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The Next Five Years: Strategic Plan 2018–2023



MARIST COLLEGE IS AT AN EXCITING POINT IN ITS HISTORY. The first students have begun their studies in our new Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, and this spring our Physician Assistant Program will graduate its first class. Our student body is stronger academically and more diverse than ever, and the College is poised for continued growth in our academic programs and degree offerings. Like any organization, we need to periodically look inward to define and redefine who we are and how we fit in, both in our home in the Hudson Valley and around the world. In this spirit, we recently developed a new five-year strategic plan to guide our way forward.

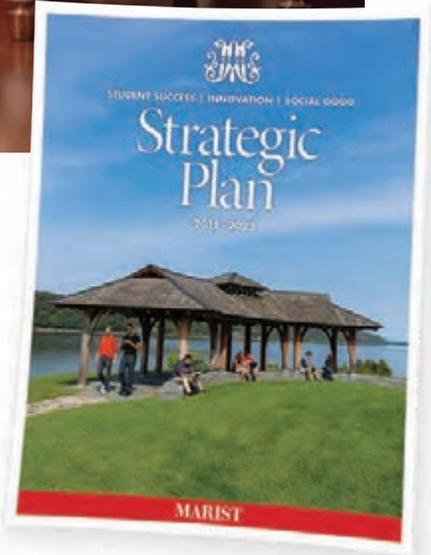
The new plan focuses on three key areas: student success, innovation, and advancing the social good. I believe that student success is measured by more than grades or salary in a first job. At Marist, we help our students fully develop their intellect, character, and skills. The College has a firm belief in the power of experiential education: extending learning beyond the classroom is key to intellectual development and critical thinking. Marist also emphasizes the importance of international study, with more than half of our students taking part in a study abroad experience. Through our campus in Florence, Italy, and the scores of study abroad programs we offer, students leave Marist with a more expansive view of the world and their place in it.

Marist has long enjoyed a reputation as an innovative college. We were working with IBM before such partnerships were common, and we've never stopped innovating. During the past year, we launched our first doctoral program, a minor in cybersecu-

riety, and a Center for Social Media. Moving ahead, we're developing a Center for Innovation to facilitate experimentation, problem-solving, and collaboration.

Social good has always been at the heart of Marist's mission. Imprinted into the College's institutional DNA by the Marist Brothers is a historic commitment to service, ethical leadership, and meaningful community engagement. Guided by our new strategic plan, we will enhance this commitment to the community on the regional, national, and international levels.

I'm excited about the next five years, and I look forward to working with all members of the Marist community as we embark on the College's next chapter. To read the 2018–2023 strategic plan, please visit strategicplan.marist.edu. If you prefer to receive a printed copy, please contact editor@marist.edu.



David Yellen
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NEWS & NOTES FROM THE CAMPUS



CARLO DE JESUS

New North Campus residential housing, part of the largest capital project in Marist's history, offers a dining center featuring an on-campus location for Poughkeepsie institution Rosticceria Rossi and Sons Deli.

New Student Dining Center Opens

MARIST UNVEILED its newest building and an exciting local business partnership in January 2018. The College's new North Campus Dining Center houses an on-campus location for Poughkeepsie's own Rosticceria Rossi and Sons Deli.

The new location provides some of the deli's most popular dishes, including vodka chicken and signature sandwiches. Consistently hailed as a favorite among Marist students, Rossi's has also been featured in BuzzFeed as a top college-town restaurant and in Spoon University as "the most raved-about deli in Poughkeepsie."

As part of the largest capital project in the College's history, the North Campus complex brings enhanced community space for students, faculty, and staff to Marist. In addition to housing residential students during the academic term, the new facilities are designed to support academic initiatives such as Marist's summer Pre-College programs for high school students. When final landscaping is completed this summer, the

lawns and open space will provide unique campus spaces engaging Marist's Hudson River viewshed.

The new complex will also make it easier for Marist to host conferences and large-scale events. "The College is deeply commit-

ted to the economic health of the Hudson Valley," said Dr. Geoffrey Brackett, Marist executive vice president. "Having the infrastructure in place to hold events and welcome guests from outside the area plays a key role in the economic engine of the region." 🍷



The new Rossi's location at Marist provides some of the deli's most popular dishes.

Renowned scholarly press De Gruyter has published a book by **Dr. Joseph Kirtland**, professor of mathematics. *Complementation of Normal Subgroups* is an exhaustive look into a specific area of group theory, one of the major foundational areas of mathematics.

Dr. William Van Ornum, professor of psychology, has written the biography *Eugene Kennedy: A Man, the Catholic Church, and the Life of Faith* (Wipf & Stock, 2017).

Assistant Professor of Marketing **Vernon Murray** and Associate Professor of Psychology **Sherry Dingman** took part this past summer in a meeting on human trafficking organized by the United Nations General Assembly. They attended the session as representatives of Fang Protective Services, a nonprofit organization that has "consultative status" in the Economic and Social Council of the UN, in the area of global security training for humanitarian aid workers. Along with their service to Fang, the two professors are involved in research on human trafficking. In spring 2019, Murray will offer a special topics course through the School of Management, "Human Trafficking Marketing and Countermarketing." Students will learn about the marketing aspects of trafficking and how to use social marketing tools and concepts to oppose the efforts of human traffickers.

Book Examines FDR's Last 100 Days



Dr. David B. Woolner

DR. DAVID B. WOOLNER'S NEW BOOK, *The Last 100 Days: FDR at War and at Peace*, paints a detailed portrait of the final 100 days of Franklin D. Roosevelt's life and presidency. It shows how FDR—a man of 60-plus years in a precarious state of health—coped with the day-to-day demands of office during one of the most critical periods in American history.

In *The Last 100 Days* Woolner, a senior fellow and resident historian at the Roosevelt Institute and a professor of history at Marist, argues that FDR foresaw the globalized world to come and the central place of the U.S. within it. Above all else, this made the establishment of the United Nations and securing the American public's support for the fledgling organization imperative. But FDR also pursued a number of other less well-known initiatives that he was never able to fulfill, including the establishment of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. While balancing these and other urgent matters, FDR tried his best to adhere to the rest regimen that his two primary physicians insisted was critical to his survival. He understood that he was ill, as did those closest to him, but the standard line from his doctors to the public was that he "was in fine health for a man his age."

Drawing upon previously untapped sources, Woolner depicts FDR as a much diminished man, often near the point of physical exhaustion, yet determined to press on and achieve the goals he set for himself, his nation, and the world. These final 100 days set in motion some of the most important and long-lasting consequences of FDR's transformative presidency, which fundamentally changed the way American citizens view the role of government, as well as America's role in the world. 📖

Two Marist Seniors Awarded Fulbright Fellowships

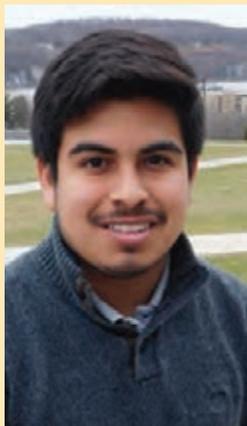
MARIST STUDENTS ANDREW BEST '18 and LAURA GARDNER '18 have each been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

The graduating seniors will teach English in Malaysia and Spain, respectively. Best is a psychology/special education major from Montclair, NJ, while Gardner is a Spanish/adolescent education major from Thornwood, NY. In recent years, Marist has had tremendous success with this nationally competitive award, with 24 students winning a Fulbright in the last 15 years.

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. "We're proud that Marist students continue to successfully compete for our nation's most competitive fellowships," said Marist President David Yellen. "This record of success is the result of our students' hard work, as well as the excellent preparation they receive at Marist, including the mentorship of our dedicated faculty." 📖



Laura Gardner '18 and Andrew Best '18 have each been awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.



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Francesca Treglia '18 **Ryan Guzhnay '18**

Seniors **Francesca Treglia** and **Ryan Guzhnay** have been accepted into the selective program Teach For America, a nonprofit that places teachers in high-need classrooms across the country. Treglia, a Higher Education Opportunity Program student and psychology major, will teach in her hometown of New York City. Guzhnay, who is majoring in political science, will teach in Richmond, CA. Acceptance into TFA is competitive. For fall 2017, the organization received 49,000 applications and accepted 15 percent.

—Dylan Lopez '19



Marist professor and author DR. HELEN N. ROTHBERG was the special guest at an event in New York City hosted by the Office of Alumni Relations in November. Over cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at Iguana in the heart of midtown Manhattan, Rothberg shared insights from her book *The Perfect Mix: Everything I Know About Leadership I Learned as a Bartender*.



Members of the Marist College community volunteered as guest coaches for a flag football game at the New York State Veterans' Home at Montrose in Westchester County. Pictured are (left to right) Offensive Line Coach Jake Dembow '09/'15MA, Luke Butera '20, Matt McKnelly '20, Jeff Moseman, Richard Duncan-Murphy '18, Joe Fraccaroli '18, and Kevin Doran '20. At far right is Giants Super Bowl XXV Champion Odessa Turner.

Football Players Team Up with Nonprofit to Help Veterans

MEMBERS OF MARIST'S FOOTBALL TEAM, led by Offensive Line Coach Jake Dembow '09/'15MA, embodied the College's tradition of service by volunteering as guest coaches for a flag football game at the New York State Veterans' Home at Montrose.

The event Nov. 1 was sponsored by Play For Your Freedom, an all-volunteer organization that provides physical fitness and peer-to-peer support to veterans transitioning from military to civilian life. Marist Security Officer Jeff Moseman is active in Play For Your Freedom and connected it with the College.

Participating from Marist were Luke Butera '20 of Toms River,

NJ; Matt McKnelly '20 of Virginia Beach, VA; Rich Duncan-Murphy '18 of Bensalem, PA; Joe Fraccaroli '18 of Wilton, CT; and Kevin Doran '20 of Cranford, NJ.

Working together, the Marist student-athletes and veterans took an empty plot of grass on the hospital grounds, added some orange cones, and transformed it into a football field. Dembow and the Marist players then took on a team featuring former New York Giants Super Bowl XXV Champion Odessa Turner. Throughout the friendly competition, there were high fives and smiles all around. The match ended in a tie. 🏈

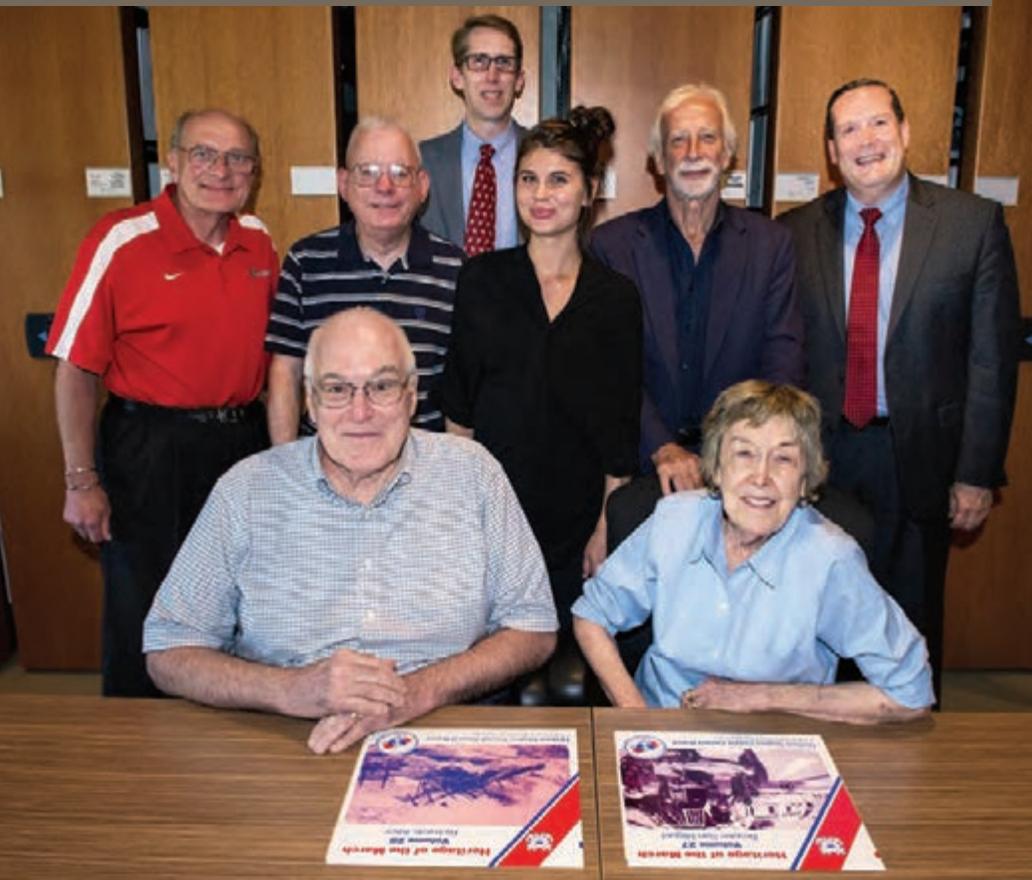
KELSEY DONOHUE '13 kicked off the speaker series presented by Marist's new Center for Social Media, sharing insights from her former job as assistant press secretary to First Lady Michelle Obama. Donohue (right) visits the center with Senior Professional Lecturer of Public Relations Jennie Donohue (no relation), who is director of the center. ▶

MICHELLE ALEXANDER (right), civil rights lawyer, legal scholar, and author of *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*, spoke to an overflow crowd of faculty, staff, students, and community members on March 1 in Marist's Nelly Goletti Theatre. Dr. Tia Sherée Gaynor, assistant professor of public administration (left), and Dr. Jocelyn R. Smith Lee, assistant professor of psychology (center), moderated the talk. ▼



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Left: Shown are (left to right, front row) Robert Hoe VI and Polly Diane Hoe with (second row) Diane's husband, Leopoldo Mucci (second from right), Francesca Mucci '13 (center), (left to right) Director of Music Art Himmelberger, band-music historian William Rehrig, Vice President for College Advancement Chris DelGiorno, and (back row) Dr. John Ansley, director, Archives and Special Collections. Below right: sheet music from the Hoe library.

The collection contains more than 50,000 titles of music, well in excess of 250,000 parts or pages to be digitized. The library also contains phonograph record albums produced by Hoe, their master recordings, additional recordings on audiotape, and correspondence from researchers and music aficionados from around the globe, all requesting access to the collection.

Because of his long friendship with Hoe, Himmelberger knows the collection inside out and is one of the few people who understands how its contents are catalogued. From a young age Himmelberger gained a vast knowledge of band-march music thanks to his father, who frequently played recordings of marches at home. Himmelberger began playing in community bands at age 8 and by 22 was performing as a member of the U.S. Army Field Band in Washington, DC.

Hoe and Himmelberger met in 1973 when Hoe approached the leadership of the U.S. Army Field Band on a mission to record distinguished bands performing the music he had collected, much of which had never been recorded. Himmelberger offered to help with the project, boldly adding that he knew as much about band marches as anyone alive. Hoe tested the 22-year-old whippersnapper, asking him to name 10 march composers and not to include the most famous, Sousa. Himmelberger proceeded to rattle off not only 10 but 15 names. Hoe was impressed enough to add Himmelberger to the list of enthusiasts to whom he mailed the long-playing (LP) records he produced. Following Hoe's death in 1983, Himmelberger remained close to the

Hoe family and worked diligently to preserve and advance the Hoe music library.

Also invaluable in making the collection accessible is William H.

Rehrig, a school band director and band historian. Rehrig prepared materials in the library for digitization.

Loras Schissel, senior specialist of music in the Library of Congress's Music Division, will lead the preservation of the physical collection of the Hoe library. "Robert Hoe

Preserving Music History

Robert Hoe V assembled the world's premier private library of sheet music for concert and marching bands. Now, through a collaboration involving his heirs, Marist College, and the Library of Congress, his unique collection will be digitized and made available to the public.

ROBERT HOE V spent his life devoted to concert and military band music—discovering it, recording it, and sharing it with others. A successful businessman and philanthropist who lived in Poughkeepsie, he started his musical journey as a boy playing the cornet. He switched to the euphonium in college and became enamored with band marches. Subsequently he assembled the world's most revered private library of sheet music in that genre. He traveled the world collecting it, financed recordings of it by some of the world's most renowned bands, and mailed these recordings to other enthusiasts at his own expense. Now, through an unusual collaboration involving his heirs, Marist College, and the Library of Congress, his painstakingly collected internationally renowned library will be digitized and made available to the public.

In late 2017, Marist received generous gifts totaling \$100,000 from Robert Hoe VI, his sister Polly Diane Hoe, and the Hoe

Foundation to digitize the library. The physical collection, currently stored in an office in one of the Hoe family businesses, will be housed in the Library of Congress.

The collection, according to Marist Director of Music Art Himmelberger, is the largest privately owned library of historic wind-band music in the world. "It took a lifetime to create the library," said Himmelberger. "It would take several lifetimes to thoroughly absorb all that is there."

The Robert Hoe Music Collection consists of sheet music for marching and concert bands written by a plethora of well-known composers. Significant components of the collection include original John Philip Sousa manuscripts and parcels of the band libraries of two historically renowned bandmasters, David W. Reeves and Alfredo Tommasino.

"My father used to say 'People love band music. I want to make this music available to people so they can love it as much as I do.'"

—Diane Hoe

was a longtime and valuable friend of the Music Division at the Library of Congress,” Schissel said. “His passion for band music was so wonderfully shared through his historic series of recordings which were sent free of charge throughout the world. We’re delighted that the Hoe family is making this large and historically important collection available to all scholars and lovers of fine band music everywhere—they are truly carrying on the great tradition of their father.”

“It was very exciting to finalize the agreement with the Hoe family,” said Dr. John Ansley, director of Archives and Special Collections at Marist. “It is an incredible opportunity to be able to continue to work with Bob and Diane, and now the Library of Congress. This will be the first time Marist has had the opportunity to collaborate with the Library of Congress, one of the world’s greatest research facilities.”

The signing of the funding agreement at Marist was a celebration, complete with a bottle of Champagne and background music from one of Hoe’s recordings.

“When I hear that, it’s like my father is here,” said Diane Hoe.

“My father cared so much about this kind of music,” she added. “He used to say ‘People love band music. I want to make this music available to people so they can love it as much as I do.’ To have it come together like this with Marist is just marvelous.”

The significance of the day brought tears to Bob Hoe’s eyes.

“We’ve put in place a mechanism for this to be accessible,” he said. “This is exactly what my father would have wanted.”



Left: Robert Hoe V is shown editing a master tape in his study.

Bob Hoe: Keeper of the Heritage

Throughout the history of the concert band, there have been many who have been important to its continued growth and develop-

BY WILLIAM
H. REHRIG

ment. Patrick Gilmore, John Philip Sousa, the Godfreys, and Frederick Fennell have all made their indelible mark on the history of the band. There is one other, who, while not a conductor or performer, has had a great deal of influence on the direction of bands and band music in the 20th century.

Bob Hoe, born to a family of businessmen, began playing euphonium at an early age and played it in the Pomona College Band. After graduation, he was exempted from military service because of an ear problem and was employed at a steel mill during World War II. Just before the end of the war, Bob and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Poughkeepsie, NY, where he opened an architectural woodworking firm. This firm prospered and became the largest of its kind in the United States. In 1964, Hoe dissolved the woodworking firm in order to devote his time to a bowling business he had obtained. The new corporation, Mardi-Bob Bowling, operated six bowling allies in the greater Poughkeepsie area.

Bob Hoe always had a keen interest in band music, particularly marches. While amassing a varied collection of band recordings, he also acquired copies of much of the sheet music which the bands had used for making recordings. As a euphonium player (a “youffer,” as he described himself), he was dismayed because there were no adult bands near his Poughkeepsie home. Moreover, the demands of his business were such that he could not attend rehearsals and concerts on a regular basis. As a result, he began collecting band records. He collected not only commercial and private recordings, but also tapes of concerts. Concurrently, he began to collect the printed parts for the music on the records. What developed was a unique hobby of playing along with the records on his euphonium (and other brass instruments) using the same edition of the music that was on the records. Eventually, Hoe became acquainted with many kindred souls who helped him with the collection of music and recordings.

Hoe visited bands with major music libraries and made copies of music that was not readily available, and his own personal library became quite large. He made several trips to Europe, where his quest for music reaped unexpected dividends. For example, he discovered a large number of rare German marches in the basement of a theater in Wesel, Germany, and still others at a German radio station. In Spain, he found many paso dobles that were unknown outside of that country. He made trips to France, England, and Italy with similar results. In the United States, he acquired the libraries of several defunct bands.

He also took on the challenge of sorting thousands of uncatalogued pieces of band music in the basement archives of the Library of Congress in Washington, DC. With my help and that of several other band scholars, he searched through more than 6,000 boxes of music to locate titles for his collection. The library subsequently catalogued these pieces.

