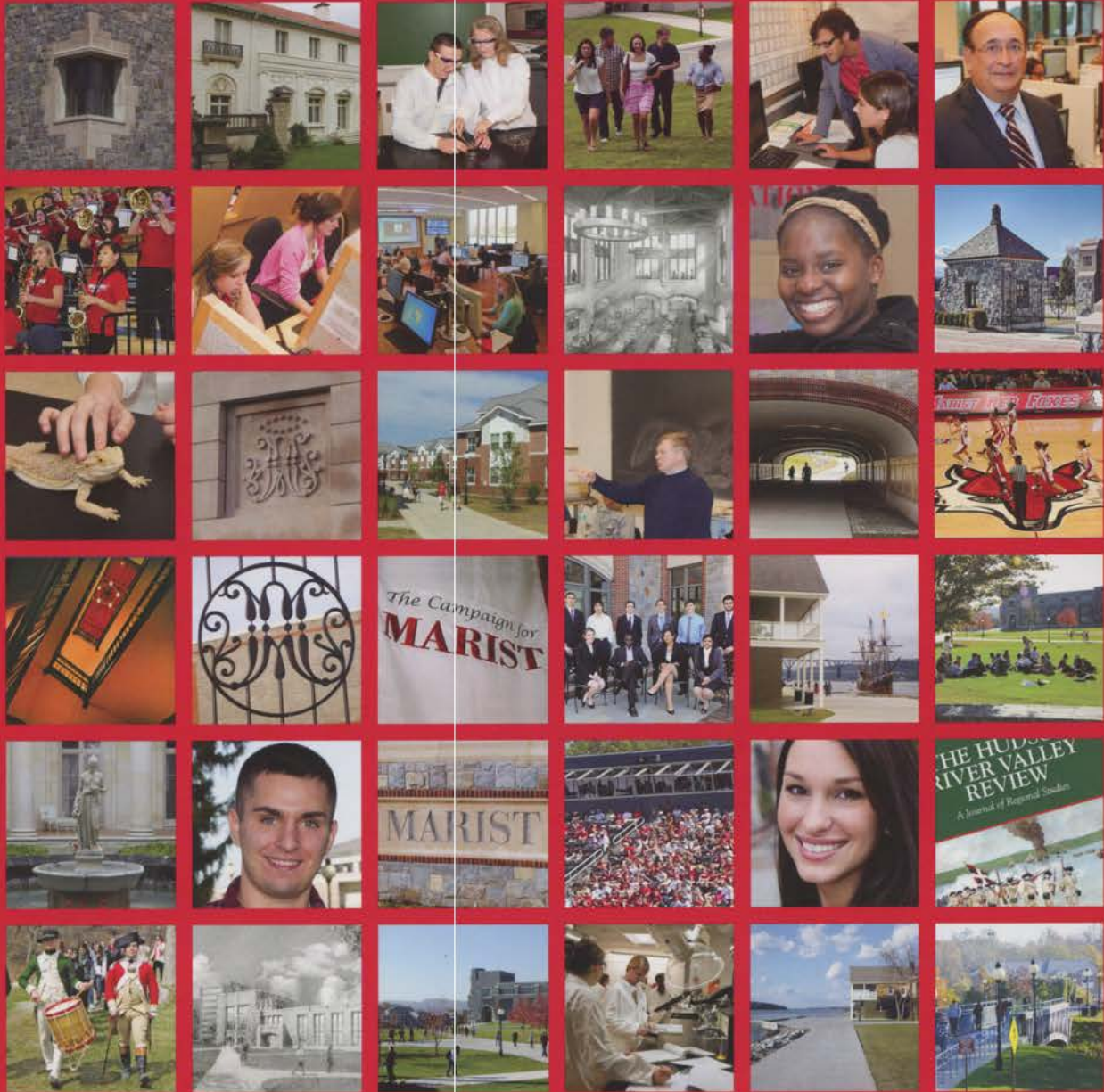


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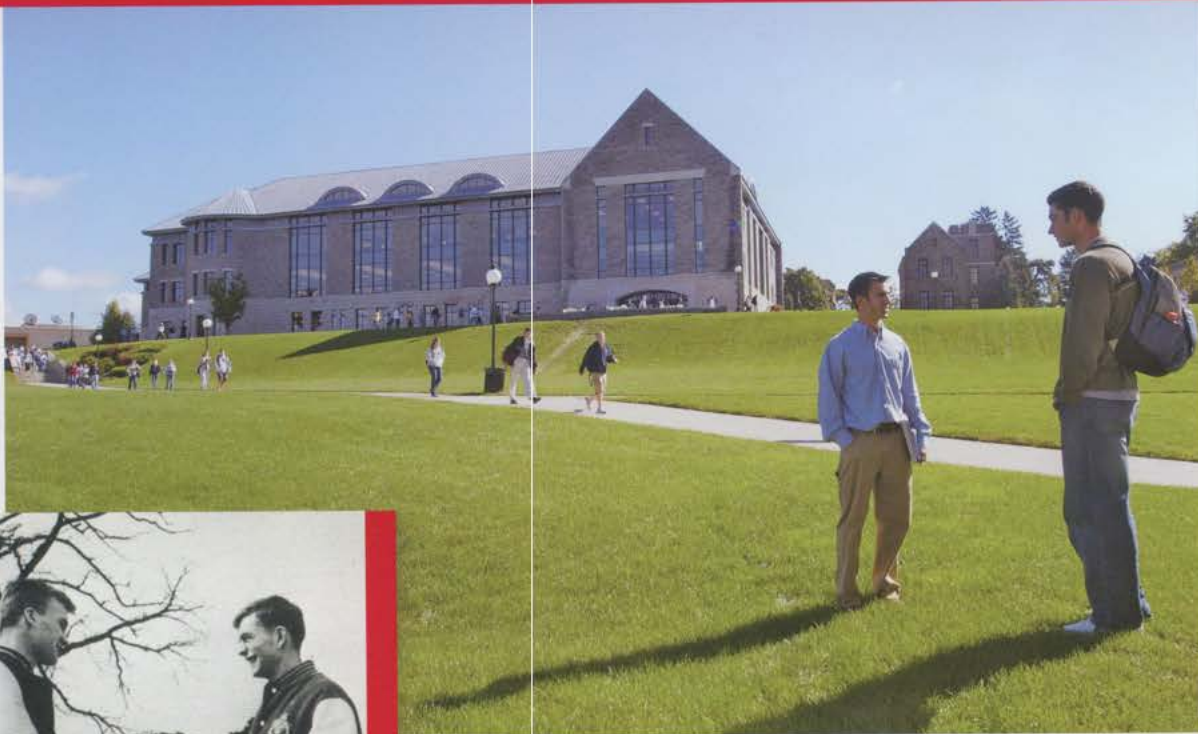


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Marist, and many alumni choose to combine their annual Marist Fund support with an additional commitment to The Campaign for Marist.

For more information on the Marist Fund Reunion Campaign and Homecoming & Reunion Weekend activities, visit www.marist.edu/alumni.

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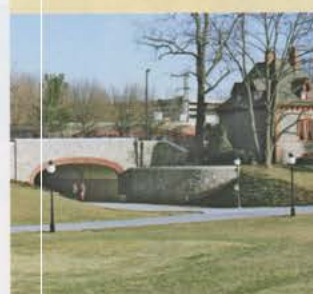
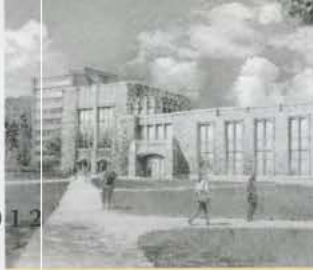
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Women's Basketball Team Wins MAAC Championship for Seventh Straight Year

The Red Foxes capture their eighth Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference title overall, while Brian Giorgis is named MAAC Coach of the Year for the sixth time and wins his 250th game in 10 years as head coach.

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Online MA in Integrated Marketing Communication Launched

MARIST HAS LAUNCHED a master of arts program in integrated marketing communication that is completely online and can be completed in one year.

Led by faculty who have considerable industry experience, IMC is designed to develop leaders who can create and manage an integrated customer contact strategy across a wide variety of media.

Course topics range from using social media effectively to the design and analysis of marketing research. Classes include Principles of Integrated Marketing Communication, Social Media Strategies and Tactics, Advertising Management, Public Relations Management, Marketing Research, Marketing Foundations, Brand Management, and Global Consumer Insights.

Steven Ralston, dean of the School of Communication and the Arts, reports that within the next five years IMC will be critical to people working in the fields of public relations, advertising, brand management,

corporate communication, and marketing.

New classes begin every September and January. Applications are accepted year-round with a fall deadline of Aug. 1 and a spring deadline of Dec. 1.

Full-time students starting in fall can complete the program the following summer. Part-time students starting in fall can complete the program in two years.

The format features two rounds of courses, each lasting eight weeks, in fall and spring semesters, and two rounds in summer, each lasting six weeks. Full-time students will generally take four courses in fall (two in each round), four in spring, and two in summer. Part-time students will generally take two courses in fall, two in spring, and one in summer of each year.

The current tuition rate is \$695 per credit, with 30 credit hours required for the



degree. Anyone with a bachelor's degree from an accredited college/university is eligible to apply.

To find more information, including course descriptions and sample schedules, and to apply, visit www.marist.edu/admission/graduate/integratedmarketingcommunication. ■



Home Away from Home

Members of the Marist College Habitat for Humanity chapter spent Spring Break 2012 building a house in Punta Gorda, FL. The 22 Marist students and 3 staff members joined the Charlotte County Habitat chapter in the project and stayed in the local chapter's volunteer lodging. Marist alumni in the area joined the group for a picnic one afternoon.

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Marist Continues Development of High-Performance Computing Platform

MARIST COLLEGE TOOK DELIVERY of two high-performance IBM z114 mainframes over the winter break to continue the successful Marist/IBM Joint Study program and expand its capacity to undertake new research with other industry and academic partners.

