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— Thomas Alva Edison

ASTOUNDING THINGS

I have the above quote by Edison near the side of my desk. On days when I feel less than astounding, it inspires me to keep pressing on, moving forward, and believing I have something valuable to contribute to this world.

At Marywood, the capability to do astounding things has been a driving force for nearly a century. Similar to an individual’s life, the University’s story is replete with periods of growth and moments of challenge, bolstered by hefty doses of inspirational courage along the way.

Marywood did not become the institution it is by allowing outside influences to shape its path. Rather, through a clear vision of empowering education, the University has always pioneered its own mission-driven journey. This is no less true today than it was when Marywood opened its doors on September 8, 1915.

As our Centennial milestone nears, we stand at the threshold of another important door. This issue takes one more step toward that entryway with stories of physical change, academic growth, and emerging potential. Just as the great inventor Edison approached the possibilities before him as signposts to opportunity, innovation, and broader communication, so too does Marywood University look beyond the vista of its first hundred years to anticipate making a meaningful difference in the next.

The dawn of Marywood’s second century promises even more astounding things. If we are to take anything from the bold example of our founders, it is the understanding that our horizon is not fixed; we can and should reach beyond it, holding fast to tradition, but eagerly embracing change as the gateway to growth.

Kind regards,

SHERYL LYNN SOCHOKA ‘92

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On the MOVE

“Marywood has to be as good as possible at all times. We cannot be complacent.”
- Sister M. Coleman Nee, IHM, Ninth President of Marywood

No matter where you look on Marywood’s historical timeline, you see example after example of Marywood moving forward, innovating, and opening new doors to education and opportunity—against all odds, in some cases. The late Sister M. Coleman Nee, IHM, our Ninth President, was “Marywood” to so many of our graduates. She believed that our continuing success flowed from fidelity to the mission and core values of this institution. She believed that we had to press forward in our founding vision, even when others advised the opposite. Her recent passing has prompted us to recall and recognize the strong, meaningful leadership that has shaped and sustained Marywood through each decade of its existence. We owe our deepest thanks to Sister Coleman, because her unwavering vision, along with her keen ability to navigate Marywood through challenging times, helped us become who we are today.

We are always ready to move forward with a will to improve, to create a better Marywood experience for all. That’s why it’s so exciting for me to visit alumni around the country and to welcome them to our campus during Reunion and Homecoming Weekends. We reminisce about fond memories, but we also share the dynamic vision for Marywood’s future. This past summer I also was delighted to welcome the Centennial Class of 2015 to campus during Orientation. They are here, and this important milestone is but four short years away. The excitement on the faces of each student in our newest class tells me all I need to know about continuing the dream that our founding Sisters began nearly 100 years ago.

Marywood is a university on the move, just as it has always been. Let’s continue this momentum together for the next generation by emulating the confident spirit demonstrated by our founders and leaders. As Sister Coleman observed, “We cannot be complacent.”

Sincerely,

Sister Anne Munley, IHM, Ph.D.
President of the University
It is with great sadness that the Marywood University community announces the death of Sister M. Coleman Nee, IHM, our Ninth President, who died on Saturday, July 9, 2011, at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton.

Born on November 14, 1917, in Taylor, PA, and given the name Nora, she was the daughter of the late Coleman and Nora Hopkins Nee. She entered the IHM Congregation on September 8, 1941; made her temporary profession of vows on May 8, 1944, and her final profession of vows on August 1, 1947. Sister Coleman earned her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees at Marywood College. Further studies at the doctoral level followed at the University of Notre Dame, Marquette University, and the University of Arkansas. She was awarded the Distinguished Pennsylvanian Award in 1980 and an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from the University of Scranton in 1983.

Sister Coleman guided Marywood through challenging, transformative times. During her 18-year tenure, from 1970-1988, she was known as a firm decision-maker and visionary leader. Her administration was marked by significant development in academic programming, facilities expansion, and financial stability. While more than 11,000 diplomas from Marywood College bear her name, the significant difference she made at Marywood is incalculable.

In a statement issued soon after Sister Coleman's death, Sister Anne Munley, IHM, Marywood's President, noted, “Sister Coleman's distinctive courage was put to the test early in her presidency when the venerable Motherhouse was completely destroyed by fire. Yet, her ability to accept the consequences of this tragedy and move forward proved her stamina as a leader. In this, and in so many other instances, she demonstrated that obstacles can be overcome, especially when one trusts God.”

Sister Anne continued, “Her steadfast spirit in the face of challenges helped Marywood stand above the rest. During a time when many colleges faced setbacks and declining enrollment, Sister Coleman, calling to mind her bold-hearted predecessors, pressed on in her unwavering vision to advance Marywood's mission. She determined that preparing students for life, as well as a degree, was vital to the education of the whole person.”

Sister Coleman was a member of several community and educational boards, but her first love was always teaching. She served as a teacher at Marywood Seminary, Scranton, PA, from 1943 to 1955; Marywood College from 1959 to 1968; Bishop Hannon High School, Scranton, PA, from 1992 to 2000; and the Education Enrichment Institute at the IHM Center, Scranton, PA, from 2002 to 2004. Additionally, Sister Coleman was the Coordinator of Apostolic Works for the IHM Congregation from 1968 to 1970 and served in Alumni Relations at Marywood from 1989 to 1992. From 2004 until the time of her death, she resided at the Marian Convent and Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton, where she served as a prayer minister.

“Sister Coleman’s able and dedicated leadership throughout a time of great change in Marywood's history will stand as her enduring legacy,” said Sister Anne. “We acknowledge with grateful hearts all that Sister Coleman did to make Marywood the successful institution it is today and ask that you remember her in your prayers.”
Marywood University recently established sister university connections with Catholic University of Korea and Han Dong Global University in South Korea. Through this partnership, students, faculty, and staff at all three universities will be involved in exchange programs that build and enhance academic and professional opportunities.

Of primary interest is a new program, Educating Global Leaders, which offers Korean students an opportunity to study at Marywood for one year and features a specially-designed curriculum that promotes global leadership, English language fluency, and an understanding of American culture through a variety of professional disciplines. To introduce the program, Sister Anne Munley, IHM, President of Marywood University, and Sister Angela Kim, IHM, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Marywood University; Reverend Young-Sik Park, President of CUK; Sister Anne Munley, IHM, President of Marywood University; Reverend Joseph Yong Kim, Secretary General of the Catholic Education Foundation; and Mr. Sae-Hun Chang, General Manager of CUK.

Meeting to discuss educational opportunities between Marywood and the Catholic University of Korea (CUK) are, from left to right, Dr. Kyung Ja Kim, Dean of the International Affairs at CUK; Sister Angela Kim, IHM, Assistant Professor of Social Work, Marywood University; Reverend Young-Sik Park, President of CUK; Sister Anne Munley, IHM, President of Marywood University; Reverend Joseph Yong Kim, Secretary General of the Catholic Education Foundation; and Mr. Sae-Hun Chang, General Manager of CUK.

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Sister Anne Munley and Sister Angela Kim took some time to visit the Shrine of St. Andrew Kim during their recent visit to Seoul, Korea.

Sister Anne Munley with President Kim Young-gil of Han Dong Global University

University officials anticipate that some faculty and students from Marywood’s School of Social Work and Administrative Studies will be visiting Korea in the near future.

“This is a very exciting venture, and we are eager to strengthen our ties with these universities,” said Sister Anne. “All of us are committed to broadening opportunities for students. We share mutual, common values, which further develop a meaningful global perspective. By educating students to live responsibly in a diverse, interdependent world, we open their minds to a vast array of opportunities. It’s good for our world.”
Sister Anne Munley, IHM, Ph.D., Marywood University President, recently announced that five new trustees have been elected to Marywood’s Board of Trustees. In addition, a new slate of officers was elected for the 2011-2012 year, including Marion Munley, Chair; Patricia Glinsky, Vice Chair; Antonia M. Schierling, Secretary, and Richard P. Kane, Treasurer.

Newly-elected trustees are Mary Ann Conaboy Abrahamsen, J.D.; Tracy Diskin Doherty, J.D.; Patrick J. Fricchione, M.D.; Ann R. Henry, Ph.D.; and John T. Tighe, III, M.B.A.

Mary Ann Conaboy Abrahamsen, J.D.

Attorney Abrahamsen, a Scranton native, is presently counsel of the law firm of Abrahamsen, Conaboy, & Abrahamsen, P.C. She previously served as a law clerk to Chief Justice Michael Egan of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court and went on to become a staff attorney for the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania. Atty. Abrahamsen holds memberships in the Lackawanna Bar Association, Pennsylvania Bar Association, and the American Association of Justice.

