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With her estate gift of more than \$300,000, **ANN MANNO '42** left a legacy that will impact the lives of students in perpetuity.

**A**nn M. Manno '42 approached everything in her life with passion, putting her entire being into every endeavor she embarked upon. As a student, she was known as the girl who possessed original ideas and an artistic spirit. Her determination brought her to Columbia University, an eventual C.P.A. certification, and then on to a career in accounting, a very unorthodox choice for a woman during that time. She quickly earned the respect of her male colleagues at New York's prestigious Price Waterhouse firm.

While Ann was successful in the world of business, she had always valued education. Eventually, she would return to Northeastern Pennsylvania, where she taught in the Business Departments at Marywood, King's College and the University of Scranton. She loved the impact she had on the lives of her students, taking great pleasure in their success. Throughout her life, she remained loyal to Marywood through volunteerism and consistent and generous support as a member of the Legacy Society.

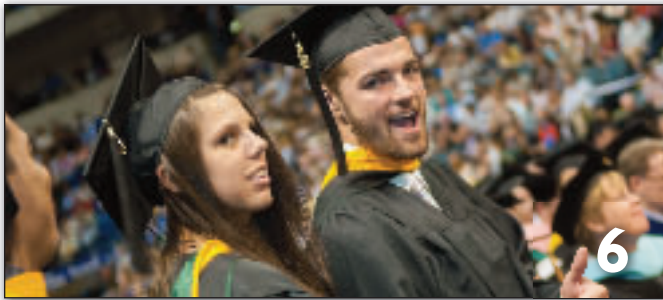
Because of Ann's devotion to Marywood, she decided that she wanted to make an even larger impact on the University. Before her passing in 2011, Ann made a deferred gift through her estate to the **Ann M. Manno '42, Pat A. Manno, Angelo S. Manno and Angeline Ciliberti Manno Endowed Scholarship** in honor of her family and parents. Ann left a legacy that will impact the lives of students.

An estate gift is an easy way to give to Marywood University. By giving through your estate, you can create a legacy for future Marywood students in a powerful way. Like Ann, you can channel your passion into a gift of greatness that will honor your memory and make the future of Marywood students brighter.

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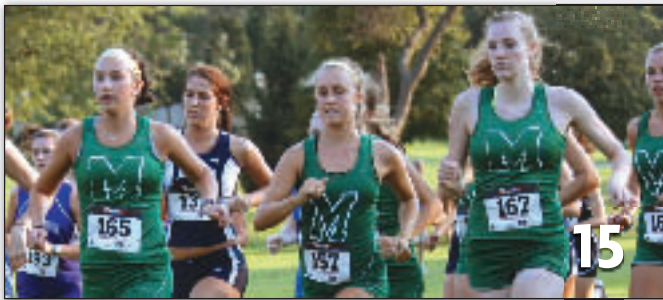
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## EDITOR

# GATEWAY MOMENTS

**“Science can never be a closed book. It is like a tree, ever growing, ever reaching new heights.”** —Charles V. Chapin

Not long after my graduation and during my first year as an employee at Marywood, the campus was buzzing with excitement about the renovations occurring at the science building. Formerly known as Our Lady of Good Counsel Science Hall, the building was constructed during Marywood’s previous physical expansion in the 1950s and served as the primary science facility on campus since that time. With a new wing of classrooms and labs added in 1993, the Center for Natural and Health Sciences became a reality.

It was indeed a momentous occasion. A grand dedication ceremony was held on the Campus Green on October 15, 1993. Dr. Leon Lederman, a Nobel Prize-winning physicist and advocate of science educational reform, was the keynote speaker. At the time, we just thought we were celebrating a new building, but it was more than that; it was the gateway to another period of unprecedented growth.

Dr. Deborah Hokien recently gave me a personal tour of the new organic chemistry lab, which features environmentally-sound, energy-efficient, ductless hoods that isolate and trap chemical vapors to prevent ecological impact through release into the environment. Both students and faculty are excited about the new lab areas, made possible by a philanthropic contribution from Sanofi Pasteur. Benefactors who have established scholarships to aid students pursuing science degrees are imperative to Marywood’s momentum, as are alumni, who reflect Marywood’s mission in the world. (See articles on pages 16-23)

Much like that bright autumn day in 1993, this time in our history is another gateway moment. Marywood continues to “reach new heights” as a university, physically and programmatically. The Science Department, “ever growing,” has been a major part of that success.

Kind regards,

SHERYL LYNN SOCHOKA '92

Editor

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# Our SCIENCE Legacy

“Most people say that it is the intellect which makes a great scientist. They are wrong: it is character.” - Albert Einstein

## Dear Friends,

Who could be better than Einstein to explain the core element of great scientists? While crucial to every profession, the attribute of character is imbued with even greater significance in the field of science. Indeed, it is the driving force between transforming knowledge into something that advances or serves the common good versus one that degrades or destroys it.

In the richness of our Catholic intellectual tradition, science and faith are fused through the prism of understanding. Many of life's mysteries have been and continue to be illuminated by scientific discoveries. Through the unlocking of those mysteries, we get a glimpse into what is so wonderful about creation in the first place.

Marywood has always understood this connection. Our institutional motto—*Sanctitas, Scientia, Sanitas* (Holiness, Knowledge, Health)—formulated soon after our founding by an eminent scholar and former student of the IHM Sisters, Reverend Francis Donnelly, S.J., linked these vital principles from our earliest days. The motto was later incorporated into Marywood's seal by our sixth president, Sister Sylvia Morgan, IHM, Ph.D., who was herself an esteemed scientist.

Sister Sylvia taught all the science courses offered when Marywood first opened in 1915, later becoming the first chairperson of the department after its faculty increased. She wrote workbooks in chemistry and biology and performed research on

the toxicology of oranges. In 1934, Sister Sylvia received formal recognition from the scientific community when she was admitted as a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science—quite a feat for anyone, but especially for a woman religious in the 1930s.

Marywood's science faculty and students continue to build on Sister Sylvia's outstanding legacy, demonstrating her curiosity and enthusiasm for discovery. Scholarship and research, performed in a world-class facility—with recent biotechnology and organic chemistry lab renovations and equipment, made possible by a philanthropic contribution from Sanofi Pasteur (see page 16)—have led the program to expand and evolve to meet present and future needs.

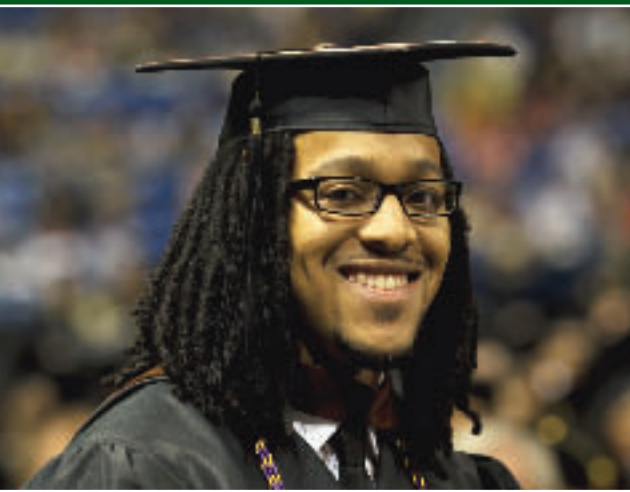
Considering the foundation of character and wisdom that built Marywood's science program into what it is today, it is no wonder that our students and our graduates exemplify Einstein's definition of “great” scientists.

*Sister Anne Munley, IHM*

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President, Marywood University



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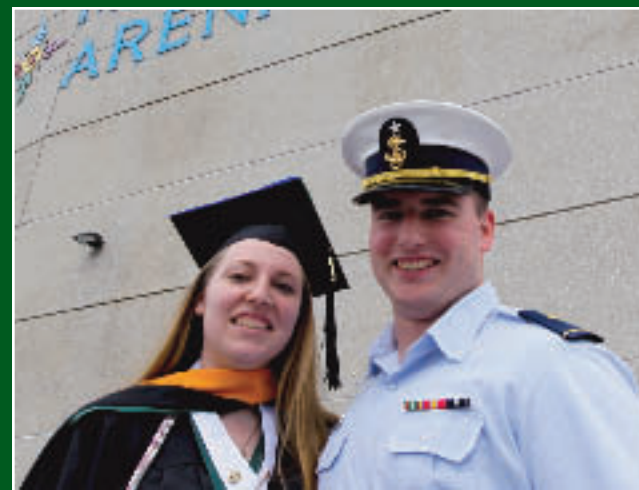
**Fred Wulczyn, Ph.D.**, a Marywood alumnus who is a leading children's welfare administrator and a Senior Research Fellow at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago, was the keynote speaker at Marywood's Commencement on May 13, 2012. Awarded an honorary doctorate during the ceremony, he has long been recognized for his contributions on behalf of children and families. Dr. Wulczyn earned an M.S.W. at Marywood University and also merited a distinguished alumni award from the Marywood Alumni Association several years ago.

Marywood President Sister Anne Munley, IHM awarded more than 900 degrees, from baccalaureate to doctoral, at the 2012 Commencement—Marywood's largest class to date. Art, business, and social work were the programs with the most graduates.





# 2012 COMMENCEMENT



# STUDENTS SWEEP ADDY AWARDS

Marywood University Art students swept the student awards at the NEPA 2012 ADDY Awards ceremony at the annual awards dinner in Wilkes-Barre in early March, and one went on to garner a national ADDY award in June. This is the seventh consecutive year in which Marywood Art students have won ADDY Awards.

The ceremony, held at Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs, Plains PA, recognized 2011 creative efforts in print, web, video, radio and outdoor advertising, and design, primarily featuring the work of professionals in the ad agency business throughout the region.

Marywood undergraduate and graduate students won best-of-show, gold, and silver awards, and the University staff was recognized for the second consecutive year for creative expertise in a communications field.

Marywood University students started winning ADDYs in 2005 when Marywood professors of graphic design, John Meza and Christine Medley, began encouraging their students to enter into the competition. Seven years later, the awards keep rolling in.

In the student division of the regional ADDY competition, five Marywood University students walked away with eight awards. **Tomlynn Fallon Biondo '06 (M.F.A. '12)** won three awards, including "Best of Show" for her children's book illustration, as well as a "Gold" and a "Silver" ADDY.

Undergraduate student **Patricia Keryc '12** received the Judge's Choice award and a "Gold" ADDY in the student division for her works "Natural Care" and "Elephant Poaching." Three undergraduates won Silver ADDYs: **Cheryll Davies '12** won for her work, "Nudles: The Natural Pasta;" **Jess Meoni '12** for her work, "The Black Sox Swindle Infographic;" and **Patrick Monahan '12** for his work, "Natural Care."

Nationwide, the American Advertising Federation's ADDY Awards attract more than 50,000 entries for local competitions every year. The regional ADDY competition is the first of a three-tier, national competition. At the second tier, local winners compete against other winners in 15 east coast district competitions. District winners then move on to the third tier, the

national ADDY Awards competition.

Ms. Biondo, who earned her M.F.A. degree in August, was the only individual at the NEPA ADDYs to receive three awards. Having won ADDYs as both an undergraduate and graduate student, Biondo is now a six-time ADDY Award winner. Her children's book illustration captured attention—and a national award—at the National ADDY Awards in Austin, TX, in June.

"It's great to be acknowledged for my work," Biondo said. "I am already looking forward to competing next year."

In a repeat of last year's ADDY awards, the University staff was recognized for innovation in a key communications area—this time in website development. **Marywood University** received a Silver ADDY for its mobile website, a version of the University's main website that is accessed by users' mobile devices, including smart phones and tablets.

**Tomlynn Fallon Biondo '06 (MFA '12)** stands with her children's book illustrations that won "Best of Show" regionally and and nationally.



## Media Storytelling Focus at COMM Week

From April 16-20, 2012, the Communication Arts Department celebrated COMM Week—a week full of communication-related events—with an emphasis on media storytelling.

