MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT, SISTER MARY PERSICO, IHM
President’s Innovation Fund

Sister Mary Persico began her tenure at Marywood with the mindset that “together we can make a difference.” Together, we exceeded the 1,500 Donor Challenge issued by Lisa A. Lori, Esq. ‘93. Thank you to Lisa and the 1,910 alumni and friends who answered the call!

You helped kick start the President’s Innovation Fund, which will provide Sister Mary with the resources to support Marywood’s growth. To continue your support for the President’s Innovation Fund, go to: www.marywood.edu/SupportSisPrez.
Inauguration Day

Marywood University claimed its second Colonial States Athletic Conference women’s soccer championship.

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Marywood’s new president, Sister Mary Persico, IHM, converses with students in her home.

Alumni Weekend 2016
I recently visited the memorial site of the Woodstock Aquarian Exposition and Music and Art Fair in Bethel, N.Y. As I looked out over the expanse of fields at what was once Max Yasgur’s farm, I noticed a peace sign mowed into the grass on the side of the famous hill and thought about the cultural significance of what took place there in 1969. In addition to the peace, love, and music it represented, Woodstock also signified, as the band Canned Heat sang, “a change is gonna come.” I spoke to a man at the memorial site who attended the festival, and he told me, “You knew that this was something big, something hopeful, and you were ready to embrace the moment.”

Just as Woodstock was the defining moment of a generation, so too is Marywood’s second century a meaningful turning point in the life of the University. Any era of change requires committed leaders, enthusiastic collaborators, and a willingness to move forward together.

Marywood has gone through some significant changes since this magazine was last published, but that atmosphere of transformation brings with it an even greater spirit of anticipation. We have a new president, Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Ed.D., who is leading Marywood into its second century of education and service. She is our 12th President, and she continues the tradition of IHM leadership that is so central to this institution. Yet, Sister Mary (who, coincidentally, graduated from Marywood the same year that Woodstock was held) is truly an ambassador of change. For one thing, she is the first Marywood president to have her own Twitter account. (Follow Sister Mary on Twitter @SisPrez)

You’ll read more about who Sister Mary is and what she brings to Marywood in this special inauguration edition of Marywood Magazine. You’ll also read about accomplished faculty, outstanding students, exceptional alumni, and generous supporters, all of whom exemplify and advance Marywood’s core values and mission every day.

To echo the sentiments of my companion at the Woodstock site, we are “ready to embrace the moment,” taking on the mantle of change and moving forward together with hope.

Kind Regards,

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Dear Marywood Community,

During the Christmas season, a life-sized manger scene that had been carefully arranged beneath the Marywood Arch, greeted all with a silent message. One evening I stopped there to take a picture. Small bright lights illuminated the figures in the stable, and in the distance, the expansive lights of the Marywood Learning Commons cast a glow on the heart of the campus. In a somewhat serene moment, I remembered why we do what we do. Our identity with the message of the Gospel, our Catholic identity, has taken us into our second century from a humble beginning to a proud moment in history. As a new President, I am frequently asked my vision for Marywood. With consistency, I respond that the entire university community has a role in crafting that vision in such a way that the principles on which Marywood was founded stand, illumined, in the foreground of our thinking.

During the past six months, I have met with most of Marywood’s constituents in one venue or another. The pervading message is clear and strong. The preservation of our cherished values is both the starting and ending points of the vision we imagine together.

Our recent graduates have reported that they are well-prepared to join a workforce of professionals, often in leadership positions. Our health and human service programs, as well as architecture and business, have moved to the foreground of interest among our students. At the same time, we continue to support our programs in education and the arts, as well as a core curriculum that provides the underpinning of a comprehensive education. Their professional studies, facilitated by a dedicated and competent faculty, prepare them for the marketplace; their work in the liberal arts and core curricula prepares them to be ethical leaders in those professions.

Our students are often found serving people in our own neighborhoods by working in food pantries, clothing centers, and urgent care clinics. They also travel with Campus Ministry to countries where they provide services and learn profound lessons that change their lives. I am often inspired by the tireless energy our students have for helping others. They come with a perspective, consistent with their generation, that to lead is to serve, and Marywood’s values confirm their instincts.

One of my personal goals is to reach out to our alumni wherever they may be. I want you to know how proud you should be of your alma mater and how we need to be connected to you so that the legacy you have woven with your lives will be durable, robust, and resilient for our students and all who will come after them. The women and men who choose Marywood today need and count on your support in a diversity of ways.

Finally, communities of people everywhere, especially civic entities in Northeast Pennsylvania, embrace Marywood and all that we represent. We value our relationship with the good people who are part of our institutional life as neighbors and friends. I dream that Marywood will be a center for all who wish to come here and take advantage of our programs, services, beautiful surroundings, and opportunities to gather, no matter what they may be.

Many people write to me every day. Often it is with a complaint or a query. Sometimes it is to compliment one of our students or a member of the faculty. During the last six weeks, I received more comments than all of the others combined. They were to thank us for the manger scene, for the reminder of what is important to us and to them. It illumined their minds and hearts. So too does Marywood. She illumines the minds, hearts, and spirit of our students every day.

A blessed 2017 to all!

Sister Mary
SISTER MARY PERSICO, IHM
INAUGURATION DAY

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RECEPTION
New Officers Elected to Marywood’s Board of Trustees

The board officers for 2016-2017 include: Lisa A. Lori, Esq., Philadelphia, Board Chair; Mary Ellen McDonough, Scranton, Vice Chair; Susan Cognetti, Clarks Green, Secretary, and James G. Gavin, Scranton, Treasurer.

Lisa A. Lori, Esq., Board Chair
Atty. Lori, of Philadelphia, is a Partner, Litigation Group, with Klehr, Harrison, Harvey, Branzburg LLP. She represents national and international businesses, including Fortune 500 companies, and individuals in a full range of complex commercial litigation matters. Since beginning her service on Marywood’s Board of Trustees in 2014, she has served as secretary of Marywood’s Board and has been a member of the Audit Committee, Financial Affairs Committee, and the Executive Committee. Atty. Lori, who holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Fashion Design from Marywood, initially began her career in the fashion industry before deciding to pursue a legal career. She earned her J.D., cum laude, from Temple, and then worked for a small firm in Philadelphia that did anti-counterfeiting work. She has been with her current firm since 2002, and was promoted to partner in 2007. Atty. Lori earned a Master of Laws (LL.M.) degree in Trial Advocacy from the Temple University School of Law.

Mary Ellen McDonough, Vice Chair
Ms. McDonough, Scranton, now retired, had served as a Certified Prevention Specialist with the Lackawanna County Commission on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. Since beginning her service on Marywood’s Board of Trustees in 2009, she has served as secretary of Marywood’s Board and has been a member of the Committee on Trustees, which she chaired; the University Advancement Committee, and the Executive Committee. Ms. McDonough earned her B.A. in Elementary Education/Foreign Language from Marywood in 1973. She has been extremely active at Marywood University as a volunteer, both in fundraising efforts and as a leader in planning alumni activities, including service on the Marywood Alumni Association Board. In 2008, she was honored as the recipient of the Marywood Alumni Association’s Award for Excellence in Health & Human Services.

Susan Cognetti, Secretary
Mrs. Cognetti, Clarks Green, serves as a paralegal and office manager at Cognetti & Cimini. Since beginning her service on Marywood’s Board of Trustees in 2014, Mrs. Cognetti has served as chair of the Committee on Trustees and as a member of the Enrollment Services and Student Success Committee and the Executive Committee. Mrs. Cognetti serves as Eucharistic Minister at St. Gregory’s Parish, where she was also Parish Coordinator for First Penance and First Communion for more than 25 years. Upon graduation from St. Mary’s High School, Manhasset, NY, she was a National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist and a New York State Regent Scholarship Recipient. A graduate of Manhattanville College, Purchase, NY, where she majored in Psychology and was certified to teach Elementary Education, K-8, Mrs. Cognetti later earned her Paralegal Certification from the Pennsylvania State University.

James G. Gavin, M.S.W., Treasurer
Mr. Gavin, Scranton, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Community Care Behavioral Health Organization. He has more than 40 years of training and experience in behavioral health care, from clinical service delivery through executive management. Since beginning his service on Marywood’s Board of Trustees in 2009, Mr. Gavin has served as treasurer of Marywood’s Board and has been a member of the Financial Affairs Committee, which he chaired; the Audit Committee; the Committee on Trustees; and the Executive Committee. A licensed social worker in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Mr. Gavin holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology from the University of Scranton and two master’s degrees—a Master of Social Work and a Master of Managerial Science—from Marywood University.
You’re halfway through the first year of your presidential tenure. What insights can you offer about this inaugural year?

