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the generational connection

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# President's Message

Dear Friends of Marian University,

Growing up with six siblings, then going on to have three children of my own, my family always has been a pretty important part of who I am. When my family gets together, we love to tell old stories as well as get caught up on what is happening today, and sharing pictures is a big part of it. The third child (*of seven*) of a college president and a college professor, my earliest memories include the academic community, and from a very early age I have understood that community to be like a larger, extended family. It is not coincidental that higher education traditionally uses the metaphor of family to describe itself. When we graduate from college, we become alumni and our school becomes our alma mater. Alumni is the Latin word meaning foster children (*literally: nourished ones*) and alma mater translates to nurturing mother. In that light, we might think of this issue of Marian University Magazine as the family scrap book, where we show off photos, brag about family members' accomplishments, share our plans and aspirations, and reconnect with one another.



In addition to stories about Marian families, this issue also will give you the opportunity to learn about some of the things we are doing to make sure a Marian University education — personal, Agnesian, catholic — remains accessible and affordable.

It's particularly appropriate that this issue features stories about family connections within the Marian University community, among other things. Throughout our history, Marian University has welcomed many siblings as well as relations that have crossed generations. Of course, many future spouses first met during their undergraduate days at Marian (*like Amy and I did at our alma mater*). In addition to stories about Marian families, this issue also will give you the opportunity to learn about some of the things we are doing to make sure a Marian University education — personal, Agnesian, catholic — remains accessible and affordable. Enjoy reading about the successes of some of our faculty as well as some of our athletics teams. Get updated on this year's academic symposium and the progress on the Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour Science Center. And, of course, you can catch up on the news of your closest Marian sisters and brothers in the Alumni News.

Earlier this year, we adopted a new articulation of our shared vision: "*Marian University: Transforming lives and improving our world through compassionate, innovative, and exemplary education.*" We feel this is an effective summary of what we hope to achieve through the hard work we do. The faculty, staff, administration, students, and alumni of Marian University have accomplished a lot this year. I am confident you will see our vision come into focus within this issue of Marian University Magazine. We want to make you proud to be a part of this extended family — a family started by our institutional mothers, The Congregation of Sisters of Saint Agnes, over 80 years ago.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A.P. Manion".

Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D.  
President

# It's all about family

the generational connection



Mark '81, Beth '81, and Michael '18 Bostwick

**E**very student at Marian University has a story. They come here already having a narrative of who they are, where they come from, and where they hope to go. Once here, that prescribed course can change, reroute, or intercept with another person. In some cases, the crossing-of-paths happens before coming here, where generations of students come from the same family.

Dolores Swenarski graduated from the St. Agnes School of Nursing in the late 1940s. After graduation, she worked at St. Agnes Hospital as a nurse, then in a leadership position, for 38 years. Her husband was a police officer in Fond du Lac. Their paths crossed through their respective work roles, then later married. Their son Mark Bostwick '81 wanted to follow in his father's footsteps; however, in his junior year of high school, when it came time to think about college, he decided to follow the path of his mother and become a nurse; he saw how she helped and nurtured people and he wanted to do the same.

Originally, Mark enrolled at the UW–Oshkosh to play football. That lasted about a year. He said "what am I going to do?" He looked at his options and Marian was a very viable option. He applied and was accepted. He talked to a good friend Dave Shaw, who was the coach for Marian's basketball team at the time, and asked if he could play on the practice squad, as basketball had been a big part of his life growing up. As things would have it, Mark ended up playing for Marian and was privileged to be part of three conference championships. After 30+ years, the men Mark met on the court and in the classroom remain his best friends. Mark also remembers enjoying the small class sizes at Marian, whereas at the larger school he was in pit rooms where he was just a number.

Mark recounts his time at Marian as fun and a great learning experience. Fr. Ron Jansch would hold Fr.

Ron nights, where students would get together to relieve the stress of the classroom. During Mark's sophomore year, in his dormitory, he laid eyes on a beautiful young lady: Beth Radke. "It was like a lightning bolt hit me!" said Mark. "I knew right then, she was for me, even though we didn't actually start dating until my senior year."

Beth Bostwick '81 was also a nursing major, but her journey to Marian was a little different. There are no nurses in her family. The oldest of eight, Beth spent two years of her high school experience in a convent, thinking she wanted to be a nun. Even after graduating from high school, she still toyed with the

idea of becoming a nun. In a conversation with her mother, Beth's mom said "If you don't become a nun, you can either become a teacher or a nurse." In Beth's senior year of high school, a man she was semi dating and a female classmate both enrolled at Marian. Because of these two things, Beth felt pulled to look at Marian. She didn't want anything too big and something rooted in Christian values. She applied, was accepted, and then enrolled. In her graduating class, there

were two men: and she got one of them! Beth is grateful for not only her nursing training, but also the fact that Marian professionally socialized her to be able to take on leadership roles, noting this likely would not have happened at a larger school.

Nursing was not easy. Both Mark and Beth buckled down and studied hard to achieve good grades. Now, their son, Michael '18, a third-generation family member at Marian, is doing the same. The entire family sees the benefit of the smaller classes, allowing for interaction between classmates, and also with the faculty.

After graduation, both Mark and Beth found gainful employment. Although their relationship was serious and they knew they would be together, Beth felt passionate about being able to make it on her



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own. She moved to Green Bay and worked on a medical/surgical unit. Shortly thereafter, they did get engaged. At that point, Beth moved to Oshkosh and joined the team at Mercy Medical. For Mark, he went straight from graduation to working in the ICU at St. Agnes Hospital in Fond du Lac. Shortly after, Mark started graduate school at UW–Oshkosh where he earned a Master of Science in Nursing. This was a time of revelation for them both. Beth knew she wanted to work more one-on-one with patients, whereas Mark knew he wanted to work at an administrative level.

Both Mark and Beth are thankful for their personal upbringings, but are also thankful to Marian for continuing the catholic philosophy. They firmly believe, this combination has assisted them in being where they are today.

Sometimes, love stories cross majors and borders. Marc and Monica Cadieux, both 1996 alumni, originally and unofficially met when Monica was slightly freaked out by the odor coming from a hockey bag parked in the hallway in Regina Hall. The official first meeting was at a Halloween party in 1994, where Mark wore a Toga and Monica dressed as Raggedy Ann. This is when the love story began.

Marc Cadieux, originally from Canada, was recruited by former coach and vice president, Bill Rhudy, to play golf. Marc attended a small all-boys catholic high school, thus making Marian University, College at the time, seem suitable for his college experience. Marc pursued a business degree, with a major in accounting. He was also part of the club hockey team at Marian. Additionally, he was part of the group who formed the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity.