Her community activities and affiliations include service as President of the Board of Directors for Friends of the Poor and Secretary of the Lackawanna Bar Foundation. Atty. Abrahamsen has also served as a member and Chairman of the Board of Trustees at Scranton Preparatory School, as well as President of the Parents Club at Scranton Prep.

A graduate of Marywood Seminary, she holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics and Secondary Education from Marywood and a Juris Doctorate from Dickinson School of Law. She is married to Attorney Edwin A. Abrahamsen. The couple has three children and three grandchildren.

Tracy Diskin Doherty, J.D.

Attorney Doherty, a Scranton native, is married to Thomas P. Doherty. Prior to taking on the important role of full-time mother to the couple’s five children, she served as a Public Defender in the Lackawanna County Public Defender’s Office.

She has long been active in the community, balancing family life with her desire to volunteer. Her current community affiliations include the Lackawanna County Democratic Committee; the Lackawanna County Federation of Democratic Women, which named her “Woman of the Year” in 2000; and the Sant’ Andrea Society, for which she serves as a board officer. Atty. Doherty is a founding member of the Society of Irish Women. She has also served a host of other community organizations, including the Scranton Cultural Center Board, for which she served as Vice President; St. Joseph’s Auxiliary Board; St. Paul’s School Parent/Teacher Guild; the Scranton Preparatory School Board of Governors, and others.

A member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and the Lackawanna County Bar Association, Atty. Doherty is a graduate of Scranton Preparatory School. She earned a B.A. degree in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh, as well as a Juris Doctorate from Widener School of Law.

Patrick J. Fricchione, M.D.

Dr. Fricchione, a resident of Moosic, is President/Medical Director of Northeastern Occupational Medicine & Rehabilitation Center, P.C., Dunmore.

He is a member of several medical societies, including the American College of Emergency Physicians, American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, American Academy of Disability Evaluating Physicians, Pennsylvania Medical Society, and Lackawanna County Medical Society. His outside interests and affiliations include serving as Principal/Co-owner of Simplex Industries, Cornerstone Building Solutions, and Simplex Solar. Dr. Fricchione is an executive board member of the Scranton Cultural Center.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from the University of Pittsburgh, a medical degree from Temple Medical School, and an A.D. degree in Italian Language from Universita per Stranieri, Perugia, Italy. His postgraduate training included Presbyterian University of PA Medical Center, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, and the University of Cincinnati Medical Center.

Ann R. Henry, Ph.D.

Dr. Henry, Flemington, New Jersey, is Vice President, Worldwide Operations, at Cisco Systems Capital. She previously served as Vice President, Worldwide Operations, at Hewlett Packard Financial Services, and as Vice President of Corporate Resources at Compaq Financial Services.

Her community activities include her current board service for the African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC) and past service on Marywood University’s Board of Trustees, for which she served as Vice Chair of the Board and Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee. Dr. Henry also served on the Philadelphia Mayor’s Commission on People with Disabilities as Chairperson of the Transportation Committee and First Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in
Speech and Language Disorders from Marywood, a Master of Science degree in Counseling from Gannon University, and a Ph.D. in Psychoeducational Processes from Temple University. Her professional affiliations include membership in the International Association of Organization Development, the American Compensation Association, and the Forum of Executive Women.

John T. Tighe, III, M.B.A.

Mr. Tighe, King of Prussia, is Founder, President, and Chief Executive Officer of TMG Health, Inc. He has previously served as Senior Vice President, Government Programs, for Independence Blue Cross and as Deputy Chief of Staff for the late Governor Robert P. Casey, from 1988-1994.

Mr. Tighe has a long history of community, civic, and professional involvement. He presently serves as Chairman of the Pennsylvania Business Council and is an active supporter and participant in the annual St. Joseph’s Center Festival. He is an Alexis de Tocqueville Society member of the United Way of Lackawanna County, for his deep commitment to the community and strong tradition of philanthropy to create real, lasting change in people’s lives. Mr. Tighe also received the United Way’s “Spirit of Caring Chairman’s Award” in 2008. A member of the Board of Visitors, University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, he holds membership in the Sutherland Society of the Panther Club. Along with his wife, Mary Grace, he is a Lifetime Member of the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Association.

Mr. Tighe has a Bachelor of Science degree in Pharmacy from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Business Administration degree from Villanova University.

Marywood University is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for, according to a new survey by The Chronicle of Higher Education.

The results, released recently in The Chronicle’s fourth annual report on “The Academic Workplace,” are based on a survey of nearly 44,000 employees at 310 colleges and universities.

In all, only 111 of the 310 institutions achieved “Great Colleges to Work For” recognition, with Marywood University earning this accolade for the second consecutive year.

Marywood won honors in five categories this year:

- Respect and Appreciation
- Teaching Environment
- Collaborative Governance
- Confidence in Senior Leadership
- Professional/Career Development Programs

Along with this impressive showing, Marywood University was named to the Honor Roll for earning the most recognitions in its size category—1 of only 42 institutions nationwide to merit that honor.

“The second consecutive recognition from The Chronicle is a distinctive honor that affirms the values we embrace and demonstrate each day at Marywood,” said Sister Anne Munley, IHM, Ph.D., Marywood University President. “Our most precious asset is our people. This is a great place to work because of the outstanding administrators, faculty, and staff, who are deeply committed to making the Marywood educational experience the best that it can be for our students. Together, we move the mission of the University forward in a welcoming and supportive environment.”

The Chronicle is the nation’s most important source of news about colleges and universities.

“With the Great Colleges program, The Chronicle can provide even more vital information our readers rely on—unbiased reporting on which colleges are being innovative in their workplace practices,” said Jeffrey Selingo, The Chronicle’s editor. “Given how competitive the Great Colleges program was this year, this accolade is a remarkable accomplishment.”

“Great Colleges to Work For” is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country. For more information and to review the results of the survey, visit The Chronicle’s website at http://chronicle.com/academicworkplace.
Marywood University celebrated its 93rd annual Commencement on May 8, 2011, with the awarding of 883 degrees. Reverend Richard (Rick) Frechette, C.P., D.O., Director of Medical Services, Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos International, keynote speaker, expressed his hope that the Class of 2011 would be known as “the class of dreamers.” He related his experiences as a priest and physician in Haiti and the tremendous struggles of the Haitian people, who, despite their trials, still hold onto their dreams.

“When everything has been taken from you, and you still have faith, hope, and love, you have everything, you have the only three things that matter,” said Father Frechette. “Faith, hope, and love are the stuff dreams are made of.” He further encouraged the graduates, “Let your dreams take wing on faith, hope, and love.”

Father Frechette was awarded an honorary doctorate during the ceremony. Reverend Thomas J. O’Hara, C.S.C., Ph.D., retiring
Keynote speaker Reverend Rick Frechette, C.P., D.O.

Jigarkumar Patel, Jimy B. Asari, and Sneh Akrwala get ready to graduate.

Some of the 883 graduates get creative and adorned their mortarboards with festive decorations.

Members of the Class of 2011 line up to receive their degrees.

Happy graduates joyfully wave to the camera on their special day.

Sara Rios celebrates with flowers following the ceremony.

Sister Anne is joined by the honorary degree recipients, Reverend Rick Frechette, Reverend Scott Pilarz, and Reverend Thomas O’Hara.

Graduates congratulate each other prior to the Commencement ceremony.
Empowering through Education

Adult Literacy Services Funded for Three Years

The Pennsylvania Department of Education, Bureau of Adult Basic Literacy Education, has awarded Marywood University $177,445 per year for three years, for a total of $532,335, to deliver adult literacy services.

Marywood has been serving the community in this capacity for more than 25 years and is committed to the belief that education is the greatest catalyst for social change. Funding will provide adult literacy education, GED instruction, and workforce preparation for a minimum of 230 students annually. GED, literacy, and workforce preparation courses are designed to increase educational functioning levels for lower literacy learners, prepare students for the GED exam, prepare students with skills to transition into employment fields that involve food service and healthcare, or for entering post-secondary education.

Courses are offered in both the day and evening. The first classes for the year began in August and run for up to 12 weeks. Students interested in attending future programs can call David Korb, Administrative Assistant, at (570)348-6237 or Ann Janowicz, Program Director, at (570)348-6211, ext. 2248.