The next step was to interest bands in making commercial recordings of some of these newly discovered works. This turned out to be very difficult, but two bands cooperated. The Scots Guards Band of England produced two all-Sousa albums, and the British Band of the Life Guards produced an album of the marches of Karl L. King, using pieces selected by King himself.

Hoe’s inability to interest other bands in making commercial records of this music greatly frustrated him. In his mind, there was only one solution: to produce the records himself.

Thus was born the Heritage series of LP records. The first series of 15 albums, now available on CD from Naxos, was recorded by the U.S. Navy Band. The records were distributed free of charge to more than 300 people on Hoe’s mailing list. Included were band fans, band conductors, and band composers. All he asked in return was that each recipient write him a letter with their evaluations and thoughts about the music and composers.

The Heritage series grew to a total of 263 LP records, all produced at Hoe’s expense. Among the bands that recorded these albums were the U.S. Army Field Band, the U.S. Coast Guard Band, the U.S. Marine Band, the U.S. Military Academy Band, the Allentown Band, le Musique du Royal 22e Regiment of Canada, the Eastern Regional Band of the Norwegian Defense Forces, the Grenadier Guards Band of Great Britain, le Musique de la police Nationale de France, the Home Guards Band of Göteborg, Sweden, the Luftwaffen Musikkorps Band of Germany, the Scots Guards Band of Great Britain, the Phillips Band of Holland, and the Australian Police Band.

Bob Hoe’s influence on bands and band music lives on today, some 35 years after his death. Major publishers are issuing contemporary editions of some of the historically valuable music in the Heritage series. The recipients of the records and the conductors of the bands maintained friendships long after his death. The original LPs of the Heritage series are collectors’ items, and the Hoe family has given Naxos records to produce CD versions of some of the original albums. Bob Hoe was truly a keeper of the heritage.

William H. Rehrig is a school band director and band historian.



A generous \$2 million grant from the James J. McCann Charitable Trust will support the replacement and significant expansion of the auxiliary gym and fitness area in the James J. McCann Recreation Center.

Expanding Opportunities for Students

Marist is grateful to alumni, parents, and friends for their wonderful support and continued dedication to the College. Their philanthropy makes a significant impact across the institution. Among recent commitments:

■ The James J. McCann Charitable Trust recently issued a \$2 million grant to support the replacement and significant expansion of the auxiliary gym and fitness center in the James J. McCann Recreation Center.

“The McCann Charitable Trust has deep ties with Marist and this generous grant will allow us to improve and expand these facilities for our entire student body,” said President David Yellen. “McCann Trustees Michael Gartland and Richard Corbally have been dedicated to this project and we greatly appreciate that.”

“The trust is privileged to be able to continue the expressions of James McCann’s interest in educational opportunities for young people and is pleased to support Marist in this latest effort,” said Corbally.

“The auxiliary gym is utilized by our Division I athletes, club sports, and for general student recreation activities throughout the year,” noted Chris DelGiorno, vice president for college advancement. “The McCann Recreation Center is an integral part of campus life at Marist and this gift will enhance the student experience at the College for years to come.”

The trust played a key role in the original construction of the McCann Center

in 1977 and has supported each major renovation and addition to this important campus facility over the past 40 years.

■ Marist parents continue to make an important impact through their leadership and generous philanthropy. Among recent commitments is a generous grant from Scott and Mia DeMatteis P’17 and the DeMatteis Family Foundation. The grant will establish the Scott and Mia DeMatteis Family Scholarship, a need-based endowed scholarship for students

participating in the learning support program offered through the Office of Accommodations and Accessibility. The mission of the DeMatteis Family Foundation, formed in 2001 by Frederick DeMatteis, chairman of the DeMatteis Organizations, and his wife, Nancy, is to make life better by serving human needs through support to institutions involved in education, health and human services, medical research, social services, and the arts with a primary emphasis on the New York metropolitan area.

During their annual board meeting on campus, trustees of the Dr. Edwin A. Ulrich Charitable Trust met scholarship recipients (front row, left to right) Alexandra Tesman '18 and Sean Craig '18. Representing the trust were (left to right) Jeff Armstrong, associate professor of guitar; Jack Conklin; John Regan; and Andrew Phillips.



- Marist Trustee Jerome Pickett '98 recently established an endowed scholarship in memory of his mother, Doreen, who passed away in spring 2017. The Doreen Pickett Memorial Scholarship includes a generous lead gift from Jerome, along with the support of many friends and family members. The scholarship will help deserving students pursuing a career in health care. Jerome's mother was a registered nurse for more than 40 years.



Marist Trustee Jerome Pickett '98, shown with his mother, Doreen, at his wedding, established an endowed scholarship in her memory.

- Fred Dever Jr. '87 recently made a generous gift to endow a scholarship in memory of his mother, Joan Helen Dever, who passed away in December 2017; and in honor of his father, Dr. Frederick Dever; his sister, Jeanne Hudson-Dever; and his husband, Dr. Eric Czander. The Dever Family Swim Scholarship will support a student-athlete in men's swimming and diving. Fred's mother was a former "Aquadorable," a professional synchronized swimmer for the 1950s Elliot Murphy Aqua Show at Flushing Meadows Amphitheater. Her life-long passion for aquatics and physical fitness served as an inspiration to her family and those whom she touched as a swim coach, mentor, and friend. Fred, a member-at-large of the Marist Alumni Executive Board, was a captain of the Red Foxes men's swim team while in college.



Fred Dever Jr. '87, shown with his mother, Joan Helen Dever, established a scholarship in her memory and in honor of his father, sister, and husband.

- Trustee Suresh Kothapalli '91 MS and his brothers, Rajesh K. Kothapalli '92 MS and Vinod K. Kottapalli '94 MS, have made a generous pledge in support of designations that benefit the School of Computer Science and Mathematics, and Marist more broadly. Their pledge provides additional support for the Kothapalli Family Scholarship, established in 2014 to assist students in Marist's master's degree program in computer science/software development. The pledge will also provide term support for summer research fellows in the School of Computer Science and Mathematics who will work on special projects with a faculty member in conjunction with respected technology companies. The balance of the brothers' pledge will be directed to the Marist Fund.



Kathleen Norton McNulty '79/'14MA and Gerry McNulty '79 are establishing a scholarship to benefit students in the School of Communication and the Arts.

- Alumni couple Gerry McNulty '79 and Kathleen Norton McNulty '79/'14MA recently made a generous pledge to establish a new endowed scholarship to benefit students with demonstrated financial need studying in the School of Communication and the Arts. Gerry is the longtime director of the Communication Internship Program and Kathy joined the School in 2016 as a professional lecturer in journalism.

- James McNamara P'18 recently directed another grant in support of the McNamara Family Goldman Sachs Scholarship through Goldman Sachs Gives. Jim established the scholarship in 2014 and has continued to make meaningful gifts to further grow the fund, expanding its impact over time.

- A friend of the College, Fred Bekker, recently donated his late brother Peter's collection of recordings from his syndicated radio show "On Record." The Peter Bekker Collection is a great addition to Marist's Archives and Special Collections. Fred also made a generous gift to underwrite the cost of digitizing all of the materials in the collection. Recordings and documents include interviews with notable musicians such as John Lennon, Debbie Harry, and Barry Manilow.

- The Marist Poll was recently awarded a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to conduct a survey of residents' knowledge of the Hudson River. The project is designed to establish a baseline measure of public understanding of the Hudson River, based on sound science, and to understand how that information is shared. The goal is to develop a communication and education plan that will create a better informed public. MIPO staff will work closely with the DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program and the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control Commission on the survey design and results analysis.

- The trustees of the Dr. Edwin A. Ulrich Charitable Trust have continued their generous support for scholarships at Marist with a recent grant. The scholarships honor Dr. Ulrich's legacy as a mentor to young people and wonderful philanthropist. The trust's latest grant will provide invaluable assistance to business and fine art majors from the Hudson River Valley as well as to exceptional music students. With its latest contribution, the trust's total support for Marist approaches \$685,000.

- Trustee Genine McCormick '88 and her husband, Michael '88, continue to provide support for various institutional funding priorities through the McCormick Family Foundation. Most recently, the McCormicks made a leadership gift for the Marist Fund, a designation they've actively supported for nearly 30 years. They also made a generous gift towards their vital pledge to help establish a career center in the School of Management. 🇺🇸

FIFTH ANNUAL
**CELEBRATION OF
SCHOLARSHIPS**
LUNCHEON



Left to right, Bill Gargan, Liam Moyles '18, and Ginny Gargan attend the 2017 Celebration of Scholarships luncheon in the Murray Student Center Cabaret.

Celebrating Those Who Support Scholarships

MARIST HOSTED THE FIFTH ANNUAL CELEBRATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS LUNCHEON on Oct. 28 in the Murray Student Center. More than 50 scholarship recipients attended to thank benefactors who endowed scholarships and support annual giving scholarships.

Expanding support for scholarships is one of the College's highest fundraising priorities. Scholarships help Marist attract the best and the brightest, assist in decreasing student debt, inspire others to invest, and teach the importance of philanthropy. They also serve as a lasting way for donors to honor those they cherish and respect.

Honoring NYPD Officers and Families

Among Marist's scholarship funds is one with a poignant history. On Aug. 17, 1947, Patrolman Thomas J. Gargan of the New York Police Department was killed in the line of duty while responding to a burglary in Greenwich Village. He was a highly decorated officer who received the Combat Medal and was posthumously awarded the NYPD's

Medal of Honor. Gargan left behind his wife, Margaret, and four sons.

Seeking a fitting memorial, family and friends initiated a scholarship in Tom Gargan's name to support local students from families who served the NYPD. About 25 years ago, Marist was approached by one of Tom's sons, James V. Gargan Sr. '63, about accepting the longstanding endowment to help Marist juniors or seniors whose parents or grandparents were members of the NYPD. In ensuing years, the names of Sgt. Finbar Devine, a partner of Tom Gargan, and Joseph Dolan, a close family friend, were added to the fund to create the Finbar Devine/Tom Gargan/Joseph Dolan Scholarship.

Nearly 60 years after their father's death, Jim Gargan and his brother, Bill, continued to support the scholarship. Jim, who passed away in February 2017, attended the College as a Marist Brother, earning a degree in English. He went on to teach secondary and

college English before earning a law degree at University of Michigan Law School as a layman. Among other legal pursuits, he was a longtime counsel for the New York Cotton Exchange.

Bill Gargan and Jim's wife, Ginny, attended the Celebration of Scholarships luncheon where they met Liam Moyles '18, a current recipient of the scholarship. Moyles, whose family has a long commitment to public service, expressed his gratitude to the Gargan family for their support.

"I am honored to be a recipient of this scholarship," he said. The scholarship is not only honoring its namesakes but helping Moyles achieve his dream of carrying on a family tradition: serving in the NYPD. He already has held two internships with the department.

"I hope to be in the summer 2018 academy class," said Moyles, "following in the footsteps of both my grandfathers, my mother, and my brother." 🇺🇸

Finbar Devine/
Tom Gargan/
Joseph Dolan
Scholarship

The Tarver Internship Program provides resources for faculty to implement community-based learning components in their classes and students to work with area nonprofits



Former School of Management professor Dr. Donald J. Calista and his wife, Margaret, the former dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, established the Marie and Rupert Tarver Summer Internship Program in 2014. The Calistas (front row) are pictured with past and present Tarver Interns.

Longtime Faculty Establish and Sustain Innovative Internship Program

TWO LONGTIME FACULTY MEMBERS have established and continue to generously support an internship program that not only gives students hands-on experience but also helps the community surrounding Marist.

Margaret Calista, former dean of the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences, and her husband, Dr. Donald J. Calista, former director of the Graduate Center for Public Policy, chose to remain anonymous when they launched and funded the Marie and Rupert Tarver Summer Internship Program in 2014. Recently they allowed the Office of College Advancement to share that they are the founders of the Tarver program, which is named for two area community leaders.

The Tarver Internship Program provides resources for faculty to implement community-based learning components in classes and students to work with area nonprofits to develop skills in their career fields.

The Calistas recognized that students were interested in working in the nonprofit sector but had to turn to other fields for summer jobs

because internships at nonprofits are typically unpaid. The Tarver program supports undergraduates, guided by a Marist faculty member, in paid internships at local nonprofits for eight weeks during the summer. The Tarver students also receive free tuition for three credits and free on-campus housing during their internships.

The Tarver Internship Program is directed by the Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership, an initiative that originated as a joint venture between the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences and the School of Liberal Arts and is now housed in the School of Liberal Arts. The selection process for interns is competitive: between 2014 and 2017 there were 46 applicants for 18 positions. The 18 interns have helped 13 organizations since 2014.

Today, former interns are on career paths ranging from graduate school to the nonprofit sector and the corporate world. Breanna

Lechase '16 will complete an MS in education at SUNY New Paltz this year. Rosa Genetti '17 is attending the University of Michigan School of Social Work and Marissa Zuleta '17 is enrolled at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. Darriel McBride '17

is completing her Fulbright grant in South Africa. Nicholas Bayer '16 works at the

nonprofit Doctors Without Borders. Ryan Guzhnay '18 will join Teach For America (see page 4).

Melissa Enright '17 is enjoying her role in the HR department of a law firm in Manhattan. "Although I have strayed away from the nonprofit world, I feel my new position still gives me some of the same joys of working in nonprofit," Enright said. "For example, in HR, I still get the ability to work closely with others. Most importantly I have the ability to help others in their careers and professional lives." 🇺🇸

The Marie and Rupert Tarver Summer Internship Program

The Doctor is In

Classes begin in Marist's first doctoral program, dedicated to creating the next generation of physical therapists.



Dr. Claudia Fenderson, director of the Doctor of Physical Therapy Program (right), Dr. John McGee, assistant professor (left), and student Katherine Whitman '20 work with equipment in the PT Skills Lab of the Science and Allied Health Building.

LISSETTE SCHUM '20 wants to become a physical therapist because she loves working with the human musculoskeletal system. "It's detective work to get to the root of the patient's issue," she said.

Schum, from Cortlandt Manor, NY, is one of 14 members of the inaugural class in Marist's Doctor of Physical Therapy Program, which began classes on Jan. 8.

"We are very excited about all aspects of the program—our students, faculty, college and community support, and the opportunities we have to ensure that our students receive the highest level of therapy education," said Dr. Claudia B. Fenderson, director of the program.

Marist's first doctoral program, when at full capacity, will accommodate three cohorts of 48 students each.

To Schum, the size of the current cohort is a definite advantage. "The program is great so far!" she said. Having 14 in the class creates "an atmosphere of support and genuinely wanting each other to succeed."

In fall 2017, the program received approval from the New York Board of Regents and received "Candidate for Accreditation" status from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education. Marist's program will be eligible for full accreditation in October 2020, shortly before this initial cohort is set to graduate in December 2020.

After approvals were received, recruitment by the Admission Office and word of mouth in the regional PT community quickly brought in 67 applications. Members of the inaugural class hail from New Jersey, New York, and Washington State.

Admission criteria are very strict. Applicants must have at least a bachelor's degree with a 3.0 GPA overall as well as a 3.0 GPA in science prerequisite courses. Prerequisites are eight credits each of anatomy and physiology; biology; chemistry; and physics as well as credits in psychology and statistics. Applicants also must have a minimum of 80 hours of volunteer or work-related PT experience in at least two different settings.

Once students enroll, the rigor continues. The DPT is a full-time, 36-month, 115-credit program with a curriculum that includes gross anatomy, physiology, clinical neuroscience, pathology, prosthetics and orthotics, diagnostic imaging, and pharmacology, as well as patient management courses in the areas of cardiopulmonary, orthopedic, and neuromuscular physical therapy. The program's mission statement says "Graduates will be prepared to merge hands-on skills, ethical care, clinical judgment, and critical inquiry to promote optimal functioning of current and future clients throughout their lifespan." The program also prepares students for the National Physical Therapy Examination.

Work in a clinical setting is a critical component of the curriculum. Currently 140 organizations—including hospitals, rehab and long-term care facilities, outpatient clinics, schools, and home health care agencies—have committed to accepting Marist PT students for training.

"There are no DPT programs in this region," said Fenderson. "The physical therapists who work in area hospitals, nursing homes, special education schools, and outpatient settings were so excited about the development of our DPT Program that they are very eager to have our students for clinical experiences."

Students will complete two clinical affiliations that last ten weeks and two that last eight weeks. The DPT Program can arrange affiliations in any part of the U.S., and rotations may also be available in Italy.

One of the distinctions of the Marist program is its faculty. "We have a well-qualified faculty," said Fenderson. "The majority of our

faculty have years of experience teaching.”

“There’s such cohesion among this faculty,” said Julie Fineman, director of clinical education. “There are places where there is a lot of competition for research time and articles. I think that we just all want to help each other. It’s such a lovely environment and I think the students feel that.”

Schum, who earned a BS in sports medicine from Merrimack University, has high praise for the faculty. “I chose Marist because the faculty is amazing. When I came for my interview, they were so nice and helped to ease the tension of the day. They also have diversity in specialties of physical therapy.”

Another strength of the program is its state-of-the-art equipment and facilities. The research lab features the “P-Walk” platform, a sensorized walkway for analyzing gaits in patients who have neurological disorders, orthopedic issues, or prosthetic devices. A “SMART-DX” high-precision optoelectronic system uses 10 infrared video cameras and wireless electromyography (EMG) probes for study of all aspects of a patient’s movements. “Most schools do not have that,” said Fineman.

In addition to this research lab, key elements of the DPT space in the Science and Allied Health Building are a gross anatomy lab, a PT skills lab, and a technologically advanced clinical simulation suite with a twin trauma bay and five exam rooms.



The Doctor of Physical Therapy Program faculty, staff, and inaugural cohort of students.

A cornerstone of the DPT Program’s strategic plan is volunteer service, which is also part of Marist’s mission handed down from the founding Marist Brothers. “I love being at Marist because they really embrace that,” said Fenderson.

Students must complete a doctoral project focused on either service, research, or education. They are also required to carry out 10 hours of community service annually.

The DPT Program will use its special equipment and expertise to help the greater community. In conjunction with Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital, Fineman is establishing a Parkinson’s disease registry that will evaluate individuals with Parkinson’s annually. Also planned is an annual clinic to assess local elderly residents for balance issues and suggest preventative measures. A regional prosthetics and orthotics group will partner with the DPT Program for a clinic that will help amputees improve in mobility.

The DPT faculty volunteered as a group even before students enrolled. In August 2017 they helped stuff 1,200 backpacks with school supplies for the local effort “Backpacks, Supplies, and More.”

Fenderson also volunteers on a personal level. In 2018, for the eighth year, she and her husband, an occupational therapist, traveled to Ecuador with the nonprofit Medical Mission Ecuador to care for residents of that country. Many Ecuadorians travel as much as 12 hours to be treated at the group’s annual clinic. This year Marist DPT faculty member Dr. Yvonne Egitto joined the group for the first time. The team of surgeons, orthopedists, nurses, therapists, and other healthcare professionals pay their own way and raise money for equipment such as wheelchairs, braces, and prosthetics to give to the patients. Fenderson expects Marist students, once they have completed some clinical training, will volunteer to go as well.

The DPT Program’s graduates will fill an immediate need as they enter an excellent job market. The U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Statistics has projected that jobs for DPTs are expected to grow 28 percent by 2026 nationally, a rate much faster than the average—7 percent—for all occupations.

In 2014, a report of the New York Health Workforce Data System documented a need for PTs in both the state and Hudson Valley. The report said Valley hospitals describe a 40 percent shortage of PTs, nursing homes a 50 percent shortage, and home health care agencies an 83 percent shortage. A New York State Department of Labor report predicts that by 2024, the need for PTs in the state will increase by 29.3 percent, and in the Hudson Valley by 31.2 percent.

For Lissette Schum, the rewards lie in seeing patients make progress. “I love the aspect of working with someone to reach their goals no matter how small or large they are. Watching someone be able to do something they struggled with for a long time is the best thing to witness and be a part of.”



Faculty members Julie Fineman, director of clinical education (center), and Dr. Yvonne Egitto, clinical assistant professor (right), work with student John Szabo '20 in the PT Skills Lab.



Alexa Kovlakas '17 and Alec Lee '18 create a vegetable garden on campus that provides not only food but food for thought.

Growth Opportunity

Alec Lee '18 (center), fellow students, and Dr. James Snyder, director of the Honors Program (far left), harvest crops from the new garden.

WHAT STARTED AS AN ACADEMIC PROJECT by two students has blossomed into a garden on the Marist campus and an exciting learning resource for all Marist students. Alec Lee '18 and Alexa Kovlakas '17 created a vegetable garden for the College that this past fall bore its first harvest.

