** was recently featured in a segment of CNN's "In America" series. To see the segment, go to <http://inamerica.blogs.cnn.com/2012/02/23/i-am-america-historically-connected-ross-stoltz/>.

2005

Bryne Gadinis married **Mike Anstadt** in October 2011. They have a miniature long-haired dachshund named Doodles. ■ **Kenneth Kohler** is working on Animal Planet's *Tanked*, a reality TV show revolving around an aquarium manufacturer

in Las Vegas. He and his wife, **Barb (Leasure)**, just purchased their first home. Barb works at Temple University as an academic advisor in the Fox School of Business and Management. ■ **Nicole Peters** married **Tom Harrison '04** on April 28, 2012, at Longview Park at Marist, with many alumni in the wedding party and in attendance as guests. ■ **Kara Shier** is a development associate for special events at the Hyde Collection in Glens Falls, NY. ■ **Caitlin (Halligan) Tolchin** is an events graphic design manager for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's New York City chapter and handles the creative design work

that promotes and supports all of the society's fund-raising events.

2006

Joey-lyn (Frances) Addesa joined GolinHarris as a senior manager in the company's digital practice. Previously Joey-lyn held positions at Zeno Group and MWW Group. ■ **Jessica Bell** married James Batty on May 18, 2012, in New York, NY. ■ **Laura Dempsey** was promoted to associate director of client services at Attention USA, a social media marketing firm based in New York City. ■ **Meagan Donoghue ('09MA)** oversees marketing, advertising, and promotional initiatives for

Baggs LLC, a bar and restaurant group in Savannah, GA. One of the company's three businesses is a country bar that hosts local, regional, and national country artists. She supervises and executes all media relations with band members and management. Aside from work, Meagan is also pursuing a 200-hour yoga teacher training certification and expects to graduate in May 2013. She has also assisted in grant writing, PR, and media outreach for a local environmental restoration initiative. ■ **Matthew Maul** is engaged to **Kathleen O'Loughlin '08**. They didn't know each other at Marist, but both got a job at Critical Mention through Marist connections and realized that they had a lot of the same friends. Together for four years, they are planning a wedding for next fall. ■ **Elia Osterhold** married **Steven Hennessy '08** in Chicago on Aug. 18, 2012. They had 23 Red Fox alumni at their wedding. ■ **Jill Rutherford** married **Ken Juras** on May 26, 2012. ■ **Michael Strong** and **Laura Monroe** are engaged and are planning a fall 2013 wedding. ■ **Beth Wunder** and **Kevin Connors** will be married on Sept. 15, 2012.

2007

Elizabeth Apfel is an account manager at Synapse, a marketing company owned by Time, Inc. ■ **David Barton** recently changed jobs, moving from Edelman to Hill+Knowlton Strategies. ■ **Bethany Bohlin** ('11MA) and **Brian Hodge** married on Oct. 9, 2011, on Cape Cod, surrounded by family, friends, and several Marist alumni. The couple honeymooned in South Africa and Paris before returning



Zacharey J. Berzal '16, shown with President Dennis J. Murray, is the 2012 recipient of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

Alumni Legacy Scholarship Awarded

Zacharey J. Berzal '16, son of John "J.C." '84 and Gina Berzal, is the 2012 recipient of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship. The award is presented annually to the son or daughter of a Marist graduate who has shown outstanding academic and leadership qualities throughout his or her high school career or college career (in the case of a transfer student) and possesses the potential to succeed at Marist College. Berzal is a graduate of Catskill High School (NY) and is majoring in business administration at Marist, concentrating on international business with a minor in accounting.

home to Pawtucket, RI. Bethany is the senior product specialist at Collette Vacations, an international group tour operator. Brian is the communications and social media manager at the Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau. ■ **Christina Brodzky** moved to Fort Collins, CO, from New York City and started a new job at Penton Marketing Services as SEO coordinator. ■ **Elissa Carrick** joined the law firm of Sobo & Sobo in Middletown, NY, as an attorney in the firm's personal injury department. ■ **Trevor Gavin** proposed to **Diana Nelson** at the Brotherhood