Thanks to a \$678,883 grant from the National Science Foundation's Major Research Instrumentation Program, the School of Computer Science and Mathematics was able to purchase a new IBM z114 mainframe with a zEnterprise BladeCenter Extension (zBX), making Marist the first college or university in the world to install this combination. The zBX is new infrastructure that makes it possible to deploy an integrated hardware platform by joining mainframe and distributed technologies together in order to begin replacing individual islands of computing to reduce complexity, improve security, and bring applications closer to the data they need.

Marist's Information Technology Department helped install the mainframe and the zBX in an NSF-sponsored research laboratory in the College's new Hancock Center. The lab, funded in part by a \$696,931 grant from NSF's Academic Research Infrastructure Program, is the center of research and related activities for the School of Computer Science and Mathematics.

Faculty and students requiring high-performance computational devices, data storage, network facilities, and access to other research facilities via Internet2 and the commodity Internet will be able to conduct research in the lab and on the new z114 mainframe. Beyond the Marist community, the mainframe will provide a platform for the 1,000-plus members of the global enterprise computing community to conduct research, develop new technologies, and train staff. ■

Marist's Online MBA, Online Liberal Studies Bachelor's Ranked Top Online Education Programs by U.S. News & World Report

TWO MARIST COLLEGE ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAMS, the master of business administration (MBA) and the bachelor of arts/bachelor of science in liberal studies, have been named in the first-ever edition of Top Online Education Program rankings by *U.S. News & World Report*. *USNews* considered graduate online degree programs in business, engineering, nursing, education, and computer information technology as well as online bachelor's degree programs.

Marist's online MBA was one of only 14 graduate business programs in the nation named to *USNews's* honor roll. *USNews* considered admissions selectivity, faculty credentials and training, student services and technology, and teaching practices and student engagement. In the area of admissions selectivity, Marist ranked fifth, and in faculty credentials, Marist ranked sixth.

Marist launched New York State's first AACSB-accredited online MBA program in 1998. It was also one of the first such programs in the nation. The AACSB is the premier business school accrediting body. Also known as the Association to Advance



Collegiate Schools of Business, it accredits fewer than one third of business programs in the world.

"These rankings confirm the dedication to innovation and quality long associated with Marist College and our MBA program," says Elmore Alexander, dean of the School of Management. "With our emphasis on selectivity and faculty expertise as well as the new program emphasizing management in the virtual world, Marist's MBA engages the issues that define contemporary global management in a world-class online environment." Information on the MBA program is available at www.marist.edu/mba. ■



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The Campaign for Marist, the College's first comprehensive fund-raising campaign, has surpassed its ambitious \$150 million goal ahead of schedule. The campaign will conclude on Dec. 31, 2012.

"Marist has come such a long way, and this campaign has played a significant role in its growth and development," says Tim Brier '69, Marist trustee and chair of The Campaign for Marist. "It's especially gratifying to see so many alumni, parents, and friends support this special effort. I continue to be amazed by the many ways this campaign is transforming the College. Every gift has an impact, and I hope that everyone takes the opportunity to participate."

The campaign opened in 2005 with a goal of \$75 million. An initial quiet phase raised \$45 million through outstanding leadership from the Board of Trustees, alumni, parents, and friends of the College. A public launch at a reception in New York City followed in 2007. Two years later, the campaign received an extraordinary bequest from the estate of Raymond A. Rich, the largest gift in the history of Marist. The bequest consisted of the Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion, a historic waterfront estate on 60 acres in Esopus, NY, with a value estimated at \$65 million, and \$10 million in cash to enable the development of the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development. Subsequently, the goal was doubled to \$150 million.

"Reaching this historic benchmark was a monumental step forward for the College and a moment to be celebrated," says Chris DelGiorno '88, vice president for college advancement. "As we embark on the final year of the campaign, the

College is moving forward with both tremendous pride in all that has been accomplished and continued enthusiasm for what lies ahead."

Already the campaign has made an impact on every level of college life. Capital projects have included the Hancock Center, the Lower Fulton Townhouses, the pedestrian walkway under Route 9, gates at each campus entrance, chemistry labs, renovations to the historic Cornell Boathouse, and major upgrades and an addition to the James J. McCann Recreation Center. Support for scholarships, teaching, and research is benefiting students through 38 new endowed funds and increases in 37 existing endowments. Investments in faculty include a professorship in Hudson River Valley history. Campaign support is bolstering the work of Marist's premier centers of excellence, the Marist Institute for Public Opinion and the Hudson River Valley Institute, as well as other centers still becoming established. Prestigious grants from federal agencies such as the National Science Foundation have provided funding in several areas of need including technology infrastructure.

The campaign promises more excitement. The remaining months of 2012 will bring construction of a building dedicated to Marist's Music Department and a major renovation and expansion of the Student Center that includes a new dining hall and additional meeting and gathering space for students. For more on these projects, and for reflections from President Dennis J. Murray on The Campaign for Marist and a summary of campaign achievements, please see the following pages and also www.marist.edu/capitalcampaign.

Reflections on The Campaign for Marist:

A Q&A with President Dennis J. Murray

Marist magazine asked Marist President Dennis J. Murray to reflect on the importance of The Campaign for Marist as it enters the final stretch.

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MM: Why is The Campaign for Marist significant?

DJM: The Campaign for Marist is important, first of all, because it is the College's first truly comprehensive campaign. We have had some very successful fund-raising projects, such as our great library, which really transformed Marist. But this is the first time we have tried to complete a campaign that impacted virtually every aspect of the institution. Truly, we have done that, through everything from our academic programs, to the accessibility that we have provided for future students through endowed scholarship programs, to great new buildings like the Hancock Center, to an improved campus environment with the walkway under Route 9 connecting the east and west parts of our campus. And we received a wonderful gift from Raymond A. Rich to establish a leadership institute. This gift was not only a great, historic, physical structure in the Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion but also an endowment to support leadership programming at the College. This campaign has touched every aspect of Marist College.

MM: How would you characterize the overall impact of this effort and the ways it has enhanced and enriched the Marist community?

DJM: The fact that we have not only met but surpassed our \$150 million goal has truly made a statement about Marist and how quickly this College has risen to the ranks of the very best colleges and universities in America. When we started the campaign we

thought a realistic goal would probably be \$50 million—at least that is what the consultants recommended—but with the support of our board and alumni, we increased that goal to \$75 million, and now we have surpassed our goal of \$150 million. This has truly been a transformative part of our history.

MM: One of the extraordinary outcomes of the campaign has been the groundswell of support. More than 13,000 alumni, parents, friends, corporations, and foundations have supported the campaign since the 2008 fiscal year.

DJM: It has been a tremendous effort. Marist, in comparison to the institutions we compete against, is still a relatively young institution, and so when we look at this outpouring of support from alumni, parents, and friends—who in many cases have just adopted Marist College because they truly believe in what is happening here, in the culture and values of the institution, and most importantly in the quality alumni that we turn out here—that has perhaps been the most gratifying part of the campaign. Not only have we attained and surpassed a very significant goal, but that goal has been surpassed because of very broad-based participation from virtually every aspect of our college community.

MM: What are some of the aspects of the campaign that you are proud of?

DJM: Academics are stronger, and our facilities really support teaching and learning and create a good living environment for our students. Endowed scholarships are going

to allow many students who otherwise would not have been able to attend Marist College now to have that as an option. I am a big believer that colleges and universities have to do a better job at helping to produce leaders at every level of our society. We hope the Rich Institute and our opportunities to integrate leadership training into many aspects of Marist College will help contribute to that national need.

And of course there is the physical plant. The Marist Brothers gave us many good things that we have built upon, and they certainly chose a beautiful site for a college here on the banks of the Hudson. We have capitalized on that, and reoriented the campus towards the river. Building academic facilities like the Hancock Center, improving laboratories as we have done in Donnelly Hall, increasing our computer offerings, and offering our students and faculty one of the most sophisticated networks in the world for their teaching, learning, and research all have contributed to making Marist the very first-rate institution it is today.

MM: One of the other wonderful outcomes of the campaign has been increased support from major government agencies such as the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Science Foundation. How is that endorsement making an impact across the campus?

DJM: The campaign has been very successful in raising the profile of Marist College. Because of that, we have been able to reach out to federal and state agencies to receive more funding. We have received several

major grants from the National Science Foundation. These are the most competitive grants that are given out in computer science and natural sciences, and we are competing with the top-tier institutions in America when we receive those grants. The National Endowment for the Humanities has supported our Hudson River Valley Institute with a major challenge grant, recognizing that we are doing one of the best jobs in the country in preserving regional history and that this is one of the important areas in America where history should be captured and passed on to future generations. With this challenge grant, we have been able to raise another \$2 million to help endow that program to assure that it will go on in the future.

Then there has been very good state support. We have been very fortunate to have State Senator Steve Saland, who really believes in this College and understands the importance of private higher education in a state like New York. So support for economic development initiatives has been very important. We have had cooperative projects on the development of our riverfront, which has turned into one of the jewels of the campus. And we have had a collaborative project with the state to build the underpass under Route 9 connecting our east and west campuses, which has made things safer for our students, made the traffic flow better for the community, and improved the aesthetics of our entire Route 9 corridor. These projects have been made possible because of government leaders recognizing the important role that Marist plays both in the economy of the region and the state but also, perhaps more important, in educating future leaders.

MM: Parents of current and past students have played a major role in the success of the campaign. Why is this significant?

DJM: That has been one of the more gratifying parts of the campaign, because parents really *do* give twice. They are not only supporting their sons' and daughters' education here at Marist, but when they believe enough in what we are doing that they also make generous gifts to help advance the mission of the institution, that is a real statement about



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MICHAEL MELSON



the College and the impact that we are having on students and their families. These parents not only help us with giving, they help us with outreach into their communities. They help spread the name of Marist College and the good work that goes on here.

MM: Can you talk more about endowed scholarships and the impact they have?

DJM: One of the things that I support the most in this capital campaign and have urged people to consider is endowed scholarships. I see over and over really talented students, sometimes at the top of their classes—captains of teams, leaders in clubs and organizations, student body presidents, valedictorians, salutatorians—who express an interest in Marist College but because of family means are unable to do that. Sometimes the support that comes from endowed scholarships is the margin that allows these best and brightest students to have the option of choosing Marist College. So to me that is a great way for anyone to give.

MM: Can you discuss the significance of investments in faculty through professorships, chairs, and research initiatives?

