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## The Class of 2020: 30 States, 30 Countries

**M**ARIST welcomed 1,246 members of the Class of 2020 in August. Forty-two members of the class started their college careers in Italy as part of the Freshman Florence Experience. President David Yellen, who took office July 1, provided the traditional welcome at the all-class gathering in the McCann Center's Grey Gym, addressing his first class as leader of the College.

With more than 22 percent of the class identifying as students from traditionally underrepresented groups, the class is the most

diverse in the history of the College. In addition, Marist welcomed 168 transfer students and 12 new students in the bachelor program at the Florence campus.

Marist continues to become more diverse geographically as well. Nearly 57 percent of the incoming class comes from outside of New York State, representing 30 states, from Florida to Hawaii and Texas to Minnesota, and 30 countries, including Brazil, France, Rwanda, Nepal, and Uzbekistan. 🇺🇸

## Marist Again Rated Among the Nation's Best

**M**ARIST COLLEGE jumped four spots to No. 9 on *U.S. News & World Report's* latest rankings of the "Best Regional Universities" for the northern United States, one of the most influential lists of top American colleges and universities.

The 2017 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings are based on peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, class size, academic quality of the freshman class, student selectivity, and alumni giving.

The news comes on top of other recent rankings recognition for the College. Two Marist online degree programs—the MBA and the BA/BS in liberal studies—are included in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Best Online Education Programs."

For the 14th straight year, the Princeton Review named Marist one of the nation's "Best Colleges." The Princeton Review also profiled Marist in its book *Colleges That Create Futures: 50 Schools that Launch Careers by Going Beyond the Classroom*. 🇺🇸

## Bloomberg Ranks Marist Poll No. 1 for Accuracy

**D**URING A VOLATILE PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY SEASON where public opinion polls were under intense scrutiny, the Marist College Poll and its media partners, NBC News and the *Wall Street Journal*, received the highest praise from one of the nation's most respected news organizations.

Bloomberg Politics ranked the NBC News/*Wall Street Journal*/Marist Poll No. 1 for its accuracy, beating out 12 other polling organizations. The honor generated accolades from NBC News Political Director and Moderator of *Meet the Press* Chuck Todd. Following the release of the ratings, Todd tweeted, "Big kudos to our state polling partner, Marist, for earning NBC/WSJ/Marist the TOP 2016 accuracy grade so far." The NBC News/*Wall Street Journal*/Marist Poll conducted 18 surveys in 13 hotly contested battleground states during the primary season.

Under the direction of Dr. Lee M. Miringoff, Dr. Barbara L. Carvalho '79, and the Marist Poll staff, 300 Marist College students participate in the Marist Poll as telephone interviewers, research and polling assistants, and office workers. 🇺🇸

**WES MOORE**, best-selling author, youth advocate, and a decorated Army combat veteran, addressed the Marist Class of 2020 on Oct. 26. His book *The Other Wes Moore* was required reading for the class as part of the First-Year Seminar. After the lecture Moore met with students (right).





Marist's first Physician Assistant Program cohort took part in a traditional White Coat Ceremony in the Nelly Goletti Theatre on May 19, 2016.

## White Coat Ceremony Launches Inaugural PA Class

**T**HE 45 MEMBERS of Marist's inaugural Physician Assistant Program cohort gathered in the Nelly Goletti Theatre on May 19, 2016, to participate in the White Coat Ceremony. The event marked the start of their journey toward the master of science in physician assistant studies, the College's newest graduate degree.

The students, one by one, donned the short white coats that they will wear throughout the two-year program. As Program Director Kathleen S. Lill, MS, PA-C, explained, the white coat symbolizes medicine's historic transition from an era of magic and superstition to the science-based practice that began to prevail in the mid-19th century. But the coats are practical as well as symbolic.

"These coats have large pockets, which you will fill with reflex hammers, stethoscopes, flashlights, and other instruments," Lill said. "They will be stuffed with notes, books, flash cards, and other paraphernalia. They will also get smudged with coffee and ink stains."

Dr. Dennis Murray, in his final semester before stepping down after 37 years leading Marist, welcomed the students and told them their service as health care providers would help fulfill Marist's commitment to serving others. "We are truly glad that you're part of our community," he said, "and we're really excited about this new program and your presence here."

"You are a unique, diverse group of very talented individuals," said the

program's medical director, Stephen A. Katz, MD. Many new PA students have professional experience in the health care field. More than 36 percent are people of color, and 60 percent come from outside New York State. They range in age from 22 to 55.

After receiving their coats, the students assembled to take the Physician Assistant Professional Oath, which begins with the pledge to "hold as my primary responsibility the health, safety, welfare, and dignity of all human beings."

For information about the new master of science in physician assistant studies program, visit <http://www.marist.edu/science//physassist/>.

## Two Graduates Awarded Fulbright Grants

**T**WO 2016 MARIST GRADUATES are studying abroad on Fulbright U.S. Student Program Grants.

Jaquan Jacob Arzu '16 was awarded the grant to Italy to pursue an MPA at SDA Bocconi School of Management in Milan. A native of the Bronx, NY, Arzu was enrolled at Marist through the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), majoring in political science with concentrations in both public affairs and international studies. He was also active in the Marist College Student Government Association, the Zeta Psi Fraternity, and the Black Student Union. Arzu has been involved in community grassroots movements from an early age, working with the Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition and the national organization Dignity in Schools when he was in high school. He interned with Dutchess County Legislator Francena Amparo in 2013 and served as a congressional Hispanic Caucus intern in the office of Rep. José Serrano in the summer preceding his senior year. He hopes to pursue doctoral



Jaquan Jacob  
Arzu '16

Croix James  
Laconsay '16

studies in regional and urban planning that will equip him to address contemporary issues in U.S. cities such as deferred maintenance and affordable housing.

Croix James Laconsay '16 received a grant to pursue research on chemical bonds with Dr. Sason Shaik at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem in Israel. Born in San Francisco and raised in Hawaii, Laconsay majored in both chemistry and philosophy, with a minor in mathematics. He was also a recipient of the Dr. J. Richard LaPietra Sponsored Student Research Fund

to Enhance Excellence in Chemistry Studies and a member of the Deans' Circle and participated in a National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates at Texas A&M University in the summer of 2015. Outside of the lab, Laconsay was active in Marist's Campus Ministry as a member of its Advisory Board, served as vice president of membership for Marist's Toastmasters International, and participated in Marist Ambassadors for two years. His long-range goal is to become a professor of chemistry, focusing on computational organic chemistry, while sustaining his investigations into the philosophy of science.

The Fulbright Program, the U.S. government's flagship international educational exchange program, is sponsored by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State. The Fulbright competition is administered at Marist through Pat Taylor, graduate school and fellowship advisor in the Center for Career Services.



Wendy Ni '19 (second from left) presented an engineering project at the White House Science Fair hosted by President Barack Obama in April 2016.

## Wendy Ni '19 Presents Project at White House Science Fair

**M**ARIST STUDENT SI YA (WENDY) NI '19 was one of more than 130 students from across the country who displayed their work at the White House Science Fair in April 2016.

The fair, an annual event that began in 2010 as part of President Barack Obama's Educate to Innovate initiative, showcases the work of young people who desire to excel in science and mathematics.

Ni began work on the engineering project while in high school at Baruch College Campus High School in New York City. She found herself drawn to science and mathematics because she liked how both subjects have exact answers, unlike literature, "where there are many interpretations to one work," she said. "I do well in those (science and math) classes, so I like it even more."

Ni was part of a team of 11 members who applied for and received a Lemelson-

MIT InvenTeam grant for their proposal of a semiautomatic vacuum cleaner that would clear New York City subway tracks of trash that can cause delays and fires. In the Lemelson-MIT competition, teams comprised of students, educators, and mentors receive up to \$10,000 to invent technological solutions for real-world problems.

Ni's team and its two teachers dedicated their free time after school and on weekends to work on a quarter-scale prototype designed to attach to an existing flatbed car of a train and use light and ultrasonic sensors and four pneumatic cylinders.

"Luckily, we also had many mentors, especially two from Con Edison, who taught us about building machines and presenting to businesses," Ni said.

In June 2015, they presented their vacuum at MIT's EurekaFest, and over the following months, a team of 13 students

at Ni's high school continued refining the device.

When the time came to display the project at the White House Science Fair, Ni was both nervous and excited. "Although I had presented the vacuum to big crowds many times before, the White House and the people there were different," she said. Only three people representing her high school were able to go, and she was one of them. The three had to work together quickly to set up the vacuum, answer questions from the press, and make their presentation.

Several news outlets interviewed Ni, including the *Huffington Post*, the *Washington Post*, and CNN. Ni also had the opportunity to speak with Bill Nye, "The Science Guy," and President Obama, among other important figures who attended the fair.

As a first-generation college student whose parents immigrated to New York City from China, Ni has found challenges when it comes to excelling in school. "It can be a little hard because there isn't anyone in my family whom I can ask questions about college, such as which college I should go to or which classes I should take," she said. "Still, my mother has been very supportive of my choices."

Ni's goals are now focused on her schoolwork and applying to work for the IBM Joint Study at Marist. Eventually, she would like to develop software at a company such as IBM, Google, or Amazon. 📧

—Adriana Belmonte '17



Employers hosting student visits included IBM, JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Ogilvy & Mather, Ernst & Young, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, BATS, Sony, AOL, BBC, and Bloomberg.

## Career Trek Offers an Inside Look at Global

**T**HE SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT offered students the chance to participate in its third annual Career Trek, a day trip to New York City offering an insider perspective on industries and careers through visits to 19 prominent firms, on Oct. 6, 2016.

The purpose of the day is to help students learn about a career in their chosen field of study and specifically in a particular company, according to Dr. Joanne Gavin, assistant dean for undergraduate programs and professor of management. The students also learn how to apply for internships and jobs in those companies.

Gavin started the Career Trek in collaboration with the School of Management. "I did this to help students get the right job and a start on their careers," she said. "This

is a great opportunity for students to meet and network with alumni who want to help them get good jobs."

Employers hosting student visits included IBM, JP Morgan, Goldman Sachs, Ogilvy & Mather, Ernst & Young, the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, BATS, Sony, AOL, BBC, and Bloomberg. Gavin noted that almost all of the company visits are hosted by School of Management alumni or parents of Marist students.

Approximately 100 students participated, divided into seven tracks that each visited different companies. At the end of the day, the students had the opportunity to network with more than 100 School of Management alumni.



A conference at Marist College of the Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education drew administrators from colleges and universities around the world.

## Leaders from 22 Marist Institutions Meet in Poughkeepsie

**M**ARIST COLLEGE HOSTED leaders from 22 Marist Brothers-affiliated universities around the world in July 2016. The Marist International Network of Institutions of Higher Education conference drew almost 40 presidents, rectors, deans, and provosts from institutions in Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Italy, Mexico, Nigeria, Peru, the Philippines, Spain, and Timor-Leste as well as the U.S.

The network is made up of institutions founded, sponsored, owned, or administered by the Marist Brothers.

"The group meets every two years with the purpose of building stronger bonds, discussing ways in which collaboration

might be mutually beneficial, exploring the exchange of faculty and students, and examining topics of common interest," said Bro. Sean Sammon, FMS, '70, Marist College's representative to the conference. A trustee of the College, he was formerly superior general and vicar general of the Marist Brothers internationally and a leader of one of the Brothers' U.S. provinces. He 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 sessions conducted in three languages, English, Portuguese, and Spanish, conference participants focused on areas including models of networking, child rights

and the defense of children, possibilities for greater collaboration and exchange, the nature of Marist education at the university level, and new structures of governance.

Presenters included Bro. Juan Antonio Ojeda Ortiz, FSC, currently general secretary for Catholic education in Spain; Bro. Manel Mendoza Prario, FMS, director of the Marist Brothers desk at the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland; Bro. Clemente Juliatto, FMS, former rector of the Catholic Pontifical University in Parana, Brazil; and Bro. João Carlos do Prado, FMS, director of the Marist Brothers Mission Secretariat in Rome, Italy. Bro. Pablo Franco Gonzalez, FMS, president of the network, also addressed the group.

"The universities represented ran the gamut from what might best be described as small community colleges to large national universities of 30,000 students with schools of education, medicine, and information technology," said Sammon. Many offer programs similar to Marist College's, he added, such as fashion design, physician assistant studies, and information technology including on-campus research and design facilities for Microsoft, Dell, and other computer companies.

During the conference, the group enjoyed a private tour of the FDR Presidential Library and Museum, a reenactment of Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt's "cookout" for England's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth during their visit to the U.S., a cruise on the Hudson, and a walking tour of downtown New York City.

The group also elected a new set of officers and set the location for its next meeting: Lima, Peru, in 2018. 📍

## Firms

After hearing about the benefits that the event would provide to students, Joe Guida '17 thought it was a "no-brainer" to attend, especially as a business administration major. Guida said that he most enjoyed being able to visit with three different companies. Guida led the finance track,

which met with Goldman Sachs, Neuberger Berman, and BATS. He was "very intrigued to see how each company tailors its environment in order to accomplish its goals. Never would I have had the opportunity to visit with three prestigious companies and network with the many eager employees willing to provide advice."

Christina O'Neil '17, a business marketing major who led the marketing track, said she thought it was a very well-run and well-executed event. "The alumni I talked to all went out of their way to help us and give advice not only about their companies

but also the industry as a whole," she said. "Some took our résumés, but everyone said to connect to them on LinkedIn and to message them. They were all very genuine, and I know that if I need a job come May, I could correspond with any of them throughout this year and they would help me."

Guida described the final networking event at the end of the day as another aspect he greatly enjoyed. "Hearing Marist alumni's stories and career paths was interesting and insightful," he said. "They were extremely proud and willing to provide us current students with the advice and guidance we need to find our own future career successes. Overall, the Career Trek was extremely beneficial for me as it was a day of career insight, growth, and opportunity." 📍

—Adriana Belmonte '17



Students had the opportunity to network with more than 100 School of Management alumni.