Monica's path to Marian came about in slightly different way. She actually stumbled on Marian by accident. Her brother was attending St. Norbert College so she wanted to go there too; however, at that time, they did not have a nursing program. Her parents encouraged her to attend a small, private, catholic college close to home. Marian fit the bill. She was also able to play tennis here. She, too, was involved in Greek Life as a founding member of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority.



Maddie, Luc, Ryan, Marc '96, and Monica '96 Cadieux

In 1995, tragedy struck. Marc's brother was en route to visit when he was killed in a plane crash. This moment made them both reflect and evaluate what was important. Monica began her career at Columbia St. Mary's as a labor and delivery nurse. Shortly thereafter, they both headed to Winnipeg where Marc pursued additional education, later earning his CPA and the Canadian-equivalent. They married July 3, 1998.

When asked what kept them both at Marian, they both valued the clear path to graduation, friends (*of which they are both still in touch with*), professors, and close to downtown. Everyone knew everyone. Everyone was included. We felt ready for the real world.

Moving back to the states in 2001, the Cadieuxs now live in Cedarburg, Wisconsin with their three children: Luc, Maddie, and Ryan. Marc is a CPA and the CFO at Children's Hospital in Milwaukee. Monica is a pharmaceutical sales professional with Merck.



## It's all in the family

For the Duley family, it is all relative.

Bob Duley's daughter, Daycia, knew her freshmen year in high school she wanted to be nurse. This desire led her to Marian to pursue her education. About two years into her studies, Bob decided he wanted to continue his education. He enrolled in the Master of Arts in Education program, with a major in leadership studies. Through his experience, and that of his daughter, it was fundamentally

clear there was a distinct difference between public institutions and private: a private school offers a personal side to being a student and infused strong values.

This positive experience by Bob and Daycia, paved the path for three more family members, daughters, to attend Marian: Tara enrolled in the math and education programs, graduating in 1993/2001; Carina pursued her passion of teaching, graduating in 1998/2003; and Marisa

graduated in 2002 with a marketing degree. Each one of them experienced the same thing Bob and Daycia did: an environment that helped each to grow professionally and educationally, but also personally.

The story doesn't end there. Bob's grandson and Daycia's son, Reid, attended Marian, graduating in 2017, in 3½ years, with a double major in Management and Marketing.

**NEW**

# **Bridge to Bachelor's PROGRAM**



In many cases, individuals know they want to pursue higher education, but they do not always know exactly where they want to go. There may also be other factors why someone chooses to obtain an associate's degree, rather than going straight for a four-year degree: time-to-degree; unsure of career goal; intimidated by four-year environment; or seeking a more technically-based avenue. Regardless of reason, sometimes beginning with one's associate's degree is the right choice. Once someone has achieved success earning an associate's degree, they may seek more. Maybe their career requires advanced education, additional training, or simply, the person wants the next level.

At Marian University, we've become acutely aware of this phenomenon. As much as we would like students to begin with us as freshmen, then have full exposure to every aspect of college life, this is not what always works best. Being mindful of this, Marian University developed a program specifically for individuals who have experienced success with a Wisconsin Technical College System school and now want to obtain their four-year degree: The Bridge to Bachelor's Program.

The Bridge to Bachelor's Program, also known as B2B, was created with the two-year graduate in mind. Individuals who have an associate's degree, or a minimum of 60 transferable college credits, can pursue their educational goals by continuing on to

earn a bachelor's degree in a variety of majors and in as little as two years!

Students in the B2B program can choose from majors in community health and human services; criminal justice; diagnostic medical sonography; health care administration; homeland security; interdisciplinary studies; management; marketing; organizational communication; psychology; radiologic technology; and RN-BSN completion. All programs are offered in an accelerated format and most are offered entirely online. Some require specific associate's degree and licensure.

Like all other programs at Marian, these, too, are taught by expert faculty who bring with them vast backgrounds, offering not only a theoretical base, but real-world application.

Students in this program receive dedicated admission, advising, and financial aid assistance. Students receive guidance from inquiry to graduation.

Also, compare Marian's tuition to any state institution, and students will find this to be an affordable option. Couple this with the accelerated nature, and students can complete their four-year degree in less time and for less money. Additionally, Marian University has signed memorandums of understanding with a variety of schools within the Wisconsin Technical College System, thus extending a tuition scholarship to transfer students.

## Wisconsin Technical College System stats

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WTCS is  
**ONE** system,  
with  
**16** colleges.\*

In 2015-16,  
**25,394** students  
graduated from  
a WTCS school  
with an  
associate's degree.\*

**22%**  
of WTCS graduates  
attend a technical  
college to prepare for  
further education.\*

During the 2015-16  
academic year,  
**1,875** students  
transferred WTCS  
credits to  
a WAICU school.\*\*

\*Source for all aforementioned is WTCS Graduate Outcomes, job placement and employment data for 2016 graduates.

\*\*Source WTCS Credit Transfer Report, 2015-16 credit transfer data.



Marian students and faculty at Washington, DC rally

## March to End Gun Violence

A group of criminal justice students planned, then executed, a successful March For Our Lives rally on campus Saturday, March 24. Over 100 faculty, staff, and community members participated in the rally.

The rally included an informational briefing before the walk, the opportunity for guests to share messages, and poster making. This on-campus event was organized in the wake of the horrific killings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. Survivors of the tragedy invited the country to join their campaign, March For Our Lives, to end violence in schools, regardless of the motives,



Members of the student team: (L-R) Alonso Fragoso, Nicholas Schmitz, Samantha Wrzesinski, Clarissa Roman (not pictured)

weapons of choice, or inspirations of those who harm others. Participants advocated for a multi-faceted solutions to school and community violence, including stronger gun regulations, improved response to mental health issues, family building, responsible parenting, and target-hardening in our schools.

In addition to the on-campus rally, a group of nearly 40 Marian University students, faculty, and staff traveled to Washington, DC to simultaneously march with those on campus.

The Marian on-campus event was made possible through the support of a Civil Liberties grant. Marian University is a member

of the Center for the Study of Institutions and Innovation (CSII), a grant-funded program. CSII's mission is to provide leadership in Wisconsin, the region, and beyond on issues pertaining to civil liberty and related institutions and innovations through scholarly inquiry, educational activities, and community outreach.

## Campaign update



Photos courtesy of C.D. Smith Construction

The idea of enhancing Marian's campus with a facility that would offer learning opportunities for students began over three years ago. With a focus on STEM, people got together to brainstorm the possibilities. Out of this grew the concept of an up-to-date science facility that would provide state-of-the-art equipment, spaces, and experiences.

In October, 2017, Marian broke ground on the Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour Science Center. Dr. Ridenour, Marian's 11<sup>th</sup> president and now President Emeritus, a man whose legacy continues to inspire the future of Marian today. Under Dr. Ridenour's leadership, Marian saw its' last significant structural growth, the Stayer Center for Executive Learning and Technology, Smith Fields, and his beloved Common Grounds Coffee House (*inside the Todd Wehr Alumni Center*).

