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**Measuring the  
Value of a Marian  
Education**

**Leaving an  
Inspiring Legacy**



Junior defenseman Tanner Burton hoists the “Battle of 41” Trophy after the men’s hockey team’s 3–2 victory over Lawrence on Feb. 2, marking a season sweep over its rival.

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# Goodbye. Farewell. Amen.

*The future is bright as students continue to remain at the forefront of Marian's mission, core values and legacy of service.*

Dear Friends,

The late change of seasons is a constant reminder that time marches on at its own pace. Regardless of the view from our window, it is inevitable that the birds will begin to chirp and the flowers will begin to bloom. It is just a matter of time. We live in a culture driven by instant gratification. Yet the most impactful experiences are often gauged not by their length of time, but rather by the quality of the impact they have on others.

Marian University continues to evolve into a more vibrant learning community where positive change has been embraced for the better. We are an institution that is stronger in quality of students, in financial position, in brand awareness and in community relations. The future is bright as students continue to remain at the forefront of Marian's mission, core values and legacy of service.

My experience these past three years has been incredibly positive and rewarding for me and my family. We have been embraced by the Fond du Lac community and in turn have welcomed prominent members back to Marian. In an effort to raise the profile of the university, there has been more involvement in local and national organizations. Campus beautification projects and infrastructure upgrades have made our campus an even more beautiful place to learn, work and play. We have accomplished a great deal to move the institution to the next level in a very short period of time.

Recently, my wife Eileen and I were presented with an opportunity to return to the east coast, a place we called home for almost fifty years. The thought of being within driving distance to my aging parents weighed heavy on our minds. In the end, family came first and we made the difficult decision to leave Marian.

In closing, I wish to thank all the members of the administration, faculty, staff and especially the students for the warm hospitality you have shown us. The true beauty of Marian University lies in her people.

May the peace of Christ be with you all. Amen.

Sincerely,



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# Marian *Inspired* brand shares value of quality education

*Like many businesses and companies, our brand and marketing strategy is designed to speak of Marian's values and encourage others to experience our mission. When thinking of Marian University's values-based educational experience, only one word comes to mind: Inspiring.*

Throughout Marian University's rich history, many branding strategies can be recalled by members of the Marian community that have spoken of the values, beliefs and benefits of a Marian University education.

Recently, Marian University has undergone another strategic change, one that has enhanced the look and feel of the university while staying true to the values at the heart of the institution. Centered on our Core Values, the Marian University *Inspired* brand continues to promise an engaging educational experience that shapes the personal and professional futures of students while preparing them to improve their lives and positively impact their communities.

Following months of extensive research, the new voice and design of the *Inspired* brand launched in January 2011, and included a new website redesign which launched in August 2012.

Along with new verbiage to share the inspirational message of the university and stories of its people, comes a new look, centered on the heritage of the university and incorporating strong photography and colors to bring about a modernized design. In collaboration with the design, the Marian University *Inspired* voice features personal and professional stories, relationships gained through the Marian experience and support for community that is a catalyst for all that happens at Marian.



## Stay Connected with Marian University

With the new technology in the hands of members of the Marian community, Marian is integrating new high-tech initiatives in an effort to share the Marian brand and keep connected in our technology-centric world.

Using digital watermark technology developed by Digimarc, Inc. of Beaverton, Ore., individuals interested in hearing more about Marian University are able to use a smartphone app to capture embedded information from certain publications and link to specific Marian inspired audio and video documents.

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# Innovation, experience for the future

*Recent acquisition of Rad Tech program at Mercy Medical provides hands-on experience for students*

Marian University was founded on the need to provide innovative, hands-on learning experiences, and continues to do so, especially through the newly acquired Radiologic Technology program at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, Wis.

"Before the fall 2012 semester, Marian assumed sponsorship of the Radiologic Technology program that was being delivered at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh," said Dr. Ed Ogle, executive vice president for academic affairs at Marian University.

Previously, Mercy Medical Center had supported and sponsored the program. Because of Marian's

interest and devotion to providing quality, real world experiences, the acquisition of the program was a beneficial due to Marian's strength in the health care professions and passion for service.

"With some hospitals closing their programs, the acquisition of Mercy Medical's Radiologic Technology program provides an immediate clinical opportunity," said Dr. Julie Luetschwager, dean of the School of Nursing and Health Professions.

"Mercy Medical is just one of four clinical sites that our Radiologic Technology students attend. We will continue to work with other hospital-based programs through

this affiliate relationship, and are even working on adding a major in Diagnostic Medical Sonography."

Currently, Marian is one of three institutions in the state to offer Radiologic Technology.

## **FUN FACT:**

In 2012,  
Marian University  
students earned  
a 100% pass rate  
in the AART  
certification in  
Radiologic Technology.



## Inspiring faculty leave legacy for years to come

Committed to education and the empowerment of women, Dr. Ruth Willmington, a former nursing faculty at Marian, changed the lives of many student nurses. Throughout her life, Dr. Willmington was dedicated to caring for others, and following her passing in 2008, will continue her legacy of care and compassion through the Dr. Ruth Willmington Memorial Scholarship Fund.



accreditation. She was instrumental in the development of satellite schools in the Milwaukee area. She served as a full-time professor and the Chair of Nursing Studies division at Marian from 1987 to 1995, during which nursing enrollment increased from 80 to 430 students.

Each year, Dr. Willmington's daughter, Sarah Ponath, hosts a benefit event to raise additional

The scholarship fund was started in the fall of 2008, after her passing that July, following a long battle with multiple myeloma, a plasma cell cancer. She was an inspiration by returning to school to pursue a college education in nursing and nursing education, earning her BSN in 1973 from UW-Oshkosh and her Ph.D. in 1987 from UW-Madison.

Dedicated to sharing her knowledge, Dr. Willmington joined the nursing faculty of Marian University in 1987 and led the department to national

funds for the scholarship through a raffle and silent auction. Donations to the fund are accepted year round.

Empowering the future nurses of Marian, Dr. Willmington's life experience and dedication to nursing education is the inspiration of this scholarship, which is awarded to junior and senior level students committed to the program. Scholarship awards are determined through an application process with requirements that include community service, GPA and financial need.

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& Friends  
*Golf Outing*  
**Friday, June 21**  
Whispering Springs Golf Club  
Fond du Lac

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# Profile

**Name:** David Hornung

**Company:** Owner of Graphic Center Inc., Fond du Lac, Wis.

**Hometown:** Fond du Lac, Wis.

**Education:** Bachelor's degree from St. Norbert College; Master's Degree from the University of Illinois Champaign/Urbana.

**On the Job Duties:** "My day-to-day responsibilities include all of the functioning operations of the Graphic Center from customer sales to design and implementation of our manufactured products."

**Accomplishments:** "Being an entrepreneur and starting my own business is one of my proudest achievements, as well as an early career opportunity that I had to design the State of Wisconsin license plate."

**Volunteerism:** "I enjoy being actively involved in the Fond du Lac community, including the, Fond du Lac Noon Rotary Club, Fond du Lac United Way, the Fond du Lac Visitors and Convention Bureau and now Marian's Board of Trustees, as well as several other organizations."

**Hobbies:** Mountain biking, road biking, triathlon training, swimming, running, snow skiing, water skiing and golfing.

**Inspiration:** "Steve Jobs. Steve once talked to his engineers and to prospective associates about putting 'a dent in the universe.' He was passionate about Apple products, and brought a new and different way of thinking. If we, here in Fond du Lac, can embrace this concept, we too can make a difference in people's lives and the world that we live in."

## Board of Trustees member: **DAVID HORNUNG**

### *Inspired to serve the Fond du Lac Community*

With creativity and service in mind, David Hornung, owner of Graphic Center Inc. of Fond du Lac and Marian University's Board of Trustees Secretary, has been inspiring the community since his own college experience.

"It was during my own college experience that I learned about graphic design and began forming my career goals," said Hornung. "College gave me a well-rounded introduction into the field, and I've enjoyed it ever since. I truly believe early inspirations are what have guided me, and can certainly guide future students."

Hornung has taken to graphic design and became an entrepreneur with his business Graphic Center Inc.

"I started my company because I was able to be creative on my own and to serve the community," said Hornung. "Most days, my responsibility is more than just a career — it's a joy — because it takes a piece of our own personal creativity to make each project a success. I value the opportunities my education has given me."

For Hornung, the value of an education is directly seen through one's involvement in the community, especially through sharing one's passions and serving others.

"Among the dedicated people who want to serve and make a difference in our community, I continually strive to offer some of my expertise to help make Fond du Lac a better place," said Hornung. "It is truly part of my value system and in line with Marian's Core Values. As the Board of Trustees, we have the best interests of Marian in mind and want to place this institution in the best possible position for growth, carry the Core Values into the community and inspire others through our service."



# Preparing high school students for higher education

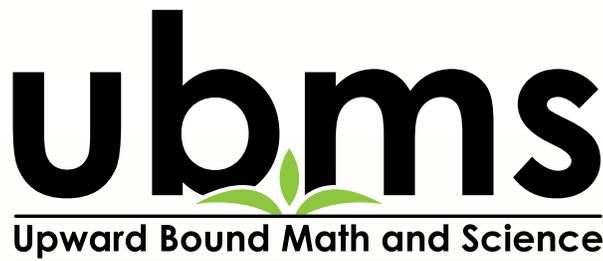
Setting goals and planning for the future can be daunting tasks, especially for local students who are interested in pursuing a college degree. At Marian University, the act of preparedness has inspired local high school students to begin to think about their educational goals and future career interests through the new Upward Bound Math and Science (UBMS) Program.

## **UBMS Program in Fond du Lac**

As one of the federally funded TRiO programs, the UBMS Program aims to serve first-generation, financially eligible students thus closing the gap for underserved populations and empowering students to seek support for college preparation.

"The grant is a five-year, \$1.25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education," said Garry Moise, director of the UBMS Program. "The program is free to accepted students and works to help plan for college, particularly in the STEM areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics."

Fourth of its kind in Wisconsin, the UBMS Program is a collaboration between Marian University, Fond du Lac High School and Horace Mann High School in North Fond du Lac. The program accepts 60 students annually, and aids in developing their potential to excel in math and science, as well



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as encourage a post-secondary degree in these fields.

"Many families who do not have experience in earning a degree have students who are looking to reach their potential and the UBMS Program helps to make that happen," said Moise. "The program allows these students to experience hands-on activities and intensive instruction, while inspiring them to become the future scientists, engineers and mathematicians. As the country develops in the STEM areas, we want Fond du Lac to be part of the movement."

## **Supporting the Future**

Skill development and motivation are key to the success of the program, which is why academic support is one of the main elements to the program's success.

"Through this program, students realize that a college education is attainable, especially with quality preparation and dedication," said Moise. "Through this program at Marian, students are able to utilize academic support and benefits, and get a true feeling of what it is like to be a college student."

