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— Indianapolis —®

PRESIDENT'S REPORT | 2018-19

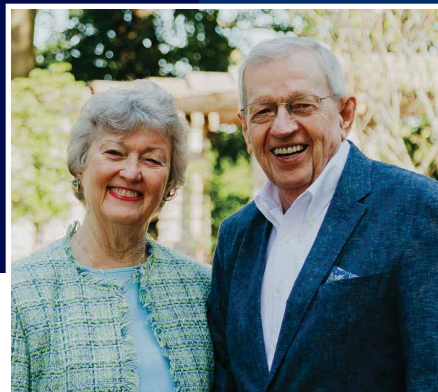


Frank and Jane Walker

Advancing a More Ethical World

JUST LOOK WHAT YOU'VE DONE!

Because you continue to direct time, talent, treasure, ties, testimony, and trust to Marian University students and initiatives that serve the common good, you can be proud of the great progress Marian has made in the 2018-19 fiscal year. The partnership of dedicated donors, faculty, staff, and our beloved students is producing great results.



02 You propelled our key initiatives and more closely fulfilled

the vision of the Forging Leaders effort. Learn more about our great strides, particularly, in the Fred S. Klipsch Educators College, Saint Joseph's College of Marian University - Indianapolis, and the growth of our endowment.

06 Meet Frank and Jane Walker, two incredible individuals who have

dedicated their lives to family and community. Their substantial gift to establish the new Walker Center for Applied Ethics positions Marian for tremendous contributions to our community and the business world.

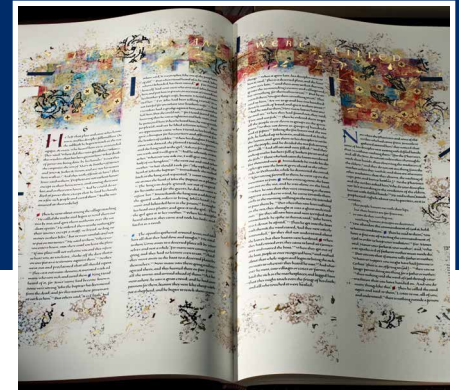
08 We also have reason to celebrate the success of our grants

program. Every year, we continue to receive votes of confidence from organizations, foundations, and corporations who choose to award us grant dollars towards various campus programs and projects. This year our grants team exceeded their goals and reported record revenue.



As you read this report, I hope you take a moment to reflect, smile, and share a prayer of thanks for all involved in Marian University—past, present, and future. You likely have much to be grateful for, and I'm grateful for you and all that you do for Marian University. May God bless you, your family and friends, and your every dream, always!

2018-19



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This year also brings change and new challenges to two

of our dearest and most dedicated senior staff—Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF, Ph.D. '60 and Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, OSF '64. Enjoy this tribute to their professional contributions and find out what they truly value.

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In this report, we highlight a few special donors—

good people who consistently support us year after year. Donations from these faithful supporters are what will truly sustain us in the decades to come.

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I am overwhelmed with gratitude when I read this publication

