President's Report

2018

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Dear Friends of Marian University,

This month I received an email from a senior named Stephanie, asking if I could point her in the right direction for a project on which she was working. I am happy to assist any Marian student, but it was especially gratifying to help Stephanie, whom I have known for several years. Stephanie, like many students, receives no financial support from her parents for her education. She has shown remarkable dedication to her educational goals, including working multiple jobs while attending Marian full-time. The project is part of an internship, which is one of her last requirements prior to graduating. Her diploma will be a symbol of her dedication, and I look forward to handing it to her on the graduation stage. Every day at Marian University I am impressed by the dedication of our hard-working faculty, staff, trustees, alumni, and (especially) our students, like Stephanie.

Dedication is one of those words with two distinct but related meanings, both of which pervade this year’s President’s Report. Early this semester, we welcomed more than 100 Marian University benefactors, along with the Most Reverend Bishop James Schuerman, to the dedication of the Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour Science Center. The Marian community blessed the building and raised a glass to Dick and Leslie Ridenour’s dedication to our university. We thanked many people and organizations, like our construction contractor, C.D. Smith, and our architectural firm, Eppstein Uhen Architects, whose commitment to service and quality produced a spectacular building on time, on budget, and without injury. A week later, as part of our Homecoming festivities, we held a dinner to honor retired head men’s basketball coach Mark Boyle and his 30 years of dedication to his players and to Marian.

As you read through the pages of this report, you’ll see evidence of dedication in both of its meanings: blessing and devotion. We are devoted to the mission given to us by our founders, the Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes. We are blessed by the richness of their legacy and we are beneficiaries of their devotion. We also are blessed by the fruits of our talented faculty and staff’s labors and their devotion to our core values: community, learning, service, social justice, and spiritual traditions. We are blessed by the success, on and off the court, of Coach Boyle and his decades of devoted student athletes. It is to all these people, and others whose stories you will read, that this President’s Report is dedicated.

Sincerely,

Andrew P. Manion, Ph.D.
President
Innovation in EDUCATION

Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour Science Center renovation to inspire STEM learning
The state-of-the-art renovation of the Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour Science Center, which was officially unveiled in September, sets the stage for Marian University to offer cutting-edge innovation in science education for years to come. The upgrade will impact the learning of every student who completes a degree on campus, as the new environment will facilitate the shift to inquiry-based and hands-on teaching models for science majors and the science classes that help form the core of a liberal arts education. Paired with the establishment of the new science center is a $1 million scholarship endowment for students pursuing studies in the STEM and health-related fields.

The building’s namesake is a man who led forward movement and innovative thinking during his tenure at Marian and who fostered the university to experience growth to an all-time high enrollment of 3,046 students. The 11th president of Marian University, Dr. Richard Ridenour, arrived on campus with years of health and science experience including having served as Rear Admiral in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps. He came to Marian in 1997 from the National Naval Medical Center in Maryland, where he served as Commander from 1994–97. Prior to that, his accomplishments included serving as Deputy Surgeon General of the navy, as Chief of the Medical Corps, and as a Specialty Advisor in psychiatry, in addition to holding numerous other leadership positions at naval medical centers throughout the U.S.

The naming of the new science facility honors and continues Dr. Ridenour’s dedication to growing the success of Marian through facilities updates, academic resources, and evolving technologies. After managing a capital fundraising campaign that exceeded its goal of $16 million, Dr. Ridenour helped Marian complete the construction of the Stayer Center for Technology and Executive
Learning and overhauled Information Technology (IT) resources to improve the connection between students, faculty, and staff.

“Dr. Ridenour’s vision to grow and expand Marian’s footprint set the stage for us today and you can still feel the connection he helped to create on campus. He was a staunch advocate of Marian and the students we serve. Doc, as he was affectionately called, was notorious for wearing Marian spirit and logo wear and for distributing it to those he encountered,” said Stacey Akey, Vice President for Institutional Partnerships and Interim Vice President for Advancement. “This visible passion for Marian helped to reinvigorate a true sense of pride in Marian and throughout the entire community.”

In the same way, the renovated science center will serve as a point of pride and a symbol of Marian’s dedication to quality STEM education and research far into the future. Formerly known as the Ben Sadoff Science Hall, this is one of the three main classroom buildings on Marian’s campus and

Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour Science Center

Building Facts

The former name of the science building was the Ben Sadoff Science Hall, first built in 1965.

C.D. Smith, the building’s general contractor, invested 28,200 labor hours into the project (not including project coordinators).
This fall, an average of 48 classes will be held in the Science Center each day with an average of 20 students per class. The renovation reflects a number of Marian University’s core values — values that were established by Dr. Ridenour himself — including helping to develop critical thinking and global perspectives, as well as commitment and service to the community. Marian students go on to make a significant difference in Wisconsin, the nation, and the world, and this building will help inspire their futures.