## Marist Contingent Joins NYC Pride March

**T**HIS PAST JUNE, Marist College made history by participating in one of the largest LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) Pride events in the world, the New York City Pride March.

Participating was an initiative of the College's Diversity Council led by council member and Director of Student–Athlete Enhancement Alyssa Gates. Among the many goals of the council is to assist in the development of activities that promote, emphasize, and celebrate diversity at Marist. The ultimate goal is to go beyond what is required through equal opportunity and affirmative action programs to truly recognize and value what makes each individual unique.

"I was honored to represent Marist in the 2016 Pride March and am proud to work for an institution that chose to be a part



Marist College took part in one of the largest LGBT Pride events in the world, the New York City Pride March, in June 2016.

of this historic event," said Gates. "Many of the alumni who participated noted how far Marist has come in their support of the LGBT community and how proud they are to be Red Foxes!"

Among those alumni were Brad Whitmore '06 MPA and his husband, Gary Hulbert '15. "As extremely proud Marist alumni, my husband and I participate in a number of Marist events," said Whitmore. "When the opportunity was presented to march with Marist at NYC Pride, we couldn't say no—especially in the wake of the horrific hate crimes and murders in Orlando. Thanks to the work of the Marist LGBT group on campus,

Dr. Dennis Murray, students, and alumni, we were able to march proudly together. It's a moment we won't soon forget."

Marist faculty and staff joined alumni and students in solidarity. "Particularly in the wake of the Orlando tragedy, I valued the chance to let the wider world know what a strong sense of community we have here at Marist," said Dr. Moira Fitzgibbons, English professor and interim assistant dean for the School of Liberal Arts. "Many spectators seemed really happy to see our group taking part in the parade. Some people in the crowd waved around Marist IDs so that we could recognize our fellow Red Foxes!" 🦊

—Bobbi Sue Tellitocci '04/'14 M



**MARIST TRUSTEES** Betty Wolf (far left) and Michael Duffy (far right) and President David Yellen (second from left) presented the 2016 Board of Trustees' Faculty Award for Distinguished Teaching to Dr. Peter del Rosario, associate professor of psychology, on Sept. 7, 2016, in the Nelly Goletti Theatre.



**MARIST CELEBRATED THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ITS CAMPUS SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM** with events Oct. 10–24, 2016, on the theme "Environmental Justice for People and Planet." Keynote speaker Aaron Mair, president of the Sierra Club, spoke on national environmental justice issues. Shown with Mair (third from right) are members of Marist's Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee: (left to right) Dr. Richard Feldman, associate professor of environmental science; Dr. Geoffrey Brackett, executive vice president; Co-Chair Dr. Jessica Boscarino, assistant professor of political science; Madison Colledge '18; Shelby Parette '18, and Co-Chair Steve Sansola, associate dean for student affairs.



**ANTIRACISM ESSAYIST AND EDUCATOR TIM WISE** (far right) spoke on "Beyond Diversity: Understanding and Dismantling Racism" to a packed Nelly Goletti Theatre at Marist on Oct. 5, 2016. He also met with student leaders of the Black Student Union (BSU) and Appreciating Races Creating Opportunities (ARCO) and faculty prior to his lecture (above).



## More than 200 Help on 10th Community Service Day

**M**ARIST'S COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY began 10 years ago when Patricia (Patti) Houmiel, associate director of housing and residential life, collaborated with then-Campus Minister Jamie Williams. They knew that nonprofits in the Hudson Valley needed things done and needed people to do them. Creating Community Service Day seemed like the best way to get students involved.

"It's an opportunity for the students to go out in the community at least once," Houmiel explained. "The hope is that they like it and want to come back to continue volunteering."

On Oct. 17, 2016, more than 200 students and staff participated in the 10th annual Community Service Day at nine sites around the Hudson Valley. Their tasks varied from yard work to painting projects. Some volunteers worked at the Mid-Hudson Children's Museum in Poughkeepsie, where they made blanket forts and costumes, while others washed windows at the Marist Brothers center in Esopus, NY. Still others maintained hiking trails for the New York-New Jersey Trail Conference. This year, several students also helped out at a local Buddhist monastery.

Campus Minister Michelle Khawam enjoyed seeing the students get involved. "It gives me joy to see the Marist community coming together to give back and do service," she said.

Students also worked at the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. "It's a reward for the kids to work with Marist students, but at the same time it's beneficial for Marist students to interact with them," Houmiel said.

Houmiel, who drove the students to and from the volunteer sites, enjoyed listening to the students talk about their experience on the drive back to campus. "Wherever they go, they gain a bigger perspective," she said. "The relationships we build with these sites are so important," she added. "The sites we work with look forward to this day, and we go back to many of the same sites year after year." The students, too, look forward to the day and to returning to the same sites.

**Students spruced up the Marist Brothers center in Esopus, NY.**



**Students maintained trails at Breakneck Ridge in Cold Spring, NY.**

Dawn Bruzzese '17, who participated for a second time, described it as a "great opportunity and experience." This year she worked at the Winnakee Land Trust, where she helped paint trail signs and clear land in preparation for trail expansion. Afterwards, Bruzzese and her group traveled along one of the trails to see the significance of their work.

"I was happy that I was able to be a part of something that affects the lives of many," she said. "It is an amazing feeling to get to help other people."

Justine Carra '17, a member of the Campus Ministry Advisory Board, was excited at the idea of giving back. She

worked at Esopus, helping to clean the Marist Brothers center as the Brothers transitioned to autumn retreat mode.

"I love going to Esopus because it's so beautiful. I was so happy to be back there for the day!" she said. "Brother Owen (Ormsby) spoke to us at the beginning of the day and told us that the most important thing that he hoped we would gain from the day was a sense of community. That is the purpose of coming together to do service. With that in mind, we started our day of service with a more open and friendly attitude. It didn't seem like we were changing lives, but what we did to help, and the fact that we all did it together, was so special." 🇺🇸

—Adriana Belmonte '17



Johns Hopkins University Press has published **Dr. Karen Schrier's** *Knowledge Games: How Playing Games Can Solve Problems, Create Insight, and Make Change* (2016). In the book, Schrier examines the intersection of games, problem solving and crowdsourcing, and what happens when knowledge emerges from games and game players rather than scientists, professionals, and researchers. Schrier is assistant professor of media arts and director of Marist's games and emerging-media program.

**Dr. Juris Pucenoks**, assistant professor of political science, has written *Western Muslims and Conflicts Abroad: Conflict Spillovers to Diasporas* (Routledge, 2016). Pucenoks explains in the book why political violence in response to conflicts abroad occurs in some migrant communities in the West but not in others.

**Dr. John Scileppi '67**, professor emeritus of psychology, and **Dr. Elizabeth Quinn '95/'95 MA**, associate professor of psychology, have edited *Empowering Students: A Contemporary and Essential Approach to Education* (New Academic Publishing, 2016), a collection of essays on psychological research and empowerment strategies to bring about better academic outcomes. The book aims to help teachers, administrators, and parents transform school-aged youth into enthusiastic, intellectually curious, self-directed learners motivated toward academic success, self-discovery, and civic engagement.

## Women and Society Conference Marks 25th Year

**O**CTOBER 2016 marked a milestone on campus: the 25th anniversary of the annual Women and Society Conference at Marist College.

Dr. JoAnne Myers, department chair for political science, and Dr. Sue Lawrence, department chair for media arts, initiated the program in 1991 with the hopes of commencing an interdisciplinary women's studies program as well as showcasing academic feminism.

"We started it because we wanted to actually start a women's studies program," said Myers. They recognized the need for the inclusion and integration of women and women's scholarship at a time when Marist had an ample amount of male scholarship.

"Marist was in 1989, '90, '91 still very much a bastion of male scholarship," said Myers. "We had to prove to our colleagues that there was such a thing as women's scholarship."

The conference founders wanted to display real and legitimate work being conducted in women's studies. The best way to show it, they thought, would be to organize a two-day conference. Their efforts sparked interest from women regionally and across the country.

At the same time that the conference was drawing a strong response, Marist implemented the women's studies program as an interdisciplinary minor. The women's studies minor marked its 20th anniversary in 2011 with a panel featuring women's studies faculty, not only to celebrate the program's past but also to unite the women's studies community at Marist.

In 2002 Dr. Shannon Roper, associate professor and department chair for communication, joined Myers in coordinating the conference and in 2010 became its director. More recently Dr. Angela Laflen and Dr. Kristin Bayer, both co-directors of women's studies, have organized the conference. The keynote speaker at the 2016 conference was Dr. Hazel Carby, the Charles C. and Dorothea S. Dilley Professor of African American Studies and Professor of American Studies at Yale. 📖

—Alexis Watson '17



**Keynote Speaker  
Dr. Hazel Carby**



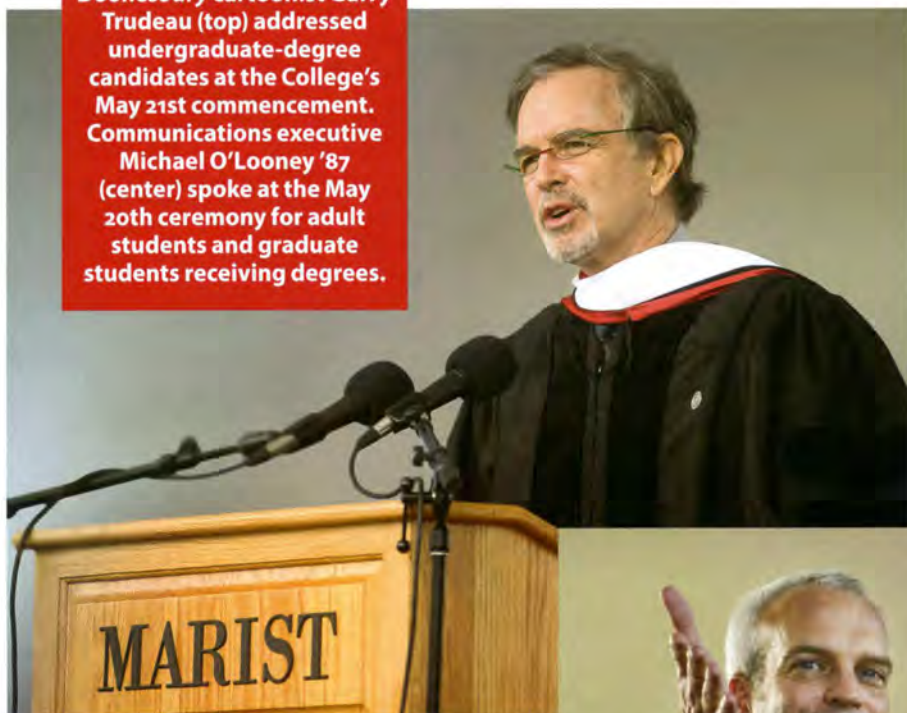
In its second year, Marist College's **MILITARY HISTORY PRE-COLLEGE COURSE** hosted 10 high school students from across the country. The students had the opportunity to experience college lectures, research, and writing assignments as well as field trips to Historic Huguenot Street, West Point, Philipsburg Manor, and other regional historic sites. Their encampment at Marist's Col. Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion in Esopus, NY, led by the Living History Education Foundation, included dressing and training in Civil War period uniforms, firing a cannon and rifled musket, and meeting with reenactors who portrayed President and Mrs. Lincoln.



**COMMEMORATING A HISTORIC TRAIL** Col. James M. Johnson (Ret.), the Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Chair in Hudson River Valley History at Marist (back row), participated in a ceremony dedicating an exhibit at the Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park in Yorktown, NY, on Aug. 22, 2016. The exhibit interprets the French camp of August 1781

at Hunt's Tavern and Crompond at the park. U.S. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell (left), Congresswoman Nita Lowey (17th District) (center), and New York Parks Commissioner Rose Harvey (right) made remarks about the Washington-Rochambeau Revolutionary Route National Historic Trail (W3RNHT). Johnson, dressed as a member of Dillon's Irish Regiment in the service of French King Louis XVI, presented an overview of the French and American march to Yorktown, VA, and the story of the approval of the W3RNHT. Reenactors portraying Gen. George Washington on his horse Old Nelson, a 3-pounder cannon crew from New Windsor Cantonment State Park, and five members of the 5th New York Regiment provided salutes and a *feu-de-joie*—a firing of joy—to honor the trail and its architects.

**Pulitzer Prize-winning Doonesbury cartoonist Garry Trudeau (top) addressed undergraduate-degree candidates at the College's May 21st commencement. Communications executive Michael O'Looney '87 (center) spoke at the May 20th ceremony for adult students and graduate students receiving degrees.**



Letters degree. "Revel in wonder, and avoid the tunnel vision that can at times seem necessary to success."

On Friday evening, 537 graduate and adult members of the Class of 2016 received their degrees and heard from speaker Michael O'Looney '87, who was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Medal, the highest award presented to a Marist graduate.

A former reporter and anchor for the *CBS Evening News* and WCBS Television in New York City, O'Looney went on to serve as the New York Police Department's deputy commissioner for public information. He later moved into the financial services sector where he was a top communications executive for Merrill Lynch and Barclays. He currently runs global communications for Elliott Management and serves on the Advisory Board for Marist's School of Communication and the Arts.

Also during Friday's ceremony, U.S. Marines veteran Matt Plumeri received his degree accompanied by Gulliver, the retired specialized search dog who served with him in Afghanistan. In 2014, the Marist community rallied to raise more than \$10,000 in a matter of days to help Plumeri adopt and care for Gulliver after the dog was retired from military service. 🐕

## Garry Trudeau and Michael O'Looney '87 Address Class of 2016

**A**T CEREMONIES ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, May 20 and 21, 1,655 members of the Class of 2016 received their degrees from Dennis J. Murray during the College's 70th commencement exercises and Murray's 37th and final as president of Marist.

