New Science Center to Inspire Generations

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Building the Future

The Marian Campaign also aims to grow the Endowment fund to continue the mission of the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes and provide students the opportunity for success.

Alumni Spotlight: Jackie Schlamann ‘04/’07

Although heading back to the classroom may be intimidating, Schlamann chose Marian to achieve her personal and professional goals — both for her undergraduate and graduate degrees.

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THE MAGAZINE OF MARIAN UNIVERSITY chronicles this University’s commitment to community, learning, service, social justice, and spiritual traditions. Marian University was founded and is sponsored by the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes.
Dear Friends of Marian University,

It is remarkable how one can grow quickly attached to a place filled with people who work with common spirit and unwavering commitment to improving the lives of others. This has been my experience at Marian University. As I approach the first anniversary of my service as president, it is difficult for me to imagine being anywhere else. The welcome I have received from the community during this year has been warm and sincere; and the faculty, staff, and Board of Trustees have shown an unflagging willingness to doing the hard work of making Marian University the best it can be in service to our students. We are connected by our mission and our values. We are connected to the Congregation of Sisters of Saint Agnes. We are connected to our community and to each other.

This issue of the Marian Magazine will give you an opportunity to see some examples of these connections. You will discover how our students recognize the interconnectedness of us all through their work with a local food pantry. You will see the strengthening connection with our traditions through the reinstatement of December commencement. You will get a look into our ongoing efforts to connect with Marian alumni to improve the Marian University experience for our students. You also will read about a game-changing project that will connect and improve the educational opportunities for the next generation of Marian University students.

These connections are made possible by the generosity of our friends and alumni. All of us here are very excited to present the next major move forward in Marian’s rich history. This year, we continue the pioneering spirit of the Congregation of Sisters of Saint Agnes with an ambitious fundraising campaign of $13 million: the Marian Campaign. The lion’s share of the funds raised during the Marian Campaign will be dedicated to the renovation and significant expansion of the science center, which will be rededicated in honor of Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour. Dick and Leslie served extraordinarily as president and first lady of Marian from 1997 to 2006. As you will see from the renderings included in this issue, this magnificent facility will change the face of the Fond du Lac campus.

We have achieved a great deal throughout Marian’s 80-year history. We have built our success — student by student, brick by brick, achievement by achievement, generation by generation — through vision, dedication, and persistence. While it is tempting to rest on our laurels, we have much yet to do. Let us move forward with passion and with purpose and let us remain mindful that everything we do to improve Marian benefits our students.

As I enter my second year as president, I am honored to continue our journey together. I am full of hope and enthusiasm and invite you to strengthen your connection with Marian University and to help us shape Marian’s bright future.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D.
President
CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO

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At the heart of Marian University are the people — the students, faculty, staff, and alumni — who come to campus from different backgrounds and from around the world to share a singular experience and to live the mission. They come to Marian University to learn, to share, to ask questions, to solve problems, and to grow.

This continued dedication to our mission and our students has inspired so many over the past 80 years. With this commitment, we embark on a journey to transform our campus through upgrading Marian’s science facility as part of “The Marian Campaign: Inspired Students. Stronger Community,” a $13 million campaign dedicated to the science facility renovation, as well as growing the endowment.

Inspiring Possibilities

The renovation of the science center is at the forefront of the Marian Campaign, combining a history of academic excellence with an opportunity to advance the reputation of the Marian experience.

“This campaign will change the landscape of the University both literally and figuratively, and the renovation of this facility, will transform the learning experience of our students,” said Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D., president of Marian University, “The existing science building was constructed in 1965, and these renovations are vital for us to continue our legacy of providing a quality, educational experience.”

The facility renovations will feature a second-level lab addition, atrium area, and a variety of formal and informal learning spaces.
Continuing the Legacy of the Ridenours

In addition to upgrades to the facility, the science center will receive a new name.

“The renovated science center will be named in honor of Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour,” said Manion. “The naming of the science center is Marian’s way of honoring the work of Dr. Ridenour as president of the University and continuing the success experienced during his tenure.”

A Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps responsible for commanding the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., before serving as Marian’s president, Dr. Ridenour translated his military experience into a highly successful Marian presidency.