As students in Marist's Honors Program, Lee and Kovlakas each had to complete an honors thesis project. Lee, an environmental science major with a minor in biology, wanted to use his project as a way to gain new skills. He was interested in food production as well as ethics and social justice, so food ethics seemed like a good study subject. He began working on the project in his junior year with Dr. James Snyder, director of the Honors Program, as his advisor with the idea to create a garden in the city of Poughkeepsie.

At the same time, Kovlakas, a biomedical sciences major with a chemistry minor, was working on a thesis project with Dr. Joseph

Campisi, assistant professor of philosophy. Her project, creating a garden on campus, was inspired by work she had done for her honors Ethics of Food class, taught by Campisi. The course concerns the production, distribution, and consumption of food and encourages students to think ethically and critically about everyday decisions they make about what and where to eat. To fulfill the course requirement to engage with the community, Kovlakas weeded strawberries, tended seedlings, and prepared farm plots at the Poughkeepsie Farm Project.

"I learned a lot about myself and what goes into the food I eat," she said. "Those were the things that I wanted for students at Marist: an opportunity to grow their own healthy fruits and vegetables, to learn more about the work that goes into the foods they eat, to connect to other students with similar passions, and to reap the psychologically therapeutic benefits of gardening."

Lee and Kovlakas teamed up. They talked to local farmers, studied crop choices, created a budget, and developed a design with a landscape architect. They won approval from College administrators for a garden overlooking the Hudson River, near the Dining Hall.

Construction on the 5,000-square-foot garden began in May 2017 and finished in August. By then Kovlakas had graduated. Lee sowed the seeds and later transplanted them, a task that took two 14-hour days. Design features of the garden include raised beds and mesh fencing to preserve the river view.

The first harvest this past fall produced lettuce, kale, bok choy, turnips, strawberries, and green beans as well as lavender, basil, rosemary, and thyme.

The garden has quickly become an extension of the classroom, providing a number of opportunities for the campus community to engage. In fall 2017 the Ethics of Food seminar, taught by Snyder, worked on projects related

to the garden. In spring 2018 the Honors Program offered classes on food, biodiversity, and climate change, each of which makes use of the garden.

“The garden provides the College with a place to learn, think, build community, and get in touch with oneself and nature,” said Snyder. “This semester the Honors students are designing, budgeting, and planting two beds in the community garden. The bulk of the students in the class have never planted something before. By the end of the semester, they will be responsible for creating a working garden, and how it will be cared for over the summer. I am excited for the students, and they are looking forward to getting their hands dirty.”

Also this spring, students living on the Honors floors in Champagnat Hall will plant a garden for the incoming freshman Honors students of the Class of 2022.

Campisi too will make use of the garden when he teaches the Ethics of Food class this fall. “It is one thing for students to read about agriculture and the process of producing food,” he said, “but it is another to have direct, hands-on experience with the real process of growing food—the effort it involves, the knowledge it requires, the rewards that can come from such efforts.”

Campisi also believes the garden has value for those in the Marist community who are not working directly in it. “So much of our food system is invisible to us—we don’t see how our food is produced, how it gets to our plates. Seeing the garden on campus, making food production visible in this way, can hopefully get people to think about the production



“Seeing the garden on campus, making food production visible in this way, can hopefully get people to think about the production of food and what it requires. Ideally, such awareness may lead people to start asking questions about our prevailing food system and what impact it is having on our lives, on the environment.” –Dr. Joseph Campisi



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Students will manage the garden after Lee graduates. The Campus Sustainability Advisory Committee will serve as an advisory board. Five of the 13 raised beds will be dedicated to growing produce for campus dining, and eight will be available for faculty and student clubs to farm, with the stipulation that 50 percent of the produce from these must be donated to an area nonprofit agency or to campus dining.

Lee’s wish is that the garden will be a hub for creativity.

“I hope that once I’m gone it inspires other students to use food growth as a tool for education and innovation—providing a space for students to develop their own projects whether based on composting, education, growing plants as sustainable textiles or dyes, or even encouraging campus-wide events such as a local farmers’ market held around the outskirts of the garden.

“But I hope this area becomes a wellness space too, where individuals can meditate, relax, or find joy from the space or the process of growing the food.”

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The farm produces award-winning cheese, raises a variety of farm animals, and offers numerous educational programs on agriculture and the environment.

Marist and Sprout Creek Farm: A “Marriage of Missions”

Under an agreement with local institution Sprout Creek Farm, Marist will oversee operations of this working farm, creating new opportunities for students while continuing the farm’s educational offerings for the Hudson Valley community.

SPROUT CREEK FARM, a nonprofit working farm and education center in Dutchess County, NY, has transferred control of its operations to Marist College. The 200-acre farm produces award-winning cheese, raises a variety of farm animals, and offers numerous educational programs focused on agriculture and the environment. The farm will remain an independent nonprofit.

“As we considered ways to ensure the viability of Sprout Creek Farm in the future, we approached Marist College and were delighted that they were interested in integrating the farm into the College,” said Alice Maggin, chairperson of the farm’s board of directors.

“Sprout Creek Farm provides the College with a tremendous opportunity to establish programs for our students and faculty while continuing and enhancing the wonderful educational offerings the farm has offered this community for more than 25 years,” noted Marist President David Yellen. “Sprout Creek Farm’s central work—educating people to appreciate the rich agricultural heritage of the Hudson Valley and the United States and fostering a sense of responsibility for the future of the environment—aligns perfectly with Marist’s core mission.”

In addition to continuing the farm’s current educational programs and agricultural operations, Marist plans to invest significantly in the facilities and develop new connections between the farm and Marist’s academic pro-

grams. “Sprout Creek will play a key role in Marist’s experiential learning programs by serving as a living classroom and providing hands-on learning opportunities for students in a variety of academic disciplines,” said Dr. Geoffrey Brackett, Marist’s executive vice president.

Sprout Creek Farm was originally founded in 1982 by the Society of the Sacred Heart, which remained deeply involved after an independent board of directors was established in 2012.

“The Society of the Sacred Heart is delighted that Marist College will move Sprout Creek Farm into the future,” said Sheila Hammond, RSCJ, provincial of the United States–Canada Province. “This is really a ‘marriage of missions’—the farm will continue to offer the same excellent educational and agricultural experiences for children and adults that have become beloved features of Sprout Creek.”

For more information about the farm, visit sproutcreekfarm.org.

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Marist Rowing Shines at Head of the Charles Regatta

Marist rowers posted an exceptional performance at the prestigious Head of the Charles Regatta, the largest rowing event in the world.

WHEN IT COMES TO ROWING, one thing is certain: favorable weather can lead to a successful outcome.

That's why Marist's seasoned rowing coach Tom Sanford went into the prestigious but grueling Head of the Charles Regatta in October 2017 with high expectations. The forecast called for warm and calm conditions. "The Head of the Charles is a great race, yet a brutal one. If you're out on that river on a windy or rainy day, it can be very challenging and uncomfortable for the competitors," Sanford explained.

The largest rowing regatta in the world, the Head of the Charles is in its 54th year and now attracts more than 11,000 athletes from around the globe to compete in 56 different race events. The races take place over a winding three-mile stretch of the Charles River in Boston, MA. In 2017, 20 of Marist's current rowers competed along with several alumni in various events throughout the weekend. The students represented all four class years and were geographically diverse, too—rowers hailed from Hawaii to Ireland to Washington and numerous places in between.

At the end of an unseasonably warm weekend the coaching staff (comprised of Sanford,

Taryn Wilson, Julia Rigothi '17, Campbell Woods, and Josh Stratton) had much to be happy about: the Marist rowing program walked away with medals from four events (including two from alumni).

"The athletes' execution of their race plans coupled with cooperative river conditions made for a very successful weekend," said Sanford.

The Head of the Charles Regatta rewards the top 10 percent of finishing crews in each event with medals. Competing for Marist College, the Women's Club 4+ finished 5th out of 52 and the Men's Collegiate 4+ finished 4th out of 40. On the alumni side, Andrew Hashway '07 won the Men's Master Single (30+) and Rigothi finished 2nd in the Women's Club Single.

This was Rigothi's seventh time competing in the Head of the Charles and her sec-

ond medal; she was also a nominee for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award. "My race was great, but what was really special was to be at this race as a coach for the first time," she said. "I was thrilled to see our athletes be so successful and supportive of each other throughout the two days of competition."

Marist had two other crews who raced exceptionally well but finished out of medals. The Men's Collegiate 8+ was in the top five, only 0.5 seconds out of a medal, and improved on their 2016 result by 10 places. The Women's Championship Double, competing against crews composed of international athletes, finished 13th in the field and 4th collegiately.

"It was a big weekend for our rowing program in many ways," Sanford reflected. "Our student athletes' strong performances were a testament to their hard work leading up to the regatta." 🏆

2017 Head of the Charles Participants

Men's Collegiate 4+: Ari Streeter '20, Dmitrey Guenther '21, Tom Basso '19, Ryan Miller '18, Tom Roach '20

Men's Collegiate 8+: Ryan Lillis '18, Ray Mattingly '19, Joe Kohn '18, Matt Blaszczyk '20, Tadd Bindas '19, Morgan Stippa '18, Dave Warner '18, Chris Lazich '19, Dan Arrato '19

Women's Club 4+: Izzy Koch '20, Selena Mildon '21, Clodagh Deasy '19, Sydney Ford '20, Kelsi Cottrell '18

Women's Championship 2x: Caroline Withers '18, Elisabeth Kamm '20

Alumni Participants: **Women's Club 4+:** Denise Spinetta Cenit '88, **Men's Master's 1x (30+):** Andrew Hashway '07, **Women's Club 4+:** Tory Mather '12, **Women's Club 1x:** Julia Rigothi '17, **Women's Championship 2x-Lightweight:** Hillary Saeger '07



Steven Rizzo '18 has been nominated for the Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup, awarded to athletes who have made a great difference in the lives of others.

Red Fox Roundup

Steven Rizzo '18 Named One of Four National Finalists for Award

ONE AFTERNOON THIS JANUARY, Steven Rizzo was riding in the passenger seat of a car driven by teammate Steven Morrison. They were on their way to a workout when Rizzo checked his email.

Awaiting in his inbox was a note from Ali Kenney, Marist's assistant director of student-athlete enhancement. The news contained within it certainly qualified as a pleasant surprise.

BY MIKE FERRARO '01

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

Through the email, Rizzo learned that he was named one of four national collegiate finalists for the 14th Annual Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup as announced by Athletes For a Better World. This spring, one winner will be selected at a banquet at Cobb Galleria Ballroom in Atlanta.

"I called my mom and dad, and they were ecstatic," said Rizzo, a senior on Marist's cross country and track and field teams. "Then I let (Marist director of cross country and track and field) Pete (Colaizzo) know. And then I had my best workout of the season."

The Coach Wooden Citizenship Cup is awarded to athletes who have made a great difference in the lives of others. Two high school, one collegiate, and one professional athlete earn the honor annually. Previous winners include Peyton Manning, Jack Nicklaus, Pat Summitt, Tim Tebow, and Dick Vitale.

"I was honored and humbled," Rizzo said. "Look at the past winners. It's amazing."

Over his four years on campus, Rizzo has become well-known for his enthusiastic and friendly nature. He has devoted his time to numerous causes on and off campus and has earned respect from a considerable number of facets of the Marist community.

"'Rizz' is one of the most genuine student-athletes I've coached in my 27 years at Marist," Colaizzo said. "He treats everyone he encounters with the same enthusiasm and interest: his teammates, his coaches, fellow athletes and

coaches on other teams, athletic personnel and administrators, security guards, housekeepers, dining hall workers, everyone in the Marist community.”

An ideal of the Marist Brothers is “doing good quietly.” This applies to Rizzo and the reasons behind his commitment to service on and off campus.

On campus, one of Rizzo’s most passionate causes is his role as a certified ally. Over the past two-and-a-half years, this has enabled him to provide support to members of the LGBTQ community. Off campus, he has assisted his hometown of Wappingers Falls with revitalization projects aimed at providing safer drinking water through grant-writing support. He also has volunteered his time to organizations such as Knights of Columbus, Special Olympics, and New York Blood Center. He serves as a peer mentor to Marist’s student-athletes while taking part in Marist’s Student Government Association and also completing three internships.

“His dedication to service is so profound that I wasn’t even aware of all that he does until I saw his nomination package for this award,” Colaizzo said.

Rizzo’s commitment to service is not the result of someone seeking accolades or lines on his résumé. It has come from a desire to help people and causes that are close to his heart, and seeing the positive effects that have come from lending a helping hand.

“I do things because I’m passionate about doing them,” Rizzo said. “I’m happy that it’s my passion that’s getting reflected.”

An economics major with minors in business and public relations, Rizzo has excelled as a student-athlete over the past four years. In the spring of 2017, he was honored by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) as an Academic All-District selection. In each of his previous seven semesters at Marist, he has qualified for the Dean’s List by virtue of having a grade-point average of at least 3.6. He is also a multi-year member of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference’s All-Academic Team and Academic Honor Roll.

Rizzo has served as team captain for the past two seasons. He has played a key role on relay teams that have set school records and qualified for the IC4A Championships, and is one of just 25 runners in program history to break 15 minutes in the 5,000-meter run. This past cross country season, he battled through a painful Achilles injury to be there for his teammates.

“Steven consistently brings positivity and encouragement to every member of our campus,” Marist Director of Student-Athlete Enhancement Alyssa Gates said. “He epitomizes what it means to be a Marist Red Fox



President David Yellen and Director of Athletics Tim Murray welcome John Dunne (left) as head men’s basketball coach.

John Dunne Hired as Men’s Basketball Coach

ON APRIL 3, Marist announced the hiring of John Dunne as head men’s basketball coach. Dunne was introduced to the Marist and Hudson River Valley communities in a press conference at McCann Arena on April 5. Dunne has previously served as head coach at Saint Peter’s University for 12 seasons. He captured the 2011 Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference championship and the 2017 CollegeInsider.com Postseason Tournament. From 2012–13, Dunne served as chair of the NCAA Men’s Basketball Rules Committee. He also served a three-year term (2013-16) on the NCAA Division I Regional Advisory Committee and has been a member of the MAAC Men’s Basketball Committee for the past seven seasons. In 2011, he was named a national finalist for the Skip Prosser Award, which honors those who achieve success on the court while displaying moral integrity off of it. 📧

and we are fortunate and proud that he has been a part of our community for the last three years.”

As Rizzo’s time at Marist is winding down, he has devoted plenty of thought to what his future could entail. In the short term, this may include pursuing an MBA degree or gaining experience in the business world. Deeper into the future, he envisions a run for public office or an executive position at a nonprofit agency where he would have the ability to effect meaningful change.

“Steven epitomizes everything we espouse in our track and cross country program: first and foremost, excellence in academics,” Colaizzo said. “Second, a strong commitment to being the best athlete and team player that he can be. Third, loyalty to the team and service to others. ‘Rizz’ checks every box and more.

“I’m so proud of how he has represented our program, and the fact that he made the final cut for the Wooden Award is national validation about what we already know about ‘Rizz’ here at Marist. The outcome doesn’t matter. He’s already won in our eyes.” 📧

Marist Football Alumni Find New NFL Homes

MARIST’S TWO ALUMNI who have competed in the National Football League—Terrence Fede and Jason Myers, both 2013 graduates—will have new homes heading into the 2018 season.

In early January, Myers signed a reserve/future contract with the Seattle Seahawks. He had previously been the Jacksonville Jaguars’ placekicker for two-and-a-half seasons from 2015 to 2017. Fede signed a one-year contract with the Buffalo Bills in early April. He became Marist’s first NFL Draft selection when he was chosen by the Miami Dolphins in 2014, and he played for the Dolphins for the past four seasons. 📧



Terrence Fede '13



Jason Myers '13

A Voyage to Volunteering

Marie Wicks '86 takes on a leadership role in impact travel experiences that offer a unique opportunity to help others.



Marie (front row) and Jack Wicks (back row) volunteered at a paper-recycling collective in the Dominican Republic as part of a Fathom impact cruise.



Marie Wicks '86 was featured in a promotional video released this past fall as part of Carnival Cruise Line/Fathom's sponsorship of the launch of LightWorkers Media, a division of MGM Television and Digital.

FATHOM was an appropriate name for a cruise ship line, as it turned out.

Not only because the name refers to the depths of the ocean. But also because Marie Wicks '86 says she could not have fathomed how the cruise would change her life.

It wasn't just any cruise. Fathom, a Carnival Cruise Line brand, specializes in voluntourism—trips where travelers

work alongside residents of the Dominican Republic and other Eastern Caribbean locations on development projects that promote human welfare. Wicks, an elementary school STEM teacher for more than 18 years in the same Long Island, NY, district, was invited on a spring 2016 cruise as part of the 2016 Clean Tech Competition, a worldwide STEM challenge for youth that held its final round and awards on the cruise. In addition to presenting their innovations aboard the ship, Clean Tech competitors also explained their projects to local fifth graders in Puerto Plata, DR, near Carnival's resort compound.

The Clean Tech group was among 500 passengers who chose to do good as they traveled. On the cruise, guests enjoyed poolside activities, but they also spent each day in the community lending a hand. Passengers could choose from several excursions, and Wicks chose to go to schools and into a local home to teach English, where in exchange the residents taught her Spanish.

"I was so transformed," Wicks says. "They taught me how to be

radiant, resilient, and full of faith for better days." She says the Fathom programs are different since they provide opportunities to augment the monetary donations that are the lifeblood of charities by instead offering hands-on assistance. "While donations, in general, are important, Fathom's programs provide an outlet for people to place greater emphasis and value on human interaction

and connectivity by working alongside them and helping them reach their goals. I never expected anything like that.

"I walked away nourishing my soul as much as enjoying a vacation."

She was so moved that as the ship was docking in Miami a week later, she texted her husband, Jack Wicks '86: "Puerto Plata stole my heart." She convinced him that the experience was so worthwhile that they should scrap their plans to vacation in Cape Cod and take an impact cruise instead. He agreed. So she flew back to Long Island, washed her clothes, steadied her sea legs, and repacked. The following weekend, they boarded the MVA *Adonia*, bound for Puerto Plata (on alternating weeks, the *Adonia* and the Fathom program sailed to Havana, Cuba, for a cultural exchange program).

This time, Marie, with Jack by her side, joined 24 other passengers in mixing and pouring concrete for a one-room home to replace its 25-year-old dirt floor. As she and Jack passed concrete in a bucket brigade from wheelbarrow to house, she had a revelation.

"I had flashes of the Marist Brothers rolling up their sleeves, pouring concrete, and building the campus from nothing. It made me very proud to be part of the heritage that the Marist Brothers left us."

Marie was so inspired by the cruises that afterwards she offered to volunteer for Fathom. The cruise line asked her to help launch a group in New York City that would mobilize volunteers to support like-minded projects and organizations throughout the city and participate in impact cruises in the Caribbean.

"The purpose is to bring together a community of people who are action-oriented to make a difference for the common good," Marie says.

Marie's experience at Marist as past president of the Alumni Association made her well-suited to volunteer with Fathom. Additionally, she is actively involved with Marist on the Greystone Board (made up of former Alumni Executive Board presidents) and as a member of the Marist Alumni Recruiting Team (MART) and has previously served as president of the Long Island alumni chapter. Marie and Jack have another Marist connection as well: their daughter, Kathleen, is a 2014 Marist alumna. Kathleen earned her MA in international

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—Marie Wicks '86

relations, concentrating in international development, from American University in December and is employed by the International Rescue Committee, a global humanitarian aid and development organization.

Fathom soon asked Marie to share her story of how transformational the impact travel experience was. The company featured her and two other cruise passengers in a promotional video it released this past September as part of Carnival and Fathom's sponsorship of the launch of LightWorkers Media, a division of MGM Television and Digital. LightWorkers Media was founded by actress and producer Roma Downey and her husband, Mark Burnett, president of MGM Television Group and Digital.

Marie is passionate about volunteering because of her father. "My dad was a role model for me. He was an immigrant who came to America and worked incredibly hard. He was a college graduate with a degree in political science, but he took on humble positions to save enough money to bring his wife and two kids to America to start a new life with opportunities. Yet he found time to create a civic organization that supported an orphanage back in the Philippines that paid for surgeries for people who couldn't afford them. I grew up seeing this man channeling his frustrations, because he really had high aspirations for his career, into making a difference and bringing light into other people's lives."

Then she went to Marist, an environment "which highly valued service, which encouraged it, which developed it," she says. "The heritage of service and fearless, bold labor and hard work from our founders has always quietly resonated with me. And when I experienced Fathom, it was the perfect fit. By being involved in Fathom, I personally

feel I'm honoring the Marist heritage and our founders."