Several events were featured, including a COMM Week Media Conference, in which more than 100 local high school students participated. Marywood Communication Arts seniors also presented their capstone projects to the campus community during the Senior Showcase. Also featured was a panel of communication arts alumni that discussed "Media Storytelling." **Dolores Nolan '77**, Vice President of Membership at the Radio Advertising Bureau in New York City, served as moderator. Panelists included **David Graf '06**,

Multimedia Producer at Runner's World magazine; **Regina Lanzo '95**, station operations manager for ION Media; **Bonnie Longbotham '90**, Director of Creative Services at Longbotham Strategic Marketing; **Erica Mahady '03**, Organizational Development Consultant for Lehigh Valley Health Network; and **John Sabia '04**, Producer at MTV.

In addition, Marywood's chapters of Public Relations Student Society of America and Society of Collegiate Journalists organized the collection of the nutritious, non-perishable food items collected throughout the week at the various events. All of the items were donated to Friends of the Poor and all donations were matched by a Feinstein Foundation grant.





Standing in the back from left to right: Mackenzie Goodwin, Sydney Pauline, Elizabeth MacNeal. Kneeling in the front: Colleen Geoghegan. They are with children in El Progreso, Honduras, with the Students Helping Honduras trip.

Not everyone invades beach towns during Spring Break. For some students and faculty, it has become a time to transform the lives of others, as well as their own, through service.

A group of 45 Marywood students and faculty lived and shared the University's mission and core values during the 2012 Spring Break, March 2-13. Participants traveled in groups to Philadelphia, PA; Joplin, MO; Franklin, WV; and El Progreso, Honduras. The students were involved in building and improving housing; assist in disaster relief; help build a school; and befriending children, families, and

individuals affected by natural disasters. All of the student volunteers had one quote in common: "The best week of my life." On March 25, formal group presentations to the campus centered on slide shows and talks from the students who attended the Spring Break Service Trips.

During this same time, a group of 11 Marywood University Graduate Social Work students traveled to India to work with several social services agencies in different parts of the country and become acquainted with Indian culture. The students were accompanied by India native **Dr. Packiaraj Arumugham**, Assistant Professor of Social Work in the Master of Social Work program, and by **Dr. Lloyd Lyter**, Director of the

"The best week of my life."

School of Social Work and Administrative Studies. The students traveled to five cities, including Chennai, Bangalore, Delhi, Trichy, and Agra, and they paid a special visit to the Taj Mahal.

The social work graduate students were able to work with Indian children at several universities and agencies. Most notable was a visit to Hope for the Hopeless, a non-profit orphanage founded by Dr. Packiaraj and his partner, Mr. G. Paulraj, in the professor's hometown, Trichy. The orphanage houses boys of all ages, and the group was able to interact with boys between the ages of 8 and 12. Both the graduate students and the young boys interacted through Indian and United States cultural presentations and socialization time. MSW candidate Megan Dickman recalls that this was her favorite stop, along with her classmates, despite the language barrier.

"It was a fun time interacting with them, and it was great to just be silly with the children. Even if you cannot communicate verbally, everyone can communicate non-verbally with smiles and laughter," she said.



Dr. Packiaraj Arumugham and Dr. Lloyd Lyter with the students in Chennai, India.



Alumni panelists Jeanne Aber, Erica Mahady, John Sabia, and Regina Lanzo spoke with students about the media industry and their careers.

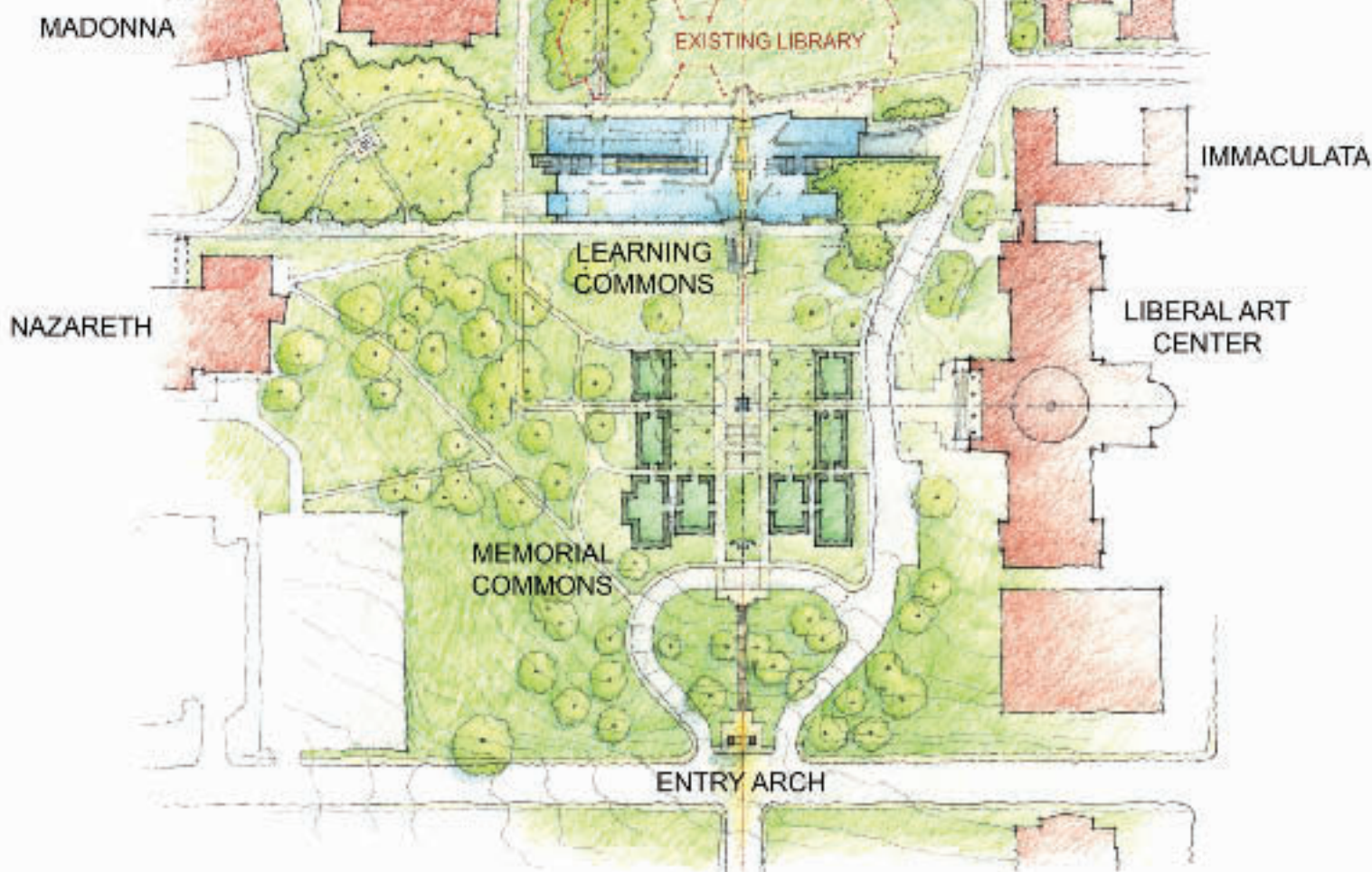


Communication Arts seniors presented their capstone projects during the Senior Showcase on the last day of COMM Week.



Megan McGraw '12, digital media major, talks with a high school student about video editing.





## Preserving **A TREASURED PAST**

The University is planning to create the “Motherhouse Memorial Commons” on the site of the former Motherhouse. In conjunction with the construction of the new Learning Commons, the Motherhouse Memorial Commons will further enhance this cherished part of campus to reflect the history of all that emanated from the Motherhouse. This extensive, beautiful memorial will preserve and reflect a treasured past—one of humble beginnings and hopeful dreams. The Motherhouse Memorial will also lead us into the future, by celebrating the timeless, remarkable spirit and mission of the IHM Sisters and Marywood for years to come.

**To find out more about Motherhouse Memorial Gift Opportunities, contact  
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## Students Experience **IRELAND** *at Home and Abroad*

Marywood professors **Laurie McMillan, Ph.D.** and **Lindsey Wotanis, Ph.D.** accompanied six students to Ireland from May 22-June 5 as part of a study abroad course. Batt Burns, pictured at right, served as the group's guide for the 13-day trip. A Seanchaí, or traditional Irish storyteller and historian, Burns then came to Marywood University on October 2 for an evening of Irish storytelling.





**DR. FRANCES M. ZAUHAR**

*Named Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences*



Frances M. Zauhar, Ph.D. was named Dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Marywood University in July. Before coming to Marywood, she was the Humanities Division Chair at the University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and a tenured faculty member in the English Department. Before her work at Pitt-Johnstown, she was a tenured Associate Professor of English at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA, where she was Chair of the English Department from 1994-2004 and the founding coordinator of the new program in Creative and Professional Writing from 2004-2006. She began her teaching career as an Assistant Professor of English at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN, where she taught from 1986-1991.

Dr. Zauhar has been a committed classroom instructor and teaching scholar throughout her academic career. She has developed and taught courses on a number of topics in American literature, including American Women Writers, American Indian Literatures, Immigrant Authors, and Environmental Literature. She has collaborated with colleagues and team taught courses on Literature and Politics Literature and the Visual Arts, and Media and Contemporary Culture—the academic title for a course she and a colleague taught on Star Trek.

In collaboration with her students, she has made conference presentations on literary relationships in early and modern literature, and she has mentored students pursuing their individual research on a variety of topics. Her research interests lie primarily in the area of 19<sup>th</sup>- and 20<sup>th</sup>-century American fiction.

## Marywood Establishes Office of Military and Veteran Services

More veterans of the armed forces are trading in their uniforms for school books, as they transition from military to student life. To accommodate this growing population, Marywood University has established an Office of Military and Veteran Services.

“We are going to make sure that these students get the services and resources they need to make a successful transition,” says Lauren Williams, Director of the Office of Military and Veteran Services. “Enrollment of veterans at Marywood has doubled in the past year, and it is going to continue to increase.”

The Office of Military and Veteran Services will help student veterans navigate through paperwork, provide confidential counseling services, and coordinate information sessions, all with the aim of making the transition easier from military to student life.

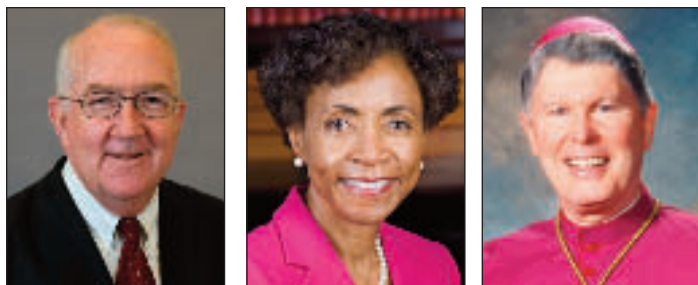
The Office recently hosted an event on campus, “Beyond GI Joe: The Contemporary College Student Veteran,” the first cohesive effort of its kind that focused on educating regional professionals on best practices when working with military and veteran student populations.

Ms. Williams emphasized, “Students’ military culture often stays with them long after they separate from service. With the recent and predicted significant influx of student veterans into higher education and the workforce following the events of 9/11, it is important for both current and future student affairs professionals, current graduate and undergraduate student leaders, and others interested in working with our military and veteran population in the community to have an understanding of military culture.”

Visit the Office of Military and Veteran Services web page: [www.marywood.edu/veterans](http://www.marywood.edu/veterans).



*“Beyond GI Joe: The Contemporary College Student Veteran,” hosted by the Office of Military and Veteran Services at Marywood University from August 6-8, 2012, offered an intensive and interactive educational experience. The program deepened participants’ understanding of today’s student veteran, in an effort to better serve this growing student population.*



## PRESIDENTIAL MEDALISTS AWARDED

Each year Marywood University selects three individuals to receive the Presidential Medal, an award that recognizes service to others—one focused internationally, one focused nationally, and one centered within the local community. The medals were awarded at the 2015 Society Dinner on October 20.

