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Dear Friend of Marian University,

Our new vision statement at Marian is: ***“Developing potential, and enriching lives through teaching and learning — united in service for a just and humane world.”*** This new vision statement was developed after a year-long process during which every member of the staff, faculty, administration and trustees had an opportunity to contribute their thoughts; and it was ultimately written by a group of faculty and staff and approved by the trustees.

You can see this vision in action every day as we transform the lives of the students who choose to pursue their educational dreams here at Marian University. This is all the more evident in those who are first-generation college students — the first in their family to seek to earn a bachelor's degree. We do an especially good job at Marian of providing support services and programs that help these students to be successful in their educational pursuits and to embrace a life of service to others.

Whether a geographic or generational phenomenon, or due to word-of-mouth about the supportive environment we create, the percentage of students at Marian who are first-generation continues to exceed those who are not. I delight in greeting these students as they arrive for freshman orientation because I see myself in them — yes, my siblings and I were the first-generation of our family to attend college, as is the case with many members of the Marian community.

How have we done on the transformational side? Amongst our alumni who were first-generation college students, we have physicians, university professors and police chiefs; chiropractors, kindergarten teachers and country music agents; school district superintendents, social workers and senior nursing staff; business leaders, bankers and biologists. And the list goes on.

Regardless of whether a student is first-generation, one of our legacy students whose parents and/or grandparents have graduated from Marian, or anywhere in between, once you graduate from Marian the sky is the limit, because we develop potential, and enrich lives through teaching and learning — united in service for a just and humane world.

Please stop by my office to say hello any time you are on campus. You are always welcome at Marian!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert A. Fale". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "F".

Robert A. Fale
Interim President

MAKING THEIR MARK: Embracing First-Generation

*Inspiring academics, friendships
and strengths of first-generation students*



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First-generation Students Video
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WE HAVE A NATURAL DESIRE TO BE FIRST.

First in line at the grocery store. First in our graduating class. First in a marathon. We strive to win, and strive for that feeling of success, power and achievement.

In some cases, being first isn't intimidating. Yet for students who are first in their families to attend college, being "first" comes with both challenges and great reward. At Marian University, more than 52% of traditional undergraduate students are first-generation, and are making their mark on the world through earning a college degree.

APPLYING TO COLLEGE, MANAGING TIME

For many first-generation students, even the application process can be intimidating. For Tomislav Dugandzic '17, the application process for both admission and financial aid was unknown territory.

"My parents were unaware of all the steps we needed to take to just apply to college," said



Dugandzic of Waterford. "Marian's admission staff were really helpful in answering all of our questions throughout the application process and also when I got to campus. They helped me better understand my major, financial aid, on campus housing, meal plans, athletic programs and other organizations that I could take part in."

Upon stepping on campus, Dugandzic was hesitant about the demands of being a full-time student and student-athlete in Marian's baseball program.

"It's different in high school," said Dugandzic.

"Managing time is a challenge, and was new to me, especially between baseball workouts, travel, games, homework and classes and finding time to sleep. It's a transition, but knowing the impact a degree has is a big motivator. Plus, my family is supportive of my goals and I am making the most of my college experience for them."

OVERCOMING FINANCIAL OBSTACLES

First-generation college students face a variety of challenges and obstacles, especially financial obligations of a four-year college degree. For



Lakesha Ford '15, of Chicago, support and financial resources were limited in her experience of even getting to the Marian campus.

"I grew up in a not-so-good neighborhood in Chicago, and my teachers pegged me as someone who wasn't college material when I was in middle school," said Ford, a social work major. "I knew if I worked hard and earned good grades that I would graduate, but it wasn't until high school that someone helped me see that college should be part of my future."

It was because of that one teacher that Lakesha applied to Marian, and first felt the need to do more for herself and be an inspiration for her family. However, even with her acceptance letter in hand, Lakesha struggled with the financial obligations that came with attending a private university.

"I needed help even getting to campus for orientation," said Ford, who borrowed the bus ticket fare from several individuals just so she could travel to campus. "My family wasn't able to support me financially, but Marian helped me apply for financial aid, and I was even accepted into the TRiO/SSS program, which not only helps me financially, but offers academic resources to help me with my classes. I'm grateful for the support that Marian provides to students, both financially and academically."

INSPIRING RESOURCES

Although the first-generation stereotype has been seen as negative or disheartening, Marian has embraced the first-generation experience and strives to encourage students to be the first in their families to earn a degree.

"Students may not know what resources are available to them. As a first-generation student myself, I chose Marian because of its system of



support it has for its students," said Garry Moise '05/'08, director of the Upward Bound Math and Science program, a program that helps first-generation, low-income high school students see their potential through a college degree. "There is a transition from the high school to college classroom, and Marian offers a variety of academic resources to help students who may struggle in the classroom."

In addition to the Upward Bound Math and Science program, Marian has numerous partnerships with



high schools across Wisconsin, allowing students to see that earning a college degree is a possibility especially with academic support. Marian offers many resources to students, including academic advising, free tutoring, disability services, EXCEL Program and NCLEX resources, among others. In addition, Marian's Learning and Writing Center provides one-on-one tutoring to all students in the areas in reading, writing, math, science and nursing.

"As Marian faculty, we make ourselves available to our students," said Dr. Cooper Wakefield, professor of communication. "Faculty across campus understand the needs of first-generation students and work hard to help them engage — and feel comfortable — in the college classroom environment. It's our job to prepare these students for success and a bright future."

PAVING THE WAY, MAKING AN IMPACT

Despite having their challenges, first-generation graduates of Marian University are using their degree to make an impact in our local communities and around the world. For Sr. Anne Jude Van Lanen, '58, CSA, her college degree inspired a lifetime of service.

"Coming from a large family with five siblings, I couldn't afford to go away to college, and attending the St. Agnes School of Nursing [a predecessor to Marian's current School of Nursing and Health Professions] meant I could be part of their work study program," said Sr. Anne Jude, who, after receiving her diploma from the St. Agnes School

of Nursing, graduated with her bachelor's in nursing degree from Marian in 1958.

"My parents knew my goals and wanted me to go to college," added Sr. Anne Jude. "They wanted me to have an opportunity to further my education in a way that they couldn't when they were growing up. This opportunity was so special that I wanted to make the most of my experience and of my life."

Using her knowledge from her nursing degree, Sr. Anne Jude volunteered for nearly 17 years at the Clinica Santa Ines at Waspam, Nicaragua, and its outreach to the villages along the Rio Coco, where she shared her passion for medicine and the Catholic faith.



"These experiences were focused on providing education and healthcare to the indigenous peoples in the isolated parts of Nicaragua" added Sr. Anne Jude. "But going there and following in the footsteps of many other Sisters of St. Agnes, I knew that God was with me and his spirit was with me as I used my skills and knowledge of medicine to help those living along the Rio Coco."

No matter the challenges and obstacles that await first-generation students, the completion of a college degree can not only change the lives of one student and family, but inspire positive change. Through hard work and dedication toward achieving their goals, first-generation students at Marian University are making a mark on the world and are living testaments to the importance of a college education.

FIRST IN THE FAMILY

First-generation college students are usually defined as those whose parents or older siblings do not have at least a bachelor's degree.

52% Percent of traditional undergraduate students at Marian who are first-generation.

Percent of first-generation Marian students who receive some form of financial aid. **99%**

42.4%
PERCENTAGE OF FIRST-YEAR MARIAN STUDENTS WHO ARE FIRST-GENERATION.

4.5 MILLION
More than 24% — 4.5 million — of incoming freshman students nationwide are both first-generation and low income students.