Subsequently, Marie's passion and enthusiasm convinced fellow Marist alumni to go on a Fathom impact cruise. In March 2017, Michael Johnson and Brittany MacLeod, both Class of '13, and their Australian friend Elisa Jakymin participated in several impact shore excursions, one of which was teaching conversational English to a group of students ranging in ages from 18 to 35.

In January, Marie and Jack, Michael Johnson and his parents, and Grace Camporeale '13 supported Fathom's impact efforts with a special Cruise for the Caribbean, sailing aboard the *Crown Princess*. Along with their Fathom cohort of 100 other participants, they helped with hurricane relief aid on four islands, including a rebuilding project in a small Puerto Plata hamlet struggling after the storms.

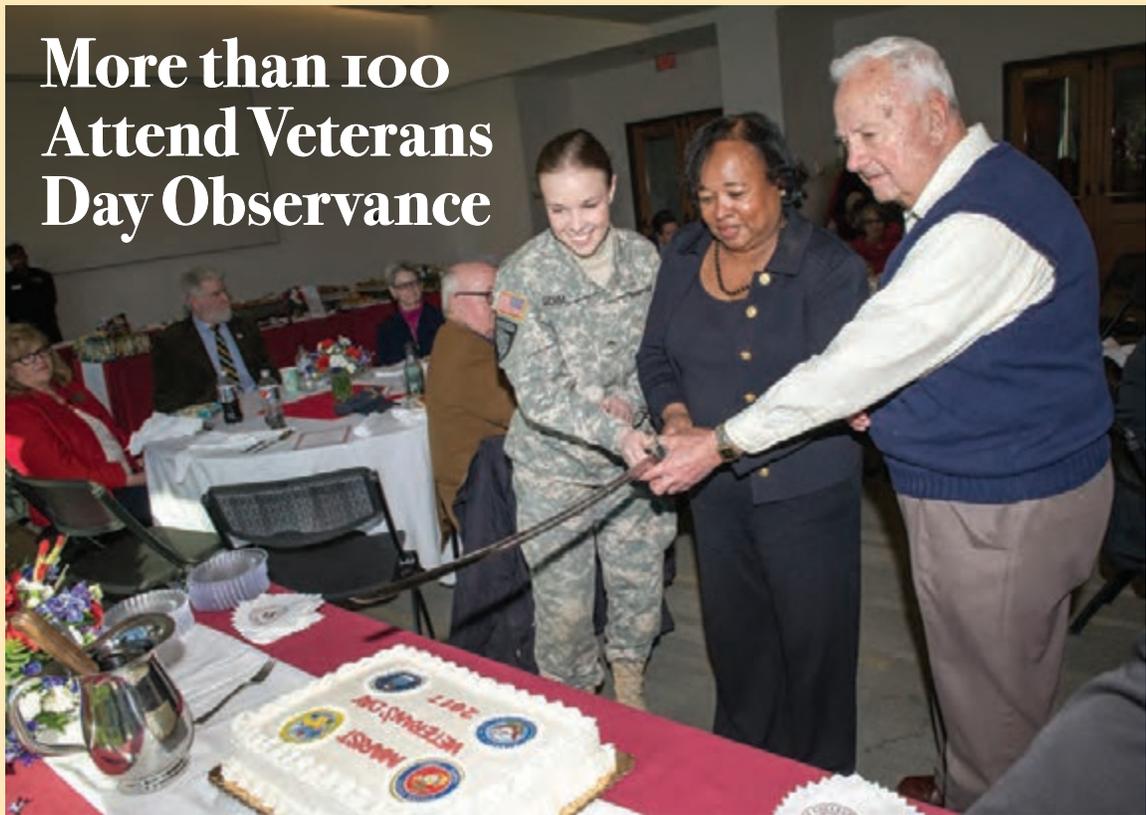
"That one tiny little pebble you think won't matter?" Marie says. "It can make a big ripple!" 🌊



Left to right, Marie and Jack Wicks, Grace Camporeale '13, Michael Johnson '13, and Michael's parents Anne and Dave Johnson help with rebuilding after hurricanes in the mountainside village of Loma de la Bestia, Puerto Plata, DR.

For information on Fathom's New York City Travel Deep Impact chapter contact Marie Wicks at marie.wicks1@marist.edu.

To view the LightWorkers Media video, visit: <https://www.lightworkers.com/getting-there-stories-illuminating-travel-experiences/>



After the Veterans Day presentation, a ceremonial cake-cutting took place by (left to right) the youngest ROTC cadet in attendance, Alexandra “Sasha” Schmitt ’20; guest speaker Col. Stephanie Dawson ’94MPA (Ret.); and the oldest veteran in attendance, 92-year-old WWII veteran Robert Spinillo ’77.

MORE THAN 100 alumni, students, faculty, staff, and friends participated in the College’s 2017 Veterans Day celebration. ROTC cadets raised a flag in front of Donnelly Hall where the Alumni Association’s Veterans Memorial is located, and several veterans were brought via horse and wagon to the memorial to be honored. The “Warrior Wagon” was built by local businessman Frank Castella to honor veterans and drawn by his team of Percherons.

Following the flag-raising, guests moved inside the Murray Student Center for a special presentation and luncheon. The 2017 guest speaker was Col. Stephanie Dawson

’94MPA (Ret.), a decorated U.S. Army colonel, brigade commander, and combat veteran. The first female brigade commander in New York, she commanded the 369th Sustainment brigade, leading more than 2,400 soldiers in four battalions. She also commanded combat forces in Operation Enduring Freedom/Iraqi Freedom.

After the presentation, a ceremonial cake-cutting took place with a sword by a special group of guests: Dawson; the youngest ROTC cadet in attendance, Alexandra “Sasha” Schmitt ’20; and the oldest veteran in attendance, 92-year-old WWII veteran Robert Spinillo ’77. 🇺🇸

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1956

John Roche is enjoying retirement. He spends eight months a year in Miami, FL, and four months in Cumming, GA. He also attends various functions at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami.

1959

Bro. Jim Adams moved from Champagnat Hall and is now living in the Saint Barnabas Marist Community in the Bronx, NY.

1964

Fr. Edward Doran retired as pastor of St. Charles Borromeo Church but continues to work as an adjunct assistant professor in the counseling department of St. John’s University. Ed is also the director of the Transition Residence of the Diocese of Brooklyn.



The flag denotes 2018 reunion classes.

1965

Robert Gould is actively marketing his father’s 70-year illustration career.

1966

John Hart had his latest book, *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Religion and Ecology* (Oxford, UK), published in May 2017. He is currently on sabbatical from Boston University and is writing two more books under contract.

REUNION
1968

Edward Hanrahan lost his wife of 35 years on April 12, 2017. Elsie Hanrahan passed away peacefully with her family by her side. ■ **Charles Howlett** retired from Molloy College in August 2017 and was awarded the rank of professor of education emeritus. He recently co-authored the book *John Dewey: America's Peace-Minded Educator* (Southern Illinois University Press). In addition, he was promoted to the brevet rank of colonel in the 88th Brigade upon his retirement at Ft. Hamilton from the New York Guard. For many years, he also served as an Air Force Academy admissions liaison officer, additional duty. Chuck and his wife, Tricia, will now spend more time visiting grandchildren, whose fathers are serving on active duty in the Air Force and Army. ■ **Peter Van Zant** is the author of *Microchip Fabrication* (6th edition, McGraw Hill), in print since 1984.

1969

Four Class of 1969 brothers—**Tom Dowd**, **Jim Conroy**, **Sean O'Neill**, and **Don Jillisky**—reunited at a retirement and 70th surprise party for Don in 2017. Tom and Don served as Marine Corps officers in Vietnam after graduation. All were affiliated with the Marist Vikings football program. Tom was co-captain, Jim was a versatile MVP on both sides of the ball, Sean was president of the club organization that funded and provided all logistics, and Don was the starting center for three years. Lt. Col. Donald Jillisky, USMC (Ret.), was a marine aviator serving as an A-6 bombardier/navigator in Vietnam. After graduate school he took a law degree and became a Judge Advocate General (JAG) officer serving in Grenada, Lebanon, and finally in various posts in the United States. Upon retirement from the Marine Corps he entered a private law practice in Columbus, OH, with his wife and served on the Ohio bench until his retirement in May 2017. The party was also a great reunion for Jim, Sean, and Don who graduated together from Catholic Central High School in 1965. ■ **Gregory King** recently retired and is now devoting most of his time to hiking and cycling.

■ **Sean O'Neill** was elected vice chair of the Board of Trustees of the American Labor Studies Center. The center is dedicated to compiling and disseminating teaching materials documenting the history of organized labor in America. The center also operates the Kate Mullany House in Troy, NY.

1970

Vincent Begley contributed a chapter to *The 1916 Easter Rising—New York and Beyond*. He was the keynote speaker at the Irish Rebellion Symposium at Mount Saint Mary College. In addition, he was a subject in a *Boston Globe* Spotlight article about priests who have children. Vincent is working on a nonfiction book, *Bad Blood: A Deeper Look at the 1891 Brutal Murder of Amelia Gregory*. ■ **Tom Hoffay** is happy to be working with **Joe Theall '16** at the office of New York State Assembly member Kevin Cahill.

1971

Raymond Asaph retired from Zurich Insurance and is very happily traveling with his wife, Susan, while son Ian attends Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia. ■ **Raymon Charlton's** son, Marques Charlton, has signed his third professional basketball contract to play in Germany. Raymon is enjoying four beautiful and healthy grandchildren. ■ **Peter Fazziola** retired from teaching French and international marketing at the University of Texas at Austin. ■ **Kevin O'Loughlin** is the proud grandparent of five grandchildren, including twin boys. He calls three states home as he continues his career, advising and mentoring in the design, construction, and qualification of a new sterile injectable-drug manufacturing facility, which is his seventh start-up. ■ **James Snyder** is semiretired. ■ **Robert Ullrich** semiretired last August after working for nearly 39 years in information technology consulting. As "empty-nesters," he and his wife moved to a condo in Oxford, MI, and are loving the "gift of time" that retirement has provided. Youngest child Allison was married in September 2017, and oldest child Matthew is a second-year resident in emergency medicine at a nearby hospital. Son Daniel is an aerospace engineer in Wichita, KS, working on the design of the Airbus 350XWB and Airbus A321 NEO.



Dr. Casimir Norkeliunas

Remembering Dr. Casimir Norkeliunas

DR. CASIMIR NORKELIUNAS, associate professor of Russian and German and Heritage Professor, passed away at his home in Naples, FL, on Jan. 31, 2018. He was 80.

Casimir was a memorable teacher who inspired a love of Russian literature and culture among his students. He enjoyed leading student tours to the former Soviet Union, where from 1969 to 1997 he took more than a thousand students. He also was very supportive of Marist's international students, often hosting them for lunch at his home.

Born in Kybartai, Lithuania, he attended American Red Cross Schools in Germany. He graduated from Crosby High School in Waterbury, CT, in 1956, received a BA in English, with minors in history and German, in 1960 from the University of Bridgeport in Bridgeport, CT, and was awarded a certificate in Russian language fluency in 1962 from Yale University. He received an MA degree in Russian area studies in 1962 from Fordham University and a PhD in Slavic linguistics and literature in 1978 from New York University. Additionally, he did scholarly research at the University of Cambridge, Cambridge, England.

He cherished summers with his family in Eastham, Cape Cod, and spending time reading and writing. He was a member of St. Joseph Church in Waterbury, CT.

Casimir is survived by his wife, Sue; his son John '87 and his wife, Donna; his son Philip A. Norkeliunas; his daughter Ellen Lanza and her husband, Michael '80; seven grandchildren including Katherine Norkeliunas '18; and sister Helen Norkus. He was preceded in death by his brothers Alexander, Adolf, and Edward.

Colleagues and friends plan a celebration of his life to take place at Marist later this year. ❧

REUNION
1973

Bro. Hank Hammer began his second term as president of Marist High School in Chicago. ■ **Susan (Squicciarini) Hoffman '79** reached out to share the sad news that her brother, **Nicholas Squicciarini '73**, passed away in February 2017. He leaves behind daughters Cara Squicciarini and Marissa Tarkington as well as grandchildren Hudson, Harper, and

Haiden. ■ **Michael Nails** retired as a physician after 25 years and moved to Washington. He had his first novel published on Amazon under his pen name, Rex Carothers. *The Hanging Murders* is available in paperback and e-book.

1974

Marge Pellegrino facilitates expressive arts programming with refugees in Tucson, AZ, through the Owl and Panther Project (owlpanther.org), an initiative sponsored by the Hopi Foundation. She would

Alumni Return for Homecoming

ALUMNI ENJOYED BEAUTIFUL WEATHER for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Oct. 6–8, 2017. On Friday evening, the School of Communication and the Arts Dean’s Suite was named in honor of Dr. Jephtha Lanning ’53, professor emeritus and Heritage Professor who passed away in February 2017. On Saturday morning, three dedicated graduates were honored with Alumni Association Awards: Thomas J. Ward ’69 received the Dr. Linus Richard Foy ’50 Outstanding Alumnus Award; James E. Daly ’72 received the Dr. Dennis J. Murray Distinguished Service Award; and Kadeine M. Campbell Peterson ’09 received the Marist College Young Alumna Award.

Saturday evening began with the ninth annual Theatre Hall of Fame induction. The 2017 honorees were Bill Bozzone ’76, Jeanmarie Magrino Arnold ’85, Sara Taney Humphreys ’92, and Amy Kate Byrne ’09. Close to 1,000 alumni and guests attended class reunion celebrations on Saturday evening at various venues on and off campus, including 29 members of the Class of 1967 who celebrated their 50th reunion.



Alumni and their families enjoyed a picnic and children’s activities on the Campus Green during Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Oct. 6–8.



The ninth annual Theatre Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony honored (clockwise, from upper left) Sara Taney Humphreys ’92, Jeanmarie Magrino Arnold ’85, Bill Bozzone ’76, and Amy Kate Byrne ’09.



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The Dean's Suite in the School of Communication and the Arts was named in honor of Dr. Jephtha Lanning '53, a professor emeritus and Heritage Professor who passed away in February 2017. Shown (left to right) are former Marist campus minister the Rev. Richard LaMorte, Jim Steinmeyer '71, Joan Lanning, Gus Nolan '52, Dr. Lyn Lepre, dean of the School of Communication and the Arts, and Robert Mathews '67. ▲

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be happy to mentor or present about refugees to organizations. ■ **Dr. Robert Sommer** has written another book, *Losing Francis: Essays on the Wars at Home* (Fomite Press). A portion of the proceeds from the sale of the book will support the Francis D. Sommer Memorial Fund for Homeless Veterans at the Kansas City VA.

1975

Thomas Herman retired as vice president for operations intelligence for the Concept Division of L-3 Inc. Prior to working for the company, Tom retired from the U.S. Army in 2003; his last active-duty military assignment was at the White House from 1998 to 2003 where he served in both the Clinton and Bush administrations. Tom's youngest son, **Aedan '13**, is a U.S. Army infantry officer serving in Alaska. ■ **Nikki (Sichowski) Lawyer** has been retired for two years from the Town of Colonie (NY) Justice Court, where she worked for 31 years.

1976

Ernest Arico was elected to his 10th term as Florida chapter president of the Marist College Alumni Association. ■ **Brian and Maryjo (Tracy) Morris '77** bought property in Delray Beach, FL. They spend eight months there and the summers in Ridgewood, NJ, where their children and grandchildren live as well. ■ **Mary Beth Pfeiffer's** latest book, *Lyme: The First Epidemic of Climate Change*, is scheduled for publication this spring by Island Press. The book, based on more than 300 peer-reviewed articles and dozens of interviews with experts, documents the human contribution to the dangerous spread of Lyme disease to dozens of countries. ■ **Charles Thomas Tackney** is the scholarly program chair of the Management, Spirituality, and Religion interest group of the Academy of Management for 2017–2018.

1977

Nancy Church founded a national honor society for entrepreneurship majors and minors in 2009. Sigma Nu Tau Entrepreneurship Honor Society has its national headquarters at SUNY Plattsburgh. There are 24 chapters across the U.S. with more than 1,400 members. She is president and executive director.



Jim Barnes '68 won the award for Best Unrestored Vehicle at the V8 Ford Club's Marist car show on the Marist waterfront this past summer. The 1976 Cadillac Eldorado convertible has only 7,200 original miles.



1978

Susan (Lambert) Daley lives in Cobb County, GA, where she works at a middle school. She and her husband, Mark, are celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary. Their eldest daughter, Camille, graduated from Syracuse University School of Law in 2016 and married in October 2017. Daughter Michelle is attending Marist and will graduate in 2018. Son Chris graduated from Kennesaw State University and moved to Denver where he works at a TV station. ■ **Robert Keener** and his wife, Audrey, became grandparents for the first time in June 2017. Olivia Leigh was born to proud parents Christine and Timothy Vigliarolo. ■ **Brian Rogers** is the guitarist for the Lassies Rogers Band in Bogota, Colombia.

1979

Susan (Squicciarini) Hoffman shared the sad news that her brother, **Nicholas Squicciarini '73**, passed away in February 2017. He leaves behind daughters Cara Squicciarini and Marissa Tarkington as well as grandchildren Hudson, Harper, and Haiden. ■ **James Shannon** completed the Camino de Santiago (Frances route) pilgrimage, commonly referred to as "The Way of St. James," in April 2017. From Santiago, he negotiated Camino Finisterre, which was regarded as "the end of the world." He walked for suicide awareness, particularly for veterans who succumbed to PTSD.



Marist's College Advancement and Alumni Relations offices hosted receptions this past February in Fort Lauderdale and Naples, FL. Guests in Fort Lauderdale included (left to right) Marist Trustee **Tim Brier '69** and **Mary Ann and Tim Keneally '69**.



Four Class of 1969 members—**Tom Dowd, Jim Conroy, Sean O'Neill, and Don Jillisky**—reunited in 2017 at a retirement and 70th surprise party for Don in Dublin, OH.

1980

Joseph Cann lost his son, Joseph, in June 2016. His wife, Fran, had successful aortic valve replacement in May 2017. His daughter, Meagan, got married on Aug. 26, 2017. ■ **Marianne (Beyer) Moody** is a new grandmother to Anna Lee Moody, born in April 2016. Her son, Jeff, graduated as a doctor of chiropractic from Parker University in Dallas. He will practice in Tampa, FL. ■ **Elizabeth (Diggelmann) Pectal** is assistant controller at Melvin Davis Oil Co. Inc., a third-generation family-owned business consisting of travel centers, convenience stores, and restaurants in central Virginia. ■ **Richard Sohanchyk** celebrated the 20th anniversary of OnPoint Image & Design in March 2017. He is president and founder of the company.

1981

Charles Dewinne and his wife, Rita, celebrated 34 years of marriage after meeting in 1977 at Marist. Volvo Car USA recently moved them from Atlanta back to Austin. Their daughter Heather was married in July 2017 to Tanner Darrell and resides in Dallas. She works for Accenture, and Tanner works for IBM. Daughter Kim also works for Accenture and resides in Austin. ■ **Paul and Maribeth (Whitesell) Jahn** both retired in June 2017, moved to North Carolina, and are loving every minute of retirement.



1983

Christopher Barnes is 35 years into the radio career that began with his devotion to Marist's WMCR, and continued with stints ranging from nearby WEOK-WPDH right after college and 14 years on Cape Cod radio to XM Satellite, Fox News Radio, and All News 99.1 in Washington, DC. He is currently morning news anchor for USA Radio Networks which serves more than 400 stations across the nation, while also providing morning newscasts to Sheboygan, Wisconsin's WJUB-AM and anchoring afternoon drive newscasts for the Maryland News Network. He does all three current jobs from his home studio in Maryland. ■ **Frank "Buddy" Burhance** was the winner of his age group at the 2017 Kiwanis Triathlon. ■ **Thomas Hassett** was promoted to vice president at Girl Scouts of the USA, overseeing the national sales and marketing for Girl Scouts-branded products in councils and stores online. ■ **Michele (Cavalieri-Duquette) Muir** returned to the marketing/development field after 10 years as a photographer to support the cause of Alzheimer's, which took the life of her father. ■ **Christopher Vaught** received his fourth Emmy for his work as a camera operator at MLB Network.



Paul Rinn '68 was honored recently by MIT Maritime Engineering.

An Honor from MIT

PAUL RINN '68 recently was presented with the MIT Distinguished Guest Lecturer Award by the dean of the Maritime Engineering curriculum at MIT. He received the honor following his lecture to 400 people in MIT's Draper Center. It was his 10th year speaking at MIT. Students and faculty voted him the top presenter in the Maritime Engineering curriculum for seven of those years and second-best presenter twice. 🇺🇸

1984

Lisa Carlson retired in February 2017 as a senior probation officer after 32 years of service at Orange County Probation in Newburgh, NY. She has since relocated to Tennessee to enjoy retirement with her family. ■ **Andrea (Jordan)**

Harewood, LCSW-R, is a wife and mother of three sons. ■ **Katie (Byrne) Lloyd** is a proud U.S. Navy mom. Her son, Charlie, has been promoted to lieutenant JG and is an anti-submarine warfare officer (ASWO) deployed on the USS Oscar Austin DDG-79. ■ **Paul**

Remembering Larry Sullivan '54

PROFESSOR LAURENCE J. SULLIVAN, professor emeritus of religious studies and Heritage Professor, died on Aug. 8, 2017, in Williamsburg, VA. He was 85.