During Ridenour’s tenure as president (1997–2006), Marian completed its first major campus improvements in more than 15 years, including the Stayer Center for Technology and Executive Learning, Todd Wehr Alumni Center, and Smith Fields soccer and softball complexes.
Enrollment levels soared as records were set in student applications and in the size of each incoming class. Also, fundraising at Marian reached an all-time high. The capital campaign spearheaded by Richard Ridenour exceeded its goal of $16 million and was the largest in Marian’s history.

“While serving as president, Ridenour’s passion and energy for the Marian community was inspiring, and his legacy will continue to inspire future generations through the science center,” said Manion. “By constructing a modern science center, Marian University will become an even greater resource for professional development and economic growth in the region.”

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President Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D.
A new home for science

- Facility enhancements of $13 million will greatly expand teaching and research capabilities to better prepare students for post-graduate employment, graduate or professional school, and internships.

- The majority of students spend significant time in science classes as some of Marian’s largest academic programs, such as nursing, are centered on science education.

- All Biology and Chemistry students complete an original research project and new, state-of-the-art facilities will provide students greater possibilities for research to benefit their fields of study and the community.

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Building the FUTURE

Ensuring student success through growing the endowment fund
It started with a vision. It began with passion and leadership. Marian University’s history is rooted in providing opportunity and ensuring success for the future.

In 1936, the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes had the ambitious vision to begin a college. More than 80 years later, this vision continues to benefit a new generation of students who engage in the Marian experience.

The students are certainly at the forefront of Marian University. It was — and still is — the vision of both the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes and Marian University to offer opportunity and access to a quality, liberal arts education that is rooted in the Catholic tradition. The continuation of this vision is made possible through the endowment.

“Each year, the University spends 4.5 percent of its total endowment, in essence turning part of the interest accrued into spendable resources, with the remainder being invested to preserve the principal and prudently grow the endowment’s value,” said Tracy Milkowski, vice president for Advancement.

“It’s crucial to Marian’s future to increase the endowment to offset the cost of tuition and remain a competitive and affordable option for students of all backgrounds,” added Milkowski.

Each year, Marian awards a variety of scholarships to help with tuition, books, and other life expenses. A gift to Marian’s endowment aids today’s students and many generations to come.

“Our goal is to raise $1 million for the endowment, as part of The Marian Campaign,” said Milkowski. “Marian has been inspiring students — and the community — for more than 80 years and increasing our endowment will offer strength and stability for Marian’s next 80 years and beyond.”

It is the generosity of our alumni and friends that will help spark innovation and collaboration, empower the next generation of Marian students, and keep the vision of the Sisters of St. Agnes alive.
Scott Milnthorp ’17
Marketing and Sport & Recreation Management Majors | Information Technology Minor
Calgary Alberta, Canada

“Being a recipient of one of Marian’s endowed scholarships has helped me with the financial challenges of attending a private university. I have been very fortunate to be chosen as a recipient of different scholarships at Marian, and I am extremely grateful for this. The money has been used to pay for books, tuition, and other school expenses. Scholarships make attending school easier, and I believe I have gained the ability to focus on school rather than the finances of attending a university. I have received scholarships based on my academic performance here at Marian. I’m thankful that my academic performance has not gone unnoticed and that I can receive money based on my grades. This makes the late nights and lengthy homework assignments worth it!”

Stephanie Mahl ’19
Nursing Major
Markesan, Wis.

“I am the first person in my family to go to college, which was frightening for me to think about. I had mixed feelings about college. Although I was very excited to say I was going to college, I worried about the money it took to afford it. I am an independent student who works three jobs to pay for college as well as other necessities. I have a few friends who have mentored me, but I could not have afforded college without the assistance of scholarships. I am so grateful for the support that Marian’s scholarships have given me. These scholarships provided me with the assurance I can make it through college with a little less stress.”