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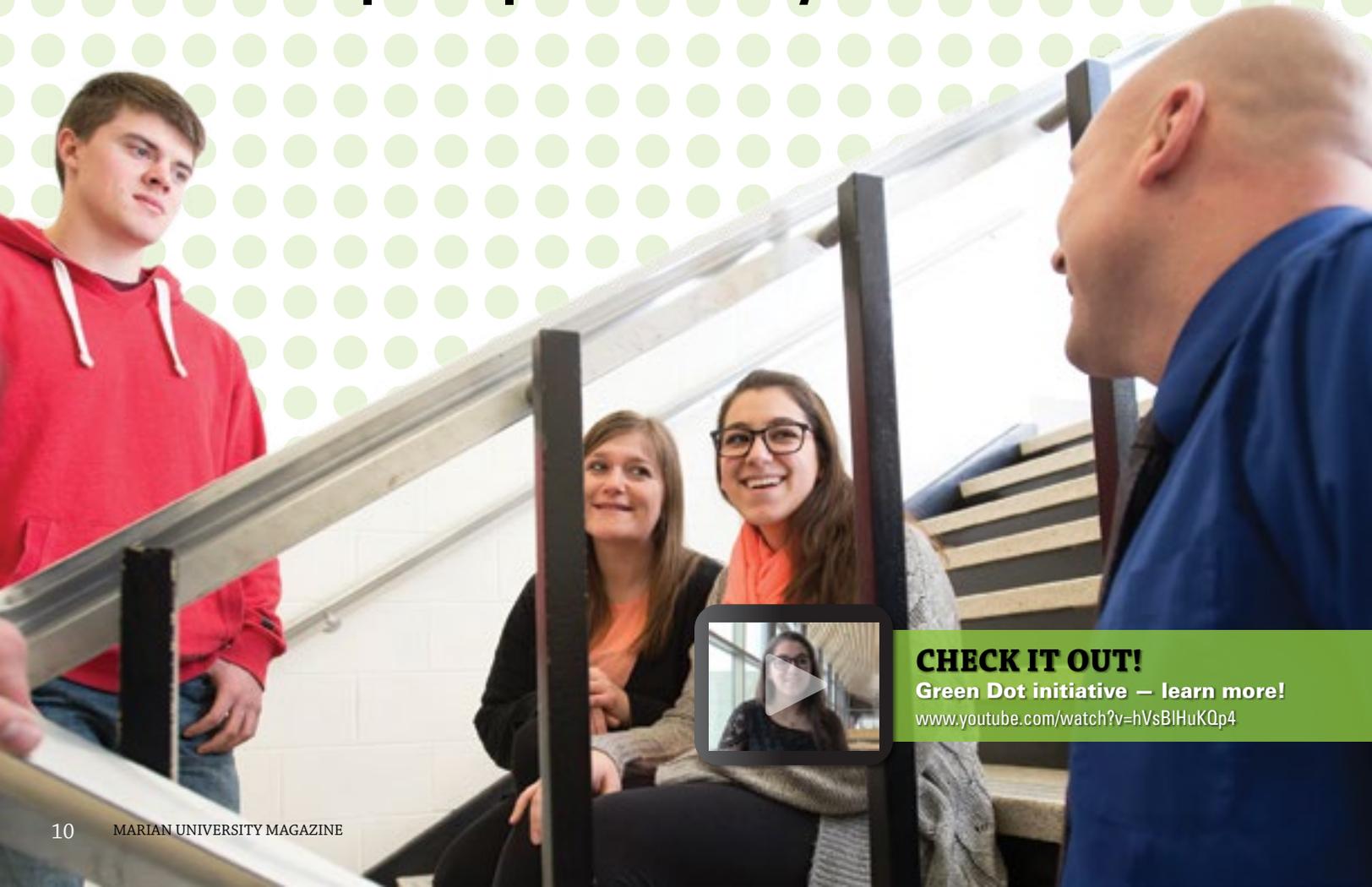
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Federally-funded program available to assist low-income, first-generation students at Marian.

The Power of **GREEN**

Taking a Stand,
Speaking Up for Others

Marian University **Green Dot Initiative**
inspires proactive bystanders



CHECK IT OUT!

Green Dot initiative — learn more!

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AS THE COLORS OF SPRING RENEW THE MARIAN UNIVERSITY CAMPUS, we can appreciate the power that even just the slightest hint of the color green has on our lives. As the landscape gives way to these subtle changes in color, the power of green offers us a renewed hope and positive outlook on the future. These feelings of hope and optimism are not only present in the greenery across campus, but are also lived out through the students, faculty and staff at Marian through the new Green Dot initiative.

About the Green Dot Initiative

Marian University recently adopted the Green Dot Initiative, a strategic approach to violence prevention that focuses on the power of peer influence.

“Green Dot has two norms that we’re working for so that all students see this and maintain Marian as a safe campus. The first is to promote that violence is not tolerated, and the second is that everyone has to do their part to intervene in situations,” said Jennifer Krueger, director of the first-year studies program. “It works to change the norms so students treat each other better, and then if a situation occurs, they’ll know how to respond and reduce the likelihood of a violent act happening again.”

“This model encourages students, faculty and staff to be active bystanders,” said Severa Krueger, director of residence life. “Through awareness, education and hands-on practice, we can be proactive in establishing an intolerance of violence, as well as be interventionists in high-risk situations.”

The Green Dot Initiative is more than just promoting awareness, but is an approach to reduce violence through encouraging individuals on campus to use every moment and action taken to promote a safe and secure learning environment.

“In just one moment, we can use our voices to make a positive change in someone’s life, and to make every corner of our campus safer. We want to

spread green dots and reduce red dots,” said Jennifer Krueger. “Imagining our campus map, every act of violence is represented as a red dot, and a red dot represents an individual’s choice not to do anything in the face of a high risk situation. It is through green dots — or proactive individuals — that we promote safety and communicate intolerance for violence, making our campus map thrive with life and positivity.”

“A green dot is one’s choice at any given moment to make Marian’s campus safer, whether through pulling a friend out of a high-risk situation, or just by having a conversation with someone about an important issue,” said Jackie Ciochetti, ‘16, who serves as Marian’s intern for the Green Dot Initiative. “Green Dot is really a social movement toward creating a culture that sees violence as unacceptable and a culture that values the importance of speaking up.”

“The Green Dot Initiative provides individuals with the opportunity to educate themselves and give themselves the confidence to stand up for intolerance of violence.”

Jackie Ciochetti, ‘16

The Facts about Violence

College campuses across the nation may be seen as having many red dot situations, which is why the Green Dot Initiative aims to reduce violent events and the fear of violence amongst college students.

“The Green Dot Initiative aims to prevent power-based personal violence, or any form of violence that asserts power, control or intimidation in order to harm someone,” said Jennifer Krueger. “These could include partner violence, sexual assault, stalking or any other uses of force, threats or harassment to someone. Many times this includes the use of alcohol or drugs.”

“Both men and women experience violence — whether physical or emotional,” added Ciochetti. “Unfortunately one in four women — and one in six men — will experience some form of domestic violence in their lifetime. The Green Dot Initiative provides individuals with the opportunity to educate themselves and give themselves the confidence to stand up for intolerance of violence.”

Ending Violence, One Green Dot at a Time

Although the Green Dot Initiative is in its infancy at Marian, students, faculty and staff are eagerly joining the initiative and using their voice to end violence.

"The Green Dot Initiative shows that violence is no longer acceptable, and that each and every one of us can use our voice to make a difference," added Jackie Ciocchetti. "Students have a right to live free of violence and the fear of violence when coming to college."

"In order to prevent violence and maintain a safe campus, Marian's Green Dot Initiative is currently hosting proactive bystander trainings as well as a social media campaign," said Severa Krueger.

"Students and staff have really engaged with the trainings, especially as all resident assistants, student mentors and student-athletes have engaged in the bystander training."

"It's really about spreading an awareness that Marian is a safe campus, and that students should feel safe to not only speak up on behalf of themselves or others, but also to feel safe in reporting, should something happen," said Jennifer Krueger. "Every moment there is an opportunity to share a green dot and it is our hope that the campus comes to life with green dots as the initiative continues to spread."

Want to help influence others and share a Green Dot? Learn more today! Check out the Marian University Green Dot Facebook page at www.facebook.com/#!/MUGreenDot!

255+

More than 255 colleges and universities in the United States have certified **Green Dot** instructors.



The **Green Dot initiative** has been adopted in several other countries, including Guam, Canada, Italy, Japan and Portugal.

*Survivors of rape or sexual assault are **4x** more likely to have been victimized by someone they know than by a stranger.*

50%

A CDC Funded study shows a **50% reduction** in sexual violence perpetration in high schools implementing **Green Dot**.

Join the conversation by following **#LiveTheGreenDot** on social media!



Every 21 hours there is a rape on an American college campus.



1 in 4 college women
1 in 6 college men

will be the victim of sexual assault during her/his academic career.



An Opportunity for Undergraduate Research

Marian and Fond du Lac Children's Museum form Living-Laboratory Partnership

As students across the nation near graduation, many seek to conduct graduate research after completing their bachelor's degree, though many have had limited exposure to the research process. However, through unique partnerships, students can get hands-on research experience during their undergraduate career.

At Marian University, undergraduate students are engaging in a Living Laboratory Partnership with the Children's Museum of Fond du Lac.

"This Living Laboratory Partnership grew as a part of the growing series of National Living Laboratories (NLL), aligning museums with colleges or universities to conduct undergraduate research," said Dr.

Michelle Majewski, dean of the School of Arts and Sciences.

Current psychology and biology students will be conducting two research experiments. Psychology students will be replicating a past research experiment on the effect of a preference on children's sharing behavior. Psychology students involved include: Raven Haight '15, Marissa Clark '15, Devon Garcia '15, Bethany Cinnamon '15, Kim Kiesner '15 and Kristee Felker '15.