Perhaps one of the greatest insights about which I can readily comment is the extent to which the campus community is committed to and engaged in the ongoing mission of Marywood University. I believe that any institution or organization is lost when the mission is forgotten or moved into the recesses of the collective mind of the group. Marywood’s mission is operant in our work ethic, in our focus on service, and in the ways in which our alumni lead in the communities where they live and work.

What do you think is distinctive about Marywood University?

Of course, every university community believes there is something distinctive about it to showcase to the world. We often speak of branding as the way in which a university is distinguished from other universities – it’s the “feel” of the place, the intangible, and the “hard-to-put-words-on” experience. For me, I believe Marywood’s pervading sense of hospitality is part of that experience. This hospitality, in its deepest meaning, coupled with the desire to be inclusive of everyone in spite of their differences, is a synergistic combination of characteristics that makes our university a distinctively welcoming place.

The theme of your Inauguration was “Marywood: A University for the World.” Why did you choose this concept as the signature focus for your inaugural year?

Marywood’s strong mission, educational opportunities, outreach experiences, and the emphasis on inclusion and diversity are all examples of how this campus community is not turned in on itself. Higher education, by its very nature, is intended to broaden and inform one’s thinking. The quality of our programs facilitates movement that reaches well beyond our inner circles of experience to a global sphere of influence. One example is the way this is evidenced repeatedly in the lives of our alumni who have not only traveled and worked around the world, but whose lives have impacted national and international policy, business, and industry. Our students have incredible experiences in countries around the globe, and what they receive from these experiences is matched by what they share with those they meet along the way.

As a returning area resident, what are your thoughts on Northeast Pennsylvania and what would you like to see in the future?

No matter how much wanderlust exists in one’s heart, it’s always good to come home. I have experienced a changing Northeast Pennsylvania for many decades and find it to be a comfortable place to live, even more so now than in times past. A closely-knit community, tied together by universities, health care systems, and social service agencies, Northeast Pennsylvania works for the people in the community to provide a quality of life that enhances lives and provides services to those in need. There are cultural opportunities, venues for entertainment, and sporting events, and a growing market for jobs where our graduates can find a niche and bring their creative and innovative thinking to an ever-developing region of the country.

As you meet and engage with civic and community leaders, what are some examples of opportunities you see for Marywood and for our students to work collaboratively with area groups to improve our region?

Currently, many Marywood students are fortunate enough to enjoy internships in their chosen fields of study throughout the region. This is a mutually beneficial vehicle to improve the skills of the student and to develop a young generation of workers in the region. Every community
and civic leader with whom I have had the privilege of speaking agreed with this concept and is willing to support it in various settings. It is my goal to ensure that every student can be guaranteed an internship before graduation in order to develop the student and improve the community. There are many other responses to this question, in particular, Marywood students do indeed add value to the regional community as consumers and volunteers and through the services they offer year round in countless ways.

6 You are the first Marywood President to use social media as a tool of her office. Why is this kind of connection important to you?

My Twitter account has given me the opportunity to affirm and support all groups within the Marywood community and beyond. It’s a vehicle used to give someone a “shout out” in 140 characters and say “job well done” or “we care about you.” I do check it every day and love the responses, retweets, and likes. It’s a way to be and stay connected, to discover when something goes wrong, or just to catch up on the news. If you’re reading this now, I invite you to follow me @SisPrez and join in the conversation.

7 What do you think is the biggest challenge facing students today, and what solutions does Marywood offer to meet that challenge?

We live in a complex world where, every day, students are faced with conflicting and divisive world views. Our students are challenged with making choices that are not easy and that require courage. We don’t realize how many choices they have before them as members of society and workers in their respective communities. In spite of the divergent thinking that envelops them, I am inspired by their ability to apply Marywood’s core values to their decision-making. Our curriculum prepares our students to be successful in their future professions, and, at the same time, it supports those professional studies with tools for critical thinking and meaning-making in their choices. It is encouraging to see that our students graduate believing that the values they have learned at Marywood will sustain them throughout their lives. It is humbling to see that our alumni live those values and make a difference in the world.

8 You’ve embarked on a Presidential Listening Tour for your inaugural year. Can you explain more about what this entails and why it’s important to you?

When I first arrived at Marywood, I found myself in a different location with a different group almost every day or every evening! It was an excellent entrée into the “psyche” of Marywood’s broader community. The groups of “Marywoodians” I encountered along the tour were alumni, students, both graduate and undergraduate, co-workers, neighbors, former members of the Faculty, and other circles and civic groups. Of greatest importance was the discovery that there is a fierce loyalty to Marywood among the people who compose these groups. I was surprised at how connected these groups are to the happenings at Marywood. It was energizing to hear many speak with pride about their alma mater. Comments and suggestions were thought-provoking and some insights motivated me to look at things from a different perspective. All in all, the tour was a great idea and a terrific way to become acquainted with Marywood constituents and re-acquainted with “old” friends.

9 How do you see our mission and core values shaping Marywood in its second century?

It may come as a surprise to some of our readers that all students learn our core values during their orientation to Marywood University. Although it’s easy to discuss each value and cite examples of how they are lived out every day, not only on campus but everywhere our alumni, students, administration, faculty, and staff find themselves, I’d like to concentrate on the value of Catholic identity in this answer. I have chosen this, because it is sometimes minimalized or narrowly focused, perhaps even narrowly understood. To say that we embrace Catholic identity as a core value is to say that we strive to engage in the tenets of Catholic social thought in all that we do. It’s not about what we don’t do or condone as Catholics or about evangelization; rather, it is about an ideology that believes in the dignity of every human person, in the rights to equality that all people deserve, in justice for people who are marginalized for any reason, such as race, ethnic background, or belief structure, and in grass roots leadership.
This core value of Catholic identity is especially important in a time when the intrinsic rights of some in our midst are threatened or criticized. For me, a graduate of Marywood who lives the principles briefly outlined here is an alumnus or alumna who has learned well and lived well the core values that are the underpinning of our mission and purpose.

**In what ways would you like alumni to be involved?**

First of all, I would like our Marywood alumni always to feel welcome on campus and, more importantly, to feel they are, in fact, Marywood. The university is not an institution but a group of dedicated persons who belong to all that it means to be Marywood. Before all else, I sincerely hope that all our alumni can be the best marketing tool we could possibly dream of having. Pride in their alma mater and the desire to promote who we are and what we stand for are the greatest gifts our alumni could ever give to our university community. Beyond that, I invite our alumni to share their gifts however they can. They can be great advocates when it comes to recruiting, organizing area events, tutoring, sharing their expertise and experience, providing internships, attending programs and events on campus, and of course, supporting Marywood financially. Without the financial commitment of our wonderful alumni, we will never accomplish the goals to which we aspire as we strive to become a “university for the world” in the 21st century.

**Considering both challenges and opportunities, what is your vision for Marywood?**

Whenever I am asked this question, I remind the questioner that it is not my vision but our collective vision for Marywood that will be the guide that propels us into the future. Our Marywood community, including our alumni, must collectively re-imagine the vision of our founders. In the 21st century, we educate a new generation of students who will be empowered to speak truth in the marketplace, who will face challenges with courage and ethical decision-making, and who will stand apart as advocates for what is just and architects of peace in a divided society.

In more concrete terms, I believe that together we can achieve a vision we all embrace – a Marywood whose future is ensured by strong numbers of students, relevant professional programs supported by the Liberal Arts, an engaged and committed alumni, and a civic community that enjoys the benefits of a university presence in their locale.

Symbolically, we envision Marywood as an anchor in a raging sea, a beacon atop a rocky hill, the true north when the direction is unclear.

**What is your favorite aspect of being Marywood’s President?**

The entire experience is humbling, inspiring, and energizing for me.