Brodie Jamieson ’17
Human Resources and Finance Major, Information Technology Minor
North Vancouver, BC, Canada

“Receiving a scholarship made the difference of whether I could come to college and be involved on campus. The scholarship gave me the opportunity to focus my attention on academics, athletics, and campus involvement while attending Marian University. I am greatly appreciative of the scholarships that have helped alleviate the financial burden of furthering my education. Without it, I wouldn’t be where I am today.”
Rosa Ramirez ’17
Finance Major  l  Spanish Minor
Waukegan, Ill.
“This scholarship has had a positive impact on my education and college experience. I began my college education at Marian with a major in nursing. I knew that I enjoyed helping people and I thought nursing would allow me to do so. As I continued through that journey, I was accepted into the nursing program and began my courses. I soon realized that nursing was not for me. At the time, I was about to start my third summer as an intern at a civil engineering firm, and frequently talked about my interests with my supervisor. She took the time to introduce me to business and showed me I can make a difference through this industry. The next semester I declared my major in finance. I finished my first semester strong and made the Dean’s list for the first time. I couldn’t have done any of this without the support of scholarships.”

Katelyn Jensen ’19
Biology major/Chemistry minor (Pre-Med)  l  Spanish minor
Crandon, Wis.
“Receiving scholarships have allowed me to focus on learning, rather than worrying about how I’ll pay for it. I am able to take the time to be a college student, and it’s a relief to know that I don’t have to have a back-to-back schedule of work and school. I can be involved on campus and in the community, and even have fun with friends - especially through the Alpha Xi Delta sorority. As a pre-med student, I appreciate having help paying for my education at Marian, since I plan on continuing my education right away. Being here at Marian would not be possible without this financial assistance.”

Denisa Muntean ’17
International Business Major  l  Spanish and Information Technology Minors
Timisoara, Romania
“As an international student, I am not eligible for any type of student loans and, thus, I rely on the international grant. There are not enough words to express how thankful I am for having received a Marian scholarship this past year. It is because of this scholarship that I am able to pursue my dream career in international sales. Because of scholarships, I am able to concentrate on what is most important to me: my education. The financial generosity of Marian, its donors, alumni, and the community has allowed me to be one step closer to my goal and has inspired me to help others by giving back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goal just as they have helped me.”
Haywoods Awarded the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr Spirit Award

Marian University held its annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Prayer Breakfast on January 16, at which Bishop H.D. Haywood, Sr., and Pastor Beverly A. Haywood were awarded the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award.

Bishop Haywood and Pastor Beverly serve as senior co-pastors of Bread of Life Church in Fond du Lac. Additionally, they are international ministry officials of the UFCCM (United Fellowship of Christian Churches and Ministries), headquartered in Baltimore, Md.

Honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is a Marian University tradition with the Fond du Lac community.

Giving Tuesday Food Drive Collects Items for Fondy Food Pantry

Living the Mission and Core Values of the University, Marian initiated its first Giving Tuesday food drive.

“The food drive was initiated as a way for Marian to alleviate hunger in our community and support the Fondy Food Pantry, a local organization that’s doing so much good for those in need,” said Molly Jaster, director of development and annual giving.

Giving Tuesday, a worldwide philanthropic movement created in 2012 to counteract the consumption of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, invites the global community to give back.
Renovations Underwent at Herr–Baker Field to Welcome the Northwoods League’s New Team

The Northwoods League is coming to Fond du Lac to Marian University’s Herr–Baker Field. The Wisconsin Timber Rattlers and Marian University have announced a partnership to bring a new franchise, the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders, into the league for the 2017 season.

“We are very excited to bring Northwoods League baseball to Fond du Lac, a community with a great baseball fan base,” said Rob Zerjav, president and general manager of the Timber Rattlers. “Along with great baseball, we also plan to bring the fun, family entertainment the Timber Rattlers are so well known for.”

Zerjav will also serve as team president for Fond du Lac Baseball Club, LLC., with Ryan Moede assuming the day-to-day responsibilities of running the club as team general manager. Herr–Baker Field will be the new home for the Northwoods League team and the Fond du Lac Baseball Club, LLC will lease the field from Marian University.

“The Marian University community is excited about for this opportunity to partner with the Timber Rattlers organization to bring Northwoods League baseball to Herr–Baker Field,” said Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D., president of Marian. “We look forward to hosting summer baseball of this caliber on our campus each summer and are happy to be entering a long-term relationship with two organizations whose commitment to community is so compatible with our own values here.”