"We feel honored to have this building dedicated in our name," said Dr. Richard Ridenour, Marian University President Emeritus. "Leslie and I always felt at home at Marian University. This is a great university and this addition to campus will enhance the learning experience for students."

Since October, a two-story addition along the south side of the current Sadoff Science Building was erected; this increases the overall footprint by 60%. Measures were taken to preserve part of the original south side of the building, using original windows as pathways, from the old structure to the new. Framing-in of new classrooms, offices, and study spaces are in full swing. New electrical and plumbing to bring the building up to current standards is an ongoing process.

Visually, it is starting to come together. As guests tour the facility, the eight new teaching laboratories with adjacent prep spaces are clearly seen, the expanded study areas for students are evident, and it is becoming clearer the impact this new facility will make on our current and future students.

"By constructing a modern science facility, complete with new laboratory spaces for classroom instruction and research, Marian University will become an even greater resource for professional development and economic growth in the region." said Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D., President of Marian University.

To keep abreast of updates and happenings, please visit [marianuniversity.edu/TheMarianCampaign](http://marianuniversity.edu/TheMarianCampaign).



## December commencement

Marian held its December commencement exercises on Friday, December 15.

Marian's commencement ceremony featured keynote speaker and honorary degree recipient Ave Bie, business law and energy attorney with the national law firm of Quarles & Brady LLP. She congratulated graduates on their achievements and challenged them to embrace life and the journey ahead.

"Today, graduates, you may feel powerful, elated, perhaps even a bit relieved. This feeling of potential, of your ability to step up and open that doorway and walk through it, without having full knowledge of what is on the other side, is a very important feeling. Notice it. Be emboldened by it. Nurture it. It's important," said Bie. "Truly, life is amazing and surprising and awe-inspiring. We are experiencing that today. Truly, I am so excited for you. To paraphrase the poet David Whyte, go forth boldly dear graduates because, "everything, everything, everything is waiting for you."

In addition, student speaker Rachael Hill, a graduate student majoring in thanatology and a military

widow, spoke to her fellow graduates about the value of a Marian University education and challenged graduates to pursue one's passion.

"I felt that the faculty had taken me in and were excited to push me to reach my full potential. They were more than just college professors and I felt that I had become part of a unique family that you can't find just anywhere. They were educators, but they were also cheerleaders and mentors," said Hill. "Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass...it's about learning to dance in the rain (Vivian Greene)." I share my story not in looking for sympathy or pity, but to hopefully help with personal reflection. Life isn't perfect and things aren't always going to go as planned, so when life throws a curve ball your way somewhere down the road, I hope you stop and reflect on today. I hope you think about all you accomplished to get here, despite the hardships and difficulties put in your path. You already learned how to dance, but it is up to you to keep your feet moving."

This graduation ceremony featured 66 undergraduate and 37 graduate recipients. Two students received Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

## Marian hosts annual MLK community prayer breakfast

Marian held its Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Community Prayer Breakfast on Monday, January 15 to a sold-out crowd.

The keynote speaker, Arletta Allen, is a current Marian University student, a mother of four, and a full-time employee at SSM Health. Allen grew up in Yazoo City, Miss., until the age of 10 when her mother moved her and her siblings to Fond du Lac to escape abusive domestic circumstances. After moving to Fond du Lac, Allen and her family were able to utilize a variety of resources in the community to better their family situation. This experience, in part, helped shape Arletta into the woman she is today. Her family “weathered a variety of adverse situations, yet overcame these obstacles with the help of God and many good people in our community.” Arletta embraces King’s message of change and encourages each individual to lock arms with another to work together to create that change.

The 2018 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Spirit Award was presented to Margaret Jarek. Jarek was born in Milwaukee, Wis., three months prior to the onset of World War II. She spent the first year of her life in an orphanage, followed by two years in different foster homes before her grandmother became aware of her existence and claimed her. Margaret graduated from Goodrich High School in 1960 and went on to attend Marian College on a scholarship. She taught grade school in Milwaukee and Fond du Lac. Margaret is an engaging story teller and uses this gift and extensive knowledge to educate others on not only the plight of indigenous people, but of all humanity who suffer injustice. Margaret is resilient and an advocate for justice in our community and beyond. She serves on the board of United for Diversity and is an organizer of The Humanity Project: Telling the Untold Story. She can be seen walking the streets of Fond du Lac listening to, and in conversation with, the people who often do not have a voice in our city’s neighborhoods. When Margaret accepted her award, she indicated it was not solely for her, but rather all the people of Turtle Island (North America).



Dr. Joseph Foy

## Marian names new academic dean

Marian has named Dr. Joseph Foy to serve as Dean of the College of Arts, Sciences, and Letters.

Dr. Foy holds a Ph.D. in American Government and Comparative Politics from the University of Notre Dame; a M.A. in Comparative Politics and International Relations also from Notre Dame; and a B.A. in Political Science and International Relations from Carroll College in Helena, Montana.

Dr. Foy comes to Marian from the University of Wisconsin Colleges where, for the last three years, he served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, with a six-month overlapping appointment as the Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. Dr. Foy will begin his role with Marian University on July 1, 2018.

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**Brent Martin '17**

Fond du Lac, Wis.  
Family Nurse Practitioner

**Christine Martin '09/'12**

(Mother)