This year's recipients included:

- **Mr. Ken Hackett (Left)**, recently retired President of Catholic Relief Services, who received the international-level Presidential Medal, in honor of his esteemed leadership as CRS's sixth president.
- **Bernadette Gray-Little '66, Ph.D. (Middle)**, Chancellor of the University of Kansas and a Marywood alumna, who received the national-level Presidential Medal, in honor of her distinguished career as a highly regarded scholar, teacher, and university leader.
- **Most Reverend James C. Timlin, D.D. (Right)**, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Scranton, who received the community-level Presidential Medal, in honor of his decades of devoted service to the people of the Diocese of Scranton.

## FALL CONVOCATION *Focuses on Empowerment*

The Fall Convocation, the first formal academic ceremony of the 2012-2013 year at Marywood University, was held on Friday, October 19, at the Sette LaVerghetta Center, at 11 a.m. The University's core value of empowerment was the focus of the day's events, which featured **Bernadette Gray-Little, Ph.D.**, Chancellor of the University of Kansas and a Marywood University alumna, as the keynote speaker.

Dr. Gray-Little began her career as a professor of psychology at the University of North Carolina, where she rose to the post of UNC's chief academic officer after successive administrative appointments. While at UNC, she earned a reputation as a champion for the highest quality educational experience for students and a strong advocate for faculty and for research. When Dr. Gray-Little became KU's Chancellor in 2009, she made history as the first female and the first African American to lead the university.

"She is a dynamic figure, whose leadership qualities and remarkable spirit were fostered and developed on this campus," stated Sister Anne Munley, IHM, Marywood's President. "Dr. Gray-Little is an outstanding example of what you can do and how far you can go with a Marywood education and the confidence to realize your dreams."

In addition to the keynote address, the event featured the annual faculty awards for distinguished academic work, including "Distinctions in One's Discipline," awarded to **Edward J. O'Brien, Ph.D.**, and Marywood University's nominee for "CASE Professor of the Year," awarded to **Laurie McMillan, Ph.D.** A new faculty award for service also was presented to **Sister Margaret Gannon, IHM, Ph.D.**



## Paula Shields Elected to Board of Trustees

Sister Anne Munley, IHM, Ph.D., Marywood University President, recently announced that **Paula Shields**, Jacksonville, FL, has been elected to Marywood's Board of Trustees. In addition, the new slate of officers elected for the 2012-2013 year, includes **Marion Munley, J.D.**, Moosic, PA, Chair; **Patricia Glinsky**, Denver, CO, Vice Chair; **Ann R. Henry, Ph.D.**, Flemington, NJ,

Secretary, and **Antonia M. Schierling**, Rockville, MD, Treasurer.

Ms. Shields is a Certified Senior Professional in Human Resources (SPHR) with more than 20 years of experience in the field. She has been recognized for outstanding employee engagement, regulatory compliance, leadership, process improvement, and mentoring. Her professional affiliations include membership in the Society of Human Resources Management.

Ms. Shields presently serves as the HR Manager for Jacksonville Zoo and Gardens. She has previously served as the HR Director for Orange Park Medical Center and HR Generalist for Sun Trust Bank in North Florida.

Her community activities and affiliations include service as a First Coast Technical College Board Member and as an ALS North Florida Council Member. Additionally, Ms. Shields is a sustainer of the Jacksonville Junior League; a former board member of First Coast Child Advocates (Guardian ad Litem Program); former president of the Foster Care Citizen Review Board; a mentor for Take Stock in Children; and a United Way Health Services Team Volunteer.

Ms. Shields, who is the daughter of Marywood Trustee Emerita Virginia P. Shields '48 and the late Paul J. Shields, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Management from Tulane University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Loyola University.



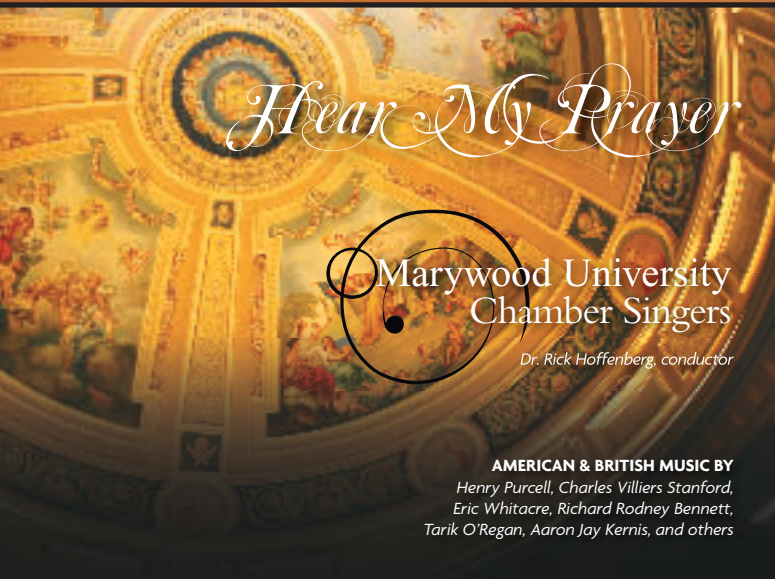


## Chamber Singers Debut Choral Music Album

Marywood's Chamber Singers have made a recording called *Hear My Prayer*. This is the group's first recording of choral music, and the repertoire includes accompanied and a cappella music ranging from masterworks of the Renaissance through world premieres by living composers. *Hear My Prayer* is available on iTunes, Amazon, and other online music stores. CDs are also available at live performances and from the Marywood Bookstore.

The Marywood Chamber Singers have performed throughout the United States, as well as in Europe, and are featured on an annual PBS broadcast in Pennsylvania. This summer, the group was selected as a finalist for The 2012 American Prize in Choral Performance. The American Prize recognizes and rewards the best performing artists, ensembles and composers in the United States.

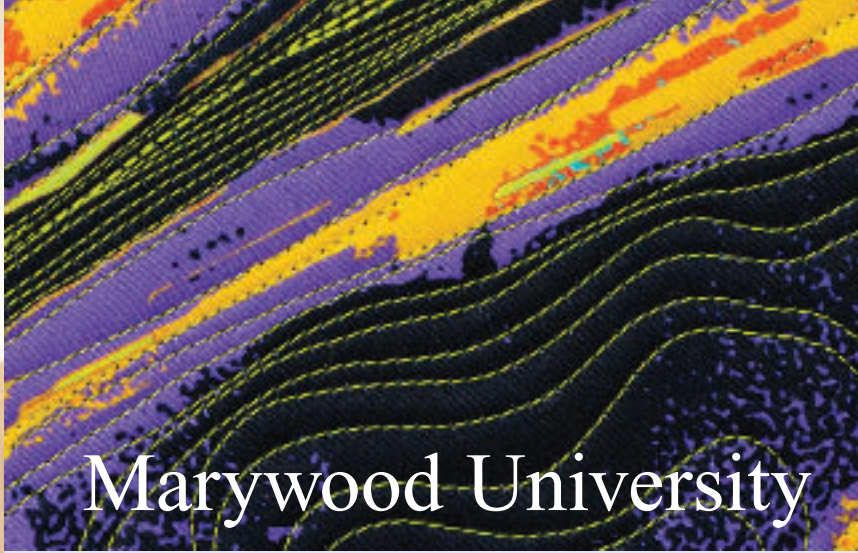
*Hear My Prayer—the Marywood Chamber Singers' first recording of choral music—is available on iTunes, Amazon, and other online music stores. Copies can also be purchased at live performances.*



# Hear My Prayer

Marywood University  
Chamber Singers  
Dr. Rick Hoffenberg, conductor

AMERICAN & BRITISH MUSIC BY  
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Eric Whitacre, Richard Rodney Bennett,  
Tarik O'Regan, Aaron Jay Kernis, and others



# Marywood University

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# CULTURAL EVENTS

## NOVEMBER

- 11/26 **Marywood Jazz Ensemble Concert**  
Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts • 8 p.m.
- 11/30-12/2 **Dance Ensemble Showcase**  
Black Box, Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts  
Fri. & Sat.-7:30 p.m., Sun.-2 p.m

## DECEMBER

- 12/1 **Guest: Hazelton Area HS Concert Band**  
Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts • 1 p.m.  
**Jr. High Wind Band Celebration Concert**  
Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts • 7 p.m.
- 12/2 **Chamber Singers Christmas Concert**  
Marian Chapel - Swartz Center for Spiritual Life • 4 p.m.
- 12/3 **Marywood String Project - Winter Concert**  
Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts • 6:30 p.m.
- 12/7 **Marywood Campus Choir and Orchestra Holiday Concert**  
Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts • 7:30 p.m.
- 12/10 **Marywood Guitar Ensemble Concert**  
Fireplace Lounge, Nazareth Student Center • 7 p.m.
- 12/11 **Marywood Opera Workshop Performance**  
Sette LaVerghetta Center for Performing Arts • 7 p.m.

For the most current listing of performing arts events at Marywood University, please visit the Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance website: [www.marywood.edu/mtd](http://www.marywood.edu/mtd) or call (570) 348-6268.





## Women's Tennis Won its 10<sup>th</sup> Conference Title

### Hall of Fame Inductees

*Piper Frick Davis, Jeff Williams, and Lauren Wynne Bickel*

Two former Marywood University field hockey players and a former baseball player were inducted as the 16<sup>th</sup> class of honorees into Marywood University's prestigious Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Piper Frick Davis**, Wake Forest, North Carolina, is one of the most decorated student-athletes in Marywood history. A 2002 graduate, Davis was a standout for the field hockey program (1998-2001) but also played four years of basketball (1998-2002). Davis was named the Pennsylvania Athletic Conference's (PAC) Female Scholar Athlete of the Year for the 2000-2001 academic year. A three-time (1999, 2000, and 2001) National Field Hockey Coaches Association of America Academic All-American, Davis was a four-year member of the fall and winter/spring PAC Academic Honor Roll.

**Jeff Williams**, Larksville, Pennsylvania, is a 2001 Marywood University graduate and former standout pitcher for the Pacers. A 1996 graduate of Scranton High School, Williams attended East Stroudsburg University from 1996-1998 before enrolling at Marywood. Williams, the first baseball player selected into Marywood's Athletics Hall of Fame, played ball for the Pacers from 1998-2001 when he became one of the most



decorated players to don a Pacers uniform.

**Lauren Wynne Bickel**, Hope Valley, Rhode Island, is a 1996 graduate of Marywood and was a four-year member of the Pacers' field hockey team from 1992-1995. During her career, Bickel was a key member of the back-to-back Pennsylvania Athletic Conference Championship teams (1992, 1993) and also earned PAC runner-up titles in 1994 and 1995. Widely regarded as one of the most dangerous scoring threats on the field during her four years, Bickel set a Marywood record with 16 goals scored during the 1995 season, a record that stands to this day.

## Men's SOCCER TEAM Visits Spain, France

Marywood University's men's soccer team went on its first-ever international tour. The team played four games and took advantage of numerous sightseeing opportunities.

They arrived in Madrid and toured parts of the city, including the Bernabeu Stadium, home of Real Madrid, before visiting the historic city of Toledo and then departing for the beach town of San Sebastian.

The team next crossed through the Pyrenees Mountains into France, where they toured the Airbus Museum in Toulouse, home of the world's largest commercial airplane.

After a stop in Figueres, home of Salvador Dali, the team arrived in Barcelona. There, the group saw the architectural works of Antoni Gaudi, including the world-famous Sagrada



Familia church, and toured Camp Nou, the largest stadium in Europe and home of professional soccer team FC Barcelona.