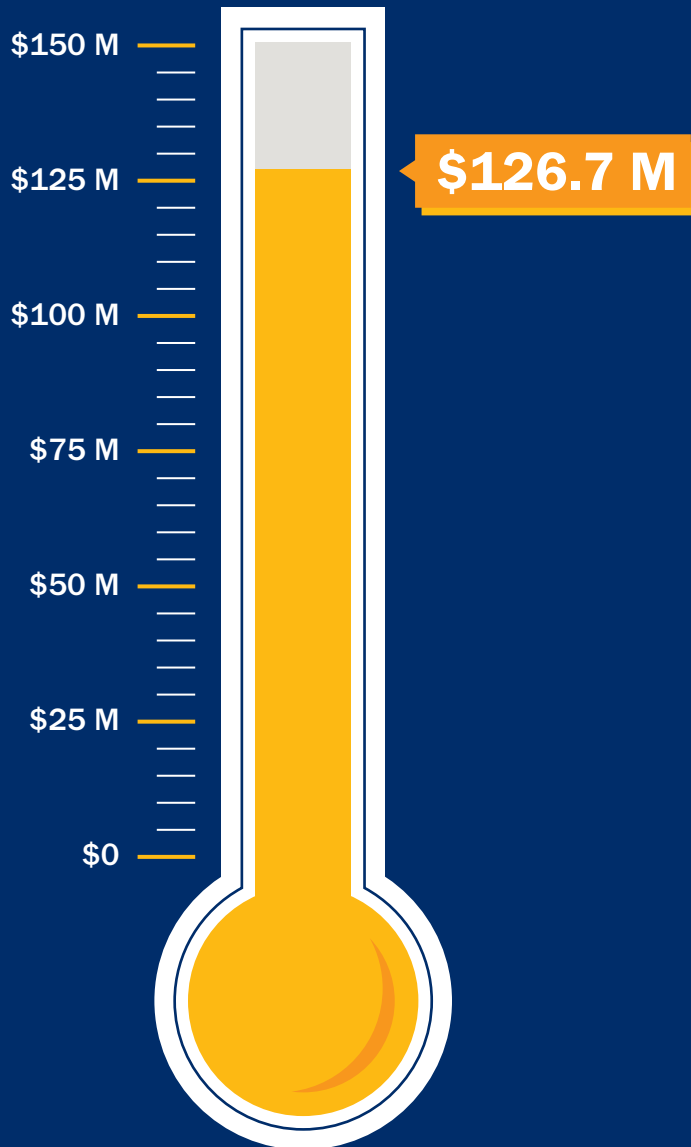
of progress towards our aggressively aspirational goals. In this Year of Prayer at Marian University, we especially thank Trustee Ed Bonach and his wife Peggy for the gift of *The Saint John's Bible* on our campus from May 2019 to May 2020. In study of the *Multiplication of The Loaves and Fishes* illumination, I notice images of abundance and transformation, and I think about all that donors like you have helped us achieve. Learn how you can get a closer look at these inspiring illuminations.

Multiplication of The Loaves and Fishes, Donald Jackson, Copyright 2002. Scripture quotations are from the *New Revised Standard Version of the Bible, Catholic Edition*, © 1993, 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America.

Daniel J. Elsener
President



MARIAN UNIVERSITY
FORGING LEADERS
the legacy we're made for



2021 Goal \$150 Million

PROGRESS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2019

For more information, contact John Finke, vice president for institutional advancement, at jfinke@marian.edu or 317.955.6202.

YOU DID THIS!

You continue to invest in our people, our programs, our facilities, and our vision for a better world. We take your vote of confidence very seriously and are proud to report progress in the form of innovative new programs and thriving students. Believe it, because you can see it. And believe us when we say, we couldn't do it without you.

Saint Joseph's College of Marian University – Indianapolis (Saint Joe Indy)

On July 9, 2019, we opened classroom doors to students who needed a new two-year college option in Indianapolis—an innovative and mission-driven program that provides support and guidance to each student with the goal of ensuring they become a college graduate.

No longer a small church down the road, Saint Joe Indy is now a thriving leadership laboratory, housed in Huntington Family Hall, named in memory of Mary Ann Busemeyer Huntington '57 to honor her love of Marian University and her dedication to quality education.



Walker Center for Applied Ethics

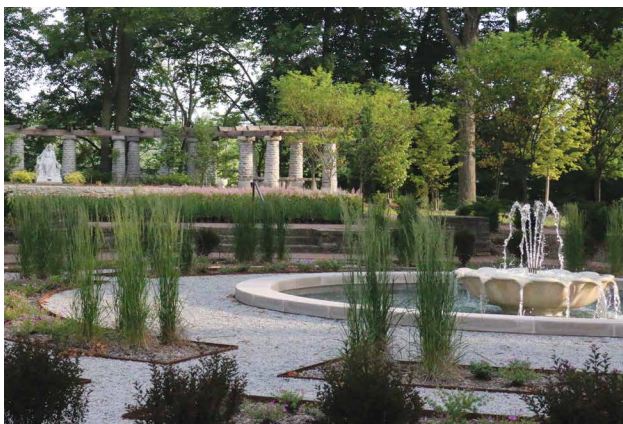
Elizabeth Coit, inaugural executive director of the Walker Center for Applied Ethics, will oversee and direct all operations while collaborating with the Walker Center Board of Visitors, Marian University faculty, Indiana business leaders, and other stakeholders to design and implement a long-term strategy to advance the Walker Center's mission. Coit earned a bachelor's degree in economics from Occidental College and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

See page 6 for more information on Frank and Jane Walker, whose transformational lead gift founded this initiative.