**THIS IS WHAT I LOVE:**

- The frequent casual or formal exchanges with students, on campus and standing in the food line, at meetings and at my home, or even at Starbucks, where we share thoughts, information, or a simple hello;
- Opportunities to gather with alumni of all ages to listen to their ideas and suggestions about how Marywood has formed their lives and how we can become better all the time;
- Working with the faculty to strengthen the academic life of the institution that our students might be prepared professionally, morally, and spiritually to become meaningful citizens of a global society;
- The multiple encounters with professional and support staff who faithfully and impeccably keep this university running on routine days and in every imaginable or unimaginable circumstance;
- Interfacing with the broader community to keep alive the message that Marywood brings value and hope and new ideas to people in all walks of life.
- Everything else!
Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Ed.D., President of Marywood University, recently announced the appointments of two new executive officers. The Board of Trustees appointed • **Susan C. Turell, Ph.D.,** as Marywood’s new Provost, and • **Tammy J. McHale, CPA,** as the new Vice President for Business Affairs (VPBA). Dr. Turell’s appointment was effective as of January 1, 2017, while Ms. McHale began her tenure on December 1, 2016.

“We are fortunate to have two highly-qualified individuals in the important roles of Provost and Vice President of Business Affairs,” said Sister Mary Persico, IHM. “Dr. Turell has diverse expertise and experience, and I am especially impressed by her inclusive style of academic leadership and her willingness to embrace Marywood’s mission. Ms. McHale has received strong support from the Marywood community, and her extensive professional experience and demonstrated skills in higher education finance are an asset for the university.”

As Provost, Dr. Turell serves as the chief academic officer of the University, providing leadership in all academic matters and working collaboratively with the deans, faculty, staff, and administration to further Marywood’s mission and vision. The Provost reports directly to the president and acts for the president when she is unavailable.

Prior to her appointment at Marywood University, Dr. Turell served as the Founding Dean of the School of Social Science and the Interim Dean of the School of Arts and Humanities at the State University of New York (SUNY) College at Oneonta [Oneonta, N.Y.]. In these roles, she facilitated the activities of 17 academic departments and managed a budget of more than 11 million dollars. Additionally, Dr. Turell oversaw approximately 280 full-time and part-time faculty members.

A licensed psychologist in New York State, Dr. Turell earned a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Houston [Houston, TX]. She also holds a Master of Education degree in counseling psychology from the University of Houston and she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, *magna cum laude,* in the Plan II Liberal Arts Honors Program at the University of Texas at Austin [Austin, TX].

As the VPBA, Ms. McHale serves as the university’s chief financial officer and oversees a range of administrative, facilities, technology, and business operations that support Marywood and facilitate the advancement of its academic mission. She is a key member of the executive leadership team, helping to define the strategic direction of the institution and providing leadership in the development and implementation of its financial and administrative infrastructure, along with its operational procedures.

Ms. McHale recently completed her tenure at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill’s Colleges of Arts and Sciences, where she served as the Senior Associate Dean of Finance and Planning for the past 18 years. She also worked for Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y., for 12 years in several capacities, including Associate Provost and Affirmative Action Coordinator, Director of Financial and Investment Analysis, Associate Controller, and Assistant Controller. At UNC-Chapel Hill, Ms. McHale’s responsibilities included leading and managing all funds, with a budget of $300 million, serving over 70 departments, curricula, and programs, along with 1,000 tenure-stream and fixed-term faculty, 500 staff, and 16,000 students. Additionally, she supervised the allocation of a $650 million dollar endowment.

Ms. McHale, who is a licensed Certified Public Accountant (New York State), was recognized for her outstanding academic achievement throughout her undergraduate and graduate studies. She holds a Master in Information Science degree from Strayer University (Washington, D.C.), and completed Master of Business Administration coursework at Pennsylvania State University (University Park, PA). Additionally, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics, with a minor in mathematics, from Dickinson College (Carlisle, PA).
Get to Know Us...

The students who call you during Phonathon each year are grateful for your gifts to Marywood. We wanted you to meet two of them, so you can see who you’re helping and why your annual gifts are so important.

AMELIA SERSEN

Class year: Class of 2017

Major: Psychology (Industrial/Organizational)

Clubs/Activities: Psi Chi, Psychology Club, Industrial Organizational Psychology Club

Career Goals: Continue on to graduate school to earn a M.A. in Industrial Organizational Psychology. Career goals include working in the field of human resources, recruitment and talent management, employee performance, and working with businesses to optimize organizational structure.

Why did I choose Marywood? Marywood offered the industrial organization program in an environment where professors knew students individually and allowed me to learn which career paths are available with an I/O Psychology degree.

What I want people to know about Marywood: Marywood is a beautiful campus with a close community between professors and students. The professors here are engaged with students and willing to know them on an individual level, especially within your program. My professors know me by name and what my goals are. I think attending a school where it’s possible to create professional relationships with professors is not only important but incredibly helpful.

Next time you see a call from Marywood, it could be a student like Amelia or Rebecca...pick it up and make a difference.

REBECCA SKAKAL

Class year: Class of 2018

Major: Communication Sciences and Disorders

Minor: Nutrition and Dietetics

Clubs/Activities: Maxis-Gillet Service Scholar, Youth Ministry Team, Volunteers in Action - President, Speech and Hearing Club, Student Caller, Peer Tutor

Career Goals: I hope to work with children as a Speech Language Pathologist after earning a Master’s Degree from Marywood.

Why did I choose Marywood? I chose Marywood because of the great 5-year Speech Pathology program. When I visited the campus I felt at home and knew that I belonged here.

What I want people to know about Marywood: I love how personable all of the faculty members are at Marywood. I have been able to develop a close relationship with so many of the faculty, and I truly feel like they are here to support me and make my Marywood experience the best that it can be.


ASHA Fellowship Awarded

Mona R. Griffer, Ed.D., CCC-SLP, BCS-CL, Associate Professor and the Founding Director of the Master’s Program in Speech-Language Pathology at Marywood, has been elected a Fellow of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA). According to ASHA, Fellowship is one of the highest forms of recognition awarded to individuals who have demonstrated outstanding performance and made significant contributions to the discipline/profession. Individuals who are awarded Fellows must be sponsored by three ASHA members, each of whom holds a Fellow, and who decide collectively which three of the six criteria to nominate a candidate for (a candidate can only be nominated for three areas). Dr. Griffer was nominated in the areas of Academic Teaching/Clinical Education in Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), Administrative Services (Leadership) in SLP, and Service to ASHA. Dr. Griffer stated, “I am humbled and honored to be nationally recognized by my peers. Clearly the work that I love has made a difference in the lives of those I serve.”

20th Anniversary Celebrated

Marywood University’s doctoral program in Human Development recently celebrated its 20th anniversary with a social, which was held at The Colonnade in Scranton, PA. Along with alumni, committee members, administrators, and past and present directors participated in the social. Marywood University was the first regional institution to offer doctoral degree programs, which were established in 1996. Sister Gail Cabral, IHM, Professor in the Psychology/Counseling department and first Director of the Ph.D. program at the University, made opening remarks at the event.

• Marywood Administrators (Standing, from left): Stephen Burke, Ph.D., Director of the School of Social Work; Mary Ann Fedrick, Ph.D., retired Dean of the Reap College of Education and Human Development; Kathy Ruthkosky, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Planning & Institutional Effectiveness; Deborah Hokien, Ph.D., Director of the Ph.D. Program; Renée Gregori Zehel, Ph.D.’16, Vice President for University Advancement, and Amy Paciej Woodruff, Ph.D.’11, Assistant Vice President for Student Life.
Seminary Alumnae Association to Formally Dissolve in 2017

The Marywood Seminary Alumnae Association will hold its final Grand Reunion on the Marywood University Campus from June 9-11, 2017. The association’s first grand reunion was held in 1992 and attracted 512 graduates from across the U.S. and four other countries. Marywood Seminary was a girls’ high school that was located in the IHM Motherhouse on the University campus from 1902 until 1971, when the Motherhouse was destroyed by a tragic fire. Although the school did not remain in existence after the fire, loyal alumnae kept the organization active, providing scholarship support for children of Seminary alumnae to attend Scranton Preparatory School. In 2015, the remaining members voted to dissolve the organization as of 2017. The Marywood Seminary Alumnae Association donated the majority of its remaining funds to the IHM Retirement Fund, in recognition of the contributions of the IHM Sisters to the Seminary.

“The spirit of the ‘Sem’ lives on in its graduates,” said Sister Maryla Farfour, IHM, who, in 1988, reactivated the alumnae association and has served as its moderator. Sister Maryla spent 19 years at the Sem, 14 of them from 1955 to 1969 as IHM teacher of music and religion and as guidance counselor.