The Northwoods League, an amateur, wooden-bat league, sponsors teams composed of college players from around the country. Teams are currently located in Iowa, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Canada. Fond du Lac becomes the ninth team located in Wisconsin joining Eau Claire, Green Bay, Kenosha, La Crosse, Madison, Mequon, Wausau, and Wisconsin Rapids.

Fond du Lac Baseball Club, LLC has been making renovations to the current Herr–Baker Field. The new renovations include box seats, picnic areas, and a new building along the third base line that will house a locker room, concessions, and the Fond du Lac Baseball Club, LLC team store. Ground broke on the renovations in early November. Completion is expected by the start of Marian’s season in early spring.

For information on the Fond du Lac Dock Spiders, including schedules, internships, tickets, and team apparel, visit dockspiders.com.
Accomplishments are meant to be celebrated, and the more than 100 December graduates did just that during the newly-reinstated December Commencement Ceremony held on December 16, 2016.

Doris Armstrong ’16, Lauren Barton ’16, and Roger Ferguson ’16 served as student commencement speakers. Armstrong is an interdisciplinary studies major and communication minor from Milwaukee, Wis. Barton is a nursing major and expressive and therapeutic arts minor from DePere, Wis. Ferguson is a community health and human services and psychology double major from Oshkosh, Wis., and is a participant in the Working Families Grant Program.

In addition, Sr. Judith Schmidt, CSA ‘62, served as the commencement speaker.

Inspired to continue our student-focused vision, Marian University’s Board of Trustees recently approved a reduction of $910 in the annual tuition rate for full-time undergraduate students for the 2017–2018 academic year.

The tuition rate for full-time students will be $13,475 per semester, or $26,950 for the academic year.

“We recognize that with this reduction, Marian University tuition is moving in the opposite direction of most colleges and universities in the United States,” said Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D., president of Marian University. “We believe that taking this step honors our obligation to keep our high quality, Catholic, values-centered education affordable. This lowered tuition rate, along with existing need-based and merit-based scholarships, goes a long way toward assuring this promise. Faculty and staff are committed to students’ success. Marian wants to make sure it remains an excellent value for students, providing a great return on investment of time, effort, and dollars.”
Harmon Selected to Serve as Vice President for Enrollment Management

Ensuring students have an easy and welcoming transition to Marian is key to living our Mission and Core Values. New to Marian’s Enrollment Management team is Jason Harmon, vice president for Enrollment Management.

Harmon brings extensive experience in higher education enrollment management. Harmon previously served in various positions at Aurora University in Aurora, Ill., including Director of Orchard Center, Director of Graduate Enrollment, Director of Enrollment at Aurora University’s Woodstock Center, and Director of Enrollment at Aurora University’s George Williams College.

Harmon earned his bachelor’s in Business Administration and master of Business Administration in Leadership, both from Aurora University. He currently is pursuing his Doctor of Education in Interdisciplinary Leadership from Creighton University.

2016 Business & Industry Awards

Marian University held its 35th annual Business & Industry awards dinner on October 25, 2016.

Mid-States Aluminum was selected as the Business of the Year. Founded in 1974, Mid-States is committed to providing products with the highest value possible, and have received numerous awards for manufacturing excellence and good employee relations.

Gilles Frozen Custard Drive-in and owner Jim Gilles was selected as Entrepreneur of the Year. Gilles has been family owned and operated since 1949, and continues to run the drive-in much like in the 50s with an uncompromising dedication to quality and cleanliness.

Drexel Building Supply was awarded the Economic Development award. Started as Campbellsport Building Supply in 1985 by Albert Fleischman, the company has grown through expansion and acquisition, and now has over 75 employees and over $7M in revenue.

Ron Emanuel, of The Goldsmith, was awarded the Special Achievement award to an Individual. In 1974 Ron started The Goldsmith and moved to his current location in 1986. He provides specialized jewelry design, unusual fashion lines, jewelry service and repair, and whimsical gifts.