DJM: The heart of any good college or university is its faculty, and we have been fortunate at Marist to have a dedicated group of men and women who have devoted their lives to education. We want to find ways to help support them, to attract the best faculty to Marist, and to keep the best faculty here. One of the ways to do that is through chairs, enhanced faculty funds that can provide additional support to a faculty member, and research funds that can allow faculty to undertake research, oftentimes with their students, which creates a great learning experience.

MM: Aligned with that theme is the notion of centers of excellence that bring great recognition to the institution. Can you elaborate on the way the campaign has helped to bolster those important initiatives?

DJM: First of all, our new Investment Center in the Hancock Center has been a great enhancement to our School of Management. For students who are interested in business or finance, this is as fine a facility as they will find at any business school in the country. Our Hudson River Valley Institute is a great program. It captures regional history and gives students, particularly those in the



Pedestrian walkway under Route 9



New main gate



McCann Arena renovation



Tenney Stadium at Leonidoff Field

A Campus Transformed

Providing the best resources and facilities for students is an ongoing priority at Marist. The Campaign for Marist has focused support on the most pressing needs in this area. The generosity of trustees, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends of the College, along with state and federal grants, has made possible the remarkable changes that have taken place on the campus since The Campaign for Marist began.

Capital projects completed during the campaign period have included construction of a signature academic building and athletic and recreational facilities, a major renovation of the chemistry labs, and reconfiguration of the campus through the construction of a walkway beneath Route 9. Before the campaign ends on Dec. 31, 2012, ground will be broken on a building for Marist's Music Department, and renovation will begin on the dining hall and other key areas of the Student Center.

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Hancock Center

For more information about the impact of The Campaign for Marist, visit www.marist.edu/capitalcampaign.



Historic Cornell Boathouse

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Dr. J. Richard LaPietra '54 Chemistry Laboratories

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Colonel Oliver Hazard Payne Mansion

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field of history, an opportunity to work with and help advance the initiatives of that particular program. Of course our partnership with the FDR Presidential Library has been enhanced. The campaign provides funds so that we can continue to digitize the great collection of work that is in the presidential library in Hyde Park and make it available to people around the world through the computer systems, storage, and networks at Marist.

But perhaps our premier center of excellence has been the Marist Institute for Public Opinion. As many people know, it is a polling and research organization that is part of our School of Liberal Arts, run by Lee Miringoff and Barbara Carvalho, two first-rate professors. The students who participate are from the fields of political science, history, communications, virtually every discipline at Marist, and they learn about high-quality scientific research and analytics. The campaign gave us the ability to develop a news center for the institute in the Hancock Center with the most advanced computer and polling equipment, and also a television studio so that when they release the results of their polls, they can go on the air to share their good work and the results of their research.

Virtually every one of these programs adds an element of prestige and panache to our College. But most important, all of them involve students. Students help run these programs, and participation in these kinds of programs greatly enriches their educational experience.

MM: Why has the campaign been successful?

DJM: I think there have been two success stories as part of this campaign. First has been the broad-based nature of giving, with over 13,000 gifts that have been contributed. Each and every gift plays an important role in the success of any campaign. But certainly in any campaign, the major gifts lay a critical foundation for success. We have been very fortunate to have our loyal donors step up and make transformative gifts. We have to give a lot of credit to our Board of Trustees, to Tim Brier, the campaign chairman; Rob Dyson, who served as chair throughout most of the campaign; and Ellen Hancock, who has now emerged as our new chair and has continued those efforts. These individuals, in addition to many of our other board members, in their own way have made significant contributions.



Student Phoneathon Associates reach out to alumni and parents to build support for the Marist Fund.

The Marist Fund

Marist's annual giving program, the Marist Fund, is a powerful means of reaffirming and sustaining the College's mission to prepare graduates for enlightened, ethical, and productive lives in the global community of the 21st century. The Marist Fund has played an integral role in the success of The Campaign for Marist and provides long-time and new donors alike with an important vehicle to contribute vital unrestricted operating support to be directed where resources are needed most. Marist Fund gifts are invested immediately to support the people, programs, and opportunities that make the collegiate experience at Marist so rich. Whether it is critical funding for scholarships, new resources for the library, or state-of-the-art equipment to enhance computer and science laboratories, Marist Fund contributions make a meaningful difference across the campus community.

The College deeply appreciates the steadfast annual support it receives for the Marist Fund at all levels. Annual giving participation rates continue to be a factor in external rankings and are viewed as one important indicator of alumni satisfaction. The College encourages donors to consider a designated gift in honor of the campaign while continuing their vital support for the Marist Fund.

Founding of the Marist College Legacy Society

Some of Marist's best-known leaders are once again leading the way. The Campaign for Marist is creating new milestones for the College's fund-raising efforts, and among them is the founding of the Marist College Legacy Society. Its first members are President Emeritus Dr. Richard Foy '50; President Dennis J. Murray and his wife, Marilyn; and Campaign for Marist Chair Tim Brier '69 and his wife, Pat.

The Marist College Legacy Society is a valued circle of individuals who have remembered Marist in their estate plans and wish to encourage others to follow their example. Those who join during the campaign, which ends Dec. 31, 2012, will receive special recognition. Membership is open to alumni, trustees, friends, faculty, staff, college retirees, parents, and grandparents—all who share a commitment to supporting Marist's future and its mission to support academic excellence and a culture of community and service. The College may be provided for in a will or trust; as the beneficiary of a qualified retirement plan, savings bonds, or life insurance policy; or by the creation of a charitable life-income plan.

For some people, a planned gift enables them to support Marist in a more generous way than may have been practical during their lifetime. However, there is no minimum gift amount required for membership in the Marist College Legacy Society nor is disclosure of the gift amount required. Individuals may also join and request anonymity. Further information about how to join the Marist College Legacy Society, as well as useful online tools and information about how to support Marist through one's estate or as the beneficiary of a planned giving arrangement, can be found at www.marist.edu/plannedgiving.

Teaching and Learning:

Supporting Deserving Students

The Campaign for Marist has so far resulted in 38 new endowed funds and 37 expanded endowed funds. One of the new endowed funds is the Abel Family Scholarship, established in 2009 through a commitment from Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Abel, whose daughter, Briana '09, attended Marist.


This academic year, the Abel funding has supported scholarships for four Marist students. One of them is Nicole Lamorte '12, whom you're likely to find in Donnelly 112, the science lab where students explore the diversity of animals. Inspired to major in biology from watching the TV program *Wild Discovery* with her father, Vincent Lamorte '83, she spends three hours a week taking care of the reptiles in the lab and has happily taken them—including the ball python—home over summer and winter breaks.

In fact, her pets at home include her own ball python, a Brazilian rainbow boa, two giant day geckos, a crested gecko, a green tree frog, a number of creatures in a freshwater fish tank, and a cat, as well as a friend's chameleon that she is babysitting. "I love all animals, but reptiles are my favorite," she says.

She likes not only caring for animals but also conducting animal research and may eventually go to graduate school to study zoology. She was part of a team that presented a poster on its research at the Eastern Colleges Science Conference at Wagner College in Staten Island. As part of her genetics course, rather than choose one of the offered projects, she suggested and carried out a study of the sushi sold in the Donnelly Coffee Shop. She has also been a teaching assistant for courses in general biology and genetics.

Lamorte's dream is to care for wildlife as did Steve Irwin of *Crocodile Hunter* fame, who was dedicated to the preservation of reptiles, or to be a reptile keeper at a zoo. She currently takes care of animals as part of an internship at the Trevor Zoo at the Millbrook School in Millbrook, NY. There for five hours a week, she mixes food for the animals, which include lemurs, red pandas, and slow loris, and cleans their living areas. "I have some playtime with them, too," she smiles. She plans to volunteer there when her internship ends. "I love animals. They are really my passion."

She says the scholarship has definitely helped her, and she recalls being ecstatic when she learned she had received it. The scholarship, she says, looks outstanding on her résumé as she applies for internships, including one at the New York Aquarium and two doing field work in Alaska. "I hope it will help me to get a good start on my future."



Biology major Nicole Lamorte '12 plans to continue working with animals after graduation.

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MM: The campaign has now reached its historic \$150 million goal. With several months remaining, is there more you would like to see accomplished?

DJM: Well, many campaigns do not reach their goals, so the mere fact that we have not only met but surpassed our goal is really a tribute to all the stakeholders here at Marist, and all of them should feel good about that, particularly those who helped lead this effort. We have to express our gratitude to them, and we hope they also feel very positive about what they have done for Marist College. But Marist is the kind of institution that never rests on its laurels. So reaching this goal with several months to go in the campaign gives us the opportunity to make sure that everyone who has been involved with and cares about Marist College has had an opportunity to make a contribution to this historic campaign. The theme we are using in the final months of this campaign is, "If you have not participated in this campaign, do not miss this opportunity, because it is a transformative time in the history of Marist."

MM: What are the remaining priorities?