All Seminary Alumnae are encouraged to contact their classmates and to plan to attend the Reunion. Mimi Hoffman, a member of the Class of 1962, is collecting written memories from alumnae to place in a memory capsule near the site of the former Motherhouse and in the IHM archives. The submission deadline is April 2017.

“The spirit of the ‘Sem’ lives on in its graduates.”

Sister Maryla Farfour, IHM

Additional information about the Reunion and the Legacy Project will be available on the Marywood Seminary Facebook page, a public group page. Members can connect, keep in touch with one another, and get and share information through this social media platform.

Jazz Festival

When and why did the Jazz Festival start at Marywood?

Our first festival was in 2010, and we have had several multi-day festivals since. These festivals bring world-class music to Marywood, exposing our students and the community to some of the greatest jazz composers and performers from New York to New Orleans to Los Angeles. We have been quite successful, having standing room only at all of our festivals. The festivals were started by my colleague, Professor Tom Heinze, who has since retired, but is still involved in the festivities.

What are the details for this year’s festival?

From March 31 through April 2, we will be presenting three evening concerts, lectures, and an adjudication for local and regional high school big bands. This festival’s focus will be the music of American jazz icon Mr. Benny Carter, who had an influence on our nation’s music for six decades. Duke Ellington was quoted saying, “The problem of expressing the contributions that Benny Carter has made to popular music is so tremendous it completely fazes me, so extraordinary a musician is he.” I am delighted at the opportunity to celebrate the musical gifts he has bestowed on us.

In what ways can alumni and friends support the Marywood Jazz Festival?

First and foremost, I hope that everyone can attend the concerts. It’s very important to me to enhance the musical culture of our region, and our festivals are second to none in that department. For those that are in a position to donate, we have many options for giving from sponsorship, special announcements, or ad space in our festival program. For those interested, you can contact our Development Office by phone at 570-340-6058 or email Pat Rosetti at rosetti@marywood.edu. You can also make a gift at www.marywood.edu/jazzfest.
WE’VE GOT GAME

Marywood’s student-athletes are at the top of their game academically. Because they attained the highest combined GPA of all Colonial States Athletic Conference (CSAC) schools, Marywood University earned CSAC’s Institutional Excellence Award for 2014-2015. In fact, the overall average GPA for all Marywood student-athletes was 3.3—higher than the CSAC Academic Honor Roll requirement of 3.2. Individual student-athletes consistently attain this GPA—or better—at Marywood. Since the Fall 2014 Semester, nearly 300 Marywood student-athletes across all 20 varsity sports have met or exceeded this standard of excellence. Regional and national academic accolades are as prized as the conference championships and awards that the teams bring home. Here are some of our student-athletes’ stories.

A Healthy Balance: Cassandra Stockwell ’18
by Michael D. Smith ’19

• Cassandra Stockwell, a junior from San Diego, California, traces her passions—food and field hockey—all the way back to her childhood. “Around eight years ago, I developed intolerance to gluten and dairy,” she explained. Learning about her condition and how to take charge of it was the beginning of a quest to understand how food affects the body. This journey eventually lead her to the nutrition and dietetics major and to Marywood’s honors program.

But Cassie is more than an honors student—she’s an athlete, playing forward and midfield on Marywood’s field hockey team. “We all come together as a team...we’re like a big family,” she said, noting that her teammates have taught her communication skills with their diverse interests and personalities. Skills critical, she added, in the nutrition field. “Nutrition professionals work with doctors, nurses, speech pathologists, psychiatrists, therapists...you have to work as a team.”

Excelling both in and out of the classroom hasn’t been easy. “A lot of people told me, going into my program, that I wouldn’t be able to do my sport and do everything I’m doing,” Cassie recalled, laughing. “I basically just was like, ‘watch me.’”

Even as she has excelled and proven the naysayers wrong, Cassie acknowledged, “There are sacrifices.” She described her daily planner, a detailed, color-coded guidebook to where she’s investing her time at any given hour of any given day. “If I lose that, I lose my life; I lose my mind.”

Packing her schedule even tighter is her Student Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics coordinated program. Two days a week, it provides her an opportunity to get hands-on experience doing a nutritionist’s work, both in the kitchen and in the community. “It’s fun to be in the community and actually putting what I’ve learned to work for me,” she concluded. “It’s worth it.”

Not Just a Number: Brooke Labs ’17
by Hannah Moore ’18

ABOUT BROOKE
• Brooke Labs is a senior Communication Sciences and Disorders major at Marywood. She chose her major because she enjoys being able to have one-on-one interaction in helping others. She decided to attend Marywood initially due to the excellent accelerated Master’s program this school provides for CSD majors. She is involved in various activities at Marywood, including the softball team, the Student Athletic-Advisory Committee, and the Speech and Hearing Club. In her rare free time, Brooke enjoys baking, being outside, watching and playing sports, and spending time with her family.

SPORTS AND ACADEMICS
During her time at Marywood, Brooke has had great achievements in both sports and academics. Brooke is on Marywood’s softball team, a member of SAAC and the Chi Alpha Sigma National Athletic Honor Society. Brooke has been named a Region All-Star and also has been named to the Dean’s List every semester since her freshman year. As a member of Marywood’s softball team, Brooke has had many opportunities to help her community. Some community service activities she has been a part of include Jog for Jude, which raises funds for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome research; taking the Polar Bear Plunge to raise money for the Special Olympics; and making Thanksgiving Baskets for those in need.

WHY MARYWOOD?
When asked about what Brooke likes about Marywood University, she explained that she likes “that you’re not just a number.” She went on to say that here at Marywood, her professors and coaches can get to know her as a person, and are all rooting for her to succeed. She also mentioned that Marywood gives her the opportunity to pursue both her major and softball, which she may not have been able to do somewhere else. She said that her coach,
Up to the Challenge: 
**Paul Kraycer ’17**

by Jamie Linde ’17

- **Paul Kraycer**, senior Biotechnology major, Orientation Leader, and sprinter for Marywood’s Swimming and Diving Team, welcomes every challenge and opportunity that college offers. A typical day for Paul involves working in Dr. Christopher Brey’s research lab and studying in class until it’s time for him to practice.

His talent and dedication to swimming recently earned him recognition for the All-Sportmanship Team for the Landmark Conference, which honors athletes who are exceptional sportsmen. He believes that model sportsmen should not only “strive to be their best,” but also “strive to encourage their teammates to do better as well.” He also embodies Marywood’s core value of respect with every win and loss. He says, “Always be humble in defeat... Be gracious in winning too. That’s important.”

Paul’s excellence in athletics mirrors his excellence in academics. He is a member of the Chi Sigma Alpha Honor Society, which recognizes athletes who demonstrate high academic achievement. For Paul, athletics are crucial to his academic success. He says, “I feel like swimming is helpful when it comes to balancing my school work and activities, because I know I have to do this [swim]. It makes me not slack on the other things.”

When he isn’t in class, in the lab, or in the pool, he dedicates his time to reviewing what he has learned, with classical music as his soundtrack. Studying helps him to achieve his goals, but it doesn’t help solely him—Paul feels it is important to share his knowledge with his classmates. He says, “When it comes to the day of the test, I’ll come in and listen to everyone else freaking out, and I’ll try to teach them the material.”

Paul’s drive to help others goes beyond campus as well. He does community service through his local parish, and he is in the process of becoming a Eucharistic Minister. His compassion for all, his commitment to personal growth, and his dedication to the community reflect the heart of Marywood’s mission for its students: to live respectfully and responsibly in our global community.

Bob Fitzsimmons, always pushes her toward academic success, as he truly understands the value of education. She explained that if students are in constant communication with their professors and coaches, then succeeding in academics and athletics at Marywood is very possible.

**BROOKE’S WORDS OF WISDOM**

When asked if she had any advice for incoming students, Brooke stressed the importance of getting involved. “Get involved as much as you can... that’s how you make the friends that will last through the years.” She explained that she wouldn’t have had the same experience at Marywood without having met people from clubs and sharing experiences with her teammates.

Brooke also added that students should “enjoy every second” of their college experiences. She explains that time flies by in college, and students might not realize this until they are seniors looking back at the time they had at Marywood.
Marywood University repeated as Colonial States Athletic Conference Women’s Cross Country champions. The Pacers won their sixth conference championship in the past seven seasons. The women’s cross country team’s 12th conference title is more than any other program in Marywood athletics history.