St. Francis Colonnade Restoration

The newly restored St. Francis Colonnade and Gardens serve as a holy and contemplative space on campus for students, faculty, staff, alumni, and neighbors. Marian University has grown, so commencement services now take place in the new Arena and Convocation Center, but the colonnade honors our past and provides a peaceful setting where our campus community can reflect and refresh.



Fred S. Klipsch Educators College

Enrollment in the Fred S. Klipsch Educators College has more than tripled, with 40 percent of students coming from underrepresented communities, and the average grade point average of entrants now a 3.73. Because of its national leadership in changing the teaching profession and the quality of leadership in our schools, the Fred S. Klipsch Educators College has been rewarded with \$38 million in outright gifts and new commitments over the last three years.



SAINT JOE INDY

Top: Huntington Family Hall. **Bottom:** Saint Joe Indy students network with potential employer partners.

WALKER CENTER FOR APPLIED ETHICS

Elizabeth Coit, executive director

ST. FRANCIS COLONNADE

This nationally registered historic landscape was designed by Jens Jensen.

FRED S. KLIPSCH EDUCATORS COLLEGE

Top: (left to right) Leon Jackson, Ph.D., MBA, director of special projects; Patrick Williams, incoming student; and Kenith C. Britt, Ph.D., senior vice president and dean, Fred S. Klipsch Educators College at Teacher Signing Day.

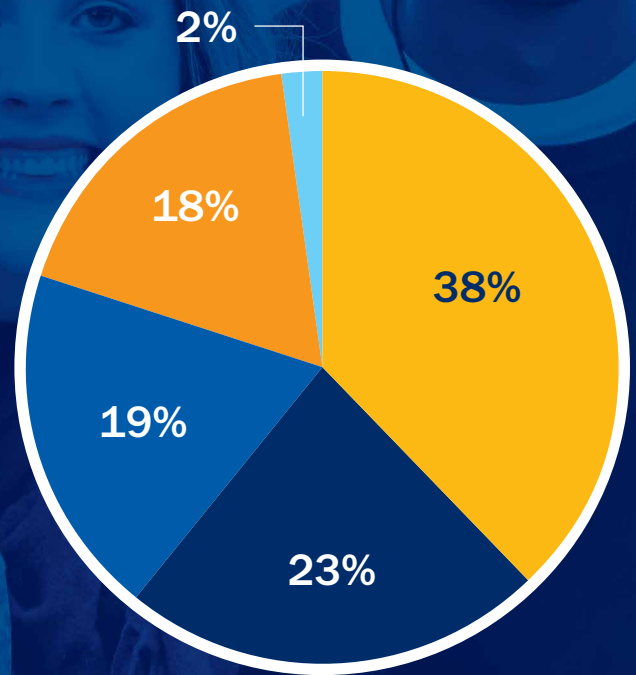
Bottom: Marian's simulation lab creates a virtual classroom environment that closely mirrors the one students will eventually work in as teachers.

YOU BUILD US UP!

\$24,457,019

Amount received last year by Marian University in gifts and grants from alumni, parents, trustees, foundations, corporations, and others.

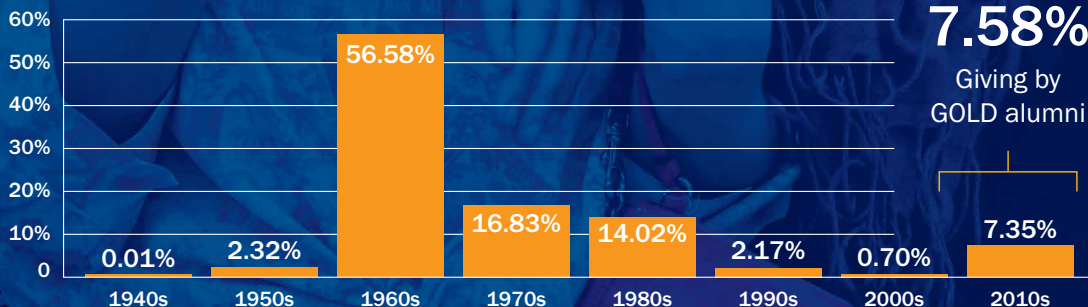
- Friends
- Foundations and Nonprofits
- Businesses
- Alumni
- Current and Past Parents