Benefits of the program include free academic support services during the academic year, including college visits, college planning workshops and ACT/SAT preparation.

"Assistance with financial aid applications, college visits, entrance exams and introduction to certain aspects of higher education are valuable services provided by UBMS to potential first-generation college students," said Mike Gonzalez, assistant principal at Fond du Lac High School and UBMS liaison.

Students in the program will engage in a six week summer program, where they will enjoy field trips and experiments as part of courses in mathematics, physical science, natural science, technology and language, as well as presentations at the end of the summer program.

Housed on the Marian University campus, the UBMS Program will be managed by a team of faculty and staff from Marian University, Fond du Lac High School and Horace Mann High School.

## **Inspired to Connect**

High school students who meet the eligibility requirements are encouraged to apply to take part in the UBMS Program. Questions on application procedures can be directed to Garry Moise at [trio.ubms@marianuniversity.edu](mailto:trio.ubms@marianuniversity.edu) or call (920) 923-8621.



# Storytelling aids in service to local veterans

*We all have a story.  
Our voices are meant to be heard.  
Our raw, personal experiences show who  
we are and where we have been.*

Inside each and every one of us, we have memories, stories and experiences that connect us to each other and allow us to build on the inspiring culture of America. Though many of us may not be writing our stories and developing the next Great American novel, the oral tradition of storytelling is helpful to people of all kinds, especially our veteran population.

It was in Associate Professor of Nursing Christine Laurent's, research class that the idea of storytelling and service came together.

"Although I was new to teaching the nursing research class, I always felt the need to include a service-learning project into the curriculum," said Laurent. "About the time that Marian joined the national Joining Forces Initiative, our fall 2012 semester class identified the veteran population as a vulnerable population for our research. This class focuses on teaching and practicing the research and writing process, and returning veterans was a good topic for the students."

## **Research of our Veterans**

Throughout history, veterans returning from war have received varied responses, ranging from welcoming praise and honor received by World War II veterans, to the lack of support and acknowledgement of the Vietnam War to today's shortage of resources for current veterans.

As part of the Joining Forces Initiative, Marian University's School of Nursing and Health Professions aims to educate its students on the emotional, psychological and physical impact of serving in our nation's military, as well as give back and serve the community's veteran population.

"Throughout history, it was common for veterans to be treated in large medical facilities, and we still have many today," said Laurent. "However, today, it is more common to see our veterans in our local community hospitals, and our future nurses are in need of training in how to better serve these potential patients."

Today's advanced technology and diagnostic testing capabilities have enabled health professionals to properly identify, diagnose and treat veterans suffering from a variety of medical challenges that occur following their service, including post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injuries and other physical and psychological disorders.

### **Service-Learning Component**

Several students organized activities and took part in Veterans Day events, whereas others went beyond the confines of the project and developed projects that would make a significant contribution to the underserved veteran population.

Sarah Rawlsky '14 was one of the students who took on a service-learning project that aided veterans and honored their service.

"With the broad guidelines for the service-learning project, Sarah embraced this project and connected with the management team at the long-term care facility where she works" said Laurent. "She just asked, 'What can I do?' and it started from there."

### **Telling their Stories**

Because the course was offered during the fall semester, Rawlsky took advantage of the Veterans Day celebrations at the facility, and began working with management to help organize a special event for their annual Veterans Day celebration. Within the facility, Rawlsky found 25 veterans who were willing to talk with her, as she began creating a video and photography presentation that featured the stories of each veteran.

*"Service-learning projects, which are a key component to many of the classes here at Marian, give students an opportunity to integrate their knowledge into making a difference."*

— Christine Laurent, associate professor of nursing

Inspired to preserve history and the stories of these individuals, Rawlsky documented several stories from each veteran, organized the video into the branches of the armed forces and incorporated their respective songs that brought about memories of the past. The

individuals featured in the video footage viewed Sarah's work on Veterans Day 2012, and truly enjoyed sharing stories and commemorating the day.

"The family and residents of the facility were touched by the video," said Laurent. "The

documented stories that Sarah videotaped are a tribute to what these individuals have done, and the individuals and their families were certainly proud and were renewed in spirit."

"The class, including Sarah, wasn't just doing their service-learning projects for a grade, but they were seeing the value of how their time here can be inspiring and life-changing," said Laurent. "After this class, the reflection portion of the project showed that these students were thinking about the bigger picture and seeing the value of service for the needs of the community, rather than just themselves."

### **Inspiring Others**

Like sharing the stories of our nation's veterans, these valuable, service-learning and hands-on experiences help Marian University students promote and live the values and mission of the university as they venture to new opportunities.

"Service-learning projects, which are a key component to many of the classes here at Marian, give students an opportunity to integrate their knowledge into making a difference," said Laurent. "As the waves of veterans return, these students can understand the trials that these veterans have had and work to do what they can to help — and inspire others to do the same." ■

# Working Families Grant Program

## Supporting Single Parent Families for over 11 years

The demands of earning a college degree are very high, especially for students who need financial assistance in addition to completing rigorous classroom and clinical coursework. Today, many students are returning to earn a degree, and thus entering into the challenges of the college lifestyle. Though some students have family resources to rely on, others find that the support at home is missing, especially in single parent households.

Students at Marian University have had the opportunity to embrace their educational goals, especially through the work of the Working Families Grant program. The Working Families Grant (WFG) program is celebrating its 11th anniversary, and continues to enrich and support single parent students.

“For the past 11 years, the Working Families Grant Program has been an essential part of students’ education,” said Cheryl Hartwig, director of the Working Families Grant program. “It is inspiring to see the success of these students who previously believed that a college education was out of their reach.”

### About the WFG Program

The WFG program is made possible through a collaboration between the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes and an Anonymous Donor who has pledged \$1 million each year to aid single parents who are in high financial need and desire to attain a four year degree. The mission of the program is to assist single parent students in breaking the cycle of poverty and their reliance on government programs.

The program has blossomed from a simple seedling of an idea, which originated with the Congregation of

Sisters of St. Agnes. In 1996, the Sisters of St. Agnes started the Education Grant for Women and Children (EGWC), aiming to assist low-income, single mothers who were struggling to make ends meet while attending college and providing for their children. The EGWC program initially began in response to changes in welfare programs that almost eliminated opportunities for economically disadvantaged women to pursue higher education.

The EGWC program laid the groundwork for a special partnership to emerge in 2002 with an Anonymous Donor resulting in what is now known as the Working Families Grant program.

### Inspired by opportunity

Although many single parents may not feel that a college education is attainable, the Working Families Grant provides a variety of benefits and resources to aid this population of the Marian community.

“I have seen this grant program transform the lives of so many students — both single mothers and fathers have been part of this program,” said Hartwig. “It is a competitive program, but the students who are accepted are able to receive financial assistance, as well as academic services and career development resources.”

Participants in the program are given financial assistance and counseling services, and are expected to complete online career assessments, meet with academic advisors and program directors and perform 40 hours of community service each year, all while enrolled as a full-time student.

“Students in the program have new social and economic opportunities available to them,” said Hartwig. “The grant program allows stipend grants

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for rent, childcare and groceries, so they have more time to spend on their education and enhancing their family life. It also teaches students the value of helping others through being involved in volunteering and giving back to the community."

Since the program's inception, 104 students in the WFG program have graduated, with 36 earning honors.

"Five of our graduates have already completed a master's degree and nine others are currently enrolled in graduate programs," added Hartwig. "This spring, we are excited that we will have 15 students from WFG graduating. The program has certainly inspired a new generation of students to pursue the opportunities available to them."

### Looking to the future

Looking into the future, the students of the WFG program aren't the only individuals that are benefiting from the grant.

"More than \$3 million has been reinvested into the Fond du Lac area and surrounding communities in the form of rent, food and childcare since the program's inception," said Stacey Akey, vice president for enrollment management and marketing. "Not only is this program transforming the lives of parents and their children, but it is also giving back to the economy through demonstrating the value of a degree and supporting the local community."

As the program continues, WFG looks forward to providing opportunities for deserving individuals dedicated to improving their lives and their communities. ■

### Inspired by possibility

Applications are accepted year-round and kept on file for up to one year. Due to increasing interest, the application process is extremely competitive and involves an in-depth application and panel interview. Packets are available for pick-up at the Working Families Grant program office, Marian One-Stop, online at [www.marianuniversity.edu/wfg](http://www.marianuniversity.edu/wfg) or by request via phone or email.

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## Setting a good example with the help of WFG

*Jennifer Dillman, '13*

Aiming to set a good example and support her daughter's full potential, Jennifer Dillman, a nursing major and May 2013 graduate, was excited to be a part of the Working Families Grant program.

As a single mother, Dillman had always desired to pursue a bachelor's degree, but felt unable to because of the demands of working full-time to support herself and her 6-year-old daughter, Hateya. However, Dillman entered Marian University in 2009 as a full-time undergraduate student.

"I had taken a few classes at a technical college, but I always had to return to work," said Dillman. "I wanted to earn a degree to show Hateya how valuable a degree can be. When I heard about how supportive Marian was, I knew it was the place for me."

Dillman began at Marian at the age of 27, and was determined to succeed in the field of nursing, which was her dream since she graduated high school. It wasn't until Dillman's junior year on campus that she became part of the WFG program.

"Before the WFG program, there were times when I felt that I couldn't succeed," said Dillman. "Going to class full-time, especially with the demands of the nursing program, as well as being an involved, full-time mom, is a lot to take on. The program really helped me and my daughter with their support and financial help. I wouldn't be graduating without the program."

## Marian University faculty earn promotions, awarded tenure

Committed to the success of their students, several faculty members of Marian University recently earned a promotion or were awarded tenure. Congratulations to the following faculty:

- **James Gray, J.D.** was granted tenure. Gray serves as an Assistant Professor of Sport and Recreation Management in the School of Business and Public Safety.
- **Christine Laurent, M.S.N.**, Assistant Professor of Nursing in the School of Nursing and Health Professions, was promoted to Associate Professor.
- **Amy Hennings, Ph.D.**, Instructor of Psychology in the School of Arts and Sciences, was promoted to Assistant Professor.
- **Leslie Jaber-Wilson, M.S.W.**, Assistant Professor of Social Work in the School of Nursing and Health Professions, was promoted to Associate Professor.

## Area business leaders recognized

Marian University held its 31<sup>st</sup> annual Business and Industry awards dinner in the Stayer Center on October 23, 2012. Following the keynote address by Glen Tellock, president and CEO of The Manitowoc Company, Inc., five exemplary area business leaders were presented the following awards:

- The Business of the Year award went to **ACUITY Insurance**, a Sheboygan based insurance company and world leader in insurance sales.
- The Entrepreneur of the Year award went to **Sonex Aircraft, LLC**, a local producer of aircraft kits, power plants and accessories.
- The Economic Development award went to **Commonwealth Companies**, which strives to build and renovate housing that provides high-quality, affordable places for seniors and families.
- The Special Achievement award went to **Michael Mentzer**, retired managing editor of The Reporter (Fond du Lac, Wis.).
- The George Becker Business Spirit award went to **Gary Sadoff**, CEO of Badger Liquor and former member of the Marian University Board of Trustees.