Marywood finished with 34 points to lead second-place Centenary University by 51 points. The Pacers finished the 5K course in an average time of 22 minutes flat. Despite finishing with just one shoe, Kelby Cole raced to a second-place overall finish. Cole completed the race in 21:20.6 with a 6:53 pace. It is her best performance at a conference meet and second top-five run.

- Katie Bennett defied the odds to earn third place overall in 21:29.3. She ran a 6:55 pace. Bennett set a new personal record by 49 seconds.
- Josée Gallant clocked in at 22:09.6 – a mere four seconds shy of a First Team All-Regional run.

Marywood University claimed its second Colonial States Athletic Conference women’s soccer championship with a thrilling 3-2 win over No. 3 Centenary University. The Pacers, seeded first in the tournament, trailed 1-0 before receiving goals from McKenzie Dailey, Megan Swiecicki and Aly Barlok in the win. Danielle Rill was named the tournament’s most outstanding player.

With the win, Marywood (11-5-2) claimed the CSAC’s automatic bid to the NCAA Division III National Tournament where they fell to The College of New Jersey (TCNJ), ranked 5th in the country, in the opening round.

Marywood previously won the CSAC title in 2008 and were runners-up in 2009. Centenary claimed its third runner-up plaque (2007, 2014) to go along with one title (2010).

Welcome 2017! Last year was a truly exciting time for Marywood. We wrapped up our yearlong Centennial celebration and welcomed our 12th president, Sister Mary Persico IHM. Sister Mary has worked tirelessly to meet alumni at Presidential Listening Tours in Center Valley and Philadelphia, PA, Boston, MA, and Binghamton, NY. In addition, she has met with retired faculty members and current high school educators and school counselors involved with our Educators on Campus group. The tours have been a tremendous success, as alumni get to meet with Sister Mary and discuss the past, present, and future of our alma mater. I encourage alumni to meet with Sister Mary at one of the Presidential Listening Tours. Tours are being scheduled in Florida, Georgia, and Maryland, just to name a few.

Decisions made last year and in coming years are important as Marywood undergoes numerous changes that I believe will help our alma mater be successful for another centennial. The core values will never change, but the way Marywood operates most likely will.

We need all of our alumni to show their Marywood pride. Please make it a point to come back to campus to engage with the current students or for one of our alumni events. Special webinars on healthy lifestyle choices with Happy Hippy Veg owner, Justine Carmine ’09 and on creating an effective resume with Kyle Robbins ’10, are planned for early this year. Watch your emails for full details.

This will be my last letter to you as President of the Marywood Alumni Association. It has been a privilege and honor to serve our alumni. There is still plenty of work our Board of Directors has to accomplish. We are working on connecting with all of you to see what your needs are from the alumni association. In addition to revamping the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) committee, now known as the Young Alumni Committee, our board will be forming a Student Athlete Alumni Committee to engage former athletes and address their specific needs. Our service committee will be asking you to participate in a service project with us or in your local community.

I am pleased to announce that Michelle Leggat Summers, Class of 2000, will be the new President of the Marywood Alumni Association, starting on July 1, 2017. Michelle has served on the board for six years with the last three as Secretary. I have asked Michelle to lead a small group in rewriting our Alumni Association By-laws. This is a very big project that will take time to complete, but I feel it is necessary for the growth of our association.

I wish to thank Ann Montoro Williams, Director of Alumni Engagement, for her dedication and friendship during my term. I also want to thank Dr. Renée Zehel, Christina Mace, and Rose Jackliniski for their hard work in the development office. Finally, I want to thank all of our alumni for their support and kindness.

Get up to date results at marywoodpacers.com or follow us on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook.

Go Pacers!

Bob Ide ’88, MAA Board President
ORCHESTRA GUILD ESTABLISHED
by Alicia Belch ’18

E veryone benefits from music—children excel, older students become more focused, and the community is enriched as well as entertained. Building on its rich musical heritage, Marywood’s Orchestra continues a story that began more than a century ago, connecting young and old alike through the universal language of music.

The Orchestra Guild is a new opportunity to invest in Marywood’s music programs and students. While supporting outstanding concerts, many of which are offered free of charge, the Orchestra Guild provides essential educational opportunities, such as purchasing and renting sheet music; and inviting special musicians and featured soloists to campus for selected performances.

“Marywood has the only full collegiate orchestra in the area,” explains Dr. Rick Hoffenberg, Co-chair of Marywood’s Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance. “Music performance is an expensive endeavor. We have costs for faculty, instruments, venues, and behind-the-scenes staff. We want to preserve the uniqueness of Marywood’s Orchestra, which is a main pillar of the Marywood music department. The Orchestra Guild is a vital project, because it serves an academic purpose, while also having significance in community service.”

The Orchestra Guild was designed to broaden the impact of music in Northeast Pennsylvania, especially for the youth of the region. It will bring diverse musical performances to the community, serving as a conduit for creativity and a shared love of the arts.

Your donations to the Orchestra Guild strengthen Marywood’s ability to educate and enrich the community through music. Membership is open to all music lovers and enthusiasts, not just music majors. If you have ever participated in or simply enjoy Marywood’s musical performances, transform your great appreciation into active support of the Orchestra Guild. Every gift matters!

For more information and to donate to the Orchestra Guild, go to: www.marywood.edu/orchestraguild.

The Gift of Music: Kathleen Bride ’67

Music certainly changed Kathleen Bride’s life. The internationally-renowned harpist credits the music education she received at Marywood for shaping her path to success. Ms. Bride, a proud alumna of the Class of 1967, believes Marywood’s new Orchestra Guild will continue to build on the University’s esteemed history of musical excellence, inspiring and supporting young musicians along the way.

“Music gives another perspective on life... heightens the senses... makes one a better listener,” she states, “Music adds a different dimension to study and to creativity. Especially now, with the way public schools have been affected in the arts, it is vital to have a program in which we can make sure our children have a way of experiencing the many things music has to offer.”

Ms. Bride recalls the numerous talented people she has met at Marywood, as well as the lifelong friends she made during her college years, and how music brought them all together.

“The concerts and performances provided by Marywood help people develop a lifelong passion for the arts and for music,” says Ms. Bride. “For many generations, Marywood has given so much to the community through music. It is time to give back to Marywood through the Orchestra Guild.”
WHERE ARE OUR ALUMNI?

50 States

48 Countries

MAKING A DIFFERENCE AROUND THE WORLD

Shortly after becoming Marywood’s 12th president, Sister Mary Persico IHM embarked on a series of Presidential Listening Tours. The gatherings included Marywood alumni, friends, current students, benefactors, and retired faculty members.

- **Paula Talerico Bomboy ’70** hosted the first event, a New Student Meet and Greet, in August, at her Center Valley, PA home. Sister Mary met alumni, incoming freshman students and their families from the Lehigh Valley Area.
  - A few weeks later Sister Mary traveled to Philadelphia for an event sponsored by Board of Trustee Chair, **Lisa A. Lori, Esq. ’93**. Alumni representing eight decades of Marywood graduates plus a former Marywood administrator, were on hand to welcome Sister Mary.
  - Her next stop was Boston, MA for a Presidential Listening Tour combined with the annual Food Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE) reception hosted by **Keith J. O’Neill ’76**. Alumni from throughout Massachusetts, nutrition and dietetic program graduates, faculty, current students and their parents, gathered at the beautiful Battery Wharf Hotel Boston Waterfront.
  - The annual Binghamton, NY Alumni Chapter Christmas Dinner wrapped up the Presidential Listening Tours for 2016. **Mary Ann O’Hara ’58** continued the long standing Christmas celebration at PS Restaurant in Vestal.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sister Mary will visit Florida in March. Receptions are scheduled in Naples and Jupiter.
  - **Mary Ellen Coleman ’68 (H) and Barbara Cawley ’63** will host a gathering on Saturday, March 11, at 5 p.m. at the Vanderbilt Country Club in Naples.
  - **Jack and Jean Sweeney** will host a gathering on Sunday, March 12 at 5 p.m. at the Sail Resort in Jupiter.
  - **Michael and Mary Alice Collins Murray ’51** will host an event in Atlanta on Saturday, April 22, at 6 p.m. The reception is being held at the Ritz-Carlton, Buckhead.