Winery after a visit to campus. She said yes! ■ **Jennifer Gore-Cuthbert** graduated from John Marshall Law School in Atlanta, GA, in May 2012. Jennifer and her husband also purchased their first home, in Roswell, GA. ■ **Timothy Griffin** and **Rebecca Conradi '08** became engaged and are planning an August 2013 wedding. ■ **Kristin Kolbinski** relocated to Southern California to begin a PsyD program and work toward becoming a licensed clinical forensic psychologist. ■ **Jaclyn Lawlor** is pursuing an MBA at Carroll School of Management at Boston College and expects to graduate in 2014. ■ **Joseph Macho** served as the special teams coordinator and defensive backs coach for Team East in the high school football Offense-Defense All-American Bowl at Dallas Cowboys' stadium in Arlington, TX, on Dec. 29, 2011. All of his kids had Division I full scholarship offers. Joseph was also named the associate head football coach at New Brunswick High School in New Brunswick, NJ, while turning down many college football coaching opportunities at the Division II and III level. ■ **Daniel Miller** ('09MA) is a full-time communication instructor at Vance-Granville Community College in North Carolina. ■ **Christopher**

Reilly and Kristin Yelin '08 were to wed on Nov. 3, 2012.



Wendy Baron accepted a new position at ESPN as of Jan. 1, 2012, as an associate contract administrator in affiliate operations. ■ **Andrew Batti** won his second Emmy Award for his work on the MLB Network's *MLB Tonight*. ■ **Stacie Ciarfello** was promoted to retail manager of the MAC Cosmetics store in Stamford, CT, in December 2011. This past September, Stacie was to participate in her seventh season of New York City Fashion Week. ■ **Matthew Colantoni** graduated from medical school in May 2012 and started a residency in emergency medicine at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City in July 2012. ■ **Elizabeth Connolly** married Brian Barbulean on Aug. 3, 2012. The bridal party included **Lindsay (Henoeh) Temple**, and the ceremony was officiated by **Matt Stuart**. ■ **Rebecca Conradi** and **Timothy Griffin '07** became engaged and are planning an August 2013 wedding. ■ **Kate Desena** was promoted from assistant to sales development executive. Kate also completed her master's and

New Leadership for Alumni Executive Board

The Alumni Association Executive Board welcomed a new slate of officers this past June: Marie (Esperancilla) Wicks '86, president; Paul X. Rinn '68, vice president; Daniel Faison Jr. '73, secretary; Michael A. Sterchak '07, treasurer; and Robert P. McAndrew '79, membership committee chairperson. Special thanks go to Patrick D. Mara '97 for his leadership as president the past two years and service to the Alumni Association for more than a decade.

The Board also recently elected four new members: Richard D. Carlson III '02, Fred E. Dever Jr. '87, Maureen (McAndrew) McCabe '86, and Jerome A. Pickett '98. The Board would like to extend its gratitude to James E. Daly '72, Roger Romano '85, Helene S. Slavin '90, and Brian P. Wade '74 for their years of service and dedication to the Marist College Alumni Association.

Several Marist alumni serve on the board of directors of the Make-A-Wish Foundation's Hudson Valley chapter. Shown left to right are board members Tony Cardone '83, who is chair, Dr. Lauren Mounty, dean of Marist's School of Global and Professional Programs, and Preston Felton '84/'98MPA. Serving the eight New York counties of Delaware, Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster, and Westchester, the chapter works to ensure that every child residing in the Hudson Valley who qualifies for Make-A-Wish services is granted his or her fondest wish.