The Arc of Fond du Lac was awarded the Special Achievement award to an Organization. Founded in 1963, The Arc of Fond du Lac is the largest Arc serving children and adults with developmental disabilities in Wisconsin.
Celebrating Achievements

More than 100 students participated in the newly-reinstated December commencement ceremony.
For most student-athletes, balancing school, a social life, and a single sport is plenty of a time commitment. Yet, for almost 30 Marian student-athletes, college is a balance of their academics and multiple sports. Marian University athletics competes at the NCAA Division III level, which means Marian is not allowed to issue athletic scholarships. Student-athletes who choose to compete in multiple Sabre sports do so only for the experience and the love of the game.

Joey Dittman ’19, men’s tennis and volleyball player, came to Marian planning only to play men’s volleyball.

“When I first came to Marian, I wasn’t expecting to play two sports,” said Dittman. “However, when I got here, I met with Marcus Weigert, the tennis coach, and I decided to give it a shot. I am very glad I chose to play tennis, and Marian gives a great opportunity to play two sports.”

Alexis Peterson ’19 balances women’s soccer and ice hockey on her schedule, but the ability to play both was one of the reasons she ended up choosing Marian.

“Playing multiple sports at Marian was a reason I chose to come here instead of a different school,” said Peterson. “When I visited Marian it seemed that playing more than one sport was accepted and encouraged, unlike other schools that said that wouldn’t work at all or weren’t too thrilled about the idea.”

Lawnson MacDonald ’20 came to Marian initially to play on the men’s ice hockey team, but just before school started, he decided to play soccer as well.

“I wouldn’t say playing two sports was a big factor, but it certainly did play a role,” said MacDonald. “I chose to come to Marian based on the academics and hockey. However, I’ve always loved soccer, so having the opportunity to play both sports was a bonus.”

All three value the experiences, memories, and relationships they are building as a result of playing multiple sports.
The Marian University men’s golf program has always been a staple in Marian athletics, with 11 conference championships and four teams qualifying for the NCAA National Championships.

“It is great to see the seniors in our program rewarded for the years of hard work,” said Brett Denap, head men’s golf coach. “Moreover, it is a feeling of opportunity and everyone is well aware we still have two tough rounds ahead of us in the spring.”

“This is something we’ve been wanting since freshman year, and we are really looking forward to the spring tournament,” said Ryonen Faris ’17. “We aren’t getting ahead of ourselves though; we know there’s still some work to be done.”

Marian competes in the Northern Athletics Collegiate Conference (NACC), which splits the NACC men’s golf championship into four rounds: two in the fall and two in the spring. This year, the Sabres hosted the opening rounds in the fall at Whispering Springs in Fond du Lac, Wis., and now sits atop the leaderboard with a one-stroke lead over Aurora University.

“I expect everyone to continue improving by using the simulator and engaging in off-season workouts,” said Denap. “We are also trying to get everyone through their classes so they are able to finish the year strong academically, as well.”

The team features four seniors and one freshman controlling all the scoring for Marian at the NACC Championship, and those seniors are trying to leave their mark on Marian athletics before they graduate.

“I can taste it, and I know the other guys can too,” said Faris. “This is what we play for. We’ve set team scoring records, individual scoring records, and as a team, we’ve been successful, but none of that matters. The only thing we’re focused on is putting in the preparation necessary to put together two great rounds of golf and lead our team to a conference championship.”

Marian will travel to Stonebridge Country Club in Aurora, Ill. on April 23–24 for the final two rounds of the NACC Championship, as the Sabres look to win the first men’s golf championship since 2004–05.
Sabre Athletics

Welcoming a New Member to the Marian Family

Lyndsey Seewald was selected to head the Sabre Women’s basketball in April 2016. The women’s basketball program has not had a winning season since the 2010–11 season, but Seewald’s high level of energy and excitement looks to turn the tide for the program.

“I feel as if I have been working here for years,” said Seewald on her first couple months at Marian.

“After I tore my ACL my sophomore year of college, I realized then that the game was much more than putting the ball in the hoop,” said Seewald. “Basketball is a game of strategy, technical precision, and emotional and mental strength. It was then that I decided to get my Psychology degree and later my master’s degree in Sport and Performance Psychology. I knew that my future student–athletes needed me to understand the mind and body connection on and off the court. I personally wanted to know how I could teach the technical, tactical, emotional, and mental components on a daily basis.”