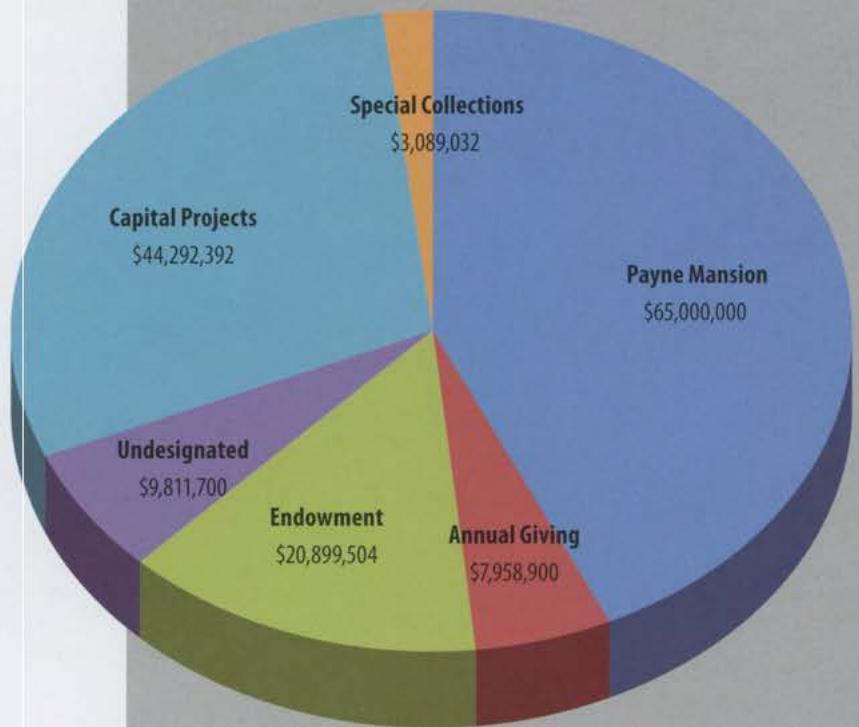
DJM: I do not think our priorities have changed. Endowed scholarships to create accessibility for students are still very high on my list. Support for our faculty and academic programming in terms of chairs or additional support for programming within the academic areas is something I think should be emphasized. And with Marist, we are always trying to improve our physical plant and our facilities. We have got some great plans coming down the road here in terms of adding a new academic building for music that will have classrooms and great practice and rehearsal facilities to give our first-rate band, orchestra, and choirs the space they deserve. As part of that, we are going to do a major renovation of our Student Center with an emphasis on the student dining facilities. We are going to turn those into some of the very best facilities of any college or university. So for people who are looking for naming opportunities, who feel they benefited from those kinds of programs, or who understand the importance of a great Student Center in a college or university, I think there are some new capital opportunities available there.

We hope we can count on everyone to help us go beyond the \$150 million goal and make this campaign as successful as humanly possible for the sake of this very fine institution we are all part of. ■

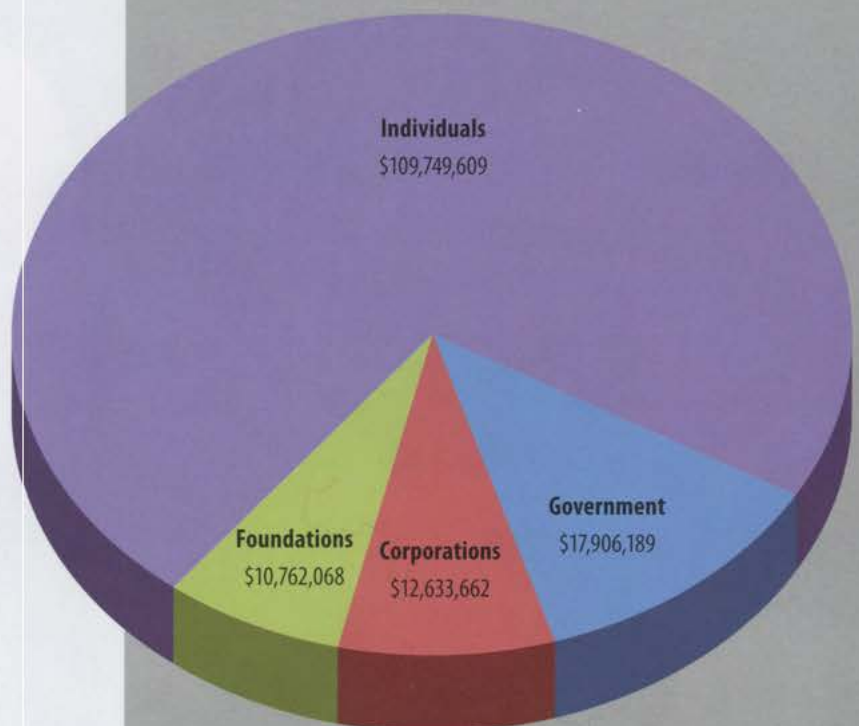
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Dr. James M. Johnson (far left), Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Professor of Hudson River Valley History, leads his Hudson River Valley class on a field trip to the Fort Montgomery State Historic Site.

A Professorship in Hudson River Valley History

Dr. James M. Johnson has been appointed the first Dr. Frank T. Bumpus Professor of Hudson River Valley History, a position in the School of Liberal Arts created to advance study and scholarship related to the Hudson River Valley's rich history and culture. The professorship honors a longtime resident of the region whose passion for American history and philanthropic leadership of the Hudson River Valley Institute (HRVI) have enabled Marist to develop one of the country's premier regional studies centers.

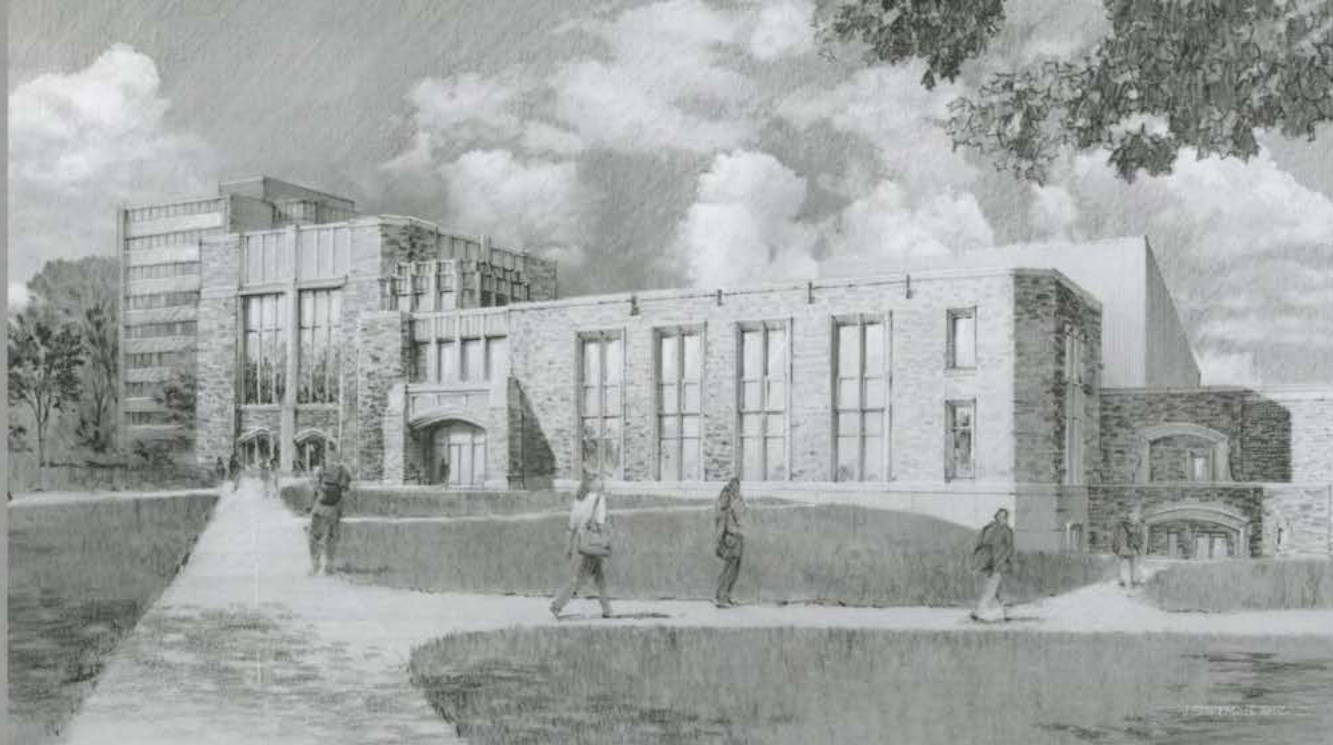
A nationally and internationally recognized expert on the War for Independence in the Hudson River Valley, Johnson is a United States Military Academy graduate with MA and PhD degrees in history from Duke and a master's from the Naval War College. A retired colonel with 30 years of service in the United States Army, including active duty in Germany and Korea and at the Pentagon, he taught on the West Point faculty for 15 years and led its military history program.

Johnson has taught at Marist since 2000 and co-founded HRVI in 2002, acting as executive director ever since. He is the long-serving Military Historian of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, with responsibilities to develop the American Revolutionary interpretive theme. Johnson has earned numerous honors, including one from the government of France, for leadership roles in projects and organizations related to the preservation and promotion of American history in the Hudson River Valley.

The Bumpus Professor teaches undergraduate courses, delivers public lectures under HRVI's auspices, and directs and produces scholarship on topics about the Hudson River Valley for dissemination through HRVI's Digital Library, its scholarly journal *The Hudson River Valley Review*, and published articles and monographs. The professor also serves as the liaison to the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area for which HRVI is the academic arm. HRVI is also supported by a National Endowment for the Humanities Challenge Grant to promote excellence in the humanities and convey the lessons of history through public programs.



Johnson prepares future elementary school teachers to lead history classes.



A 23,000-square-foot building will house Marist's Music Department and provide multipurpose arts space.

Next for Marist:

A New Academic Building and a Complete Student Center Renovation

This summer, the College will break ground on a 23,000-square-foot building to house Marist's robust Music Department and the 18 vocal and instrumental ensembles active on campus. The facility will also provide smaller-venue, multipurpose arts space. Marist has more than 400 student musicians and as many as 600 students enrolled in music courses each semester. Music is not a major at Marist, but minors are offered in instrumental and vocal tracks.

The new building is part of a \$27 million project that includes a major renovation of Marist's dining hall, the Nelly Goletti Theatre, student activities space, and public areas of the Student Center that are part of what was the College's original Campus Center.

The dining hall in particular will change dramatically. Plans call for a spectacular atrium, student lounges, and an area for quiet dining and studying. Capacity will increase by 200 seats over current facilities. An outdoor terrace will be created over a current loading dock, taking advantage of Hudson River views. Robert A. M. Stern Architects, whose founder is dean of the Yale School of Architecture, designed Marist's Hancock Center and is leading the latest projects.

The new music building is a dream come true for Arthur Himmelberger, director of the Music Program, and those affiliated with Marist who love music, including current students and several thousand alumni musicians. All are part of what Himmelberger calls "a family" who love music and challenge themselves to achieve higher levels of musical excellence.

"Our music program provides and emphasizes worthwhile music activities and academic offerings for students who don't wish to make a living at music," says Himmelberger. "These nurtured skills

contribute to the musical vitality of the College and remain with students, to be used and enjoyed throughout their lives."