Each exchange provided a different perspective on how Marywood shaped the lives of alumni and continues to support our current students.
Alumni Weekend 2016 was a blend of timeless traditions and exciting inaugural events. The Class of 1966 celebrated its 50th Reunion with the time honored tradition of the Sister Cuthbert Donovan Society Mass and Dinner. Through the tireless work of the 50th Reunion Committee, the Class of 1966, as of Alumni Weekend, had committed $168,649.02 in support of Marywood initiatives, including the naming of a Lounge in the Learning Commons in honor of their class; support for the Sister Anne Munley Endowment for the Creative Arts, and placement of a paver in the Motherhouse and Seminary Morgan Memorial Garden. They also made significant leadership gifts to Marywood prior to their 50th reunion planning. This class continues to raise money in support of their class gifts and other Marywood projects.

New activities such as an Alumni Welcome Gathering on Friday night, a Campus Fitness Walk and Street Fair on Saturday, complete with a juggler, food, Bingo, and vendors selling crafts, attracted not only alumni but families and friends.

Alumni Award recipients were honored at a reception in the Center for Architectural Studies.

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2017 is June 2-4, 2017. Watch your emails and mailboxes for further information. Class years ending in 2’s and 7’s will celebrate their honor years. ALL alumni are welcome to celebrate with classmates and friends. In addition to the 50th reunion gathering, a 45th reunion celebration is being planned by members of the class of 1972. If you are interested in planning a special class reunion or volunteering on the Alumni Weekend General Committee, please contact Ann Montoro Williams, director of alumni engagement at awilliams@marywood.edu.

The Class of 1967 50th Reunion Committee is actively working to create a memorable weekend of activities for their classmates. The class is also seeking support for two endowed scholarships. Members of the Class of 1967 50th Reunion Committee include: Dottie Brelish Magnotta, chair; Ellen Jordan Davidson, Mary Anna Donohoe, Valerie Rott Garofalo, Tess Casarella Graziano, Marie Harrington, Kathleen Bride Hurley, Suzanne Klassner Jones, Mary Mozeleski Krysanowski, Cindy Pierce Lee, Joanna Ciofalo Lynn, Noreen Machelli Lynott, Maureen Collins, Maher, Pia Buratti Mazzarella, Peg McCarty, Joan Weiss McDonald, Vickie McDonald, Barbara Yedinak McGoldrick, Sandra Ciabocchi Morgan, Anne Harvey Neuser, Sister Terry O’Rourke IHM, Diane Williams Parks, Mary Lynn Barteluce Post, Judy Holmes Quinlan, Linda McDonnell Serplus, Diane Warner Toscano, Margaret Walty, and Ann Marie Ferguson Wilson.

Visit the Marywood Alumni Association webpage alumni.marywood.edu for additional information and a teaser list of events scheduled for the weekend.
Michele Abbott McDade ’70  
**Sister M. Denis Donegan Award for Long Term Service to Marywood**

One could not find a more dedicated volunteer than Michele Abbott McDade ’70, who truly epitomizes Marywood’s core value of service. She has devoted her life to serving her community, and Marywood is always near the top of the list of causes she holds dear. Indeed, the cause of education is one that Michele has advanced and championed throughout her life, both through her volunteer work and her profession.

Throughout her days at Marywood, as an alumna volunteer, as an involved community leader, as a trusting friend, Michele has made a difference in our community by her never-ending service to others. After earning her bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education, Michele went on to become an elementary school teacher, teaching kindergarten in the Scranton School District for many years until her retirement.

Michele “embraces the moment” in reaching out to the less fortunate, to those in need. She is a teacher in her home, in the classroom, in her acceptance of leadership roles in numerous community organizations, particularly her engagement and volunteer support of Marywood. She serves organizations such as the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce; the Keystone Chapter of UNICO National, as well as its women’s group, Le Sorelle; ARC Auxiliary; St. Francis of Assisi Kitchen; Little Sisters of the Poor; and the Lackawanna County Commission for Women.

Michele has given distinctive service to her alma mater as a Member of the Marywood Alumni Association Board. She and her husband, Mark, have also established a scholarship at Marywood in memory of their parents so that generations of Marywoodians receive the support they need to pursue an education.

Karen Murphy, R.N., Ph.D. (MBA ’01)  
**Award of Excellence in Health and Human Services**

Over the years, Dr. Karen Murphy (MBA ’01) has seen trends change and evolve in the health care industry. She began her career as a registered nurse and presently serves as Secretary of Health in Pennsylvania. As the Commonwealth’s top health regulator, Secretary Murphy is a liaison to the Governor for the Pennsylvania Department of Health. Her extensive knowledge as a proven health care executive has been demonstrated time and time again, through her ability to lead complex organizations and initiatives in both the public and private sectors. Along the way, she has learned to be self-directed and flexible, seizing opportunities for higher education and professional development.

Lifelong learning is something in which Secretary Murphy truly believes. “Even if something isn’t fitting in with your plan, that’s okay. It’s still a learning experience,” she said in a 2010 interview with Marywood Magazine. Her impressive résumé is proof that she follows her own prescription for a successful career, which has included a number of significant roles, such as President and Chief Executive Officer of Moses Taylor Health Care System and founder and CEO of Physicians Health Alliance, an integrated medical group practice within the Moses Taylor Health Care System.

She earned her Doctor of Philosophy in Business Administration from Temple University’s Fox School of Business, a Master of Business Administration from Marywood, a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Scranton, and a diploma as a registered nurse from the Scranton State Hospital School of Nursing. She is an author and national speaker on health policy and health care innovation.

Prior to joining Governor Wolf’s cabinet, Secretary Murphy served as Director of the State Innovation Models Initiative, a $900 million investment by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation aimed at accelerating health care innovation across the nation. She currently serves as a Clinical Faculty Member in the Medicine Department at The Commonwealth Medical College. She has committed decades of professional service to achieving a better standard of health care and increasing people’s access to that care. Secretary Murphy remains dedicated to affecting the kinds of changes that will continue to improve the health of communities throughout Pennsylvania.

Marianne J. Gilmartin, Esq. ’83  
**Award of Excellence in Liberal Arts and Sciences**

Marianne J. Gilmartin, Esq. ’83 has not only stood out as a model of professionalism throughout her career as an attorney, but she has also raised a strong family and contributed in meaningful ways to her community. Marianne is involved, supportive, engaged—a model of professionalism both in her career and in her community. After earning a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Legal Studies (Pre-Professional) and a minor in English from Marywood, she went on to receive her Juris Doctorate from Seton Hall University. Ranked on a professional level as a Super Lawyer in Pennsylvania, Marianne can also be called a “Super Woman,” juggling roles as mother of four boys, attorney, and community volunteer.

She serves as a shareholder/attorney with the law firm of Stevens & Lee, focusing on litigation issues in the areas of construction, toxic torts, product liability, and catastrophic casualty, banking, insurance, manufacturing, and complex commercial litigation. Her numerous achievements include admittance to practice before the United States Supreme Court. Marianne is a member of the International Association of Defense Counsel, the Northeastern PA Trial Lawyers Association, the Lackawanna Bar Association; Board Member of the PA Bar Association, the New Jersey Bar Association, and the American Bar Association.

Marianne’s civic efforts have centered on education, values-based youth programs, and community development, along with the advancement of women in business and assisting the disadvantaged. She has volunteered for a multitude of community programs and organizations, including Lackawanna Habitat for Humanity and Dress for Success. Marianne has served as a member of the Scranton Chamber of Commerce Scranton Plan, United Way, Johnson College, The Boy Scouts of America Board of Directors, and Campaign Member of St. Catherine of Siena Church to name a few.

She has balanced her multiple roles so successfully that those who have had the privilege of knowing or working with Marianne can only offer the highest praise.

Patricia Cawley Joyce ’79  
**Award of Excellence in Creative and Performing Arts**

As the Founder and Artistic Director of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, Patricia Cawley Joyce ’79, or Trish, as she prefers to be called, has exhibited extraordinary devotion and passion to young people through her world of music. She helps children to discover music and then use its power to transform them—body, mind, spirit, and voice—and to make a positive difference in the world.

Trish is Founder and Artistic Director of the New Jersey Youth Chorus, now completing its
24th Season. Since music was not recognized as a priority in the schools, Trish’s dream was to have young children come to know and appreciate good music. Today, more than 200 choristers between the ages of 2 and 12 from more than 40 towns in six New Jersey counties participate and perform with the chorus annually. In her own words, “we are not teaching music to children—we teach children through the power of music....”