After coaching high school basketball, Seewald spent two seasons at her alma mater, Carroll, where she helped lead the Pioneers to two Midwest Conference (MWC) tournaments and aided in coaching four student–athletes to MWC All-Conference awards and two student–athletes to become Jostens Trophy Finalists. Prior to coming to Marian, Seewald served as the head women’s basketball coach for UW–Waukesha.

Lyndsey Seewald

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Message from the Alumni Board President

Eric Sanchez ‘04

Dear fellow alumni and friends of Marian University,

It’s a very exciting time for Marian University. The campus is buzzing with students who are engaging in quality curriculum, connecting with faculty and alumni as they engage in internships and research, and serving the community through volunteering in Fond du Lac and around the world. Our president, Dr. Andrew P. Manion, is entering his second year as president, and the campus has been blessed with a variety of changes: the opening of the Center for Health Professions; the welcoming of a new administration in the areas of Academic Affairs, Enrollment Management, Mission, and Alumni, Institutional Partnerships and Career Services; and the renovation to the Herr–Baker Field as part of a new partnership with the Northwoods League’s Dock Spiders.

These opportunities show that Marian’s Mission and Core Values can impact so many. And that’s why this university is so special. Marian invests in each and every student who walks through its doors. The faculty and staff have graciously given of their time and energy to make sure we are successful. I often reflect on the blessings received while on campus and appreciate the difference the Marian education has made in my life.

To ensure future generations have this same opportunity and experience, I invite my fellow alumni and friends of the University to pay it forward by making a donation to the Marian Campaign, which will aid in the renovation of a state-of-the-art science facility and growth of the endowment fund. At the center of this campaign are the students: our future alumni.

Together, we can be part of something big. And together, we can inspire the future leaders of our communities through the quality, affordable Marian University experience that we know so well.

Sincerely,

Eric Sanchez ‘04
President, Marian University Alumni Association
Going back to school can often be intimidating, yet for Jackie Schlomann ’04/’07, the transition to the classroom was an easy — and inspiring — choice.

“A good friend of mine was obtaining her undergraduate degree at Marian, and it was inspiring to watch the positive influence education had on her life — and it had me wanting the same for myself,” said Schlomann, who enrolled in the organizational communication program as part of Marian’s adult accelerated program.

“My goal in going back to school was to find a career, and when I first enrolled in the program, I didn’t know exactly what I wanted to do with my degree. But through my coursework, I found that I truly enjoyed creating curriculum and public speaking, and decided to pursue a career in training.”

Today, Schlomann serves as a training manager at J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc., where she supports the organization’s corporate and national accounts.

“I was interested in the communication industry, and Marian offered me the flexibility I needed through the adult accelerated format,” added Schlomann. “I loved the smaller class sizes, especially with instructors who had real-life experience they could share.”

Quality curriculum and expert faculty inspired Schlomann, and led her to success after graduation — and influenced her to return.

“After obtaining my master’s in Organizational Leadership from Marian and having become a trainer at J. J. Keller & Associates, Inc., I applied to be an adjunct facilitator with Marian University,” said Schlomann. “Fortunately, Marian was looking for someone to teach a Training and Assessments class, which aligned perfectly with my experience. I’ve been teaching at Marian since 2008, and I absolutely love to give back to the program that helped me find my amazing career.”

“It’s great staying so connected to Marian University — in the classroom, with faculty and with both current and former students,” added Schlomann. “Many former students and peers reach out to me with questions or requests, and its great networking with new graduates taking their next steps establishing their career. That’s what makes Marian so special — our experiences here enable us to connect and network well beyond our student days and continue to live the Mission and Core Values.”
Marian University’s Career Services recently piloted an externship program exclusively for freshmen exploring careers. The one-week externship — a “mini internship” or “elongated job shadow” — was held the week of January 9–13.