Leading the vision for music at Marist is Dr. Dennis J. Murray. "When he became president in 1979, there was no band or choir," says Himmelberger. "Dr. Murray has been very, very helpful and instrumental in our development. He has been our greatest advocate."

"We outgrew our current facilities several years ago," Himmelberger says. "But the desire of our student musicians to succeed, excel in their crafts, and provide audiences with quality performances has superseded the facility obstacles they have faced preparing their concert literature." The building will feature major rehearsal spaces for various bands, choirs, and orchestras. It will also offer eight practice rooms, three classrooms, music faculty offices, a piano lab, a computer lab, music library space, and storage for instruments and large equipment.

Adjoining the east side of the College's original Campus Center, the three-level building will architecturally transform that part of campus with a Hudson Valley modern gothic style in red brick and grey stone.

The Music Department has grown significantly over the past few years and in addition to supporting the ensembles offers students from all majors classes in jazz, opera, music theory, piano instruction, voice instruction, medieval and renaissance music, the history of motion picture music, and music of the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries, among other subjects.

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Expansion of the dining hall will feature an atrium.

Marist musical ensembles perform throughout the school year on and off campus, in the surrounding community, across the country, and around the globe. In April 1999 the Marist Singers sang at the canonization of Saint Marcellin Champagnat in Rome. Marist musical ensembles have also performed in Canada, Massachusetts, Hawaii, Florida, New Jersey, Arizona, California, Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico.

The more than 200-member Marist Singers group, with its seven ensembles, has roots in the College's earliest days. Throughout the years, student Brothers were involved in the preparation of Gregorian chants and harmony vocalizing several times a week, singing at Masses and campus concerts. Special choirs sang the more difficult pieces and also performed in the community. The choral tradition was revived and expanded with the arrival of President Murray in 1979.

Marist's band was formed in 1986 by Himmelberger, who was a United States Army percussionist and member of the senior leadership team of the United States Military Academy Band at West Point. In 2001, he retired from the Army and joined Marist full time as director of the Music Department.

The 130-member symphonic band performs in concert halls, befitting its primary mission to master symphonic band repertoire that provides higher levels of technical and aesthetic difficulty so student members can grow as musicians and perform acclaimed concert literature. These same musicians perform at football games as the Marist Marching Band. Additionally, these same students, separated into two squads, perform as the Marist Basketball Pep Band.

The Marist String Orchestra was formed in 1997 and continues to grow. Currently, it has 35 members who play string and orchestral literature from the classical, romantic, and 20th-century music periods. The orchestra, along with the symphonic band and choral group, annually fills the 933-seat historic Bardavon 1869 Opera House in downtown Poughkeepsie for two spring concerts.

The new music building is expected to open in fall 2013, and the line of dedicated student musicians eager for a new home is already forming. Renovations to the Student Center will also be completed in fall 2013.

Remaining Opportunities

Scholarship Endowment Education opens doors and enables people to realize their dreams—of personal fulfillment, of the career they want, of being able to support a family. Learning should not be only for those with resources, and Marist strives to provide as much support as possible to academically qualified students of need. Gifts to scholarship endowments continue to be critically important and deeply appreciated by student recipients.

Research At Marist, students can collaborate with faculty and student colleagues on research projects across a variety of disciplines. Support for student research will make an impact on many levels. These opportunities enable students to experience the wonder of discovery, to enrich their knowledge, to contribute to their area of study, and to stand out among the competition when applying for graduate school or a job.

Centers of Excellence The College is widely noted for the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, the highly respected survey organization now in its 34th year, and the Hudson River Valley Institute, which is dedicated to promoting awareness of the rich history and culture of the Hudson River Valley. More recently, new centers are earning recognition. In 2009, the Raymond A. Rich Institute for Leadership Development was established. In 2011, Marist launched the Center for Sports Communication, and the Student Investment Center opened its doors. Each offers unique learning opportunities through an exciting synergy of students, faculty, and professionals. Benefactors can play a huge role in the creation of new centers dedicated to an area of interest they share with the College.

Community Service and Civic Engagement It comes as no surprise to anyone associated with Marist that community service is a high priority among not only students but faculty and staff. Whether carried out in the form of volunteer work during free time or as part of course work, such pursuits have been a fundamental part of education here since the days of the founding Marist Brothers. Support for these activities will help the College fulfill its mission of developing the whole person in a way that will prepare graduates for an enlightened, sensitive, and productive life in the global community of the 21st century.

Campus Improvements Known for its location on the Hudson River and its beautiful campus, Marist is constantly improving its physical plant. Premier facilities are crucial in providing students with a first-rate collegiate experience as well as in attracting students. With support from alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends, Marist strives to meet the ongoing challenge of containing costs while offering students the best in both academic and recreational resources. Immediate projects are construction of a music building and renovations to the dining hall and other key areas of the Student Center. ■



The Red Foxes set a Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament record for fewest points allowed in a championship game, while Brian Giorgis won his 250th game in 10 years as head coach.

Athletics

Marist Women's Basketball Wins MAAC Championship for Seventh Straight Year

IT CERTAINLY LOOKED BLEAK AT THE TIME. With the Marist women's basketball team trailing by 13 points with 12 minutes left in this year's Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) semifinal round, was the team's run of tournament championships about to come to an end?

The Red Foxes answered with an emphatic "no" as they outscored Niagara 41-14 over the remainder of regulation and the ensuing overtime period to reach the championship game. When he walked into the postgame press conference, head coach Brian Giorgis summarized the game in as understated a tone as could be.

"Just another day at the office," he said with a smile.

And the best was truly yet to come. Two days later, Marist won its seventh consecutive MAAC championship and eighth overall by defeating Fairfield 61-35. The Red Foxes set a tournament record for fewest points allowed in a championship game, while Giorgis won his 250th game in 10 years as head coach.

The Red Foxes received the 13th seed in the Raleigh Regional and drew fourth-seeded Georgia in their first-round matchup. Led by

21 points from senior guard Corielle Yarde and 18 from senior forward Brandy Gang, Marist earned a 76-70 triumph. The win was the team's fifth in the NCAA Tournament in program history, as Marist won a first-round game for the fourth time in six years.

In the second round, Marist fell just short against St. Bonaventure, 66-63. But the loss did not diminish a remarkable journey for the Red Foxes, who had to overcome a considerable amount of adversity just to become MAAC champions again.

The Red Foxes came into the 2011-12 season having lost the reigning MAAC Player of the Year (Erica Allenspach '11), two additional starters (Elise Caron '11 and Kate Oliver), and a key role player (Maria Laterza '11) from a team that had won 31 games and had advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. Marist was then dealt an unexpected loss when senior point guard Kristine Best suffered a knee injury in early December and was lost for the remainder of the season. The period of transition came while the Red Foxes were facing a daunting nonconference schedule, and they entered January with a 5-6 record.

Once conference play began, the Red Foxes quickly matured as a team as they won 20 out of 21 games in the MAAC regular season and tournament. The team won the

MAAC regular season championship for the ninth straight year. Along the way, Marist's streak of consecutive victories against conference opponents, which began in 2010, went as high as 34. The contributions of some key holdovers, coupled with the emergence of several players, fueled another championship run.

Yarde swept the conference's major awards as she was named MAAC Preseason Player of the Year, MAAC Player of the Year, and MAAC Tournament Most Valuable Player. The multitasking Yarde, who scored her 1,000th career point in the season opener against Villanova on Nov. 16, led the team in points, rebounds, assists, blocks, and steals. Gang earned all-conference honors for the second straight year as she was named Second Team All-MAAC, and she was also named to the MAAC All-Tournament Team.

Sophomore guard Leanne Ockenden, a key reserve on last year's team, moved into the starting lineup and earned a reputation as a lockdown defender and reliable long-distance shooter. Her play was rewarded with a Third Team All-MAAC selection. Sophomore Casey Dulin stepped into the starting point guard position following Best's injury and turned in a fine all-around season which saw her rank third on the team in points, third in rebounds, and second in assists as she was named to the MAAC All-Tournament Team. Junior forward Kelsey Beynnon, another first-year starter this season, had several spectacular performances down the stretch. Beynnon totaled 23 points and 16 rebounds in the semifinal victory over Niagara.

The architect of the program was rewarded for his efforts as well, as Giorgis was named MAAC Coach of the Year for the sixth time. This season, Marist enjoyed its ninth straight 20-win season and its sixth straight campaign with at least 25 wins, as the team finished 26-8. ■

Senior guard Corielle Yarde (left) swept the MAAC's major awards as she was named MAAC Preseason Player of the Year, MAAC Player of the Year, and MAAC Tournament Most Valuable Player. Women's basketball head coach Brian Giorgis (right) was named MAAC Coach of the Year for the sixth time.





COURTESY MARIST ATHLETICS

Krystian Witkowski Signs with Philadelphia Union of MLS

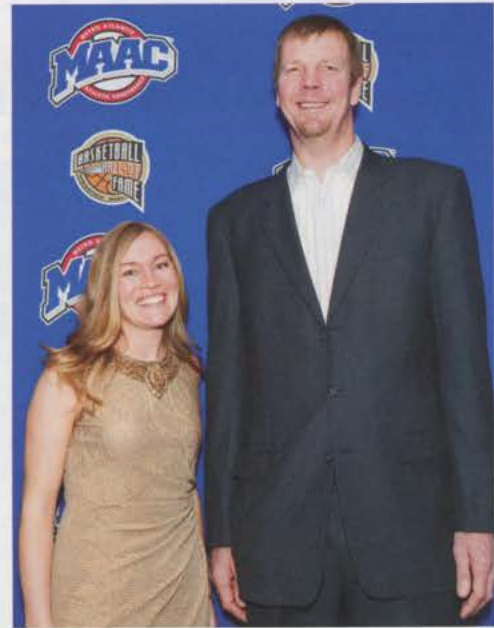
KRYSTIAN WITKOWSKI '12, one of Marist men's soccer's all-time leading scorers, became an official member of the Philadelphia Union of Major League Soccer on Feb. 21 when the club announced his signing to a professional contract. On Jan. 17, Witkowski was selected 26th overall in the 2012 MLS Supplemental Draft.

The Union began their 2012 season on March 12 against the Portland Timbers. Their 34-match regular season runs until Oct. 27.