**Nicole Wiegert '08/'17**

Fond du Lac, Wis.  
Family Nurse Educator

**Marcus Wiegert '08**  
(Husband)

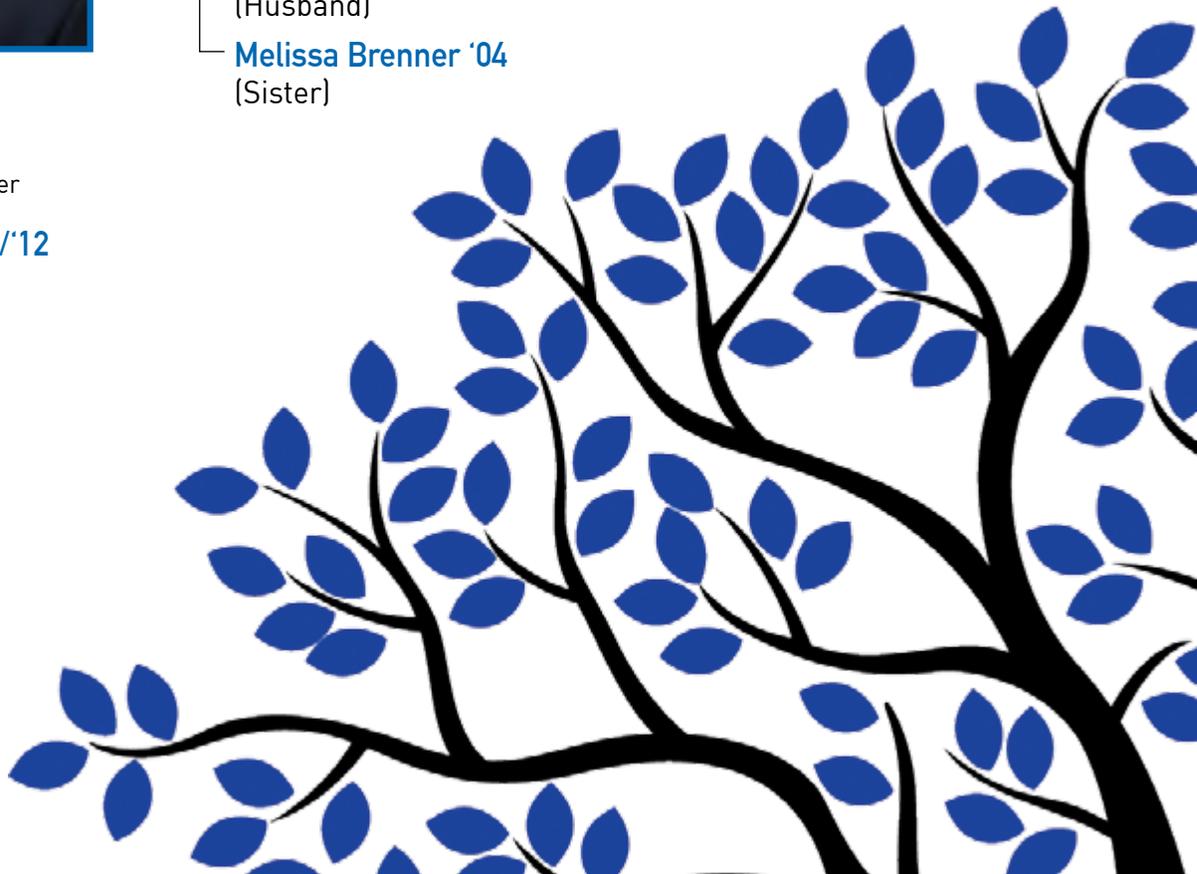
**Melissa Brenner '04**  
(Sister)



**McKenna Rohan '17**

Greenleaf, Wis.  
Self Designed Major

**Julie Rohan '93**  
(Mother)



# the Family



**Brittnee Freund '17**

Fond du Lac, Wis.  
Early Childhood/Elementary  
Education

**Brooke Freund '17**  
(Sister)



**Charlotte Pegram '17**

Fond du Lac, Wis.  
Health Care Administration

**Alexis Pegram '04**  
(Sister)

**Sam Pegram '08**  
(Brother)

**Kathleen (Lazarewicz)  
Pegram '11**  
(Sister-in-law)



**Trisha Welker '17**

West Bend, Wis.  
Early Childhood/Elementary Education

**Jenna Welker '16**  
(Sister)

**Mitch Welker '19**  
(Brother)

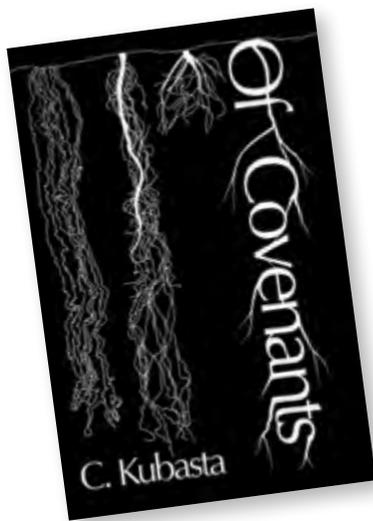


## Innovations in Teacher Development

We are pleased to announce the inception of a new approach to clinical practice in our initial licensure programs. Marian University's Embedded Field Experience Model for Teacher Education is a developmental and sequential model that allows for the scaffolding of clinical experience throughout our programs. Students engage in authentic practice at one of our discipline-specific, K-12 partner sites, and at the same time they study models of theory and best practice for the selected content area. During the Senior clinical year, we strive to place students at one site to complete Pre-Clinical Practice in the fall semester and Student

Teaching Clinical Practice in the spring semester, allowing for greater mastery of the instructional cycle.

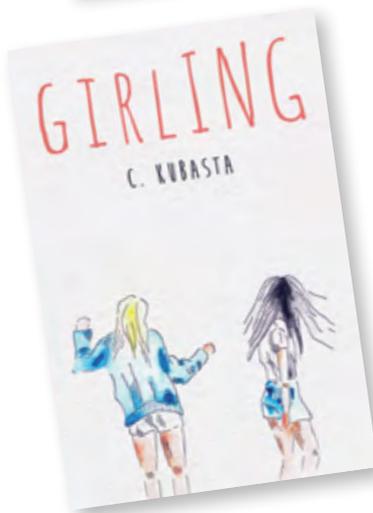
In our graduate programs for initial licensure, we are committed to providing flexibility to meet the needs of adult learners. As part of our institutional strategic plan, we have embraced a focus for developing and implementing innovative online delivery options. Most recently, the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction has approved for full online delivery our Master of Arts in Education Teacher Education and Special Education initial licensure programs.