A Marist Brother for 24 years, he helped construct several campus buildings including Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel, the former gymnasium and auditorium that is now Marian Hall, and Donnelly Hall.

But it was his role as a professor and counselor that made the greatest impression on students. One of his courses, Marriage and the Family, was one of the most sought-after courses on campus. In 1979 he received a plaque from the graduating class honoring him as an outstanding educator. He was instrumental in initiating the counseling program at Marist and counseled hundreds of students over the years.

Born on March 22, 1932, in Manhattan, he attended St. Joseph's School in Astoria, Queens,

and St. Agnes High School in Manhattan. After joining the Marist Brothers, he received a BA from the College in 1954. He taught at St. Helena High School in the Bronx, NY, from 1953 to 1965. He completed a master's degree at the Catholic University of America and, after spending a year in religious study in Rome, earned a master's in pastoral counseling from Iona College and the CAC professional designation from the State University of New York.

Larry joined the Marist College faculty in 1967 as a co-director of the student Brothers and part-time teacher. He moved to full-time teaching as an assistant professor of religious studies in 1969. He retired from full-time teaching in 1999 but continued to teach part-time for several years.

His first priority and the love of his life was his family. He is survived by his wife, JoAnn, his son, Andrew, and Andrew's wife, Lisa, and their daughter, Caroline. 🇺🇸



Larry Sullivan '54

Murnane marked 30 years in New York City radio in 2017. He spent 23 years with WCBS where he moved from reporter to morning news co-anchor in 2016. His daughter Katherine is a sophomore at Marist, majoring in political science.

1985

Steven Eastwood was promoted to supervisor, information and referral services, for the 2-1-1 Arizona program ■ **Jeanne Fahey** works for the U.S. Senate Office of Education and Training, after working in health-care marketing and training for 20 years. She provides education in professional skills as well as organizational development consulting to offices in Washington, DC, and senators' home states. She lists her one big regret as not taking one of Dr. Lee Miringoff's courses while at Marist. ■ **Danny Maniscalchi** ('13MS) worked as an IT manager for Aeroflex. He then went to Vishay, after they purchased his division, and worked for them as an ERP manager. ■ **Michael Padala** moved to the compliance side of Wall Street after 25 years as an equity trader. He manages the trade surveillance team for an investment bank. His son Michael recently graduated from the University of Notre Dame. Daughter Lauren attends Tulane University; daughter Regan is in her senior year at Garden City High School and will attend the University of Notre Dame in the fall. ■ **Kevin Schulz** is coaching indoor track at Phoenix High School (NY) and outdoor track at Central Square High School.

1986

Thomas Begg enjoys working at ServiceNow in North Jersey. His daughter Caity graduated from Harvard in 2016 and started a company called Authentic Social. Son TJ is a junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and studied in London this past semester. Go Heels! ■ **Anthony DeBarros** ('97MS) has written a book, *Practical SQL: A Beginner's Guide to Storytelling with Data*, scheduled for publication in 2018 by No Starch Press. ■ **Scott Gregory** was appointed to a three-year term on the board of directors for the Southwest Florida Symphony Endowment Foundation.

1987

Carolyn Hyman went on permanent disability in July 2008. ■ **Kathleen Kraus** (MBA) purchased a Cruise Planners/American Express travel representative franchise. ■ **John Macom** released a solo acoustic pop/rock album. *Unforeseen Circumstances* has been considered an "album of the year" candidate by many top music blogs and is up for four Independent Music Association awards. His music can be heard on *Dawson's Creek*, *Party of Five*, and *Felicity*. ■ **Lorraine Metz** (MBA) retired after nearly 40 years in higher education. ■ **Michael Tallman** ('93MS) retired as a colonel from the U.S. Army in July 2015 and is now an Army Wounded Warrior Program Advocate (AW2), helping severely wounded, injured, or ill post-9/11 Army service members or veterans throughout Connecticut,



More than 80 alumni, parents, and friends took part in the 41st annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, NY, in September 2017. Participants included (above) Terry Nash '71, Gerald Tyne '70, Don Hinchey '71, and Robert Yurch '71. All proceeds from the tournament benefitted the Alumni Legacy Scholarship Fund.

Massachusetts, and Rhode Island through non-clinical transition case management.



John Harmuth is a grandfather of four and an active member and safety officer in the Pleasant Valley (NY) Fire District. ■ **Dan Pietrafesa** is writing for *Catholic New York* in the Archdiocese of New York. He earned 2nd place with

staff colleagues for "Best Coverage of Mother Teresa's Canonization" from the Catholic Press Association of the United States and Canada ■ **David White** is celebrating both of his sons' accomplishments. David Jr., a 2009 alumnus of the USMA, recently graduated from Harvard Law School. Daniel, a 2012 graduate of the USMA, plans to attend Columbia University School of International Public Affairs after completing his military commitment.

Remembering Bro. Thomas Delaney, FMS '59

BRO. THOMAS DELANEY, FMS '59, a Marist College faculty member and mentor widely known for his kindness and concern for students, died Oct. 30, 2017, at the Marist Brothers Champagnat Hall community in the Bronx, NY. He was 82.

Brother Tom was a Marist Brother for 62 years.

After graduating from Marist College, he served as principal, assistant principal, dean of students, and teacher in Marist and archdiocesan schools in Texas, New Jersey, and New York. He also taught for 16 summers in Dublin, Ireland, at the Marist Brothers International Language School.

In addition to his Marist College degree, he earned an MA from Seton Hall University and attended the University of Madrid in Spain and the Spanish Institute at the University of Puerto Rico.

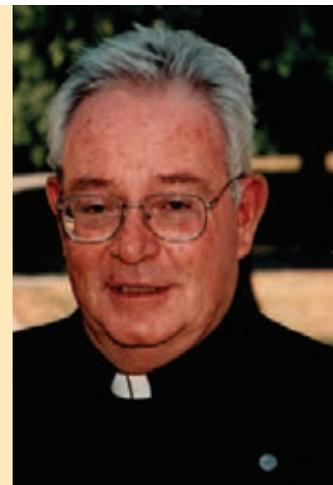
From 1989 to 2002, he taught Spanish at the College and

was a mentor to freshmen, living and working among them in Leo Hall.

In retirement, he taught Spanish and English as a volunteer for the Little Sisters of the Poor congregation in Queens Village, NY.

Throughout his life, he was a wonderful source of support for students and an outspoken advocate for people in need. Through the generosity of a friend who wished to remain anonymous, the Bro. Thomas E. Delaney, FMS Scholarship was established at Marist in 1998 to honor the special role Brother Tom played in the life of the College.

Brother Tom was predeceased by his parents, Thomas and Beatrice O'Hara Delaney, and his sister Maureen. He is survived by his niece, Eileen; his nephews, PJ and John; and his cousins. ❧



Bro. Thomas Delaney, FMS '59

Alumni, Coaches Launch Marist Hockey Hall of Fame

ON JAN. 20, 2018, the Marist hockey program inducted its first Hall of Fame class: Jim McDonald '84 (posthumously), Robert Trabulsi '85, Timothy Graham '86, Kevin Walsh '91/'93MPA, and Brad Kamp '95. The award for Jim McDonald was accepted by his cousin, Brendan McDonald '91, who traveled from Colorado to accept the award on Jim's behalf.

The inception of the Hall of Fame was driven by a dedicated group of former players and volunteers: head coach Mike Beck, former head coach Bob Simmons, chairman of the selection committee and assistant coach Dr. Brian Pecchia '08, vice chairman of the selection committee Casey Bryant '17, current assistant coaches Nick Longo and Randy Hurlbert, and Rob Deluca '17, Matt McNamara '17, and Nick Rudzewick '18.

The group spent countless hours reading through *The Circle* archives, watching game footage, and gathering statistics. The Red Foxes began playing hockey in the fall of 1979 as part of a local men's league. It wasn't until 1981 that Marist joined the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) by entering the Metropolitan Collegiate Hockey Conference (MCHC). As the 40th anniversary of the program approaches, the group felt the timing was perfect to begin honoring alumni for their accomplishments and dedication.

Jim McDonald amassed 173 points in just three seasons of intercollegiate play. His 40-goal season is second best in school history and 12th best in MCHC history. He also had the 20th best season in MCHC history with 37 goals. Sadly, he passed away in 2015 at the age of 53, leaving a void in the lives of his family, his friends, his teammates, and the Marist community.

As a freshman, Rob Trabulsi scored the first goal (as well as the second!) of Marist's intercollegiate play in 1981. He finished his Marist career with 80 goals and 82 assists. During his senior season Trabulsi became the captain of the Red Foxes and ultimately graduated as the second-leading scorer in school history. To this day he remains in the top five. Teammates praised



On Jan. 20, 2018, the Marist hockey program inducted its first Hall of Fame class. The inductees were Kevin Walsh '91/'93MPA, Brad Kamp '95, Robert Trabulsi '85, Jim McDonald '84 (posthumously), and Timothy Graham '86. Shown (left to right) are Walsh, Kamp, Trabulsi, Brendan McDonald '91, who accepted the award for his cousin, and Graham.

his leadership on and off the ice as well as his stellar two-way play.

Tim Graham ranks as one of the most prolific goal scorers in school history, tallying 95 career regular-season goals. His 36-goal season in 1985–86 made him the second-best goal scorer in the MCHC that season and is to this day the 25th best season in the 50-year history of the league. Upon graduating from Marist, Graham served in the U.S. Air Force. He and his wife, Laura, traveled from Tennessee to participate in

the Hockey Alumni Day activities.

Kevin Walsh anchored the Marist defense for four seasons and was named to three All-Star teams. He rose from assistant captain to captain, and after graduation from assistant coach to head coach. As assistant coach, he helped the team win the 1991–92 MCHC Championship and as head coach led them to victory in the 1995–96 MCHC Championship. That year the team made it all the way to the National Final Four, playing eventual champion Western Michigan in the closest game they played all tournament. Walsh resigned as coach in 1996 to join the U.S. Secret Service, having lifted Marist to the third-ranked team in the country. Walsh traveled from Georgia to receive his award on Hockey Alumni Day.

Brad Kamp became Marist's starting goaltender as a freshman and backstopped the Red Foxes to an MCHC Championship his first year. His .930 save percentage in 1993–94 is tied for the best single-season mark as a starter in school history and earned him the MCHC MVP that year. Kamp also won Divisional Outstanding Goalie twice and was a three-time MCHC All-Star. No other goaltender in Marist history has three seasons with a goals-against average under 3.33, and his 41 career wins are the most in school history.

Prior to the Hall of Fame Induction, more than 40 graduates participated in an alumni game at the McCann Ice Rink in Poughkeepsie. ❄️

1989

Joe Beckerle's oldest daughter, Hannah, is in her freshman year at Marist. ■ **Robert Davis** changed careers in May 2015, joining the New York State Office of Fire Prevention and Control after working for 10 years with Town of Colonie Police dispatch. After completing the training and probationary period, he is now a full fire prevention specialist. ■ **Kristen (Pierson) Illes** ('90MA) has been working in the nonprofit sector for the past 20 years, focusing on organizational change and leadership development and training. ■ **Chris (Domurat) Maio** began a new position at Stony Brook University. She leads communications and marketing for the College of Engineering

and Applied Sciences. Chris lives in Seaford, NY, with her husband, **Anthony '88**, and daughter, Kate, who attends Archbishop Molloy High School, a Marist Brothers high school. ■ **Steven Rios** began his 23rd year of service as a member of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) Police Department in May 2017. His oldest son, Gil, graduated from UAlbany in May 2016. ■ **Kristine (Nakutis) Varnum** retired in 2009 from the U.S. Army as an LTC and began working as the executive director of the Austin Peay Center at Fort Campbell in May 2017.

1990

Anthony Conway was appointed vice president of development for

the National Center for Civil and Human Rights ■ **Carrie Craigmyle** was honored with the 2017 Women of Concern Leadership Award presented by Concern Worldwide, an international humanitarian organization dedicated to tackling poverty and suffering in the world's poorest countries. The Women of Concern Award recognizes the achievements of exceptional women for their extraordinary efforts to alleviate human suffering. Carrie, who has spent more than 25 years in advertising and media, was introduced to Concern Worldwide in 2016 and since then has led a team supporting the organization with data and analytics. ■ **Sean Graham** is in his sixth year of marketing *The Perfect Followup System* to business

owners, corporate executives, and sales professionals and has helped partner-vendors surpass 140 million follow-up cards and six million gifts sent to date. He is also preparing to launch the beta test club for what will become the nation's first chain of private Pickleball/Fitness Clubs. His son, Cole, has entered first grade. ■ **Debra (McGrath) Kerr** is enjoying selling homes in and around historic Charleston, SC, including homes and estates in Mount Pleasant and on Daniel Island, the Isle of Palms, Sullivan's Island, Kiawah, Seabrook, and Folly. ■ **Leonard Klie** was promoted to editor of *CRM* magazine, *Speech Technology* magazine, and *SmartCustomerService.com*. ■ **Gary Vincent** has been in the



The Class of '69, joined by President David Yellen, enjoyed a golf outing at Casperkill in Poughkeepsie in 2017.

travel industry for 27 years, ever since graduating from Marist, and as of September 2017 is employed by Direct Travel.

1991

Michael Coakley, PhD, is CIO for the City of White Plains, NY, as well as an adjunct professor of computer science at Pace University in Pleasantville, NY. He is also girls' cross country coach at Albertus Magnus High School in Bardonia, NY. ■ **Tara (McLaughlin) McGuinness's** daughter, Patricia, began her freshman year at Marist with the Class of 2021. ■ **Kevin St. Onge** narrated "Gliding Soles: Lessons From a Life on Water" available on Audible, Amazon, and iTunes. He was assigned as an alternate basketball official for the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletics Association Girls Varsity Tournament of Champions (semifinals) and earned NCAAW basketball official contracts for DIII and JUCO for the 2017–2018 season.

1992

Christopher Andrews was promoted to director of external relations for IBM Research. He leads a team of communications professionals located in 12 labs, across six continents, who are responsible for advancing and publicizing IBM's research and innovation leadership. ■ **Christopher Bautista** and his family have become very active in the NJ Sharing Network in honor of his son, Luke (Team

Luke), who passed away suddenly at age 15 but saved five lives via organ donation and improved countless other lives via tissue donation. Chris encourages everyone to register to become an organ donor. ■ **Annette (Astorino) Canniff** got married on July 1, 2016. She and her husband, Frederick, adopted a baby girl at birth named Arianna Rose, who was born Jan. 1, 2017. ■ **Tom Cronin** was appointed to the position of advisor to the bishop for family and parish evangelization for the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. Previously he worked for 23 years in corporate sales, marketing, and business development. ■ **Dean Mastrangelo** moved his law office to a new office in Syosset, NY. ■ **Terry (Gavaletz) Macary** joined the Waterbury (CT) Regional Chamber as membership account executive. **Jennifer (Maloy) McGurk** was promoted to compliance coordinator for the Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers Foundation's Building for America's Bravest program. She works closely with catastrophically injured service members to build smart homes. In addition, she handles all building contracts and insurance requirements as well as all in-kind donations for the program. ■ **Tricia (Rizzuto) Perrotti** has joined Logitech's Ultimate Ears Custom Division as the product market lead for the East Coast. Ultimate Ears Custom is a handcrafted inner ear headphone used by 80 percent of top musicians including Taylor Swift, Bono, and Adele. ■ **Julie (Dumont) Rabinowitz** was

appointed press secretary to Gov. Paul R. LePage of Maine. Prior to her appointment, she served as director of policy, operations, and communication for the Maine Department of Labor. She previously taught writing and communication courses at the University of Southern Maine and Bates and Colby colleges. She also held management and executive positions in government and nonprofit organizations in New York, North Carolina, and Maine. ■ **Joey Stanford** has completed Air Force Squadron Officer School. He was also awarded the Certified Information Security Manager

certification from ISACA and joined Platform.sh in August 2017. ■ **Jason Vianese** has been working at Richard Chevrolet in Cheshire, CT, for almost 20 years in various capacities and recently became an owner. Richard Chevrolet has received the distinguished Mark of Excellence Award two years in a row for being one of the top dealerships in the Northeast and is also designated a Chevrolet Service Elite dealer.

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1993

Dr. William Burns had two articles published in peer-reviewed journals. "Scream to Screen: The Philosophical and Aesthetic Origins of Film Noir" was featured in the spring 2016 issue of *Interdisciplinary Humanities—Out of the Past and Into the Night: The Noir Vision in American Culture*. "From the Shadows: Nosferatu and the German Expressionist Aesthetic" appeared in the inaugural issue of *Mise-en-Scene: The Journal of Film and Visual Narration*, published in fall 2016. He was also named dean of online programs and learning resources at Brookdale Community College in Monmouth County, NJ, where he has worked for 20 years. ■ **Jennifer (Smith) DeFelice** started her 18th year as the artistic director of the Broadway Bound Performing Arts Center in Merrimack, NH. ■



A group of alumni recently traveled to Playa Del Carmen in Cancun, Mexico, for a vacation. Pictured left to right are Peter Stuebe '77, John Reilly '76, Bob McMahon '76, Marie (Kelly) Dirscherl '75, Dave Richardson '78, Bill Turner '76, and Jim Dirscherl '76.

Jennifer (Ubert) Eraca graduated with a doctorate in instructional leadership and certificate of administration and supervision from Western Connecticut State University in 2016. ■ **Pedro Figueroa** completed his one-year tenure as president of the New York Sugar Club, the country's most prestigious association and forum for sugar producers, manufacturers, traders, and government. The Sugar Club's focus is to address industry concerns and discuss market dynamics affecting sugar trade within the U.S. and in the international arena. ■ **Deborah Jack** is a participating artist in the traveling exhibit *Relational Undercurrents: Contemporary Art of the Caribbean Archipelago*, curated by Tatiana Flores, at the Museum of Latin American Art in Long Beach, CA. The exhibition will travel to four major art museums in the United States for the next two to three years. ■ **Daryl Vallez** recently retired.

1994

Jason LaScolea left his position as the pastor of adult ministries at Victory Highway Wesleyan Church in Painted Post, NY, and started his own counseling group called Enrich Christian Counseling in the southern tier of New York State. ■ **Ray Mahoskey** completed 20 years of service as a fire officer in Yonkers, NY, and formed an electrical business, R&R Electrical, LLC. His wife, **Beth (Kershaw) '96**, is working in education and pursuing a master's degree in childhood education (grades 1–6). Ray coaches their three children in lacrosse. ■ **Kevin Stranahan** passed his third board certification exam from ASIS International in November 2017. He becomes only the fourth security practitioner in all of New England to obtain all three ASIS-sponsored board certifications (security management; investigations; physical security).

1995

Kathy (Hull) Elson merged the Connecticut Multiple Listing Service and the Greater Fairfield County CMLS to form SmartMLS and became CEO of SmartMLS. ■ **Debra (Mancuso) Tomasetti** is happy that her daughter, Jaclyn, is following in her mom's Red Fox footsteps. Jaclyn is a freshman at

Marist. ■ **Kohli Singh** (MPA) published a book called *Quotations You Will Love to Quote*.

1996

Mark Arum celebrated his 20th anniversary with WSB-TV and WSB-Radio in Atlanta, GA. He anchors traffic on WSB-TV on the highest-rated morning show in the country. He also hosts a nightly talk show on WSB-Radio. On Oct. 21, 2017, he was inducted into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame, the youngest inductee in the organization's 11-year history. ■ **Beth (Kershaw) Mahoskey** is working in education and pursuing a master's degree in childhood education (grades 1–6). Her husband, **Ray '94**, completed 20 years of service as a fire officer in Yonkers, NY. He formed an electrical business, R&R Electrical, LLC, and coaches their three children in lacrosse.

1997

Carolyn Barnett married Eric Garvin on May 6, 2016, and welcomed baby boy Ryan on June 7, 2017. Older brother Eric is excited to be a big brother! ■ **Cindy Botticello** completed the Ironman Lake Placid triathlon. ■ **Amy (Hoey) Conly** returned to her high school alma mater as the assistant head of school. She oversees development, enrollment, and alumnae affairs. ■ **Gina D'Angelo-Mullen** is the new director of marketing and communication for CareMount Medical, the largest multispecialty medical group in New York State. Caremount serves more than 550,000 patients in 43 locations. ■ **Jason O'Leary** was promoted to vice president of post-production at Fox Sports Marketing. ■ **Dianne Skowronski** married Ron Deaso (FDNY) in September 2016 and became step-mom to Reagan, age 9. ■ **Chris Webb** was appointed to the board of directors of the Independent Schools Association of Northern New England. ISANNE is a membership association of more than 60 schools with independent traditions in Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont.