Under current President Dr. Andrew P. Manion, more than $12 million has been raised to carry out this renovation and establish the coordinating scholarship endowment. Continued support of the campaign will ensure that the Dr. Richard and Leslie Ridenour Science Center will impact Marian staff and students for generations to come.

If you would like to donate to the Marian Campaign Endowed Scholarship Fund, please call the Office of Advancement at 920.923.8604.

Two AV systems (one classroom and one lab) have a camera and DVR system allowing for live streaming and/or recording of lectures and laboratory demonstrations. The projectors in classrooms and LED panel displays in laboratories have smart/touch capabilities.

The new building is structurally independent of the original building. The two buildings are gasketed together.
A Reflection of Marian’s mission and values

This year Marian University commemorates 82 years as a community committed to learning, dedicated to service and social justice, and joined together by spiritual traditions. Through mission focused initiatives we seek to engage the entire Marian community to carry out the mission and values of the University.

We continue to honor our history where our legacy began that launched a reputation for providing an outstanding education to Marian students, steeped in our Catholic tradition, to meet the needs of all members of the University community.

This past year a University prayer was written by Sr. Deborah Golias, Sr. Margaret Lorimer, Sr. Judith Schmidt, and Sr. Susan Treis to be read at commemorative events. In addition, a weekly Mission Message is included each Monday in the Week at Marian communication.

As a University, we look to the future and see an exceptional community dedicated to continuously improving the quality of life for everyone we serve. We build and celebrate our continued Legacy of Excellence and realize that we are all the mission of Marian University.
As a University, we have embraced and practice the mission and core values through the following:

COMMUNITY... mission has been included in various events including orientation, mission and values week, faculty in-service, opening days, tailgate events, student mentor and resident assistant training, campus meetings, and Homecoming. The spirit of community is demonstrated through our continued relationship with the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Agnes.

LEARNING... is infused both in and out of the classroom. Events include: Academic Symposium, academic colloquy, on-campus professional development opportunities, new student orientation, conference presentations, student clubs and organizations, and honor societies.

SERVICE... we gather in different settings to give back to those in need. The Marian community has been involved in fall beautification day, service learning during new student orientation, external community involvement in volunteer positions, and food, clothing, and book drives that give back to our local and global communities.

SOCIAL JUSTICE... understanding and recognizing social justice, we create opportunities to have open dialogue and contemplative discussions on various issues. We are able to explore new topics at events such as the Academic Symposium, Martin Luther King Breakfast, Women’s History, Latinx History, and Black History months.

SPIRITUAL TRADITIONS... Marian’s Catholic heritage encourages individuals to offer a reflection at the beginning of every meeting. The University community is accepting of all faiths and encourage time for reflective contemplation in Dorcas Chapel.
## Fiscal Year Review
July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

*(Dollars in thousands)*

### Summary of Revenues and Expenses*

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Investor Level  $25,000 and more
- Agnesian HealthCare, Inc.
- Anonymous Donor
- Ralph Breit
- Congregation of Sisters of St. Agnes
- Cynthia and Edsel B. Ford II on behalf of the Henry Ford II Fund
- The Grande Foundation
- Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heisler ’83
- J. F. Ahern Co.
- Dr. Tom and Mary Jo Kraus ’97
- Michels Family Foundation
- Mercury Marine
- Mid-States Aluminum Foundation, Inc.
- National Exchange Bank Foundation Inc.
- Sadoff Family Foundation
- Sadoff Iron and Metal Company
- Sodexo
- Mike Shannon Automotive Foundation, Inc.
- James B. and Kathleen M. ’64 Simon
- C.D. Smith Construction

Advancement Level  $10,000–$24,999
- Thomas Baker
- Ted and Grace Bachhuber Foundation, Inc.
- Christopher and Sally Candee
- Dr. and Mrs. Henry Chang
- Richard and Joan Kleinfeldt
- Dr. Andrew and Amy Manion
- Justin and Sasha Smith
- Jack and Linda Twohig
- Stephen Victor

Builder Level  $5,000–$9,999
- Anonymous Donor
- Baker Family Foundation
- Richard and Karen Baker
- Donald and Marilyn ’64 Cayen
- Ron and Terri ’86 Emanuel
- Dr. Larry and Debra ’01 Heller
- Kevin Voelker ’84

Trustee’s Associates  $2,500–$4,999
- Anthony and Linda Ahern
- Dr. E.T. and Sheryl K. Ayala
- John P. and Hallie Bodman
- Jeff Clark and Stacey Akey ’92/’96