STEPPING UP to the CHALLENGE

The White House recently issued a call to U.S. colleges and universities to make interfaith cooperation and community service a priority in the 2011-2012 academic year. Because this initiative resonates with its mission, core values, and already strong commitment to community service, Marywood University is one of 250 out of 6,000 institutions nationwide that will participate in the President’s Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge.

The main goals of this project are: to make interfaith cooperation and tolerance a high priority on college campuses; to mobilize faculty, students, and staff to act to create interfaith understanding; and to provide a step-by-step process to improve interfaith interactions.

Sister Anne Munley established a Task Force on Interfaith and Community Service in late spring to plan and coordinate activities associated with this year-long project. Marywood’s plan was submitted to the White House in the end of June. The Task Force is chaired by Sister Catherine Luxner, IHM, Director of Campus Ministry.

Both Sister Anne and Sister Catherine attended an event in Washington, D.C., in August, along with representatives from other participating colleges and universities, to celebrate the launch of the challenge, connect with other participants, and discuss respective campus plans.

All Summer Long...

Turkish law students meet with Scranton Mayor Chris Doherty.

Even after students finish their final exams and the last diploma is awarded at Commencement, Marywood University is still busy all summer long. A variety of events and programs keep the campus lively, and this year was no exception. The one- to nine-week programs hosted on campus during the summer brought 2,479 individuals to Marywood, including the United States Army Regional Conference, United States Army Reserve, a Korean Youth Summer program, the Wellspring Summer Camp, various sports and music camps, and a group of Turkish law students, among others.
With a ribbon cutting and a splash, Marywood’s brand new, state-of-the-art Aquatics Center was dedicated on Friday, April 15. Members of the Marywood University community celebrated the opening of the region’s premier swimming and diving facility, which is home to the University’s 15th and 16th intercollegiate teams—Men’s Swimming and Diving and Women’s Swimming and Diving.

The facility also provides recreation and competitive opportunities for the campus community as well as regional schools and organizations. The Aquatics Center represents the third phase of a $25 million expansion of the Marywood University Athletics and Recreation program facilities, adding 17,000-square feet of competitive and recreational space to the 67,000-square foot Robert J. Mellow Center for Athletics and Wellness, which opened in 2006.
For the first time in program history, Marywood University has earned all three Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) President’s Cups, sweeping the competition for the Overall, Men’s, and Women’s Awards. The President’s Cup is awarded annually to athletics programs with the highest competitive percentage rating, based on championship finish and regular season play.

**Dr. Mary Jo Gunning**, Director of Athletics and Recreation, says athletes are proud of their accomplishments and look forward to another season.

“There is a great pride among the players,” Dr. Gunning said. “Our student athletes work and play hard, and these awards honor that commitment.”

Last year, Marywood achieved 78.5 percent of its potential President’s Cup points, besting the nearest competitor by five percentage points. In the race for the Women’s Cup, the Pacers earned 79.4 percent of the total possible points in women’s sports, finishing in first place. In the Men’s Cup competition, Marywood took an early lead after the fall and winter seasons, with strong finishes in men’s soccer and men’s cross country.

When asked how things have changed since last season, Gunning says Marywood’s student-athletes have set a new standard for excellence.

“Marywood has enhanced an athletic tradition,” she explained. “Last year, nearly every sport that had the opportunity to make a conference championship did so. For us, it was a major accomplishment.”
to ANOTHER Historic Season

For up-to-date sports scores and information on all varsity teams, go to marywood.edu/athletics
At Marywood University, new facilities, programs, and initiatives are based on a solid academic tradition, an understanding that change is a necessary part of growth, and a strategic vision for what’s ahead. With nearly 100 years of achievement as a solid foundation, Marywood University is poised to design the success of its second century. These stories represent just a few ways in which Marywood is building, repurposing, and connecting the bridge of success from one century to the next.
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- JOE GIBNEY ’13, Architecture student

Transforming Tradition

The region’s fastest-growing academic program has surged ahead of its own ambitious schedule. Opened in fall 2009, the Marywood University School of Architecture, the first and only school of its kind in Northeast Pennsylvania, exceeded enrollment expectations in each of the past three fall semesters. In response to this success, the University decided to accelerate its Phase II expansion plans.

The space that many alumni knew as the Rosary Field House or, later, the Health and Physical Education Center, has been dramatically transformed for a new generation of students. The facility’s new occupants understand better than most that a design for success blends tradition with transformation, and the Phase II renovations reflect that preservation philosophy. Amid the 44 additional student workstations, the installation of more chilled beam technology, and the reuse of original building materials, relics from the building’s past are visible. Depth markers and ceramic tiles are tactile reminders that the space was once home to swim classes and water ballets. Now, instead of indicating levels of chlorinated water, they adorn a contemporary learning area, illustrating how old space can be reused and renewed.

A large glass façade—visible from the building’s south side, where a solid wall of cinder block once stood—offers pedestrians a spectacular view. Spanning floor to ceiling, the windows are designed to harvest light. Chilled beam technology, along with innovative geothermal energy that utilizes water from the flooded mines below, cool the building, making the space more ecologically sustainable. The Phase II expansion also features a library, gallery space, a spray booth, laser cutter, and a metal and wood shop.

Joe Gibney ’13, who is pursuing a Bachelor of Environmental Design in Architecture degree, says with the addition of Phase II, Marywood offers students incomparable learning opportunities. “Every student and staff member is extremely excited about the program,” Gibney said. “[It] is founded on the practices of sustainability and green architecture, something that not many schools have.”

sustainable mindset

Doubling the size of the Center for Architectural Studies, the Phase II renovations, mechanical systems, and design structure have further enhanced the students’ opportunities to learn from their environment. These real-world examples of architectural
sustainability surround students on a daily basis, providing ongoing teachable experiences. This education, in part, prepares students for the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) professional accreditation exam, a signature component of Marywood’s program and the University’s mission.

community builders

For Gregory K. Hunt, FAIA, Dean of the School of Architecture, pairing environmental stewardship with service is crucial for success. “We often ask our students to serve as community builders by participating in service projects that benefit the region,” Dean Hunt said. “These efforts build an awareness of a larger professional responsibility to serve society locally, regionally, and even globally.”

Architecture students have taken the dean’s concept to heart and applied it to various projects, doing their part to lend a helping, healing hand to the local community in the form of toy donations, community theater projects, and museum exhibits. Graduate students in the program have proposed redesign ideas for underutilized buildings in Scranton and have designed a therapy garden for St. Joseph’s Center. These ideas were displayed at “Lost But Not Least,” an exhibit in The Connell Building during Scranton’s First Friday Art Walk last spring.

Student exhibit, “Lost But Not Least,” displayed in the recently renovated Connell Building in downtown Scranton.
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GREGORY K. HUNT
Dean of the School of Architecture

Students continue to put their minds to work, creating innovative, community-focused ideas and building on a tradition of service.

moving forward

Marywood University is moving forward, and the School of Architecture is helping to lead the charge, challenging students to understand more deeply the global and regional issues they will face.

Maria McDonald, Clinical Instructor in the School of Architecture, looks to the University’s past, as well as its founding spirit, which she believes will help to shape its future.

“Since day one, I felt I was part of something special. Every day, I feel I am building on the foundation that was laid out by our IHM heritage,” she explained. “When you combine service and academics, it provides [a person] with an unmatchable educational experience.”

The School of Architecture continues to demonstrate its commitment to integrate, innovate, and further advance academic excellence, service, and environmental stewardship, capturing the courageous vision of the IHM Congregation. With the completion of the Phase II renovation, the Center for Architectural Studies is a beacon of this bold heritage, foreshadowing another forward-looking era of dynamic progress.

Kenny Luck ’08 (M.A. ’10) and Michael Dickinson contributed to the reporting for this article.
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MARIA McDONALD, Clinical Instructor in the School of Architecture

Michael S. Burke, J.D., the President of AECOM Technology Corporation, a Fortune 500 Company and a global provider of architectural, engineering, and construction management services, will be the keynote speaker at the Dedication of the Center for Architectural Studies, Phase II expansion.

Prior to assuming his current role, Mr. Burke served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of AECOM. Since he joined the company in 2005, AECOM has tripled its revenue and doubled its workforce, while considerably expanding its service offerings and geographic reach, through more than 30 strategic acquisitions. AECOM is the world’s largest engineering design firm, with 45,000 employees—serving clients in approximately 125 countries around the globe. Employing more than 1,500 architects, AECOM is also the world’s largest architecture firm. The company’s projects vary from the World Trade Center site in New York City to the world’s largest bridge in China, to the upcoming London Olympics, to half of the 15 largest infrastructure projects underway around the world.