Before bestowing 1,118 bachelor's degrees on Saturday, Murray recited a favorite quote from the ancient Greek mathematician Archimedes, a staple of his commencement remarks over the years: "Give me a place to stand, and I will move the world."

Afterward, he tipped his cap to the Class of 2016 and wished its members the best. "I've always said that being president of Marist has never been a burden," he said, "but an honor and a privilege."

New York Sen. Chuck Schumer joined the ceremony to congratulate Murray on his tenure and wish the graduates well, exhorting them to "Go for it!"

Pulitzer Prize-winning *Doonesbury* cartoonist Garry Trudeau spoke to the graduates about the importance of keeping their eyes open and seeing the world for all that it is. "Welcome surprise," said Trudeau, who received an honorary Doctor of Humane



**Jane Fox Pierson '16 and Nicholas Kyle Bayer '16 (center) received the 2016 Alumni Leadership Awards at the baccalaureate in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on May 20. Joan Gasparovic Gambeski '83 (far left), treasurer and member-at-large of the Alumni Association, and Dr. Dennis J. Murray, presiding over his final baccalaureate, congratulated the recipients after the ceremony.**



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Valley has been truly immeasurable, and this scholarship helps perpetuate their commitment to help future generations enjoy the benefits of a world-class Marist education.”

Also announced at the tribute was the naming of the Student Center in honor of the Murrays. The proposal to name the building the Murray Student Center was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees after first being suggested by a group of student, faculty, and staff leaders.

While the Murrays were aware of the scholarship, the amount raised and the naming of the Student Center were both surprises when they were announced during the evening.

“Marilyn and I are very grateful to everyone who supported these wonderful tribute efforts,” Dennis Murray said. “It is certainly nice to have a building named in your honor, but the best honor of all is the scholarship, which will expand opportunities for talented



The Student Center has been named, and a scholarship endowed, to honor the Murrays.

Marilyn and Dennis Murray were honored for their 37 years of service to Marist at a tribute and reception on May 6, 2016.

## A Tribute to Dennis and Marilyn Murray

**T**WO LEGACIES of Dennis J. Murray’s tenure as president of Marist were unveiled at a tribute held May 6, 2016, on campus in honor of Dennis and his wife, Marilyn. He stepped down June 30 after 37 years leading the College and has been appointed by the College’s Board of Trustees as president emeritus and professor of public policy.

From the stage of the Nelly Goletti Theatre, the tribute co-chairs, Trustees Genine McCormick ’88 and Jim Barnes ’68, announced that more than \$2 million had been raised for the Dennis and Marilyn Murray Endowed Scholarship. Launched with a generous lead gift from Chair of the Board Ellen Hancock and her husband, Jason, the scholarship has been supported to date by more than 445 alumni, parents, friends—including more than 350 people who attended the event—corporations, and

foundations.

“Dennis and Marilyn have always placed the greatest emphasis on increasing access to Marist for talented and deserving students,” Hancock said, “which is why an endowed scholarship is such an appropriate way to honor their legacy.”

The scholarship fund will support a cohort of Murray Scholars each academic year. The awarding criteria will be determined by the Murrays in coming months.

“The tremendous outpouring of support for this special initiative is a direct reflection of the Marist community’s respect, admiration, and love for Dennis and Marilyn Murray,” said Vice President for College Advancement Chris DeGiorno ’88. “Their impact on Marist and the Hudson River

and deserving students to afford a Marist education, a cause that has been so important to us from the very beginning. We want to thank the entire Marist community for all they have done for us, but more important, for all they have done for Marist College over the years.”

To contribute to the Dennis and Marilyn Murray Endowed Scholarship, please visit [maristconnect.marist.edu/give](http://maristconnect.marist.edu/give) and direct your support to the Dennis and Marilyn Murray Endowed Scholarship. 🇺🇸

## Three Endowed Scholarships Established

**E**XPANDING SUPPORT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS is among Marist College's highest fundraising priorities. The Office of College Advancement is pleased to announce three new endowed scholarships generously established by alumni and parents.

Dr. Jerome F. Cuyler '66 has made a gift to create the Dr. Jerome F. Cuyler '66 Scholarship. After graduating from Marist, he pursued his MD at Weill Cornell Medicine and has had a successful career in medicine and health care administration. The scholarship will be awarded annually to underrepresented students with financial need who plan to major in the School of Science. Preference will be given to students from Mount St. Michael Academy in the Bronx, NY, Marist High School in Bayonne, NJ, and students transferring from Dutchess Community College in Poughkeepsie.

The Ruttura Family Scholarship has been established with a gift from Peter and Donna Ruttura, parents of Stephanie Ruttura '19. The Rutturas wanted to help current and future Marist students achieve their educational goals. The scholarship will be awarded annually to students majoring in fashion, with preference given to students

from Long Island, NY, where the Ruttura family lives and works. The Rutturas are active members of Marist's Parents Council.

The Darryll '98 and Lisa Towsley Family Scholarship has been created by Darryll S. Towsley, Esq., LL.M. '98. The scholarship will be awarded annually to freshmen pursuing an undergraduate degree in the teacher special education program. Applicants must be academically strong and have documented financial need. Preference will be given to residents of New York's Capital District, where Darryll works as a vice president of financial counseling at Ayco, a Goldman Sachs company, and where the Towsley family resides.

The College is grateful for the generous support of these committed alumni and parents. Scholarships continue to make a meaningful difference in the lives of the recipients and their families. For more information about establishing a scholarship, please contact Chris DeGiorno, vice president for college advancement, at (845) 575-3412 or [christopher.delgiorno@marist.edu](mailto:christopher.delgiorno@marist.edu).



Darryll '98 and Lisa Towsley



David Yellen with Jerome F. Cuyler, MD '66

## Redl Rotunda Dedicated

**M**ARIST DEDICATED THE ROTUNDA in honor of local civic leaders and philanthropists Herb and Sue Redl on Sept. 29, 2016.

President David Yellen thanked the Redls for their longstanding commitment to increasing access to higher education and for "all the doors they've opened to local students."

The Herb and Sue Redl Scholarship, which was founded in 1994, has provided vital assistance to talented students with financial need, allowing them to complete their college education at Marist. To date, 57 students have been awarded 106 Redl Scholarships. The Redls have also made a generous philanthropic commitment to the College in support of the renovation of the Student Center.

"Marist is proud to dedicate this space and celebrate its stature as the Redl Rotunda," Yellen said.

The Redl Rotunda serves as the crossroads of Marist, welcoming thousands of Marist students, alumni, prospective students and parents, and other visitors from

all across the country and the world.

The Redls are longtime friends of Marist and respected leaders in the Hudson River Valley community.

**Right: President David Yellen (far right) thanked Herb and Sue Redl for their commitment to higher education at a ceremony dedicating the Rotunda in honor of the Redls. Below: Herb and Sue Redl and their daughters—(left to right) Kari Redl Daniels, Kelley Redl Hardisty, Kim Redl Lawrence, and Kristi Redl Deasy—were honored guests at the dedication.**



Marist honored Founding Members of the Legacy Society at the society's third annual induction and recognition ceremony.



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## Celebrating the Founding Members of the Legacy Society

**M**ARIST has again honored a special group of donors who have included Marist College in their estate plans through bequests or other charitable means. On April 23, 2016, the College held its third annual induction and recognition ceremony celebrating members of the Marist College Legacy Society.

The 117 members of the society represent every facet of the College community including trustees, alumni, faculty, staff, retirees, parents, and friends. Their gifts include bequests, charitable gift annuities, trust provisions, and the naming of the College as beneficiary of life insurance policies and retirement plans.

The theme for the special event was "Celebrating Marist's Music Legacy," honoring 35 years of Marist Singers, 30 years of Marist Band, and 20 years of Marist Orchestra. Prior to the induction ceremony, members had an opportunity to hear from 30-year Marist Band director Arthur Himmelberger and enjoy performances by student musicians, soloists, and the Gospel Choir in the Symphonic Hall within the new music building. Guests were also treated to complimentary tickets to "Harmony on the Hudson," Marist's annual spring concert at the Bardavon 1869 Opera House later that evening.

New members were inducted by Marist Executive Vice President Geoffrey Brackett. "You are members of a distinguished group because you have demonstrated a special commitment to Marist's mission and the need to secure its future," he said.

Eleanor (Rundie) Bockley '74 and her husband, Karl, were among those inducted. "I received an excellent education at Marist and want to help future generations do the same," said Bockley. "What I am today is due in no small part to what I learned and how I matured at Marist. We are part of the Marist family and want to leave a legacy of support for my alma mater."

Anyone interested in learning more about the Legacy Society or in remembering Marist in their estate plans is invited to contact the Office of College Advancement at [maristadvancement@marist.edu](mailto:maristadvancement@marist.edu) or (845) 575-3863.

—Bobbi Sue Tellitocci '04/'14 M

The event, which had a "Celebrating Marist's Music Legacy" theme, took place in the Symphonic Hall in the music building.



Marist Executive Vice President Geoffrey Brackett (left) inducted new members including Eleanor (Rundie) Bockley '74 and her husband, Karl.



# Crew Shell Dedicated in Memory of Noel "Buzz" de Cordova Jr.

ON APRIL 24, 2016, members of the College community gathered at Longview Park on the Marist waterfront to dedicate a crew shell in memory of longtime rowing supporter Noel "Buzz" de Cordova Jr.

The magnificent Vespoli 8-oared racing shell was made possible by the generous support of the Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust which funds countless arts, environmental, and social organizations throughout the Hudson River Valley. In rowing tradition, the shell received a Champagne christening by members of the Nuhn Trust and de Cordova family before being launched on the Hudson River for the annual President's Cup Regatta.

Buzz de Cordova Jr. had a lifelong dedication to the sport of rowing. He rowed in the famed Intercollegiate Rowing Association's national championship regatta, which became known as the Poughkeepsie Regatta because it originated in Poughkeepsie, for many years as coxswain of Cornell University's varsity crew. He was also a highly

respected business and community leader who served as a Poughkeepsie town councilman and as a director/member/trustee for numerous organizations including the Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust.

Chris DelGiorno '88, vice president for college advancement, spoke on behalf of the College during the dedication ceremony. "Marist is honored to dedicate this shell in Buzz's memory. It will serve as a perpetual reminder of the trust's dedication while keeping Buzz's legacy alive on the Marist College campus." He said the College is grateful to Nuhn Trustees Michael de Cordova and Edward VK Cunningham.

Director of Athletics Tim Murray also addressed the large crowd, which included friends and family of Buzz de Cordova and the Nuhn trustees, student-athletes, parents, and alumni. "In the spirit of Buzz's intense



A Vespoli 8-oared racing shell, made possible by support from the Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust, was dedicated to Noel "Buzz" de Cordova Jr. Special guests at the dedication were (left to right) Claire de Cordova; Michael de Cordova, a Jane W. Nuhn Charitable Trust trustee; Noel "Trip" de Cordova III; and Edward Cunningham Jr., Esq., son of Nuhn Trustee Edward VK Cunningham.

competitiveness, devotion to the sport of rowing, and his love for the Hudson Valley, this shell will serve to honor him and as inspiration to our rowers here at Marist." ❧

—Bobbi Sue Tellitocci '04/'14 M

# Marist Million Challenge Completed

THE COLLEGE HAS COMPLETED THE "MARIST MILLION" CHALLENGE, a fundraising initiative established by the late Raymond A. Rich to ensure the long-term future of football at the College. The goal was reached through the generosity of approximately 200 alumni, friends, parents, and fans of the football program.

"Since coming to Marist, I have been struck by the community's enthusiasm for Red Fox football," Marist President David Yellen said. "The success of the Marist Million campaign is a testament to that

support, and we are grateful to all who participated in this important effort."

Shortly after the opening of Tenney Stadium, Marist received a \$1 million challenge grant from Rich, one of the 20th century's leading businessmen and industrialists as well as a good friend to Marist College. As part of the challenge, the Rich estate matched each dollar raised exclusively for use by Marist football up to \$1 million, creating the \$2 million endowment.

"Ray Rich was a great friend of the College and, in particular, of Marist football," Marist

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—FOOTBALL CHALLENGE—

President Emeritus Dennis J. Murray said. "I know he would be pleased that his generous gift inspired such a broad outpouring of support from former players and coaches and other alumni and friends of Marist. I particularly want to acknowledge the leadership of Matt Daly and Tom Coyne in reaching the challenge Ray Rich had set forth."

Gifts received through the generosity of donors will help elevate the program and provide a vibrant atmosphere for future Red Foxes. The \$2 million endowment will create a sustainable source of support for the Marist football program while providing student-athletes with opportunities to excel academically and athletically.

"The success of the Marist Million campaign will help ensure that football remains a vital program here for future student-athletes and fans alike," Marist Director of Athletics Tim Murray said. "Our program is stronger for the generosity of so many alumni and friends."

"The great support that the entire Marist College community has shown for our football program is an inspiration to all of our players and coaches and will continue to be for generations to come," Marist Head Football Coach Jim Parady said. "We are grateful to everyone who participated in the Marist Million campaign." ❧



Shown (left to right) are Marist Head Football Coach Jim Parady, Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Scott Rumsey '91, and Tom Coyne '91 and Matt Daly '91, whose generous gifts "completed the drive."



President David Yellen



# A New Leader for the College

**David Yellen begins his tenure as Marist's fourth president.**

**O**NE HUNDRED DAYS into the presidency of David Yellen, Marist senior Brandon Lee Heard is impressed.

As Student Government Association president, Heard already has spent time with the new president during freshman Move In, luncheons, and meetings. "I think that President Yellen will be amazing at Marist," said Heard. "Not only through the ideas that he has shared, but in his character. He has the ability to really relate to the students, whether it be on social media or through his interaction with them.

"He has the ability to comfortably challenge you, to make you think outside the box and be more innovative."