Biology students will be focusing their study on a child's perspective of germs, where the goal is to determine the age at which a child begins to develop an understanding of the concept of germs which will assist in the prevention of the spread of

diseases. Biology students involved include: Andrea Lippold '15 and Alexander Steeter '18. Professors Amy Hennings, Dr. Gail Han and Dr. Lalitha Ramaoorthy are overseeing the students' research studies, with assistance from Professor Tom Wallestad.

"The reality is that this opportunity doesn't happen very often for undergraduate students, and the research truly will benefit the students' respective fields," said Amy Hennings, professor of psychology and co-faculty mentor of the living laboratory project.

The living laboratory is installed as a temporary exhibit in the Children's museum through April. Results of the Living Laboratory will be presented in May.





The Compass of Campus

Advisors serve as a primary navigation tool toward graduation and career success

When we set out to hike a new trail, set our sails to the wind or follow a map to an unknown destination, a compass aids in the process of getting where we want to go. People use it to find their way, especially when lost or losing sight of their intended destination.

At Marian University, academic advisors serve as the primary compass for students, helping to develop meaningful educational plans, organizing internship and program responsibilities and promoting goal setting for career success.

Planning for the Future

Whether having just left the rigid organization of high school or trying to re-enter the academic setting, many college students are in need

of some assistance in navigating the college experience.

“Academic advisors are an integral part of higher education,” said Cathy Mathweg, dean of academic advising and academic services. “College is a time of major transition for students. Most college students are in a state of great change and are in need of good advice in developing a meaningful education plan.”

At Marian, advising is more than imparting information about course recommendations and program requirements; it is about establishing a relationship with students to ensure that they have a quality experience at Marian and that their program choice reflects their career goals.

“My advisor walked me through what to expect of my major, and even took the time to provide a walking tour of campus. I really appreciated the one-on-one help from my advisor, and how she answered every question I had — even if it wasn’t related to my program.”

Deanne Bremer '18 | Markesan, Wis. | Organizational Communication

“Advising focuses on Marian’s personal, close-knit culture. We get to know the students and work with them to make sure they can turn their goals into a reality, and that their chosen major is what they really want to do with their life,” said Lisa McArthur, academic advisor in the School of Business and Public Safety. “Academic advisors at Marian are a one-stop-shop for adding or dropping courses, changing majors or learning of program requirements, in addition to being available to answer any question about campus, ways to get involved or if students need help with job recommendations as they near graduation.”

Professional and Faculty Advising

While some colleges have an advising center that may not require students to seek advice, students at Marian meet with either professional or faculty advisors, who provide a personal advising experience that offers a complete understanding of academic programs and how the program addresses student interests and goals.

“Marian is unique in that we have both professional and faculty advisors, and do not leave the students to fend for themselves. We’re here to offer guidance in any way that we can,” said Scott Dell, professor of accounting and faculty advisor in the School of Business and Public Safety.

“The culture of how we advise at Marian is hands-on,” said Dr. Mary Klein, professor of communication

and faculty advisor in the School of Arts and Sciences. “Because of our small campus, faculty have the advantage of being both advisors and teachers, and are available to students in and outside the classroom. We’re part of the overall support system for students.”

Students at Marian meet with their advisors at least two times each academic year to ensure that they are on the right path toward their end goal.

“We want to ensure that students satisfy all requirements, but are doing so in a timely manner and within four years,” said Dr. Lance Urven, professor of biology and faculty advisor in the School of Arts and Sciences. “We are notified when, for example, students change their schedules, and we can connect with them to ensure that they are making changes for the right reason. We want our students to graduate on time, and without assuming extra time or costs.”

“Being a first-generation student, I needed a lot of guidance on what courses would help me get a job that I enjoyed. I appreciated the help my advisor provided and feel like I can achieve my dreams because of the plan we have created.”

Heather Alexander '17 | Fond du Lac, Wis. | Social Work

Career Services is here for you!

Whether you are a student or alumni of Marian University, the Career Services office is available to assist in your search for your dream career. Available resources include résumé writing and review, career inventories, and networking opportunities, and much more. For more information, contact Career Services at careerservices@marianuniversity.edu.



“Today’s teachers need to be prepared for a more inclusive environment, so that they can address the needs of all students.”

*Tonya Hameister,
assistant professor*

Transforming Lives, Helping all Students Succeed

Marian’s Special Education degree helps meet workforce demand

The classroom experience is a sanctuary for all students to have a positive learning experience, especially for those students with special needs. Today, classrooms across the state — and country — are becoming inclusive, allowing students with special needs to achieve their goals and enjoy learning.

Striving to meet the demands of today’s workforce, Marian University offers its new traditional undergraduate major in Special Education, in addition to its 100% online Master of Arts in Education in Special Education.

“Today’s teachers need to be prepared for a more inclusive environment, so that they can address the needs of all students,” said Tonya Hameister, assistant professor in the School of Education.

“Students with special needs aren’t being pulled out of the classroom because research has shown that students thrive in a supportive, inclusive environment. That’s why a degree in special education is in such demand.”

Marian’s special education program allows graduates to create a multi-tiered system of support for students with special needs, engage in co-teaching environments, become intervention specialists or

teach in regular inclusive classroom settings. In Wisconsin, there is a high demand for individuals with special education backgrounds, especially as the Department of Public Instruction has granted emergency licenses to those pursuing a degree.

“Because of the systematic change in primary and secondary education, students are trained in areas such as progress monitoring, benchmark testing and formative assessments, so that students are not placed inappropriately in special education settings,” said Hameister. “Many students in the program have a personal experience with a child or friend with special needs and want to give back to the field of education.”

For those looking to make a difference in the lives of all students, Marian’s Special Education program is now offered through its traditional undergraduate program, allowing students the opportunity to engage in hands-on teaching experiences as early as sophomore year. Marian’s Master of Arts in Education — Special Education program is offered in a 100% online format, with two field placements and a student teaching experience that can be embedded in one’s current teaching role.

Board of Trustees Member:

Darold A. Treffert, M.D.

Inspiring a mission-focused educational experience for years to come to make a difference

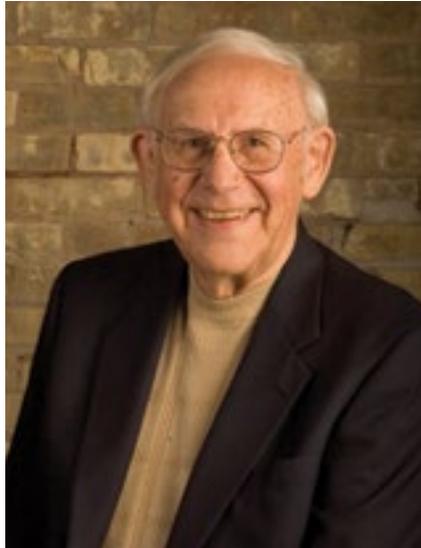
With more than 7.2 billion people in this world, it is almost unfathomable to think of the unique talents and interests of each individual, especially those with extraordinary gifts like autistic savants.

For Darold A. Treffert, M.D., Marian Board of Trustees member and mental health professional, these extraordinary people with prodigious talents are what have inspired his passion for lifelong learning.

"I've always been interested in how people learn, and it was three autistic children with such exceptional talents that made me want to keep learning and researching about the people in this world," said Dr. Treffert. "As a Board of Trustees member at Marian, I have a passion for helping all kinds of people achieve a quality, affordable and accessible education."

Dr. Treffert strives to live the Marian Mission and Core Values throughout his service on the Board.

"We're here [as a board] to make sure that we continue to remind ourselves of the question, 'Why are we here?' We strive to ensure Marian continues to offer a quality, applied liberal arts education that meets the demands of the contemporary workforce," said Dr. Treffert. "It's an honor serving on the board and living Marian's mission through our work. Just as the patient is at the heart of my profession, the student is at the heart of this quality educational institution."



"As a Board of Trustees member at Marian, I have a passion for helping all kinds of people achieve a quality affordable, accessible education."

Profile

Name: Dr. Darold A. Treffert

Hometown: Fond du Lac, Wis.

Education: "I graduated from the University of Wisconsin Medical School in 1958, and completed my residency in psychiatry at University Hospitals in Madison. In addition, I received an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree from Marian University in 1987."

What am I doing today?:

"I am retired from private practice, but I am engaged almost full time in writing, lecturing and making documentaries on my work with autism, savants and rights of the mentally ill."

Work Experiences:

Dr. Treffert served as the Superintendent of the Winnebago Mental Health Institute, opened his private practice of psychiatry, served as Executive Director of the Fond du Lac County Health Care Center and was the Medical Director of the Alcoholism Rehabilitation Unit of St. Agnes Hospital.