Mr. Burke received his bachelor’s degree in accounting from the University of Scranton and his Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University School of Law. He is a current member of the California Bar Association and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In addition, he actively serves on the board of the Children’s Bureau.

Dedication Will Feature Named Gift Recognitions

Two named gifts will be recognized and blessed at the dedication of the Center for Architectural Studies, Phase II, set for Saturday, October 22, 2011, at 3:30 p.m.

The Tedesco Lounge

The lounge on the first floor of the Center for Architectural Studies will be named in honor of former trustee James J. Tedesco and his wife, Eileen Tedesco. Their children, former trustee Kathryn Tedesco Cesare, James Tedesco, Jr., and Eileen Tedesco Griffiths wanted to memorialize their parents in a meaningful and lasting way. The Tedesco Lounge hums with energy from the constant flow of student activity, but between classes, it transforms into a peaceful place where students can sit and study.

The John T. Wulko Dean’s Office

Marywood trustee and alumna Ann R. Henry ’73, Ph.D., has named the Dean’s Office in honor of her husband, Mr. John T. “Ted” Wulko. Mr. Wulko began his career as a structural designer, completing undergraduate courses at Drexel University. After working many years as a structural designer, he decided to change careers and completed his B.A. in Interior Design from Philadelphia University in 1998. The John T. Wulko Dean’s Office is the epicenter of the School of Architecture’s academic administration.
From Library to...
Back on the BC side of history, Demetrius, at the behest of Egypt’s Ptolemy Soter, organized a magnificent “Musaeum” or “House of Muses” (hence the word museum) in Alexandria. It was a vast complex, which included lecture halls, meeting rooms, gardens, a zoo of exotic animals, shrines to the Muses, and the glorious Library—the world’s greatest archive of knowledge. Availing themselves of its estimated half million documents, scholars lived, studied, researched, and wrote there together. Their number included the fathers of math, engineering, physiology, geography, and medicine. The Library was a happening place in the ancient world.

Intervening centuries saw a determination to acquire and preserve precious books and documents that represented human learning, culture, and thought. Libraries were valuable, vital, though not necessarily happening places.

Then, the world went high-tech—with dazzling speed! Computers, cell phones, e-mail, e-books, iPads, internet... we could download, upload, printout, mouse click, touch screens, get apps, go wireless....

Demetrius would be speechless. For that matter, a stunned cadre of “traditional” library users has already been left speechless.

A new e-generation of learners, however, is far from speechless. They not only embrace the paradigm shift that technology has wrought, they push the edges of wonders yet to be.

The late Sister Patricia Ann Matthews, IHM, former Vice President for Academic Affairs, had seen it coming. Technology, she pointed out, had brought sweeping changes, not merely in the physical accoutrements of education, but had altered the very processes of thinking and learning for modern multi-tasking, tech-savvy students. “Their brains,” she said, “seem to be wired differently from their counterparts of a generation ago.”

For today’s students, yesterday’s libraries would not do, and Sister Patricia Ann knew it.

Marywood’s Library Director, Cathy Schappert, also observed that burgeoning technologies seemingly strengthened multiple means of learning. She collaborated with Sister Patricia Ann and Dr. Michael Mirabito, Professor of Communication Arts, to study usage and learning spaces in academic libraries around the country.
What they found confirmed that those varied styles of learning demanded new, varied ways to empower the process.

The traditional view of libraries, Sister Patricia Ann had pointed out, was mainly as a repository for books. Life revolved around the stacks—where people searched for what they wanted or lingered to read—quietly—so as not to disturb others similarly engaged. But for today’s students, learning has become more of a collaborative process. Study and research is often done in groups. Questioning, answering, sharing, and evaluating information requires interaction. For students who have grown up with social media and communication-at-a-click, interaction is standard operating procedure.

“It’s less about the books; more about the people,” says **Dr. Mary Anne Fedrick**, Dean of the Reap College of Education and Human Development. “Students think of the library more as a place to use information...not necessarily to find it.

“They already know how to locate information,” she says with a laugh. “They look to electronic sources automatically. They are used to having information at their fingertips—literally. They often get it in bits and pieces. They need good librarians and specialists who can show them how to evaluate and filter it...to understand what they’ve accessed and what to do with it. They need opportunities to discuss, exchange ideas, find inspiration from their peers.”

Actually, Dr. Fedrick points out, Marywood’s library had been ahead of its time when it was built in 1968. It was planned as a comprehensive Learning Resources Center, which would include a range of both print and non-print media—an innovative idea then that would give it a head-start in adjusting to a new era.

As both a former librarian herself and dean of the college that houses the Department of Education, Dr. Fedrick has a unique perspective on the special mission of academic libraries. “We need to prepare future teachers to use—and teach—different learning strategies...to help their students link what they already do with what they need to learn.”

**Dr. Tammy Brown**, who heads the Graduate Reading program, received a grant from the William G. McGowan Charitable Fund to undertake just such a project, exploring ways to connect in-school literacy with the out-of-school (i.e. text/cell phone/computer) literacy in which the students are already competent. “We created a classroom in our library with ‘pods’ of computers that fold down to create a flat table top. Students can work collaboratively, discussing as they access information and create documents,” she explained.

A model, perhaps, for classrooms of the future?

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“Unquestionably,” says Cathy Schappert, “we had to rethink our library. A new building is a long-term dream, but we thought we could improve what we had.”

A survey of library users drew frank commentary and gave direction for improvements. Stacks were removed on the main floor and the space filled with chairs and tables to create movable, group work spaces. Additional computer workstations were added. The Study Grounds Café opened to provide a friendly, coffee shop atmosphere. The Help Desk got a face-lift and a prominent location to make it more accessible.

How were the improvements received?

Ms. Schappert recorded impressive statistics. In six months, the student gate count tripled. Gate count in a typical week increased by 50 percent; reference transactions almost doubled in the same period.

“It’s been exciting to watch,” she says, “to hear the chatter, see the activity. At first, our housekeepers—who are so conscientious about keeping everything orderly—told me, with great alarm, that students kept moving chairs around. I said, ‘Wonderful! That’s what we want them to do!’

“Improvements we can make now are limited. We need better, natural lighting. We’d like to have a writing room. An Automated Storage and Retrieval System would provide ‘green’ storage and put us on the cutting edge of academic libraries. Ultimately, I think, the answer is a facility that is more than a library...rather a Learning Commons that will reflect what Marywood has become,” she says.

National recruitment data affirms and dramatically illustrates the importance of a library in the selection process by prospective students. Facilities for the major (as expected) ranked first in influencing decisions—but an institution’s library ranked second; sophisticated technology, third—by wide margins.

“Not surprising,” says Ms. Schappert. “A library is the heart of an institution.”

As the saying goes, “The more things change, the more they stay the same.” Libraries may have come full circle. Like the Musaeum of Alexandria, they gather information from across the known universe. They store infinite quantities of it—now in infinitesimal electronic flashes. They may host creative thinkers...studying...collaborating amid an artistic ambiance....

Ummm...possibly minus the zoo. M
When Johannes Gutenberg invented the first modern printing press in the 15th century, he couldn't have imagined that, for the next few centuries, his invention would be the primary mode of spreading information. Yet, another epic information renaissance has emerged: one that demands individuals who are conversant in a range of communication skills and platforms—vocal, aural, written, visual, digital, interactive.

In response, Marywood University will integrate emerging media and performing arts capabilities under one roof with extensive renovations and a new addition to the Sette LaVerghetta Center for the Performing Arts. Plans to expand the range of the facility have begun in earnest.

The prospect of a learning environment in which storytelling can take any shape or form has captured the full attention of Collier Parker, M.F.A., Dean of the Insalaco College of Creative Arts and Management. While discussing plans for the facility, Dean Parker spread a stack of papers, including facts and figures, floor plans, and illustrations, across a table in Nazareth Hall to highlight what the building renovation and addition will look like when complete.

“This is the right direction to go, and I think it’s going to give us a range of possibilities,” he said, showing the building plans. “We will begin to see a lot more synergy within departments.”

Having the proper facilities available for students is essential, Dean Parker insisted. Upon its completion, the 54,000-square foot building will include a high-definition television studio, a black box theater, a recording studio, and a dance studio, among other things. The most exciting prospect, however, will be the opportunity for students in different departments—music, theatre, dance, and communication arts—to intermingle, share ideas, and create a vibrant learning environment.