1998

Rachel Carter works on economic development in green economy sectors and manages grassroots



The Office of Alumni Relations welcomed Marist basketball fans to a reception at the Long Island Marriott prior to Marist's game against Monmouth in the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference men's basketball triple header at Nassau Coliseum Jan. 27. Above (left to right), President David Yellen greets Julie Lavin '09 and Chris McCann '83.

campaigns and movements that positively impact Vermonters and the sustainability of the working landscape. ■ **Gregory Dallari** has been working with Siemens for the past two years as a project manager in the company's health care division, bringing immunoassays (blood tests) to market to improve worldwide health. ■ **Joe Didato** is vice president of partnerships for Advantage Media. He is married and has 9-year-old twin boys. He enjoys coaching soccer in his hometown, traveling, taking the occasional golf outing, and spending time with his family. ■ **Katie (Robinson) Gonzalez** and her family moved to Middletown, NJ, where she is pursuing Professional Practitioner certification in the art of Jin Shin Jyutsu. ■ **Michael Goot** and his wife, Katie, welcomed a son, Alexander Joseph, on May 18, 2017. Michael is a reporter for the *Post-Star* newspaper in Glens Falls. He completed an online MA in journalism–media management from the University of Missouri–Columbia. ■ **Jennifer Harmer** ('14MA/'17MA) graduated in May 2017 with a master's from Marist in integrated marketing. It was her second master's degree from Marist. ■ **Steven Lawrence** is currently co-executive producer of *VH-1's Leave it to Stevie*. ■ **Fernanda Leventhal** is certified in English-to-Portuguese translation by the NYU School of Continuing and Professional Studies. She works as an interpreter and translator but

is considering new kinds of jobs and business opportunities. ■ **Lisa (Henderson) Smith** gave birth to her second child, Margaret (Maggie) Lynn, on June 19, 2017. Lisa, her husband, Brian, son Tommy (age 2), and baby Maggie are all doing great and enjoying life as a family of four.

1999

Nicole Bastiaanse-Fritch was named 2017 Outstanding Elementary Visual Arts Teacher by the Connecticut Art Education Association. ■ **James Bowers Jr.** was recognized in April 2017 by the Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce as a Forty Under 40 honoree for his commitment to the community and his volunteerism with various organizations throughout the Hudson Valley. ■ **Ben Grimaldi** was married to Renee Iovine in Riverhouse, CT. A number of friends from Marist were groomsmen: **Chris Holleran '99**, **Mike Pratt '99**, and **Bill Mills '99**. **Nick DiBona '99**, **Joseph Scotto '99**, and **Karyn Wangenstein '99** were also in attendance for the big day. ■ **Ola (Nesheiwat) Hawatmeh** created Ola Style Survivor Fashion Week, teaming up with the Susan G. Komen organization to have breast cancer survivors participate in a Fashion Week created for them. ■ **Dr. Suzanne Moravick** ('99MA) completed her PhD in clinical psychology in November 2016 from Walden University. She is searching for a virtual teaching position. ■ **Tom Schwab**, who graduated

with a BA in broadcast journalism, was formerly a New York City TV news reporter/anchor. He is now an English teacher in Little Falls, NJ. He and his wife, Mary Rubianno, recently bought a house in Lincoln Park, NJ. ■ **Natalie Swan** celebrated one year of marriage with Matthew, an executive chef. She also celebrated seven years as the senior media buyer at Adams & Knight in Avon, CT.

2000

Trevor Arguin and his wife, Christina, welcomed their second and third children, twins Dante and Isabella, in July 2016. ■ **Tracy DePascale** became engaged in April 2017 to Glenn Mayrose. They will wed in June 2018 in Connecticut and live in New York City. ■ **Jennifer (Boudreau) Djang** ('01MA) was promoted in May 2017 to a national position within Beacon Health Options, where she has been working for 11 years. She is now the clinical implementation project manager, responsible for implementation of new projects within computer systems for the agency across the country. ■ **Jennifer (Nafus) Flanagan** was promoted to project manager of a deactivation and dismantlement company supporting the naval nuclear labs. She also celebrated 10 years of marriage on Dec. 15, 2017. ■ **Amanda Pike Killeen** began working at Cohen Kinne Valicenti and Cook LLP as a paralegal in the business and banking group in May

2017. ■ **Jacqueline (Baker) Leahy** and her husband, Donald, welcomed their first child, Ella Rose, on Aug. 28, 2017. ■ **Jessica (Rubini) Robb** is a national marketing director with Nerium International and earned a Lexus car bonus as well as a lifestyle bonus of \$50,000. She operates a \$2.5 million business as a stay-at-home mom, with teams all over the world. Jessica, her husband, Darren, and children Dylan and Kylie live in Orlando, FL. ■ **Karen Shultz** began a new position at UMass in alumni relations in July 2017. ■ **Abby Van Horne** married Michael Patrick

Brett II in Manhattan's Carl Schurz Park on June 17, 2017. Son Alexander Roland Van Brett was born Aug. 21, 2017. ■ **Adam Weissman** was named to *Business Insider's* list of the 51 best public relations people in the tech industry in 2017.

2001

Christopher Blasie ('07MA) is happy to be an advocate for the aviation industry while serving as manager of passenger services at Airlines for America. ■ **Angela (Peluso) Chillemi** is the talent director at MasterClass. ■ **Michael**

Etmund was selected for a second term to serve as the attorney state chair of the New York chapter of Association of Credit and Collection Professionals. His term runs from Oct. 1, 2017, to Sept. 30, 2018. ■ **Todd Hutton** recently lost 150 pounds and created an app called StatRat. ■ **Erlinda Shatney** married Ken Abrahamson on June 3, 2017. ■ **Brian Smith** and his wife, Kate, welcomed their first child, Rosabelle, in March 2017. ■ **Tim Sorensen** is taking over as the musical theatre director at Darien High School after running the program at Middlesex Middle School for the past 11 years. ■ **Christopher Yapchanyk** was promoted to assistant vice president of Chubb Insurance Co. and named partner of Chubb's New York City in-house law firm, now known as Eustace, Marquez, Epstein, Prezioso, & Yapchanyk.

2002

Jonelle Formato-Santo became the Newburgh (NY) Free Academy debate team advisor in November 2016. ■ **Nicholas Foster** and **Christina Miller-Foster '03** welcomed their second daughter, Hazel James, on Dec. 5, 2017. ■ **Janine (Williams) Greer** incorporated and became the president of Dillon & Semenovich Inc., a site work construction company, in 2016. Dillon & Semenovich Inc. completes both private and municipal site work projects and is recognized and certified by the New York State Department of Transportation for excavation and landscaping as a woman-owned DBE. ■ **Michael Maloney** relocated from New York City to North Carolina to accept a new position leading North American business for one of MRM/McCann's biggest clients, Cisco. ■ **Edward Nini** is senior vice president, marketing for Oppenheimer Funds, Inc. He also received an award as one of the Top 20 Rising Stars in Financial Services Marketing by the Gramercy Institute in 2017. ■ **Mariel (Sosa) Juarez** welcomed a daughter, Mía, on June 30, 2017.



Marist was well-represented at the Charlotte, NC, Marathon in November 2017. Rick O'Donnell and Adrienne Ryan-Pinto from the Class of '84 (center) ran the 5K and Laura Sherland (left) and Allyson O'Donnell (right) from the Class of '11 ran the half-marathon. They were cheered on by Karyn (Magdalen) O'Donnell '84, Allyson's fiancé Jim Marsden, and Laura's sister Amanda Sherland.



Sean Stellato '02 (center) was honored as one of Boston's Top 10 Young Leaders by the greater Boston Chamber of Commerce in November 2017. Past recipients of the award include John F. Kennedy and Leonard Bernstein. Sean is president of Stellato Enhanced Sports, a sports representation and marketing agency.



Alumni who gathered to meet and network at the Phoenix City Grille in Phoenix, AZ, in June 2017 were Dan Moran '03, president of the Alumni Executive Board, Brittany T. (Dion) Roscillo '08, Nathaniel S. Fields '09/'12MBA, Daniel B. Bernardone '13, Retta M. (Byron) Kekic '11, Adam J. Slater '05, and Katherine M. (McCann) Slater '03.



2003

Justin Bard and his wife, Kalyn, welcomed twins, a boy and a girl, in December 2016. The couple now has three children under the age of three. ■ **Rebecca Cannon** worked



Dr. Christina Royal '94/'03MA

Royal Becomes President of Holyoke Community College

DR. CHRISTINA ROYAL '94/'03MA was inaugurated as president of Holyoke Community College on Nov. 3, 2017. She is the college's first woman president and the fourth president in its 71-year history.

Royal received a PhD in education from Capella University and an MA in educational psychology and BA in mathematics from Marist.

with the State of Connecticut Department of Labor as a project manager until October 2015. She currently conducts unemployment hearings, rendering the approval or denial of benefits to citizens. In addition, she is a certified adult education teacher who works for the Bristol Adult Education system assisting individuals in obtaining high school diplomas. ■ **Christina (Hope) Eidel** is a marketing automation specialist in the CertainTeed marketing department. ■ **Jaelyn Jacobsen** was hired as the senior communications officer for London-based International Council on Mining and Metals. ■ **Anthony and Nicole (Davis) LoCurto '04** welcomed their third child on May 1, 2017. ■ **Peter Louis** earned a JD/MD dual degree from the Ohio State University Moritz College of Law and the College of Medicine. He is in a residency in pathology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. At Marist he was a medical technology graduate and worked as a medical laboratory scientist in New York City and Boston before returning to school. ■ **Megan (Lizotte) McNally** completed her PhD in educational administra-

Brendon Nelson '03 and Dan Cotoia '03



tion from Rutgers University. ■ **Christina Miller-Foster and Nick Foster '02** welcomed their second daughter, Hazel James, on Dec. 5, 2017. ■ **Rebecca Moy** celebrated her 10th year living and working in Madrid, Spain, in January 2018. She first came to Madrid in 2002 during her junior year at Marist and returned after completing her master's degree in San Diego. ■ **Brendon Nelson and Dan Cotoia** have formed a professional partnership between their Los Angeles-based media companies. Brendon serves as U.S. executive producer for Made.For.Digital, an international digital production company that creates films and content for all digital platforms. Dan is the founder and COO of Media Meld Studios, a multimedia production company that provides talent booking resources, casting, and production services through its partnership with Made.For.Digital. In the past year, Media Meld and MFD have teamed on a variety of projects for successful brands and companies such as Snapchat, Jeep, Uber, and Under Armour. ■ **Kathryn Reilly Casali** welcomed son Michael, born in 2016. She works at Australian Catholic University as study abroad coordinator. ■ **Mike Rode** accepted a job as vice president, client portfolio manager on the Global Value Team at American Century Investments and moved from New York City to Kansas City, MO, with his wife, Leigh, who is getting her MFA in interior design. ■ **David Surdovel** is curriculum director of mathematics and advanced academics for Tomball Independent School District in Tomball, TX. His wife, Jennifer, is a preschool teacher at Palm Valley Lutheran Church

in Round Rock, TX. Daughter Katelyn is a third grade student and son Lucas is a first grade student, both attending the Dual Language program in Round Rock. Daughter Chloe is in preschool. ■ **Marilus (Castellanos) Taveras** got married on April 7, 2017. In August 2016, she became program director at University Settlement's Healthy Families Program on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. ■ **Edward Williams III** was married on May 27, 2017. He and his wife, Erin, welcomed Kaitlyn Elizabeth on Sept. 11, 2017.

2004

Michael Abitabilo and his wife, Desiree, welcomed their second son, Brandon, into the world. Big brother, Jack, is very excited! ■ **Damian Bednarz** and his wife, **Kristen (Alldredge) '05/'08MA**, welcomed Cora Izabela on June 4, 2017. ■ **Michael Benischek** is engaged to **Deborah Sawicki '05**. ■ **Aimee Blackton** was promoted to line producer at Sesame Workshop. ■ **Dennis Carroll** inherited his father's tax practice in February 2017. ■ **Alisa Cooper and Brett Spain** purchased their first home in July 2016 in Pelham Manor, NY, from **Laura Clemente '84**. ■ **ChristieLyn Diller** was promoted to assistant director of marketing for the University of Maryland in January 2017. ■ **Kathryn Fike** married James Stair on April 21, 2017, in Saratoga Springs, NY. ■ **Chrissie (Anthony) Haim** welcomed her fourth child, a girl, on May 21, 2017. The baby joins three big brothers. Chrissie and her husband, Gabe, opened Oyster Bay Brewing Co. ■ **Nicole (Davis) LoCurto** and her husband, **Anthony '03**, welcomed their third child on May 1, 2017. ■ **Christopher Marchand** wrapped up his 14th season with *Survivor* on CBS in July 2017. ■ **Paul Miller** celebrated four years working at WWE. ■ **Joe Pilc** is a technology sourcing manager at NBCUniversal. On Sept. 6, 2017, he invited a representative from Marist to Rockefeller Center to speak with NBC employees about options to advance their education. ■ **Jason Schuler's** business Drink More Good received the 2017 Business of the Year award presented by the *Poughkeepsie Journal* newspaper and Think Dutchess Alliance for Business, an economic development corporation in New



Elaine (Findlay) Perryman '01 recently appeared with her family on the cover of *South Fulton Lifestyle Magazine*. The cover story highlighted veterans in South Fulton, GA, who own small businesses. Elaine served in the Air National Guard and Air Force and is an independent beauty consultant with Mary Kay Cosmetics.



Erin Berthold '05, shown with her husband, Matt '05, was named Connecticut's 2018 Teacher of the Year. She teaches first grade at Cook Hill Elementary School in Wallingford, CT.



Mark Conway '98 (left) was promoted to zone sergeant in a ceremony Jan. 10, 2018, at the New York State Police Academy in Albany, NY. Mark is assigned to Troop K, Zone 2, Wappingers, NY. Brian Coakley '98 (right) received the permanent rank of sergeant but will remain in his current assignment as an investigator. Brian is assigned to Troop B, Massena, NY.

Turning a Lifestyle into a Brand

RYAN ORABONE '06 grew up skiing and has always had a passion for it. He loved the close-family atmosphere that he found up on the mountain, how everyone is happy, how nobody fights.

"I see it said in sports all the time," says Orabone, "players saying 'my teammates are my family.' But we have family on the ski mountain that is truly a second family." Orabone ultimately turned his obsession with skiing into a livelihood: he founded a ski apparel company called Till I Die.

After graduating from Marist with a double major in marketing and international business, he became an assistant buyer for Macy's and worked his way up in the company. After three and a half years, he left Macy's and went on the road with friend Paul Vikan to sell his first T-shirt designs.

They were "awful," he says. The effort failed and he spent all his money. He decided to learn all he could about the apparel industry in order to start his own company. "I was dead-set on making this happen."

He went to work for clothing companies Greg Norman, True Religion Jeans, and Ben Sherman, gaining exposure to every side of the business.

In 2010 Orabone started his company, calling it Ski Till I Die. Then, he says, "we realized that people have the same passion for whatever they do that we have for skiing." So he dropped the word "ski." The idea was still "Whatever you do, do it forever. Do it till you die."

As for a logo, he wanted something that could be easily recognized. He chose a shield with two diamonds, reflecting the double-diamond ski trail sign that indicates an expert-only trail.

His goal is to make Till I Die a national iconic brand. He wants people to see the logo and think the brand is active and fun.

Orabone still goes on the road, this time with more success. Each week he drives about 500 miles for buyers' meetings and on-site events, circling from his home in Killington, VT, to New York City and Rhode Island, where

his supplier is located. The apparel is started in Honduras and finished in America. Next year, products will originate in India. Although currently he is the only full-time staffer, he has help from four others including Scott Kaufman '06 who handles marketing and public relations. He plans to hire an associate and two interns this summer.

Currently on-site events such as pop-up shops at ski resorts bring in 50 percent of his business. Events also include fundraisers for Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports and Carve for Cancer.

The Till I Die customer base is split evenly between men and women. They are ages 25-34 and live mainly in the Northeast. Web sales bring in 25 percent, as do sales in 30 stores that carry Till I Die apparel.

This past February, Orabone returned to the Marist campus to speak to students in the College's Fashion Program about starting a fashion brand. He offered some tips.

"It's really important when you start your own company to know what you know and know what you don't know." For example, he let others create the company web site since web design wasn't in his skill set.

"It's OK to make mistakes." His first decals weren't waterproof, he said. He cited a second example: a T-shirt he was determined to sell in an orange hue.

"People just don't like tangerine." The same shirt in mint green sold out four times.

"Pair what you know with what you love." He knew skiing, and he knew how to plan, he says.

The future of Till I Die is looking good. This summer his apparel will be in surf shops for the first time. His products will be in 75 ski shops next season. His items will be in all 50 states by 2020. In 2019 he will start selling in Canada.

He's thinking of branching out into fishing and boating apparel.

"I love doing this. Every single day is awesome." 📷

—Eros Rios-Tinoco '20



Ryan Orabone '06 returned to campus to speak to Fashion Program students about his apparel company, Till I Die.

York's Dutchess County. Drink More Good, based in Beacon, NY, uses locally sourced and organic ingredients to create handcrafted soda syrup concentrates, tea and tisane concentrates, and bitters.

2005

Jessica (Donnelly) Akopyan ('06MA) was married to Emin Akopyan in East Aurora, NY, over Memorial Day Weekend 2017. The bridal party included maid of

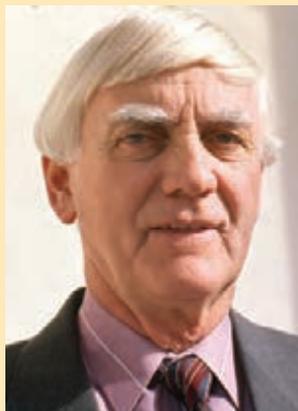
honor **Heather DiDiego** '05 and bridesmaid **Patricia Mead** '06. Jessica, vice president at Edelman, and Emin reside with their 4-year-old English bulldog. ■ **Kristen Alldredge** ('08MA) and her husband, **Damian Bednarz** '04, welcomed Cora Izabela on June 4, 2017. ■ **William Hayden Bates** has been recognized as one of "America's Top Next-Generation Wealth Advisors" by Forbes. He is senior vice president of investments at Wells Fargo in



William Hayden Bates '05

Westport, CT, and has 12 years of experience in the financial services industry. Over the past five years, he has volunteered his time curating the "Live at the Edmond Town Hall" series, dedicated to restoring a historic theater in Newtown, CT. He also serves on the board of directors of the Ives Concert Park in Danbury, CT. Hayden lives in Newtown, CT, with his girlfriend and their puppy. ■ **Sarah (Emerson) Beauregard** is a photographer and multimedia

Remembering Dr. Edward Donohue '55



Dr. Edward Donohue '55

DR. EDWARD P. DONOHUE '55, professor of philosophy at Marist College from 1969 to 2004 and Heritage Professor, died Dec. 6, 2017, in Poughkeepsie. He was 85.

Born on Nov. 10, 1932, in Queens, NY, Edward left home at a young age to become a Marist Brother. He traveled the world teaching and serving others as a Brother in his early years.

As a Brother, he also helped build the original buildings on the Marist College campus. He was a carpenter on the chapel, a ditch-digger on Donnelly Hall, a roofer on Adrian Hall (now demolished),

and an assistant electrician on the old Fontaine Hall and library (where the Cannavino Library now stands).

He earned a BA in French from Marist College, an MA in philosophy from Fordham University, and a PhD in philosophy from the Catholic University of America.

He chaired the Department of Philosophy from 1970 to 1981 and chaired the Division of Humanities from 1981 to 1984.

He married the love of his life, the former Nancy O'Brien, on Dec. 28, 1974. His greatest joy and love was his family. He often said that being a father was the most cherished part of his life.

Ed enjoyed playing the piano, attending Broadway shows, visiting museums, and studying art. He liked watching his favorite teams: the New York Yankees, Giants, and Knicks. Golf was also a pastime in his earlier years. He had a thirst for travel and enjoyed cruising with his wife, taking almost 30 cruises after retirement.