Hobbies: "While it may not seem like a hobby, I enjoy the research and writing I do, and tending my land, waterfall and orchard."

Interesting Fact: "My research in savant syndrome and rights of the mentally ill has introduced me to a lot of people. I have made appearances on 60 Minutes, CBS Evening News, Today, Oprah and the Discovery Channel, and had the opportunity to consult on the movie Rain Man."

Inspiration: "I always wanted to be a doctor and give back to my local community, but my father inspired my work ethic and passion for education."



Gina Popp '05 and Rick Kolstad

Hands-on learning through community connections

wisnet.com inspires internships, employment for Marian graduates

Go anywhere in the local Fond du Lac area or even across Wisconsin, and you're bound to find someone with a connection to Marian University, especially when entering the businesses and organizations that employ Marian interns and graduates.

Within a few miles of campus, wisnet.com, a local creative design and technology company, is just one of many organizations who have connections to Marian.

"Marian is a leader in educating our community's workforce," said Rick Kolstad, owner and founder of wisnet.com. "As an employer, we look for individuals who are knowledgeable, hardworking and have personality. We've connected with business faculty at Marian and know the education that Marian offers."

Wisnet.com employs several Marian graduates, including Gina Popp '05.

"Marian showed me the importance of internships, and whenever we've employed an intern here at wisnet.com, it's an opportunity for me to give back to Marian and be a mentor," said Popp, who serves as president and CEO. "As an IT major, I benefited from two internships. With the rapid improvements in technology, I know that Marian students are getting the solid foundation needed to be successful in the business world because I was in their shoes not that long ago."

"We have a positive relationship with Marian," added Popp. "If we have a need for a student

intern, we look to Marian University, not only because of the business program, but because Marian provides a holistic approach toward helping students become better thinkers and problem solvers. As an alumna and as someone who aids in the hiring process, I appreciate the type of graduate that comes from Marian."

Through internships, Marian students gain the necessary hands-on skills needed to be successful in their careers. In fact, more than 96% of students engage in hands-on classroom, research, internship, clinical or field experiences. With a foundation in theory, hands-on internships are enhanced through Marian's liberal arts core, as well as its emphasis on living its Mission.



Marian students involved in the project (L-R):

Dustin Perrigo, Bryan Brown, Mikalia Johnson, Tim Fischer, Alysha Kallas, Vanessa Dayton, Elizabeth Merten, Brittany Syms and Katie Unti.

Cleaning up crime in Fond du Lac

When driving through and around the Fond du Lac area, it is the hope of every community member that visitors see the passion and pride that citizens have for their city. That's why students in Marian University's criminal justice program participated in a service learning project that returned Fond du Lac bridges that were once covered with graffiti to their original state.

As part of the course, "Gang Formation and Behaviors," students learned about the impact of graffiti on members of the community. To enhance their classroom learning experiences, these students repainted three Fond du Lac bridges that were covered in graffiti.

"In the course, we talk about how graffiti and tagging is devastating to a community, not only through a decrease in property value, but how it also instills fear into the community," said Andy Gill, adjunct professor and lieutenant with the Fond du Lac Police Department.

With supplies donated by the City of Fond du Lac, students repainted the bridges and restored a sense of safety into the residential areas of Fond du Lac. Students who participated in the project include: Dustin Perrigo '17, Bryan Brown '17, Mikalia Johnson '17, Tim Fischer '17, Alysha Kallas '17, Vanessa Dayton '17, Elizabeth Merten '16, Brittany Syms '15, Katie Unti '17, Andrew Green '15, Adam Ryan '16, Tyler Gellinger '17, David Miklavcic '16, Alexis Bailey '16, Cody Davis '16, Bria Carr '16, Miriam Palomares '17 and Angeleah Dickey '16.



Students enjoyed the company of furry friends.

New friends inspire stress relief and career success

Marian alumni help coordinate "Canines, Cookies and Careers" event

Stress abounds on every college campus, yet Marian students found two ways to de-stress last fall: food and furry friends.

Marian held its first "Canines, Cookies and Careers" program, where more than 150 students and Marian community members were able to pet friendly puppies from the Fond du Lac Kennel Club and enjoy freshly baked cookies from Bob and Bonnie's Donuts of Fond du Lac.

"It's a great example of the core value of Community, especially with having two alumni come back to connect with students," said Mary Hatlen, coordinator of career services. "It showed students that alumni want to connect, and help them ward off stress and anxiety."

Kerry Sheridan '71, of the Fond du Lac Kennel Club, and Daniel Fishelson, '03 owner of Bob and Bonnie's Donuts, were proud to give back to their alma mater through this event.

Expanding Campus, Inspired Opportunities

Marian acquires former Nielsen Building

Marian University has acquired the building formerly owned by The Nielsen Corporation, located at 30 S. Main Street in downtown Fond du Lac. Marian officially became the owner of the building on October 29, and will renovate the building for the School of Nursing and Health Professions with an anticipated occupancy in 2016.

“This acquisition of the Nielsen building reflects Marian University’s commitment toward offering a quality educational experience, especially in the field of health care,” said Robert Fale, interim president of Marian. “We believe Marian’s presence will add to the growing vibrancy of the downtown area, and continue to share our passion for education with the future generations of our community.”

As part of the acquisition, Marian has also articulated a partnership with Agnesian HealthCare to utilize the top floor of the building as needed for workshops, training sessions, and other professional development opportunities.



Marian University Center for Health Professions



Mike Shannon and George Koonce

Inspiring campus safety

Truck donation enhances safety, security on Marian’s campus

Feeling safe in one’s learning environment is key to a great education. With safety at the core of the community, Marian University Campus Safety and Security recently accepted the donation of a safety truck from Holiday Automotive.

“Our security team works very hard and has to patrol the entire campus,” said Matt Rose, coordinator for campus safety and security. “A new vehicle shows we take the safety and security of our community members seriously. We are very grateful to Mr. Shannon and the Holiday team for this generous donation.”

The vehicle is a 2015 Chevrolet Colorado truck, and features four wheel drive, a yellow hazard light bar and security insignia and allows for members of the department to ensure the Marian community continues to stay a safe living and learning environment.



Institute of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness changes name to The Institute of Human Security

Marian University's Institute of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness recently changed its name to The Institute of Human Security.

"This change broadens the understanding of our security needs," said Steve Recca, director of the Institute of Human Security. "It allows us to identify issues that are important for everyone, and reshapes our focus on making people feel more secure. By focusing on people as the core, people become solution-enablers rather than merely objects requiring security and response resources."

The term human security provides a human-centric approach to enhancing and sustaining the security, safety and well-being of individuals, families, communities and the nation. A human-centric framework shifts the lens from viewing manmade and natural security challenges — such as 9/11, Hurricane Katrina and public health emergencies such as Avian Flu or Ebola — as event- or government-centric.



Pictured (L-R): Fawn Nagel, SSWA publicity chair; Corrie Wollersheim, SSWA fundraiser chair; Jill Rickerman, SSWA president; Amber Weyer, SSWA treasurer; Angie Yoho, SSWA Student Senate representative; Bev Gudex, treasurer of NAMI; Dale Hans, board president of NAMI and vice president of Horicon Bank; Luleta Mena, SSWA vice president; and Kelli Pitzen, SSWA secretary.

Social Work Association donates to National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)

With a majority of Marian students desiring to enter a service profession, it is only natural for student organizations on campus to work hard and give to others. Inspired to give back, Marian University's Student Social Work Association (SSWA) recently made a donation in the amount of \$5,600 to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) of Fond du Lac.

"It is an honor to receive this donation on behalf of NAMI," said Dale Hans, board president of NAMI and vice president of Horicon Bank in Fond du Lac. "This donation will benefit our outreach efforts in Fond du Lac, and continue to spread awareness and fight the stigma attached to mental illnesses."

SSWA's donation was fundraised from the Mental Health Awareness event featuring keynote speaker Dr. David Mays that was held at Marian on October 7. The event was co-sponsored by Marian University's Student Social Work Association and Horicon Bank.



Grace Kurth '16

Making college affordable

Marian student earns \$25,000 annual scholarship

For Grace Kurth '16, a college degree needed to be affordable. With top grades and test scores in high school, she had hoped her hard work would pay off — and it did, literally.

“Earning a college degree is an investment, and I needed to apply for scholarships in order to afford college,” said Kurth, a biology and mathematics major from Manitowoc, Wis. “I graduated as valedictorian of my high school, and strived to be involved in and outside of the classroom. I fortunately received the General Motors scholarship, which has made my education financially possible. I am very blessed and thankful for their generosity.”

The General Motors Scholarship awards \$25,000 annually for four years, and is offered to only 50 students nationally. Following graduation, Kurth hopes to pursue medical school and use her skills to serve those in underserved communities.