The Business & Industry awards dinner helps raise money for scholarships for students in the School of Business and Public Safety.



31<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL BUSINESS & INDUSTRY AWARDS: From L to R: Dr. Jeffrey Reed; Keynote Speaker: Glen Tellock; Mike Mentzer, retiring managing editor of The Reporter; Lynn Coady of Acuity Insurance; Gary Sadoff, CEO of Badger Liquor; Dr. Steven DiSalvo; Louie Lang of Commonwealth Companies; and Jeremy Monnett of Sonex Aircraft, LLC.



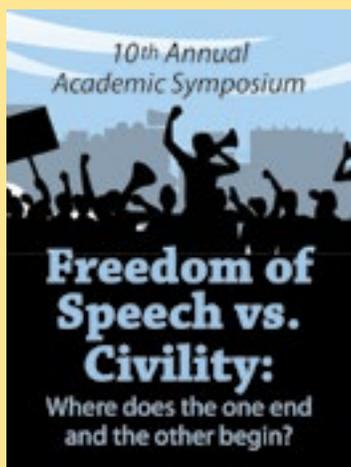
Dr. James Gray, Mike Mentzer and Fond du Lac Police Chief Bill Lamb discuss freedom of speech and public safety.

## 10th Annual Academic Symposium

On April 9 and 10, Marian University presented its 10th annual Academic Symposium, “Freedom of Speech vs. Civility: Where does the one end and the other begin?” The annual academic symposium featured a variety of student presentations, panelists and a keynote address by Dr. David M. Schribman, all focusing on civility in public discourse and the protection of our rights to freedom of thought and expression.

Schribman is the Executive Editor and Vice President of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, and previously served as Assistant Managing Editor at the Boston Globe and a columnist and Washington Bureau chief. He has also been a national political correspondent for the Wall Street Journal and covered Congress and national politics for the New York Times.

Schribman is a graduate of Dartmouth College and did graduate work at Cambridge University, England, as a James Reynolds scholar.



## 6th Annual Dr. Treffert Lecture Series held at Marian University

Marian University hosted the 6th annual Dr. Darold A. Treffert lecture series on Tuesday, April 16 in the Stayer Center.

The lecture series, titled “Help is on the Way,” centered on local efforts to help evaluate and treat autism. The presentation specifically focused on Agnesian Health-Care’s introduction of The Agnesian Autism, Behavior and Communication Center, a regional center that evaluates and treats children and adults with autism, behavioral concerns or communication difficulties.

In addition, the presentation incorporated a discussion of newer diagnostic techniques, useful interventions in these conditions with a focus on strengths and a detailed description of this new service by Agnesian HealthCare behavioral health professionals. These professionals included Dr. Matt Doll, Dr. Sarah Arnold, Dr. Teresa Davenport, Janet Martin OT and Renee Allen SLP.

The lecture series presentation was co-sponsored by Marian University’s School of Education, Kappa Delta Pi-Alpha Delta, Agnesian HealthCare and Doll and Associates.

## Starbucks at Marian University

On March 1, Marian University’s Common Grounds Coffeehouse became an authorized purveyor of Starbucks® coffee, making a great addition to the campus.

Common Grounds Coffeehouse is one of the most popular dining hubs on the Marian University campus and is open from 7 a.m. to midnight on weekdays and 11 a.m. to midnight on weekends. In addition to Starbucks® coffee, Common Grounds and Erbert & Gerbert’s Bistro features delicious food items including salads, sandwiches, yogurt parfaits and fresh fruit and veggies, all in a relaxing atmosphere.



For more information on Common Grounds Coffeehouse and Starbucks®, visit [www.mariandining.com](http://www.mariandining.com).



## **Marian graduates earn Golden Apple Awards**

Inspired to educate, Marian University students and alumni were celebrated for their excellence in teaching at the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary Golden Apple Awards ceremony on April 17 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Green Bay, Wis.

Organized as part of the Green Bay Area Chamber of Commerce's Partners in Education program, seven of the Golden Apple Awards were received by students and alumni of Marian University.

Recipients include:

- Ashley Anthon '10
- Jack Batten '01
- Rochelle Coopman '12
- Katie Mueller '92
- Aaron Pokrzywa '08
- Joe Rukamp '12
- Craig Zellner (*currently enrolled*)

The Golden Apple Awards program aims to improve community awareness of the quality of education within the Greater Green Bay area through recognizing high standards of professionalism, leadership and innovation in teaching.

## **2013 Student and Faculty Awards**

Each year, Student Senate recognizes individuals who have exemplified Marian's core values.

### **Student of the Year**

Jessika Bustamante '13

### **Student Athlete of the Year**

Jordan Dykstra '13, soccer  
Everett Zank '13, soccer

### **Spirit of Marian Award**

Katlin Vande Hei '13

### **Senator of the Year**

Reginald Parson '13

### **Sr. Marie Scott Award**

Kate Candee  
*Vice President for Mission and Student Engagement*

Faculty and staff awards also recognize those who have provided outstanding service and continued commitment to students both in and out of the classroom.

### **James R. Underkofler Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching**

Leslie Jaber-Wilson  
*Associate Professor of Social Work*

### **Academic Advising Excellence Award**

Dr. Bruce Prall  
*Professor of Chemistry*

### **Service-Learning Award**

Michael Ketterhagen  
*Associate Professor of Theology*



Dr. Tom DePaoli

## Professor authors new book

A Marian University business professor announced his authorship on a new book that examines the world of supply chain management.

Dr. Tom DePaoli, director of the management program in the School of Business and Public Safety, is the author of "Common Sense Supply Management: Tales from the Supply Chain Trenches" that was released in September 2012. In a reader-friendly, storytelling format, the book uses real life examples to discuss what goes right, and often wrong, in the supply chain management trenches.

DePaoli's book advances the field of supply chain management to tackle best practices, Lean Six Sigma and information-based negotiations. He includes an extensive chapter on planning and strategy that prepares the supply management professionals for his multi-dimensional approach to suppliers, offers proven tactics for testing and sourcing suppliers and discusses the possible pitfalls of using international sourcing.

DePaoli earned his doctoral degree from California Coast University, Santa Ana, Calif., and his master's degree in management from the University of Notre Dame Graduate School of Business in Indiana. DePaoli has extensive publishing experience, and has previously published "Common Sense Purchasing."



## Miss Representation documentary shares value of the role of women

Showcasing the value of the role of women in society, Marian University held a screening of the 90-minute documentary Miss Representation on May 7 in the Stayer Center Auditorium.

The film, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival, exposes how mainstream media contributes to the underrepresentation of women in positions of power and influence in America. Miss Representation challenges the media's limited and often disparaging portrayals of women and girls, which make it difficult for women to achieve leadership positions and for the average woman to feel powerful herself.

In addition, Miss Representation incorporates stories from teenage girls and provocative interviews with entertainers, journalists, politicians, activists and academics, including Condoleezza Rice, Lisa Ling, Katie Couric and Nancy Pelosi, as well as includes facts and statistics that share the women's perspective.

*The Miss Representation screening was sponsored by Marian University, Women's Fund of Fond du Lac County and Grande Cheese.*

## Crisis Reality Training assists community in school safety

On May 6 and 7, Marian University hosted the “Staff: This is a Lockdown” presentation centered on crisis reality training with instructor Jesus Villahermosa Jr., as part of his company Crisis Reality Training, Inc.

This training focused on a historical perspective of lockdown situations and how schools can plan for best and worst case scenarios, as well as what schools can do to communicate their effective lockdown survival plan with employees, visitors and students. The presentation also held an open discussion of the many high profile school and workplace shootings and what actions students and employees took during an active shooter event that led to their survival.

For over 26 years, Jesus Villahermosa Jr. and his company Crisis Reality Training, Inc. have educated over 500,000 professionals and students across the United States and Canada about issues regarding gangs, youth violence, workplace violence, rape and assault prevention and school safety issues including active killer response planning and lockdown training.

## Nursing Association receives state award

Inspired by Marian University’s Core Value of Service, the Marian University Student Nurses Association (MUSNA) received recognition of their community service efforts during the 64<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the Wisconsin Student Nurses Association on February 1–3. MUSNA was represented by 14 nursing students, and received the “Most Community Projects” award.

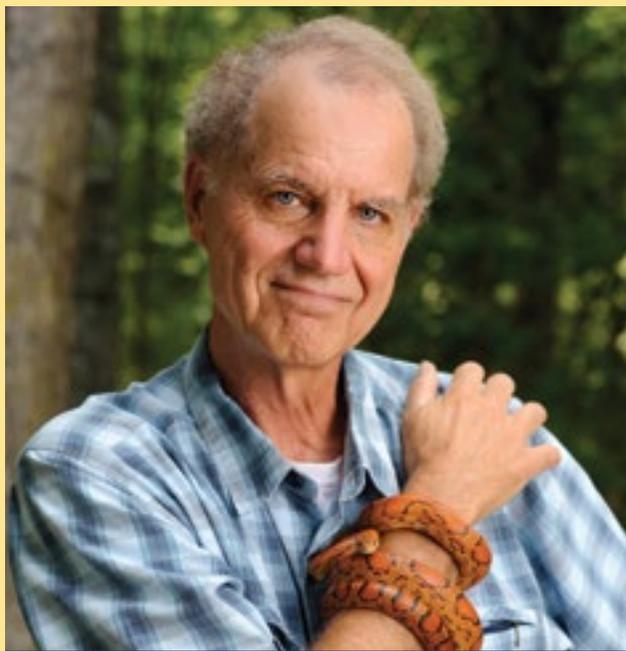
“This award illustrates how active MUSNA is in comparison to other nursing schools in the state. MUSNA participates in many University and community service projects throughout the year and this award demonstrates the involvement and commitment to assist others,” said Nancy Noble, associate professor in the School of Nursing and Health Professions and co-advisor of the MUSNA. “Community service is a core value of Marian University and recognized by the nursing profession, and MUSNA works hard to maintain its reputation for being an active and professional organization that strives to meet its goal and mission.”

Along with receiving the award, Marian University student Evan Brown was elected to serve on the 2013–14 Wisconsin Student Nurses Association Board of Directors.