moved to New York City. ■ **Taryn Fitsik** married Sean Kane on Oct. 16, 2011, in Lake George, NY. ■ **Marykathryn Giellisse, Esq.**, was sworn in as a foreign affairs officer for the U.S. Department of State. As a diplomat, she will represent the United States overseas at any of its 190 embassies and consulates worldwide. She first worked for State as an intern at the U.S. Embassy in Prague during law school. Marykathryn is now slated for duty as a political officer. She speaks Russian and Czech and hopes to serve in Russia and Eastern Europe. ■ **Lauren Goodwin** began working as the communications associate for the New York Junior League in January 2012. She manages internal and external communications and assists with social media efforts. ■ **Steven Hennessy** married **Elia Osterhold '06** on Aug. 18, 2012, in Chicago. They had 23 Red Fox alumni at their wedding. ■ **David Hochman** was named to the Junior Executive Board of Tomorrows Children's Fund, a nonprofit in Hackensack, NJ, that helps children who have cancer and serious blood disorders. David also became engaged to Cari McIntyre, and they plan an August 2013 wedding. ■ **Nicole Lodowski** is pursuing a doctorate in public health at CUNY Graduate Center. ■ **Kathleen O'Loughlin** is engaged to **Matthew Maul '06**. They didn't know each other at Marist, but both got a job at Critical Mention through Marist connections and realized that they had a lot of the same friends. Together for four years, they are planning a wedding for next fall. ■ **Lauren Pavlick** is a senior account executive at Edelman. ■ **Alexander Reynolds** joined SAC Capital as an associate. ■ **Traci Salisbury** backpacked for nine months in Central and South America, learning Spanish, volunteering abroad, and writing for a travel guide. She lived for more than two years in New Orleans where she started a mobile bartending business, Big Apple 2 Big Easy Bartending LLC, in 2010. ■ **Kristin Yelin** and **Christopher Reilly '07** were to wed on Nov. 3, 2012.

2009

Alison Jalbert is the editorial assistant for the *West Hartford Press* and the *Valley Press*, two weekly newspapers in Connecticut. ■ **Kadeine Campbell** married **Joshua**



Alumnae (above) of Marist's women's rugby team defeated the student team this past spring in their annual contest.

Peterson in a religious ceremony on Aug. 4, 2012, in Ithaca, NY, at Sage Chapel on the Cornell University campus. They met freshman year in a biology class and dated for three years beginning their senior year at Marist. Joshua is an exercise physiologist and personal trainer at Kendal of Ithaca and Island Health and Fitness. Kadeine is a third-year graduate student attaining her doctorate in genetics at Cornell University. ■ **Jennifer Franz** moved to Florida in January for a new job opportunity at Chico's FAS. She has been volunteering and enjoying the tropical weather and looks forward to coming home for the holidays. ■ **Joseph Gentile** signed onto an editorial internship with the Bilerico

Project, the Internet's single largest LGBT group blog (www.bilerico.com/contributors/joseph_gentile). He recently interviewed the leadership of four different campaigns for marriage equality—from Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, and Washington—fighting anti-gay ballot initiatives (www.bilerico.com/2012/08/keep_calm_marry_on.php). ■ **Kevin Rich** is a financial analyst and attends grad school at night. He is about two years away from completion of his MBA. Kevin is also coaching his second season of high school hockey this upcoming winter outside Boston. ■ **Christine Schoonmaker** graduated from LaSalle University with a master's in history education.

2010

Elizabeth Horowitz has been hired as the executive assistant to the president of IFC Films, switching from her previous job at AMC Networks. ■ **Patrick Massaroni** received a master's in sports management from James Madison University in May 2012. He teaches at Archbishop Stepinac High School in White Plains, NY, and works for the Brooklyn Nets on their game-day public relations staff. ■ **Lindsay Milone** is working for *Who Wants To Be a Millionaire* as this season's production coordi-

"Dave's Day" Celebrates a Life, Funds a Scholarship

Family and friends of David Moccia '03 celebrated his life and raised more than \$4,500 for a Marist scholarship in his name at the second annual DMC 500 Memorial Softball Game and Picnic on May 12, 2012, in a hot and sunny Bowdoin Park in Wappinger Falls, NY. Moccia, who graduated with a degree in computer science, was building his career as a corporate recruiter based in Manhattan when he passed away in a tragic accident in 2010 at the age of 29. His older sister, Cristina Moccia-Maltais, organized the event as she had the year before.

Dave's Day, as it has come to be known, brought together more than 100 of his family and friends. "They came in memory of a great guy, with a generous soul, who loved life, loved to laugh, and who loved them," says Cristina. Many guests came with their own young families. They wore T-shirts and wristbands with the DMC 500 logo, shorthand for David Moccia Core 500, itself shorthand for Moccia's extended network. Many who couldn't attend contributed generously to the Marist scholarship.