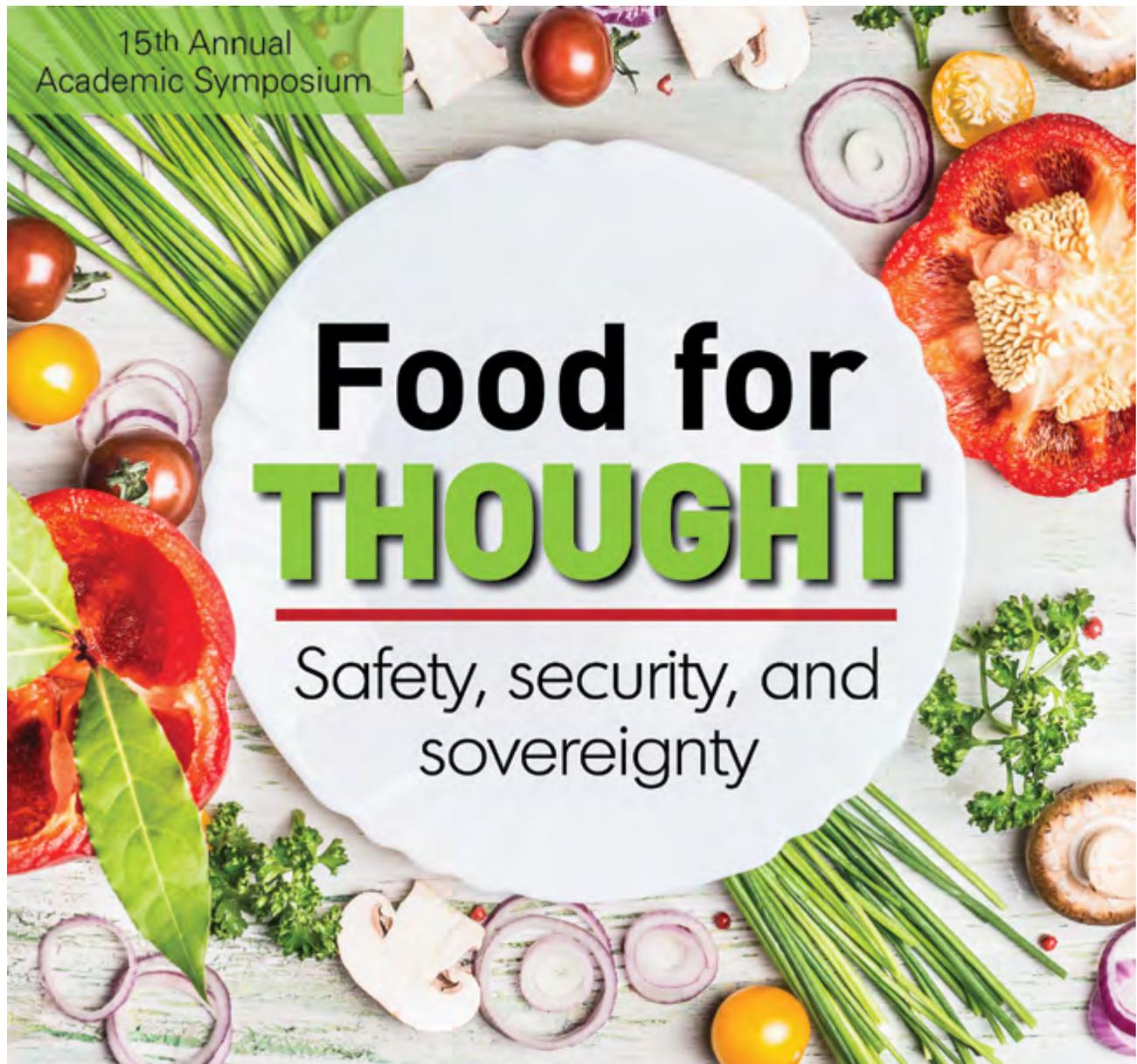


## Marian professor, Kubasta, publishes 2 books

Marian University associate professor of English and co-chair of the Honors Program, Christina Kubasta, published two books: The poetry collection, *Of Covenants*, and a novella, a winning Driftless selection, *Girling* both published in December, 2017. *Of Covenants*, published by Whitepoint Press, considers the ways we name and structure experience, creating contracts through our legal, religious, and linguistic systems. Brain Mill Press describes *Girling* as an engaging fiction debut that exposes the heart and blood of small town BFFs as an unexpectedly sophisticated, fast-paced girlhood rife with fragile innocence, visceral experiences, and self-awareness.

Kubasta has also authored several other collections: poetry chapbooks *A Lovely Box* and *&s*, and the book *All Beautiful & Useless*.





## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Academic Symposium

Marian University held its' 15<sup>th</sup> annual Academic Symposium, Food for Thought: Safety, Science, and Sovereignty, on April 10–11. This year's symposium explored the complex and diverse meaning of food safety, security, and sovereignty. The symposium kicked off with keynote speaker Michael Twitty who addressed the multifaceted intersection between American culture, race, and cuisine by reflecting on his own family origins and the foods and recipes passed down to him.

He used his book, *The Cooking Gene*, for the basis of his presentation.

The Symposium continued on April 11 with a full day of activities surrounding the biological and cultural dimensions food plays; individual and societal responsibilities; and implications of food decisions. The entire campus community was invited, as well as the greater community, to engage in this example of socially-just interdisciplinary study.

## Marian ushers in new era with lacrosse additions

Marian University officially ushered in the lacrosse era with men's lacrosse playing their inaugural season. The 2018 men's lacrosse squad consists of 20 student-athletes from all across the country.

Last November, Sabre athletics announced women's lacrosse was added and will begin play in spring, 2019. "I am proud to announce the addition of women's lacrosse," commented Jason Bartelt, Marian's Athletic Director. "This addition provides another athletic opportunity for student-athletes looking to continue their passion for sports while

LumberJills played their inaugural season this past spring. Prior to Northland, Pomeroy served as an assistant coach, head goalie coach, and recruiting coordinator for three seasons at DIII Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). During his time with IUP, 13 student-athletes earned all-conference recognition, nine student-athletes were named all-region, and six student-athletes earned All-American status. IUP also finished the season ranked in the national polls all three seasons and off the field were named an IWLCIA All-Academic team twice.



achieving a higher education at Marian." The Sabres will play in the 13-team Midwest Women's Lacrosse Conference with teams ranging from Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, and Wisconsin. Women's lacrosse is the 21<sup>st</sup> varsity sport at Marian University.

"I am excited to add women's lacrosse to the lineup of Marian athletics teams," commented Marian University president Andrew Manion. "Coach Pomeroy has a strong history of getting collegiate teams started and I think he will make a great addition to our coaching staff."

Pomeroy becomes the inaugural women's lacrosse coach and brings 10 years of coaching experience to Marian. He most recently was the head women's lacrosse coach at DIII Northland College where the

"I want to thank President Manion and Athletic Director Bartelt with the trust they have bestowed upon me to lead the women's lacrosse program," commented Pomeroy. "The support from the upper administration and the athletic department makes Marian an amazing fit for my personality and goals to succeed on and off the field. I look forward to joining Sabre nation. I am extremely grateful towards Northland College athletics for allowing me the opportunity to start their program."

Joining the coaching staff is Courtney Palmer who served as Pomeroy's assistant at Northland. Palmer served as an assistant coach for both the LumberJill volleyball and lacrosse programs after a standout career at Waldorf University where she played volleyball and softball.



## Men's Hockey competes in first NACC Tournament

Marking only the second time in program history, the 2017–18 Sabres reached the 20-win plateau, the second highest win percentage in program history (*the last time was 2009–10 when MU went 20-7-0*). The Sabre defense was strong, allowing the second fewest goals in a single season, the second lowest goals against average, second highest save percentage, and a tie for the most shutouts in one year. All this led to Marian men's hockey program making their first trip to the NCAA Tournament after earning an at-large bid.