THE MUSNA AT THE 64<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE WISCONSIN STUDENT NURSES ASSOCIATION:

(Front Row L-R): Evan Brown, Emily Young, Stephanie Sievers, Tiffany VanSambeek, Abby Vandehey, Beth Wodsadelek (Back Row L-R): Karen Roberts, Tina Voit, Katlin Vande Hei, Erica Konrath, Rebecca Mueller, Wendy Reckelberg, Anastasia Krueger, Megan Mueller, Nancy Noble



Hal Herzog

### First-Year Studies Program hosts author, Hal Herzog

Marian University's First-Year Studies Program hosted Hal Herzog, author of the book "Some We Love, Some We Hate, and Some We Eat: Why It's So Hard to Think Straight About Animals" in October 2012. Herzog's book was featured as part of the first-year seminar course and was the common read for all first-year students.

Marian University community members and the public enjoyed hearing Herzog's perspective of "why animals matter." His book, based on more than two decades of research, investigates the complex psychology of human interactions with other species. Herzog is particularly interested in how people respond to real-world ethical dilemmas and has researched animal activists, animal researchers, cock fighters and circus animal trainers.

Herzog currently serves as a professor of psychology at Western Carolina University and lives in the Smoky Mountains with his family and pets. His research has been published in journals such as Science, The American Psychologist and The Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association, as well as Newsweek, National Public Radio, Scientific American, USA Today, The Boston Globe, The Chicago Tribune and many others.



### Voces de la Frontera's Nancy Flores presents on Immigration Reform

On April 16, Marian University held a special presentation by Voces de la Frontera featuring keynote speaker Nancy Flores. Centered on "The Fight for Family Unity," the presentation featured a discussion of the history of immigration reform, as well as where the issue stands and what may occur in the future.

The event was sponsored by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes, United for Diversity, and Marian's foreign language department, Social Justice committee and Students without Borders chapter.

Voces de la Frontera, a leading immigrants' rights group in Wisconsin, began as a bilingual newspaper in 1995 prior to transforming into a workers center and immigrants' rights group. Voces de la Frontera serves to give a voice to immigrants around Wisconsin and the nation.



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# Measuring the Value of a Marian Education: A 'Return on Inspiration'

*The Marian University experience continues to inspire students after graduation and provides opportunities to share the Core Values.*

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The concept of “Return on Investment” or ROI has circulated the financial and business world for centuries, making sure that time and monetary investments return a profit or successful gain. However, this formula isn’t the only determinate of value — especially when looking at the time spent earning a degree.

Unlocking the key to success through a quality education, students have invested their time, money and passion into the Marian community through their educational journey. Graduates of Marian University continually share their success stories, showcasing the value of a Marian University education both in their personal and professional lives. At Marian, the ROI concept has transformed from a simple business theory into a personified experience, as a “Return on Inspiration.”

### Finding the Inspiration

The value of an education may not be apparent at first, especially when trying to find one’s inspiration in a certain field. However, Marian University leads students to engage in the small,

values-based community that centers on their inherent strengths while nurturing their personal and professional success.

For Sally (Dykstra) Ketterhagen ‘97, a school counselor at Cedar Grove Elementary, it was easy to see the benefits of a Marian education.

“Coming from my small hometown of Cedar Grove, Wis., I knew I wanted to maintain that same ‘home’ feeling,” said Sally. “I knew I couldn’t make my decision around just academics. The professors and staff at Marian instantly formed a relationship with me and, from that point on, I knew Marian fit who I wanted to be. I knew I was home.”

Upon entering Marian, Sally began as a business major, but through her coursework and discussions with faculty, her passion for helping others led her in a different direction.

“My professors were integral in helping me develop my goals and see where I wanted to go. I had always wanted to help others and be in the service field, and that’s why I became a psychology

major,” said Sally. “My professors helped organize field experiences that showed me that I wanted to be in a school and help students. These opportunities helped me set myself apart — Marian truly prepared me for success.”

Like Sally, **96% of students at Marian University participate in real-world, applied learning experiences through research, clinical and internship opportunities.** These experiences, coupled with personal attention and support, aid in student development and growth, allowing them to find their inspiration.

Sally’s education at Marian wasn’t just life-changing for herself, but her experience overflowed into her family. Inspired by her sister, Jordan Dykstra, a senior Early Childhood-Elementary Education major, has been calling Marian her second home since she visited her sister on campus.

“I always remember the times I visited Sally at Marian and I never wanted to leave,” said Jordan. “Marian was a good fit for us because it was an intimate





campus and there was a focus on learning about ourselves and our strengths.”

Centered on the development of the whole person, Marian University prides itself on being a **strengths-based campus**, allowing students, faculty and staff the opportunity to identify their strengths and talents according to the strengths-based philosophy of Gallup, Inc.

“After identifying my strengths, there was so much for me to build off of and grow,” said Jordan. “It wasn’t just about seeing how my talents helped me in my education and as a future teacher, but it was a movement of the whole community’s strengths.”

Although academics are the main value of a Marian education, Sally and Jordan, as well as Sally’s husband and fellow graduate of Marian, Josh Ketterhagen, ’97, a high school biology teacher at Cedar Grove High School, all shared in the range of benefits of the Marian experience.

“Even as a commuter student, Marian was a place where you could get involved,” said Josh. “Whether it was on the basketball court or as a resident

assistant in Student Life, Marian helped me develop my goal of becoming a biology teacher — plus it’s where I met Sally.”

“As a soccer player, it was great to be on the team at Marian, and having these opportunities helped me be a better leader and helped prepare me for my role as a teacher following my graduation in May,” said Jordan.

In an effort to make every moment a worthy investment, Marian helps students engage both in and outside of the classroom in an effort to maximize learning opportunities. Proudly, more than **95% of Marian University students receive some form of financial aid**, and **more than 94% of students find immediate employment or placement into a graduate program after graduation**.

“Marian really works with you to help you be the best that you can be, especially in making it affordable,” said Josh. “Marian helped us with scholarships, work study and internship positions, which really gave us more experience to add to our résumés. Not only were we prepared for our careers, but our investment in our education was something

that was worth it. If we had to choose again, our decisions would be the same — Marian is home.”

### Inspired Opportunities

The personal relationships and small class sizes inspire many students to attend Marian. For Katherine Vergas '99, who currently serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the Ripon Medical Center in Ripon, Wis., it was the nursing and values-based experience that made Marian the best choice.

“Growing up in Fond du Lac, Marian was always known for its quality education, especially for nursing,” said Katherine. “It wasn’t just the nursing program that attracted me to the campus, but the spiritual heritage and values-based learning environment that were also important to me.”

Inspired by its Core Values and Mission, Marian University provides a quality, values-based learning experience. Katherine’s desire for a small community was enhanced by a beneficial student to faculty support system, as **Marian students engage in a 12:1 student-faculty ratio and an average class size of 15.**

“As a student, I appreciated the support of the nursing faculty,” said Katherine. “They really work to meet the needs of their students. Marian professors helped me have the confidence, foundation of knowledge and support needed during class, especially with my NCLEX exams.”

Working to develop nurses into knowledgeable, compassionate caregivers, Marian strives to prepare its students with the problem solving and critical thinking skills needed to be effective in the



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workplace. Currently, students in the nursing program continue Katherine’s legacy of success, as **nursing graduates earned a 94% pass rate on the Wisconsin NCLEX exam in 2012.**

The nursing program assisted Katherine in her goal of helping and healing others; however, it was through the assistance and encouragement of Dr. Richard Ridenour, president of Marian from 1997–2006, that Katherine incorporated her passion for service and support for her country into her role in the Navy.

“Dr. Ridenour, who is a veteran of the Navy, helped me get connected with the nursing opportunities available in the Navy,” said Katherine. “Coming from a family who has served in the military, I wanted to use my nursing skills in this capacity. A larger school would never have worked for me, especially in my connection with Dr. Ridenour, as it’s not often that the president of a college asks students

about who they want to be and how they can be of personal assistance in reaching their goals.”

Following Katherine’s service at the National Naval Medical Center, in addition to working on the U.S.S. Comfort’s surgical unit, her nursing and management skills led to her role as COO of Ripon Medical Center.

“The connections made at Marian, with students, faculty, and even the president, are ones that don’t come at every college,” said Katherine. “I still stay in contact. As an alumna of Marian, I know it is my role to come back and help current students share the vision, connections and opportunities that made me successful.”

## Pay It Forward Inspiration

The take away lessons from a Marian University education are endless, with the experiences of each student leading to inspire the community. Josh Bullock, Ph.D., '08, knows the value of the Marian education, especially through his doctoral work and its focus on leadership and service to the community.

"Education is the key to unlocking the potential in students, including myself," said Josh, who currently serves as the Vice President for Strategic Advancement at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, as well as an adjunct professor of Marian University for the past 20 years. "While earning my doctoral degree at Marian, the knowledge and connections made positioned me well to take on leadership roles, especially as I move forward in my career."

Josh will be serving as the President of Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill., effective July 1, and attributes much of his success in leadership to lessons learned at Marian.

"As I transition to a new role, it is the critical thinking, problem solving and values gained from Marian's engaged community that will be beneficial in my role as president," said Josh. "Marian University infused and reinforced the value of transformational leadership, and showed me how to fully embrace my own values and beliefs and lead with them, in order to inspire others."

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entrepreneurial skills and motivated spirit; however, it is at Marian that he was challenged to think differently and to use his skills to benefit the community.

"I'm always making connections, many of which are inspiring change within the community," said Josh. "Marian taught me how to allow my values and interests to overflow into the community, which is why I have taken an active leadership role in several local organizations. It's all about that 'pay it forward' inspirational concept."

Josh enjoys volunteering his time in the local community. The act of service starts early at Marian, as **Marian students engage in volunteer experiences with over 200 organizations, and participated in more than 31,553 hours of**

**volunteerism and service-learning opportunities during the 2011-12 academic year.**

"The leadership qualities, the transformative way of thinking and the values gained are all things I learned from Marian and I hope to espouse in my role as president," said Josh. "The impact of an education is one that shouldn't be taken lightly. Students who immerse themselves in their education will be able to see the value of it in their own success."

The value of a Marian University education is evidenced through the successful careers, empowering service and personal rewards experienced by the students and alumni of Marian University. From personal relationships, affordability, service to others and quality preparedness for any career, the Marian experience is truly a valued investment and continues the *Return on Inspiration* in the community. ■

# Programs of the future inspired by innovative technology

For more than 75 years, Marian University has succeeded in offering a variety of educational opportunities that meet the needs and lifestyles of its students, leading them to successful, competitive careers.

With the goal of providing innovative program delivery, Marian University welcomes the addition of three new online programs for adult and continuing education students: Operations and Supply Chain Management, Radiologic Technology and Special Education.

## Gaining Management Experience

Students in the new online bachelor of business administration degree in Operations and Supply Chain Management will engage in

a curriculum focused on a comprehensive understanding of distribution, wholesaling, purchasing and basic principles of management. Offered completely online, adult students meeting the requirements can begin the program in the fall, spring or summer semesters, and proceed through the program at their own pace through taking one or several courses each seven-week term.