Interested students’ applications, resumes, and goal statements were reviewed by an Externship Selection Committee. Once approved, students completed an orientation that delineated program expectations, including a learning contract and reflection paper, and were paired with host/sponsor organizations within their areas of career interest.

“What a great opportunity for our students to connect with employers and experience a ‘week in the life of’ an organization,” said Mary Hatlen, Director of Career Services. Externship students had the opportunity to observe the many layers of an organization and the many career paths available within that organization, as well as personally connecting with professionals.

Marian is grateful to the host/sponsor organizations that partnered with Career Services to host the 2017 Externship Pilot Program: Agnesian Healthcare, Arc of Fond du Lac, Drexel Building Supply, Fond du Lac School District, Grand Chute Police Department, Grande Cheese Company, Mid-States Aluminum, and the YMCA. These organizations provided inspiration to Marian’s future student leaders about the importance of completing a college degree, exploring careers, and finding the right career fit.

“Looking ahead,” Hatlen said, “we hope to continually grow these partnerships, offering as many opportunities for students as possible.”

For more information about future externships, contact:
Career Services at 920.923.7161 or externships@marianuniversity.edu for additional information.
Births

Ashley (Lavin) ‘11 and Nicholas Hartwig ’05 welcomed twins, Eliza Marie and Quinten Thomas, on November 8, 2016.

Marriages and Engagements

Jenna Razner ’08 is engaged to Shawn Allen.

Kim (Kriese) ’11 married Derek Pitterle on July 9, 2016 in Port Washington, Wis. 1

Megan (Stahmann) ’12 married Justin Retzleff on May 14, 2016. 2

Jessika (Bustamante) ’13 and Eric Meisner were married on May 14, 2016 in Waukesha, Wis. 3

Angela Diedrick ’14 and Cody Hoffman ’14 are engaged and planning a July 2017 wedding. 4

Sydney Volkman ’16 is engaged to Nathan Lawson and planning a June 2018 wedding. 5

Sr. Patricia Weidman, CSA, ’66 has served as Chaplain at the Federal Correctional institution Schuylkill in Minersville, Pa., for the past twenty years.

Rev. David R. Froemming ’84 serves as pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Sue Doyle ’88/’99 serves as the Director of Special Education and Pupil Services for CESA #1 in Pewaukee, Wis.

Darcy Budnik ’95/’01 serves as the Director of Teaching and Learning at CESA #1 in Pewaukee, Wis.

Damian LaCroix ’95 serves as the Superintendent for the Howard-Suamico School District. He has served in this capacity for the past 12 years.

Katherine Vergos ’99 serves as the Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac, Wis. 6

Eric Tillich ’03 serves as the President and CEO of the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music in Milwaukee, Wis.

Jackie Schlamann ’04/’07 was promoted to Training & Quality Manager – National/Corporate Accounts at J.J. Keller & Associates.

Gina Popp ’05 accepted a new position as Development Team Leader with J.J. Keller & Associates.

Andrew Wallace ’06 serves as the Vice President of Commercial Lending at FNB Fox Valley Bank.

Malia Hoffman ’07 serves as an assistant professor (tenure track position) at California State University in Fullerton.

Brandon Watson ’07 was promoted to Strategic Account Manager with the U.S. Postal Service.

Dr. Teddie Malangwasira ’08 serves as an adjunct faculty in Marian University’s School of Business.

Kim (Kriese) Pitterle ’11 serves as a Commercial Lines Underwriter with Acuity Insurance.

Elizabeth Stafford ’11 serves as a Hall Director at UW–Parkside.

Matt Berger ’14 accepted a new position of Territory Sales Manager at ASI Doors, Inc. in Milwaukee, Wis.

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Thomas McCoy ’15 serves as a producer at Missouri General Insurance Agency.

Brandon Musser ’15 serves as IT Manager and Network Administrator at R.B. Royal in Fond du Lac, Wis.

Rachel Page ’15 serves as a Communications Officer (911 Dispatcher) with the Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

Kristee Felker ’16 accepted an RN position on the women and infants (OB) unit at St. Agnes Hospital.

Jenna Marco ’16 serves as a 6th grade language arts teacher at Woodworth Middle School in Fond du Lac, Wis.