“This is being done for the future,” Dean Parker said, “for the future of Marywood, for the future of communication and performing arts, and, most importantly, for the future of our students.”

What’s more, the community will also benefit from the renovation. There are plans for The Wood Word, Marywood’s student-run newspaper, to have more of a community focus, covering stories and events about the surrounding area. And that is just the beginning.

Students will have the opportunity to utilize emerging technologies in covering campus and community events. Brielle Mayle ’13, a sophomore in the digital media and broadcast program, says the new facility and innovative equipment will have a far-reaching impact.

“I think this new facility will really enhance Marywood’s name,” she said.

Dr. Douglas Lawrence, Chair of the Communication Arts Department, looks forward to the facility upgrades with enthusiasm and believes this project will transform his program in particular.

“This means that we will be viewed as a state-of-the-art, contemporary, first-class department with a state-of-the-art, contemporary, first-class facility,” Dr. Lawrence said, as he discussed the impact of the project. “It will place us in the forefront of communication programs.”

For future students, Ms. Mayle has one short piece of advice: there is more to come. She anticipates that the expanded capabilities of the new facility will be a strong addition to Marywood and its performing and communication arts programs, certifying the University’s place among the digital elite.

If Johannes Gutenberg were alive today, he’d be impressed.
“It’s so good to see you!” This frequent phrase could be heard throughout the Marywood campus during the weekend of June 3, 4, and 5. As graduates returned for their 5th or 50th reunion (or any number in between), the happiness was obvious. The great smiles showed how pleased people were to meet and reminisce about their many memories. As members of the 50th Reunion Class, we enjoyed the time by remembering the friends we made and the College we knew, amazed at the University it has become.

Now, it’s time to look forward to Marywood’s 100th Anniversary in 2015, when we hope to be together for another great celebration.

– Carol Connolly Burke ’61
Class of 1961 50th Reunion Committee

For more Reunion Weekend photos, go to: www.marywood.edu/alumni/reunion-2011-pictures
Alumni catch up before the Liturgy.

1986 Classmates at the Grand Reception

Class of 1991 Reception

Class of 1991 Alumni

1961 Class Gift Presentation

Sister Cuthbert Donovan Society Dinner

Connections Party

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Hanging out at the Connections Party
MARY “BUNNY” DIEHL ’66, B.S., M.Ed.
Sister Denis Donegan Award for Long-term Service to Marywood University

Mention Mary M. Diehl at a Marywood alumni gathering, and you may be greeted with blank stares. Mention “Bunny” Diehl—and faces light up with smiles of recognition. Bunny Diehl herself (as well as her name) has long been a highly recognizable, delightfully familiar, and wonderfully welcome presence on Marywood’s campus—or away from it, for that matter. Whenever and wherever there’s a fundraising effort to be supported, an alumni event to be organized, or any project undertaken that would benefit her alma mater, Bunny Diehl is likely to be on hand. Throughout her professional life, she has been committed to serving her alma mater and the cause of education. For Bunny Diehl, retirement from her profession has meant a deeper involvement in community affairs. One aspect of retirement that she loves is time to travel and keep in touch with Marywood. Her fellow graduates are delighted to recognize her lengthy and ongoing dedication with the Sister Denis Donegan Award for 2011.

DR. KAREN E. ARSCOTT ’81, D.O., M.Sc., AOBNMM
Award of Excellence in Health and Human Services

Dr. Karen Arscott’s life path has been less linear—more of a circle—and, for Marywood, happily so. After receiving her B.S. degree in Biology and Chemistry, magna cum laude, from Marywood, she went on to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she was awarded her degree as Doctor of Osteopathy. She trained in Internal Medicine, Anesthesiology, and Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, earning her degree as Clinical Master of Science in Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine, subsequently receiving Board Certification in this field. After working in a number of medical posts, she chose the loop that led her back to this region and private practice. It didn’t take her long to close the circle and return to her alma mater as a member of the adjunct faculty in Marywood’s Physician Assistant Program—then in its infancy. Karen Arscott was just what the doctor ordered to help that program thrive. She served as Medical Director and Program Director, a position which she now holds as Assistant Professor of Physician Studies. Her fellow graduates are also proud to prescribe a well-deserved honor by recognizing her with the Award of Excellence in Health and Human Services for 2011.

DIANE F. KESSENICH ’61, B.A.
Award of Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts

For Diane Kessenich, blending the venerable tradition of children’s books with the cutting-edge technology of the Internet meant, as the popular expression goes, thinking outside the box. She earned her Marywood degree in Speech and Drama, with a concentration in television and a minor in art. She pursued a successful career as a television producer in New York, raised three children, and remained firm in her conviction that books and reading were the foundation of learning. Recognizing that the burgeoning world of the Internet would surely impact educational processes for today’s children, she sought a way to effectively utilize that technology and subsequently established The Foundation for Concepts in Education, Inc. along with its publishing arm, Winslow Press—an innovative publishing house that linked the learning power of books with the wonder of the World Wide Web. Her fellow graduates are proud to join in applauding her contributions and achievements by honoring her with the Award of Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts for 2011.

JAMES F. LOFTUS ’81, B.A.
Award of Excellence in Liberal Arts and Sciences

Jim Loftus was barely out of high school when he was making himself heard in the broadcasting business—literally heard...on the air with WCDL-FM; while also making his mark on Marywood’s campus, earning his B.A. in Radio and Television, Jim has had a prolific career in broadcasting, spanning three decades and representing a number of radio stations and communications corporations. He also has made his able voice heard as a leader in community and professional organizations. He is an active volunteer fundraiser for his alma mater, a “Real World” panelist, and an enthusiastic mentor for anyone and everyone in his broadcast field. His fellow graduates are pleased to communicate pride in the achievements of this outstanding communications professional by honoring him with the 2011 Award of Excellence in the Liberal Arts and Sciences.

MARY JEAN WOODY COOLICAN ’61, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.
Award of Excellence in Education and Human Development

Now retired from her career as a Professor in the Graduate School of Education at Gonzaga University, Mary Jean Woody Coolican has been on faculties of three universities; taught in the United States, Italy, England, Japan, Korea, and Canada; taught and was an administrator in eight school districts; served on three high school scholarship committees; served as Department Chair and administrator at Gonzaga; and has been a Washington State Affiliate on the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Board of Directors. Retirement has not lessened her passion for teaching. Recently, a priest from Vietnam was sent to America by his bishop to learn English, but he was having a difficult time. Jean volunteered to help. He has returned to Vietnam, and when he writes Jean, he addresses her as “My Teacher.” Jean continues to serve her alma mater as a member of the Alumni Association Board and a reunion committee volunteer. In turn her fellow graduates are delighted to honor her with the 2011 Award for Excellence in Education and Human Development—recognition richly deserved in any language.
NEWS & EVENTS from Marywood Alumni Chapters

CHAPTERS On the Go

ARIZONA CHAPTER
Mary Jones-Vyborny ’93 hosted a “Post St. Patrick’s Day” outing on Saturday, March 19, 2011. Joining her were Vicki Randall ’69, Barbara Brodeur ’49, Barbara McNerny ’67, Maggie Donovan ’58, and Rebecca Grubb ’03. The weather was perfect, and the day began with a ride on the Metro Light Rail to the first destination, Rula Bulas, for an Irish fare lunch in Tempe, AZ. The food and drink were delicious! After lunch the outing continued via Light Rail to The Irish Cultural Center in Phoenix where there was a quick tour of this small, but growing, establishment. The last stop on the Light Rail was The Hyatt Regency in downtown Phoenix where the day ended with drinks, dessert, and a much needed rest from the day’s travels. A good time was enjoyed by all.

Additional activities:
April 2011 Lunch at McAlpine Restaurant
April 2011 Volunteer for Maggie’s Place Fundraising Event

BINGHAMTON CHAPTER
The Binghamton Chapter is currently planning the Annual Binghamton Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 7, at PS Restaurant in Vestal, N.Y.

LEHIGH VALLEY CHAPTER
Alumni from the Greater Lehigh Valley are planning an event during the Christmas season in Bethlehem, PA. More details will be available shortly. Be sure to “like” the Marywood Alumni Association on Facebook to stay updated on events.

MAC CHAPTER
The MAC Chapter recently hosted 220 alumni, family, and friends at PNC Field, Moosic, PA, to watch the Scranton/ Wilkes Barre Yankees take on the Pawtucket Red Sox.

Upcoming events include a Wine Tasting at Maiolati’s Winery on Friday, November 4, and the Annual Breakfast with Santa event on Sunday, November 20. The chapter is also planning a Christmas party on December 4.