## Marywood Women *Run Away* with

# CSAC PRESIDENT'S CUP

For the second straight year, Marywood University claimed the Colonial States Athletic Conference Women's President's Cup Championship for the 2011-12 Seasons. The CSAC President's Cup is awarded annually to the men's, women's, and overall athletics program with the highest competitive rating, based on both regular season and conference playoff performance. Marywood took the Women's President's Cup honors after achieving 78.84 percent of potential points. The Pacers took home the **women's cross country championship**, while reaching the **CSAC finals in women's lacrosse** and **qualifying for the CSAC playoffs in softball, women's basketball, women's tennis, women's soccer, and women's volleyball.**





# A formula that MATTERS

by Patricia J. Thomas

**A**n optimist, it's said, sees a glass half full; a pessimist sees the glass half empty. To a chemist, however, that glass is completely full—half liquid; half vapor.

H<sub>2</sub>O becomes H and O.

That pretty much sums up how a scientist looks at the world: *i.e.* there's a whole lot more to it than meets the eye.

There is truth in a glass of water at mid-level, as there was truth in the apple that dropped on Isaac Newton's head. A scientist sees truth about the marvelous interactions of the universe in the simplest of objects—and then goes off looking for the whys and wherefores. At Marywood, searching for whys and wherefores, insights and understanding that can lead to enormous benefits for humanity in many science disciplines is being undertaken by a new generation of scientists-in-the-making. And they are doing it through a formula that Marywood has long employed: Excellence of Education—plus faithfulness to Marywood's Core Values—doubled by Commitment to Service.  $E=MC^2$ .

The University's excellent education has been greatly enhanced by the newly renovated organic chemistry laboratory that allows the University to expand its instrumentation and further its research efforts. Not only will Marywood be able to offer new courses, but will also be able to offer students a variety of new, meaningful research projects. The lab will also be environmentally friendly, with such features as ductless hoods that don't vent out into the surrounding area, special filters that absorb chemicals, and procedures that cut down the amount of chemicals students use.



Marywood's educational excellence is also enhanced by outstanding faculty, who not only pursue research themselves, but mentor students, conducting their own research.

**Dr. Deanne Dulik Garver's** research seeks to provide an interface between organic chemistry and the biological systems in which chemicals work. In conjunction with this, she has studied the effect on metabolism of common anti-inflammatory drugs such as Naproxen, known popularly as Aleve—the purpose of which is to document whether a subject's metabolism changes over time.

Her heart also lies, however, in training tomorrow's researchers and scientists. An Assistant Professor of Chemistry, she takes special satisfaction in helping students find credible scientific information to back marketing claims of nutritional supplements. Three of Dr. Garver's honors organic chemistry students have studied the pharmacology of caffeine, the pharmacology of penicillin drugs, and HIV drug treatment options for patients in Kenya—and she sponsored another honors thesis student who studied recent advances in lead toxicity in children's drinking water.

**Dr. Lisa Antoniacci's** research attempts to identify the molecular mechanisms involved in several processes related to the contents of a cell's nucleus. The discoveries she made can be used to better understand the process of genetic disease in humans.

In recent years, many of her former advisees are pursuing graduate degrees at institutions





around the United States. An Assistant Professor of Biology, she has made presentations at national science conferences, notably at the American Society for Cell Biology National Meeting in San Francisco, California, in 2008—and has collaborated with several colleagues on the publication of a scientific paper involving budding yeast and protein.

**Dr. Debora Hokien**, Professor of Chemistry, has recently seen a pair of her students go off the graduate and professional schools, as well. As chair of the Science Department (2006–2012), she was involved in the promotion of the department's research facilities that led to student internships with several regional businesses, including Sanofi Pasteur, inc., Quantum Analytical and Environmental Laboratories, Inc., Vital Probes, Inc., the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, and The Commonwealth Medical College. In fact, she has collaborated with Dr. Jun Ling at TCMC and serves as the co-principle Investigator on a National Institute of Environmental Sciences/ National Institutes of Health research grant to study environmental toxins on the regulation of gene expression.

Additionally, she is involved in an ongoing collaboration with Dr. Joe Vinson, Chemistry Professor at the University of Scranton. In 2008 and 2010, they were awarded two competitive Marywood University/ University of Scranton cooperative research grants to study polyphenols, a class of organic chemicals found in foods such as wine, beer, and juice.

That research project proved so fascinating that she requested and was granted a one-year sabbatical to implement a new collaborative project at the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science in the Department of Viticulture and Enology at the University of California, Davis. The goal of this research is to determine the molecular mechanism in red wine that acts as anti-cancer agents in cells....which one might well toast as a glass completely full of life-saving potential.

In line with her research—and on the theory that it

sometimes helps to go right to the source—Dr. Hokien supervised a group of science students on a trip to Northern France to study wine chemistry during Spring Break. Her class, Special Topics: Chemistry of Wine and Cuisine and Culture of Northern France, introduces students to the chemistry of wine making and the practical applications of chemistry.

### And what do students think?

"It really opens you up to new experiences," says Micheline Orlowsky, a Nutrition and Dietetics major, who participated in the trip. "[Going on the trip] also makes you realize that science is everywhere. After seeing the work that goes into making something like wine, I take fewer things for granted."

Reactions such as this have prompted Dr. Hokien to pursue creating a new, intensified chemistry program at Marywood—an option that will certainly magnify professional opportunities for graduates—no small consideration in today's economy.

This past spring about 1.78 million college students graduated and are now entering the job market in the United States. According to Census and National Science Foundation data, students who majored in science- and technology-related fields are "the second-fastest growing occupational group in the United States, after health care." Dr. Hokien says that by investing in the science program and keeping its standards strong, Marywood is producing competitive, marketable students with strong skill sets...and a sense of commitment to a world as interdependent as the hydrogen and oxygen atoms that completely fill a water glass.

**Jessica Silker '14** is one of those students. Silker, a junior biology major, hopes to use her science education to enter into either occupational therapy or osteopathy. To that end, she has landed an internship for next summer. Working for an ostepathologist, Silker hopes to gain the experience she will need to be competitive in the job market and learn more about this potential career path.



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- Dr. Debora Hokien, Ph.D.

“It has taken me a while to figure out what I want to do, but I know I love science,” she says.

Marywood has been fortunate in having a milieu in which students who “love science” can thrive and explore their options. Regional businesses, professionals, and corporations have helped the University extend internships, mentoring, and real-world experiences to future scientists.

Equally vital has been the community financial support. One of the most consistent supporters of the Science Department at Marywood has been Sanofi Pasteur. Their significant philanthropic contributions have impacted the Science Department greatly. Their gifts for laboratory equipment have provided Marywood students with the opportunity to learn on key pieces of instrumentation, providing experience that gives them an employment leg up. “When a student goes on an interview, companies want to know how much they will need to be trained. Having familiarity with key equipment gives our students an edge,” says Dr. Hokien.

Thanks to Sanofi Pasteur’s involvement, science enrollment has grown 82 percent over the past five years. The University has added three new professorships. Incoming students have shown heightened interest in the areas of biotechnology and biochemistry. Additionally, Sanofi Pasteur has been instrumental in the creation of the B.S. and M.S. degree programs in Biotechnology.

Indeed, with their support, Biotechnology has become the flagship program of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

Marywood has secured funding for unique research opportunities for its students, due in large part to corporate participation from Sanofi Pasteur.

Those very research—and educational—opportunities can fill a glass—completely full—with potential for discoveries that will ultimately enrich, protect, serve, improve our world. And they may be found by scientists defined in  $E=MC^2$

These are formulas that matter... **M**

*Kenneth J. Luck and Luciana Herman contributed to this article.*



**Science Department Faculty**  
Front row: Deborah Wardach, M.S.; Deborah Hokien, Ph.D.; Deanne Garver, Ph.D.; and Dorina Amendola, M.S. Back row: Robin Ertl, Ph.D. and Michael Kiel, Ph.D.



# GIVING BACK TO MOVE FORWARD

by Meaghan Thomas '12

There is a nationwide push for more—and more proficiently-skilled—science graduates. Yet, some students presently pursuing science-related degrees couldn't do so without the help of scholarships.

In response to an urgent need for scientific researchers and health care professionals in the United States, Marywood alumni and their loved ones are giving back to help students move forward.

**Samantha Heck '14, Ariadna Pedroza '14,** and **Katarina Soler '14** are all currently enrolled in the Nursing Program at Marywood University. They are all recipients of the Mary

Alice Collins Murray '51 Scholarship, established by **Michael and Mary Alice Collins Murray '51**, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mrs. Murray, a trustee of the University, earned a bachelor's degree in Chemistry at Marywood. She realized a successful career in Medical Technology and, through her scholarship, wanted to emphasize studies in the sciences. "Scholarship assistance allowed me to attend Marywood. I feel strongly that I should leave a legacy that would permit other students to have the same advantage," said Mrs. Murray.

**Samantha Heck '14** is one of three children. The financial worries that so often accompany the pursuit of a college education have been alleviated for her and her parents, largely due to the Murray Scholarship.

"My scholarship allows me to continue my days here at Marywood, with the confidence that I am getting part of my education paid for," Samantha says, reflecting on the meaning of this blessing. Noting that she comes from "a nursing family," Samantha has always wanted to continue this family tradition. The scholarship aid is helping to make that dream attainable. "The Murray Scholarship enables me to focus on my studies more," states Samantha.

In addition to fulfilling her nursing degree requirements, **Ariadna Pedroza '14** is also pursuing a minor in Spanish. Her initial interest in Marywood was sparked by speaking with others in the nursing program and by Marywood's friendly atmosphere. She is overjoyed that the Murray Scholarship allows her to focus solely on her schoolwork, without having to simultaneously hold a full-time job to pay for tuition expenses. "I was one of those kids you see who always had a stethoscope around her neck," says Ariadna, "I've dreamed about becoming a nurse for a long time. This scholarship is helping me to realize that dream."

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- Mary Alice Collins Murray '51

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*Katarina Soler, Ariadna Pedroza, and Samantha Heck*



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- Katarina Soler '14

**Katarina Soler '14** does not have to pursue extra employment to meet financial needs because of the assistance provided by her scholarship.

“The scholarship benefits more than just my daily and financial life at Marywood and at home,” she observes. It recognizes my academic ability. Without the education and opportunities I have received, I also wouldn't have met the great friends I've made here at Marywood.”

In addition to the Mary Alice Collins Murray '51 scholarship, other individual benefactors who are alumni of Marywood or have a personal connection to the goals and core values of the University have established scholarships that benefit students in the sciences.

**Antonia Gerod Schierling '60**, a Marywood alumna and trustee, established the Jean Gerod Scholarship to benefit science students at the University. Marywood's mission has remained with her since her days as an undergraduate.

“Throughout my time at the University, I have felt extremely blessed; now I need to share my blessings with current undergraduate students, so that one day they may do the same to help as alumni.”

For **Dawn Brennan**, her husband's legacy at Marywood University has inspired her to help the future graduates of the University. The late **Thomas J. Brennan, Ph.D.** was a physics professor at Marywood University for 38 years and, during his time as a faculty member, he witnessed countless science students success stories. After he passed away, Mrs. Brennan wanted to continue to honor her husband's dedication to educating Marywood students. She established the Thomas J. Brennan Scholarship, which is awarded to students who major in science and who maintain high academic standing.

“The reason I give back to Marywood's science programs is to give recognition to Thomas and to the students who excel in the sciences, as they are our future,” Mrs. Brennan said. **M**



For more information on giving back to Marywood University through the establishment of a scholarship or other planned giving opportunities, please contact **Elizabeth A. Connery**, Director of Planned Giving at [connery@marywood.edu](mailto:connery@marywood.edu) or **(570) 348-6200, ext. 2622**. You can also visit Marywood's giving opportunities web page at: [alumni.marywood.edu/give/giving-opportunities/](http://alumni.marywood.edu/give/giving-opportunities/)

## SCHIERLINGS Take the Lead Establish First Endowed Faculty Chair



**Antonia M. Gerod Schierling '60** and her husband, **Hartmut (Hans) Schierling**, have established the first endowed faculty chair at Marywood University. Through a deferred pledge agreement, the Schierlings made a leadership gift that supports the founding of the **Gerod Schierling Endowed Faculty Chair** in the Department of Science.