Highlights of the day included a co-ed game of softball. Zoaya Fatima '12, who with Zen Ahmed '12 shared the first David N. Moccia Memorial Scholarship, was at the picnic and played in the softball game.

The youngsters flew kites, tossed Frisbees, and kicked soccer balls. Some grown-ups tended to the barbecues, while others passed the food. Moccia's 10-year-old niece, Kayleigh Maltais, his "Princess," helped coordinate the blow-up and release of 200 blue-and-white balloons, all with personal messages to Dave written on them. Dave's father, Robert Moccia, led a silent prayer for Dave and for others' lost loved ones.



Dave Moccia '03



Zoaya Fatima '12 (right) was one of two recipients of the first David N. Moccia '03 Memorial Scholarship. Fatima joined Cristina Moccia-Maltais (left), Dave's sister, at the second annual DMC 500 Memorial Softball Game, which raised money for the scholarship.

nator. ■ **Gina Pernicano** is a wedding coordinator at the Grandview in Poughkeepsie, NY. ■ **Kimberly Sherlock** achieved the designation of certified public accountant and continues to be employed by PricewaterhouseCoopers. ■ **Kait Smith** is pursuing a master's in integrated marketing communication at Marist. She still works as a coordinator of first-year programs at Marist and as a freelance writer. ■ **Kimberly Spallone** works for CBS Radio in New York City. ■ **Colin Walker** completed a master of arts at Central Michigan University. He is a full-time lecturer of mass media at Valdosta State University. ■ **Amy Wheeler** was recently hired as an elementary school counselor in Vermont and is very excited to begin her new career. ■ **Laura Zarychta** received an MA in counseling from Manhattan College this past May.

2011

Molly Cambone is engaged to her boyfriend of six years, Sean. ■ **Daniel Caracciolo** writes comic book industry reviews and interviews for www.thwp.net. ■ **Julianne Cheng** won the title of Third Princess in the 2012 Narcissus Festival Pageant in Honolulu, Hawaii. ■ **Kaitlin Decker** is working in studio production at ESPN headquarters in Bristol, CT. ■ **Meghan Embry** is pursuing a JD degree. ■ **Ronald Johnson** accepted

a job with the Albany Devils and is now able to work for an organization that he has followed since he was a kid, the New Jersey Devils. ■ **Matthew Lubrano** (12MBA) was awarded the New York Society of CPA's Award for top MBA student in the Mid-Hudson Valley. ■ **Kathryn McBride** is pursuing an MA in the Department of Organization and Leadership at Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. ■ **Christopher Steber** had the privilege, through his former employer, the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, of contributing to the new temporary exhibit, "The Roosevelts: Public Figures, Private Lives," which will be the only exhibit open to the public while the main portions of the museum are under renovation. The exhibit will be open through June 2013. His main task was to put together a video montage of rarely seen photographs taken during the early lives of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. The montage is displayed in the first room of the exhibit. Shortly after the opening of the exhibit, Chris started a full-time position as a product marketing specialist with the Blue Book Building & Construction Network in Jefferson Valley, NY. ■ **Jessica Stevenson** works for an online marketing firm in Orange County, CA. She is pursuing an MA in communication at Marist. ■ **Joanna**

Weiss lives in Poughkeepsie and works for Dutchess County Child Protective Services.

2012

Emily Berger is the researcher at the *Rachael Ray Show*. Emily was previously a production intern there. ■ **Lisa Glover** is the group assistant to Conversation, an advertising and marketing agency in midtown Manhattan. She assists the corporate communication and brand development teams. Lisa is responsible for pitching agency stories to journalists, managing social media accounts, and tracking the agency's outreach. With her corporate communication manager, she spearheaded an internal initiative to update the company's blog and hyper-target the content that the agency releases monthly. She loves her job. ■ **Lina Kirby** is a marketing associate at Aetrex Worldwide. ■ **Katie Meena** is a production assistant for VH1 Digital, located in Times Square in Manhattan. ■ **Marina Patterson** was hired following graduation as an assistant account executive in Manhattan. ■ **Brittany Tommasone** is a media desk production assistant at Fox News in Manhattan. ■ **Ashley Wells-Wood** is a coordinating producer at ILL Media, a division of International Institute for Learning, Inc.