Yellen's leadership style was one of the things Marist's presidential search committee praised when it announced Yellen as the unanimous choice of the Board of Trustees to become the College's fourth president. The search began following Dr. Dennis J. Murray's decision in February 2015 to step down on June 30, 2016, after 37 years.

"David's skills, interests, and leadership style are ideally aligned with Marist's mission and heritage," said Ross Mauri '80, chair of the search committee and vice chair of the Board of Trustees. "What the search committee saw throughout his career as an educator and a lawyer was a mutually beneficial commitment to both student success and public service."

Yellen's commitment to student success was evident in the advances he led at his previous institution, Loyola University Chicago School of Law, where he served as dean for 11 years. He implemented new degree programs, helping Loyola Chicago earn the distinction of enrolling more online students than any other law school in the country. He also created the Dean's Diversity Council, which helped increase by more than 50 percent the number of students of color enrolled at the school.

As a result of his achievements, *National Jurist* has ranked him as high as number 5 on

its list of the "25 Most Influential People in Legal Education," calling him "an innovator for his leadership in the national dialogue addressing today's challenges facing legal education." *National Jurist* also named Loyola Chicago one of the nation's 10 best law schools for experiential learning.

Prior to leading the Loyola University Chicago School of Law, Yellen was on the faculty at Hofstra Law School, where he held the Max Schmertz Distinguished Professorship and served as dean. He was the Reuschlein Distinguished Visiting Professor at Villanova University School of Law and has also taught at Cornell Law School and New York Law School. Before launching his academic career, Yellen clerked for a federal judge, practiced law in Washington, D.C., and served as counsel to the Judiciary Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. He also argued a federal criminal case before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"David Yellen is one of the nation's top legal educators, an innovative leader highly respected among his peers, and a man of great integrity and commitment to public service," said Ellen Hancock, chair of Marist's Board of Trustees.

His dedication to public service has included volunteering in Chicago as a special master appointed by Cook County Criminal Division Presiding Judge Paul P. Biebel Jr. to identify valid claims by inmates of confessions coerced as a result of torture by police. He also served on the Illinois Sentencing Policy Advisory Council and was a member of the board of directors of Cook County Justice for Children. He has written extensively on sentencing issues and served as an advisor on white-collar crime to President Bill Clinton's transition team.

Despite a distinguished career, he is not interested in the spotlight. "It's never about him," said Jim Faught, associate dean for administration at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. "He has a very low tolerance for attention that is thrown in his direction. His style is collaborative, supportive. His



President David Yellen welcomed the Class of 2020 and took a selfie at the all-class gathering in the McCann Center's Grey Gym.

door is always open to faculty and students and staff."

"He has a very soft way of entering a situation," said Fr. Michael Garanzini, chancellor at Loyola Chicago. "He's a natural at leading an academic community."

In coming to Marist, Yellen has returned to the region where he grew up. Born in Jersey City, he lived in Ridgefield, NJ, until he was 10 and then in Paramus, where he attended Paramus High School. He earned a B.A. magna cum laude from Princeton University.

He went on to receive his J.D., cum laude, from Cornell Law School, where he and his wife, Leslie Richards-Yellen, met as law students. She is director of inclusion for the Americas in the New York offices of multinational legal firm Hogan Lovells. In August she assumed the presidency of the National Association of Women Lawyers, an organization founded in 1899 that works to advance women in the legal profession.

The couple has three adult daughters, Jordan, Meredith, and Bailey. Jordan, 27, is an attorney practicing corporate law in New York City. She graduated from Haverford and, like her parents, earned her law degree from Cornell. Meredith, 26, attended Loyola University Chicago and is now a first-year medical student at the University of Illinois. Bailey, 22, graduated this past spring from Claremont McKenna College and lives in San Francisco.

**A**LTHOUGH AT MARIST only since July 1, Yellen already has an astute understanding of the College. "My main impressions are it's an unbelievably close-knit and positive community," he says. "I've also been struck by what an important institution in the Hudson Valley Marist is. We're so closely tied to all the other major organizations and play such a big role in the quality of life and the advancement of the region."

He says the College's strengths are apparent "to anybody who sets foot on campus or talks to anybody here. At a time of great



**President David Yellen and his wife, Leslie Richards-Yellen, with their daughters (left to right) Meredith, Jordan, and Bailey**

change and stress in higher education, we're an institution that's doing incredibly well. Enrollment, academic programs, financially, the physical campus, in all of those regards we've been on an upward trajectory for a long time, and that's not a common story right now in higher education."

He also sees the challenges ahead. "The world of higher education is changing so much and so fast. And as a still fairly young school without a big endowment, we're very tuition-dependent, so we have to continue to be efficient and innovative and develop programs that meet the needs of current students. Whether it's new programs or new delivery methods, we have to continue to be ahead of the curve. Because in higher education today, if you're standing still, you're falling way behind."

His priorities, he says, will be shaped by the 2018–2023 strategic plan that a committee of faculty, staff, students, alumni, and trustees will develop over the coming year. He is confident that certain broad themes will be part of the plan.

The first is to continue to have sound finances. "You can't overstate the importance of running the institution efficiently and generating the revenue you need to keep the campus beautiful and the programs vibrant."

Second is to continue to grow the innovation culture at Marist. "Whether its distance learning or more graduate programs or new cross-disciplinary work, we have a very good culture of innovation, but if anything, we need to enhance that going forward."

A third priority is diversity. "We've made good progress; 22 percent of the freshmen are students of color which, I believe, is the highest we've ever had. But there's more to be done to be more diverse in students, in faculty and staff."

A fourth is to build Marist's reputation. "There are so many things that we deserve acclaim for and are getting acclaim for more than ever before, but I think it's fair to say that our reputation in the broader academic

community hasn't yet caught up to the reality of how great we are."

A fifth is to enhance the connection with alumni. "As I've been meeting so many of our alums, there's such great love and enthusiasm for Marist, and I want to find new ways to bring and keep alumni involved in the College including but not limited to financial support. To reach the next level as a college we really need to be less tuition-dependent and generating more of our revenue from current gifts or endowment income. And that's a long-term project. We're still a young college so we don't have a big alumni base of older people who've been accumulating wealth."

**O**N THE WALL in Yellen's office in Greystone are two mementos of highlights in his career as an attorney and legal educator: a small, framed photo of him standing next to Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and beside it, matted and framed, the white quill pen that the Supreme Court gives as a souvenir to each lawyer who argues a case before it.

**Richard Foy '50, Marist's president from 1958 to 1979, President David Yellen, and Dr. Dennis Murray, president from 1979 to 2016, gathered for a photo at the annual Alumni Awards ceremony during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend 2016.**



But the photo of Ginsburg doesn't tell the best part of the story. When he was dean of Hofstra Law School, the school hosted Ginsburg in 2001 as she taught in its summer program in Nice, France. She wanted to try parasailing on the beach, Yellen recalled. "She's been very adventuresome in her life—whitewater rafting, riding an elephant." Ginsburg was nervous about trying it, so Yellen offered to go with her. "Our spouses thought we were both crazy. So we walked down to the beach from the hotel we were staying in and got strapped into this tandem parasail thing, stood on the dock in the Mediterranean, and zoomed up into the air. We were up there for 10, 15 minutes."

Of this, he has no pictures. "But sometimes I would have Loyola alums at the Supreme Court either to watch an argument or be admitted to the court bar, and she would stop by a little reception we'd have and she would tell this story, and their jaws would drop."

The bookshelves in Yellen's office hold a keepsake from another memorable occasion in his life: the ticket stub for a seat on the 50-yard line of Super Bowl XLVI, in 2012, when his beloved Giants defeated the Patriots 21-17. In returning to the New York metro area, Yellen is back in the land of the Giants.

"I'm a big, lifelong Giants fan. I'm happy to be back where I can go to a game now and then and get all their games on TV." He was lucky enough to have the opportunity to purchase two tickets to Super Bowl XLVI from a student of his at Loyola Chicago whose father was Lovie Smith, coach of the Chicago Bears. "My brother and I went to the game, which was a real treat."

He is now also back in the home territory of his musical idol, Jersey native Bruce Springsteen. "Definitely, his music has been one of the great passions in my life since college. I've been to about 25 concerts over the years." He has already downloaded the Boss's newly published autobiography on his Kindle.

Could this mean Springsteen as Marist commencement speaker? "I would love to try. If anybody reading this has any connections to him, please let me know." 📧



The first of four new residence halls opened in August 2016, providing 292 beds for Marist juniors and seniors.

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## North Campus Housing Opens

A newly completed residence hall is the first of four buildings designed to meet demand for student housing while improving the quality of living on campus.

**D**ONNA VARAMO '18 always appreciated the sense of community that the Gartland Commons townhouses provided her as a resident. When she heard that her sophomore housing would be torn down and replaced with a newer edition, she had mixed emotions. But as soon as she visited friends in the new north campus housing complex, she understood why all of her classmates wanted to live there.

"Everything about it is great," she said. "It's cleaner and it all looks so put together. I would have been the happiest person on earth if I had gotten to live there sophomore year."

The construction of the \$100 million complex began in fall 2014 with the demolition of Gartland Commons. The first of the four planned buildings opened in August 2016, providing 292 beds for Marist juniors and seniors. In January 2017, the second building will open with 175 beds. The final two buildings with a total of 324 beds are scheduled to open their doors in August 2017. These will feature a café, fitness center, and multipurpose activity room as well as a courtyard and river views.

The project will expand the availability of housing on campus by almost 11 percent, eliminating the need to house students at the Residence Inn in Poughkeepsie.

Marist's mission was to satisfy the demand for student housing while improving

the quality of living on campus. "We knew that there was a need for more housing, and we also knew that Gartland had outlived its usefulness," said Sarah English, director of housing and residential life. The Gartland Commons townhouses were built in 1985. No new campus housing has been completed since the Fulton Townhouses opened on the east side of Route 9 in 2008.

One of the new residents, Ellie Virgilio '18, spoke of her experience so far in the new housing, which features primarily four-

person apartments, all with single rooms, throughout five floors. "I love that it's brand new," she said. "Everything is clean and unused. I honestly feel like I live in a hotel." With hallways featuring carpeted floors and stylish wallpaper, it's easy to see why. In addition, because all of her classes are in the Dyson Center and Lowell Thomas Communications Center, the location is very convenient for her.

Virgilio's housemate, Nicolette Muro '18, had similar feelings. "I was really excited to live here," she said. During her sophomore year, she lived in the Lower New Townhouses but stated that she already likes her new housing much better because of its setup and freshness. "I didn't want to live with eight people, so the size is great."

Each apartment has a living room, bathroom, kitchenette, and access to a laundry facility. The kitchenette is equipped with a stove, refrigerator, microwave, and dishwasher. In order to create a community atmosphere, the building provides a large common area and study lounges.

The complex was designed by internationally renowned firm Robert A. M. Stern Architects. The firm also designed Marist's new science and allied health building, the academic building housing the College's music program, the renovations to the Student Center, the campus gates, the Hancock Center, and the pedestrian walkway under Route 9.

"People love it," said Joseph Guardino '06, assistant director of housing and residential life, of the new residence hall. "One student looked like she won the lottery. The feedback has been nothing but positive, especially from alumni, who just can't believe it." 📍

### A PLACE TO REMEMBER

#### "The Nelly Goletti." "Hancock." "Dyson."

The names of places on the Marist College campus are a special language that only Red Foxes share. Long after students have graduated, they remember those spaces on campus that shaped their Marist experience. Perhaps no buildings bring back more memories than the residence halls where first-time roommates go on to become longtime friends. The names of these buildings, spoken on campus daily by thousands of students, become a permanent part of not only the campus lexicon but also the memories of every Marist graduate and the history of the College.

For the first time Marist is offering naming rights for its spectacular new residence halls on the north end of the campus. Have you ever considered the possibility of naming a building at Marist College but thought the required contribution might be beyond your reach? Gifts to name a building at Marist can be honored over a period of years and may be funded through a variety of appreciated assets. Donors may name a building for themselves or someone they wish to honor or memorialize in a meaningful, lasting way.

Each of the four magnificent new residence halls has been designed by internationally recognized firm Robert A. M. Stern Architects. The firm also designed Marist's new science and allied health building, the music building, the Student Center renovation, and the Hancock Center.

While Marist has benefited greatly from the generous support of major philanthropists in the region, none of its buildings bear the name of a Marist graduate. Associating the names of accomplished Marist alumni with these landmark buildings would be an important milestone in the College's history and would send a strong message to current and future students, as well as the tens of thousands of visitors the College hosts each year, about the unusually strong bond Marist alumni enjoy with their alma mater.

**To inquire about pricing guidelines and learn more about available opportunities, please contact Chris DelGiorno, vice president for college advancement, at (845) 575-3412 or christopher.delgiorno@marist.edu.**

BY ADRIANA BELMONTE '17

# Marist Presents Francesca Liberatore

Marist says "Ciao Fashion Week!" as students produce a reprise show for emerging Italian designer Francesca Liberatore, who received Marist's Silver Needle Innovation Award.

FRANCESCA LIBERATORE

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**M**ARIST STUDENTS had the opportunity Sept. 9, 2016, to work at the epicenter of the global fashion industry, New York Fashion Week, where they helped produce a special reprise showing of Italian designer Francesca Liberatore's spring 2017 collection at the Dock at Moynihan Station.

In addition to giving students real-world experience on the fashion industry's biggest stage, the show was also an opportunity for Marist to highlight its deep and varied connections to Italian education, fashion, and art.

"I have always dreamed of working in the fashion industry, and the Marist College Fashion Program has afforded me the opportunity of a lifetime," said MaryKate Dichiarà, a junior fashion merchandising

major from Croton, NY, who worked as a personal assistant to Liberatore's publicist, the famed fashion industry insider Kelly Cutrone, for the show.

"The chance to work alongside Kelly Cutrone, a woman whom I have admired and who also geared me toward pursuing my career in fashion, is an experience I couldn't have anywhere else," Dichiarà said. "I am so thankful and honored to take part in such an amazing event!"