## A Leader in Health Care

Beginning this semester, Marian University will offer a bachelor of science in Radiologic Technology completion degree in a 100% online format. As a frontrunner in the state to offer the program, Marian's radiologic technology program allows its students to fulfill career and education goals, while further enhancing their skills to give the best care to their

patients. Radiologic Technology students will be able to engage in hands-on clinical experiences in an accredited School of Radiologic Technology.

## Inspiring Educators

Beginning in summer 2013, Marian University's Special Education program will begin to be offered in a 100% online format. With a legacy of success in the education field, the Special Education program allows current educators with a valid Wisconsin teaching license to gain additional certification and allow them to renew and strengthen their teaching skills in order to meet the diverse learning needs of all students.

For more information, contact the Office of Adult and Graduate Admission at [admission@marianuniversity.edu](mailto:admission@marianuniversity.edu).



## Green Bay Packers awards grant to Sabre Athletics

by Luke Pattarozzi, Director of Athletic Communications

In February, Marian University Athletics was awarded a substantial grant by the Green Bay Packers Foundation that went toward improving overall campus wellness, through the upgrading of equipment and wellness facilities on campus.

"We are always trying to improve the student-athlete experience at Marian University," said Jason Murphy, director of Athletics. "We are grateful that the Green Bay Packers Foundation has chosen us as one of the recipients of this grant and we look forward to continuing to improve the wellness resources for our student-athletes at Marian in every way possible."

The Green Bay Packers Foundation awarded a total of \$450,000 to 145 civic and charitable groups throughout the state of Wisconsin in its annual distribution of grants. Both the total donation amount and the number of recipient organizations are records for the foundation.

"We're honored to recognize the efforts of the year's recipients," said Packers President/CEO Mark Murphy via a press release at the announcement luncheon, Feb. 13. "We congratulate each of them for the tremendous impact they make in their communities."

## Sabres see upgrades to athletic facilities

by Luke Pattarozzi, Director of Athletic Communications

Over the past year, Marian University students have seen continuous upgrades to facilities on campus, more recently, the Sadoff Gymnasium. Due in large part to a grant received from the Green Bay Packers Foundation, in addition to Marian fundraising efforts, improvements have been made to the weight room and fitness areas as well as the athletic training facility.



Everyone can now utilize updated treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, free weights, squat machines and much more, while overlooking the beautiful campus quad or viewing one of two flat screen televisions added to the facility.

"I am very impressed with the changes," said Sophie Shieldt, a member of the Marian women's hockey team. "I think it has made a big difference for us as a team and I know other teams have benefited from the improved facility."

The training room, which once consisted of two training tables and minimal workspace, was relocated and now houses two offices and a training room. This improved area features seven new training tables and a large built-in storage unit to accommodate the growing student-athlete enrollment at Marian University. The weight and fitness area has been transformed into a large space that allows all students, faculty and staff on campus to enjoy the new equipment that has been added.

In addition, a renovated area above the coaching offices adjacent to the workout facility has given way to a new golf simulator donated by Hornung Pro Golf. The new training tool will give Marian University golfers a competitive edge, especially during the long winters, while also allowing students the opportunity to simulate playing courses such as Pebble Beach or Augusta in the comfort of a climate-controlled indoor facility.

## Athletic fundraising success

by Luke Pattarozzi, Director of Athletic Communications

Marian University athletics has witnessed many changes during the 2012–13 school year, changes which may not have been possible without the success of the Marian Athletics' fundraising efforts. The development and implementation of the Sabre Club, the design and structure of a new Sabre sponsorship program for businesses, as well as a new homecoming initiative, have brought about new sources of revenue and enabled Marian Athletics to continue supporting student-athletes with facility upgrades and financial support now and for the future.

The newly founded Sabre Club hit the 200-member mark and raised over \$30,000 in just the first eight months of existence. It was established with a vision to identify and cultivate donors by establishing giving levels and benefits.

The new Sabre sponsorship program has brought about various opportunities for local businesses to get involved. Nearly a dozen businesses have agreed to sponsor Sabre Athletics, including six that have signed to multi-year sponsorship deals. The program has created a referral system, allowing Marian Athletics to reach out to more business leaders. All in all, over \$70,000 in sponsorship revenue has been generated for this year.

The new homecoming initiative saw the Inaugural Sabre Golf Classic and Hall of Fame Induction ceremony take place in early October 2012. The Sabre Golf Classic attracted over 70 players in the first year, generating over \$18,000 in revenue. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was a first-class event, hosting over 170 attendees, while inducting seven individuals and a team to the 2012 class.

If you're interested in supporting Marian Athletics, contact Rich Eckert, advancement officer for athletics at (920) 923-8639.



For more information on Marian Athletics, be sure to check out [www.sabreathletics.com](http://www.sabreathletics.com)

## Athletics congratulates successful seniors

Marian University Athletics would like to congratulate the 31 senior student-athletes who proudly wore blue and white admirably. Good luck and be successful, #SabreNation!

**Mitch Andrus** — Baseball  
**Cory Ashbeck** — Men's Golf  
**Andrew Bales** — Men's Tennis  
**Sarah Brooker** — Women's Tennis  
**Jake Coenen** — Men's Basketball  
**Reilly Connaher** — Women's Tennis  
**Garrett Dorn** — Baseball  
**Dakota Dubetz** — Men's Hockey  
**Jordan Dykstra** — Women's Soccer  
**Ryan Fisher** — Baseball  
**Emilie Jansen** — Softball  
**Carlie Kinsey** — Volleyball  
**Jade Koenu** — Women's Soccer  
**Mitch Kriz** — Men's Hockey  
**Andy Kuechler** — Men's Hockey  
**Devan Lesch** — Women's Hockey  
**Katie Lindsley** — Women's Hockey  
**Aileen Maier** — Volleyball  
**Will Martin** — Baseball  
**Jake Miller** — Baseball  
**Denny Mudd** — Men's Soccer  
**Rachel Mullendore** — Women's Hockey  
**Kylie O'Connell** — Women's Hockey  
**Rob Ogden** — Men's Soccer/Tennis  
**Katie Reimer** — Volleyball  
**Brendan Roberts** — Men's Hockey  
**Ryan Seifert** — Baseball  
**Megan Sesing-Gomoll** — Women's Hockey  
**Jeff Thomas** — Baseball  
**Chelsea Will** — Women's Tennis  
**Everett Zank** — Men's Soccer

### Save the Weekend Homecoming 2013

Friday, Sept. 27: Sabre Golf Classic

Saturday, Sept. 28: Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

The 2013 Hall of Fame Class will be announced on August 1.

For more information, contact

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# Leaving an Inspiring Legacy

*Dr. Bruce Prall reflects on academic, athletic changes throughout the past 42 years*



The first step onto Marian's campus is always a memorable one. For students, the first step represents a newfound freedom and ability to earn a degree. However, for faculty and staff, it is a step toward a career in higher education.

It was in 1971 that Dr. Bruce Prall, current professor of chemistry, first stepped foot on the Marian University (formerly college) campus. Awaiting his laboratory, first classroom of students and preparing interesting lessons in chemistry, Dr. Prall entered the hallowed halls of Marian University to embark on a journey into higher education in order to share his passions for the field of science and athletics.

Following 42 years of creating a legacy with thousands of Marian graduates, Dr. Prall is able to reflect on his active participation within the Marian community, especially as he prepares for retirement following the spring 2013 semester.

### Early Beginnings

Following the completion of his own education earning B.S. and M.S. degrees at Kansas State University–Emporia and his Ph.D. at the University of Nevada–Reno, Dr. Prall made his way to Marian University in the fall of 1971.

"I had just completed my Ph.D. and had wanted to go somewhere where I saw a future," said Dr. Prall. "I applied at Marian and enjoyed the small, liberal arts values."

Only two years later, Dr. Prall married his wife, Mary, and settled down in a home outside of Fond du Lac.

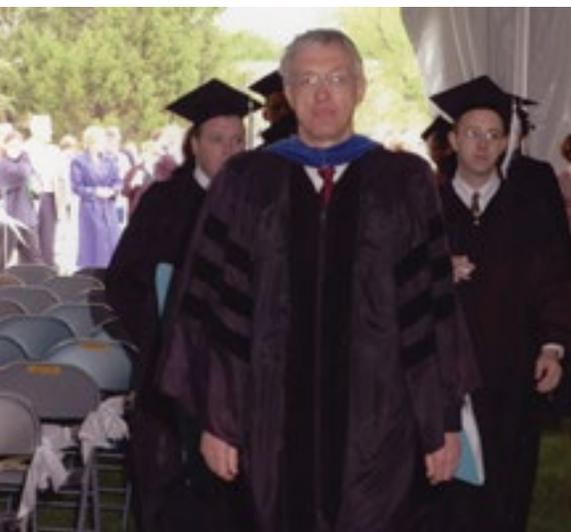
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### Transitions in the 1970s

Dr. Prall began his teaching role as an assistant professor of chemistry, eager to serve the university and share his passion for chemistry. Dr. Prall was one of a few lay faculty and one of the few male faculty on campus when he began in 1971.

"Historically, Marian had been a women's college centered on nursing and education, which were taught by the Sisters of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. Though male representation progressively increased over the years, I was only one of three lay male faculty members," said Dr. Prall. "It had changed to a co-educational institution





in 1970, and the male population was slowly growing when I started. Dr. James Hanlon was the first male and lay president of the college, and many of the male students came from St. Lawrence Seminary.”

The male population resided in Naber Hall, the first male residence hall on campus, whereas the female students and Sisters of St. Agnes resided in Regina Hall. With the higher female to male ratio, Dr. Prall recalls the brainstorming of ideas to gain more interest from male students, and this led to the development of the athletics department.

“Athletics virtually didn’t exist,” said Dr. Prall. “Aside from women’s intramural sports of volleyball and tennis, there wasn’t any athletic engagement, especially for the new men on campus. However, the idea of athletics — and an athletics department — became a selling point for Marian.”

### Growing in the 1980s

Dr. Prall’s involvement in the development of the athletic department soon landed him in the position of Marian’s first athletic director, where he established women’s basketball as the college’s first sponsored sport.

“We had strong interest in sports, and the Howard L. Sadoff Gymnasium was built in 1981, serving as Marian’s first athletic facility,” said Dr. Prall. “Before this, teams would have to practice at the elementary school gymnasiums in Fond du Lac.”

In addition to the development of women’s sports, the approximately 30–40 male students on campus

became the first Marian University basketball team, utilizing Dr. Prall and current staff as coaches and directors of the program.

“Later in 1986 or so, we saw a slight drop in enrollment down to about 350 students, and so Dr. Edward Henry, who was president at the time, stepped in,” said Dr. Prall. “We were able to use the development of athletics to recruit, which in turn added to enrollment as well as increased our needs as a college, especially in living space.”

With the development of the athletic programs, Marian saw the addition of the Townhouses in 1988. Additionally, new academic programs also attracted a growing number of students, particularly through the adult and graduate program, formerly called the Marian Adult Accelerated Program.