While an endowed faculty chair is not a new concept in the world of academe, this kind of endowment is a prestigious recognition of a university's past and potential achievement. It is an elite benchmark of academic excellence, which attracts and retains faculty members who are leaders in their discipline and who will devote extraordinary commitment to Marywood University. For a thriving institution of higher education like Marywood, an endowed chair program is a logical, vital progression toward a strong future.

“We believe that a gift to Marywood for establishing an Endowed Faculty Chair has far-reaching consequences,” said Mrs. Schierling, who noted that this gift gives her and her husband great lasting and personal satisfaction. In addition to financially supporting Marywood and recognizing exceptional scholarship among the faculty, she said, “Our students are the ultimate benefactors...it is a super investment in our University and a win-win-win for all.”

The Gerod Schierling Endowed Chair is named in memory of the couple's parents and in gratitude for the academic education and spiritual guidance received by Mrs. Schierling, now a trustee of the University, who earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Marywood in 1960. Additionally, the gift recognizes the dedication of the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, to education and service in the community.

The purpose of the Gerod Schierling Endowed Faculty Chair is to recognize, honor, and provide dedicated resources to an outstanding member of the science faculty for pursuing a scholarly activity in his or her field; for innovative teaching, including, but not limited to, conducting seminars, publishing the results of his/ her research; and service to the University and the greater Scranton community.

“The Schierlings have long been interested in and committed to the cause of science education,” said Sister Anne Munley, IHM, President. “As Marywood approaches its Centennial, it is essential that our endowment, programs, faculty opportunities, and facilities grow and strengthen. Toni and Hans have taken the lead in this initiative. Their gift is a bold affirmation of the University, and I am deeply grateful for their generosity, vision, and leadership.”



# REBECCA RYALS '04

## Making an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



**R**ebecca Ryals '04 says that her interest in environmental science can be traced back to her undergraduate years at Marywood. While working on an environmental science project with Professor Deborah Hokien in 2004, Ryals was unknowingly planting the seeds for a future career in science.

After graduating from Marywood in 2004, Ryals traveled the country, exploring her academic interests at various institutions. A recent graduate of the University of California, Berkeley, Ryals earned her Ph.D. in Soil Biochemistry and Ecosystem Science. While there, she focused on the impact of climate change on carbon storage and the nitrogen disposition effects on California soils. In short, her research looks at how farmers and ranchers can manage their land so that they can help solve climate change.

When asked how her undergraduate years at Marywood have helped to shape her career, Ryals says that the liberal arts education she received made her realize that science is not just about field work or test tubes, but, she says, science is about

people and the impact the scientific process can have on the world.

"[At Marywood], I learned a lot about how science is actually done," she says. "I really valued the liberal arts education I got there because environmental problem solving is not just about science. It is about people."

Ryals is passionate about climate change education and outreach, and she has a history of putting her ideas into practice. As an undergraduate, Ryals was one of the first students to advocate for the use of clean, renewable energy on Marywood's campus. A free-standing wind turbine was later installed, a machine that harnesses wind energy to supplement the power to the Aquatics Center.

Ryals is presently completing a two-year post doctorate at Brown University, where she is continuing her work focusing on reducing greenhouse gas pollution.

"I am interested in finding creative ways to solve environmental problems," she said. "I really love teaching, and I want to teach good science that is going to influence environmental policy."

# CAPTAIN DUSTIN O'KEEFE 20 05

## An Officer and a Gentleman—and an ER Doc

**D**ustin O'Keefe '05 thought about a career in medicine back in high school, but wasn't quite sure what that might be. Marywood's highly regarded Physician Assistant program drew him to the University, but it wasn't long before he did an about face. He switched his major to Biology/ Pre-professional track, and took aim at med school.

"I found strong support and great mentors in Dr. Deborah Hokien and Dr. Peter Eden (then Chair of the Science Department)," Dustin says. "Small classes and personalized attention from great faculty definitely molded me, and I believe I had a better education than most in bigger universities. There were many research opportunities, and I was able to independently develop a protocol, write a grant proposal, and design my experiments," he adds.

That strong mentorship and faculty accessibility provided, in effect, the big guns Dustin could roll out for medical school, so he applied well-armed with enthusiastic letters of recommendation from Marywood teachers and mentors. Temple University had been his first choice, and he was one of 180 selected that year out of 10,000 applicants.

He also joined the U.S. Army through the Health Professions Scholarship Program. This, Dustin says, was certainly a big financial advantage—but in addition, he adds, "Army residency training programs are among the top in the country, and that was also a big draw for me."

Perhaps above all, though, it meant an opportunity to continue a family tradition of service to the nation. "I have many cousins and siblings in my generation who have joined the armed services in many different capacities," Dustin says. Among these is his youngest brother, Dylan, who received an ROTC scholarship and older brother, **Dennis '04**, who earned his MBA at Marywood and is an intel analyst with the National Guard.

Other O'Keefe family Marywood alums, incidentally, include his sister **Danielle O'Keefe Mervau '07**, who earned her degree in elementary education—and who has written a children's book, illustrated by younger brother, **Devon O'Keefe '12**, who received his BFA in Illustration.

Before joining the Army, Dustin had already allied himself with an important "commander in chief," when he met and married his wife, Carlin, a Penn State grad with a degree in Education, back home looking for job opportunities. It happened almost literally in the blink of an eye. Dustin was working at Northeastern Eye Institute, waiting out med school applications. Carlin came in to get her eyes checked—the very day Dustin happened to be working with the doctor she happened to be seeing. They ended up seeing eye-to-eye, so to speak. The rest was history.

A very recent part of that history is lively twin boys, Maddox and Elijah.



Today, Captain Dustin O'Keefe is stationed at the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center, Fort Hood, Texas, where he is starting the second year of a three-year internship program in Emergency Medicine, with a goal of becoming a board-certified Emergency Medicine physician. "I love the fast pace, quick decision making, and diversity of patients and problems," Dustin says. "My time is spent mainly in the emergency room...seeing patients, learning as much as I can, reading, giving lectures, conducting research."

A major research part involves looking at the effect of Zofran (an anti-emetic medicine frequently used in emergency rooms) and its relationship to heart contraction.

As for future plans: "... not sure if I'll stay in the Army, but I'm enjoying army medicine... interested in becoming a practicing physician...where I can apply research. I'm definitely a people person.

"I am honored to serve and watch over the health of soldiers and their families," Dustin says.

"After I graduate from Army residency...well..." he concludes, "we're open to whatever God decides."





JOSHUA  
SLEE  
2007

## Transforming Lives through Molecular Research

When **Joshua Slee '07** began his college career at Marywood University, he envisioned himself graduating and moving on to medical school to earn his M.D. Josh signed up for the requisite coursework and began working his way through the curriculum when he made his own discovery – maybe a career in research was the path he needed to take.

It was the teachings of **Dr. Peter Eden**, a former faculty member and Science Department Chairperson (now President of Landmark College, Putney, VT), that really impressed Josh, who said, “He challenged all of his students to go beyond what was in the textbook and pursue a deeper understanding of scientific principles.” Soon, Josh was pursuing a different goal, and within no time he was initiating his own research projects and presenting his work at regional and national conferences with the help of **Dr. Deborah Hokien**, Professor of Science, and **Dr. Kenneth W. Rundell**, former Director of the Human Physiology Lab.

While working toward his biotechnology degree, Josh was also a four-year starter on the Men’s Basketball team. He credits **Coach Eric Grundman** with introducing

him to Marywood and convincing him that it was the right university for him. “He didn’t know it at the time, but he set in motion everything that I have become today,” Josh said. During his time at Marywood, the Men’s team advanced to the league playoffs, and they were met with cheering fans when their bus arrived on Adams Avenue. “That’s something I’ll never forget,” he said.

Today, Josh is a doctoral candidate at Lehigh University studying molecular and cell biology. He’s currently studying in depth the effects of inflammation on the human body, an interest fostered under the instruction of Dr. Rundell in relation to asthma and other respiratory diseases. Currently, he’s investigating how the inflammatory process promotes the development of atherosclerosis, commonly known as heart disease. Through his dissertation work, he hopes to discover how to stop or slow the inflammatory response in the body.

After finishing his doctorate, Josh hopes to become a tenured professor or a researcher at a pharmaceutical company. Josh lives in Bethlehem, PA, with his wife, **Kyle Hutton Slee '08**.



Marywood University

# REUNION WEEKEND

JUNE 1, 2, & 3



Reunion Weekend, held during the first weekend in June, proved to be full of fun and surprises for classes of all decades. With more than 350 alumni attending events throughout the weekend, there was a special vibe on campus. For many, it felt as though they never left.

“The most important thing was making contact with people, some of whom I had not seen since graduation. It was wonderful to see how many were in good health and although retired still active. A few are still working, but most have retired and are enjoying life.”

-Nancy E. McDonald '62

“The friendships that were the foundation of our young adult lives were rekindled as photos were passed around and stories remembered and embellished just a little. Even after 20 years, it was easy to pick up where we left off.”

-Suzanne Barton Piorkowski, *President of the Class of 1992*



A wider selection of photos is available on the Marywood Alumni Facebook Page – [facebook.com/marywoodalumni](https://www.facebook.com/marywoodalumni) or on the Reunion Weekend Website – [Marywood.edu/reunion](http://Marywood.edu/reunion).

Plans are already under way for Reunion Weekend 2013 (**May 31, June 1, & 2**). To get involved, call the Office of Constituency Relations at **570-348-6206**.

Mohegan Sun at Pocono Downs was a proud Corporate Sponsor of Reunion Weekend. To learn more about Corporate Partnership opportunities, please contact Tina McGovern at **570-961-4596**.









# Alumni AWARD Winners

## Patricia Kucab Horvath '57 (M.S. '69)

2012 Sister Denis Donegan Award for Long Term Service



Patricia Kucab Horvath began her professional career teaching in Edison, New Jersey. Later, she enjoyed a highly successful career as a real estate sales representative with a prominent New Jersey firm. She also became a dedicated volunteer, tirelessly giving of her time and talents to assist with numerous alumni events and serving on countless committees. Since 2002, she has served the University at the national level as a member of the Marywood Alumni Association Board of Directors; then as Board President, Past President, and currently, as President Emerita.

She has established several endowed and annual scholarships at Marywood and continues her loving support for her alma mater. Her alma mater, in turn, is delighted to recognize the faithful service of Patricia Kucab Horvath by awarding her the Sister Denis Donegan Award for Long Term Service.

## Ann Cooney Newswanger '57

2012 Award of Excellence in Health and Human Services



Ann Cooney Newswanger is a Registered Dietitian and clinical nutrition educator at the Diabetes Center of New Jersey, JFK Medical Center, who also continues to provide nutrition consultant services in private practice. Come fall, there's a whole new dish on her menu: helping her husband operate their Christmas tree farm near Saylorburg, Pennsylvania.

Along the way, Ann has been generous in her support for the University. She has held leadership positions in the Central New Jersey Alumni Chapter; was a member of the national Alumni Association Board of Directors; served on multiple committees; aided Capital Campaign efforts; and been a career network volunteer, inauguration representative, and gracious hostess,

welcoming alumni to her home.

The Marywood University Alumni Association is delighted to honor her with the 2012 Excellence in Health and Human Services Award.

## Kathryn Lynott Oursler '72

2012 Award of Excellence in Liberal Arts and Sciences



Kate Lynott Oursler, whose family has a long association with Marywood, followed in her Aunt Kathryn's footsteps, entering the criminal justice field.

She worked in Philadelphia County prisons, a half-way house for federal inmates, a pre-trial services agency, and a probation office. To her Marywood degree in Comprehensive Social Sciences, she added a Master's degree in counseling from Antioch College. In 1990, she started work with the Federal Judicial Center. She created educational programs for probation and pre-trial staff, with the aim of helping them protect the community, while guiding offenders to change and become more productive members of society.