More than 50 Marist fashion students were involved in every aspect of planning and staging the reprise show. Several spoke about their experience with the *Huffington Post*, which streamed the interview live on Facebook.

"This is the kind of hands-on experience that is the hallmark of a Marist education," said Fashion Program Director Radley Cramer. "The opportunity for our students to work closely with top designers, publicists, and producers to put on a New York Fashion Week show enriches their learning and prepares them for careers in the industry in a way that nothing else can."

Immediately before the models walked the runway, Cramer and Marist President David Yellen presented Liberatore with

**President David Yellen (left) and Fashion Program Director Radley Cramer (right) presented the Marist Silver Needle Innovation Award to designer Francesca Liberatore.**



# Fashion Students Present 31st Annual Silver Needle Runway Show

the Marist Silver Needle Innovation Award in recognition of her role as an educator and mentor to young designers. Liberatore exemplifies the spirit of the award as both a bold designer and a dedicated educator, teaching fashion design at universities in the Middle East, South America, and throughout Europe, including her native Italy.

With its reprise show featuring Liberatore, a past winner of Italy's prestigious Next Generation design competition, Marist took the opportunity to celebrate its many connections to the worlds of Italian education, fashion, and the arts, including its distinction as the only American college with a full branch campus in Florence. At a reception following the show, guests enjoyed works on display by Bruno Liberatore, Francesca's father and a renowned sculptor, as well as sculpture and other works of art by Marist faculty and students, including ones who exhibited at special exhibitions during last year's Venice Biennale.

For many in the audience of more than 600, it was their first up-close look at the workings of the fashion industry's biggest event. Attendees included Marist fashion students, metro New York area high school students interested in fashion, Marist alumni working in fashion design and merchandising, and industry guests.

During the planning of the show, Marist students traveled to New York City to meet with Cutrone for detailed discussions of strategy and operational assignments to plan and publicize a show on fashion's biggest stage.

Marist students are no strangers to fashion shows and NYFW. They produce the Fashion Program's annual Silver Needle Runway Show each spring and in recent years have helped with reprise shows of collections by Silver Needle Award winners and top designers Betsey Johnson, Nanette Lepore, and Son Jung Wan.

"This year, their involvement was even greater," says Cramer. "The students do backstage tasks including sending models out, getting them ready, organization, seating people, and social media."

Francesca and Bruno Liberatore both attended a special reception following the show at nearby Gotham Hall, hosted by Marist, where students mingled with industry insiders, took in the art on exhibit, and enjoyed performances by aerialists in Venice Carnival costume.

Cutrone spoke to the *New York Post's* Page Six about her experience working with the Marist students. "At a time when people are questioning the future of fashion, it's amazing to know the next generation is willing and able to step up, represent, and take it forward." 📸



A collection by Chloe Havercroft '16 received the award for Jury's Outstanding Concept at the Silver Needle Runway Show at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center.

**T**HE MARIST FASHION PROGRAM'S 31ST ANNUAL SILVER NEEDLE RUNWAY SHOW showcased the work of 70 sophomore, junior, and senior design majors.

The first Silver Needle Runway Show took place in 1986, where a mere 100 people were in attendance in an academic building on campus. Over 30 years later, more than 1,000 people attended each of two shows at the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie. Designs were juried on show day by a team of industry guests, and awards were presented at the second show. The winners this year, all members

**BY ADRIANA BELMONTE '17** you are good at what you do. It is a real confidence boost, and something nice to have on your résumé."

of the Class of 2016, were Taylor Harris for Outstanding Garment, Mackenzie Kramer for Outstanding Senior Design Portfolio, Renee Pedigo for Outstanding Senior Design Collection, Chloe Havercroft for Jury's Outstanding Concept, and John Scott for Outstanding Silver Needle Capstone Award.

Fashion students and faculty produce the entire show. In addition to designing the garments that the models wear, students serve as directors and manage press, seating, and other front-of-house responsibilities. Roughly 100 students work backstage, fitting the models and making sure things run smoothly. A student promotional team generates social media content.

Shelby Tuper '17 was the assistant creative director for the show, overseeing the script and sound team, creating the show concept, choosing the décor and design of the venue,

and writing the script. "The show has taught me how to work with all different kinds of people," she said. "Through this experience, I have a good understanding of my strengths and weaknesses. It ultimately gave me the opportunity to discover what I truly love to do, and that is the greatest benefit."

"It's really an acknowledgment of their exceptional work," said Radley Cramer, director of the Fashion Program. "Having their garments worn by models and seen by the industry and the community shows that

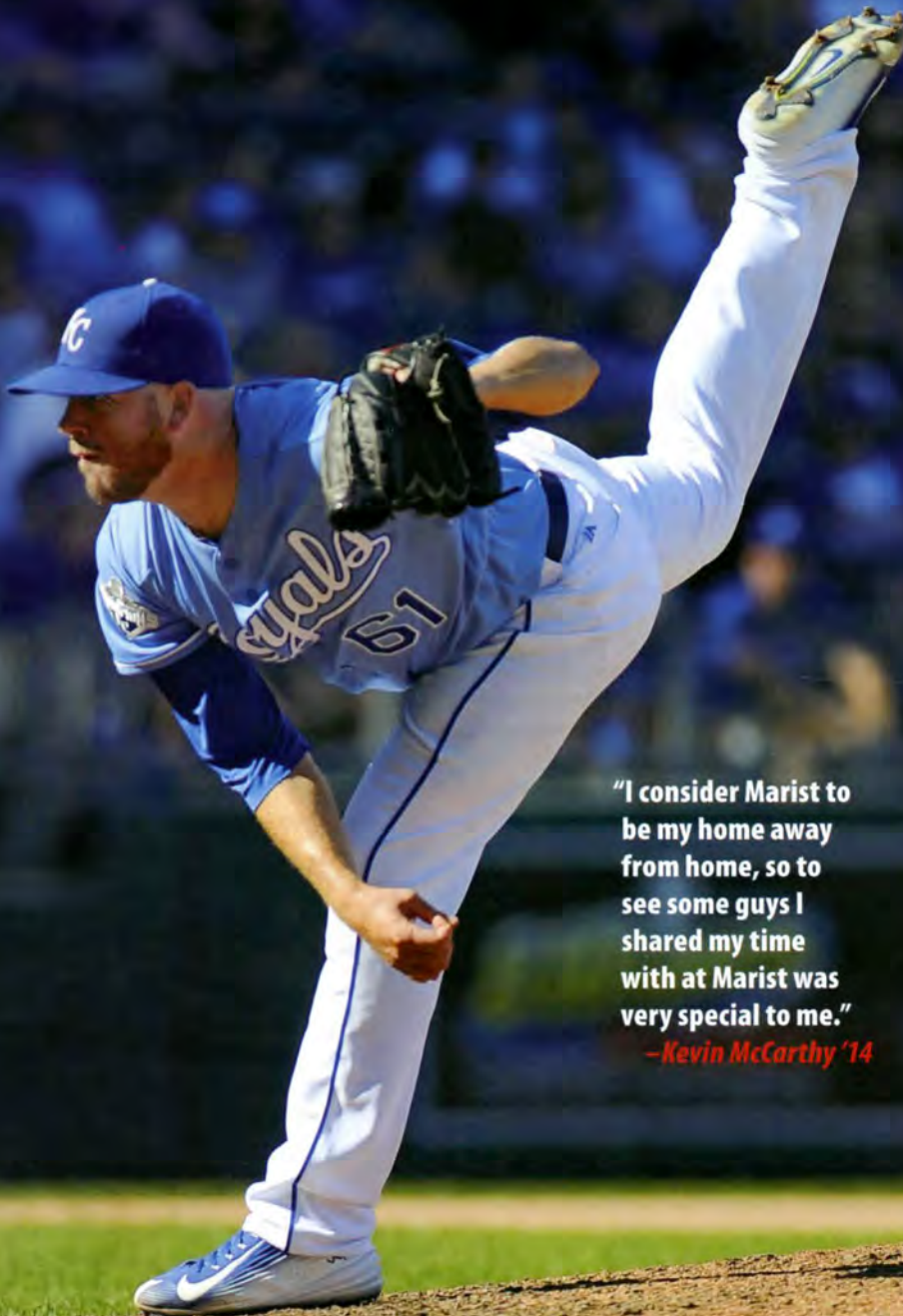
Lulu Colon-Fuentes '17 has been involved in the show since she began at Marist. As a fashion merchandising major with a concentration in fashion promotions, she says the runway show has been beneficial. "It has helped me get internships during my four years at Marist and hopefully will help me land a job."

She will be one of the directors of the production team for the 2017 Silver Needle Runway Show. "I've always been very interested in fashion show production," she said. In her high school back in Puerto Rico, she organized sophomore-, junior-, and senior-year fashion shows.

"I see myself in the future working in the fashion production industry, and Marist has given me the opportunity to learn from the very best." 📸

# Game On

The first Marist graduates to play in the NFL and MLB are among alumni making their mark in professional sports.



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**—Kevin McCarthy '14**

Kevin McCarthy '14, a pitcher for the Kansas City Royals, became the first former Marist baseball player to play in a Major League Baseball game.

ON THE AFTERNOON of Monday, Sept. 5, Kevin McCarthy was winding down his fourth professional season in the Kansas City Royals organization—or so he thought.

With the Omaha Storm Chasers, the Royals' Triple-A affiliate, playing their final game of the season, McCarthy figured he would be heading home to New York soon afterward. But following that game, Omaha manager Brian Poldberg called McCarthy into his office and had a message.

Don't get on that flight to New York.

"Right there, I had a good feeling I was going to get called up," McCarthy said.

McCarthy, who played baseball at Marist from 2011 to 2013, later received flight information to Minnesota, where he joined the Royals for their game against the Twins the following night. On Friday, Sept. 9, he was called on to pitch with two outs in the eighth inning against the Chicago White Sox. He faced Chicago shortstop Tim Anderson, and retired him on a ground ball to third base.

And with that, McCarthy became the first former Marist baseball player to play in a Major League Baseball game. The following night, he was again called on to face Anderson, and struck him out to end the sixth inning. When the Royals took the lead with a three-run seventh inning and held on for a 6-5 victory, McCarthy earned his first major league win.

"Some of my favorite memories from this year were seeing my family in Minnesota the day I got called up, and my friends in Chicago when I debuted and got my first major league win," McCarthy said.

McCarthy appeared in 10 games out of the bullpen over the season's final four weeks. One enabled the Marist baseball program to come together 487 miles away from campus.

On Sept. 21, Marist Head Baseball Coach Chris Tracz '05 boarded a plane for Cleveland to see the Royals face the Indians. Tracz had rooting interest on both sides. One of Cleveland's two bullpen catchers is 2011 Marist graduate Ricky Pacione, a four-year standout for the Red Foxes who is in his third year with the Cleveland organization. McCarthy pitched one inning in Cleveland's 4-3 victory.

"It was great to see both Ricky and Coach Tracz," McCarthy said. "I consider Marist to be my home away from home, so to see some guys I shared my time with at Marist was very special to me."

BY MIKE FERRARO '01

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



Terrence Fede '13 became the first former Marist football player to be selected in the National Football League Draft when he was selected in the seventh round by the Miami Dolphins in 2014.

McCarthy joined a growing list of Red Foxes to make an impact in the professional ranks in recent years. Terrence Fede '13 became the first former Marist football player to be selected in the National Football League Draft when he was selected in the seventh round by the Miami Dolphins in 2014. Last year, Jason Myers '13 signed a free-agent contract with the Jacksonville Jaguars and won their kicking job in preseason camp.

Fede is now in his third season with the Dolphins, while Myers is in his second with the Jaguars. Both have had strong individual highlights—Fede had a blocked punt in the final minute for a game-winning safety against Minnesota in his rookie season, and Myers had a game-winning 53-yard field goal with no time remaining in a victory over Baltimore last season.

On Sept. 20, 2015, Jacksonville hosted in Miami in the first NFL game featuring a Marist graduate on each team. Myers hit three field goals, including one in the final minute for the decisive score in the Jaguars' 23–20 triumph.

Being a professional athlete has brought some unique experiences. In addition to getting to travel all across the country, both Fede and Myers have played NFL games internationally. Fede made his NFL debut in London in 2014, and Myers has played a game in England each of the last two seasons. Marist had a Terrence Fede Bobblehead Day

giveaway for a home game against Stetson last season. Myers returned to campus for his Bobblehead Day on Oct. 29, when the Red Foxes faced San Diego.

"The Marist community, from teammates to coaches to school staff, has been very supportive since I have started," Myers said. "Marist is a small, tight community. Being able to represent Marist on a national level is special, and I am proud to be in the position I am in."

The bond between both Myers and Fede and the Marist football program has remained strong. Fede credits former teammate Ryan Dinnebeil '12 for producing a highlight video from his time at Marist leading to professional workouts. He has traveled back to Marist on multiple occasions, including the program's Spring Football Game in 2015. Myers has offered to introduce the Marist kickers to Michael Husted, a retired nine-year NFL kicker whom he trains with. Both Myers and Fede constantly lend their support to the Marist football team and players through social media.

"I just want the best for Marist College and the Athletic Department," Fede said. "It's just something I love doing. I know Marist College is a small school that is on the rise. Whatever I can do to get us in the limelight, I'll do it. I want athletes who can come to Marist and realize that if you work hard and do the right things on and off the field, you

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**—Terrence Fede '13**

can make it professionally. And if you don't make it, you get a great education."

Marist Head Coach Jim Parady has seen both Fede and Myers play professionally. When the Dolphins faced the New York Jets at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, NJ, on Nov. 29, 2015, Parady's family and the family of Associate Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator Scott Rumsey '91 were able to get onto the field during pregame thanks to the help of Marist football alum Charles Wande '03, a Jets employee. Two weeks later, Parady flew to Jacksonville to see Myers as the Jaguars defeated the Indianapolis Colts 51–16.