Miles Qualmann ’16 began working as a Graphic Designer at 4Imprint in Oshkosh, Wis.

Bishop Sedgwick Daniels ’16 was re-elected to the General Board of Holy Redeemer Institutional Church of God in Christ.

RJ Rueckert ’15 serves as a correctional officer at the Department of Corrections in Fox Lake, Wis.

Awards/ Accomplishments


Darcy Budnik ’95/’01 was named Wisconsin Instructional Leader of the Year by the Wisconsin Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (WASCD).

Damian LaCroix ’95 was named the 2017 Wisconsin Superintendent of the Year.

Holly Luehring ’00 was named the 2016 Young Professional of the Year and Future 5 award recipient by the Young Professionals of Fond du Lac (YPF).

Malia Hoffman ’07 earned her Ed.D in learning technologies from Pepperdine University in May 2015.

Dr. Teddie Malangwasira ’08 graduated with a Ph.D. in Organizational Leadership from Regent University, in Virginia Beach, Va.

In Memorium

Joseph Arkenberg ’76, d. 9/30/16
Beverly Becker, SASN ’47, d. 11/25/16
Joseph G. Becker, d. 6/29/16
Shirley Bender, d. 8/16/16
Sr. Sarah Bertler ’79, d. 10/16/16
Ralph Breit, d. 10/25/16
Lu Buxton ’56, d. 12/18/16
Ruth Chaslavsky, SASN ’46, d. 12/5/16
Jean Collins, SASN ’53, d. 12/10/16
Georgianna Cooper ’91, d. 12/5/16
Jane Doro, SASN ’61, d. 8/19/16
Sandra Jean Evenson ’97, d. 8/20/16
Pamela Anne Exner ’00, d. 8/18/16
Ilene M. Feyen ’77, d. 8/5/16
Shannon Rae Frisque, d. 10/14/16
Ruth Ann Hanson, SASN ’57, d. 8/3/16
Ethis Herzfeld, SASN ’48, d. 12/18/16
Jeffry J. Kafan ’09, d. 8/13/16
Jane Marie Kneuppe1’00, d. 11/14/16
Sr. Magdalena Langlois ’65, d. 9/15/16
Virginia Luethy, SASN ’39, d. 10/24/16
Marilyn Morgan, SASN ’59, d. 11/25/16
Dolores Roberts, SASN ’50, d. 9/11/16
Sr. Mildred Ryan ’41, d. 8/7/16
Joan Scherer, SASN ’53, d. 11/14/16
Mary Ann Schingen, SASN ’57, d. 7/26/16
Mary Lou Smith, d. 8/27/16
Amanda Louise Stewart, d. 7/16/16
Anne Svacina, SASN ’46, d. 7/23/16
Willadene Margaret Zedan ’13, d. 10/6/16

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The Sabre Room
Dedicating one’s career to serving others is inspiring, yet for Angeline Fritz ’45, giving doesn’t stop after retirement.

Fritz, a 1945 graduate of the St. Agnes School of Nursing, spent more than 40 years serving in the nursing field. A number of factors played into her decision of entering a postsecondary program, including affordability and a quality educational experience.

“You could either be a teacher or a nurse, and I chose to go into nursing because I really enjoyed the sciences,” said Fritz. “The St. Agnes School of Nursing prepared me well, and it was a great choice for me. I chose St. Agnes because it was close to home, was a three-year program, and was affordable for my family.”

Achieving her nursing degree was not only a proud moment for Fritz, but for her family, too. “My father had to ask someone to drive my family to my graduation,” said Fritz. “And I can still picture my father’s face on that day. He’s the one who taught my brother, sister, and me to have a strong work ethic. He was so proud.”

A college degree is life changing for each Marian student, but it also makes an impact on families, the community, and many generations to come. That’s why Fritz established the Angeline Jakovec Fritz Nursing scholarship, and also included Marian in her estate plans.

“I have come back to Marian for a few reunions and for the scholarship luncheon,” Fritz said. “Attending the St. Agnes School of Nursing was the best decision I’ve ever made and was the right fit for me, and for that I am grateful. Endowing the scholarship is definitely something that others should consider doing.”
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