In Memoriam

Alumni

James Gordon Wade '67
Thomas A. Watters '68
Ezio J. Tringali '71
Diane Digit-Cornes '81
Michael T. Regan '86
Lynn Bartoes Redl '90
Dr. Jean F. Shanahan '03MPA
Melissa D'Ambrosio '06
Brian P. Carroll '09
Alex P. Butta '11

Friends

Mike Wallace
Hermine Wernikowski

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Rev. Luke W. McCann
*Chaplain and Adjunct Professor
of Religious Studies*
Harriet St. Germaine
*Administrative Aide to the President
Secretary to the Board of Trustees*
Michael Gandolfo Virga
*Student Teacher Supervisor — 2010 to 2012
Teacher Education Program*

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Scholarship Established to Honor James A. Kyle '09

Family, friends, and IBM co-workers gathered on June 22 at Marist to launch the James A. Kyle Memorial Scholarship, established by Jim's many friends and colleagues at IBM where he worked for 30 years. He graduated from Marist in 2009 with a degree in information systems. He passed away on June 30, 2011.

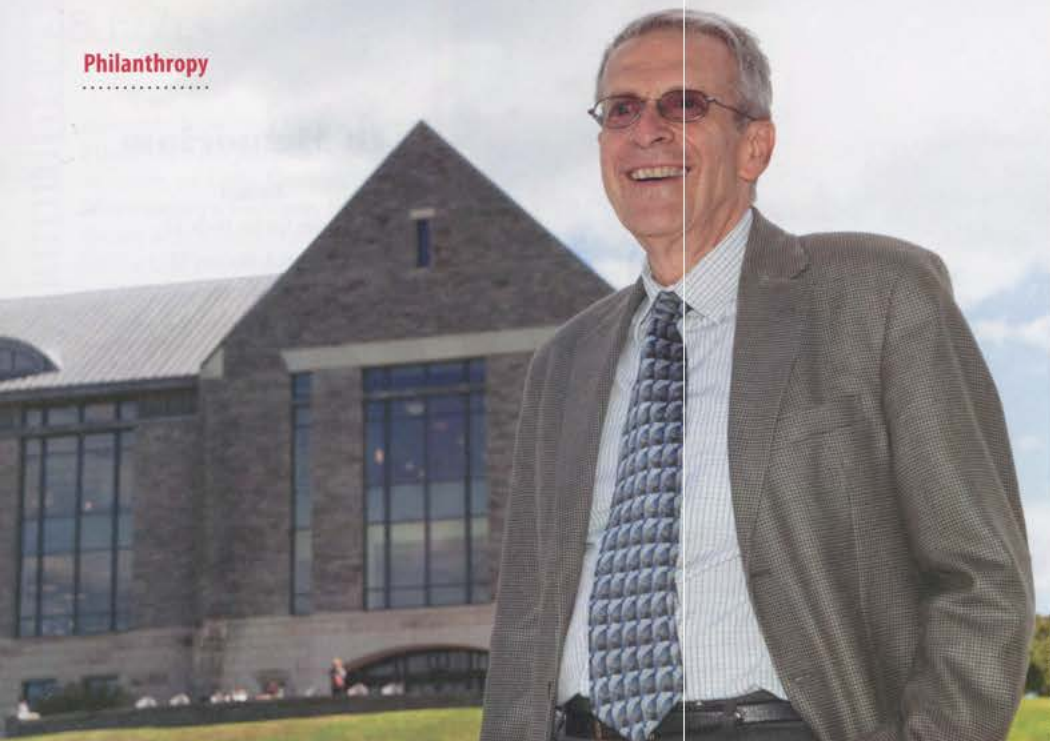
At the gathering, Dr. Susan Cohen, vice president, design and engineering at IBM and a Marist trustee, remembered Kyle's perseverance and positive outlook on life, even while he completed his last course at Marist after being diagnosed with brain cancer. His wife, Robin, and daughter, Nicole, shared their memories of him as a husband and a father.

For more information about the James A. Kyle Memorial Scholarship, please contact the Office of College Advancement at (845) 575-3863.

Jim Kyle (on right) receives his diploma from President Dennis J. Murray in July 2009.