"They've both given time to our current players through text, email, and conversations," Parady said. "They've continued to show great support for our program."

Marist has also made its mark in Major League Lacrosse. Mike Begley graduated in 2015 after winning a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship and an NCAA Tournament game as a senior. This past year, he played for the Boston Cannons and became the first former Red Fox to play in an MLL game. Begley finished with seven goals and two assists in nine games and was listed on the Cannons' 23-man protected list for the 2017 season. In 2016, Joseph Radin '16 became the first Red Fox selected in the MLL Draft when he was chosen in the sixth round by the Charlotte Hounds.

"The attention it brings for Marist can help in so many ways," Myers said. "Athletically and academically, it has to be some sort of free advertisement, right? But it really shows that great athletes who work hard can make it on any level."

Several former Red Foxes are actively pursuing professional opportunities:

■ Zach Shank '14, who played shortstop and third base for the Red Foxes from 2010 to 2013, was selected in the same 2013 Draft as McCarthy. A 28th-round selection by

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**—Jason Myers '13**



Jason Myers '13 is in his second season with the Jacksonville Jaguars.

the Seattle Mariners, Shank has reached the Triple-A level the last two seasons, putting him one step away from the major leagues. This season, Shank was honored as "Mr. Mariner" when the organization doled out its minor league awards.

- Jonathan Schwind '16 completed his sixth season in the Pittsburgh Pirates organization in 2016. This year, Schwind won the Pirates' Community Commitment Award at the Double-A level and was presented the award in a pregame ceremony at PNC Park in Pittsburgh.
- Also in baseball, Steve Laurino '15 completed his second season in the Baltimore Orioles organization this year.
- Tori Jarosz '15/'16 MA, who played basketball at Marist from 2011 to 2016, appeared in preseason camp with the Dallas Wings of the Women's National Basketball Association this past spring. Jarosz has gone on to play professionally in Puerto Rico and now Lithuania.



One of Cleveland's two bullpen catchers is (right) Ricky Pacione '11, a four-year standout for the Red Sox who is in his third year with the Cleveland organization. Marist Baseball Head Coach Chris Tracz '05 (left) caught up with Pacione in Cleveland recently.

- Chavaughn Lewis '15, the all-time leading scorer in the history of the Marist men's basketball program, has appeared in the NBA Summer League the last two years. Lewis suited for the Philadelphia 76ers in 2015, and the Detroit Pistons in 2016. He played the 2015–16 season in Lithuania

and will play the 2016–17 season in Belgium.

- Adam Kemp '14 played in the NBA Summer League for the Detroit Pistons in 2015. He will be spending his third season overseas in 2016–17 in Belgium.
- Jared Jordan '07 was selected by the Los Angeles Clippers in the second round of the 2007 NBA Draft. Now in his 10th season of professional basketball, Jordan will play the 2016–17 campaign in Germany. His career has also brought him to Lithuania, Greece, and Spain. He also played one year in the NBA Development League and has appeared in NBA training camps and summer leagues with several organizations.

Several more former men's and women's basketball players are continuing their careers overseas. A significant number of football players have gone on to play either overseas or in arena leagues in the United States. 🇺🇸

**Tori Jarosz '15/'16 MA appeared in preseason camp with the Dallas Wings of the Women's National Basketball Association this past spring. Jarosz has gone on to play professionally in Puerto Rico and now Lithuania.**

**What was it like to play in Puerto Rico and then Lithuania?**

Playing professionally in Puerto Rico was a lot of fun because of the competitiveness of the league, and of course the beautiful location. It was an easy transition for me as

Morning practice typically consists of training with our strength and conditioning coach, followed by shooting. In the evening we practice again, and it is strictly basketball. In total, we spend about four hours per day practicing.

**What do you do in your free time?**

Sometimes between practices, players are asked to attend community service events or other team functions. If not, I usually have some downtime that I like to fill with reading, watching Netflix, and going to my favorite local cafe. On our "off days," I enjoy exploring the city and learning more about the culture here.

**Where were you born and where did you grow up?**

I was born and raised in Westchester, New York, which is right outside New York City. I'm currently living in Kaunas, the second largest city in Lithuania. The population in Kaunas is just over 300,000 so in comparison it's very small but charming.

**When was the first time you became interested in basketball?**

I became interested in basketball around the first grade. My parents signed me up for multiple recreational leagues and clinics. In the fourth grade, they enrolled me in CYO basketball, and later AAU basketball. They never pushed the sport onto me. Instead, they supported me and gave me every resource that they could to help me pursue my passions. 🇺🇸

# Q&A with Tori Jarosz

BY ALEXIS WATSON '17

**What has your career path been?**

After graduating from Marist, I was invited to attend the Dallas Wings' preseason training camp. In July, I continued my professional career by signing with the Gigantes de Carolina in Puerto Rico. I currently play for Hoptrans-Sirenos in Kaunas, Lithuania.

**How is playing at pro level different than playing at college level?**

Professional basketball is definitely faster paced and much more physical than the college game. Fortunately, I had an amazing coaching staff at Marist. After our season ended, they worked with me to help better prepare me for the next level.

**What was it like to play in the WNBA summer league?**

Participating in the Dallas Wings' preseason training camp was an unbelievable experience. I had the opportunity to continue developing my game while competing amongst some of the best players in the country.



my first professional experience outside of the U.S. because Puerto Rico is somewhat Americanized. In Lithuania, our season is really just getting started, but so far I love the city of Kaunas, as well as my coaches and teammates.

**What does your average day look like? How many hours of the day do you practice?**

My average day begins around 8:00 a.m. I'll wake up and make a big breakfast before heading to my first practice of the day.



# Red Fox Roundup



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It was a season full of milestones and remarkable individual and team accomplishments:

- Marist had separate winning streaks of 10 and 17 games. Between March 22 and May 4, the Red Foxes won 27 out of 28 games.
- Colleen McWilliams '16 homered in three consecutive plate appearances against Hartford on April 13.
- On April 16, Head Coach Joe Ausanio earned his 200th career victory. He was named MAAC Coach of the Year.
- The next day, Jayne Oberdorf '17 pitched a no-hitter in the Red Foxes' 8-0 triumph over Quinnipiac. She went on to earn MAAC Pitcher of the Year and MAAC Tournament Most Valuable Player honors.
- Claire Oberdorf, Jayne's younger sister, was named to the National Fastpitch Coaches Association Top 10 Freshman List. She received MAAC Rookie of the Year as well.

The men's rowing team won its 17th MAAC championship in program history.

- Kyrsten Van Natta '16, who started all 219 games Marist played during her career and set a program record with 145 runs batted in, took home MAAC Defensive Player of the Year.
- Maureen Duddy '16 established program records for runs scored and stolen bases and tied the program's all-time record for hits. Her 120 career stolen bases set the MAAC all-time record.

Marist earned the top seed for the MAAC Championship and advanced to the final behind back-to-back shutouts by Jayne Oberdorf. In the championship game, the score was tied at two apiece in the bottom half of the seventh inning when Brittany

BY MIKE FERRARO '01

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



Colombo '18 hit a hard ground ball that deflected in the infield. Janna Korak '17 raced home from second base and slid under the tag to give the Red Foxes the championship.

In NCAA Regional play, the team traveled to the University of Tennessee where it faced the host school and Ohio State on Saturday, May 21, which was graduation day at Marist. Two days later, a special graduation ceremony was held for the senior class of Duddy, McWilliams, and Van Natta with President Dennis Murray. The degrees were the final ones handed out by Murray, who transitioned to president emeritus on July 1.

## Men's Rowing Wins MAAC Championship

A day after softball won its MAAC championship, Marist's men's rowing team won its 17th MAAC championship in program history. The total tied women's swimming and diving for the most MAAC championships of any team on campus.

Tom Sanford was honored as MAAC Coach of the Year, while the men's varsity eight and second varsity eight boats were both named All-MAAC.

## Marist Leads MAAC in Academic Honor Roll Selections

For the 15th straight year, Marist led the MAAC in selections to the conference's Academic Honor Roll in the 2015-16 school year. A total of 261 student-athletes—the highest number of honorees in school history—were honored for having a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.2.

The 261 student-athletes represented 56 percent of Marist's student-athletes who were eligible for the honor. The total showed the College's growing commitment to geographic diversity, as student-athletes from 25 states and 10 countries were represented. 🇨🇦

## 40th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament



Close to 100 alumni and friends took part in the 40th annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament Oct. 3, 2016, at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, NY. Proceeds benefited the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund. Each year the scholarship fund provides financial support to an incoming freshman or transfer student whose parent(s) graduated from Marist. Golfers included (left to right) Jim Marriott '86, Tony Lorello '86, George Gambeski '77, and Marist President David Yellen.



Guests included Ed Anderson '71, who started the tournament 40 years ago, and his wife, Joan.



Christopher Heath '96 (left) donated and auctioned off a golf foursome with carts at any TPC (The Players Club) course in the United States. Chris and Rev. Richard LaMorte, recently retired from the position of campus minister at Marist, facilitated the live auction together.

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### 1966

**Dr. John Hart** is a member of the NASA Astrobiology Institute Focus Group on Astrobiology and Society. Additionally, John has had 7 books and more than 70 articles and essays published. Most recently he served as editor of *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Ecology* (2016), and he is the author of *Encountering ET: Aliens in Avatar and the Americas* (2014) and *Cosmic Commons: Spirit, Science and Space* (2013). He continues his 35-year work and activism with the International Indian Treaty Council.

### 1981

**Sharon (Johnson) Struth** has signed a deal with Kensington

Publishing for a fourth book in her Blue Moon Lake romance series. The series includes *Share the Moon* (2014), *Twelve Nights* (2015), *Harvest Moon* (2015), and *Bella Luna*. For more information visit [www.shareonstruth.com](http://www.shareonstruth.com).

### 1985

**Phil Boyle** is director of strategic accounts with Connecture, Inc. His wife, **Deb (Dutil)**, is an instructor at Manchester Community College.

### 1986

**Meg Kearney's** book *Trouper*, a true story about a three-legged stray dog, continues to win awards. Published by Scholastic in 2013 and illustrated by E. B. Lewis, it won the 2016 Missouri Association of

School Librarians' Show Me Readers Award as well as the 2015 Kentucky Bluegrass Award. *Trouper* also was selected one of the National Council for the Social Studies' Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People of 2014, one of the most Diverse and Impressive Picture Books of 2013 by the International Reading Association, and one of the 2013-14 season's best picture books by the *Christian Science Monitor*, the Cooperative Children's Book Center, and Bank Street College of Education. It was also a 2013 Association of Children's Librarians of Northern California Distinguished Book and a nominee for the 2014-2015 Alabama Camellia Children's Choice Book Award.

## 1989

**James Dick** joined Novartis in East Hanover, NJ, and was recently promoted to associate director, compensation in November 2015.

## 1990

**Kim (Snyder) Knox Beckius** is pleased to share that she has been named a contributing editor at *Yankee Magazine*.

## 1992

**Kevin Francis** accepted a new position as director of operational tools at Fidelity Investments in Durham, NC. Kevin and his family relocated to the Raleigh area this past summer. ■ **Marc Liepis** was recently named vice president of communications for VICELAND, the new cable channel from Vice Media. Previously, Marc was a producer and writer for Jimmy Fallon, Tina Fey and Amy Poehler's hosting of the Golden Globes, Meredith Vieira, and ABC's recent reboot of *The \$100,000 Pyramid*.

## 1993

**Pedro Figueroa** was recently promoted to divisional head of White Sugar Trading (USA) at E. D. & F. Man Sugar, Inc., the world's largest sugar, coffee, and molasses trading multinational company. Pedro also was elected the 2016-2017

president of the New York Sugar Club, a prestigious well-recognized industry forum that includes sugar producers, merchants, and food manufacturers throughout the U.S. and abroad. It comes as a true honor for Pedro, who has spent more than 20 years in the industry. ■ **Andrea Preziotti** recently traveled through Southeast Asia, visiting Cambodia, Vietnam, and Indonesia. She has also founded a brand content consultancy, Modern Vintage Ink. ■ **Ralph Raiola** was promoted to managing editor for Information Builders' global marketing team. Ralph leads a four-person team of content specialists in producing marketing collateral to promote the 40-year-old software company.



Pedro Figueroa '93



Two Marist alumni who are also Marist staff members received the 2016 Shaker Award from the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce, bestowed this past spring to 40 people under the age of 40 who have shown a strong commitment to the Hudson Valley. Honored were Freddy Garcia '09/'14 MBA (second from left) and Diane Hart '08 MPA (second from right), who were congratulated at the event by Dennis J. Murray (far left), Marist's longtime president who stepped down June 30, and Geoffrey L. Brackett, Marist executive vice president. At Marist, Garcia is a Presidential Fellow and Hart is a project coordinator.

## Chris McCann '83 Expands Role as Head of 1-800-Flowers.com

**CHRIS MCCANN '83**, president of 1-800-Flowers.com, has added the title of CEO to his role at the leading gourmet food and floral gift provider. He succeeded his brother, Jim, the company's founder, who became executive chairman. The transition took place June 30.

"I have learned a great deal working alongside Jim over the years, as we took one storefront shop on Manhattan's East Side and grew it into a leading, omnichannel gift retailer," said Chris, who is also a Marist trustee. Since joining the company in 1984, Chris has led company operations across all of its brands and businesses. The company's brands include Harry & David, the Popcorn Factory, Cheryl's, Fannie May, 1-800-Baskets.com, Wolferman's, FruitBouquets.com, and Stock Yards. 🇺🇸



Chris McCann '83

## 1994

**U.S. Army Maj. John "Jay" Gavigan** is on his fifth combat deployment. He is serving as director of communications in the Office of Security and Cooperation at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. ■ **Kevin Stranahan** received his board certification in security management from ASIS International in April 2015 and earned his second board certification from the organization in April 2016. Kevin is one of only three people in Connecticut, and one of 259 in the security industry worldwide, to have earned dual board certifications in both security management and investigations. Kevin and his family reside in Trumbull, CT.