### Changes in Athletic Conferences

Over the history of Marian athletics and in his various roles within the department, Dr. Prall recalls the changes in conferences, as well as several wins.

“The conferences changed, not only in name, but in which colleges were included,” said Dr. Prall. “Marian’s men’s basketball team was in the Wisconsin Conference of Independent Colleges, which evolved into the Lake Michigan Conference. The women’s teams were in the Wisconsin Independent Colleges Women’s Athletic Conference, and both this conference and the Lake Michigan Conference joined together to become the Northern Athletics Conference. It was then that Marian became a Division III college.”

As the number of colleges in the conference differed, Marian quickly gained a positive athletics reputation, especially in basketball.

### Into the 1990s and Beyond

The 1990s brought more development and additions to the campus and athletic department, including additional course and program offerings at both the undergraduate and graduate level.

Following the implementation of the men's baseball and soccer teams in the late 1980s and an increase in the student body, the campus incorporated a variety of aesthetic changes, including the addition of the Courtyard residence facilities in 1993, the Todd Wehr Alumni Center and Common Grounds Coffeehouse in 1999, the Stayer Center for Technology and Executive Learning in 2001, and the Herr–Baker Baseball Field in 2008.

Dr. Prall was excited about Marian's latest facility addition of the Lenz Field House, which added to the scheduling and practice areas for Marian's athletic programs.

"It's interesting to see how both the academic and athletic landscape of Marian has changed since I've been here — and it's only been 42 years," said Dr. Prall. "I've always had a passion for teaching and athletics, and I've been able to do both at my home here at Marian. The athletes of Marian get the best of both worlds: an opportunity to play collegiate sports and enhance their skills, and a quality education that will lead them to their potential in society."

### A Relaxing Retirement

Retiring following the spring 2013 semester, Dr. Bruce Prall has certainly left his mark on the Marian community, both in the academic realm as a professor of chemistry and as an involved member of the athletic department, which led him to be inducted into the Marian University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

After 42 years of service, Dr. Prall looks forward to spending time with his family and engaging in his hobbies of gardening, canoeing, tennis, cross country skiing and basketball. However, Dr. Prall isn't too quick to leave, and looks forward to staying connected with the Marian community.

"I'm definitely coming back," said Dr. Prall. "I'm one of those people who enjoyed coming to work and spending time with my students and fellow faculty and staff. There's no doubt that I'll be coming back to campus to take in a few athletic games and observe the future of Marian academics and athletics as it continues to grow and leave a legacy of success." ■

## Retiring Faculty/Staff

Inspiring to leave a legacy, several members of the Marian University community have retired, or are set to retire, during the 2012–2013 academic year. Congratulations and best wishes to them as they enjoy their retirement.

### Bob Bohnsack

Director of Graduate Admission  
School of Education  
*21 years of service*

### Dr. Jim Dunphy

Associate Professor of Mathematics  
*22 years of service*

### Kathy Mathes

Senior Advisor for BSN Completion  
Students and Coordinator of  
Program Operation  
*12 years of service*

### Jane McGovern

Circulation/Interlibrary Loan Coordinator  
*11 years of service*

### Barbara Millage

Director of the Early Childhood Center  
*21 years of service*

### Monica Olig

Support Specialist II  
Office of Professional, Adult and  
Continuing Education  
*13 years of service*

### Dr. Bruce Prall

Professor of Chemistry  
*42 years of service*

### Dr. Larry Reynolds

Social Work Program Director  
*24 years of service*

*\*The names included on this list are those who have stated their retirement prior to the printing of this publication on May 1, 2013.*



## Professional networking experience inspires Marian students for their future

With the growing use of social media and technology, it is evident that we take pride in staying connected to family, friends and colleagues, whether they are right down the street or halfway around the world. When looking at careers, it is important for students to further these connections through professional networking and hands-on experiences in order to gain insight into their future career options and be prepared with the opportunities available to them after college.

Recognizing the importance of networking, Marian University President Dr. Steven R. DiSalvo, with the assistance of James Gray, J.D., professor in the School of Business and Public Safety, began using their connections and expertise to give students the opportunity of a lifetime — a chance to engage in professional networking with top sports and recreation management professionals in New York City.

“This opportunity opened the door for many of our students,” said Gray. “It is through these experiences that our students are able to speak with sport and recreation management professionals, share their skills and goals and maintain connections that will aid in their future careers.”

Six Marian University students were given this rare opportunity to meet with several leaders in the Sport and Recreation Management field.

“The professionals we met in New York were from a wide range of different sport areas,

including staff from New York’s Yankee Stadium and Madison Square Garden,” said Matt Berger, a junior Sport and Recreation Management major. “It was also interesting to meet Maury Gostfrand of Vision Sports, who is best known for his role as Joe Torre’s agent. These connections truly inspired me while helping understand how to narrow down career opportunities, and pursue a career that will incorporate my skills and passion for athletics.”

The Sport and Recreation Management majors who attended the New York City experience included Matt Berger ‘14, Katelyn Birringer ‘13, Clara Eickhoff ‘16, Kyle Heschke ‘14, Bryan Paine ‘14 and Jessica Schwarz ‘14. In addition to Yankee Stadium, Madison Square Garden and sport agents, the students engaged in professional networking with investing and management teams with Sports Capital Partners and public relations professionals. Furthermore, Marian Trustee Joel Cohen and his wife Terry hosted a networking reception for the group.

“Our students made many valuable contacts that will be beneficial to them in their future careers,” said Dr. DiSalvo.

Inspired to succeed, the Marian University community challenges its students to make the most of their experience.



Willadeen Zedan '13

### 85-year-old Willadeen Zedan graduates, with promise of sharing inspiration

With the excitement brought about by spring commencement, 85-year old undergraduate student Willadeen Zedan '13 will be among the graduating class and shares in the enthusiasm of looking forward to sharing her passion and skills. Zedan isn't looking for down time, but rather looking for an opportunity to serve.

"My experience here at Marian has been marvelous," said Zedan, who will be earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Theology. "The faculty and staff at Marian are supportive in working and helping students succeed. I want to use my degree and passion to share the Marian Core Values and Mission to help others in our community."

For Zedan, she hopes to take part in a ministry program that focuses on visiting and helping the elderly.

"I am looking into finding a church that wants to develop a program that helps people, and not just once or twice a month, but on a regular basis," said Zedan. "Some people my age only sit and watch television all day. But that's not for me — I intend to keep on and use God's gifts."

Zedan looks forward to walking across the stage at Commencement, especially with her five children and fifteen grandchildren there in support of her accomplishment.



Peter Capoyianes '13

### May 2013 graduate earns full scholarship to Garrett Theological Seminary

Marian University student Peter Capoyianes, a May 2013 Liturgical Music graduate, will be attending Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill.

Through receiving the full tuition Lincoln Ministry Scholarship, Capoyianes will be pursuing his goal of becoming a Methodist minister. He will be pursuing a Master of Science degree in Divinity, which is a two year program.

"Marian University definitely prepared me for graduate study," said Capoyianes. "I know I have the skills and foundation of knowledge to succeed. Through setting myself apart in the unique liturgical music major, Marian has been influential in helping me make my goals and passion come alive and be able to achieve in graduate school."

Following completion of an associate's degree, Capoyianes enrolled at Marian University in pursuit of more knowledge in his main interest areas of philosophy, theology and music. Capoyianes is actively involved in Marian's music department and through his local church as a Sunday School teacher.

## Alumni and students partner for panel presentation

Current students and alumni of the Marian English Department joined together to present at the Sigma Tau Delta International English Honors Society's Conference, held in Portland, Ore., in March.

Beginning in November 2012, alumni members Margaret Russell '12, Kimberly Schuenemann '12, Emily Whyms '12 and current student Angela Vis '14 partnered to plan a panel presentation centered on the conference theme "An Open Book." Using their experiences in internships and other hands-on opportunities through Marian, they created a proposal which incorporated these valuable educational experiences and led an open discussion on how to incorporate experience into the 21<sup>st</sup> century world.

The presentation focused on providing participants with the opportunity to engage in open discussion in the following areas: being actively involved outside of the English classroom, planning for graduate school and taking the GRE and pursuing a career in education or communication and technical writing.

## Student art published in IEATA Newsletter

Inspired by expression, Marian University student Megan Heding '13 had her artwork published in International Expressive Arts Therapy Association (IEATA) newsletter.

Heding, an Expressive and Therapeutic Arts major, created a self-portrait collage, featuring different elements throughout its creation. The self-portrait incorporates representations from Heding's life and view of herself.

IEATA is an organization that supports those who create art or utilize it in their careers in order to cause positive change in lives throughout the world.



ATTENDEES INCLUDED: Chiree Boden, Alexandria Bowe, Lora Brunn, Sara DeGross, Devon Garcia, Carisa Izydor, Amanda Jacobchick, Kiley Kennedy, Angela Krueger, Rebecca Larson, Stevie-Marie Sagmeister, Sarahjean Schluochtermann, Kelsey Schneider, Amanda Schrauth, Allison Shinnors and professors Leslie Jaber-Wilson and Jennifer Krueger.

## Core Values come alive through service trip

Inspired by the Core Values of service and social justice, Marian students and faculty of the honors sociology course, "Social Justice, Service and Leadership," traveled to Denver, Colo., to engage in a service-learning experience and become open to a new perspective on homelessness.

The course, taught by professors Jennifer Krueger and Leslie Jaber-Wilson, centered on expanding the knowledge of local and global social justice issues, which are in line with Marian's Core Values and the Catholic social teaching of how people can effect positive societal change. The course incorporated a service-learning component featuring an alternative spring break service trip.

The service trip featured working with three Denver-based organizations: the Samaritan House, a transition shelter; Christ in the City, a missionary-centered organization; and the SAME (So All May Eat) Café, a non-profit café that provides healthy meals to those in need.

"The course taught us how to change the negative, judgmental perceptions of the homeless," said Alex Bowe '14. "We learned to refer to the situation as 'people who are suffering from homelessness' because they have goals, passions and motivation just like any of us, but are homeless due to circumstances out of their control."



Front L-R: Katie Sroka and Katlin Vande Hei  
Back L-R: Emily Reis, Ashley Zumbrock and Krista Kunkel

## Model United Nations competes in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador

Five Marian University students participated in the National Model United Nations — Latin America held January 11–20 in the Galapagos Islands, Ecuador. Led by faculty advisor Elizabeth Manser-Payne, the students represented Belgium and received an Honorable Mention award for their work.

The group worked with other students from around the world to solve the world's concern with the environment and sustainable resources. In addition to their conference presentation duties, the students also engaged in a community service–learning project and other cultural visits.

Competing for Marian were Krista Kunkel '13 of Rothschild; Emily Reis '14 of Lomira; Katie Sroka '14 of Waupaca; Katlin Vande Hei '13 of Greenville; and Ashley Zumbrock '14 of Chippewa Falls.