Survivors include his son, Ned, and Ned's wife, Tracie; his daughter, Hope Pinto, and her husband, Peter; his brother, Kevin; his grandchildren, Luke and Eve Pinto and Jack and Eryn Donohue; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his wife; his brother, Thomas; and his sisters Cecelia and Rosemarie. ❧



Former women's basketball standout Julianne Viani '08 found herself playing basketball with international superstar Justin Bieber at Madison Square Garden on Aug. 13. Julianne, who does color commentary for ESPN broadcasts and the Liberty, had called a NY Liberty vs. LA Sparks game and then ran on the court to play in the 2017 ACES Charity Celebrity Basketball Game that followed. A photo of the superstar and Julianne appeared in *People* magazine. The event aimed to raise money and awareness for Tackle Kids Cancer and the Garden of Dreams Foundation.



Friends of Mike Rode '03 (back, center) attended a party for Mike and his wife, Leigh, to wish them well before they moved from New York City to Kansas City, MO, for his new job. Guests were (left to right) Michelle (Bergin) Branaugh '03, Jimmy Spencer '03, Paige (Gardner) Mulvey '03, Chris Santoro '03, Kevin Kelly '03, Albert Reyes '03, Eric Johnstone '03, Joanna (McGinn) Rapuzzi '05, Greg Vernaci '03, and Andrew Rapuzzi '03.

artist whose latest work was featured in the NHTI Library Gallery. Sarah's work in the exhibit includes partially-colored photos, images enhanced with string and wire structures, and three-dimensional constructs. ❧ **Amy McHugh Cole** celebrated her marriage to Andrew Cole, whom she met 14 years ago while on exchange from Marist to the Australian Catholic University in Sydney. The couple returned to New York to celebrate with friends and family on Oct. 8, 2017. ❧ **Sean Collins**, and his wife, Anne, were named directors of Camp Billings in Fairlee, VT. ❧ **Dave Gorman** was assigned to Hickam AFB, HI, as the deputy chief of future capabilities, Headquarters PACAF (Pacific Air Forces). ❧ **Matt Grant** is the chief

investigative reporter for FOX 46 Charlotte. ❧ **John and Liz (Lucia) Mullady** welcomed daughter Mary Elizabeth on Sept. 13, 2017. She joins brothers Jack and Teddy. ❧ **Deborah Sawicki** is engaged to **Michael Benischek '04**. ❧ **Caitlin Halligan Tolchin** accepted a senior luxury designer position with Douglas Elliman.

2006

Adam Coppola is traveling the country as a project coordinator for a corporate and video game event company called Eventmakers, based in Los Angeles. He is also a professional commercial/promo voiceover artist who records for clients from a home studio. ❧ **Laura Coppola** is the studio manager for Time

Inc. TV studios. A variety of live and video-on-demand content is handled for all Time Inc. brands, including *People* magazine, *InStyle*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Sports Illustrated*, and *Food & Wine*. ❧ **Maureen Kavanaugh** completed a PhD from Boston College in educational research, measurement, and evaluation. ❧ **Kristen Meltzer** ('08MA) married Somprasong

Rattanamongkhoun on July 8, 2017, in Wappingers Falls, NY. She is the daughter of **Matthew Meltzer '78**. ❧ **Julia (Graham) Moore** celebrated her one-year anniversary with her husband, Derrick. The couple got married last year in Puerto Rico. She also celebrated seven years at her job with Weber Shandwick. ❧ **Christine (Olver) Nealon** welcomed a son, born Aug. 26, 2017.

She has worked for Macy's since January 2015. ■ **Thomas Nofi** married Christina Accardo on June 23, 2017. ■ **Kristin (Berry) O'Hare** celebrated the birth of her daughter, Maggie, in May 2016. She also celebrated her fifth wedding anniversary and tenth work anniversary in 2017. ■ **Andres Oranges** was promoted to COO of liquidity risk for the Americas region at Deutsche Bank. In addition, he was named to the top 40 under 40 in *America's Banker* magazine. ■ **Annie Russell** is a radio journalist living in Burlington, VT. She is working as deputy news director at Vermont Public Radio, where she assigns and edits stories, writes newscasts, and produces interviews. In addition, she performs stand-up comedy all over New England and was a 2015 and 2017 finalist in the "Best Stand-Up Comic" category of Vermont publication *Seven Days* (a reader's choice award). ■ **Maggie (Peterson) Spadora** and **Dan Spadora '07** moved to Florida to pursue Maggie's career with Merrill Lynch. They have built a house and are enjoying the beach and Florida life in Jacksonville. ■ **Mike Strong** is pursuing an MS in technology commercialization from the University of Texas McCombs School of Business, with an expected graduation date of May 2018. ■ **Alec Troxell** joined Burson-Marsteller, a global public relations and communications firm in New York City, as director of U.S. business development. ■ **Brooke (Heithoff) Tuttle** welcomed her first child, Nolan, on Aug. 15, 2016. ■ **Courtney (Kretz)**

Weglinski ('13M) and her husband, Daniel, welcomed a daughter in February 2018. Jemma Mae joins big brother Archer. ■ **Jason Wilson** led a delegation of U.S. youth to Copa America in Buenos Aires to play in the street soccer World Cup. ■ **Lisa (Campbell) Wood** is on her second tour of duty as a U.S. diplomat. After serving in Johannesburg for her first tour, she is now living in Tel Aviv where she serves as the staff aide to the U.S. ambassador to Israel. She celebrated her five-year wedding anniversary this year. Her husband is an assistant district attorney in Queens, NY.

2007

Todd Bivona got engaged to Andrea Sarola on Aug. 25, 2017. He traveled to Pyeongchang, South Korea, in January 2018 to stage-manage *The Primetime Show with Mike Tirico* on NBC during the Olympic Games. In fall 2017 he worked his second season of *Thursday Night Football* with NBC Sports on the road as well as *Football Night in America*, his fourth season with the franchise. He also worked the MLB All Star Game in July 2017 in Miami. ■ **David Barton** and his wife, Hailey, welcomed their daughter, Lucy Mariel, on July 5, 2017. ■ **Christina Brodzky** started a new job in October 2016 at Reprise where she is now associate director of SEO. ■ **Meaghan Calnan** and **Matt Sacco** welcomed their second child, Finley Mae, on May 18, 2017. She joins sister Genevieve. ■ **Marissa Caradonna** and her husband opened a baseball/softball training facility in North

Jersey last year. They would be happy to mentor anyone who is looking to become a business owner, and to share their best practices. She left her position at Starbucks to support the training facility full time. ■ **Huck Correia** and his wife, Kelly, have two children. Carter was born May 8, 2016, and Gavin was born in October 2016. ■ **Ryan Cowdrey** left Pittsfield Community Television after nearly 10 years to pursue Clayson Creative as a full-time business. He had been running this media production house part time since 2007 but was no longer able to meet the needs of his clients in a part-time capacity. Clayson focuses on video work but also on photography, graphic design, audio engineering, and live event coverage. In July 2017, the company partnered with a local marketing firm to start a daily Facebook Live show, *The John Krol Show*. In addition, Clayson Creative has partnered with **John Larocchia '07** as creative director to create video-based ad campaigns for mid- to large-sized businesses in the Western Massachusetts/Long Island markets. ■ **John DeMetro** and **Christina (Minniti) DeMetro '08/'09M** celebrated their son's first birthday in September 2017. ■ **Adam Deutschmann** created and hosted Saratoga Springs' first pinball machine show in August 2017. ■ **Kate Godlewski** got married on June 16, 2017. ■ **Jennifer Gore-Cuthbert** founded Atlanta Personal Injury Law Group. ■ **Kristen (DeMeo) Lima** and her husband welcomed their third son, Cole Thomas, on March 8, 2017. He weighed 9 pounds, 12 ounces and measured 21½ inches long. ■ **Joseph Macho** is a special education teacher and varsity football coach in New Brunswick and Somerville, NJ. He is up for Teacher of the Year in his school district for 2018 and also guided the Immaculata High School football team to the New Jersey state semifinals. ■ **Jennifer (Reinhart) Medaglia** has been a physician's assistant for five years. She started working at Mount Sinai in New York City in May 2016 in hematology/oncology. She married Matthew Medaglia on April 30, 2017. ■ **Jessica Friedlander** accepted the role of editor at trending news start-up web site Boredom Therapy in August 2016. She was promoted to managing editor in June 2017. ■ **Megan (Murphy) Vlasto** and her



Todd Bivona '07 traveled to PyeongChang, South Korea, in January 2018 to stage-manage *The Primetime Show with Mike Tirico* on NBC during the Olympic Games.

husband, Josh, welcomed their second son, Charles Murphy (Charlie), into the world on June 8, 2017. He joins big brother Eddie. ■ **Michael Puckli** and **Kimberly Koehler** were married on April 27, 2013, and had their first child, Colton, on June 22, 2016. ■ **Dan Spadora** and **Maggie (Peterson) Spadora '06** moved to Florida to pursue Maggie's career with Merrill Lynch. They have built a house and are enjoying the beach and Florida life in Jacksonville. ■ **Stephanie Speranza** has spent two years working on-air as a traffic and features reporter for Cable News 12 Long Island, a 24/7 local news network. She reports on Long Island traffic for the morning show and covers entertainment events and lifestyle stories.

REUNION 2008

Wilfred "Spongy" Benjamin and **Lauren Lomauro '09** welcomed their first child, Caiden Alexander, on Feb. 22, 2017. ■ **Stephen Bosomafi** (MBA) is the parish priest of the newly inaugurated



Robert Boyce '10MPA (left), former chief of detectives of the New York Police Department, was the keynote speaker at the 14th annual Safe City, Safe Streets lunch held by the Greenwich Village Chelsea Chamber of Commerce in December. Chief Boyce is the father of Robert K. Boyce II '08. The chief was introduced by **Neil Bender** (right), Marist trustee and father of **Elijah Bender '18**. Chief Boyce retired April 16 from the NYPD after 35 years of service.

St. Paul's Quasi Parish in Atronie-Sunyani, Ghana. He previously worked as the diocesan financial administrator in the Catholic diocese of Sunyani for eight years. ■ **Pasquale Colantuono** ('13MPA) was promoted to deputy treasurer for the Village of Rye Brook, where he has worked for more than nine years. ■ **Christina (Minniti) DeMetro** ('09M) and her husband, **John DeMetro '07**, celebrated their son's first birthday in September 2017. ■ **Jamie (Falco) Donohue** and her husband were married in 2016 on Cape Cod and have been living in Maryland for the past three years. She is a school counselor at an elementary school and received her graduate certificate in sports counseling. Jamie and Kevin have been traveling overseas and hope to continue to do so. ■ **Samantha Heck** became engaged to Sean Palmer on Aug. 22, 2017. ■ **Mark Heftler** joined Weber Gallagher as an associate in the firm's General Liability group. His previous experience includes litigating complex insurance fraud matters, and he has experience representing community property associations and their boards of trustees as well as handling appellate work. Before joining a law firm, Mark was vice president of a geriatric care company. ■ **Matthew Keys** got married on June 30, 2017. ■ **Chelsea Lancaster** accepted the role of marketing manager at USIM, a media planning and buying agency in Irvine, CA. ■ **Traci Salisbury** published her first book, *Authentic, Sexy, Truth. One Woman. One Truth. Lots of Brave.* It is available on Kindle Direct Publishing and Amazon. ■ **Lauren (Pavlick) Soriano** became the PR director for the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston, MA, in June 2017. ■ **Andrew Soucheck** married **Nicole Lodowski** on May 21, 2016, in Saratoga, NY. They purchased their first home in Jersey City, NJ. ■ **Jim Tonchick** is thinking of retiring from IT within a couple of years. ■ **Allison (McCullough) Wilhelm** lives in Ann Arbor, MI, with her husband, Andrew (West Point '08), and their three children. She stays home with their children while Andrew pursues his master's in nuclear engineering at University of Michigan. They are thrilled to be moving back to the Hudson River Valley in 2018!

2009

Andrew Goss and Jenna (Hadley) Goss took a sabbatical during the summer of 2017 to travel throughout Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, and Malaysia. ■ **Brendan Kaylor** had a very eventful 2017. He graduated with his MBA in May, got married in June, and started a new job at Merrill Lynch in October. ■ **Kristen (Spirko) Kenny** ('14MA) gave birth to a baby boy, Gavin Ryan, on June 27, 2017. ■ **Lauren Lomauro** and **Wilfred "Spongy" Benjamin '08** welcomed their first child, Caiden Alexander, on Feb. 22, 2017. ■ **Kyle Meyer** got married in January 2018. ■ **Staci (Makovich) O'Neill** was one of 26 graduates from the Leadership Institute in March 2017. ■ **Sarah (Shoemaker) Perramant** was appointed the public health epidemiologist for the Warren County (NJ) Health Department in April 2017. ■ **Caitlin Perry** married Andrew Moczula in Kingston, NY, on Sept. 30, 2017. Several Marist alumni were in attendance. ■ **Michael Rizzolo** married Kathleen Oliva on June 16, 2017, at the Foundry in Long Island City, NY. ■ **Melissa (Levanti) Sandgren** was promoted to manager at KPMG as of October 2017. She got married on Sept. 15, 2017, in Danvers, MA.

2010

Kayla Abitabile became engaged in December 2016, and a June 2018 wedding in Troy, NY, is planned. ■ **Brooke Anthony** and Paul Sheedy were engaged in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, on Feb. 4, 2017, and married on Aug. 4, 2017, at Regina

Grant Thonack '10, a video editor for *The Restaurant Hunter*, won his second Emmy Award for "Inside the CIA."



Coeli Church in Hyde Park, NY. Brooke recently launched an online boutique called Lifetique that sells accessories for women and pets. ■ **Victoria Billeter** and **Matthew Lubrano '11/'12MBA** were engaged in early 2017 and will be married by Fr. Richard LaMorte in Brooklyn, NY, in June 2018. ■ **Kristen Domonell** is a writer for UW Medicine in Seattle, focused on developing *Right as Rain by UW Medicine*, an online health publication. ■ **Allison Duffy-Davis** relocated to Sydney, Australia. ■ **Matthew Janczyk** was ordained a Catholic priest in the Order of Preachers on May 20, 2017, at St. Dominic Church in Washington, DC. He now serves as the assistant Catholic chaplain at Dartmouth College. ■ **Matthew Pagliaro** got married in April 2016 and started working at Rosco Laboratories in September 2016. ■ **Courtney Savoia** contributes to three theater web sites: BroadwayWorld.com, StageBuddy.com, and TheaterScene.net.

2011

Colleen Bunce and **Christopher Merolle** were married at the Marist College chapel on Sept. 16, 2017. The wedding was followed by a reception at the Highlands Country Club in Garrison, NY. Twenty-three Marist alumni attended. ■ **Veronica Cortinas** graduated from nursing school in August 2016 and began working as a neonatal ICU RN in March 2017 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Los Angeles, CA. ■ **Jacel Egan** was married on Oct. 14, 2017, in Charlottesville, VA. ■ **Cheri Fraiman** joined H.O. Penn Machinery in 2015 after commuting to New York City every day for the past decade, giving her more time for family and community. Her daughter is a high school senior, planning to apply to Marist. ■ **Erica Garofalo** married Jeevan Vittal in Milford, CT, on May 28, 2017. ■ **Ben Henderson** was promoted from senior accountant to supervisor at Teal, Becker & Chiamonte, CPAs, in Albany, NY. Ben joined TBC in 2015 after a stint at an international public accounting firm. He earned a master of tax degree from the University at Albany. ■ **Matthew Lubrano** ('12MBA) and **Victoria Billeter '10** were engaged in early 2017 and will be married by Fr. Richard LaMorte in Brooklyn, NY,



Ben Henderson '11

in June 2018. ■ **John Rodino** teaches Spanish at St. Bernard's School in New York City and chaperones an annual trip to Ecuador. He was recently engaged to Daniela Trapani, and they plan to marry in 2019 in Argentina. ■ **Rebecca Smith** married Christopher Paul on Sept. 1, 2016. They reside in Fishkill, NY. She is pursuing a master's degree in visual art education (K-12) at Manhattanville College. ■ **Christopher Steber** is a manager of special projects for the New York State Bridge Authority. ■ **Brittany Thomas** married Eli Li on Jul 30, 2017. ■ **Julianna White** moved to Washington, DC, in October 2016 and started working as editor at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

2012

Erin Brush (MA) married Sean Brodarick on Oct. 21, 2017, at Our Lady of Ostrabrama R.C. Church in Cutchogue, NY. They live in California, where Erin teaches and Sean is a captain in the U.S. Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton. ■ **Michael Cullen** got engaged on Sept. 23, 2017. ■ **Danielle DeZao** is the founder of the purplethread, an organization at Marist since 2010. She is also a mentor for the Paper Fig Foundation and Futures NYC. ■ **John Enright** won his second Emmy award in May 2017 for Outstanding Post-Produced Graphic Design (*Monday Night Football*). ■ **Kailey Fitzgerald** married Adam Gingras on May 28, 2017, in Newport, RI. The couple first met while living and working in Newport at Salve Regina University. They have since moved to Boston, MA. ■ **Amanda Mastroberti** married **Steven Ondrof** on July



Cara Mooney '15 at Torres del Paine National Park in Chile's Patagonia region.

South America Sojourn: Q&A with Cara Mooney '15

CARA MOONEY '15 has been doing a little bit of traveling, to say the least. In 2013–14 she studied in Spain for 14 months, living with a host family and studying at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. She also worked and interned at the U.S. Embassy in Madrid, as well as taking the time to travel to Belgium, France, Austria, Hungary, and Morocco. After graduating from Marist she spent two years teaching English in South Korea on a Fulbright grant. She has also visited Japan, Taiwan, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Fiji, New Zealand, Ireland, Portugal, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, Canada, Costa Rica, Belize, and Guatemala. A photographer, she has documented her trips in photos and text at caramooneyphoto.com.

On her blog she wrote that not long before she was accepted to the Fulbright program, she was diagnosed, at age 21, with rheumatoid arthritis (RA). The painful condition made difficult even basic tasks such as getting dressed. She forged ahead, setting up multiple daily medications, pharmacies, and health insurance for her South Korea stay, and continues to travel.

Recently she spent three months backpacking in South America. *Marist* magazine asked her about the journey.

What countries did you visit?

I traveled for just over three months. I started in Colombia and followed the Andes south to Peru, Bolivia, and then into the Patagonia region of Chile and Argentina.

Why did you want to go there?

I have never traveled in South America so it has been a continent I have wanted to visit for a long time. I'm fascinated by the rich culture and history and I love the outdoors. I've seen few places with such diverse and awe-inspiring geography. Even after three months, I feel as though I only brushed the surface, but you have to pick and choose. After spending over two years in South Korea, I also wanted an opportunity to brush up on my Spanish.

Did you travel alone?

I planned this trip with a friend I made from Fulbright Korea. We traveled two months together and I did one month alone, where I traveled primarily in Bolivia.

What was the most challenging thing about visiting South America?

You hear all these stereotypes about going to Latin American countries, traveling solo or traveling as a young woman and how dangerous

it is, and while there are risks, there are ways to still be adventurous and travel smartly. I spent over seven weeks trekking and camping through Patagonia, largely unguided. It was a huge mental game and the preparation was extensive.

What was your favorite moment?

I hadn't planned on doing any extreme mountaineering, but that's the exciting side of spontaneous traveling. While in Bolivia, I heard there was a "beginner" mountain for anyone who wanted to attempt a 6,000-meter climb. Part of the Cordillera Real, Mount Huayna Potosí is just over 6,088 meters (19,974 feet in elevation). It was a three-day climb with an overnight ascent to reach the summit before sunrise. It was the most physically difficult thing I have ever done. I almost passed out twice from exhaustion and lack of oxygen, but in that moment, standing at the peak watching the sunrise was worth the suffering.

What is one item you can't travel without and why?

Looking past the obvious like passport and cell phone, I can't travel without my nice DSLR camera. Often, to drop precious pounds of weight from their bags, travelers go without and only use their cellphones. While the camera qual-

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ity is increasing with each new generation of smartphone, it still can't replicate the quality of a DSLR. Even though they're expensive and heavy, I have lugged them through cities and up mountains to get the perfect shot.

What was your favorite city in South America that you visited and why?

Medellín in Colombia was one of my favorite cities I visited, with Arequipa in Peru being a close second. Out of all the countries I told people I was visiting, Colombia, and Medellín in particular, was the one people told me to worry about the most because of its violent reputation. The city turned this notion on its head. I have not met a more gracious and friendly people, so proud of how their communities have continued to improve. They have come a long way from the days of Pablo Escobar.

What was the most fun thing you did?

While perhaps this wasn't the most fun, it was definitely the most memorable. Towards the end of our trip, near Ushuaia (commonly called the southernmost city in the world), we visited Isla Magdalena to see the Magellanic Penguin Colony. The island is four hours away round trip from the city port Punta Arenas. Our ferry ended up getting stranded on the island by the receding tide and the rescuing boat failed to tow our ferry off the rocks. What was supposed to be an idyllic five-hour tour to see some penguins ended up being over 12 hours starving on a stranded boat.

Where did you stay?