After receiving her Bachelor of Music Degree, magna cum laude, in Music Education from Marywood, Trish received a Master of Music Degree with Distinction in Music Education from Westminster Choir College in Princeton and Certification in Kodaly Methodology from the Kodaly Musical Training Institute. She began her career as a teacher in Scranton and later in New Jersey, and she has also served as adjunct faculty at Westminster and at Rutgers University.

Her outstanding musicianship and educational expertise have built NJYC into one of the nation’s premier youth choirs. She has conducted countless choirs with singers of all ages, from elementary and junior high honors choirs to the New Jersey All-State Women’s Choir and children’s choir festivals in Pennsylvania, Vermont, and Virginia. Not only is Trish known for her excellent and inspiring work as a music educator, she is a proud alumna and a true Marywood Ambassador, who carries the Marywood mantle with her wherever she goes. As a professional, regional, state, and national leader in the music field, Trish fully embraces and demonstrates Marywood’s ideals.

MICHELE RODEGHIERO JOERG (M.A.T. ’95) Award of Excellence in Education and Human Development

It is a beautiful thing when a career and a passion become one. Such is the case with the career and passion of Michele Rodeghiero Joerg (M.A.T. ’95)—who is, simultaneously, an educator and an architect of dreams. She teaches and empowers children as well as educators.

Her focus has been in the milieu of urban education. Michele has taught at Catholic and public schools in East Harlem, where she also got involved with Harlem RBI’s REAL Kids Program, for which she taught and then directed. This award-winning summer program for children, ages 9-12, uses the power of team activity to help youth develop literacy, academic, social, and emotional skills. The kids also play in competitive baseball and softball leagues and learn about healthy nutritional habits. Michele has been a member of Harlem RBI’s Board of Trustees since 2008. During her tenure, the organization has grown to serve 1,200 children in East Harlem and the South Bronx and developed the first new public school building in East Harlem in 47 years.

As a Lead Selector for the NYC Teaching Fellows Program, Michele played a vital role in choosing high-quality candidates for this rigorous program, which selects only the best educators to teach in New York’s public school system. Her work with the Urban Education Exchange allowed Michele to provide customized workshops for individual teachers and schools, as well as model lessons and grade- and team-level meetings. In 2007, she became a founding member of the DREAM Charter School Board of Trustees in East Harlem. Through challenging academic programs, this learning community prepares students for high-performing high schools, colleges, and beyond. Its mission mirrors Marywood’s own—to develop critical thinkers who demonstrate a love of learning, strong character, and a commitment to wellness and active citizenship.

Michele continues to live her passion through her career, empowering and inspiring others in the process.

MANDY BOYLE PENNINGTON ’10 (M.A. ’11) 2016 Recent Alumni Award of Excellence for Professional Achievement

A Marywood education prepares students in their chosen fields of endeavor, but, more importantly, it prepares students for life. Just a few years ago, Mandy Boyle Pennington ’10 (M.A. ’11) was prepared to enter the creative world of Advertising, Communications, and Public Relations. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Advertising and Public Relations in 2010, followed by a Master of Arts Degree in Communication Arts in 2011, both from Marywood.

Never afraid of hard work, the smart, savvy, successful Director of Internet Marketing at Net Driven has been going full speed ahead since her college days. During her undergraduate years as a Communication Arts student at Marywood, she led by her own outstanding example, balancing academic success with student activities, on-campus work study, an internship, and part-time work doing Search Engine Optimization (SEO). Mandy started getting hands-on experience in the field during her sophomore year, working 30 hours a week at Solid Cactus, an e-commerce marketing and web development agency, while finishing school. After graduation, she was offered a full-time position and took a leadership role at Solid Cactus and its parent company, web.com. She also started to freelance and volunteer on other projects outside of regular work hours to keep her skills sharp.

In 2014, Mandy began her present position at Net Driven. She also is the co-founder of NEPA BlogCon, the region’s only blogging and social media conference, and Squirrel Girls Tech Camp, a STEM education camp for girls. In addition to her skills as a blogger and published freelance writer, Mandy has served as an adjunct lecturer in Marywood’s Communication Arts Department since 2010. Outside of her career, she cultivates her long time love of the dramatic arts by performing with local theater companies, including the New Vintage Ensemble.

Last year, the Northeast Pennsylvania Business Journal named Mandy as one of its “Top 20 Under 40.” As a leader in the ever-changing industry of internet marketing, she continues to do what she has always done best—thinking creatively and critically, working diligently, and following her passion.
1960s
Jo-Ann Kamichitis (1965) was appointed as Director of Keystone College’s Thomas G. Cupillari Astronomical Observatory on June 15, 2015.

1970s
Maura Delaney (1978) has been named as the Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs of Berkshire Community College during the 2016-2017 academic year. In addition to her full-time faculty role, Maura has served as the English Department Chair and the Program Advisor for Liberal Arts. She is involved in many campus committees, including Co-Chair of the Diversity Committee and subcommittee member working with two other faculty to craft the new Program Review process. Also, Maura is completing the program review for Liberal Arts this semester. Delaney began her career at Berkshire Community College as an adjunct. She also has extensive experience in academic administration. In the late 1980s and early 1990s, she was the Dean of Students at Newton Country Day School, and later at Lawrence Academy. Next, Maura transitioned to Lesley University, where she held a number of administrative roles at the Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences, including Coordinator of International and Collaborative Projects, Assistant to the Dean for Special Projects, Director of Planning and Special Projects, and Assistant Dean for Admissions and Planning. She then served as the Director of Administrative Affairs in the Office of the Provost, Assistant Dean for Administration, and Assistant Vice President for Alumni Relations & Annual Giving. Maura earned her B.A., English at Marywood University and her M.A., in the Independent Study Degree Program at Lesley University. Adding to her repertoire, Maura held a certification in Secondary Education from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and earned a Certificate in Drama Direction. Maura is also an author and has presented locally, regionally, and nationally.

1980s
Patricia Clancy Kienle (1983) was honored by ASHP with its Board of Directors Award for Distinguished Leadership in Pharmacy Practice during the opening session of the association’s 49th Midyear Clinical Meeting in Anaheim, CA.

1990s
Kathleen Tuthill Foulk (1992) was recently promoted to the rank of Colonel in the US Air Force. She is currently serving as the Chief Nurse Executive for the San Antonio Military Health System.

2000s
Lauren M. Adelizzi (2001) graduated with a master’s degree in Organization Development and Leadership from Saint Joseph’s University in May 2016. She was recently promoted to Learning & Development Consultant for Wells Fargo Bank, supporting the development needs of mid- to senior-leaders across the organization.

Jennifer Radzwillowicz (2002) has been elected the 2015 Pennsylvania Junior Chamber (Jaycees) State President. She works with over 20 chapters in Pennsylvania to further the mission of Junior Chamber USA and Junior Chamber International. The organization provides from English and Church Slavonic to songs in Latin, Greek, Romanian, and Georgian. In addition to his many years of service as St. John’s Choir Director, Gary also owns and operates The Petal Pusher Florist in Childs, PA. Photo credit: Jake Danna Stevens, Scranton Times-Tribune
Retired Educator Honored for Volunteerism

Judith Gatto McCauley ’62

The Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees honored Mrs. Judith Gatto McCauley ’62 as the Volunteer of the Year for 2014. Mrs. McCauley is a retired Dunmore Elementary Teacher who spent 44 years teaching third and fourth grade students in Dunmore. She began her career instructing fourth grade students at Franklin Elementary. When the District consolidated all elementary schools into Dunmore Elementary, Mrs. McCauley spent the remainder of her career at the Elementary Center teaching third grade. During this period, she was the Head Teacher in charge of 120 third grade students and six faculty members.

Mrs. McCauley has been a volunteer with the Scranton School District’s Retired Senior Volunteer Program for many years. The program joins her with a Scranton School District student for whom she is a pen pal. Each month, the student replies to her letter and meets with her at the end of the school year. Mrs. McCauley is a Life Member of St. Joseph’s Center Auxiliary, where she has volunteered yearly at their annual festival working at the Tricky Trays Booth. For 10 years, she volunteered at the CMC Gift Shop and for 16 years at the Mercy Hospital Gift Shop. She also is a volunteer worker at the Christopher & Banks store on Montage Mountain.