Kate, now retired, says her Marywood education instilled in her a belief that she could go forth and do anything, and that we have the capacity to make a difference in this world, and to help others change. She has spent a professional lifetime dedicated to that ideal. It is with great pride, honor, and respect that Marywood University bestows its 2012 Liberal Arts and Sciences Award of Excellence upon Kathryn Lynott Oursler.

## Paulette Posluszny Merchel '69

2012 Award of Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts



As student, performer, director, and educator, Dr. Paulette Posluszny Merchel lived her personal playbill of theatrical accomplishment. After receiving her degree from Marywood, she went on

to earn her M.A. in Theatre Arts from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Binghamton, pursued her M.A./ Ph.D. in comparative literature at SUNY Stony Brook, and then earned her Ph.D. in Mass Media and Communication from Temple University.

She taught at Skidmore College, SUNY Stony Brook, and Marywood University where she was, at first, a lecturer in public speaking while also teaching speech and dramatic arts at West Scranton High School. Before joining Marywood's faculty, she taught at West for 20 years. During her subsequent 19-year tenure at Marywood, she produced 26 plays and directed nearly 30 dramas, comedies, and musicals, plus eleven plays in her favorite genre: children's theatre.

It is with applause and accolades of the highest order that Marywood University recognizes Paulette Posluszny Merchel with the 2012 Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts Award.

## Suzanne Vanston Speicher '72

2012 Award of Excellence in Education and Human Development



Suzanne Vanston Speicher has a history of expanding her own horizons and undertaking new challenges. After receiving her B.A. in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Marywood, she went on to earn her M.Ed. in Special Education and her Ph.D. in Human Development from the University of Maryland.

Her broad background has given her a depth of understanding and expertise that continues to characterize her distinguished professional career as an educator. She has taught at all levels—elementary, through high school...to college/university—and has worked in the student services milieu. She will soon take her role as an educator of educators to a new level as coordinator of graduate programs at Towson University.

Suzanne has remained committed to her alma mater, serving on the inaugural Dean's Council in the Reap College of Education and Human Development. She has consistently and generously supported major capital projects at the University. Marywood University is proud to claim Suzanne as a distinguished graduate and as the worthy recipient of the 2012 Excellence in Education and Human Development Award.



# MARYWOOD

## in Paris

Marywood alumni really like to travel, and a group of them, representing several generations, recently visited France together. Michele Abbott McDade '70 reports: "We had the pleasure of visiting wonderful sites in Paris, Avignon, Giverny, Provence, St. Tropez, Cannes, Nice, and Monaco. Touring several museums dedicated to the works of Monet, Matisse, Van Gogh and many others left a lasting 'impression' on all of us."

Standing, left to right, are: **Pia Buratti Mazarella '67, Marie Loftus '60, Elaine Eiden Cross '68, Sally McHale '49, Nancy Baskwell '75, Dolly DiRienzo Michalczyk '70, Maureen Meehan '70, Marilyn Wentland '62, Irene Cavanaugh '65, Virginia Perfetto '62, Nancy Loftus Davis '67, Michele Abbott McDade '70, Cathy Caterino Gerard '70, and Mary McGraw Coviello '70**

Kneeling, left to right, are: **Mary Paladino '98, Christine Malecki '74, and Mia Coviello '09.**



## RECURRING GIFT PROGRAM

The new Recurring Gift Program at Marywood University allows your gift to be automatically deducted monthly from your bank account or charged to your credit card in the amount you select. By enrolling in this program, you can continue giving to Marywood without receiving pledge reminders and/or phone calls. The program also breaks the gift out in to multiple payments, making it easier to consider a larger gift to Marywood. **Catherine T. Petraglia '51**, who was the first to use the Recurring Gift Program said, "A monthly deduction is a great, convenient way for me to show my gratitude in some small way to the University and the Sisters. I cannot recommend this method highly enough—much better than making a pledge and receiving a monthly notification."

If you don't have a preference between having payments deducted from your bank account or charged to your credit card, we encourage you to choose the bank account option as a fee is incurred each time your credit card is processed.

## What's NEW with YOU?

We would love to hear from you and so would your classmates. When you submit a class note, your name will go into a drawing for a gift from the Marywood Alumni Association. You can use this form or e-mail us at [alumni@marywood.edu](mailto:alumni@marywood.edu). Photos are welcome. For digital, please provide **high resolution** images. Send us your updated info for the next issue by **March 15, 2013.**

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# DECADES OF EXCELLENCE

## BARBARA SPELLMAN SHUTA '68

When Barbara Spellman Shuta '68 was a student, Marywood University was known as Marywood College, had strict regulations for the all-female student body, and required all students to pass swimming in order to receive their degrees. While campus life for students was much different from what it is now, Barbara is the perfect example of how a Marywood education can shape a motivated person to live a meaningful life.



As a student, Barbara majored in Secondary Education with a concentration in Theatre. Although primarily in the theatre department for most of her studies, she had the opportunity to meet other Marywood students in core classes. Plus, there was another avenue Barbara and the rest of the Marywood girls could travel if they wanted to meet other college students. "Mixers with the University of Scranton on Friday nights were a must!" she said.

Being a part of an all-women's college was something that Barbara considers a privilege. "There were many benefits to this including no distractions, no comparisons, and, most of all, opportunities for leadership that might not have been otherwise afforded to us in that area."

With the strong foundation she received from Marywood, Barbara was able to begin her career in education with confidence and poise. Her coursework with professors like Sr. Anne Francis, Jeanne Spillane, Sr. Angela, Helen Leonard, and Rosemary Kazimer helped her to build her skills, her passion for teaching, and her understanding of what children needed to know. Eventually, she would be named five times to *Who's Who Among American Teachers*. Barbara said, "All of my teachers at Marywood had integrity and a high bar was set, not only for content but for appropriate demeanor and respect."

Because of her deep admiration for her classmates, professors, and for Marywood, Barbara has been one of the University's greatest supporters. She has been a donor, volunteer, and, most exceptionally, has spearheaded the Educators on Campus, which seeks to reengage Marywood graduates who are actively teaching in Northeastern Pennsylvania with recruited students from member schools to share in all that the University has to offer. Marywood is certainly proud to count her among our distinguished alumni.

## KIM KELLY-BARTLEY '78



Being from a small coal mining town in western Pennsylvania, Kim Kelly had no idea what to expect when she arrived at Marywood in 1974. Her only impression of the college had been from the catalog that she studied when filling out her application. As a Communication Arts major, Kim was granted a full four-year scholarship and knew she had to seize the rare opportunity she was afforded.

So, Kim made the journey to Marywood, her heart filled with hope that she had made the right decision.

During her first day on campus, Kim introduced herself to a group of freshman who knew each other from Binghamton, New York. "That group lasted with me through the next four years!" she stated. Kim also made many friends in the Communication Arts Department, but she also made a very special friend in her roommate, Geraldine (Gerry) Mehling.

"Gerry was often in the hospital dealing with surgeries and maladies associated with Juvenile Arthritis, a condition that caused her to endure daily pain," Kim said. Gerry served as a great inspiration to Kim, who marveled at her courage in the face of pain, her passion for attaining her goals, and her sense of humor as she navigated through the trials of life. Gerry passed away on December 28, 1997, and, of her legacy, Kim offered, "Gerry is someone Marywood can be proud to say was one of theirs in the spirit of the school and its mission."

Kim's coursework also provided a solid foundation for both her career and her life. Classes such as "Sociology of Mass Communication" and Sr. Kathleen Toner's course, "Belief and Unbelief," have influenced her almost daily. She credits the combination of classes, campus life, and the critical thinking skills she gained with helping her maintain a 30-year marriage to her husband, John, raising three children, and working as Vice President of Marketing and Menu Development for White Castle Restaurants.

The friendships Kim began, the lessons she learned both in and out of the classroom, and the leadership provided by her professors at Marywood University have left a lasting impression on her that no campus visit or view book would have ever been able to predict.



## MARY THERESA MONTORO '94

Mary Theresa Montoro '94 is a volunteer by nature. She has never allowed the opportunity to help someone pass her by, as evidenced by her willingness to adopt a child when she and her husband Vincent already had seven of their own. A stay-at-home mom, Mary Theresa also volunteered at her church as well as at her children's schools.



Her busy schedule didn't stop her from signing up for classes at Marywood University through a program called "Tuesday College for Women." With her husband's support, she was back in the classroom.

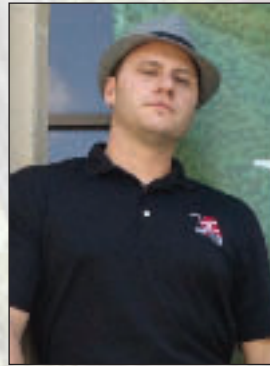
While a student, Mary Theresa made sure to attend Marywood events with her family. When she completed her degree, she was awed by the opportunities that Marywood had given her. "Everyone was so supportive of me as an individual, and I wanted to give something back after I had received so much."

Soon, Mary Theresa became involved with the Marywood Alumni Club of NEPA, also known as the MAC Chapter. Eventually, she would become President of the MAC Chapter, and, while it is a lot of work, she said, "My job has been easy because of the faithful Marywood University volunteers." Some of her favorite events include the MAC Baseball event, Breakfast with Santa, and Reunion Weekend.

After volunteering with the University for so long, she has seen what a difference giving of one's time can make. To those considering volunteering, she said, "Look at the entire picture. You may think it takes a lot of time, but you're not doing each activity all year long. I've never viewed volunteering as a big commitment; I've always viewed it as a series of small parts."

If you're interested in volunteering for Marywood events, please visit [alumni.marywood.edu/volunteer](http://alumni.marywood.edu/volunteer) or contact the Office of Constituency Relations by phone at 570-348-6206.

## JAMES LANGAN '09 *(In his own words)*



As a 2009 graduate from the Marywood Communication Arts department, it is surreal to realize Marywood was the catapult to my recent success. Although my latest education is a Master of Science in Psychology, I credit Marywood University for preparing me with the experience and tools to seek out my dreams. In addition to

my graduate degree, my post-Marywood background includes the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Management Training Program and a senior counseling role at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

I strongly support and encourage all Marywood students to get involved with practicum, volunteer hours, and internships on campus. This experience complements a degree and gives Marywood students an extra edge by looking more attractive on their resume after graduation.

The most interesting ingredient to my professional development was the presence of a mentor while at Marywood. Dr. Robert Sadowski was not only my academic counselor, but also a life-coach who worked closely with me to ensure a bright future after Marywood. Throughout my years at Marywood, I noticed a strong core of faculty who took great pride in serving as mentors. A student who allows a mentor to give him or her direction will maximize his or her Marywood experience and overall potential in the job arena.

Currently, I am serving as the Vice President of Your Location Lubrication, Florida's largest mobile oil change company. There is not a day that goes by that I don't thank Marywood for helping me make an impact on the world, personally and professionally.

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# Class Notes

**60s** Carol (Kreisl) Coughlin (1965) retired from BTG, Inc. in June 2011.

**70s** Gerald Luchansky (1971) was elected President of the Mid Valley School District Board of Education.

Mary Ann Rossi (1973) was named to the Pennsylvania *Super Lawyers* list as one of the top land use/zoning attorneys in Pennsylvania for 2012.

Linda Striefsky (1974) was named the Cleveland winner of the 2012 Northeast Ohio ATHENA Award.

Mary Olson (1975) was hired as the new CEO of Walker's Bluff located in Carterville, Illinois.

**80s** Craig Onofry (1980) was appointed interim principal of Anna S. Kuhl Elementary of Port Jervis on February 6, 2012.

Marie (Shanahan) Sheplock (1982) received a successful completion of the ACM certification process from the National Board for Case Management.