NEW JERSEY CHAPTER
Recently, a group of New Jersey alumni met at the home of Ann Newswanger ’57 for a light lunch. In attendance were Pat Horvath ’57, Past President of the Marywood Alumni Association, Susan Wilfong ’57, and Beth Evans ’58. A luncheon was held on Sunday, October 2, at the Stockton Inn in Stockton, NJ.

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER
The Philadelphia Chapter recently hosted alumni, family, and friends at Citizens Park to watch the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Washington Nationals. The chapter is planning its annual holiday event at Longwood Gardens on December 4.

To be included in these events and receive invitations, send your e-mail address to: alumni@marywood.edu and look for details at: www.marywood.edu/alumni

Marywood is rooted in the deep belief that learning and scholarship serve the global community, and the University prepares students for leadership through their participation in service. As alumni, we ask that you continue Marywood’s deep-rooted, service-based tradition and consider volunteering for the Marywood Alumni Association.

Alumni often cite their appreciation of Marywood and the desire to carry forward their own positive student experiences as their inspiration to serve.

“I volunteer at Marywood University because I believe in giving back to Marywood for providing me with a great education,” noted MaryCarol Tigue Kanton ’64 (M.A. ’71).

“Marywood University has always been a part of my extended family. To volunteer and serve others at the school is my way of saying thank you for being at the center of my own Christian values,” said William P. Hines ’82.

“I had a wonderful experience attending Marywood, and I hope to contribute to others having that same experience. The campus atmosphere, the people, and the events create memories that last a lifetime,” stated Sherri Petrucci ’90.

There’s a place for you in our alumni volunteer force! For more information on ways to give back to your alma mater through volunteerism, please visit: Marywood.edu/alumni or call 570-348-6206.
Sandra Montrone (1963) and her husband, former Marywood Trustee Paul Montrone, were honored by City Year New Hampshire with a Lifetime of Service award at City Year’s annual Starry Starry Night Benefit Gala in March 2011.

Lauren P. Argenio, D.O. (1967), of West Pittston, was recently elected to serve on the board of trustees of the Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association (POMA), a statewide organization for physicians holding the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine (D.O.) degree.

Sister Mary Persico, IHM (1969) is the Executive Vice President of Mission Integration for Catholic Health East (CHE), a multi-institutional Catholic health system with members throughout 11 eastern states from Maine to Florida.

Linda Rakowski Dunn (1970) served as Co-Chair of the Richmond Symphony Orchestra League 2010 Designer House.

Helen Selecky Jarecki (1971) and Paul Jarecki were married October 16, 2010.

Hue T. Pham, Ed.D. (1973), Orange Coast College Dean of Counseling, Special Programs and Services, received the Outstanding Contributions to Education Award from the Orange County Board of Education for her personal and professional contributions to education.

Mark R. Kalaus (1974) received the Adjunct Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award at King’s College, where he has been a member of the faculty for 30 years.

Monsignor Joseph Kelly (1975) received the community service award at the Salvation Army of Scranton annual civic dinner in June.

Joanne Dougherty Arduino (1978) was honored by the Broadway Theatre League of Northeast Pennsylvania with its prestigious Sam and Jane Cali Star Award, which is presented annually to pay homage to distinguished community leaders who have demonstrated exemplary dedication and service to the arts in Northeast Pennsylvania.

Dr. Bernie Healey (1979) has written her third book, titled Transforming Public Health Practice, Leadership and Management Essentials. The book was inspired by the thought of a healthy society with chronic disease cut to a minimum, resulting in lower health care costs. Healey, a professor of health care administration at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre, said the inspiration for writing this book was drawn from his 25 years as an epidemiologist with the Pennsylvania Department of Health in Wilkes-Barre.

Elizabeth Milder Beh (1981) was an honoree at the EOCT of Northeastern PA dinner that was held in May. She and other long-standing supporters of the agency were the first to receive the EOCT Mighty Oak Award.

Karen Heuring Sowell (1981) was named as Advisor to the President of Chevron Pipe Line Company in Bellane, Texas. She had been the Comptroller of Chevron Pipe Line since May 2007.

Anthony C. Harvilla (1982) was named Chief U.S. Probation Officer for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

Sandra W. Osieski (1983) has been appointed Director of Marketing and Communications for Moses Taylor Hospital. She will manage all internal and external communications and act as the public relations liaison and spokeswoman for the hospital.

Paul A. Shoemaker (1983), Professor and Director of the School of Accountancy at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Business Administration, has been awarded the first BKD, LLP Professorship in Accountancy.

Jacqueline Conforti Barnett (1984) was appointed as Director of Institutional Equity at Tulane University, New Orleans, LA, in December 2010. As Director, Barnett is responsible for implementing and managing social equity initiatives at Tulane University, including addressing policies and issues pertaining to federal and state discrimination statutes, investigating allegations of discrimination, and training the campus at large as to these important issues. Additionally, Barnett will serve in the future as an Adjunct Professor.

Michael Pawlik (1986) recently became the Superintendent of the East Lycoming School District.

Deidre Woodward Reagan (1988) joined the English department at Washington State Community College as an instructor last fall.

Daniel J. Santaniello (1989) of the Moscow area was named President and CEO of Fidelity D&D Bancorp Inc., which operates Scranton-based Fidelity Deposit and Discount Bank.

Teresa Osborne (1990) has become the first female Chancellor in the history of the Diocese of Scranton, a position that puts her third in command of the local church’s administration below Bishop Joseph C. Bambera and the vicar general.

Joseph J. Piazza (1990) has been named Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer for Ashworth College.

Daniel Hanley (1991), a firefighter with the Scranton Fire Department, received the Valley Preferred Spirit of Courage Award for his heroic part in rescuing 11-year-old David Farley from a house fire.

Janice Jacobs (1991), a certified public accountant, recently joined IMA Consulting as director in the firm’s regulatory compliance practice.

Jane E. Hyde (1991) has left her job as Senior Vice President of Strategic Development and Community Affairs at Agnesian HealthCare in Fond du Lac, WI, to take on the new role of Senior Vice President for the WellSpan Health System and President of Healthcare in Fond du Lac, WI, to take on the new role of Senior of Strategic Development and Community Affairs at Agnesian

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Mertice M. Shane (1991) was welcomed last fall by Keekee Chapel United Methodist Church as the congregation’s new pastor. In addition, Mr. Shane presently serves on the Northeast District Committee on Ministry, is Vice Chair of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Board of Ordained Ministry, and is the co-convener of the Core Accountability Team of the Healing Wounds of Racism program.

Joseph Hrebin (1991) and Stephanie VanValen Hrebin were married June 1, 2011.

James Darr (1993) is the transportation director for Luzerne and Wyoming counties.

Andrea M. Wilczynski (1993) and Tom Urbaniaik were married December 11, 2010. Pictured at right.

Christina M. Gullo, MSW, MBA (1994), began her new role as President/CEO of St. Joseph’s Villa of Rochester. St. Joseph’s Villa has nearly seven decades of experience at working with children who have serious emotional and behavioral health issues, often related to difficult and traumatic circumstances.

Ryan Hogan (1996) of Macungie has been named Marketing Director of Discover Lehigh Valley, the area’s designated tourist promotion agency.

Susan Prezkop Murray (1997) and her husband, Joseph, welcomed a baby boy February 28, 2011.

Beverly Hatcher, R.N., B.S.N. (1997), Jefferson Twp., has been promoted to Director of Nursing at Evergreen Health Care Center.

Sandy Pesavento (1997) is now a Lecturer of Education at the University of Scranton. She is also pursuing a doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University in Florida.

Diana Burns Snyder (1998) and Nicholas Snyder were married June 26, 2010.

Kim Rivello Quigley (1999) was recently appointed project facilitator for Family Service Association of Wyoming Valley’s First Responder’s Disability Awareness Training Program.

Timothy Wilson (1999) was promoted in the NYPD last August to the position of Lieutenant.

Holly Young Zahradnik (2000) and her husband, John, welcomed a baby girl February 25, 2011.

Tracy A. Sokoloski (2000) and Chris M. Skwareski were married June 18, 2011.

Thomas Kalinowski (2001) and his wife, Jennifer, welcomed a baby girl, Lillian Rose, February 23, 2011.

Clifford Durkin (2001) was Honorably Discharged from the United States Army for injuries sustained in the line of duty. He and his wife, Mary Beth Muller Durkin, have two daughters, Abigail (age 3) and Emma (age 1). Clifford is currently pursuing a call to ministry in the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Anne E. Sabatelle Conflitti (2002) and Patrick Conflitti were married June 19, 2011.