Several Sabres earned individual recognition throughout the season, too. Senior Gianni Mangone, a top-scoring blue liner, (*transfer from Arizona State in 2015*) became the top goal scoring defenseman in Sabre men's hockey history in just three seasons. Mangone has 31 goals in his career, beating Pat Telford who previously held the record with 27. Another transfer, sophomore Hunter Vorva, set the single-season record for goalie wins in a season, closing out

the year with 20 wins, beating Hall-of-Famer Terry Dunbar who posted 16 wins in the 2003–04 season. Another pair of career milestones were reached when seniors Derek Thorogood and Hunter Stewart, became the 10th and 11th Sabres to reach 100 career points.

Thorogood was named All-NCHA for the second time in his career. Thorogood led the Sabres with 15 goals and ranked second with 19 assists and 34 points. He was fourth in the NCHA for total points and tied for fifth in the conference for goals scored. He is currently tied for the career lead in games played with 110, tied for fifth with eight game-winning goals, and ninth for total points with 107.

Stewart earned a spot on the All-NCHA team for the first time after scoring 12 goals with 24 assists for 36 points. Stewart ranked third in the NCHA for total points and second in the conference for assists; he also ranked tied for seventh in Marian history for assists in a single

season. Stewart is tied for second for most assists in a career (*80*) and finished eighth in program history (*108 points*). This season, he had nine games with multiple points, two of those games being multi-goal games.

Marian had seven NCHA weekly accolades and D3Hockey.com Team of the Week recognition five times. Vorva, honored three times, led the way with NCHA Defensive Player of the Week recognitions. Thorogood added a pair of NCHA Offensive Player of the Week awards, while Stewart and sophomore Clay Cross were each named NCHA Offensive Player of the week once. Mangone led the way with recognition from D3Hockey.com being honored twice, along with senior captain Curtis Lewington, while Stewart and Thorogood were recognized once.

Lewington had a career-year with eight goals and nine assists for 17 points in his senior campaign. Lewington recorded a career-high six power play goals.



## Message from the Alumni Director Grant Monroe

Dear Marian University alumni,

As I look back and reflect on my time thus far in this role, I am overwhelmed with joy and a sense of family. I feel so at home in this role, as the conversations and meetings I've had have been warm, rejuvenating, and allowed me to relive a little bit of my past. I look forward to connecting with more of you in the future.

This role does come with challenges. As we, Marian alumni, know, staying connected with our fellow students and alma mater can prove interesting: life happens, things change, we move, and distance fills in. Although time can increase that distance, I do hope to open channels in which we can stay connected, for big and little happenings.

Last fall, we hosted Homecoming, our attempt at experiencing Regatta again. What a great time we had: tours of campus, the St. Agnes School of Nursing reunion, the alumni awards, and we "brought back the band(s)"! That Saturday brought back some great memories for me and made me remember why I love Marian. We have started planning Homecoming (*Regatta 2.0?*) 2018 and hope you will join us.

Our annual golf outing isn't too far away either. This event raises monies for the alumni scholarship fund. So far, we've been able to provide over \$20,000 in scholarships to students who will soon join the ranks of alumni status. I have to admit, what these students accomplish these days is amazing, holding solid GPAs, engaging in activities on campus, and holding down a job. I think our future is bright if these are the people who will be leading us.

In closing, thank you for allowing me and Marian University to remain a part of your life. It is truly a blessing to be surrounded by such passionate, socially-justice-minded, good people. Together, we are part of something pretty cool.

Sincerely,

Grant Monroe  
Director, Alumni Relations

## Upcoming Events

**Alumni & Friends  
Golf Outing**  
June 15

**Homecoming**  
September 27–29



# Alumni Spotlight

## James Cotter '95

“Don’t ask why, but why not! Challenge conventional wisdom by becoming ‘champions of change’”.

This quote is something James Cotter lives by. James began his educational journey at the UW–Oshkosh where he earned a bachelor of science degree in History in 1993. From there, he eventually enrolled in Marian University’s Master of Science in Quality, Values, and Leadership (*MSQVL*). This program was a leader in the quality movement of the 90s.

“The MSQVL master’s degree program was applicable to the many roles and applications that I have participated in the public and private sectors,” said Cotter. “The program provided tools such as critical thinking; real-world learning and immediate application; business-related cross-functional skills based upon curriculum; outstanding, caring faculty; and diverse business peer professionals. Additionally,



James Cotter '95

the program timeline created ensured successful completion of degree in a specific timeframe.”

In 1995, Mr. Cotter successfully completed his master’s degree. In 2007, he graduated from Oakbrook College of Law. Then, in 2015, he attended the University of London.

Mr. Cotter is the Managing Director of Marketing and Legal Affairs with Catalyst Group Worldwide, LLC. Additionally,

and most recently, Mr. Cotter is Vice President of The Neat Sheet, LLC, Marketing and Legal Affairs. The company is involved in distributing consumer products in their product portfolio towards global humanitarian charitable relief efforts. Its mission is to provide 10% of net proceeds to charities by assigned specific consumer products. “Our team is center-lined around building global partnerships for the betterment of improving the lives of people who require assistance,” said Cotter.

Cotter is also a current member of the Office of Lawyer Regulation. Formerly, he was a Bar Examiner with the Wisconsin Court System/ Wisconsin Supreme Court, the Town of Dayton Planning Commission with Waupaca County (*Wisconsin*) and a member of the Waupaca County Taxation Board. Lastly, James also holds certifications as an Athlete Agent (*Sports Agent*) and a private detective.



## What the Facebook?! *Navigating Social Media*

These days social media is, well, everything. The majority of us — about 89 percent — use social media in our lives, daily, sometimes or rarely, according to Lee Hecht Harrison, a career consulting firm. Just as varied as the amount of time spent on social media are the reasons people use social media: keeping in touch with family and friends from afar, staying current on world events, reviewing potential candidates or potential employers, searching job opportunities, and the list goes on.

Because social media is used for professional and personal use, the lines can and do blur. We have all heard stories of a fast food worker fired for throwing shade at an employer, the comedian losing lucrative gigs for tweeting insensitive jokes, or the newly-hired college graduate fired for negative Facebook posts about a new job. These examples should make us pause to evaluate what and how we post. Like it or not, social media posts shape others' perceptions about our professionalism, beliefs, and values. And those others include potential employers.

A 2017 CareerBuilder survey found that, 70 percent of employers admit to checking out potential candidates on social media sites. Furthermore, employers say that among the primary reasons they hired a candidate based on social media were the candidate's background information supporting their professional qualifications (38%), great communication skills (37%), a professional image (36%), and creativity (35%). It is also important to note that 57 percent of employers are actually

less likely to call a candidate who has little or no online presence.

Here are a few tips for job seekers to ensure social media profiles and posts present you positively:

**1) Update your professional profile frequently.**

A survey by the Creative Group found 24 percent of job seekers make the mistake of not updating their professional profiles on a regular basis.

**2) Keep tabs on what others are posting on your profile** and posts you are tagged in. You can set your accounts to alert you to approve all tags. You can also create a free Google alert to be notified when something is posted with your name.