A three-time National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Region selection and All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference honoree, Witkowski is the first Red Fox to have signed a professional deal with an MLS organization.

—Alex Lumb

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COURTESY MARIST ATHLETICS

Alisa Kresge '07 and Rik Smits '88 were honored at the inaugural MAAC Honor Roll Dinner at the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on March 2. Two former student-athletes from each of the conference's 10 schools were enshrined in the MAAC Experience, the league's exhibit at the Hall of Fame.

Greta Leberfinger Qualifies for 2012 United States Olympic Trials

GRETA LEBERFINGER '15 has become the first active Marist student-athlete in school history to qualify for a United States Olympic trial. Leberfinger recorded a time of 1:11.88 in the 100-meter breaststroke at the Eastern College Athletic Conference's Long Course Meter Swimming Invitational on Feb. 23 at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. In doing so, she came in 0.31 seconds ahead of the trial standard time.

After nearly making the cut in her first qualifying attempt in the morning with a time of 1:12.66, Leberfinger came back in the night session on a mission. It was there that she swam to a time of 1:11.88, ahead of the Olympic time trial standard of 1:12.19. With her result, Leberfinger will now be invited to compete for a spot on the 2012 U.S. Olympic Swim Team. The trials will be held June 25 through July 2 in Omaha, NE, with only a chosen few making the cut to represent the United States at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London.

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Keeping Up with Marist Graduates

1954

Laurence Sullivan's son, Andrew, married Lisa Conners at Our Lady of Mercy Church in Port Chester, NY, on Nov. 6, 2010.



1962

Patrick Murphy retired after 47 years in education and "putting four children through college." ■ **M. John O'Connell** has "unretired" to offer *pro bono* seminars on successful school-wide and district-wide anti-bullying efforts based on the work of Dr. Thomas Lickona, founder and director of the Center for the Fourth and Fifth Rs (Respect and Responsibility) in SUNY Cortland's School of Education.

1963

Francis Sutton retired from teaching but is still running Sutton's Place, a mini-bed and breakfast in Manchester, VT, welcoming guests year-round.



1967

Jerome Bohnert has been retired for four years. He previously served as a school business administrator in several New Jersey school districts and was also president of the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials. Jerome and his wife, Dolly, live in Barnegat Light, NJ, and have five grandchildren. They enjoy traveling, boating, fishing, and "beaching."

1968

Richard Amodeo became licensed in 2010 as an enrolled agent by the IRS, which authorizes him to prepare tax returns and represent clients before the IRS. This has become Richard's part-time retirement career. ■ **Lawrence Carr** has been elected vice chairman of the board of trustees at Union Graduate College in Schenectady, NY.

1970

James Elliott retired July 1, 2011, after 40 years of teaching deaf and hearing-impaired children for

Nassau BOCES. James and his wife, Pat, now plan to "see the world."

1971

Raymon Charlton's son, Marques, has been invited to play for the USA Basketball team in France during the summer of 2012. Marques is a sophomore at Clarkson University. ■ **Frederick Emken** notes the passing of his beloved mother, Marjorie V. Emken. She was 93. ■ **Anthony Parga** was reelected to a second 14-year term on the New York State Supreme Court 10th Judicial District. Justice Parga had served on the New York State judiciary for the past 19 years and is the first Marist grad to be elected to the New York State Supreme Court.



1972

Dr. Vincent Coda has been in practice for 33 years. After 31 years with his own practice, he joined Parkview Physicians Group and is now an employee of Parkview Health, which serves northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio. Parkview's group of physicians now numbers more than 300. He says he is having fun again, working with patients doing what he was trained to do. ■ **James J. McLoughlin** participated in the Viva Palestina land convoy to Gaza which brought medical and humanitarian aid.

1973

Richard Freccia is completing his second year as president of the Monmouth County, NJ, School Counselors Association and is a school counselor at Allentown High School in central New Jersey. ■ **Jack Simeone** was recently appointed to serve as the chief program officer for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany, where he has worked for 33 years. Jack's older, twin daughters got married in the past year and his youngest three children are attending college. ■ With a five-year grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education Programs, **Michael Ward, PhD**, is the coordinator and an instructor for the online mas-

ter's program in secondary special education and transition services at George Washington University.

1976

Linda (Delaney) Dickerson Hartsock has been named director, economic development and community engagement, at Syracuse University. Linda was previously a senior member of New York State's economic development team, working for several governors through the Empire State Development Corp. A Hudson Valley native, she was formerly president and CEO of Hudson Valley Pattern for Progress and a longtime member of the faculty and administration at Marist. Her husband, Dr. John Hartsock, is also a former Marist faculty member and is now a SUNY professor. ■ **Patricia Tillou** is opening a practice, Xenia Chiropractic. After 21 years of raising kids, Patricia is coming out of retirement!



1977

Dr. Michael A. Nugent was named University of Maryland Eastern Shore 2011 Employee of the Year. Over the past few years, he has generated \$1 million from various granting sources. The funding is paying the tuition for 85 high school students from the two poorest counties in Maryland as they take college classes while pursuing high school diplomas.

1979

Joseph Walsh writes that he loved the picture of "Dave Richardson '78 and all the boys" cheering on the New York Giants in the winter 2011-2012 edition of *Marist* magazine. He says it "brought back great memories!"



1982

Roger V. Coleman has been ranked No. 1 in New York State on the *Barron's* list of the top 1,000 financial advisors for the second consecutive year. The 2012 list is based on assets under management, revenue

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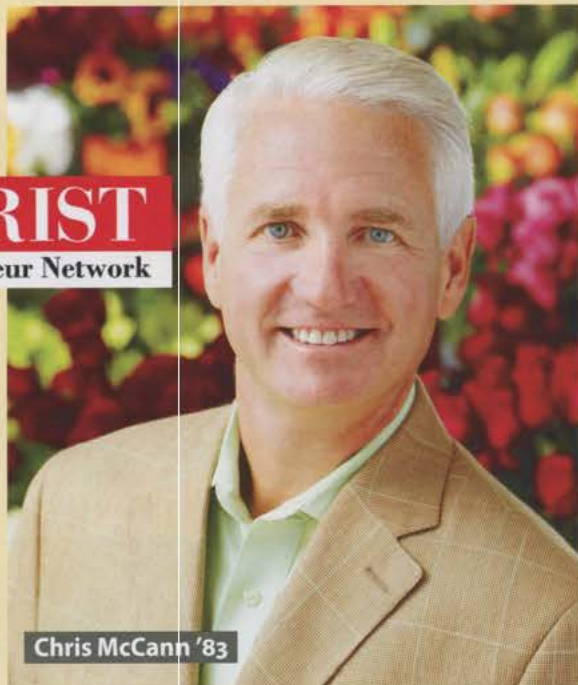
Webinar by Chris McCann, President of 1-800-flowers.com, Launches Marist College Entrepreneur Network

On Feb. 7, more than 160 Marist alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff, and friends participated in a webinar hosted by Marist Trustee Chris McCann '83, president of 1-800-flowers.com. The webinar is the first step toward creating a Marist College Entrepreneur Network, which encompasses students, alumni, parents, faculty, staff, and friends.

The initiative was sparked by none other than Marist students. The Marist Student Entrepreneur Network (MSEN) was organized in February of 2011 and has grown to 100 members. MSEN offers a variety of programs for students including guest speakers on campus, webinars, and workshops.

"I believe that MSEN is responsible for my recent success," says co-founder and marketing major Danielle Provost '12. "I would like to watch this organization grow and see other Marist students gain success by utilizing amazing opportunities that only this organization has been able to provide thus far. There really is no other thing like it on campus."

Three Marist faculty/staff provide support to the group: Bill Thirsk, chief information officer, Tony DiMarco, director of strategic initiatives, and Dr. David Gavin, assistant professor in the School of Management. "MSEN is a mutual win for Marist students and local entrepreneurs," says DiMarco. "Marist students glean valuable nuggets of wisdom from entrepreneurs, and entrepreneurs can bounce ideas off a cross-disciplinary group of really



MARIST
Entrepreneur Network

Chris McCann '83

talented college students—not to mention the mutual benefit of internships and jobs sourced through MSEN."

When several members of MSEN graduated last May, they were disappointed that they could no longer stay involved with the group. In addition, the College was approached by an alumnus entrepreneur who was looking for support from other alumni entrepreneurs when starting his company. These were the catalysts that convinced Marist to extend MSEN into

a more encompassing Marist College Entrepreneur Network.

MSEN and the Alumni Office collaborated to offer a free webinar to commence the network. "We realize there are many successful alumni entrepreneurs, but we knew Chris [McCann] would be the perfect presenter to kick off this network," says Amy Woods '97, executive director of alumni relations. "Chris's story is truly inspiring and he has a wealth of helpful advice for other entrepreneurs."

Following the webinar, a Marist College Entrepreneur "group" was created on LinkedIn.com. Within five days, more than 120 members joined. The forum offers members an opportunity to network, post discussions, post jobs, and more.

"The network can only grow," says Amy Woods. "In today's highly competitive and challenging marketplace, more and more people are being creative with their career paths. With more than 34,000 Marist alumni worldwide, thousands of parents, and many local businesses, it's only natural that we rely on each other to succeed. And

Marist can offer various resources to entrepreneurs, such as incubator support, TelePresence services, and student interns. We also hope this initiative shows our students that they're not alone. There is a network of support waiting for them when they graduate."

To listen to a recording of the Chris McCann webinar, visit www.marist.edu/alumni/specialevents.html. To join the network, search Marist College Entrepreneur Network on LinkedIn.com.



Former Marist basketball players returned to campus in February for Men's Basketball Alumni Day. After touring the renovated basketball arena and new team facilities, they, along with their families, cheered the Red Foxes on to an 89-77 win over Niagara from the new basketball suite in the McCann Center. Alumni included (back row, left to right) Ben Farmer '08, Kaylen Gregory '08, Ray Manning '71, Ron Alexander '76, Tim Murphy '87, (front row, left to right) Jim Cosentino '72, and James Wright '66. Also in attendance but not pictured were Corey Bauer '11, Joe Cirasella '75, and Allen Fairhurst '75.