President’s Club  $1,000–$2,499
- Louis and Kathryn Cristan ’74
- Fond du Lac Rotary Charities Inc.
- Carol Henrichs ’73
- Korb Family Foundation Inc.
- Russell Mayer and Lisa D’Ambrosio
- Mayville Engineering Co., Inc.
- Partners by Design
- Thomas and Anne Petri
- John and Eileen Pfeifer
- Shirley Putman ’64
- Dr. R.G. Raymond and Sarah Raymond Foundation
- Lacey Sadoff
- Dr. Frederic G. Sanford
- Joan M. Schilke ’65
- Dr. Darold and Dorothy Treffert
- WAICU
- Dr. Nicolette Weisensel ’96
- S. Clay Willmington

Founder’s Club  $500–$999
- Mike ’09 and Tracy ’09/’17 Abler
- Gilbert and Peni Beine
- Mark Bostwick ’81 and Beth Radke-Bostwick ’81
- Capelle Bros. & Diedrich, Inc.
- Moreen K. Carvan
- Kelly A. Chaney
- Kristopher Eacott ’03
- Evergreen Retirement Community
- Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
- Betty Flesch ’72
- Michael and Sarah Garvey
- Thomas Gnewuch
- Grande Cheese Company
- Patrick and Mary Goebel
- Joan (Peterson) Hanson SASN ’47
- Amy Hennings and Greg Canard
- Thomas and Sally Herre
- Holiday Automotive
- David J. Hornung
- Kathleen M. Hughes
- The Johnson Family Trust
- David and JoAnn Klumpyan
- Herb Kohl Philanthropies
- Mr. and Ms. David A. ’94 and Kim ’96 (Hesprich) Kuphal
- Lamers Bus Lines
- John May
- Mark Merline
- Michels Corporation
- Steven ’93 and Kay Miller ’92
- John Morris
- Patricia Murray SASN ’56
- National Exchange Bank & Trust
- Patrick, Inc.
- Mary Polchert
- Scott and Sarah Ponath
- Stephen and Darlene Recca
- David and Magali Shaw
- Slim & Chubby’s
- Society Insurance Charitable Fund
- Kerry Strupp ’04
- Linda M. Uselmann
- Lorette Wambach SASN ’47
- David and Martha Wong

Naber Society  $250–$499
- Air Tech Heating, Inc.
- Kathleen Baus ’63
- Kelsey Beine ’13/15
- Jerome Bessler
- Erika Bognar ’96
- Amy M. ’12 and Heidi L. ’06 Meyer-Bremer
- Mary Brauchle SASN ’47
- Maureen Burke ’66
- Patricia Casetta ’66
- Ronald F. Connolly ’02
- Culligan Water Quality Improvement, Inc.
- Dental Associates
- Robert ’90 and Darlene Duley
- Amanda Lynn Duval
- Dr. David James Easterhoff ’07
- Eppstein Uhen Architects, Inc.
- Jennifer K. Farvour
- Anthony Franzen ’95
- Robert and Dorothy ’68 Fuelling
- James T. Gray
- Margaret Grebe ’57
- Gustman Chevrolet Sales Inc.
- Linda M. Hammer
- Randy ’99/’11/’15 and Mary Hatlen ’07/’10
- David Hein
- Alycia Hopper
- Norine Janzen ’65
- Diana G. Johnson
- Teresa A. Keenan
- Mary Klein
- Michael Francis Klich ’94
- Klumpyan Consulting LLC
- Ron LaBorde
- Lakeside Wealth Management, LLC
- Ledgview Lanes Inc.
- Bonnie L. Luhmann ’72
- Christine Martin ’09/’12
- Sharon Martin ’93
- Steven and Mary Milin
- Garry ’05/’08 and Claudia Moise
- John Pautz
- The Printing Express, Inc.
- Michael ’80 and Karen ’82/’04 Roberts
- Rockwell Automation
- John A. Roden
- Charles Forest and Nancy ’66 Rosenthal-Forest
- Roto-Graphic Printing, Inc.
- Bill Rhudy
- Katherine K. Schuessler
- Steve ’10 and Joyce ’10 Smith
- SparkleWash Fox Valley
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DEDICATION, COMMUNITY, RESPONSIBILITY

Former men’s basketball coach leaves legacy in retirement
Former Marian University men’s basketball head coach Mark Boyle is celebrated for bringing home the most victories in Sabre basketball history with 390 wins. More than that, he is a man who inspired and instilled the values of dedication, community, and responsibility in his players and others throughout the Marian community simply by being a living example. Boyle’s retirement at the end of the 2017–18 season after 30 years leading the Sabres basketball team ended the longest current basketball coaching tenure in Wisconsin, and he leaves behind a legacy of commitment both on and off the court.

Before he came to Marian in 1988, Boyle worked under then head coach Dick Bennett at UW–Green Bay, where he fulfilled the responsibilities of scouting, recruiting, and academic monitoring. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees in special education, and during his years coaching at Marian also taught a variety of classes from health and wellness to coaching psychology.