Aspiring musicians engage in unique music opportunities

Creativity and musical expression came alive to Marian music majors, as they engaged in a unique music experience.

Students majoring in music had the opportunity to travel to Chicago, and attend three exceptional musical performances, including the Lyric Opera (*Don Giovanni*), the Joffrey Ballet dancing *Swan Lake* and the London Symphony Orchestra.

“For many of the music majors, this was our first time experiencing such high level performances, as well as staying in a hostel or traveling using the subway,” said Ben Liebelt '17 of Oakfield, Wis.

“The performances truly inspired me to work hard in my classes so that one day I can work alongside quality performers,” added Dillon Ebert '15 of Campbellsport, Wis.



Attendees of the experience include: Antonio Trinidad '16, Cassandra Washington-Law '16, Zach Ball '17, Stephanie Harmes '15, Phil Schmahl '15, Dillon Ebert '15, Ben Liebelt '17, Jesse Jeske '16, Dr. David Thompson, professor of music, and David Hein, assistant professor of music.



Michael Mathweg '16

Hands-on experience impacts career goals

Marian student selected as top intern with Northwestern Mutual

Students entering college want to know what type of job they can get after graduation, and hands-on learning experiences are just one way to learn about career paths as well as potentially lead to job offers.

For Michael Mathweg '16, his internship as a financial representative with Northwestern Mutual has led him to find where his path will lead him after graduation.

"I chose to get into accounting and finance, and my internship changed my life and my career goals," said Mathweg.

Within only four months at Northwestern Mutual, Mathweg received the Power of 10 award, and was ranked 73rd of 3,000 interns. As such, he was invited to attend the company's Winter Camp, a contest where the top 100 interns are selected to attend.

"I found this internship using LinkedIn, and have appreciated the opportunities and knowledge that Northwestern Mutual has given me," said Mathweg. "I have the opportunity to work directly with clients, alongside some of the veterans in my office. It's because of this internship that I know that I want to pursue being a financial advisor after graduation."



Marian students attended a networking event with the Young Professionals of Fond du Lac.

Building Relationships: Marian students network through Young Professionals of Fond du Lac

Community is at the heart of Marian University, especially when it comes to students engaging with others in pursuit of their career goals. Marian University students and the Young Professionals of Fond du Lac (*YPF*) recently formed a partnership, allowing students the opportunity to network and learn from local business professionals.

"This partnership is first of its kind," said Mary Hatlen, coordinator of career services. "This partnership provides current students the opportunity to learn more about professional etiquette, employment and internship opportunities and to get to know the leaders in the local community."

From networking opportunities and mentorship experiences, to resume reviews and professional speakers, current Marian University students are able to join the Young Professionals of Fond du Lac organization at no cost.



Tracy Milkowski

Inspired Gifts, Quality Relationships

Milkowski shares experience through advancement initiatives

Establishing relationships and ensuring future financial stability is key to the success of Marian's future. For Tracy Milkowski, associate vice president for advancement, it is the alumni and Marian's rich history that inspired her to join Marian's advancement team and want to inspire others to give back.

Milkowski brings more than 10 years of experience in fundraising and advancement work to Marian, where she will assist others in giving to Marian in ways that meet the donor's passion and financial goals, fundraise for planned gifts and build Marian's endowed scholarship fund.

"Raising funds for Marian students and its overall future isn't just about the money," said Milkowski. "We're here to build upon the mission of the University by engaging our students and others in the education of the whole person, which includes the importance of giving back."



Sr. Miriam Terese Putzer, left, and Soledad Theel '17 spend time documenting stories throughout the spring semester.

Telling the story, Leaving a Legacy

Marian students engage in "Sister Story" project

As we live our lives and create a positive difference in our community, we hope that our stories of service and dedication to others never fade. Through an ongoing project, Marian University students are helping document the stories of several members of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes as part of the National Catholic Sisters Week Sister Story project.

"It's an exciting project that truly allows for diverse individuals to connect," said Sr. Edie Crews, CSA, director of Vocation Promotion for the Sisters of St. Agnes. "The Sisters participating range in age from 60 to 94 years, and have quite the stories to tell. It's a great way for students to bond with the Sisters, understand the work that the Congregation does and help share awareness for Sisters in the community."

With audio and video recording equipment, six students will be interviewing and documenting the stories of six sisters over the course of the semester. Student participants include: Crystal Sales '16, Soledad Theel '17, Kelsey Westcott '15, Carol Wardlow '18, Katie Boehm '15 and Jennifer Roehl '17. Sisters participants include: Sr. Miriam Therese Putzer, Sr. Stella Marie Karls, Sr. Deb Walter, Sr. Rose Walters, Sr. Germaine Lichtle and Sr. Anne Jude Van Lanen.

"The Sisters have done so much for the community of Fond du Lac and here at Marian," said Jennifer Roehl '17 of Fond du Lac. "Being able to learn about the Sisters' lives and what they have done to better our community is truly inspiring."

Stories documented for this project will be archived in the national Archives, as well as be shared on the Sisters of Influence blog, available at www.sisterstory.org.



Marian Athletics

Managing business and career success

Student-athlete opens new restaurant in Fond du Lac

What better way to learn about business and management concepts than to apply classroom theory to real world experiences. For Ryonen Faris, '17, his classroom concepts came alive through opening his new restaurant, 11:11 Burgers and Beignets.



Ryonen Faris '17

With classes and running the restaurant, Faris' days are scheduled to the minute, especially as he is also a student-athlete in Marian's golf program.

"I came to Marian because I could get a degree while playing a

game that I really enjoy," said Faris. "Owning the restaurant and playing on Marian's golf team can be a challenge, especially with the demands of my full-time course load. Time management is something that I put into practice and really advise other students to learn when coming to college."

Faris, a business major and student-athlete from Fond du Lac, recently opened 11:11 Burgers and Beignets, located at 417 South Main Street in downtown Fond du Lac.

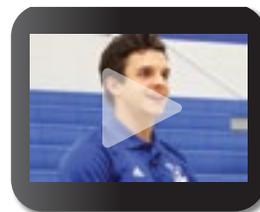
"My father is a business-savvy person and we saw this as an opportunity to help me grow my career," said Faris, who is the principal owner of the restaurant. "With my father's guidance and skills gained from my business classes at Marian, we've been able to completely renovate the building, train staff and create an exciting menu that has inspired the local community."

For Faris, being a student-athlete and business major go hand-in-hand for his goals following graduation.

On the menu, 11:11 Burgers and Beignets offers a range of quality comfort foods, ranging from hand-pattied burgers and pulled pork sandwiches paired with hand-cut, double fried french fries to warm beignets with a choice of dipping sauces.

"My goal as an athlete is to play professional golf, and the restaurant is a way to help not only earn money to pay for college, but to also help me kickstart my career so that I may pursue this goal," said Faris. "I know that my time here at Marian — both academically and athletically — will help me achieve my goals and prepare me for my future."

"We're a comfort food restaurant, offering quality ingredients and the highest customer service," said Faris. "I've really expanded my business skills and the restaurant has allowed me to put some class lessons into practice."



CHECK IT OUT!

11:11 Burgers and Beignets

www.youtube.com/watch?v=xiPJD9y0Alc



Marian Athletics

Symbol of Pride, Determination to Win

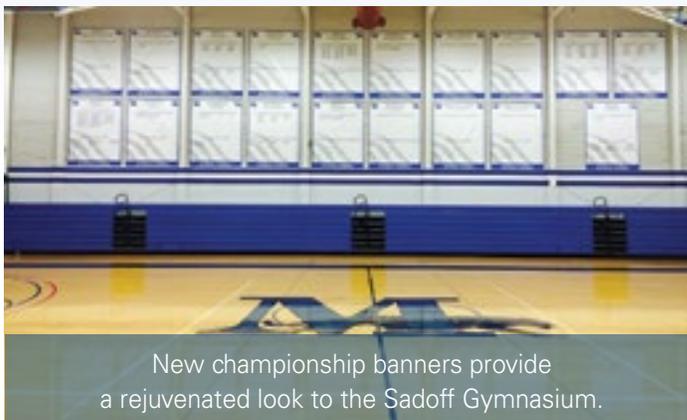
New Championship Banners provide new look to Sadoff Gymnasium

To those entering for the first time, the Sadoff Gymnasium may not seem all that different from other athletic facilities on another college campus. However, for alumni and student-athletes, the recent change in the Sadoff Gymnasium evokes a sense of pride and determination to win in a more impactful way.

Recently, the Sadoff Gymnasium saw the addition of new championship banners, which not only display the strong legacy of former student-athletes, but inspires the future success for Marian athletics.

The banners were funded through a donation by alumni couple, Bob and Teresa Heisler '83.