Reverend Richard J. Polmouner, V.E. (1983) was appointed Episcopal Vicar of the Northern Region of the Diocese of Scranton on February 1, 2012.

James Beischer (1984) and Kirsten Fine were married on October 27, 2012.

Ellen Sandel Wahl (1988) and James Sheridan are engaged to be married.

Robert Walsh (1988) and wife Bridget welcomed a baby girl on December 15, 2011.

**90s** Steve Romanko's (1992) film production company, 13<sup>th</sup> Generation, premiered the documentary *Skater 26* at the San Francisco Indie Film Festival. The film will make the 2012 festival circuit.

Timothy Callejas (1993) and Marisa Steinas are engaged to be married.

Jon Allaire (1994) is now Technical Director at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.

Jean Fasching (1995) welcomed twin boys on March 30, 2012.

Mary Ellen Rubinacci (1995) published her second book, *SREPSIHW: The Land of Quiet?*

Tamara (Sweeney) Whaley (1995) and husband Clark welcomed twins, Farrah Rane and Chace Remington, on February 17, 2012.

Judith (Locker) Fanelli (1996) was named president of Northeastern Child Care Services.

Kristine Hubert (1996) and David James, Jr. were married on June 2, 2012.

Ronda Beemer (1996) joined Quandel Enterprises Inc.'s Scranton office as a business developer.

Mariah (Fegarsky) Warren (1997) and husband John welcomed a baby boy, Benjamin Howard on February 6, 2012.



Jennifer Renda (1998) and Brett Miller were married on July 23, 2011. (pictured at left)

Melanie (Andreoli) Carpenetti (1998) and husband Ryan welcomed a baby boy on May 6, 2012.

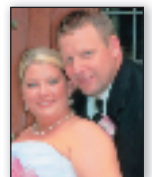
Elizabeth Connery (1999) received the Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award from the Northeast Chapter Association of Fundraising Professionals.

Alyson (Nitche) Germond (1999) and husband Dave welcomed a baby girl, Molly Shea on March 9, 2012.

Kerri (Curran) Kopacz (1999) accepted a position as a Registered Nurse at Allied Services Rehabilitation Hospital.

**2000s** Kristen Henninger-Holland, Esq. (2000) accepted a position with the Superior Court of New Jersey as the Domestic Violence Hearing Officer for Ocean County.

Tracy Sokoloski (2000) and Chris Sklareski were married on June 18, 2011. (pictured at right)





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**Jennifer (Gerlach) McCrink (2001)** and husband Sean welcomed a baby girl, Claire Elizabeth, on February 2, 2012.

**Marlena Garofalo (2002)** and Phillip Colarossi were married on June 30, 2012.

**Samantha (Mondry) Hudzina (2002)** and husband **Gene Hudzina (2002)** welcomed a baby boy, Bradley Edward, on January 13, 2012.

**Allison (Heberling) Wolfe (2003)** and husband Michael welcomed a baby boy on March 23, 2012.

**Amy Luckenbill (2003)** and Craig Wheeler were married in October 2011.

**Brian Mazzarella (2003)** is now a professional firefighter/EMT with the Torrington Fire Department in Torrington, CT.

**Frank Hacken (2003)** was named director of campus safety and security at King's College.

**Karrie (Noll) Vitaletti (2003)** and husband Ryan welcomed a baby girl on April 18, 2012.

**Michael Mancuso (2003)** and his wife Jennifer, the owners of Figliomeni Drug Store, were named U.S. Small Business Administration's Small Business Persons of the Year for eastern Pennsylvania, as well as region three, which includes Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington, D.C., and Maryland.

**Amber Manganello (2004)** and Christopher Malonis were married on September 30, 2011. *(pictured at right)*



**Brian Brown (2004)** and Adrienne de Furia were married on April 14, 2012.

**Cara (Katuna) Wagner (2004)** and husband Christopher welcomed a baby boy on January 27, 2012.

**Sarah Rusnock (2004)** received the CIU20 STAR (Superior Technology Achievement Recognition) Award for best use of technology in the math classroom.

**Donnel Leiva-Vazque (2005)** and Erica Cascio are engaged to be married.

**Erin (Regan) Mangan (2005)** was named "Northeast Woman" in the February 12, 2011 issue of *The Scranton-Sunday Times*. She and husband Mike recently welcomed their second son in July 2012. **Alison Rosar (2006)** is godmother to their first son, Michael.



**Janel Damiani (2005)** and **Matthew Semanision (2012)** were married on May 20, 2011. *(pictured at left)*

**Kaleena Calpin (2005)** and **Christopher Lewis (2006)** were married on March 24, 2012.

**Carrie Goul (2006)** and husband Steven welcomed a baby boy on February 7, 2012.

**Mary Jo (Biazzo) Sedon (2006)** and husband Steve welcomed a baby boy, Stephan Jr., on August 27, 2011.

**Melinda Swift (2006)** and James Harhut were married in June 2012.

**Brian Chuzas (2006)** and **Megan Manley (2007)** were married on June 9, 2012. *(pictured at right)*



**Alicia Wilcox (2007)** and Daniel Spease are engaged to be married on August 4, 2012.

**Danielle O'Keefe (2007)** and Kyle Mervau were married on May 18, 2012.

**Kira Jo (Conklin) vonRonn (2007)** and husband Kenneth welcomed a baby boy on April 20, 2012.

**Kristen Blake (2007)** joined Kennan-Nagle Advertising Inc. as a graphic designer.

**Lori Vargay (2007)** and David Guthrie were married on October 15, 2011.

**Rachel Baer (2007)** and Thomas Joseph McGuire were married on December 31, 2011.

**Sara Kintzer (2007)** and Martin Tucky were married on May 1, 2012.

**Stacey Muchal (2007)** and Robert Moran were married on November 11, 2011.

**Valerie Gayley Carlin (2007)** and Brian Sanauskas were married on May 12, 2012.

**Ashley McAlarney (2008)** and Richard Romanko were married in September 2012.

**Jeff Robinson (2008)** is now working on his Ph.D. in History and a graduate certificate in Advanced Feminist Studies at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

**Kate Fleetwood (2008)** and Cory Mullally were married on May 27, 2012.

**Kelly Conlon (2008)** and Christopher Mazzucca, Jr. were married on October 1, 2011.

**Lauren Casparro (2008)** and Quinn Patrick Conaboy were married on December 31, 2011.

**Sara Olivetti (2008)** and Owen Beyer Worozbyt are engaged to be married.

**Victoria Gundling (2008)** and Kyle Garton are engaged to be married.

**Ashley Atkinson (2009)** and Eric Saresky were married on October 2, 2011. *(pictured at right)*



**Colleen Davis (2009)** and Greg Polanin were married on July 28, 2012.

**Gina DiVizio (2009)** and Jeffrey O'Neill were married on July 13, 2012.

**Jessica Warholic (2009)** was promoted to branch manager of Pennstar Bank's Mountainhome Office.

**Kathryn Kloss (2009)** and James Babkowski were married on June 30, 2012.

**Laura (Schmidt) Rorick (2009)** and husband Michael welcomed a baby girl on March 20, 2012.

**Sarah (Wilde) Kosloski (2009)** and husband Joseph welcomed a baby boy on August 23, 2011.

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## 2010s

Desiree Mabra-Cabell (2010) and James Galdieri were married on June 11, 2012.

Jamine Mbae (2010) was promoted to mortgage loan underwriter at First National Community Bank.

Lauren Nealon (2010) and Michael DeSanto were married on June 30, 2012.

Richard Maley (2010) and Erin Cork were married on July 30, 2011.

Ryan Hnat (2010) and Amy Rickert are engaged to be married.

Alison Schmidt (2011) and Michael Carson (2011) were married on May 26, 2012.

Amanda Wood (2011) and Benjamin Shaffer were married on September 29, 2012.

April Grasso (2011) and Steven Gaa were married on September 21, 2012.

## Deceased

Agnes McGee Judge (1935)  
Sister M. Lucy McGrath, IHM (1935)  
Mary Mikus Petritus (1938)  
Ruth Kellerman Menzel (1941)  
Catherine McFadden Hansmeier (1942)  
Christine Kuhnen Meagher (1942)  
Sarah York Kita (1942)  
Ann Lally Pope (1944)  
Elizabeth Prislopsky Kutzer (1944)  
Harriet Cavanaugh Hagen (1944)  
Sister M. Verena O'Callahan, IHM (1944)  
Grace Larkin Fennie (1947)  
Sister M. Joanella Ryan, IHM (1947)  
Mary Melva Price Tiley Webb (1947)  
Sister M. Felice Hickey, IHM (1947)  
Alice Davitt Kearney (1948)  
Ann Marie Maloney Johnston (1948)  
Rosemary Shamborsky Bannan (1948)  
Jeanne Skelly (1949)  
Marie Rycerz Jarnot (1949)  
Virginia Ferrera McLaughlin (1949)  
Ann Coury (1951)  
Lillian Lynn Brown (1951)  
Sister M. Selina Malone, IHM (1951)  
Anne Morris Lantelme (1952)  
Ellen Griffith Ferguson (1952)  
Sister M. Clarita Maloney, IHM (1952)  
Joan Tate (1953)  
Nondas Quinlan Plonski (1953)  
Sister M. Maurice Hartnett, IHM (1953)  
Juliana Saresky Pollock (1954)  
Florence Perkosky D'Urso (1955)  
Sister Anne Fulwiler, IHM (1955)  
Yvonne Ackourey Gyor (1956)  
Marie Walsh (1957)  
Sister Mary Bride O'Malley, IHM (1958)  
Eva Kaboskie (1959)  
Marion Brazill Cavanaugh (1959)

Sister Mary Edith Opferman, IHM (1959)  
Patricia Bonner Rice (1960)  
Mary Judith Howard Lanni (1961)  
Mary Ann Willis Currie (1962)  
Patricia Cuttitta (1962)  
Blondina "Bonnie" Banta Wilkinson (1965)  
Sister Eva Marie Zlotucha, IHM (1965)  
Karen Scepansky (1966)  
Michele Fordiani Maopolski (1966)  
Joseph J. Sable (1967)  
Phyllis Dietrich (1967)  
Rose Marie Rizzo Mark (1967)  
Stefana Hoyniak Shoemaker (1968)  
Frances Moore Thompson (1969)  
Anne Griffin Vanston (1971)  
Joseph Kuna (1972)  
Mary Ferri Terruso (1973)  
Denise Kresefsky Friedman (1975)  
Harold Mang, Jr. (1975)  
Judith Zanger (1975)  
John Scagliotti (1976)  
Linda Fones Barletto (1977)  
Reverend William Walton (1978)  
Geraldine McNulty Rogers (1981)  
Glenn Gere (1982)  
Carol Sargent (1985)  
Reverend John A. Walsh (1985)  
Irene Loftus McLaughlin (1985)  
Kenneth Sorge (1988)  
Georgia Schiavone (1989)  
Sister Marilyn Kay Borer, SND (1989)  
Barbara Blanken Slack (1990)  
Susan Richey Smith (1990)  
Catherine "Kitty" O'Malley (1992)  
Reverend Patrick Joseph Genello (1995)  
Ami Marion Kirk (1997)  
Catherine Hanson Schappert (1998)  
Stacy Elias Davis (M.P.A., 2007)  
Catherine Ward Bortner (2008)



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## Do you have an account with American Express?

Members Give, powered by Guidestar, is a new initiative that will make it even easier for you to give to Marywood by using your American Express rewards points. Using your reward points is just as good as giving cash, which means your gift is still tax deductible. For more detailed information, please visit [www.americanexpress.com/give](http://www.americanexpress.com/give).