John "Jay" Gavigan '94

## 1996

**Neil McNeill** entered his sixth year as the principal of the Middle School for Art and Philosophy in Brooklyn, NY. He also began his 14th year as the Council of Supervisors and Administrators district representative for Community School District 18.

## 1997

**Alison (Kilts) Porcelli** recently published her second book with Heinemann in April 2016, *Purposeful Play: A Teacher's Guide to Igniting Deep and Joyful Learning Across the Day* (co-authored with Kristine Mraz and Cheryl Tyler).

## 1998

**Tracy Paurowski** married Bill Truelove on Feb. 13, 2016.

## 2000

**Erin Smith** is an advocate for those living with celiac disease. She was a featured speaker at both the Celiac Disease Foundation national conference in Pasadena, CA, in May 2016 and the Canadian Celiac Association national conference in June 2016, where she shared her personal experiences with others.

**2001**

**Dave Dobbins** and his wife, Krista, welcomed a new addition to their family, Beckett Austin, born Sept. 8, 2016. ■ **Jeanneil Kulik** married Richard Ferretti at the Bellagio Hotel on May 24, 2013. Jeanneil and Richard welcomed a baby boy, Richard Neil, born Sept. 4, 2014. Richard joined big brother Jake at home. ■ **Kelly (Becker) Murray** ('01 MA) left the Hudson Valley after graduating from Marist to take her first elementary school principal position in the district she attended as a child. She recently moved back to the Hudson Valley with her two children, Claire and Finn, to become the principal at Noxon Road Elementary School in the Arlington Central School District.

**2002**

**Kourtney (Gilligan) Fall** became a special education teacher with the Kingston (NY) City School District.

**2003**

**Jillian Ohlenschlaeger** married Kiernan Laughlin on July 2, 2016. Marist alumni in attendance included **Heta (Desai) Shah**, **Brian McAlpin**, **Laura (Pentz) Como**, and **Kristina (Goehring) Welke**.

**2004**

**Allison (Affronti) Newton** and her husband, **Brad**, welcomed a son, Brady Camden, born May 18, 2015. Brad accepted a new position as a business development manager for defense contractor Harris Corp.

**2005**

**Jimmy Board** has been honored as one of the *Houston Business Journal's* 2016 40 Under 40 Award winners. The 40 were selected from



**Jimmy Board '05**

**Alumni Earn Teaching Distinctions**



**Craig Adelhardt '00**

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**CRAIG ADELHARDT '00** has been selected one of 62 Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows for 2016 by the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The highly competitive program recruits recent graduates as well as career changers with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) and prepares them to teach in high-need secondary schools. Each Fellow receives \$30,000 to complete a specially designed master's degree program based on a year-long classroom experience. In return, Fellows commit to teaching for three years in the urban and rural New Jersey schools that need strong STEM teachers, receiving ongoing support and mentoring. 📧

**Dana Colella '14**

**DANA COLELLA '14** has received a 2016 Excellence Award for her efforts as a special education teacher at Success Academy Charter Schools, a network of public charter schools in New York City.

Colella, a native of Wantagh, NY, was one of 85 selected for the ETHOS Excellence Award from among 1,400 faculty and staff members across 34 Success Academy schools. She teaches at Success Academy Springfield Gardens.

"Marist prepared me for my teaching career by giving me the tools I needed to effectively plan and deliver instruction to all students, regardless of their learning style or needs," said Colella, who majored in elementary and special education. "Marist also provided me with numerous fieldwork opportunities to be in the classroom, learning through observation and working hands-on with students in local districts."

The Success Academy Charter Schools network serves more than 14,000 students across the city. 📧



**Dana Colella '14**



**Andrew Paulsen '12**

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**ANDREW PAULSEN '12** has received Teach For America's 2016 Alumni Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Nine recipients were chosen out of 11,000 alumni teachers who have excelled in the classroom after fulfilling their two-year commitment to Teach For America, according to an announcement from the organization. TFA is a selective nonprofit that places teachers in high-need classrooms across the country.

Paulsen, a former Student Government Association president, was chosen for his work as a high school teacher in Newark, NJ. "Due to Mr. Paulsen's mentorship and investment," the announcement said, "his students have access to networks and opportunities like participating in an early college program, going on overnight college trips, and attending the 2013 presidential inauguration." 📧

more than 500 individuals nominated. Judges scored nominees on leadership, overcoming challenges, and community involvement. Jimmy is a managing director at JLL, a financial and professional services firm specializing in commercial real estate services and investment management. ■ **Lorraine Lopez-Janove**

('10 MPA) is executive director of the Human Rights Commission of Sullivan County, NY.

**2006**

**Kimberly Benanti** married **Anthony Hohmann '07** in Southampton, NY, on June 6, 2014. **Peter Scaturro '07** and

**Matthew Rinaldi '07** served as best men. Kimberly and Anthony welcomed a daughter, Sienna Rose, born March 14, 2016. ■ **Courtney Giardina** published her third novel, *Behind the Strings*, a contemporary romance novel encompassing life in the country music world, in May 2016. Her first, *Tear-Stained*



**Lorraine Lopez-Janove '05/'10 MPA**

*Beaches*, appeared in 2013, followed in 2014 by *Holding On to Georgia*. For information on all three novels, visit [www.courtney.giardina.com](http://www.courtney.giardina.com). ■ **Andres Oranges** began teaching part time in Manhattan. He also took on a new role at Deutsche Bank in January 2016 as vice president of the IHC for market risk management.

## 2007

**Alyssa (Brackett) Caruso** and her husband, **Douglas**, welcomed a baby boy, **Garrett Robert**, born April 15, 2016. Alyssa and Doug met at Marist in 2003 and married in 2014. **Bethany (Bohlin) Hodge** ('11 MA) has been in charge of U.S. business development for G Adventures, a Canadian small-group tour operator, since 2012. Living in Providence and working in Boston, Bethany establishes national partnerships and manages Arctic and Antarctic expedition programs. Bethany's job has not only instilled enthusiasm for sustainable tourism but has also taken her around the world, including recent trips to Iceland, Peru, Jordan, and Israel. ■ **Anthony Hohmann** married **Kimberly Benanti '06** in Southampton, NY, on June 6, 2014. **Peter Scaturro** and **Matthew Rinaldi** served as best men. Anthony and Kimberly welcomed a daughter, **Sienna Rose**, born March 14, 2016. ■ **Karl Minges** earned a PhD in behavioral medicine at Yale University in May 2016. He is currently on the faculty at Yale University School of Medicine, conducting health services research. Karl and his husband adopted their son, **Dominick Emery**, in June 2016. ■ **Lindsay (Furman) Scariati** and her husband, **James**, welcomed their third child, a daughter, **Lilah Joy**, born April 29, 2016. They currently reside outside the Philadelphia area.

## 2008

**Thomas Dixon** and his wife, **Caitlin (Garrity)**, welcomed twin girls, born June 2015. ■ **Samantha Estis** married **Thomas Rolston** in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel on the Marist campus in August 2014. They welcomed a son and "future Red Fox," **Aidan**, born May 2016. ■ **Katherine Roos** ('11 ME) married **Brian Savard** at Longfellow in Saratoga Springs, NY, on July 3, 2016. ■ **Traci Salisbury** self-published her first book, a memoir called *Authentic Sexy Truth: One Woman. One Truth. Lots of Brave*. It's available at [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) and [kdp.com](http://kdp.com).

## 2009

**Sarah (Tierney) Dustin** accepted a new position at Colgate University. ■ **Jack Scanlon**, a former Marist football player, played professionally in the German Football League during the 2011 season. Over the past four years, he has been with Siemens Healthcare, consulting and managing implementations of diagnostic imaging equipment. He is transitioning to a role with Philips Healthcare to manage the services relationship between Philips and the University of Pennsylvania Health System (Penn Medicine). ■ **Alexander Sutton** married **Amy Wheeler '10** on May 21, 2016, in

upstate New York. They celebrated with many friends and family, including a number of their closest friends from Marist. Alex is a senior knowledge analyst at Boston Consulting Group and Amy is an elementary school counselor at the Conservatory Lab Charter School.

## 2010

**Kris Baskiewicz** and his wife, **Sara**, welcomed a son, **Easton James**, born May 11, 2016. ■ **Dr. Alison Novak** published a book, *Media, Millennials, and Politics: The Coming of Age of the Next Political Generation*. ■ **Grant Thonack** was part of the team that



A golf outing organized by **Nick Ortega '10**, **Pat Massaroni '10**, and **Tom Durante '12** brought together 64 Marist alumni to raise money for the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund. The tournament took place at Dyker Beach Golf Course in Brooklyn, NY, on Sept. 24, 2016.



**Nick Webster '11** (right) and **Dave Marthy '15** represented Marist atop Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs, CO, in August 2016.



**Grant Thonack '10** was part of the team at FiOS1 News that won three New York Emmy Awards in March 2016 for the program *Restaurant Hunter*.

won three New York Emmy Awards in March 2016 for the program *Restaurant Hunter*. The awards recognized the overall work of the program's host and two episodes of the show. Grant is an editor of the show and works for RNN Studios in Rye, NY. ■ **Amy Wheeler** married **Alexander Sutton '09** on May 21, 2016, in upstate New York. They celebrated with many friends and family, including a number of their closest friends from Marist. Amy is an elementary school counselor at the Conservatory Lab Charter School and Alex is a senior knowledge analyst at Boston Consulting Group.



**Madeline (Maddy) Sasso '11**

and accessories company, Pinkly Perfect ([www.pinklyperfect.com](http://www.pinklyperfect.com)), which has been getting press attention from a number of media outlets including *Business News Daily* and *Glamour.com*.

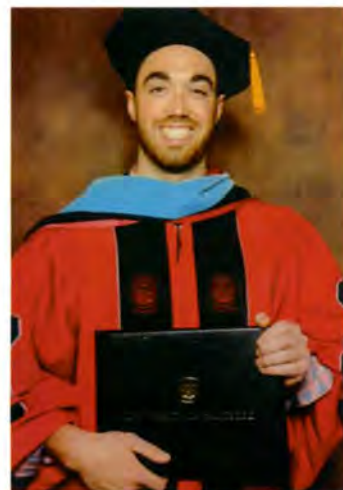
## 2011

**Sarah Bonacci** and **Phil Lofaro '13** are engaged. ■ **Joseph Rahtelli** and **Kaitlyn Van Aken '12** are engaged. They plan an October 2017 wedding in Stonington, CT. ■ **Madeline (Maddy) Sasso** started a clothing

## 2012

**Kayla Burton** married Christopher Flannery in March 2015 in Winter

Park, FL. Kayla recently celebrated her third anniversary with Florida Hospital where she works in marketing. The couple resides in Winter Park, FL. ■ **Joe DeFrancesco** is a software developer in the baseball operations department of the New York Yankees. ■ **Michael Murphy** (MPA) is pursuing an additional master's in security management through CUNY John Jay. ■ **Kaitlyn Van Aken** and her college sweetheart, **Joseph Rahtelli '11**, are engaged. They are planning an October 2017 wedding in Stonington, CT. ■ **David White** completed three years of studies, receiving his doctor of physical therapy (DPT) degree from the University of Hartford. Dave has accepted a position with Concentra Corp. in Wallingford, CT, and plans



**David White '12**

to continue expanding his professional career by specializing in advanced studies in the PT field.

## 9/11 Cross and Plaque Commemorate Alumni

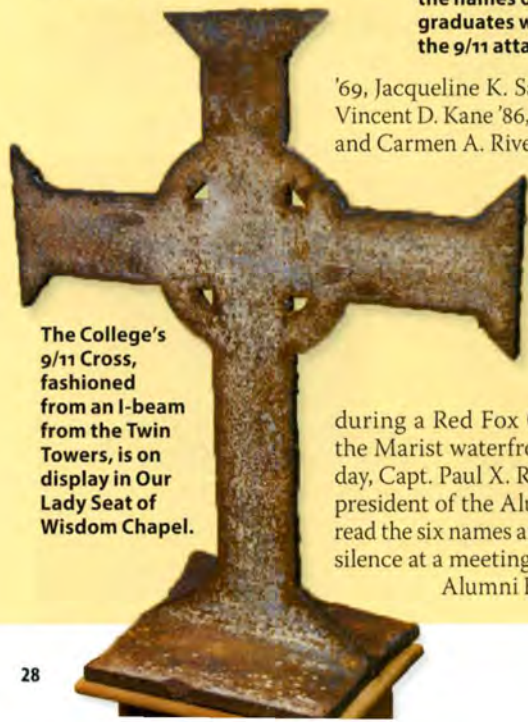
**M**ARIST ALUMNI who were killed in the 9/11 attacks are remembered on campus. The College's 9/11 Cross, fashioned from an I-beam from the Twin Towers, is on display in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel. On the wall above the cross, a plaque bears the names of the six Marist graduates: Thomas G. Crotty '81, Daniel M. Coffey



**In the chapel, a plaque bears the names of the six Marist graduates who were killed in the 9/11 attacks.**

'69, Jacqueline K. Sayegh Duggan '89, Vincent D. Kane '86, Kevin J. Pfeifer '83, and Carmen A. Rivera '02.

On Sept. 10, 2016, the eve of the 15th anniversary of the attacks, Father Richard LaMorte read the names of the alumni and offered a prayer during a Red Fox Club barbecue at the Marist waterfront. The following day, Capt. Paul X. Rinn USN (ret.) '68, president of the Alumni Association, read the six names and led a moment of silence at a meeting on campus of the Alumni Executive Board. 📍



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## Remembering Bro. Donald J. Kelly, FMS '65/'86 MS

**B**RO. DONALD J. KELLY, a mathematics professor at Marist College for 32 years, passed away on Aug. 3, 2016. Known to colleagues and friends as Brother Don, he was 74.