For Bob and Teresa, the new banners are just one way they aim to give back. Although residing in California, both alumni are hoping to get back to



New championship banners provide a rejuvenated look to the Sadoff Gymnasium.

campus to support Marian today and in the future.

“The new banners provide a bright, aesthetically pleasing look to the gym, and support our status as a dedicated collegiate athletic program,” said Rich Eckert, associate athletic

director for external relations. “Like Bob and Teresa, alumni of the athletic programs continue to cheer on the Sabres, and aim to give back to Marian in many ways that make a difference in the lives of our students.”

The banners proudly display the success of past student-athletes, and serve as a symbol for current and future athletes to aspire to their goals of success through Marian athletics.

For more information on how to give back to Marian athletics, contact Rich Eckert at rgeckert93@marianuniversity.edu or at (920) 923-8639.



Take Home A Piece of Marian History!

Whether you were an active student-athlete, or just a passionate supporter of Marian athletics, the old championship banners are available for purchase, allowing you the opportunity to take home a piece of Marian's history.

Select banners are still available for purchase, with all donations benefiting the athletics department. For more information about available banners, visit www.sabreathletics.com today!

Growing opportunities for student-athletes

Men's Volleyball program added as newest intercollegiate sport

The student-athlete experience is characterized by hard work, team camaraderie, competitive play and pride for the university, in addition to the physical and mental challenges of being both student and athlete.

And that's exactly what Head Coach Tyler Frings seeks to bring to campus through Marian's new Men's Volleyball program, which is set to begin during the 2015-16 academic year.

"Men's volleyball is a growing program at the collegiate level, and is becoming a competitive sport at the Division III level," said Frings. "With many high schools in Wisconsin offering men's volleyball, Marian's addition of the program meets the needs of many students who desire to earn a degree at a college that offers both an opportunity to play volleyball and achieve academic success."

Marian's program is one of 14 members of the Midwest Collegiate Volleyball League (MCVL), an NCAA Division III sanctioned conference. The NCAA has sponsored an



Tyler Frings

Meet the Coach

Tyler Frings, a native of Hubertus, Wis., brings an impressive playing and coaching background to the newly-established Men's Volleyball program at Marian University.

From 2012-13, Frings served as graduate assistant coach at Cardinal Stritch University, where the team made back-to-back conference tournament championship appearances. While earning his master's, Frings also assisted the Germantown High School varsity men's volleyball team.

Upon earning his master's from Cardinal Stritch, Frings worked as a marketing associate with the National Volleyball League, while also serving as a personal trainer for athletes. Frings played four years at Carthage University and finished as the program's career-leader in block assists (366), total blocks (441) and blocks per set (1.24).

official Division III men's volleyball national championship since 2012. The winner of the MCVL will receive an automatic bid in the NCAA national championships beginning in 2017.

"It's an exciting time to be leading Marian into this growing sport," said Frings. "Whether for competitive action, travel opportunities or just for the love of the game, we're looking to grow the Men's Volleyball program through recruiting both prospective and current Marian students."

With the athletic programs at Marian University enjoying some of the most successful years in its history, the new Men's Volleyball program offers yet another attraction for students to engage in a team environment and be a part of the Marian community, all while gaining a quality education.

For more information about the Men's Volleyball program, contact Tyler Frings at tmfrings71@marianuniversity.edu or at (920) 923-8561.



First Row: Dave Beres '80/'95, Theresa Loehr '83, Sr. Anne Jude Van Lanen, '58, Sr. Marie Scott, '84, and Tracy Qualmann '00/'02/'12. **Second Row:** Dan Wilson '05, Doug Holvick '95, Sr. Mary Lou Schroeder '65, Heidi Bremer '05, Sr. Judith Schmidt '62, Amy Meyer '12 and Mary Endries '06.

Alumni Awards: Leading the Way to Inspired Service

Every year, Marian University's Alumni Association recognizes alumni who have demonstrated extraordinary service to Marian University and the local community, in addition to their professional accomplishments.

Distinguished Alumni Award

The Distinguished Alumni Award bestows recognition of and appreciation for outstanding accomplishments to deserving Alumni of Marian University. The recipient has attained distinction in professional achievements, has made significant contributions to society and has demonstrated and upheld the Core Values of Marian University.

Award Winner: Theresa Loehr '83

Theresa Loehr has achieved great accomplishments in her role as a principal at Chegwin Elementary School in Fond du Lac, Wis. As a graduate of St. Mary's Springs High School, Marian University and UW-Madison, she possesses a strong desire to enhance her own community through educating children in Fond du Lac. She is a leader in education, guiding her teachers to excellence. Her hard work and leadership has achieved

the School of Promise in Wisconsin award for ten consecutive years, an honor that recognizes success in educating students from low-income families. Her school is recognized for their work to break the link between poverty and low academic achievement through rigorous programming and attention to student needs.

Award Winner: Sr. Anne Jude Van Lanen '58

Sr. Anne Jude was awarded a diploma from St. Agnes School of Nursing in 1955. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Marian College in 1958. In 1962 she volunteered for, and was assigned to Clinica Santa Ines at Waspam, Nicaragua. Sr. Anne Jude continues to inspire others through her memoirs of the ten years she spent in service at Clinica Santa Ines and its outreach to the villages along the Rio Coco. Sr. Anne Jude's written account of this time stands out for its sincerity, clarity, good humor and most of all for the obvious deep respect, love and devotion shown to the indigenous people she served. Her memoir is quick to thank sources of help: lessons from dentists here in Fond du Lac, studies in illnesses common to Central and South America, medicines from Fond du Lac and international healthcare agencies.

Sr. Judith Schmidt Core Values Award

The Sister Judith Schmidt Core Values Award recognizes an individual who exemplifies the Core Values of Marian University. Through their actions, recipients demonstrate proven support and have actively promoted the same qualities and values that guide Marian University.

Award Winner: Sr. Marie Scott '84

Sr. Marie Scott has made significant contributions to and for the Marian community, embodies the Mission and Core Values and has contributed significantly in furthering social justice issues. Sr. Marie is a member of the Marian University Social Justice Committee, an original organizer of the Fond du Lac Community Wide Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration, the primary contact and organizer for the Loaves and Fishes program and organizer of the School of Americas and the Alternative Spring Break trips, among others. Her work and service to the university instills current students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of the university with a sense of pride and reminds us to continue living and practicing the Core Values in our careers, personal lives and community.

Marian University Service Award

The Marian University Alumni Service Award is given in recognition of loyal service rendered voluntarily to the University. This service may be provided directly, through an affiliated group, or through a particular school within the University, and betters the Marian community and advances the University's objectives and ideals.

Award Winner: Tracy Qualmann '00/'02/'12

Tracy Qualmann has demonstrated outstanding achievements in her profession. Working for Marian University for many years, she shows outstanding efforts in increasing admissions but, more than that, she has striven to increase and improve her skills in many areas. She is truly a lifelong learner, which is evidenced by her three degrees from Marian University. She is always on the lookout to improve Marian University's visibility both locally and nationally, and she consistently seeks ways to link Marian to the community. In her role as admissions specialist for the Thanatology program, she has assisted in doubling Marian's enrollment in one year, and she has fostered a relationship with Centering Corporation to gain free advertising for the program.

Marian University Spirit Award

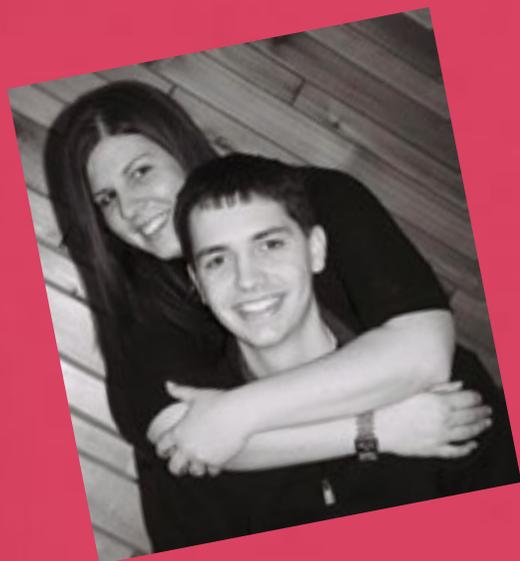
The Marian University Spirit Award recognizes the voluntary efforts of an individual, alumnus or community member in various arenas that contribute to the advancement or improvement of Marian, thereby reflecting favorably on the University. The award is given to an individual, alumnus or community member who combines superior professional distinction and/or exemplary volunteer spirit to Marian with an outstanding record of service.