Roger V. Coleman '82

the advisors generate for their firms, and the quality of their practices. Roger also has been ranked No. 5 on the *Barron's* top 100 financial advisors list. He is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in Garden City, NY.

1986

Kim (Ahders) Goodson's daughter, Paige, participated last summer in the Marist pre-college summer program for sports communication. ■ **Ian O'Connor** recently was named one of America's top 10 sports columnists by the prestigious Associated Press Sports Editors organization in its annual national writing contest. He is currently a columnist for ESPN, a radio host for ESPN New York, and author of two *New York Times* best sellers, including *The Captain: The Journey of Derek Jeter*.



1987

Ann Coleen Hellerman lives in Connecticut and is pursuing a master's in library science. She is married and has two children.

1988

Allison (Hughes) Stanton completed the Defense Intelligence Agency Joint Military Attaché School Spouse Training Program and received her certificate as a Distinguished Graduate. Allison has volunteered and will serve in attaché duty in Accra, Ghana, with her husband, LTC Dwayne Stanton, the U.S. Military Attaché Designate to Ghana. Their sons, DJ and Reilly, will accompany them.

1989

Cynthia Lemek has been employed since November 2010 by Association Acumen, an association management company. She is the executive director for two of Association Acumen's clients: the Society of American Travel Writers and the Ophthalmic Anesthesia Society.

1991

Jennifer Puetzer was recently promoted to senior vice president of finance for Tommy Hilfiger Retail North America.



1992

James Alecca is an entrepreneurial vexillologist, one who studies flags. He is also a film producer/distributor and a lawn care entrepreneur.

■ **Joseph Proto** has been residing

in Florida since 2002. He owns two wire management companies, Electiduct, Inc., and EZ Hidewire, Inc.

1993

Pedro Figueroa recently joined the American Sugar Refining Co. (ASR, aka Domino Sugar & Florida Crystals Corp.) and is based in the company's global headquarters in West Palm Beach, FL. Pedro previously spent 12 years with global commodity merchant ED&F Man in a variety of executive management roles throughout the Americas (San Juan, Puerto Rico, Miami, Mexico City, and Mexico). As vice president for the International Division at ASR, his responsibilities include the further integration and further development of the group's global export business to key regional markets throughout the world. ■ **Andrea Preziotti**

was promoted to communications director, managing sales communications, for AOL, where she's been working for the past five years. In 2011 Andrea learned how to surf in Nicaragua; spent time discovering the Southeast with trips to Louisiana, the Carolinas, Georgia, West Virginia, and Tennessee; and was a featured model for Shameless Photography Studios 1940s Glamour Pin-up Collection. An avid concert-goer, Andrea has also enjoyed the reunion tours of fave bands Duran Duran, OMD, and Psychedelic Furs. She spends the remainder of her free time mastering karaoke.

1994

Jeffrey Schanz ('99MPA) and his wife, Sarah, welcomed a daughter, Lily Frances, born Jan. 26, 2012. ■ **Kevin Stranahan** oversees site safety operations and is a lead trainer in several personal safety



Clockwise from right: Alvin Patrick '86, senior producer for *The Daily*, speaks with Marist communication majors Brenna Goethel '16, Ryan Rivard '12, Garrin Marchetti '14, and Jennifer Abbey '12 during Student-Alumni Networking Night in New York City.

Alumni Meet with Communication Students in New York City

More than 45 communication and media arts students and alumni gathered Feb. 6 in New York City for the second annual Student-Alumni Networking Night, sponsored by the School of Communication & the Arts.

"The kids were engaging, smart and ambitious—exactly what it takes to make it in the new media world," says Alvin Patrick '86, senior producer for *The Daily*.

The networking session was held at the 92nd St. Y in upper Manhattan. More than 35 students took part, meeting with 11 alumni who work in television, public relations, advertising, and journalism. The alumni guest speakers were, in

addition to Patrick, Joey-Lyn Addesa '06, James Baumann '90, Amanda Cornwell '08, Alison Duffy '10, David Hochman '08, Dory Larrabee '07, John Liporace '88, Tim McGeever '09, Maria Gordon Shydlo '87, and Alexandra Wickman '07. Students described the networking event as a "great experience" and called it "an opportunity to meet people and practice networking in a comfortable environment."

The event was organized by Marist's Communication Internship Program and supported by the Dr. Mary Louise Bopp Communication Endowment.

Crew Anniversaries Celebrated

Former and current Marist crew captains and coaches gathered on Jan. 20 at Marist's historic Cornell Boathouse to honor four special milestones: the 50th anniversary of men's crew, the 31st anniversary of women's crew, the 25th anniversary of the Marist crew poster, and the 10th anniversary of Marist's participation in the Henley Royal Regatta.

Sean Kaylor '90, a former crew captain and Marist's vice president for enrollment management, shared his memories while stressing how important crew has been to Marist's history as well as the integral role it plays for students today. Marist's third men's crew coach, Bill Austin, was honored during the presentation for his contributions to the program.

Additional events and celebrations will be planned throughout 2012 to commemorate these milestones. If you would like to make a tax-deductible contribution to Marist crew, or would like to support the program in other ways, please contact Chris DelGiorno '88, vice president for college advancement, at maristalumni@marist.edu or (845) 575-3264.



Guests included Jeanne (Ball) Fox '83, Joe Fox '82, Jim Foley '82, Jack Boyle '78, and Maureen (Doolan) Boyle '81.



Sean Kaylor '90 (left), former crew captain and vice president for enrollment management at Marist, and Tom Sanford (center), director of Marist rowing and women's crew head coach, presented a framed Marist crew poster to Bill Austin, former Marist crew coach, for his contributions to Marist crew.

and protection programs as the security manager of St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport, CT. Kevin and his wife, Diana, welcomed their first child, a son, Jax Joseph, born June 7, 2011.

1995

Gregory Petruska was recently promoted to director, EHS, for NBC Universal's Live Theatre projects worldwide.

1996

Gregory Donohue and his wife, Kristen, welcomed their third son, Peter James, in May of 2011.



1997

Gina D'Angelo-Mullen has been promoted to director of advertising for Health Quest, a group of hospitals and affiliated health care providers in the Hudson Valley. Gina and her husband, Robert, welcomed a second daughter, Layla Marie, born December 2010. Layla joins big sister Ava Noelle, 5, at home. ■ **Regina (Casey) Heaton** and her husband, Christopher, welcomed their first child, Abigail Anne, born Oct. 11, 2011. ■ **Michael** and **Carolyn (Mercury) Lockward** welcomed a baby girl, Morgan Hope,

born Sept. 16, 2011. Morgan joins big sister Lauren Grace at home. ■ **Eric Mandeville** was a finalist for Colorado Assistant Principal of the Year for 2011. ■ **Frank** and **Janice (Kelly) McCreay** welcomed twin boys, Sean James and John Brendan, born Aug. 30, 2011. The twins join big sister Kate at home. ■ **Carie (Piskura) Perugini** and her husband, Rocco, welcomed their first child, a son, Christopher Jayden, born Sept. 20, 2011. ■ **Nicole Schlott** married Thomas Sullivan on Dec. 3, 2011. Marist classmates **Christine (Datig) Duffey** and **Vanessa (Cesare) Sullens** were in the bridal party.

1998

Michael Benevento began working for HBO as a senior on-air planner in the program planning department for HBO and Cinemax in March 2011. ■ **Sean Connell** and his wife, Tricia, welcomed their first child, Aidan Shane, born Aug. 21,

2011. ■ **Judith Davis** married Jason Bullis on Oct. 8, 2011, at Leptondale Bible Church in Newburgh, NY. Their reception was at Pamela's on the Hudson. The couple has known each other for 17 years. ■ **Stephanie (Mercurio) Doran** and her husband, Peter, welcomed their first daughter, Harper Marjorie, born June 8, 2011. ■ **Jeffrey Muller** was promoted to partner at law firm McCarter & English, LLP. Jeffrey is an attorney in the tax and benefits practice, where he represents clients in connection with various transactional tax and business planning matters involving corporations, S corporations, partnerships, and limited liability companies, including taxable and tax-free mergers and acquisitions.

1999

James and **Heather (Woods) Guzman** welcomed their second son, Jack Charles, born June 30, 2011. ■ **Jim Kutter** and his wife,

Aisha (Wright) '00, received the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Award for 2012. Jim and Aisha also celebrated the birth of their third child, Josephine Kutter, born Oct. 13, 2010. ■ **Jennifer Murray** welcomed identical twin girls, Emma Ryleigh and Harleigh Grace, born Aug. 23, 2011. The girls were born two months early but are doing very well. ■ **Christine (Lubas) Ryba** and her husband, Andrew, welcomed a second son, Timothy William, born Jan. 17, 2011. ■ **John Svare** married Heather Dippert on Sept. 4, 2011.

2000

Gregory Dicembri has been serving in the U.S. Air Force since Sept. 10, 2001, and has been deployed four times including two tours in Iraq and two in southwest Asia. He also has been in the New York City Fire Department since 2007. ■ **David Gianna ('02MS)** is teaching graduate cybersecurity at University of Maryland University College. David is also a board member of the Poughkeepsie Pilots Association, assumed a leadership role in the NY/NJ metro chapter of Open Web Application Security Project, and has accepted the position of senior security consultant at Arsenal Security Group of



The flag denotes classes that will celebrate reunions in 2012.



Alumni Authors

McLean, VA, focusing on security consulting for transit/rail agencies. ■ **Patrick Kelly** and his wife, Monica, welcomed a third child, Brigid Elisabeth, in November 2011. He continues to work as a senior policy advisor with the American Petroleum Institute in Washington, DC. ■ **Aisha (Wright) Kutter** and her husband, **Jim '99**, received the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce Chairman's Award for 2012. Aisha and Jim also celebrated the birth of their third child, Josephine Kutter, born Oct. 13, 2010. ■ **Donald Urmston (MBA)** was appointed as a full-time tenured professor of business management at SUNY Orange in August 2011. ■ **Diana (Gennaro) Walsh** and her husband, **Philip '01**, welcomed their second child, Brady Joseph, born Dec. 22, 2011. Their daughter, Savannah Mae, loves being a big sister!