## Undergraduate Research Fellowship awarded

Marian University student Paul Troung '14 has been selected by CHROMagar Microbiology, a French-based company and leader in chromogenic culture media technology, to receive an undergraduate research fellowship.

The CHROMagar fellowship will fund Troung's research on E.coli found on farms, specifically in the bedding and pasture of cows during the late winter and spring seasons. The E.coli being studied is related to bovine mastitis, a mammary gland infection found in cows that affects milk production.



Kristin Skarie

## Student Leadership Conference features Kristin Skarie

Marian University held its seventh annual Student Leadership Conference on Saturday, March 23. More than 150 students were in attendance, and focused on learning in collaboration with the conference theme: "Lead for the Future: Dream, Dare, Do."

This year's conference keynote speaker was Kristin Skarie, a motivational speaker and founder/president of Teamworks. Her presentation encouraged students to be inspired to lead, especially in the areas of environment and sustainability. Skarie's keynote address focused on empowering students to reduce their impact on the earth based on a year-long experiment of not buying anything new and living sustainably.

During the conference, students were able to take part in a variety of specialized sessions that developed their leadership skills, shared community involvement opportunities and explored their values and personality traits, as well as learned ways to reduce stress.

## Alumni Spotlight: Angel (McCormick) Stoddard '92

It's the ah-ha moments. It's the click of the mental light bulb. It's the impact that a single teacher has on his or her student. Inspired by community, it's the personal, student-faculty relationships that lead Marian University students to success in their future careers.

Marian alumna Angel (McCormick) Stoddard's typical day begins and ends with teaching and spending the day with students, but not in the same way as other professors — she's at home at her computer.

As a professor in the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee's School of Continuing Education, Stoddard is teaching online courses in early childhood professional development and leadership to returning adult students. Although online learning is not much of a new concept, Stoddard recalls herself thinking online learning was an outrageous, and unlikely, future in education.

"It was in one of my education classes with Sr. Deb Goliias that I first heard about online learning and earning a degree through the internet," said Stoddard, a 1992 adult graduate of the elementary education program. "I remember Sr. Deb saying the future of education would be done through a computer — it seemed pretty cutting edge."

With this forward thinking concept, Stoddard recalls her class having difficulty picturing the use of technology for effective



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learning, especially for adult learners like herself. Stoddard, a returning adult and single mother with one son, set out to earn a degree from Marian University, and knew the small, supportive community was needed for her to learn.

"We couldn't believe it. We couldn't possibly imagine it was ever going to be effective, especially since we were still using typewriters back then," said Stoddard. "We were convinced that people needed to be in the same room to have meaningful conversations."

Ironically, Stoddard has been teaching online courses for a couple years now, and has truly embraced the effectiveness of online learning.

"After a few twists and turns in my career, I teach full-time online," said Stoddard. "Marian University has had such an impact on my career and I know that my education and the professors that I had made the difference."

Stoddard knew that an education was what would set her apart and give her the choice to succeed.

"I truly believe that my Marian education is one of the most valuable items that I have," said Stoddard. "I knew that a college education would allow me to be a teacher who could create a culture in the classroom that would support all types of learners."

Following her graduation, Stoddard taught in the fourth grade, and later earned her master's degree online from UW-Milwaukee. Since then, Stoddard is not only conducting online courses, but also a frontrunner in international online courses.

"My start was at Marian," said Stoddard. "It is thanks to my Marian education and the professors who touched my life and inspired me to go after my dreams. Now I can share my inspiration and empower others to challenge themselves and value the learning process — whether it's in person or online."

# Rick Kaepernick '88

*Caring cheese maker, coach and father inspires others to reach their potential*

There are some people in this world who feel entitled to success. However, there are a greater number of people who know that hard work, dedication and a quality education will lead to success.

For Rick Kaepernick '88, his education at Marian University coupled with years of experience has led to his success as the Vice President of Operations of Hilmar Cheese Company in California, the nation's largest cheese manufacturing facility.



## A Quality Education

As part of the first class in Marian's adult and continuing education program, Kaepernick always wanted to be a teacher or coach, yet when it came to earning his degree, he decided on a business degree at Marian.

"I had wanted to be a teacher, but hadn't continued on for a degree," said Kaepernick. "I had been working in management at the local cheese factory in Fond du Lac and at age 32, I knew it was time to go back."

At that time, Marian's adult program had just started, offering weekend and evening courses to returning adult students.

"With my experience in business, I knew Marian's courses would help me in my career," said Kaepernick. "The classes were convenient and allowed me to lead by example to show my children that an education is the first step in being successful."

## Applying Learned Lessons

Following his graduation from Marian, Kaepernick was offered the Vice President position at Hilmar Cheese Company in 1991, and relocated his family to California.

"Many lessons from Marian resonate with me, especially when I think of the hiring process here at Hilmar," said Kaepernick. "We all can't be experts, and when we look to hire new graduates, I know that students who are well-rounded are able to problem solve. Before, I wanted to be a coach of an athletic team, but I think being a coach of people from all walks

of life is a better fit and just as rewarding," said Kaepernick.

## Personal Values Inspires Others

Kaepernick also resonates with his "coaching" role as a father to three children, one of whom recently made headlines as the San Francisco 49ers quarterback at Super Bowl XLVII.

Following the birth of their oldest son and daughter and the tragic experience of losing two infant sons, Kaepernick and his wife adopted Colin, and have raised all three of their children to value hard work and perseverance.

"We always said: 'If it is to be, it is up to me,'" said Kaepernick. "We taught them that the greatest danger is that people set goals that are too low, rather than challenging themselves and living up to their full potential."

Kaepernick recalls a post-Super Bowl photo of Colin, where he is shown saddened by the loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

"The picture is an example of what I've taught all my children," said Kaepernick. "It shows that Colin has aimed high but hasn't achieved his full potential yet. All my kids are successful and know the value of an education, hard work and doing what you love."

# Upcoming Alumni Events

*Inspired to reconnect, the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations will be hosting events for Marian alumni in the upcoming summer months.*

## 5th Thursday Social

The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations will be hosting a 5th Thursday Social on Thursday, May 30, at 5 p.m. at the Main Exchange, located at 161 South Main Street in Fond du Lac.

These special socials are hosted during the months in which there are five Thursdays giving alumni an extra opportunity to reconnect with fellow alums and support local businesses in Fond du Lac.

## Rooting for the Brewers

With the Brewers season well underway, alumni of Marian can gather with their fellow Brewers supporters for some old-fashioned baseball entertainment as the



Chicago Cubs take on the Milwaukee Brewers on Wednesday, July 31 at Wrigley Field. An evening game beginning at 7:05 p.m., alumni can enjoy a tailgating experience from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. at the Goose Island Brewery. Tickets are \$75 and include the Cubs vs. Brewers game ticket, transportation with pickup locations in Appleton, Fond du Lac and Richfield, and all you

can eat food and beverages at the Goose Island Brewery. To register visit [www.marianuniversity.edu/Alumni-and-Parents/Events](http://www.marianuniversity.edu/Alumni-and-Parents/Events) today!

For more information about future alumni events, contact Mary Schwiner by email at [mschwiner@marianuniversity.edu](mailto:mschwiner@marianuniversity.edu) or by phone at (920) 923-8937.

## Alumni hosts second annual Winter Games

Reconnecting with old and new friends alike, the Marian University Office of Alumni and Parent Relations held the second annual Winter Sports Alumni Games on February 2, 2013. Over 40 alumni athletes returned to campus to participate in the women and men's basketball alumni basketball games, as well as the men's hockey alumni game.

Alumni from the men's and women's basketball teams and the men's hockey team were welcomed back to hit the court and share the ice, as well as have an opportunity to support Breast Cancer Awareness as both current and alumni members of the Marian Community celebrated the "Pink Out" weekend.



# Class Notes

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## Births

**Mike Manders '01** and **Amanda (Gorte) Manders '03/'11** will be welcoming a second child due in late May.

**Missy Brenner '04** welcomed daughter Jahara Nicole Posey on April 23, 2012.

**Nikki (Sperger) Hammond '04** welcomed a son, Langston Fletcher, on June 12, 2012.

**Heidi (Bergsbaken) Drath '05** welcomed a son, Devin James, on September 18, 2012.

**Erin (Schmidt) Little '05** and **Chad Little '06** are expecting their second child in early summer 2013.

**Chelsea (Bach) Monroe '05** and her husband, David, welcomed their daughter Morgan Adelle, on January 19, 2013.

**Dan Wilson '05** and **Amanda (Haese) '07** welcomed their second child, Evelyn Therese on March 6, 2013.

**Mike Coughlin '06** and wife Myriah Peterson Coughlin, welcomed Lincoln Michael on January 27, 2013.

**Melissa Goodacre '06/'10** and husband, Cliff, are expecting their third child in April. They have recently moved to the Door County area.

**Lupe Hernandez '07** and Morgan Franz welcomed a daughter, Leilani Mae Hernandez, on October 30, 2012.

**Emily (Zimmer) Graper '09** and husband, Andy, welcomed a daughter, Olivia Ann, on March 10, 2013.

**Trenton "TJ" Mlodzik '09** and **Tiffany (Yost) '10** welcomed a son, Wyatt James, in January 2013.

**Trisha Zimbelman '09/'12** and husband, Aaron, welcomed Sawyer Jay on February 7, 2013. Sawyer weighed in at 7 lbs., 11 oz. and was 18.5 inches in length.

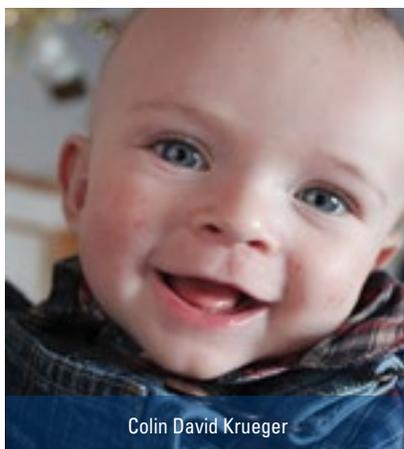
**Brenna (Miller) Cowan '10** and husband Willington, welcomed a daughter, Sophie Jayne, on November 30, 2012.

**Amanda (Walker) Mallmann '10** and her husband, Jacob, are expecting their first child in June 2013.



Eli and Greyson Rydquist

**Ashley (Mueller) Rydquist '11** and her husband, Zack, welcomed twin boys on December 26, 2012.



Colin David Krueger

**Jessica (Gaastra) Krueger '11** and her husband, Brad, welcomed a son, Colin David on October 5, 2012.

## Marriages/Engagements

**Kraig Peterson '02** is engaged to Kelly Flood. They are set to be married in September 2013.

**Amanda (Nickel) Derks '05** married her husband, Chris, on August 25, 2012.

**Nichole Guyette '05** is engaged to be married to Shaun Joyce. They welcomed a son, Ayden James Patrick Joyce on October 3, 2012.