**3) Never bash a current or former employer.** A survey by the Society of Human Resource Management (SHRM) revealed that, "Over one-third (36%) of organizations have disqualified a job candidate in the past year because of concerning information (*e.g., illegal activity, discrepancy with application*) found on a public social media profile or through an online search."

**4) Be active on social media.** Having a robust online identity shows you are technologically savvy, an important skill many employers desire.

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Contact Career Services at 920.923.7161 to learn more.



## Births

**Nicole (Sperger) Hammond '04** welcomed twins Izadora and Iris Hammond on December 11, 2017. **1**

**Stephanie (Schaefer) Ramadan '07** welcomed her second daughter Emily in March 2017.

**Justin Bestor '09** welcomed daughter Camille Jane Bestor on June 16, 2017. **2**

**Laurel (Will) '12** and Jarod Kohrt welcomed baby Kohrt in September 2017.

**Megan (McGrath) Boris '15** and her husband Justin welcomed Violet Boris on April 10, 2017.

## Marriages and Engagements

**Traci Bohnsack '94** became engaged to Robert Kovacs on December 3, 2017 and they are planning a fall 2018 wedding.

**Lauren (Durbin) Brzezicki '05** married Art Brzezicki on May 20, 2017. **3**

**Deanna Johnsen '08** married Michael Koehler on January 12, 2018.

**Laurel (Will) '12** married Jarod Kohrt on April 23, 2016.

**Matt Pena '12** and **Danielle (Huray) '14** were married on August 19, 2017. **4**

**Ashley Peichl '13** married Ryan Mikle on September 16, 2017. **5**

**Carlos Romo '13** married Katie Stenavich on July 8, 2017.

**Sam Koslowski '14** and **Leisa (Conn) '15** were married August 26, 2017.

**TJ McCoy '15** and **Melissa Spannbauer '16** got engaged December 2017. **6**

**Michael Mathweg '15** married Brianna McHugh in May 2017. **7**

**Andrea (Winters) Raether '15** married Nathan Raether on May 14, 2016.

**Kristee Felker '16** is engaged to Gavin Glaman.

**Amber Menke '16** got engaged to Danny Turelli on December 9, 2017 in NYC and they are planning a 2019 wedding.

**Karissa Mulder '17** got engaged to Cody Smits on May 5, 2017 and they plan to wed August 18, 2018. **8**

## Jobs/Promotions

**Keith Wolf '77** became Pastor at Rhinelander First United Methodist Church in September 2017.

**Mary Schueller '80** is an Oncology Clinical Nurse Educator for Hospital Sisters Health System, Eastern Wisconsin.

**Patricia Gerlach '82** is the Accreditation Director at Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

**Todd Anderson '94** is Chief of Anesthesia at Schoolcraft Memorial Hospital in Michigan.

**David Zittlow '99** was promoted to Director of Technology Services for the City of Fond du Lac

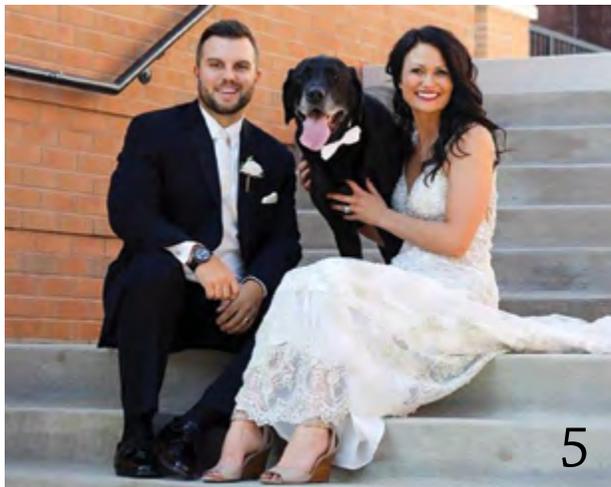
**Kenneth Bockhorst '02** is Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at Badger Meter, Inc.

**Paul Osterholm Sr. '02/'05** is the Executive Director for Free SPIRIT Riders.

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# The Sabre Room



**Tami Christian '03/'06** was promoted to Senior Vice President of National Exchange Bank & Trust. [9](#)

**Kevin McCoy '03** was promoted to Regional Director of Operations for Touchpoint Support Services. He is responsible for the 8 hospital AMITA system in the Chicagoland area.

**Megan Sheahan '03** is a Transportation Coordinator at DSC Logistics.

**Matt Steinbarth '03** is Principal at Fond du Lac High School.

**Lauren (Durbin) Brzezicki '05** is the Training and Quality Analyst at Volkswagen Credit Inc.

**David Gregg '06** is the Director of Operations at Max Weiss Company in Milwaukee.

**Colin Jacobs '06** is a Director of Human Resources for Pewaukee School District.

**Andrea Smits '06** is a Nurse Practitioner with Agnesian HealthCare's General Surgery & Orthopedics Department at the Waupun Clinic.

**Maranda Abitz '08** graduated with a Master's of Science in Education (MSE) in Professional Counseling with an

emphasis in Student Affairs & College Counseling from the UW-Oshkosh in May 2017. She also received her National Certified Counselor credential. Currently working in the Office of the Registrar at Marian University (June 2017).

**Brittanie (Gellings) Zwart '08** is Program Director at Magdalene St. Louis.

**Dr. Teddie Malangwasira '08** was recently hired as a Manager, Training and Talent Management at MAPEI Corporation located in Deerfield Beach, Fla.

**Michelle (Claussen) Paul '09** is a Business Office Supervisor at Fond du Lac County.

**David Wildner '09** is a Quality Manager at Chassis Inc.

**Katie (Leist) Nieman '10** is now Communication Director for the Oshkosh Area School District.

**Sohaila Akhavein '11** became the Head Women's Soccer Coach at Blackburn College in Illinois in fall 2017.

**Laurel (Will) Kohrt '12** is an Assistant Program Supervisor at Genesee Lake School.

**Nakia Croft '12** is a Clinical Researcher in Pediatric Neurology at Phoenix Children's Hospital in Arizona. [10](#)

**Josh Washington '12** is now Strength and Conditioning Intern for the Sacramento Kings of the NBA.

**Abigail "Abbie" Hoffman '13** is an Associate Talent Resource Consultant at MillerCoors.

**Ashley Peichl '13** is the Assistant Director of Admission and Athletic Liaison at Marian University, February 26, 2018.

**Sam Koslowski '14** is the Interim Assistant Men's Basketball Coach at UW-Eau Claire.

**Dasarae Shaw '14** is a Residential Counselor at Rogers Memorial Hospital.

**Kelly Barkovich-Smith '15/'16** is the Principal at Lakeshore Elementary School in Fond du Lac.

**Karen Duquette '15** is a Latent Print Trainee Examiner at Northeastern Regional Crime Lab.

**Michael Mathweg '15** is a Financial Representative at Mathweg Financial Services.

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**Andrea (Winters) Raether '15** is a Case Manager at Adams County Health and Human Services.