Jennifer Radzwillowicz (2002), a caseworker at Lackawanna County Child Care Information Services in Scranton, PA, was recently accepted into Leadership Lackawanna’s class of 2012, a 10-month community education and leadership development program.


Bridget O’Neill (2003) and Patrick Milos were married July 30, 2011.

Dana M. Graziul Beavers (2003) and Jason Beavers were married August 6, 2011.

Kimberly A. Scott (2004) was recently invited to join Alpha Delta Kappa, an international honorary organization of women educators dedicated to educational excellence, altruism, and world understanding. Ms. Scott was also recognized by the Craven County Board of Education for receiving several grants for her music students through Bright Ideas of NC and Donor Choose.org.

Marissa L. Rudzinski (2004) and Brian Walter were married July 2, 2011.

Heather Dzik Royce (2004) and her husband, Don, welcomed a baby boy March 8, 2011.

Krista Fontanella Pasko (M.S., 2004) and Michael Pasko (M.A.T., 2005) were married April 30, 2011.

Patrice Ann Wasp (2004) and Gary Robert Groves are engaged to be married.

Aimee N. Pearce Hapstak (2005) and Jason Michael Hapstak were married February 19, 2011.

Janel Lynn Damiani (2005) and Matthew Semanison were married May 20, 2011.

Colleen Henry Roberts (2005) and Anthony Roberts were married September 17, 2010.

Kyle Ann Pyplak (2006) and John Anthony Zeoli were married May 7, 2011.

Heather A. Van Luvender Carnathan (2006) and Shawn Michael Carnathan were married October 9, 2010.

Bryan F. Scopelliti (2006) and Emily Vescovi were married July 9, 2011.

Stacy L. Hartung (2006) and Joseph Harte were married September 9, 2011.

Amanda Badach Harte (2006) and Joseph Harte were married May 29, 2011.

Amanda Marchegiani (2006) earned the degree of Doctor of Audiology from Salus University’s George S. Osborne College of Audiology.
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Daniel J. Cherney (2006) and Jacyn Porosky Cherney were married July 31, 2010.

Nicole Bonacci (2007) and Christian Francis were married July 30, 2011.

Stephanie L. Suko (2007) and Mark Levandoski were married June 25, 2011.

Saroj Shrestha (2007) and his wife, Selina Shrestha (2005), welcomed a baby boy March 19, 2011.

Laura Ann Camlet Houser (2007) and Ryan Michael Houser (2007) were married on August 1, 2010. (Pictured at left.)

Marguerite McLane Perry (2007) and Michael O’Halloran Perry were married May 28, 2011.

John D. Baldino (2007) has been accepted by the Diocese of Scranton to enter priestly formation. He is presently studying at Mount Saint Mary’s Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD, with an anticipated ordination date in 2016.

Alicia Averto (2008) and John Boniewicz were married in August 2011.

Patrick J. McElhenny (2008) and Maria Stchur (2008) were married May 21, 2011.

Lindsey Howarth Frenchko (2008) and Michael Frenchko were married July 30, 2010.

Mauri D. Massaro De Martino (2008) and Frank DeMartino were married January 17, 2011.


James Colosimo (2009) and Catherine “Katie” Kamosky (2006) were married on October 8, 2011.

Maura Flynn Tripodi (2009) and Peter Tripodi were married November 27, 2010.

Jessica Kovalchik (2009) has earned her Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, NY.

Marina Valentina DeSavino (2009) and Martin Christopher Dorio, Jr., were married on September 3, 2011.

Jamee Horgan (2010) and Patrick Ruddy are engaged to be married November 5, 2011.

Stephanie M. Locks (2010) and Richard Van Winkle were married August 27, 2011.

Leah M. Donovan (2010) and Ryan Paul Daniels are engaged to be married in October 2011.

Lisa Molinari (2010) joined the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute as a cancer educator.

Kathleen Provinzano, Ph.D. (2010) joined Wilkes University as academic coordinator for leadership programs in the Graduate Education Division.

Brad Hamann (2010) was welcomed last fall to Eastern New Mexico University as an Assistant Art Professor teaching digital illustration.

Lee-Anne Marie Perzia (2011) and Anthony Julius Bruno are engaged to be married.

Jason DeNinno (2011) and Heather Jones were married July 9, 2011.

Madeline Levy Cruz (2011) recently accepted the position of President at the Fortis Institute in Scranton, PA.

Joan Grossman (2011) is now an Assistant Professor of Exercise Science and Sports at the University of Scranton.

Jessica E. Lisowski (2011) and Justin Thomas Verry are engaged to be married.

2010s

Maura Flynn Tripodi (2009) and Peter Tripodi were married November 27, 2010.

Jessica Kovalchik (2009) has earned her Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from New York Chiropractic College in Seneca Falls, NY.

Marina Valentina DeSavino (2009) and Martin Christopher Dorio, Jr., were married on September 3, 2011.

Jamee Horgan (2010) and Patrick Ruddy are engaged to be married November 5, 2011.

Stephanie M. Locks (2010) and Richard Van Winkle were married August 27, 2011.

Leah M. Donovan (2010) and Ryan Paul Daniels are engaged to be married in October 2011.

Lisa Molinari (2010) joined the Northeast Regional Cancer Institute as a cancer educator.

Kathleen Provinzano, Ph.D. (2010) joined Wilkes University as academic coordinator for leadership programs in the Graduate Education Division.

Brad Hamann (2010) was welcomed last fall to Eastern New Mexico University as an Assistant Art Professor teaching digital illustration.

Lee-Anne Marie Perzia (2011) and Anthony Julius Bruno are engaged to be married.

Jason DeNinno (2011) and Heather Jones were married July 9, 2011.

Madeline Levy Cruz (2011) recently accepted the position of President at the Fortis Institute in Scranton, PA.

Joan Grossman (2011) is now an Assistant Professor of Exercise Science and Sports at the University of Scranton.

Jessica E. Lisowski (2011) and Justin Thomas Verry are engaged to be married.

Photos are welcome. For digital, please provide high resolution images. Utilize our new “Class Notes” area on the Marywood University Alumni Association Facebook page to keep us updated on your latest achievements. You will find it on the left side of the page under the profile photo.
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. The first six people to guess correctly will receive a gift from the Marywood Alumni Association.

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

In Memoriam

Helen Bernstein Miller ’36
Director Emeritus, Alumni Association Board

In September, Marywood University lost an extraordinary alumna, unwavering supporter, and dear, gracious, loyal friend, with the passing of Helen Bernstein Miller ’36.

When Helen graduated, she took Marywood with her in her heart and carried it from that moment forward. Few graduates could equal her record of service. A listing of her efforts on behalf of her alma mater would fill more space than we have pages. She was a consistent, generous contributor to the University. In 1996, she received the Sister Denis Donegan Award for Long-term Service. In 2004, she was named Director Emeritus of the Alumni Association Board. In 2011—the year she celebrated the 75th anniversary of her graduation—she was given the Alumni Association Humanitarian Award for Lifetime Achievement—the first graduate to be so honored.

Her record of service to her community was just as lengthy. She was actively involved with organizations from Girl Scouts to the American Cancer Society, to St. Joseph's Festival, to Hadassah, and the United Jewish Campaign—an organization deeply significant for her, since members of her family had escaped the Holocaust.

For all the joy she brought to others, she certainly knew tragedy in her life. She lost her beloved daughter, Maxine, at the age of eight. Her husband and lifelong sweetheart, David, left her a widow in 2002. Each time, she dealt with her pain by turning outward—devoting herself to caring, tireless service. This compassionate response was a way of life for Helen Bernstein Miller, whom we were blessed to know and love for so many decades.

New MAA BOARD MEMBERS

New executive committee members of the Marywood Alumni Association were sworn in during the board’s general meeting on June 4, in conjunction with Reunion Weekend. New general members of the board served at their first meeting on August 6.