As a member of Divine Mercy Church, Mrs. McCauley works on Bereavement Luncheons and at the Bake Sale Booth at the parish’s annual Fair. She is a member of the Century Club and the Marywood Alumni Association. For a number of years, Mrs. McCauley was President of the Marywood Alumni Club of NEPA (MAC). As a Marywood alumna, she was active on the Reunion Committee for the Marywood Class of 1962. She served on the Alumni Planning Committee for the Centennial Celebration of Marywood University. Additionally, Mrs. McCauley assisted Kim Grochowski Marchese in opening a religious gift store, Building the Kingdom of God, at the Dunmore Corners.

Marywood alumni gathered to honor Judith Gatto McCauley ’62 at a luncheon held to honor her as the Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees Volunteer of the Year for 2014. Pictured, left to right, are Eleanor Deviney ’52; Joan Ratchford Lloyd; Annette Maldonato Profera; Betty Lou Luvender Zapp; JoAnn Magnotta Ligorio; Judith Gatto McCauley; Nancy McDonald (PASR president); Dolly Reilly Densevich; and Marlene Parks, all from the Class of 1962.
IN MEMORIAM

The Marywood University Community is saddened to report the deaths of several IHM Sisters and retired faculty members who passed away since our last publication. These individuals served the Marywood community with dedication and distinction; please remember each of them and their families in your prayers.

Sister Anitra Nemotko, IHM died on Monday, August 1, 2016, at Our Lady of Peace Residence. Sister Anitra taught at Marywood University from 1980 to 2007, serving as Associate Professor in Biology and as Department Chair. She was awarded Faculty Emerita status in 2014. Sister Anitra also taught at Catholic high schools in New York in Pennsylvania earlier in her career. She served as the IHM Congregation Archivist from 2008 to 2016.

Sister Anitra received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from Marywood College, a Master of Science degree in Biology from Villanova University and a Ph.D. degree from the University of Pittsburgh, where she was awarded a Doctoral Fellowship. She held memberships and made conference presentations at several learned societies which included the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society (HAPS), the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAA), the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT) and the National Science Teachers Association (NSTA). She also was a member of the Archivists of Congregations of Women Religious (ACWR) and the Society of American Archivists (SAA).

Sister M. St. Gerard Myers, IHM died on Thursday, July 7, 2016, at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton.

A registered nurse, Sister St. Gerard served as a night supervisor, instructor, and director of the School of Nursing at St. Joseph’s Hospital in Carbondale, PA, and also served at St. Joseph’s Center and Maternity Hospital in Scranton, PA, as a pediatrics instructor and supervisor. She was a member of the Nursing Department faculty at Marywood, where she also served as a staff nurse in the Student Health Center for several years. She was the administrator of the Marian Convent and served on the convent’s support staff for a time. Sister St. Gerard was a volunteer nurse for the Migrant Head Start Center of Rural Opportunities, Inc. of Lackawanna County. From 2002 until the time of her death, Sister St. Gerard served as a prayer minister at the Marian Convent and at Our Lady of Peace Residence. She received her nursing diploma from St. Joseph’s School of Nursing; a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Marywood; a Master of Science degree in nursing from Catholic University of America; and a Master of Science degree in psychology from Marywood.


Sister Eamon served at elementary and high schools in Pennsylvania, New York, North Carolina, and Oregon. She also was the assistant supervisor reading consultant for the Wilmington Diocesan offices in Wilmington, DE. Sister Eamon served at Marywood University as a graduate dean, as director of Act 101, as a teacher with the Off-Campus Degree Program, and as Pennsylvania Education Certification officer. She was on the support staff at the Marian Convent, was moderator of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Guild in the Diocese of Scranton, and, from 2006 until the time of her death, Sister Eamon was a prayer minister at Our Lady of Peace Residence in Scranton. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education/English from Marywood, a Master of Arts degree in Education/English from Villanova University, a Master of Science degree in Education/Reading from the University of Delaware, and Doctor of Education degree from Columbia University.

Dawn McEligot Brennan, M.S.W., a beloved faculty member and field instructor in the School of Social Work at Marywood University for 15 years, died on September 21, 2015. Dawn, who held an M.S.W. degree from Marywood, retired from teaching in 2011, but she remained committed to her students well after retiring, as they continued to seek her out for advice and assistance. She always sought to improve the quality of life for those in need. Her career took her down many paths, from being the first woman social worker at the Lackawanna County Prison, to supporting teens at Lourdesmont School, working at community centers, teaching college-level social work courses, and to her final career working at the St. Francis Commons Clothing Store. She brought the same energy and commitment to each of these vocations. Her efforts to make the world a better place were acknowledged through various awards and honors including: a Marywood Presidential Scholarship in her name, NASW Lifetime Achievement Award, Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers, NASW Social Worker of the Year, Brotherhood-Sisterhood Award from Bethel AME Church, Northeast Woman, and Newsmaker of the Year.
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THE ANGELS ON MY TREE
Lu Ann Schnable Kaldor ’92
(Four Directions Press, November 14, 2014)

Lu Ann Schnable Kaldor ’92 presents The Angels on My Tree, a story of the author’s first Christmas without her father. It is a story of healing and triumphant new beginnings. Inspired by a trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art, her mother changed the focus of the season from getting to giving. By thinking of ways to make the miracle of Christmas visible to all, the family started a tradition that has passed on to the next generation. The author shares, “This is our story; we hope it becomes your family’s tradition.” More than a story, The Angels on My Tree is a call to action one tiny good deed at a time. Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, said, “The Angels on My Tree reminds us all that Christmas is a season of great hope. Even during times of pain and loss, we can discover anew the gift we truly receive when we give.”

Based on the critically acclaimed documentary Biloxi Memories and the Broadwater Beach Hotel, produced and written by Barbara Sillery ’67, this lavishly illustrated celebration of the community on the Mississippi Gulf Coast looks at its history from its first inhabitants until today. With nearly 30 interviews of those who lived or visited there, the author breathes new life into the tales of this coastal resort. Hailed as second only to Las Vegas as a gambling destination, Biloxi continues to draw visitors from the Midwest, South, and abroad to see its historic landmarks, including the resilient Biloxi Lighthouse. The book features fond memories of generations who visited the shores in vintage postcards, photographs, and memorabilia. Surrounded by water, Biloxi has survived two of the most disastrous hurricanes in United States history, Camille in 1969 and Katrina in 2005, to rebound and rally. It was the iconic image of a tattered American flag hanging from the battered lighthouse that resonated around the world, declaring that the Mississippi Coast would rise again. 

Unlike any other Gulf Coast book, Biloxi Memories is written from the perspective of a single family and gives unique insight into the region’s history, including the 1856 Biloxi fire, the Great Depression, World War II, the 1970s and 1980s growth and transformation, and Katrina in 2005. 

The book features more than 80 illustrations from famed Biloxi artist Barbara Sillery, and a foreword by Governor Haley Barbour. 

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ART AT THE ARNOLD
Steven Walker (M.F.A. ’07)
Winner, “Art at the Arnold” Competition, 2016

Artist Steven Walker (M.F.A. ’07) participated in the “Art at the Arnold” event during the 2016 Arnold (Schwarzenegger) Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio—the world’s largest sports festival. “Art at the Arnold” is a three-day drawing and painting competition, using athletes as models and The Arnold Sports Festival as a backdrop. Using various media (oil, watercolor, graphite, charcoal, pastel, mixed media and clay), artists demonstrate their skills before spectators, and then submit entries for exhibition. The competition consists of a half day of figure drawing and painting of athlete models, followed by an afternoon of sketching and reference gathering throughout the Arnold Sports Festival.

Steven, a 2007 graduate of Marywood’s “Master’s with the Masters” program, was the big winner. He said, “I was fortunate enough to win first place which included a cash prize, a nifty medal, a luncheon, a lot of congratulatory handshakes, and a picture with Arnold Schwarzenegger himself. If winning first place wasn’t enough, I also won the Artists’ Choice Award (as voted by my fellow artists). I think that most people will tell you that when you win an award that is voted on by your peers it means the world to you.” Congratulations, Steven! You can see more of the artist’s work, get more information about his current and upcoming exhibitions, or purchase his book, Ambitions: A Collection of Fine Art, at www.stevenwalkerstudios.com.
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!

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