**Alexia Hoffmann '16** is a Radiologic Technologist at Agnesian Healthcare.

**Korinne Hejhal '17** is Resident Counselor at Prader-Wili Homes of Oconomowoc.

**Jennifer Roehl '17** works at Generations Hospice and Homecare.

## Awards/ Accomplishments

**Patrick Roy '79** received the Robin M. Williams Jr. Award from the Peace, War and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association (ASA) on August 15, 2017. This award is given for distinguished contributions to scholarship, teaching and service in the areas of peace, war, and social conflict.

**Mary Schueller '80** served as the 2017 Chair, Wisconsin State Leadership Board for the American Cancer Society.

**Wanda Obermeier '98** published her children's book: *Mama Bird, Papa Bird*. It is receiving rave reviews.



**Adam Cochart '10** was inducted into the Southern Door High School Athletic Hall of Fame, Class of 2018.

**Rebecca Baus '13** passed the US Licensed Customs Broker Exam in April 2017 and officially became a Licensed U.S. Customs Broker in September 2017.

**Niles Owen '17** was honored as a Rising Young Professional in Construction in March 2018.

## In Memorium

Mary Callahan Becker, d. 11/21/17  
Krystyna B. Beer, d. 12/29/17  
Mary Steffanus Ditter, SASN '51, d. 7/22/17  
Sr. Margaretta Ehrlich, CSA, d. 11/23/17  
Mary Pobar Finnigan, SASN '64, d. 9/30/17  
Jon Flood, d. 2/22/17  
Donna Mae Butz Frank, SASN '52, d. 12/12/17  
Beverly Dunn Hack, SASN '51, d. 1/30/18  
Sr. Clare Haman, CSA '50, d. 7/27/17  
Elizabeth Miller Hawbaker, SASN '49, d. 12/18/17  
Genevieve Kwaterski Hoepfner '47, d. 9/6/17  
John Kelley Hood '05, d. 1/4/18  
Christine Hutchison '01, d. 8/26/17  
Robert Karpinski '91, d. 8/12/17  
Sr. Agnes Kircher, CSA '63, d. 10/5/17  
Kenneth Kirkland, d. 8/1/17  
Doris Halle Knoespel, SASN '43, d. 12/09/17  
Ella Metzler Koch, SASN '52, d. 8/23/17



Patricia Cejka Kohler, SASN '57, d. 11/20/17  
Helen Munsche Korth, SASN '48, d. 12/2/17  
Diane Lensmeyer LaBouve, SASN '59, d. 07/09/17  
Joan Horstketter Leahy, SASN '52, d. 11/18/17  
Sr. Germaine Lichtle, CSA, d. 4/7/18  
Ruth Johnson Madsen, SASN '48, d. 11/16/17  
Beverly McDonald, '75, 6/3/11  
Wendy Meyers '62, d. 10/25/17  
Marilyn Muehlbauer Smolarek, SASN '54, d. 11/3/17  
Jayme Nagle '09/'13, d. 8/8/17  
Sr. Mary Neff, CSA, d. 4/9/18  
Adele Falk Phillips, SASN '55, d. 2/26/18  
Sr. Francis Assisi Pielmeier, CSA '45, d. 10/25/17  
Joan Phimister Rashid, SASN '51, d. 2/5/18  
Patricia Perrizo Redman '64, d. 9/3/17  
Dorothy Seaman Reeder, SASN '42, d. 3/12/18  
Eric M. Reese '94, d. 9/2/17  
Sr. Thomas Reynolds, CSA, '60, d. 10/21/17  
Carol Rottier, d. 3/19/18  
Mimi Sager, d. 9/11/17  
Harold Sallow Jr. '93, d. 2/23/18  
Paul Sanchez '94, d. 3/9/18  
Mary Moehn Schwobe, SASN '54, d. 12/3/17  
Joan Sonnenberg, SASN '62, '66, d. 8/19/17  
Rick Stenz '95, d. 9/30/17  
Valerie L. Stucky, d. 1/17/18  
Linda Twohig, d. 8/15/17  
Mary E. Valentine-Bond '94, 3/3/17  
Marina Voelker, d. 3/2/18  
Kayla Waterman, d. 3/13/18  
Sally Ross Weber '72, d. 7/4/18  
Clarence "Wick" Wickham '97, d. 2/18/18



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## Continuing the Legacy

Sarah Ponath is quite an amazing woman. Not a Marian alumnae herself, she felt compelled to help the next generation through an endowed scholarship.

Her mom, Dr. Ruth Wilmington, held a variety of roles at Marian University from 1977–89, with the last being the Chair of the School of Nursing.

Dr. Wilmington's journey was not an easy one and took time, perseverance, and tenacity. In the 1950s, Dr. Wilmington earned her nursing degree from the Milwaukee Nursing School. At this time, there were only a few jobs women held. Although she did face adverse situations, Dr. Wilmington was able to be married, work, and have children.

She wasn't done there though. Sarah and her mother started school at the same time, both at UW–Oshkosh; Sarah in kindergarten, Ruth beginning her bachelor's degree in nursing. Eventually, in 1988, both women graduated from UW–Madison — Sarah with a bachelor's in economics and math, and Ruth with her Ph.D. in nursing. Sarah later returned to Marquette University in 2004 to obtain her Juris Doctorate.

Sarah remembers her mother as a hardworking woman who worked two jobs, raised five children, and was dedicated to her studies. Because of her own journey, Dr. Wilmington was sympathetic to

her students, yet set high standards for them (*and her children*).

Dr. Wilmington's professional path began at UW–Oshkosh as a nurse educator. From there, she came to Marian University (*College at the time*). In her time at Marian, she made the nursing program one sought after by many due to the accreditation, faculty, and pass rates. She also had the foresight to begin off-site learning in Milwaukee, Madison, and Appleton. This laid the groundwork for other academic areas to mimic this and expand their program offerings.

Ruth's pioneering spirit did not stop when she passed away in 2008. That same year, Sarah and her husband established the Wilmington Memorial Scholarship fund, specifically geared toward 3rd and 4th year nursing students. Shortly thereafter, Clay Wilmington, Dr. Ruth Wilmington's second husband, began funding Marian's Nurse Camp, an emersion experience for high school students to explore nursing as a career.

Dr. Ruth Wilmington set the stage and encouraged her own children to never stop learning and follow their dreams. Of the five children in the family, two are software engineers, one a real estate appraiser, one a retired law enforcement professional, and Sarah, an attorney (*with hopes to run for Waukesha County Circuit Judge*).

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