Pictured are (from left) Dr. Roger Norton, dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics, Lauren Ferrone, Chris Kyle '04, Robin Kyle, Nicole (Kyle) McMahon, Matt McMahon, and Dr. Susan Cohen, Marist trustee.



Dr. John Scileppi, professor of psychology

Contributing To Preserve the Marist Spirit

John Scileppi has achieved a lot between delivering the valedictory to his Marist class in 1967 and celebrating his 45th reunion this past September. He earned MA and PhD degrees in social psychology from Loyola University in Chicago and undertook a 41-year college teaching career. As a young man, he founded an innovative school in Chicago and served as academic vice president of the Oglala Sioux Community College on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

At Marist, he attained the rank of full professor and, among other leadership roles, served as director of the MA in psychology program and chair of psychology during his 39-year tenure at the College. The recipient of two coveted Marist honors, the Faculty Service Award and the Outstanding Teacher Award, Scileppi stepped down from full-time teaching this past spring. He is writing his sixth book and hopes to teach some classes in community psychology this spring that would include a trip to Ghana.

Then there is his full personal life. He and Dr. Lynn Ruggiero, a psychologist and Class of '76 alumna, have been married 30 years and are the proud parents of Luke, 22.

BY SHAILEEN KOPEC

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

The professor's involvement with community organizations includes service with the Anderson Center for Autism, Rehabilitation Programs of Dutchess County, and Compeer, a program of Mental Health America. He is also a volunteer at the local library and a lector and special minister at Regina Coeli Parish in his hometown of Hyde Park, NY.

In a recent interview, Scileppi spoke about his start at Marist, noting with characteristic enthusiasm, "I am most happy when alumni write to tell me the great things they are doing in the field." This backdrop gives some context as to why he has been and continues to be a generous donor to Marist.

What drew you to the field of psychology?

I had really great mentors at Marist—Dan Kirk, Ed O'Keefe, and Bill Eidle. All three were both caring and demanding. They frequently set high standards, and many of my classmates and I strove to meet them. Proportionally, a high percentage of our psychology majors that year went on to attain PhDs—over half of us. I thought psychology offered a great way to help people and to change the world.

What brought you back to Marist, and what was it like then?

In 1973, Dan Kirk wrote to me about the new Community Psychology Graduate Program and he invited me to teach in it. I

jumped at the opportunity. At the time, all faculty and staff knew one another. There was a strong sense of community on campus, and of the value of service to the larger community. Also each student was treated holistically as a full person. The faculty frequently helped to organize and participate in student activities. I recall religious discussion/hiking weekends at Hunter Mountain, initiating honor societies and clubs of various kinds, sponsoring lectures and socials, etc. These activities were done as a natural part of the College's value climate.

Why did you start supporting the Marist Fund, some 30 years ago?

I believe strongly in Marist College! It has been my alma mater and where I have focused the bulk of my energies as an adult. In addition, when foundations evaluate which proposals to fund, commitment to the institution by faculty, staff, and alumni is a criterion highly valued. After all, why should they support a college if the college community is not doing so?

What prompted you recently to initiate a charitable gift annuity at Marist?

I am at a point in my life when I want to make a major contribution. The charitable gift annuity makes this easy to do. My current style of life is not adversely affected by this contribution. Instead of keeping the money in a bank account paying a relatively low rate of interest, I can donate the funds to Marist and at my age receive a nearly 5 percent annual return for as long as I live. Those slightly older than me will get a higher rate of return.

In addition, I will receive a tax break for a portion of the contribution. True, the contribution goes to the College when I die, but I don't expect to have much need for it then. Of course, I have other funds to pass on to my wife and son. I expect that when reviewing my financial situation after my full retirement in two years, I may find myself able to make another charitable gift annuity. A final incentive: donations made prior to December 31 of this year make me eligible to become a Founding Member of the newly established Marist Legacy Society.

What would you say to others that might encourage them to look into this form of giving?

Paraphrasing a classic typing course assignment, "Now is the proper time for all good alumni and staff to rally around Marist College!" ■

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A Legacy of Learning

The Marist Legacy Society is a valued circle of individuals who have provided for Marist in their estate plans and wish to inspire others to do the same. Its membership includes alumni, trustees, friends, faculty and staff, college retirees, and parents and grandparents—anyone who shares a commitment to supporting Marist's future and its mission of academic excellence and a tradition of community and service.