**Nick Hartwig '05** and **Ashley (Lavin) '11** were married on June 23, 2012.

**Alston Godbolt '06** married his wife, Shannon, on September 22, 2012.

**Jeremy McCann '06** married his wife, Chrissy, on October 27, 2012.

**Janet (Brenner) Berlick '07** married her husband, Don, on August 27, 2011. They welcomed a daughter, Lillian Rose, on December 18, 2012.

**Jessica (Schneider) Cardona '07** married her husband Juan Angel Cardona on January 12, 2013.

**David Caves '07** married his wife, Caitie, on September 8, 2012.

**Brittany (Birler) Freund '08** married her husband, Brian, on November 2, 2012.

**Kayla (Egan) Smith '08** married her husband, Dustin, on February 10, 2012. They are expecting their second child in July 2013.

**Holly (Yunk) Brockman '09** and husband, Luke, were married on January 27, 2013.

**Julie (Edelstein) Meyer '09** married her husband, Josh, on January 26, 2013.

**Jessica (Schepper) Osmunson '10** married her husband, Mike, on June 16, 2012.

**Logan Rankin '10** and **Ashley (Vanness) '11** were married on April 21, 2012.



Riley and Katie O'Hearn

**Katie (Razner) O'Hearn '11** and her husband, Riley, tied the knot on October 15, 2012 in Fond du Lac.

**Ashley (Reed) Pellman '12** recently married her husband, Michael, on March 24, 2013.

**Kaitlin (Grams) Posthuma '12** married her husband, Michael, in October 2012.

## Jobs/Promotions



**Carol Jean (Kubichka) DeGroot '81** accepted an adjunct nursing instructor position at Rasmussen College in Green Bay, Wis. in October 2012.

**Angel (McCormick) Stoddard '92** serves as a professor in the University of Wisconsin–Milwaukee School of Continuing Education.

**Ann (Gonwa) Gaulke '96** currently serves as a third grade teacher at Grafton Elementary School in Grafton, Wis.

**Carolyn (Schmidt) Davis '99** took on a position as Creative Manager at Sentry Insurance in Stevens Point, Wis. in September 2012.

**Diane Deguzman '04** recently participated in the Philippines Medical Mission in January 2013.

**Femi Jones '05** serves as a manager at Potawatomi Bingo Casino in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Chelsea (Owen) McKay '05** serves as an Advertising Executive for Action Media Reporter. She and her husband, Ken, have a son, Owyn.

**Jason Bunton '06** serves as a substitute teacher, varsity baseball coach, freshman girls basketball coach, and speed and agility coach at Wilmot High School in Wilmot, Wis. Bunton also coaches and gives lessons at Batspeed in Gurnee, Ill.

**Craig Gunderson '06** serves as Principal of Cedar Grove School District in Cedar Grove, Wis. He is currently pursuing his doctoral degree at Marian.

**Erin Schultz '06** is the Director of Hope House in Manitowoc, Wis.

**Chelsea (Borgrud) Strauss '06** serves as a Research Scientist at Covance in Madison. She is married and has one daughter.

**Nick Vogt '06/'12** works as a fourth grade teacher at Aldine School District in Houston, Texas.

**Andrea Wolf '06** serves as an academic advisor in the graduate nursing program at Marian University.

**Erin Minger '07** serves as a Sales Manager for ECRM. She currently resides in Lake Bluff, Ill.

**Jake Harmsen '07** serves as a CPA and Investment Advisor at Feucht Financial. He currently resides in Fond du Lac, Wis. with wife, Sarah, and son, Maddox.

**Jonathan (Josh) Bullock '08** accepted a new position as President of Lake Land College in Mattoon, Ill., beginning in July. Bullock previously served as Vice President of Strategic Advancement at Moraine Park Technical College in Fond du Lac, Wis.

**Jacque Grahn '08** serves as a Registered Nurse at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Katherine Korecek '08** serves as a physical therapist at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, Wis.

**Jenna Razner '08** accepted a position as a third grade teacher at St. Mary's Springs Academy in Fond du Lac, Wis. She has been employed at St. Mary's Springs Academy since August 2012.

**Ted Thompson '08** serves as the Director of Operations for American Security and Investigations. He recently married his wife, Mallory, in June 2012.

**Tracy (Gravelle) Ablor '09** accepted a new position as Program Specialist for the Upward Bound Math and Science Program at Marian University.

**Greg Copeland '09** accepted a new position as New Business Development Manager at Karl's Event Services located in Oak Creek, Wis.

**Shelley Hoepfner '09** serves as a Americorps member at Common Wealth Development in Madison, Wis.

**Abbie Hoffman '09** serves as Staffing Coordinator for Life Style Staffing in Appleton, Wis.

**Jayme Nagle '09** serves as the Director of Nursing at Grancare Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Fond du Lac, Wis.

**Susan Lundin '10** serves as a middle school arts teacher at the Beaver Dam Unified School District in Beaver Dam, Wis.

**Brittany Stewart '10** serves as a 4K teacher in the Lake Mills School District in Lake Mills, Wis.

**Kelsey Westerveld '10** serves as a Youth Behavior Specialist at My Innovative Services.

**Kimberly Burk '11** serves as an elementary teacher at Markesan District Schools in Markesan, Wis.

**Jamie Dudarenke '11** accepted a promotion to Accountant II at Oshkosh Corporation in Oshkosh, Wis. She previously served the company as a Plant Accountant.

**Rebecca Hass '11** is a graduate assistant at the Pioneer Involvement Center and Green Life at the UW–Platteville.

**Joe Howard '11** recently accepted a new position as Permissions Administrator at Hal Leonard Corp.

**Katie (Razner) O'Hearn '11** is serving as a 4K teacher at St. Mary Springs Academy in Fond du Lac, Wis.

**Ashley (Mueller) Rydquist '11** accepted a new position serving as a Registered Nurse in the Intensive Care Unit at Watertown Regional Medical Center in Watertown, Wis.

**Lindsay Schneider '11** is currently serving as a line therapist at the Wisconsin Early Autism Project.

**Joshua Schuenemann '11** serves as a K–8 music teacher at St. Mary's Parish School in Portage, Wis.

**Nicole Shommer '11** serves as a nursing unit clerk at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Appleton, Wis.

**Abby Smit '11** works as a third grade teacher at Brandon Elementary School in Brandon, Wis.

**Steven Steinert '11** serves as a Sales Assistant at Cleary Building Corporation.

**Annette Van Straten '11** serves as a general music and choir teacher at Clintonville Middle School in Clintonville, Wis. She also serves as an instructor in the Gifted and Talented Department.

**Ryan Birenbaum '12** is a Financial Representative for Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee, Wis.

**Tasha Frye '12** is serving as the Executive Director of the Family Resources Center of Fond du Lac County.

**Alyssa Kramer '12** works as a Nurse Clinician at Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center in Mauston, Wis.

**Kristina Krueger '12** is working as a Registered Nurse at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, Wis.

**Caitlyn Krenz '12** serves as a Registered Nurse at Berlin Memorial Hospital in Berlin, Wis.

**Susan Laux '12** serves as an APNP for Affinity Medical Group in Primary Care.

**Colin Lohenry '12** accepted a position with the Tiletown Brewing Company in Green Bay, Wis.



**Margaret Russell '12** currently serves as a high school teacher at St. Joan Antida High School in Milwaukee, Wis. She also has earned International Baccalaureate (IB) Certification in Teaching and Learning.

**Katie Pynenberg '12** is doing missionary work in Montevideo, Uruguay, as part of the organization Campus Crusade for Christ.

**Megan Stahman '12** is an Administrative and Financial Assistant for Habitat for Humanity of Fond du Lac.

**Matthew Pena '12** is in a new position as Account Coordinator at GMR Marketing, LLC. in New Berlin, Wis.

**Kelsey Wehner '12** serves as a Family Case Manager at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin.

**Jordan Williams '12** serves as a high school mathematics teacher in the Oostburg School District in Oostburg, Wis.

**Colleen Deitte '13** accepted a position with the Spiritus Team in Menasha, Wis. where she will lead spiritual retreats and event programming.

## Awards/ Accomplishments

**Mohammed Bey '04/'07** has been selected as a member of the National Advisory Council to NCORE, the National Conference for Race and Ethnicity in American Higher Education. Bey currently lives in North Haven, Conn., and serves as the director of multicultural education at Quinnipiac University in Hamden, Conn.

**Teddie Malangwasira '08** was recognized as a Distinguished Research Award Winner from the Academy of Organizational Culture, Conflict, and Communication, and recently presented his doctoral work at the Allied Academies International Conference in Las Vegas, Nev. The research was based on "Demographic Differences Between a Leader and Followers Tend to Inhibit Leader-Follower Exchange (LMX) Levels, and Job Satisfaction."

**Nikki Warner '11** is pursuing her Ph.D. in Microbiology and Immunology at the University of Louisville in Louisville, Ky.

**Samantha Kucaj '12** is currently pursuing graduate study at The Chicago School of Professional Psychology in Chicago, Ill.

**Margaret Russell '12** was recently awarded the Elizabeth Holtz Creative Award for Creative Non-Fiction and the Isabel Sparks President's Award for Creative Non-fiction. Her short story was also accepted for publication in the 2013 edition of the Sigma Tau Delta annual journal, The Rectangle.



**Jordan Williams '12** won the Community First Fox Cities Marathon last fall in September 2012 with a time of 2:38:02.

**Peter Capoyianes '13** will be attending graduate school at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill. He will be pursuing his goal of becoming a Methodist minister, and has received the full tuition Lincoln Ministry Scholarship.

**Greg Hardt '13** will be earning his Ph.D. at Georgia State University, beginning in August.

**Reginald Parson '13** will be attending graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, where he received a graduate assistantship. He will be pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration.



## In Memorium

- Helen Anderson SASN '34, d. 8/24/11  
Tracy Amo '06, d. 2/4/13  
Sr. Mary Regina Bruen '65, d. 2/21/12  
Gregory Buellesbach '94, d. 1/17/13  
Lois Curry '64, d. 12/25/12  
Tom Duffy '64/'89, d. 3/23/13  
Bernice Hill SASN '37, d. 1/6/13  
Jeanne Kieffer SASN '50, d. 2/25/13  
Rosetta Erickson-Koehler '56, d. 1/28/13  
Blanche Kuhn SASN '47, d. 1/30/13  
Brett Lohse '02, d. 11/19/12  
Elaine McCarthy SASN '60/'67/'88, d. 3/23/13  
Mary Mengel SASN '54, d. 2/25/13  
Sr. Philip (Hilda) Saller, CSA '43, d. 1/6/13  
David Schmitz '87, d. 11/9/12  
Eunice Tabbert SASN '47, d. 3/19/13  
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