Award Winner: Dave Beres '80/'95

Dave Beres is a two-time graduate of Marian and is a passionate supporter of Marian University. A teacher and coach in Chilton who resides in Fond du Lac, Beres and his wife, who is also a Marian graduate, rarely miss a home basketball game in Sadoff Gymnasium. Beres is often heard telling community members, prospective students and others about how great an educational institution Marian is and why they should become involved with the University. In addition to this ongoing exposure, Beres donated his time and energy last winter to help connect more than 30 alumni back to campus, assisting with the annual Alumni Basketball Day.

Finding Love at Marian

Whether meeting the first day of Orientation weekend, at an athletic event or during a class project, many students find love at Marian University, and credit their time on campus for helping them find their true and everlasting partner in life. Luck or fate, whatever it was, we're glad Marian University is part of many alumni love stories.



Marcus '08 and Nicole '08 (Brenner) Wiegert

"Nicole and I met on Marian's campus during the fall of our sophomore year of college. At semester break of her freshman year, she transferred to Marian after attending Coker College in South Carolina where she was on a basketball scholarship. She commuted from her home in Mt. Calvary, so outside of classes she was not on campus very often. We met at the fraternity house and soon after saw each other at the Sadoff Gymnasium as our basketball practices were after one another. As our games in the 2005–06 season began, we started to talk more and hang out. Nicole and I have been together for 8 years, and have been married for 3 years."

Nicole currently serves as a registered nurse in cardiology at the Agnesian Fond du Lac Regional Clinic. Marcus serves as head men's and women's tennis coach and assistant men's basketball coach at Marian University.

Chris '02 and Erica '01 (Mohr) Stolanski

"Erica and I originally met my freshman year through mutual friends; however, we didn't start dating until spring 2001. At the time, I was editor of the student newspaper, and I spent many of my office hours in the coffeehouse. Erica was my favorite barista.

I think we'd have to credit our dear friend Alex Bustamante '02. He's the one who first introduced us in 1998, and then was instrumental in encouraging us to date later on during our time at Marian. I think he maybe saw the spark before we did.

We got married on August 26, 2011. Our officiant was fellow alumnus and Fond du Lac-area attorney Alex Ullenberg '94. At our reception, Bustamante gave a toast, Dana Richardson '02 was the emcee, and Mark Samman '92/95 played music — not to mention all the other alumni in attendance."

Chris serves as the Senior Communication Strategist at Marquette University. Erica serves as a Case Manager at Children's Hospital of Wisconsin Community Services.



Have a Marian love story of your own?

Share your story today by contacting the Office of Alumni and Parent Relations at alumni@marianuniversity.edu.

Alumni Spotlight Best Friends, Quality Nurses

Alumni stay connected for more than 40 years

It has been said that the people you meet at college become your lifelong friends. For Gudrun Hemminghaus '75 and Beverly Hinz '75, their connection at Marian grew beyond similar interests and has led them to a lifelong friendship, nearly 40 years since first meeting on Marian's campus.



Gudrun Hemminghaus '75 and Beverly Hinz '75

"We were both students in the nursing program, back when Marian was located at St. Agnes Hospital," said Gudrun. "We were even roommates in Regina Hall when the campus moved to its current location. We actually lived together all four years at Marian and we didn't get sick of each other."

Quality Career Preparation

For both Gudrun and Beverly, Marian's nursing program was a key connection, as well as an experience that set them apart following graduation.

"Marian was the closest college that had a nursing program, and it was a program that was focused on hands-on learning opportunities," said Gudrun.

"The day after we graduated, we both interviewed at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, and both were hired to our first full-time nursing positions,"

added Beverly. "Once we got to the floors, we were truly able to make a difference because of our skill sets and passion for living a larger mission."

Although on different units, they credited their Marian experience as what helped them jump start their career paths.

"We put in a lot of hours on different units at Marian," said Gudrun. "The nuns — our instructors — were so knowledgeable, and were always there with us, guiding us through the skills tests. I remember Sr. Corrine and her passion for nursing, especially in helping us prepare for our state boards."

"At Mercy, we had only a few weeks of training and then we were on our own, and I was glad I had a few clinical experiences under my belt," said Beverly. "But it wasn't just about nursing at Marian. We

were inspired to think differently through enhancing our critical thinking and problem solving skills, which I feel helped me immensely as the nursing field continued to evolve."

Continued Service to Healthcare

Advance 40 years to today's 21st century, technology-filled medical centers, Gudrun and

Beverly are still serving in the healthcare field at the Mercy Medical Center.

"When we applied at Mercy Medical all those years ago, I never imagined still working here nearly 40 years later, and in the same facility as my best friend and roommate from college," said Beverly, who now serves as an Operating Room nurse. "Nursing may have changed, but the lessons learned at Marian have inspired my way of thinking and have helped me adapt to new technology, robotics and the amazing care that's possible in healthcare today."

"Every now and then, I still think back to our Marian days," said Gudrun, who currently serves in the Intensive Care Unit. "Nursing at Marian is centered on quality, compassionate care, and is something that we, as nurses, bring to every patient, every day."

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Births

Ashley (Bruckschen) Morford '04 and her husband, Ryan, are expecting their first child in May.

1 Andrew Sanchez '04 and his wife Leslie welcomed their second child, Robert John (RJ) on October 16, 2014.

Jonathan Daigle '05 and his wife, Nicole, are expecting their second child in July.

Nick Vogt '06/'12/'14 and wife, Melissa, are expecting their first child.

Jessica (Schneider) Cardona '07 and her husband, Juan, are expecting their first child in May 2015.

2 Vicky (Beahm) Heimann '07 and her husband, Matt, welcomed the birth of their son, Dylan, on October 31 2014.

3 Amanda (Deppe) Dalton '08 and her husband Christopher welcomed a daughter, Colbie Jo, on December 22, 2014.

Mandy Johnson '08 and her fiancé, Patt Jesse, are expecting their first child in August 2015.

Susan (Bush) Koeberl '08 and her husband Matt are expecting their third child in August.

Garry Moise '05/'08 and his wife, Claudia Hawkins-Moise are expecting their second child.

Brenna (Miller) Cowan '10 and her husband, Willington, welcomed baby Jameson on October 1, 2014.

Sarah (Lawler) Pigman '10 and her husband, T.J. are expecting their second child in May.

Jamie (Mau) Pronschinske '11 and her husband, Brad, are expecting their first child in August.

Carolina Herrera '13 is expecting her first child, a daughter Luna Isabella, in May.

Jessica Sommerfelt '13 and her fiancé Nick Carney are expecting their first child in July.

Marriages and Engagements

4 Ashley (Bruckschen) Morford '04 married her husband, Ryan, on July 26, 2014.

5 Joe Horsch '08 is engaged to Kimberly Meissner.

Mandy Johnson '08 is engaged to Patt Jesse.

6 Dusti Evans '10 and her husband, Andrew Klukas, were married on August 22, 2014.

Stephanie Bouchard '11 is engaged to Joshua Konkle. They are planning a summer wedding.

7 Nicole (Schommer) Dreier '11 married her husband, Adam on November 1, 2014.

8 Jamie (Mau) Pronschinske '11 married her husband, Brad, on May 10, 2014.

Jenni Beyer '12 is engaged to David Disterhaft.

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Kristina Krueger '12 is engaged to Tyler Denson.

9 Mollie (Tennessee) West '12 married her husband, Bryan, on October 11, 2014.

Rachel Mullendore '13 is engaged to Mitch Kriz.

Jessica Sommerfelt '13 is engaged to Nick Carney.

Chelsea (Fischer) Williams '13 married her husband, Matt, in November 2014.

Kaelyn Freiberg '14 is engaged to Jimmy Huebschman.

10 Andrea (Fischer) Bushman '14 and her husband Luke were married on October 4, 2014.

Jobs/Promotions

Gudrun Hemminghaus '75 serves as a nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, Wis.

Beverly Hinz '75 serves as an Operating Room nurse at Mercy Medical Center in Oshkosh, Wis.

Stephen Matz '01 now serves as the Associate Director of Academy Donor Relations at St. John's Northwestern Military Academy.

11 Christopher Stolarski '02 was recently promoted to senior communication strategist at Marquette University.



Ashley (Bruckschen) Morford '04 serves as the Director of Business Insights at Acosta, Inc.

Vicky (Beahm) Heimann '05 serves as a registered nurse at Aurora Medical Center.

Gina (Haensgen) Popp '05 serves as president at wisnet.com in Fond du lac, Wis.

Paul Neuberger '08 serves as a financial associate at Thrivent Financial.

Greg Copeland '09 serves as an executive in Strategic Business Development for CORT, a Berkshire Hathaway Company, in Chantilly, Va.

Amanda (Books) Anderson '10 accepted a position with Kimberley Welk and Associates, LLC.

Kim Kriese '11 accepted a position as a full-time women's soccer coach at Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wis.