Front Row (l-r):
Dr. Christina Hasemann (M.S. ’93)
Ann Montoro Williams ’84 (M.A. ’07) (Secretary)
MaryCarol Tighe Kanton ’64
Paula Ralston-Nenish (M.B.A. ’08)
Mary Theresa Montoro ’94 (President, MAC Chapter)
Nancy O’Malley Burke ’68
Patricia Kucab Horvath ’57 (Past President)

Back Row (l-r):
Thomas Sueta ’92 (President)
Robert Ide ’89 (1st Vice President)
Stanley Kania III ’71
Robert Gilmartin ’99
Patricia Campbell Comey ’73 (2nd Vice President)
Mary Jean Woody Coolican ’61

Last issue’s photo: The Swartz Center for Spiritual Life. The following individuals correctly identified the photo and received Marywood Alumni sweatshirts:

• Dr. Jim Tartella ’95
• Kerry Curran Kopacz ’99
• Micah Judsen ’08
• Anthony McKennas ’09
• Erin Saake ’09
• Dennis Saake (Parent of three Marywood graduates; 2015 Society benefactor)
**FEDERAL EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

Edward Richards, LMSW (M.S.W. ’77), was selected as Federal Employee of the Year (New York) for Special Contributions by an Individual. Mr. Richards, who is a Visual Impairment Services Team (VIST) Coordinator for the Department of Veterans Affairs, coordinated a Paralympic Adaptive Sports Program for disabled veterans throughout the New York City metropolitan area. He also has helped coordinate the activities of the U.S. Olympic Committee in these endeavors. Mr. Richards received this prestigious award from the Federal Executive Board in Manhattan in May.

His award nomination read, in part, “Through Mr. Richards’ exceptional creativity and innovative leadership, he was instrumental in the development of the 1st Paralympic Adaptive Sports Clinic at the Northport Veterans Administration Medical Center for veterans enrolled at the VAMCs in the NY/NJ metropolitan area…In no small measure, this unique special project was the direct result of Mr. Richards’s leadership, dedication, and determination to make his vision a reality.”

**COUNTLESS ACHIEVEMENTS FOR NUMERICAL POETRY**

Marianne Waering Prokop ’66, under the pen name M.W. Penn, is keeping busy with lectures, awards, and new books. She has been invited to speak at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) conference in Philadelphia in April 2012; this is an encore invitation, as Ms. Penn presented a session to the same organization in 2011. In addition, she has presented at several state and local meetings, such as ATOMIC (Associated Teachers of Mathematics Connecticut). She is slated to present a session and chair a panel on interdisciplinary literature at the National Council of Teachers of English (NCTE) convention in Chicago in November, as well as hosting an author’s table at the NCTE Books for Children Luncheon. She recently authored a Pebble Math Series for Capstone Press, and other upcoming publications include *Square Bear and 2 Lines*. Visit the author’s website: [www.mwpenn.com](http://www.mwpenn.com). The Highlights website ([www.highlights.com](http://www.highlights.com)) also features her work.

**The Haunting of Mississippi**

**BARBARA SILLERY ’67**

*The Haunting of Mississippi* by Barbara Sillery ’67 is the second book in a series on folklore, legends, and myths. From Native American burial grounds to Civil War battle sites, the Magnolia State encompasses an area brimming with rich history. This ghostly guide takes readers on a tour of over 20 historical sites that the supernatural tend to frequent. The author, who also is a television producer, delves into the legends and myths while having a few encounters of her own. *The Haunting of Mississippi* is available at bookstores nationwide, as well as through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), or [pelicanpub.com](http://pelicanpub.com). The first book of this series, *The Haunting of Louisiana*, is also available through these outlets. Visit the author’s website at [www.barbarasillery.com](http://www.barbarasillery.com).

**Brothers & Fathers**

**MONSIGNOR JOHN ESSEFF (M.S.’78; M.A. ’84) AND GEORGE ESSEFF (EME Press, 2011)**

On the surface, John and George Esseff seem to have traveled very different paths in life: George as a successful scientist, entrepreneur, and philanthropist with a wife, children, and grandchildren; John as a celibate priest, whose life has been spent mostly with the poor. Yet, from their humble beginnings in Depression-era Wilkes-Barre, PA, to this day, the Esseff brothers’ lives have been very much intertwined. Their shared story takes us from the poorest places on the planet to the bastions of wealth and power, with these remarkable men touching and changing lives all along the way. Gripping and inspirational, this book is the story of faith made real in the lives of two men who are Brothers & Fathers. The book can be purchased at [barnesandnoble.com](http://barnesandnoble.com), [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), and at many bookstores, as well as directly from the publisher, at [www.EMEpress.com/bookstore](http://www.EMEpress.com/bookstore).

**Lady Murasaki**

**INEZ CORDONI MELLOW ’46**

Active Artist & Retiree

Artist Inez Cardoni Mellow ’46 is happily living in Jacksonville, FL, in the retirement community Cypress Village. This accomplished artist still paints, is in a book club, goes to Mass, visits museums, and visits or keeps in touch with family. She serves as an acolyte and dresses the altar at her...
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community’s small interdenominational chapel when Catholic Masses are held. An active, curious learner and teacher, she has had a lifetime affinity for art and world travel. A 22-day architecture and garden tour of Japan in 1983 was the turning point in Ms. Mellow’s artistic perspective, because she fell in love with the kimono. Since then, her work has centered on the subtle and beautiful face of Lady Murasaki. Two of her art pieces have been in the American Embassies of Japan and Bahrain. Lady Murasaki won Best in Show, Strawbridge Art League Juried Show, 2001.

LIFER
ANNETTE BASALYGA ’58
(Music of Note, 2011)

“LIFER is the long wished-for book by Annette Basalyga, who probably never knew that her classmates in the famous Iowa Writers’ Workshop of the sixties thought her the most graceful writer in the room,” observes American poet and teacher Marvin Bell, the state of Iowa’s first Poet Laureate, in his glowing review of LIFER. He continues, “LIFER is detailed, beautiful, and courageous.” Ms. Basalyga was published even before she was a fellow at the University of Iowa Writers’ Workshop, where she received an Academy of American Poets’ Prize and an M.F.A. in poetry. She appeared regularly in both print and online publications during her years teaching in the New York City schools, University of Puerto Rico, Penn State University, and Marywood University. She has received prestigious awards, including the Atlantic Monthly’s undergraduate poetry competition, a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, the Duncan Lawrie Prize, and a Chester H. Jones Foundation first prize. LIFER is Annette Basalyga’s first book of poetry. She’s currently working on a second book and is also collaborating on another book about and including poetry. LIFER is available through online book outlets.

Solo Art Exhibition
LINDA L. ANDERSON (M.F.A. ’06)
(Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery, April 1-May 15, 2011)

Linda L. Anderson ’06 was one of six applicants selected for a solo exhibit this past spring at the Margaret W. & Joseph L. Fisher Gallery in the Rachel M. Schlesinger Concert Hall and Arts Center, Alexandria, VA. Ms. Anderson exhibited 16 mixed-media compositions from her newest series of works: “Dimensional Landscapes: New Views of Our Natural World.” Her lithograph print, “Eve,” was also recently selected to be published online in connection with the International Women’s Day Global Art Initiative, which featured 100 works of art from 100 women on its website. Ms. Anderson was a recipient of the Thalia Ann Thomas Endowed Scholarship for a Graduate Art Student for the 2003-2004 academic year, and she earned her M.F.A. in printmaking in 2006. Her “Dimensional Landscapes” are layered, mixed-media compositions on canvas that combine printmaking and painting processes with sculptural form. These compositions evolved from the body of work that Ms. Anderson began at Marywood University. Linda L. Anderson’s “Dimensional Landscapes” series and other collections of works may be viewed on her website: www.LindaLAndersonFineArt.com.

Lead! Becoming an Effective Coach and Mentor to your Nursing Staff
PATTY KUBUS, (Ph.D. ’01)
(HcPro, October 2010)

This management resource for nurse leaders is packed with communication strategies and proven methods to help elevate the performance of any nursing staff. It is written to inspire both new and seasoned nurse leaders to become role models within their organizations. Lead! provides specific ways to coach and mentor staff, including dealing with negative performance and keeping top performing staff committed and engaged. Dr. Patty Kubus is a Talent Management Principal Consultant with Right Management. She has 25 years experience leading others and consulting with corporate, healthcare, and academic executives. Her educational background includes a B.S. in Nursing from St. Mary’s College of Notre Dame, an M.B.A. from Boston College, and a Ph.D. in Human Development and Instructional Leadership from Marywood University. Lead! is available for purchase online.

If you are a Marywood graduate with a new work—book, music, film, video, art—that has recently been published, produced, performed, or exhibited, let us know! Write to “Seen & Heard,” Marywood Magazine, Marywood University, 2300 Adams Avenue, Scranton, PA 18509, or MarywoodMag@marywood.edu (subject line: “Seen & Heard”). Because of the overwhelming popularity of this section, a waiting period of two to three issues following your initial submission is typical.
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