I stayed in a few hostels while in the city as well as with a few friends. Otherwise it was camping.

Can you talk a little about your Fulbright experience?

Where to begin? I did a Fulbright grant for two years in South Korea as an ETA or English Teaching Assistant. I was a full-time foreign English teacher at a middle school in Gwangju, a large city in the southwest of Korea. I taught over 800 students a week. While working, I also worked a number of Fulbright initiatives and programs including the program for North Korean Defectors, where I was the regional coordinator, and Korea Bridge Initiative, which provides weekend classes by volunteer teachers to students who are unable to afford to attend hagwons (cram schools).

What is your attitude regarding traveling with RA, especially with all the physically demanding activities you do such as hiking and ice-climbing?

I'm still learning how to live my life the best I can with RA. It has its challenges. I'm currently in a sort of remission, so I'm fortunate enough to be able to lead a normal life for the most part. Some days are tougher than others. I like pushing myself physically and mentally. Just because you have a disease doesn't mean you can't try to do what you enjoy. I like climbing and hiking because there are days when I can't physically do it, so when I have the opportunity, I take it. There's no feeling quite like reaching the summit and knowing that you got yourself there. I think more people could live like that.

What's next for you?

Now that I'm finally back in the USA, I plan to work in New York City and perhaps plan my next adventure. 🇨🇦 —Eros Rios-Tinoco '20



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On Huayna Potosí, a mountain in Bolivia, north of La Paz in the Cordillera Real. Elevation: 19,974 feet.

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1, 2017. ■ **Katie Meena** is manager of multiplatform programming for MTV and VH1. Her team, Multi-Platform Programming Strategy, oversees MTV, VH1, and Logo's series-related content across various digital platforms. As manager, she oversees all of the video content on VH1.com (desktop/mobile web) as well as some series-related pages for MTV.com. In addition, she oversees two production coordinators on her team. ■ **Lisa Pisani** earned an MA in counseling from the Family Institute at Northwestern University on Dec. 15, 2017. Her interests include multiculturalism, palliative care and bereavement, and delivery of psychoeducation across borders. In September 2018, she will co-present with Northwestern University faculty at the International Association of Counseling conference in Rome, Italy. ■ **Philip Terrigno** is in his second year as a faculty member at Texas Tech University and as head coach of the university's men's and women's rugby teams. ■ **Alexa Warshany**, co-owner of In-House Prints, moved her business to a new, larger location in Frenchtown, NJ. The company has a brand-new automatic press. ■ **Nicole (Greed) Wilson** is an omni buyer for contemporary dresses for Macy's.

REUNION
2013

Carley Andrews ('14MA) is serving as the executive director of Mid-Hudson Love Inc., which seeks to mobilize local churches in Poughkeepsie and the surrounding area to transform lives and communities threatened by poverty. ■ **Victoria Brienza** ('14MA) was

promoted to principal of Success Academy Fort Greene, a K-4 elementary charter school in Brooklyn, NY. ■ **Chelaine Bryn Eliazar**, a former member of Marist's swimming and diving team, has been asked to help judge championship diving meets in Hawaii. She also was promoted to and officially designated a government liaison and company representative for Roberts Hawaii Airport Operations, the largest transportation company in Hawaii, which continues to expand. ■ **Nicole Chin-Lyn** was named a 2017 New York City Rising Star on *City & State's* 40 Under 40 list. ■ **Danielle Fiore** started working for Calvin Klein in June 2017 and is having a wonderful experience thus far. ■ **Stephania Giordano** is engaged. She received her paralegal certificate and is pursuing her real estate license. ■ **Nicholas Homler** began working as the videographer/video editor for the New York Rangers. ■ **Jimmy Lyles** works on-air for Pamal Broadcasting. He is also executive director of Coast 2 Coast: Dance Across America, a nonprofit that tours the United States for two weeks, teaching a master dance class to thousands of students. He owns and operates a successful entertainment company, Jimmy Lyles Productions, specializing in professional DJ, MC, and Photo Booth services in the Hudson Valley and beyond. ■ **Brittany MacLeod** and **Eric Gambardella** '14 got engaged in August 2017. ■ **Gabriella Necklas** graduated in May 2017 with a clinical doctorate in audiology from Gallaudet University. ■ **Joana Sun** started a job at PTR Sports as a sports medicine and family nurse practitioner. ■ **Amanda Urban** graduated with her

MS Ed in educational theatre from City College of New York in May 2016. She received an Innovation Grant from Katonah-Lewisboro (NY) School District to implement new, creative strategies to enhance student learning and engagement in the classroom. ■ **Eric Vander Voort** and **Kaitlyn DeFeo** were married in July 2017. ■ **Angela Verdirame** married Joseph Monahan in October 2016. In April 2017, she began working as an assistant director of career services at New York Institute of Technology in Manhattan.

2014

Joseph Amodeo (MPA) was appointed senior director of strategy and communications at Quality Services for the Autism Community (QSAC), a nonprofit with an annual operating budget of \$80 million serving more than 2,400 children and adults with autism. ■ **Nicole Esposito** married Joshua Steinmetz in August 2017 and moved to Ohio the same month. ■ **Evan Finley** is doing his part in the community by volunteering at a local food pantry and fire department. ■ **Eric Gambardella** and **Brittany MacLeod** '13 got engaged in August 2017. ■ **Erica Jordan** ('15MA) and **Mike Ferraro** '13 purchased their first home together in Smithtown, NY. Erica was promoted at Sanofi Pasteur to professional vaccine specialist. ■ **George June** (MPA) is excited that his youngest son, Aaron, is part of the Marist Class of 2021. Aaron is studying abroad in Italy as part of the Marist Freshman Florence Experience. ■ **Carly (Pfeuffer) Markle** (MPA) was promoted from court office assistant

at Rockland Supreme and County Court Criminal Division to court clerk in Albany Family Court. ■ **Phil Signorile** is working for MongoDB. The tech company is headquartered in Times Square in New York City.

2015

Dominique Alexandre is working at MusicChoice as a production coordinator. He is also running his own business, SWYM-NYC, a service and platform geared toward artists, creatives, and entrepreneurs. ■ **Allyce Braddy** returned to Marist as a graduate student in public administration with ethical leadership concentration, the same program her mother graduated from in 2015. She is working in Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Westchester counties for the New York State Office for People with Developmental Disabilities. ■ **Chandler Chruma** followed her passion for music and is working for Atlantic Records in New York City in the radio promotions department. She works with multiformatted artists such as Twenty-One Pilots, Wiz Khalifa, Lil Uzi Vert, the Front Bottoms, Paramore, Charli XCX, and Kelly Clarkson. ■ **Lauren Garner** started a new job as senior research analyst at Ipsos in August 2017. ■ **Alexandria Graham** and **Trevor O'Shea** got engaged on Oct. 20, 2017. They began dating during their sophomore year at Marist. ■ **Zachary Goldman** is an admissions counselor at CUNY Hunter College. He is also completing his master's in higher education administra-

From Newborns to Newlyweds: Sharing a Special Day

PEOPLE MAGAZINE began its story about Aaron Bairos '12 and his wife, Jessica Gomes, this way:

"Two lovebirds who came into the world together are now going to spend the rest of their lives together, too."

The article, which appeared in *People* Oct. 5, 2017, described how Aaron and Jessica shared something very unusual. They were born in the same hospital in Taunton, MA, on the same day

in 1990. They also were the only babies born in that hospital that day.

The two met as students in two different high schools in Taunton. They discovered their common birthday after they began dating. They married in 2015.

"I think it's a really great thing that we both get to share," says Aaron, "and I'm happy it can bring a smile to others' faces." 📷

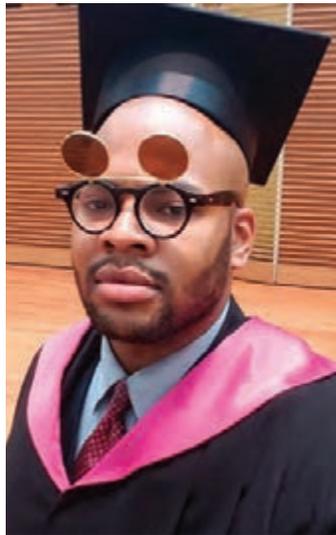
Aaron Bairos '12 and his wife, Jessica Gomes



tion at SUNY Stony Brook, with an expected graduation date of 2018. ■ **Alison Gillin** got married last year to Bradley Topliff, whom she dated long distance while in college. She was promoted to a sales role at work and recently purchased a house. ■ **Johnnieanne Hansen** (MA) was named the first-ever director of workforce development and coordinator for apprentice programs for the Council of Industry (COI), a Town of Newburgh-based association of more than 160 Hudson Valley manufacturers. Her duties include leading COI's partnership with the Hudson Valley Pathways Academy at SUNY Ulster and other P-TECH schools; creating relationships between school districts and manufacturers; and administering COI's New York State Manufacturers Alliance-registered apprentice program. ■ **Zachary Obid** has worked many different production jobs over the past few years. He traveled and lived in Madrid for a few months, working on the docu-series *Hala Madrid* in conjunction with GoPro and Real Madrid, and produced four episodes for Complex's hit series *ComplexCon(versations)*. He also worked on many short documentaries for *Sports Illustrated* and is now working on a documentary for ESPN's *30 for 30*. He is thankful for the connections he made from internships at Marist. ■ **Caitlin O'Connell** has a job on the recruiting team at Bridgewater Associates. ■ **Melissa Saxe** is living in Boston after working in Manhattan for two years at a public relations agency. She made the move with her significant other, **Thomas McGuire**, and works as a recruiter in a staffing firm. ■ **Jesse Scannapieco** has held six positions within Target in just two years. Currently he is the executive leader for operations at the Target in Westbury, NY, leading all store operations, new rollouts, and target.com business as well as compliance and legal issues for the store. Most recently he was able to help with the Target "flexible format" stores and their openings (Herald Square, Port Washington, and Freeport). He is excited and looks forward to more changes and his own personal development.

2016

After completing his U.S. Fulbright Grant and graduating with his MPA from SDA Bocconi in Milan, Italy,



Jay Arzu '16

Jay Arzu has returned to his community in the Bronx and started a community benefit corporation called Friends of the Concourse. He is also a part-time publisher for a prominent urban planning blog focused on transportation and sustainable development. Jay is looking at opportunities for professional growth before heading to graduate school for a second time. ■ **Haylee Carvalho** completed her master's in international marketing through the University of Surrey in the UK. She continues to travel and expand upon her international knowledge and experience. ■ **Isabella Sofia DeAngelis** presented her undergraduate capping project, a thesis paper titled "Bridging the Gap Between Death and Communications," at the Eastern Communication Association Conference in Boston in March 2017. ■ **Alayna Krug** was accepted into JP Morgan's Asset Wealth Management Analyst Program. ■ **Katelyn Powers** began working at R & L in October 2016. ■ **Andrea Puskar** married her high school sweetheart, Matthew Dunn, on July 1, 2017, at the Garrison. Many Marist alumni attended. ■ **Hayley Reddington** is attending New York Medical College to obtain an MD degree. ■ **Gabriel Veliz** traveled to Germany to attend Oktoberfest in Munich.

2017

Liana Babich became engaged to Andrew Jabs on Jan. 19, 2017, after two years of dating. In February 2017 she moved from Long Island, NY, to Rhode Island to work at

her first full-time, post-grad job at Entercom/Smart Reach Digital. She is the digital campaign manager for markets in Providence, RI; Springfield, MA; and Worcester, MA. Her responsibilities include account and project management, campaign creation and optimization, account executive management, and client communication. ■ **Emily Bogner** is a freelance stylist. Her first client is Alysia Reiner from *Orange Is the New Black*. ■ **Alicia Crisalli** started graduate school at URI in January 2018 and is pursuing a PhD in medicinal chemistry. ■ **Nicole Curry** began interning with the marketing department at a large media agency in New York City in June 2017. In August 2017, she was offered a full-time position as an assistant media planner. ■ **Paul Fix** has continued to travel and report on the automotive industry, covering motorsports and auto shows, and reviewing new vehicles. He is also working as the marketing manager at a manufacturing business focusing on aftermarket automotive parts. ■ **Shauna Flanagan** moved overseas and works as a tour guide for a company called Bus2alps. Many Marist students travel all over Europe with the company. ■ **Aaron Gaberman** began working in media relations at Villanova University as the main contact for three sports: golf, softball, and water polo. He enjoys working there and notes that his Marist education certainly helped him get the job. ■ **Samantha Nearon** started working at the nonprofit Centre on Philanthropy. ■ **Katherine Perry** was named one of 16 Woodrow Wilson New Jersey Teaching Fellows for 2017. The highly competitive program recruits both recent graduates and career changers with strong backgrounds in science, technology, engineering, and math and prepares them specifically to teach in high-need secondary schools. Each Fellow receives \$30,000 to complete a specifically designed, cutting-edge master's program. In return, Fellows commit to teach for three years in the urban and rural New Jersey schools that most need strong STEM teachers. ■ **Jacqueline Venuti** is enrolled in the 16-month accelerated program at NYU Silver School of Social Work. She expects to receive her MSW in May 2019. 📖

In Memoriam

Friends

Bonnie Angelo
Charles E. Conklin
Frank Copit
Alexander C. Ewing
Virginia Fisher
Sr. Nadine Foley, OP
Elvira I. Haddad
William Kyle
Nancy O'Shea
Henry Page Jr.
Gabe Pressman

Employees

Rena M. Britt DuPilka
Executive Secretary,
1969–1984
Arthur Bruno
Security Officer, 2000–2017
Bro. Thomas Delaney, FMS '59
Adjunct Lecturer in Spanish
and Freshman Mentor,
1989–2002
Frank DeRobertis '93
Adjunct Instructor of Computer Science,
1998–2009
Dr. Edward Donohue '55
Professor of Philosophy
and Heritage Professor,
1969–2004
Robin Loeffler
Senior Student Account Representative,
1991–2016
Salvatore Mula
Security Officer, 1988–2006
Verne W. Newton
Library Director, 2003–2015
Dr. Casimir Norkelinas
Associate Professor of Russian and German
and Heritage Professor,
1969–2000
Laurence Sullivan '54
Professor Emeritus of Religious Studies
and Heritage Professor,
1969–1999
Joan Syler
Computer Store Manager,
1986–2006
Students
Zachary Bassin '17
Nicholas Holman '17
David Zeneski '18

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Marriages



Stephanie Figuccio '10 married Kevin Reimer '10 on Sept. 9, 2016, at Carlyle on the Green in Bethpage, NY.



Kailey Fitzgerald '12 married Adam Gingras on May 28, 2017, in Newport, RI. Their wedding was attended by Marist alumni Samantha Bruno '12, Brendan Cuddihy '11, Brendan Kenny '12, Steve Rizzo '12, Kara Lightowler '12, Lauren Esposito '12, Lindsey Flanders '12, and Lisa Morano '12.



Kathryn Godfrey '06 married Raymond Lamanna on Oct. 16, 2016, in Spring Lake, NJ.



Kelley Gould '15MA and Billy Posch '14MA were married on Aug. 18, 2017. The ceremony took place at Our Lady Seat of Wisdom Chapel, with Father LaMorte as the celebrant. Many alumni were present to share in the festivities.

Margaret Hoar '07 married Andrew Donahue on July 22, 2017, in Dennisport, MA. Their wedding was attended by multiple generations of Marist alumni, including Melissa Kennedy '16, Karen Finnerty '04, Katie (Spies) Whitcomb '07, Bill Hoar '75, Marian (McCormack) Augustine '76, Donald Augustine '76, Phyllis (Mendreski) Hoar, Maureen (O'Keefe) Murphy '76, Ray Murphy '76, Anne (DeFranco) Banks '76, Frank Minerva '76, Kerri (O'Brien) Fry '07, Allyson Corcoran '07, and Barbara (Collins) Minerva '76.





Ever since their Marist days, it's been a tradition for Ted Ebberts III '03 and his friends to wear custom-made T-shirts for bar crawls and bachelor parties. So after Ted and John Cain eloped in 2016, Ted's pals decided to honor that sartorial tradition at the newlyweds' reception four months later in Branford, CT: they wore suits in a rainbow palette. A story about the occasion appeared on the web site lovewhatmatters.com in February 2018. Shown jumping for joy behind Ted and John are (left to right) Greg Anderson '03, Chris Nelson '03, Joel Martinez '03, Dan Herens '03, Chris Davis '03, Matt Lipschutz '03, Declan Howlin '03, and Conor English.



Merren Flynn '13 married Alex Erickson '13 with many Marist alumni in attendance including Briana Flynn '15, maid of honor and sister of the bride; Richard McCrossen '84, the bride's uncle; and Dr. Jan Stivers, favorite professor of both the bride and mother of the bride Ann McCrossen Flynn '87. Fr. Richard LaMorte celebrated the Mass.



Tom Schwab '99 married Mary Rubiano on Aug. 12, 2016. A Marist broadcast journalism graduate and former New York City TV news reporter/anchor, Tom proposed to his bride using a jumbotron in Times Square on Valentine's Day.



Jackleen and John Nicolucci '01 were married on June 24, 2017, in New York City. A number of Marist alumni were in attendance.



Kelly Murray '06 and Christopher (CJ) Turner '06 were married in Poughkeepsie on May 5, 2017. The two had dated since meeting during their sophomore year at Marist, and more than 30 alumni attended their wedding.



Andrew Soucheck '08 married Nicole Lodowski '08 on May 21, 2016, in Saratoga, NY.

A “Guardian Angel” for Students in Need

Dave Donoghue '64 established a number of scholarships: one to assist students with disabilities; one to honor an influential professor; and one to support aspiring social workers. He also went above and beyond by anonymously supplementing aid to Marist seniors close to dropping out because of sudden financial hardship. Helping others seemed to be in his DNA and was also informed by his life experience and career choice.

BEING DEEMED AN ANGEL is the kind of talk Dave Donoghue's humble disposition and Irish wit would have put a quick end to. But an angel among us is what Donoghue, a member of the Class of 1964, was to dozens of Marist students who needed financial help to complete their college educations.

For a number of years, in addition to establishing several scholarship funds, the Marist alumnus went the extra mile for students encountering sudden financial hardship. Reaching out to others just seemed to be in Dave Donoghue's DNA. That and a strong faith informed his optimistic perspective of a glass half-full. His early years may also have encouraged his choice of a career in social work.

Born in Watertown, NY, he was the eighth and last son of Raymond and Mary Carroll Donoghue. His mother died when he was three and he came to live at a children's home, an orphanage, and eventually with his paternal grandmother. At age 6, he went to live with his paternal aunt and uncle, Dorothea and Thomas Shea, in Amityville, Long Island.

In time, the Donoghue family was brought back together. Dave's love for his parents and his aunt and uncle led him to establish a scholarship at Marist in their honor. The Donoghue-Shea Family Memorial Scholarship fund now assists Marist students with physical or learning disabilities.

Donoghue was employed as a childcare worker at various Catholic-affiliated children's homes in New York and Connecticut. With his father's support, he attended Marist College and found a mentor and lifelong friend

BY SHAILEEN KOPEC



Over the past decade, the alumnus helped out a number of desperate students and their parents. Recipients of the hardship scholarships were selected by Student Financial Services; and because Dave Donoghue requested anonymity, his code name became “the guardian angel.”

in Bro. Joseph L.R. Belanger FMS '48, professor of French. Not surprisingly, his major became French. He then earned an MSW from the University of Michigan's prestigious social work school. Donoghue honored his former professor by establishing the Bro. Joseph L.R. Belanger, FMS, Scholarship endowment to aid students with unforeseen financial circumstances.

Donoghue was a licensed clinical social worker, a marriage and family therapist, and a member of the National Association of Social Workers. He was employed at

Catholic Charities/Catholic Family Services in New Britain, CT, for 31 years before retiring. Recognizing how important it is to have more male social workers, Donoghue's next scholarship focus was to help Marist students who were pursuing that goal.

Recipients were recommended by the School of Social and Behavioral Sciences in collaboration with the Office of Student Financial Services, which documented financial need. Knowing the necessity of graduate work in his field, one of Donoghue's aims was to lessen the undergraduate debt load of these Marist students.

Amid his ongoing support of scholarship funds, Donoghue asked if any Marist students currently close to graduation were on the verge of dropping out because of family financial problems. Yes, he was told, it's an important need at Marist.

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Dave Donoghue endured many health challenges over the years. He drew strength from his faith, and when he passed away on Aug. 27, 2017, at age 79, his memorial card cited St. Francis of Assisi: “O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive.”

Shaileen Kopec retired from Marist College in 2015 after a 43-year career that included 14 years as vice president for college advancement. She continues to reside in Poughkeepsie, NY, with her husband, Tony '77 MBA.



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Rob Moore '90 (left) is presented with his Legacy Society pin by Marist College President David Yellen.

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