A Marist Brother since 1962, Brother Don graduated from Marist College in 1965 and went on to receive master's degrees in mathematics from Hunter College in 1969 and applied statistics from New York University in 1974. He taught for many years at the high school level, including at Msgr. Pace High School in Miami, Marist High School in Chicago, and two terms of service at Christ the King High School in Queens, NY, where he also served as chair of the Mathematics Department. Brother Don returned to Marist to teach in 1984. While teaching full-time, he earned an additional master's degree in computer science from Marist in 1986 and a PhD from Polytechnic Institute of NYU in 1993.

The Kelly family requests that donations in Brother Don's memory be made to the Bro. Donald J. Kelly, FMS, Memorial Scholarship at Marist College, 3399 North Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601. Donations can also be made at [maristconnect.marist.edu/give](http://maristconnect.marist.edu/give). Please indicate "Other Designation" and specify "Direct my Gift" to the Bro. Donald J. Kelly, FMS, Memorial Scholarship. 📍



**Bro. Donald J. Kelly, FMS '65/'86 MS**

## 2013

**Phil Lofaro** and **Sarah Bonacci '11** are engaged. ■ **Joana Sun** is in her final year of pursuing a master's in nursing in the family nurse practitioner track at University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester, MA.

## 2014

**Nicole Domkiw** married Cody Wilkinson. ■ **Adam Kemp** launched a fitness app, Adam Kemp Fitness, focusing on comprehensive vertical-jump training and useful health and fitness information. A former Marist basketball player, he signed to play professional basketball with KK Feni Industries of Macedonia after graduation and moved to the former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia. In 2015 he earned a spot on the Detroit Pistons NBA Summer League team and played his second professional season for BC Astana of the VTB United League in Astana, Kazakhstan. He recently married model Anna Targoniy. **Pat Ramsey '13 ('14 MA)**, a former Red Fox teammate, is also part of the Adam Kemp Fitness team.



**Nathaniel Brusa '15**

## 2015

**Nathaniel Brusa** was recently hired as junior copywriter at Pinckney Hugo Group, a full-service marketing communications firm. ■ **Brianne Kain** is an admission counselor at the College of Mount Saint Vincent. A former Marist tour guide, she runs the tour-guide and first-visit experience at the school. ■ **Regina Leary (MA)** was promoted to anti-money-laundering consultant at U.S. Bank Corporate Trust. ■ **Jacqueline Lopez** is an anchor producer at Bloomberg. ■ **Mary Treadwell** is pursuing an MPA. ■ **Kali Vozeh** continues to play rugby, currently for North Shore Women's Rugby in Lynn, MA.

**Pizzani Award recipients Jaclyn Murphy '16 and Randy Strickland** joined family members of the late James Pizzani '64. **Left to right are Murphy; Eleanor Pizzani, James's wife; Barbara Pizzani Potter, James's sister; and Strickland.**



## Pizzani Award Recognizes Two Who Advance Marist Athletics

**T**WO OUTSTANDING ADVOCATES for Marist Athletics have been recognized with the James E. Pizzani Award. The award was presented to Jaclyn Murphy '16, women's lacrosse manager, and Randy Strickland, operations assistant for Athletics, on May 2, 2016, during the Marist Department of Athletics Senior Awards Banquet at Christo's Restaurant in Poughkeepsie.

The Pizzani Award is given annually to a man and woman whose service, dedication, and loyalty to the advancement of Marist Athletics goes above and beyond all expectations and embodies the spirit of its namesake. James Pizzani was a 1964 Marist graduate who died in 1988 after a nine-month battle with cancer. 🇨🇦

## Paul Rinn '68 Leads Navy Safe Harbor Foundation

**C**APT. PAUL X. RINN, USN (RET.) '68, president of Marist's Alumni Association, has assumed the position of executive director of the Navy Safe Harbor Foundation. Rinn has served on the board of directors of Navy Safe Harbor since 2013 and has been active in fund growth and distribution throughout that period. A former senior vice president at the international consulting firm Whitney, Bradley, and Brown, he is currently president of Rinn Speaks LLC.

The Navy Safe Harbor Foundation Board of Directors is committed to the mission of providing immediate financial assistance and lifetime support to post-9/11 wounded, critically ill, and injured members of all branches of the U.S. Armed Forces,



**Capt. Paul X. Rinn USN (ret.) '68**

ensuring that they have the resources they need during their recovery and transition back to their communities. All board members participate on a pro bono basis. The foundation, in existence since 2009, has given financial and logistical support to more than 400 families, providing more than \$1 million in relief assistance. 🇨🇦

## In Memoriam

### Alumni

Bro. Martin T. Ruane '54  
 Bro. Gregory F. DeLaNoy, FMS '55  
 John J. Nolan '55  
 Bro. Nicholas A. Caffrey, FMS '61  
 John J. Woods '61  
 Michael B. O'Neil Sr. '65  
 Jerome A. Andrulonis '66  
 Cornelius A. Freer '66  
 Kenneth Galbraith '66  
 Bruce C. Lafko '66  
 Thomas F. Crimmins '67  
 Walter C. Maxwell '67  
 Richard T. Kirby '68  
 William J. Gartland '71  
 George A. James '71  
 James M. Walsh '72  
 Geraldine Roche Morgante '73  
 Donald J. DeBrosky '74  
 Dr. Gary S. DeFraia '74  
 Edward E. Maitner Jr. '74  
 Anna Kardas Otten '74  
 Gino S. DiMartino '78  
 Steven Freeman '78  
 James R. Doherty '80  
 Elise M. Linden '83  
 James J. Murphy '85  
 Andrew J. Israel '89  
 Elsie L. Butler '90  
 Thomas M. McNally '90  
 Robert P. Mirabelle '90  
 John Edward Dougherty III '95  
 Keith D. Mitchell '98  
 John Rogers '05 MBA  
 Mircea M. Vanhaevermaet '16

### Friends

Andrew Candelario  
 Elaine H. Crosby  
 Joseph F. Dolan  
 Peter J. Foy Jr.  
 Cecilia Hart  
 Barbara J. Leahey  
 Leon Maissel  
 Janice Crimmins Meagher  
 Dieter Rennhack  
 Lowell Thomas Jr.

### Employees

Dorothy Boodakian '99  
*Administrative Assistant, Career Services*

Frances S. Dangelo  
*Former Assistant Bookstore Manager*

Bro. Donald J. Kelly, FMS '65/'86 MS  
*Assistant Professor of Mathematics  
 1984–2016*

Dr. Danielle Langfield  
*Assistant Professor of Political Science  
 2011–2016*

Bro. Joseph Sacino, FMS '71  
*Former Member, School of Management 1982–1994*

Larcenia Crawford Stroman '94  
*Security Officer, Retired*

### Students

Courtney P. Fisher '19  
 Patrick M. Henneberry '17  
 Branden R. Rutland '19

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 for online remembrances of members of  
 the Marist College community.

Alexander Sutton '09 and Amy Wheeler '10 married on May 21, 2016, in upstate New York. They celebrated with many friends and family, including a number of their closest friends from Marist. Shown are Michelle Faber '10, Kelly Greene, Courtney Cuomo '10, Maria Gordon '10, Amanda Mulvihill '10, Mark Bower '09, Alexander Reynolds '08, and Elizabeth Reynolds.



Eric Lanthier '11 and Kait (Smith) Lanthier '10/'14 MA (center front) were married recently in Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel at Marist. Guests included many Marist staff and alumni: (left to right) (front row) Joy (Pacio) Cuomo, Melissa Lulay, Samantha Proffitt, Kristyn Prendergast '11, Helena Williams '11, Ashlee Pavelock '10/'12, Riley Eckert '10, Alyssa Bradt '12, Casey Trocino, Amber Mahmud '10/'14 MA, (back row) Allison Watson '10, Erica (Nilsen) Congionti '10, Jennifer Unterbrink, Thomas Beyer '68, Tim Ondrey '09/'16 MS, Doug Sweet, Jesse Mungin '11, Stephanie Elmessaoudi '15 MPA, Maryanne Long '14 MBA, Steven Vendetta '11, Jared Todisco, Olivia Gibson '13, Jennifer Bondulich '15, Karen Wolff '09, Joe Trocino, Colin McCann '00 MA, (kneeling/sitting) Mary (Beyer) Lanthier '85, David Lanthier '85, and Freddy Garcia '09/'14 MBA.



Lauren Renga '99 (fourth from right) and Robert Withee were married on Sept. 27, 2014, in Ogunquit, ME. Red Foxes in attendance (left to right), all Class of 1999, were Kathleen O'Donnell, Laura (Hanney) Reetz, Jonathan Reetz, Emily (Bucknall) Luxeder, Kerri (Gillis) Bellantoni, Allison (Smith) Woolston '04 MA, Erin Feeney Boyd, and Elizabeth (Wolejszo) Keane.



Patrick Massaroni '10 and Sandra Stoddard '10 married on Sept. 6, 2015. Marist alumni present included Katie Mosie '10, Jennifer (Castellano) Raulli '10, Kerry (Baudouin) Kuhnert '10, Danielle (DeFeo) Bordonaro '10, Steve Kuhnert '10, Rory Foley '11/'14 MPA, Kristen (Sullivan) Patterson '10, Stephen Fisher '10, Kelly Krieg '10, April Buono '10, Cailyn Kemka '11, Billy Flooks '08, Ben Farmer '08, Ryan Kenny '10, Ryan Stilphen '07/'08 MBA, Dave Magarity '07, Jill (McBride) Dziedzic '10, Carol (McLaughlin) Wall '83, Meghan Massaroni '14, Jon Sherman '10, Kevin Norelli '10, Michael Prinzivalli '10, Sarah (Stringing) Stilphen '07, Brendan Kenny '12, Alex Bown '10, and Greg Esposito '10.





# Remembering Lowell Thomas Jr.

## (1923–2016)

ONE OF THE GREAT ADVENTURERS of our day has died. Lowell Thomas Jr., explorer, filmmaker, best-selling author, Alaskan bush pilot, U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, philanthropist, athlete, Alaska senator and lieutenant governor, conservationist, and loving husband and father, passed away on Oct. 1, 2016, just five days shy of his 93rd birthday.

Lowell Thomas Jr., the son of renowned broadcaster Lowell Thomas and his wife, Frances, was born on Oct. 6, 1923, in London, where his father was in the midst of his Allenby–Lawrence travelogue tour. From that day, Lowell Jr. was immersed in his father's work and love of adventure. He traveled extensively before entering Dartmouth College in 1942 and later that year joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, where he trained pilots during World War II. He returned to Dartmouth in the fall of 1946 after his service with the Army Air Corps, and while finishing his final year at Dartmouth, he competed nationally on the College's ski team and presented lectures across the U.S. based on his travels. Upon completing his degree, he traveled to Iran and Turkey, where he collected materials for travelogues he presented on a U.S. tour during the winter of 1948–49. In the fall of 1949, Lowell Jr. and his father became the last Westerners to travel to Tibet before it was overrun by communist China in 1950. This was the most significant time between father and son, and it built a powerful bond they would maintain for the rest of their lives. Lowell Jr. wrote his first of several books, *Out of This World: Across the Himalayas to Forbidden Tibet*, about the experiences he shared with his father, and it became an international best seller.

Lowell Jr. continued traveling the world after marrying Mary Taylor Pryor. They were married for 64 years, until her death in 2014. He and Tay crisscrossed the globe in their Cessna 180,

**Lowell Thomas Jr. was an adventurer who traveled the world, a pilot who served his country, and a public servant and conservationist who was dedicated to his home state of Alaska. He was also a generous Marist benefactor.**

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*Marist College Archivist*

shooting films in Europe, Africa, and the Middle East. In the early 1970s, he entered public service as a state senator in Alaska and later as the state's third lieutenant governor (1974–1978). Always known for his honesty and integrity, he was referred to as “Dudley Do-Right” by his fellow senators. After leaving politics, he owned and operated an Alaskan bush pilot service. He was a talented and courageous pilot who rescued many climbers from Denali, North America's tallest peak. He was later invited to join the Alaska Aviation Museum Hall of Fame.

Lowell Jr. also had a lifelong passion for Alaskan wildlife and devoted much time and money to protect his state's flora, fauna, and ecosystems. He was recognized for his work when he was inducted into the Alaska Conservation Hall of Fame. His lifetime love and talent for skiing also led him to be inducted into the Alaska Ski Hall of Fame. In 2005, he was recognized by the Dalai Lama as “one of



Lowell Thomas Jr. and Sr. with interpreter Tsewong Namgyal in Tibet in 1949

the genuine grandfathers of the Tibet movement in America” when he was awarded the International Campaign for Tibet's Light of Truth Award.

The Marist College community will be forever grateful to Lowell Thomas Jr. and his family for the kindness and support they have shown the College over the decades. It is thanks to his generosity that we have the Lowell Thomas Communications Center, for which he made a leadership gift, and many of the collections in our Archives and Special Collections, including the Lowell Thomas Papers, the Lowell Thomas Capital Cities Collection, the Lowell Thomas Memorabilia Collection, and most recently, the Lowell Thomas Jr. Collection. He visited Marist a number of times. In 1999, he narrated a remarkable film presentation to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the historic trip he and his father took to Tibet. He returned to Marist in 2006, with his daughter, Anne, to visit the Marist Archives.

He is survived by his children, Anne Donaghy and David Thomas; grandchildren; and great grandchildren. 📷

Left: Lowell and Tay Thomas, their Cessna 180 in the background, in 1958. Center: Lowell Thomas Jr. prepared to cut the ribbon dedicating the Lowell Thomas Communications Center on March 14, 1987. Looking on were (left to right) Dr. Dennis Murray, then president; Douglas Edwards, CBS newsman and 1986 recipient of the Marist College Lowell Thomas Award; and Marist Trustee Robert Dyson. Right: Thomas and his daughter, Anne Thomas Donaghy, visited the Marist College archives in 2006.



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