*\* Because of the overwhelming response, only off-campus individuals are eligible to participate.*

Last issue's photo: The left side of the Learning Resources Center. The following individuals correctly identified the photo and will receive a Marywood gift:

- Anita Zurinski Norton '93
- Adriana Romanzo '10
- Micah Judson '08
- Susan Schmidt Dempsey '85
- Dorothy Grill '07
- Tiffany Nebzydoski '06



## WHERE IS THIS?

This is our **featured photo** from somewhere on Marywood's campus. If you know where it is, please send your guess to: [MarywoodMag@marywood.edu](mailto:MarywoodMag@marywood.edu). The first five people to guess correctly will receive a gift from the Marywood Alumni Association.



# IN MEMORIAM

## Cathy Hanson Schappert

Cathy Hanson Schappert was to have been recognized at Marywood's annual Cor Mariae banquet, the event that traditionally pays tribute to distinguished faculty and administrators who are celebrating milestones in their service to the



University. Then, tragically, just weeks before she would have been honored for her 25 years of commitment and contributions to Marywood, she passed away.

When Cathy joined Marywood's faculty back in 1987, rapidly developing technologies were just beginning to impact library usage. Cathy brought her experience in implementing an automated library system—and a vision of what the academic library of the future could and should be.

In the 25 years since, she never wavered from that vision, working tirelessly and efficiently to bring it to reality. She became the driving force behind the dream of a new, state-of-the-art library—the new Learning Commons on target for 2015. The consummate professional, Cathy was a leader in the Pennsylvania Library Association, which had honored her with its Certificate of Merit—one of the highest awards given by the association.

Sister Anne Munley, President of Marywood University, stated, "Cathy was quiet but purposeful. She had a unique talent for bringing out the best in people and the capacity to keep an eye on the prize in achieving a dream. We extend our deep sympathy and prayers for her family. We hold close our memories and take comfort in knowing that her legacy will continue to inspire the excellence of the learning commons at Marywood University."

## Steve Beck

With great sadness, we learned this spring of the passing of former faculty member, Steven Beck, a popular teacher and highly regarded colleague in the Communication Arts



Department, from 1987 to 1995. After leaving Marywood, Steve served as Associate Professor and Director of Communication at the University of Findlay, Findlay, Ohio. He left the academic world for a time, serving as a corporate trainer for

two private systems firms, but he was an educator at heart. He returned to his teaching roots as a communications tutor and then as an adjunct digital film professor for the Art Institute of Wisconsin. Dr. Michael Mirabito, who had worked closely with Steve during his time at Marywood, noted, "Steve was an excellent teacher who truly cared about his students, the department, and the institution."

## Capt. James Rocco Minicozzi '99 (M.S. '00)

*MAA board member*

The Marywood University community is saddened to report the death of Marywood Alumni Association board member Capt. James Rocco Minicozzi, S.C., U.S. Army, 36, of West Scranton, who died on March 13, 2012. He and his wife, the former Christine Balchikonis '00, celebrated their ninth wedding anniversary on November 21, 2011.

A graduate of West Scranton High School, Class of 1993, he was ranked in the top 10 of his class. He furthered his education at Lackawanna Junior College, Community College of the Air Force, and obtained a Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Management Information Systems from Marywood University. He was elected to public office as a Scranton school director. Capt. Minicozzi was a Signal Corps Officer in the United States Army with more than 15 years of military service and most recently graduated from the Adjutant General Corps School. He began his service in the United States Air Force, where he served as para-rescue specialist and was deployed to Bosnia and Saudi Arabia. Capt. Minicozzi held numerous command staff positions in the United States Army while serving as an NCO and as an officer. He was most proud of his contributions as a platoon leader and detachment commander in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Kuwait, where he served in support of the 1<sup>st</sup> Armored Division and 18<sup>th</sup> Airborne Corps.

Capt. Minicozzi was highly decorated for his efforts throughout his military career because he consistently exceeded even the highest expectations. A loving and devoted husband, father, son, uncle, soldier, and community servant, he always put the needs of his family, his country, his church, and his friends as his top priorities in his life. The father of Wesley James Minicozzi, he often said, "The greatest award or title I've ever earned is DADDY." Capt. Minicozzi was a born leader without peer. He will be dearly missed by his family and all who loved him.



# FOREVER GREEN

This year, your Marywood Alumni Association (MAA) has begun to focus on the University's Centennial in 2015 and the forthcoming campaign celebrating that once-in-a-lifetime event. To that end, the MAA Board of Directors has developed a new Strategic Plan, created some new ways for alumni to participate in and benefit from our association, and developed a new rallying slogan for Marywood alumni.

Our lifelong experience as Marywood alumni will improve with your volunteer participation. All of our lives improve when each individual life joins together for the greater good.

In this spirit, we have created a slogan that builds our individual and collective identity as Marywood alumni, especially as we anticipate the University's Centennial in 2015: "**Forever Green.**" It means we are living the Marywood experience throughout our entire lives. It means we are unified in spirit and in values under our Marywood color. It means we are always, at every point in our lives, part of something memorable, magical, and meaningful. We are empowered, individually and collectively, by the notion that we are "**Forever Green.**"

We hope you like our new slogan. You'll see it used in many forums and formats as we continue to dialog with you, to enjoy events with you, and to listen to your ideas for how we can collaborate in exciting and memorable ways to celebrate our Centennial in 2015.

"**Forever Green**" also reflects and supports our new MAA Strategic Plan to: 1. *revitalize* our alumni engagement efforts and programs; 2. *build* a strong core of alumni volunteers, and 3. *increase* the percentage of alumni who provide financial support for the University.

We've already taken action to jump start these initiatives, but you know what works best in your communities and how you can best represent Marywood values there. Let us know what will work in your community!

Every effort will require volunteers. If each of us gives a little help, all will benefit. Together, let's forge the path to a wildly successful Centennial celebration. Volunteer. Make a Gift. Join with your fellow alumni.

**Forever Green.** Give Back. Get Involved. Make it a Habit.



Become part of your alumni community today! Share what **Forever Green** means to you on the **Marywood Alumni Facebook Page.**

## ALUMNI

# Sharing the Successes of Our BEST & BRIGHTEST

**Dan Tortora '07** attended Marywood University from August 2003 to May 2007, graduating with a Bachelor's Degree in Digital Media and Broadcasting. While at Marywood, Dan created "MU Courtside", a radio-television simulcast of the Pacers' Men's and Women's NCAA Division III Basketball games. Dan was a part of all aspects of the show, including the creation of the name, logo, and weekly setup and served as head commentator.



After graduating from Marywood, Dan created his own show, "The Dan Tortora Show", which aired "live" from Scranton, PA, to 13 counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania on ESPN Radio 630 AM, 1240 AM, & 96.1 FM from June 2008 through April 2009. The show was moved north to Dan's hometown of Syracuse, NY, for a short time on the former ESPN Radio 1260 AM, now The Score 1260 AM, before Dan accepted an opportunity to broadcast from Orlando, FL.

In Orlando, "The Dan Tortora Show" was heard weekly on the airwaves between July 2009 through December 2010. While in Florida, Dan built relationships with the Orlando Magic, Jacksonville Jaguars, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Tampa Bay Rays, and Florida Tuskers (now the Virginia Destroyers). He also continued to travel back to Syracuse, NY, to cover the New York Jets.

In November 2010, Dan created his own business online, DTShow.net, which features written material, an archive of broadcasted shows, interviews, videos, and exclusive content.

Along with running his own business, Dan returned to Syracuse, NY, to join The Score 1260 AM to form "Wake Up Call with Dan Tortora". The show, which began in April 2011, airs "live" every Saturday and Sunday from 7 to 9 a.m ET. Dan has also served as a fill-in host and analyst for one of Syracuse's longest-standing sports shows, "Bud and the Manchild," which broadcasts live Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-Noon Eastern on The Score 1260 AM.

Dan has interviewed well over 100 people with connections to the sports world, spanning the NFL, NCAA, NBA, MLB, CFL, UFL, AFL, and MISL. The MISL, Major Indoor Soccer League, opened the 2011-12 season with a new franchise, the Syracuse Silver Knights, for whom Dan has been the play-by-play/color commentator since their opening match in November 2011. He prides himself on being the same in person as he is on-air. All of Dan's work is based on the central message, "Where Sports Meets Life", where he seeks through his work to invite the entire community to enjoy and participate. You can interact with Dan at any time through fan events, his Facebook page: Wake Up Call with Dan Tortora, and Twitter: @CallIDT.

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## **The Women's Fibromyalgia Toolkit**

**WRITTEN BY DAWN MARCUS, M.D., '82**

*(DiaMedica, Apr 10, 2012)*

A fibromyalgia diagnosis doesn't have to be a bewildering journey through chronic pain, medical visits, medicines, and other treatment plans, especially with a helpful resource like *The Woman's Fibromyalgia Toolkit*, which Dr. Marcus co-wrote with Dr. Atul Deodhar. This book offers invaluable information for patients and practitioners alike. Whether your diagnosis is recent, or you have weathered the complexities of fibromyalgia for many years, this solutions-oriented guide will serve you well. Fibromyalgia issues and flares tend to vary in intensity from one patient to another, so the practical summaries and

comprehensive tracking logs are great tools for measuring the impact of symptoms, exercise, and relaxation. By following the tips for effective communication with your doctor, you can avoid frustration and always be prepared to discuss concerns at your appointment. The authors offer hope, understanding, and a useful plan of action for millions who suffer from fibromyalgia—75-90 percent of whom are women. For more information or to order, go to the author's website ([www.dawnmarcusmd.com](http://www.dawnmarcusmd.com)) or visit online national booksellers.

## **Stanley Seagull**

**ILLUSTRATED BY COLLEEN GEDRICH '02**

*(Tribute Books, June 27, 2011)*

Meet a young seagull named Stanley. Follow him as he wanders far from home and tries to find his way back. Join Stanley on his journey as he learns how humans affect the balance of nature.

**Colleen Gedrich '02** illustrated this children's book, which is written by Cathy Mazur. Colleen is a freelance illustrator specializing in animal-themed work. She earned a BFA in illustration from Marywood University and enjoys creating her art using mostly watercolor and pastel. As a dedicated animal rights activist and full-time program coordinator for International Society for Animal Rights (ISAR), Colleen lives her dream of joining her passions for animals and art to



promote a more harmonious world with a touch of beauty. Other recent works produced by Colleen include t-shirt and invitation designs, children's book illustrations (*A Different Kind of Hero*), and book covers (*With God There Is Hope*). Colleen has also teamed up with her very talented artist mother, **Kathy Holmes Gedrich '76**, and paints murals for children's nurseries. For more information or to order, visit the publisher's website ([www.tribute-books.com](http://www.tribute-books.com)) or visit online national booksellers.

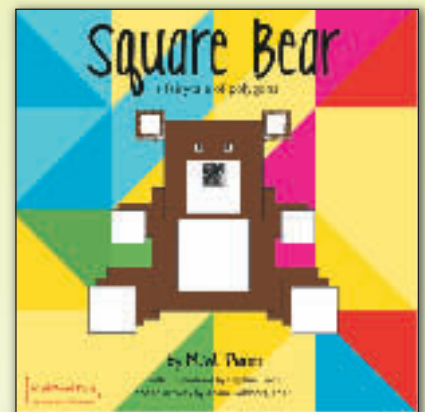
## **Square Bear**

**M.W. PENN (MARIANNE WAERING PROKOP '66)**

*MathWord Press, LLC (December 23, 2011)*

**Marianne Waering Prokop '66, (Pen name, M.W. Penn)**, has published a new book, *Square Bear*. A math fairytale of polygons, the story of Square Bear, Rectangle Horse, Triangle Prince, and the beautiful Polygon Princess, along with a not-so-very-ferocious Disk Dragon, teaches children the math terms we use to name shapes in a plane and does it in an

engaging fashion. The author spends a great deal of time presenting at various regional professional conferences. She also visits classrooms and conducts book signings. You can visit her website of math and poetry for children at [www.MWPenn.com](http://www.MWPenn.com) and also see the book at the publisher's website (<http://mathwordpress.com/books/>).



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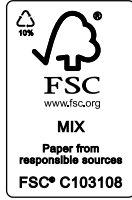
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