Though he leaves behind a coaching career marked by success, Boyle said when he first signed on for the job, he knew he had a lot of personal and professional development ahead of him, including evolving a coaching philosophy that both current players and recruits would buy into.

Early in his Marian career, Boyle set the stage for the legacy he leaves behind in retirement. He led the Sabres to securing four regular season championships in the Lake Michigan Conference in the 1989–90, 1990–91, 1998–99, and 1999–00 seasons. The team won the conference tournament four times in those years, including three consecutive wins from 1989–91. The title in 2001 also earned the Sabres their first-ever trip to the NCAA Tournament.

When it came to building a team year after year, Boyle said he searched for players who not only could perform, but more importantly who he knew would commit themselves to the core values of being a Sabre. In short, he looked for players who wanted to learn and be dedicated students.

“[I wanted players who] came from backgrounds that would fit well — people who believed in working hard, and could reach goals they set for themselves and the team,” Boyle said. “They weren’t just going to be given it.”

Building driven teams paid off in being able to recover during challenging times. Boyle said his most memorable team was the 2013–14 season, when he had just overcome some health issues at the time and his son, Sam, and daughter, Natalie, were both attending Marian. That year the Sabres posted the second-best record in program history and earned a regular season championship before rolling through the conference tournament to make their way to the NCAA Tournament.

“The team had such character and had gone from being 4 and 21 as freshmen to 22 and 7, and they played the No. 1 ranked team in the country down to the last shot in the game,” he said of the team’s 66–64 loss to UW–Stevens Point.

Boyle said his coaching during that season was no different than any other year but, rather, the success came down to the willingness of the team. “You try to
Boyle is frequently remembered by players as delivering a level of consistency — from his training program to his responses to big wins or tough losses — and for being committed and present to his players.

“He was there for his players during their four years,” said Marcus Wiegert ’08. “He had an open-door policy and was willing to help and advocate for them.”

Players who trained under Boyle were also instilled with the value of community, and service to that community. “Coach showed his dedication to Marian by always putting the school first,” said Jordan Van Ess ’08.

“Athletes tend to get more notoriety than what they deserve, but Coach Boyle never made that a priority. We were Marian, never separate. He never put himself on a pedestal because he was the basketball coach; he was a part of the Marian community.”

Boyle said above all, he tried to teach the game of basketball such that it is a way of living life rather than a series of wins or losses. That philosophy now lives on within the graduates of Boyle’s program as they have gone out into the working world, some into coaching positions of their own.

“The wins definitely give you more warm fuzzies, but I think as a person living in society, you’ve got to find success in ways that aren’t just necessarily defined by being a win or a loss,” Boyle said.
Marian Values

It is rare for a coach to spend more than even 15 years at the same school. Boyle said it was right around that time at Marian when he realized he had found the place where he wanted to finish out his career, in part because the University shares his same values.

“I thought that this is where I want to work and a community I want to be a part of,” Boyle said. “I felt very comfortable and that Marian had what I was looking for, and I was able to accomplish the goals I wanted here. Such a huge percentage of the students are first-generation college students and I knew I could be a positive influence during their college career.”

“You are lucky when you are at a place for 30 years and you just love going into work every day,” he said. “My administration and the athletic department were always great to work with. Fellow coaches, assistant coaches Draves, Monroe, and Wiegert, and the athletes are genuine people.”

Boyle said he owes his success at Marian in part to his wife, Cathy, and to Sam and Natalie for their support and understanding of the demands of leading a basketball team.

“Coaching is not easy on the family,” he said. “There are many hours put in both on and off the court, and you aren’t always in the best mood. My family provided the foundation at home and there was support from the people at Marian. You don’t do something for as long as I did and enjoy it as much as I did without having a strong support network.”

A Lasting Legacy

In total, Boyle coached 64 student-athletes to all-conference honors and eight to all-district recognition. His leadership saw five conference players of the year and one freshman of the year. And of the 19 scorers in Marian men’s basketball program history that reached the 1,000 career-point plateau, he had a hand in coaching 17 of them. Boyle earned coach of the year honors in 1990, 1991, 2001, 2008, and 2014, but he does not speak of his own recognitions or claim the team’s successes as his own.

The Marian community has been blessed with Coach Boyle’s talents and dedication to Marian University. He leaves behind a legacy of success, and the values he embodies will be passed on to the world by graduates of his men’s basketball program.

COACH BOYLE CAREER STATS

- Coached 17 of the 19 scorers in Marian men’s basketball program history that reached 1,000 career points
- Coached eight student-athletes to all-district recognition
- Coached 64 student-athletes to all-conference honors
- Brought home the most victories in Sabre basketball history with 390 wins
- 30 years of coaching the Sabres ended the longest current basketball coaching tenure in Wisconsin