Charles Jaymes '13 serves as a Security Police Officer (SPO II) for the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) at the Pantex Plant in Texas.

Rachel Mullendore '13 serves as a registered nurse at Mayo Clinic Health System.

Tim Neumann '13 serves as a government contractor for FCi Federal. Through this role, he serves as a Research Analyst on a contract with the FBI's National Name Check Program.



Andrea (Fischer) Bushman '14 serves as a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital and Villa Loretta Nursing Home.

Kyle Heschke '14 accepted a position as an Inside Team Sales Representative with Footlocker in Wausau, Wis.

Nikki Rublee '14 recently accepted a position with the police department in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Amanda Jo Sullivan '14 accepted a promotion to Supervisor of the pre-service contact center at Aurora in Oshkosh, Wis.

Awards, Accomplishments, and other News

12 Kerri Schmidt '81 was awarded the Wisconsin Kathryn Etter School Nurse of the Year award. She currently serves as the school nurse for the School District of Rhinelander.

Mark Samman '95 was awarded the Metropolitan Milwaukee Alliance of Black Educators award in May 2014. He has been teaching in Milwaukee Public Schools since 2001.

Charles Torwudzo '02 completed his Doctor of Education (Ed.D.) degree from the Graduate School of Education and Human Development of George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Kristi (Malizio) Copeland '08 was awarded The Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses.



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Amanda (Books) Anderson '10

graduated with her Master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy from Capella University in September 2014.

Jenni Beyer '12 serves as a registered nurse at Theda Clark Medical Center.

Kimberly (Krueger) Schuenemann '12 will be graduating with a Master of Arts in Communication and a Certificate in Digital Storytelling from Marquette University in May.

Miya Brunke '14 will be attending graduate school in the fall at Mount Mary University

Kelsey Beine '13/'15 will be graduating with a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership and Quality degree from Marian University in August. She will be pursuing a second master's degree in linguistics from Newcastle University in England.

In Memorium

Sr. Virginia Adler, CSA '58, d. 11/8/14

Jessie Bertz SASN '47, d. 9/8/14

Kathleen Bessette '71, d. 9/08/14

Keith Beuthin '93, d. 7/14/14

Connie L. Brick '11, d. 9/7/14

Joanne Chipman SASN '56, d. 2/8/15

Joyce Harriet Dietzen '74, d. 1/10/15

Sr. Suzanne Flanders, CSA '66, d. 10/11/14

Sheila High '08, d. 12/18/14

Maureen E. Hoelzel '69, d. 1/5/15

Jeanne Karl '77, d. 2/09/15

Neoma Kirchoff SASN '40, d. 9/4/14

Paul Koch, d. 10/18/14

Sr. Mary Ancilla Lengerich, CSA, SASN '42 d. 11/17/14

Erin Michelle Lerch '13, d. 9/30/14

Gladys Marggi SASN '38, d. 10/11/14

Sr. Anne Matissek, CSA '51, d. 8/30/14

Mary C. Niland, SASN '40, d. 2/14/15

Patricia Pagel '67, d. 8/22/14

Helen Perry, d. 2/24/15

Evelyn Rivard SASN '55, d. 12/26/14

Peter Roehrig '87, d. 11/22/14

Virginia Scharf '67, d. 7/10/14

Dorothy Sokoly '69, d. 1/25/15

Karen J. Stewart '74, d. 10/5/14

Sr. Jeanette Thelen, CSA, SASN '58/'45, 9/3/14

Carolyn Jean Tries '10, d. 8/22/14

Nellie J. Welker '00, d. 1/2/15

Mary Widner '94, d. 2/23/15

Sandra Leona Will '07, d. 10/26/14

Sr. Joan Wirz, CSA, SASN '54/'47, d. 8/24/14

Following graduation, Marian University alumni move on to personal and career success around the world, yet still hold Marian in a special place in their hearts.

Interim president Robert Fale and Dr. George Koonce, vice president for Advancement, hosted a reception for Phoenix-area alumni during a January visit to Arizona, allowing alumni the opportunity to reconnect with Marian University.



Pictured (L-R): Dr. George Koonce, vice president of Advancement; Gina Koonce; Sharon Sindorf, St. Agnes School of Nursing Class of 1964; Al Sindorf; Ann Fale; and interim president Robert Fale.

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Alumni by the Numbers

15,496
total Marian Alumni

1,855
are living in
Fond du Lac and
North Fond du Lac.

69%
are
female

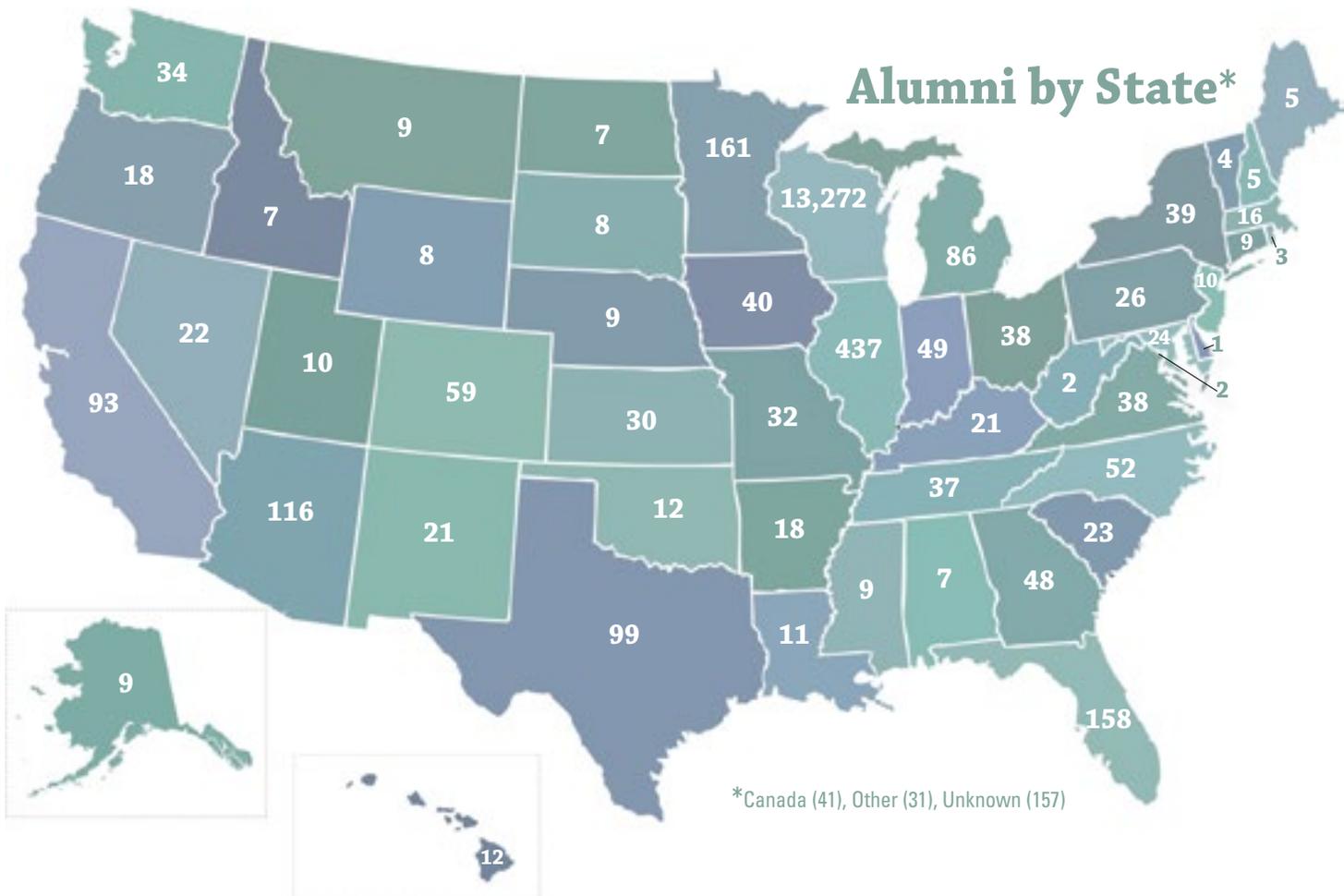
31%
are
male



1,059
are employed in a
health-care profession

36%
graduated within
the past 10 years

615
hold more than one
degree from Marian



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A group of people, likely students, are gathered at night for a "Sabre Night Run". They are wearing glowing headbands in various colors (purple, green, blue) and holding up their smartphones to take pictures or videos. The scene is illuminated by streetlights and the glow of the headbands. A person in the foreground is holding a smartphone up to capture the group.

Sabre Scenes

Into the Night

Fun was had by all at Marian's **Sabre Night Run**, where students spent the evening meeting new people and engaging in some glowing exercise opportunities.