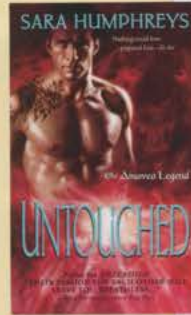
2001

Robert Adamski and Lisa Suski became engaged on Sept. 14, 2011. ■ **Christopher Blasie ('07MA)** returned to the airline industry with a new job as manager at US Airways for its hub city in Washington, DC. ■ **Randeep Dang (MS)** welcomed a baby girl, Nimer, born Oct. 27, 2011. ■ **Sarah Lufler** became engaged to Timothy Bumpus of Jamesville, NY. They plan to marry on Aug. 24, 2012, in Bristol, RI. ■ **Sam Mondesando** and his wife, Corinne, welcomed a son, Matthew Joseph, born Nov. 16, 2011. ■ **Marybeth Post** now teaches students with disabilities, after 10 years of teaching upper elementary grades. Marybeth married Adam Bellinger on Oct. 8, 2011. ■ **Philip Walsh** and his wife, Diana



The book *The Last Walk on Our Block* by **Ron Baumbach '71** offers personal reflections as three brothers and a sister return to their family home after their elderly mother's sudden passing. They find themselves once again walking their former block, reconnecting with their childhood years and life in the 1950s and '60s. The 342-page book is available in print and e-book formats on amazon.com and barnesandnoble.com.

A new book in the Amoveo Legend series by **Sara Humphreys '92** was scheduled for release by Sourcebooks in spring 2012. *Untouched* will be followed by three more books in the series. The first installment, *Unleashed*, was a "fresh, exciting take on shape-shifters, which is one of the hottest areas of paranormal romance" (www.sarahumphreys.com). It won Best Book of 2011 in the Grave Tells Reader's Choice Awards. *Dead in the City*, Sara's urban fantasy vampire series, was recently sold to Sourcebooks in a five-book deal, with the first book slated for release in 2013.



D.M. Roberts '00 self-published her first novel, *Letting Go & Holding On*, in February 2011. The book explores social issues connected with youth violence. It is available as an e-book on smashwords.com and amazon.com, and in paperback at createspace.com/3703945.

Tracy Nicole Dunstan '08 has written *Fishkill Revisited*, a pictorial history of the town of Fishkill, NY. Fishkill not only housed George Washington but served as a supply depot and barracks for the Continental Army from 1776 until 1783. Part of Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series, the book picks up where the 1996 volume *Around Fishkill* left off and features photos provided by local historical societies. It is available through retailers, online bookstores, or www.arcadiapublishing.com.

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More than 30 hockey alumni traveled back to the Mid-Hudson Civic Center in Poughkeepsie to participate in a hockey alumni game on Feb. 4. More than 40 alumni and guests attended a luncheon following the game and raised \$650 for the Marist Hockey Program. If you would like to contribute to the program, please contact the Office of College Advancement at (845) 575-FUND (3863) or e-mail maristalumni@marist.edu.

(Gennaro) '00, welcomed their second child, Brady Joseph, born Dec. 22, 2011. Their daughter, Savannah Mae, loves being a big sister!



Kevin Hogan and his wife, Katie, welcomed a baby boy, Jack, born Sept. 22, 2011. ■ **Edward Nini** and his wife, Catherine, welcomed their first child, Grace Catherine, born Jan. 10, 2011. ■ **Jennifer Stewart** married Gus Ellison in May 2011.

2003

Bradley Cook married Sarah Brady on Aug. 6, 2011. ■ **Cherese (Demme) Cosentino** and her husband, Brian, welcomed a baby girl, born Jan. 17, 2011. ■ **Andrew Cox** began his last year of pharmacy school at the University of Pittsburgh. ■ **Brian Keida** married Colleen Stacy in September 2010 and they recently purchased a home in Atlanta. Brian was promoted to manager at PwC, LLP. ■ **Dennis Piaquadio** and **Dana Kaplan '04** married July 11, 2009. The couple welcomed a baby boy, Alex Joseph, "A.J.," born Oct. 21, 2011.

2004

Douglas and Carin (Pedersen) DePerry welcomed a baby girl, Anna, born in December 2011. ■ **Dana Kaplan** and **Dennis Piaquadio '03** married July 11, 2009. The couple welcomed a baby boy, Alex Joseph, "A.J.," born Oct. 21, 2011.

2005

Dana Christian ('08MPA) became director of licensing and operation at the New York State Liquor





Jim Kutter '99 (far left) and Aisha (Wright) Kutter '00 (second from right), husband and wife and co-founders of KutterGroup LLC, received the Hudson Valley Gateway Chamber of Commerce's Chairman's Award at the chamber's 31st annual awards dinner in January 2012 at the Mansion at Colonial Terrace in Cortlandt Manor, NY. The Kutters received the honor for their firm's redesign and relaunch of the chamber's Web site. Pictured with the Kutters are (left to right) chamber board chair Bill Powers, chamber executive director Deborah Milone, and dinner chair Cathy Montaldo.

Authority in December 2011. ■ **Ashley Pendlebury** is studying translation and interpretation at Montclair State University while working full time at Safe in Hunterdon. She also was accepted into the translation master's program at Rutgers University. Ashley will study at Rutgers after she receives her translation certificate at Montclair.

2006

Jaime Petro married Patrick Howell on Dec. 10, 2011, in Spring Lake, NJ. ■ **Christopher Wasilewski** married Elizabeth Kovach on Oct. 28, 2011. Christopher has been a police officer in Connecticut for four years.



2007

Bethany Bohlin ('11MA) and **Brian Hodge** married on Oct. 9, 2011, on Cape Cod in Massachusetts, surrounded by family, friends, and several Marist alumni. The couple honeymooned in South Africa and Paris before

returning home to Pawtucket, RI. Bethany is the senior product specialist at Collette Vacations, an international group tour operator. Brian is the communications and social media manager at the Providence Warwick Convention and Visitors Bureau. ■ **Charles Engle** and **Kelly Schenker** recently married. They met at Marist during their freshman year. Charles has accepted a new position at JP Morgan in London, where they will relocate in 2012.

2008

J.P. Glowatz graduated from the University of New Hampshire School of Law in May 2011. He passed the New Jersey and New York bar exams and is currently a contractor with DuPont's trademark legal department in Wilmington, DE. ■ **Lauren Goodwin** began working as the communications associate for the New York Junior League in January 2012, managing internal and external communications as well as assisting with social media efforts. ■ **Nicole Krause** is



J.P. Glowatz '08

pursuing an MA in special education from SCSU. She is a developmental therapist at Rehabilitation Associates of Connecticut, Inc.

2009

Nicole Fortanasce received a master's in literacy studies in May 2011. ■ **Margeaux Lippman** is pursuing a doctorate at the University of Washington in communication with an emphasis in rhetoric and critical/cultural studies. She recently completed her MA at Pepperdine University in communication. ■ **Lindsey Pritzlaff** accepted a posi-

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John T. Kinsella '68

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Lillian M. Biktjorn '78

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Christina A. Hetsco '78

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Walter D. Jarvis '84

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tion with Make-A-Wish Foundation of New Jersey as director of communications. She worked at CBS for three years following graduation.

2010

Joseph Castellano (MPA) is an active member of several professional organizations including the American Society for Industrial Security, where he obtained a certified protection professional (CPP) designation. In the spring of 2011, Joe was published in a professional journal, *Security Director Magazine*. ■ **Cynthia Fuller** lives in Kunming, China, where she tutors students in English. She is also studying

Mandarin. She lives with her second family and teaches as a private instructor. ■ **Christina Graziano** is teaching at a private college for autism and couldn't be happier. She writes that her experience at Marist gave her the ability to have such a great job. ■ **Stephanie Moshier** is teaching seventh and eighth grade science in the Spackenkill School District in Poughkeepsie. She is pursuing a master's in special education at Grand Canyon University. ■ **Matt Snow** graduated from the 53rd Municipal Police Officers class on Dec. 2, 2011. He is a police officer in the town of Bridgewater, MA.

2011

Keith Carielli (MA) obtained a position in the Wappingers Central School District as a school psychologist immediately following graduation in May 2011 with a master's in school psychology. He recently attended SPEAK training, which he says has prepared him to train individuals about suicide prevention and awareness. He is excited about his new career and thanks Marist for providing him with the skills and abilities to be successful. ■ **Amy Ciaramella** is going back to school to study nursing. ■ **Cheri Fraiman** is vice president of human resources

for an investment firm in New York City. ■ **Alexandra Hodovanu** began working for Macy's in October 2011 as a merchant office assistant in the men's basics department. ■ **Rev. George Kyeremeh (MA)** was appointed director of the Diocesan Pastoral and Retreat Center in Sunyani, Ghana, where he will help set up a counseling center and offer retreats for groups and individuals. He also was appointed chaplain of the Diocesan Laity Council. ■ **Daniel Pearles** is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and will complete the Military Police Officer Leaders Course in August before deploying to Cuba in 2013. ■ **Oliver Roe** was recently promoted to sales/purchasing contract administrator for the northeast region of Bunzl Distributors. His duties include overseeing key account margin compliance for the region and improving reporting processes. ■ **Laura Veltre** is a facility coordinator for HotCam NY, a broadcast rental house for television and film. ■ **Christopher Walker** landed a full-time job and has his own apartment. He loves where he works and is also playing music in a band. "Life is good." ■ **Madison Weber** planned to move to Germany in January to be an au pair. ■

Alumnus Named Professional of the Year

Jeffrey M. Schanz '94/'99MPA, assistant vice president for alumni relations at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and executive director of the Rensselaer Alumni Association, has been named the Council for Advancement and Support of Education's (CASE) District II Professional of the Year. The award recognizes an institutional advancement professional who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in the development of an institutional advancement program or innovative execution of programs.

Schanz has worked in higher education for more than 16 years. He served as director of alumni relations at Marist until 2000, when he joined the alumni relations staff at Rensselaer. In 2003, he was named director of alumni relations there and in 2008 became assistant vice president for alumni relations. He also served as president of the Marist Alumni Association from 2008 to 2010.

Under Schanz's leadership at Rensselaer, alumni programs have received national and regional recognition, including 18 CASE Circle of Excellence and Accolades awards.



Jeffrey M. Schanz '94/'99MPA



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