For some people, a planned gift enables them to support Marist in a more generous way than may have been practical during their lifetime.

However, there is no minimum gift amount required for membership in the Marist Legacy Society nor is disclosure of the gift amount required. Individuals may also join and request anonymity. To join, you may:

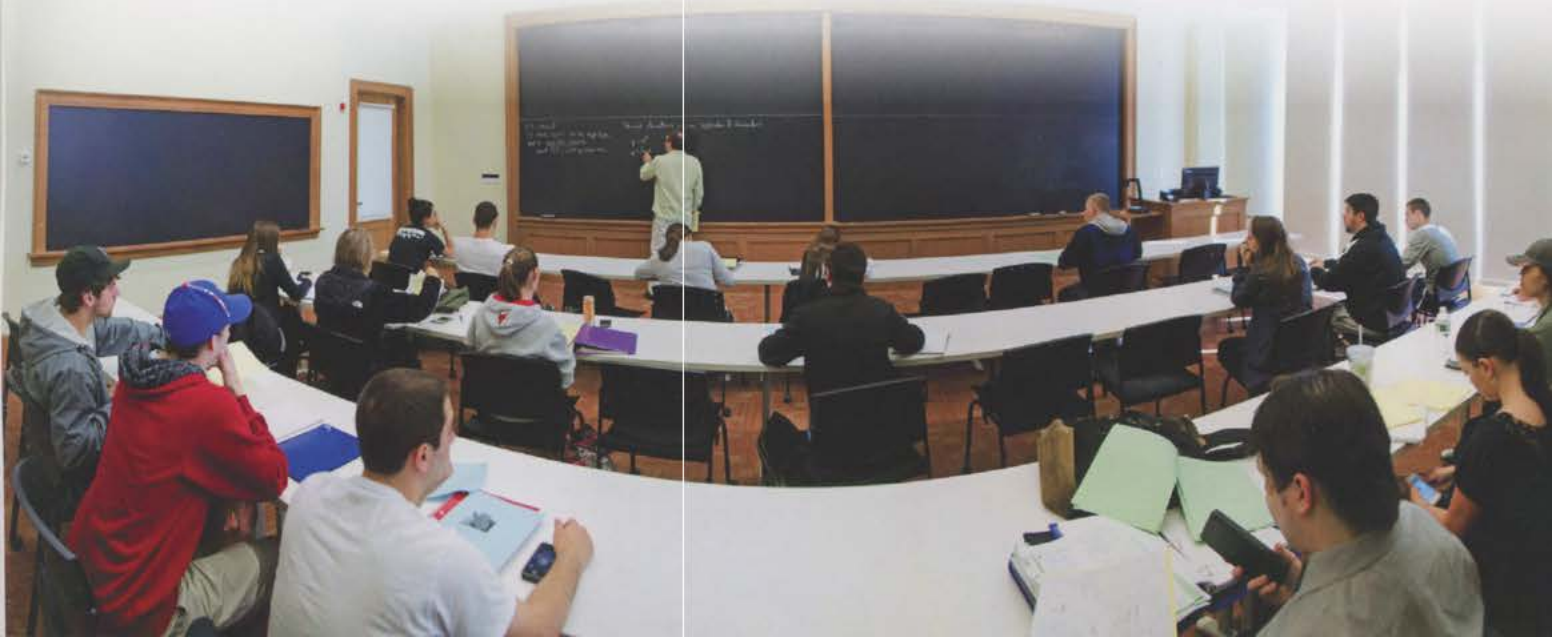
- Provide for Marist in your will, trust, or other estate plan
- Designate Marist as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan, savings bonds, or a life insurance policy
- Create a life-income plan, such as a charitable gift annuity, which provides income to you or others and a gift to Marist

Join the Marist Legacy Society by December 31, 2012, the concluding date of *The Campaign for Marist*, and you will be recognized as a Founding Member. Legacy Society members receive a pin, a certificate of appreciation, invitations to events, and the gratitude of the students and graduates who will benefit from your generosity.

If you would like to join the Marist Legacy Society, please contact Shaileen Kopec, Senior Development Officer for Planned Giving and Endowment Support, (845) 575-3468 or shaileen.kopec@marist.edu.

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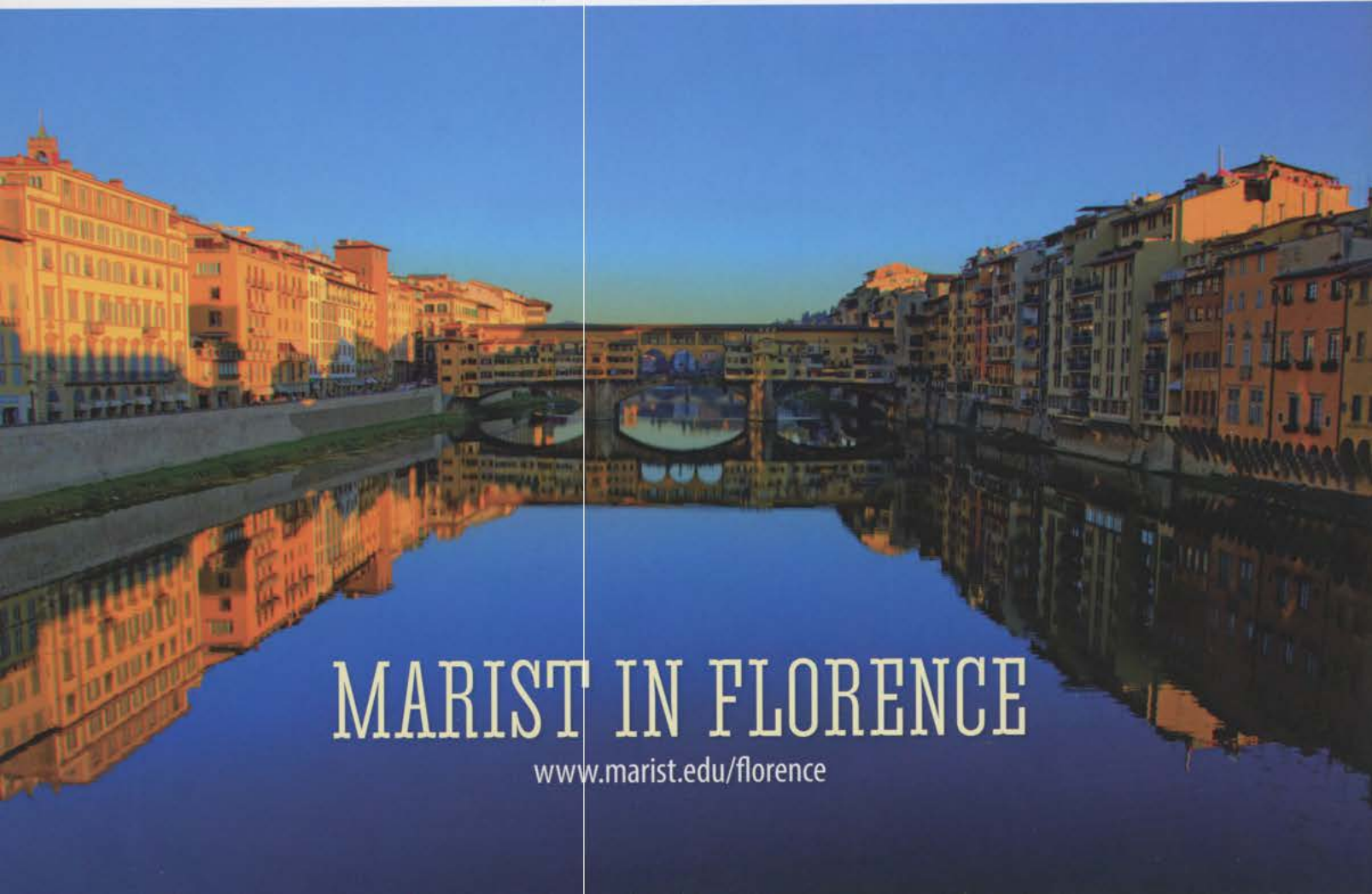
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