\$3,178,535

Giving by the Board of Trustees

Giving by Alumni



7.58%

Giving by GOLD alumni



2,564

Number of donors

\$229,987

From 63 gifts matched by employers

MARIAN UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT

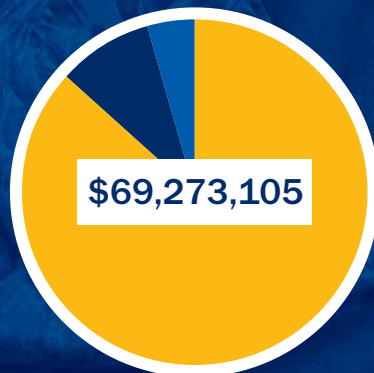
	at June 30, 2019
Value	\$69,273,105
Investment Performance	6.1%
New Contributions	\$3,626,999
Endowment Distributions	(\$1,900,319)

\$86,634,941

Long-term invested funds

ENDOWMENT ALLOCATION 2018-19

- Scholarships
\$60,122,704
- Endowed Chairs and Professorships
\$6,160,776
- Program Support
\$2,989,625



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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as of September 17, 2019



Frank and Jane Walker

A STORY OF LOVE AND LEGACY

It's impossible not to notice that Frank and Jane Walker are madly in love. They say their partnership works because they respect each other's interests, balance each other well, and know to check each other's calendars before making plans. Frank does most of the talking. Jane listens, jumping in when she can. Frank says she should be more assertive—just not with him (he jokes). Jane's eyes reply, and Frank hears them, loud and clear. The affection is obvious.

The two share a love of research, backgrounds in family-owned business, and a desire to serve their community. Perhaps their marriage is successful because they pre-screened each other with questionnaires on the first date. Frank, always interested in pleasing the consumer, wanted to know all her favorite places and activities. Jane tested their compatibility with a history quiz.

Jane majored in history at Sweet Briar College, where she later served on the board of trustees, and continues to pursue her love of history as a board member of Indiana Landmarks. She was also involved with her family's newspaper business, which prepared her well for life with the Walker family. "I appreciated the characteristics, challenges, and advantages of being in a family business. It's not always easy, but it can also be a privilege," she said.

And now, they have the privilege of starting something exciting and meaningful with the partner they've found in Marian University.

The way Frank Walker sees it, there *can* be a more ethical world. Fortunately, Frank is a man of action as well as vision, and his and Jane's substantial gift to Marian University in 2018 towards the new Walker Center for Applied Ethics will start building this more ethical world right here in Indianapolis.

The Walker family has a history of philanthropy and community service, even preceding the success of Walker Information, founded in 1939 by Frank's mother Dorothy "Tommie" Walker. Raised by generations of great role models, Frank never really knew a world where giving back and doing the right thing—regardless of financial status—weren't just part of daily life.

The way Frank sees it, being honest and treating all people with respect are also great ways to lead a company. After becoming president of Walker Information in 1967, Frank became particularly interested in developing research products that measured the ethical culture of business organizations and evaluated the business value and impact of corporate social responsibility.

“In the case of business, strong ethics is not just about doing what's right for the sake of doing right; it also has honest-to-God, bottom-line implications. An ethical company will have loyal employees, customers, and investors—an ethical company is going to be more profitable.”

Frank Walker

Frank's vision for the Walker Center for Applied Ethics at Marian University is one of practical leadership and social responsibility. "We will be known for producing and sharing data which will show business leaders that being ethical is the 'smart thing' to do. And we'll provide the products and services which will help them establish and apply the best practices of business ethics," said Frank, who is confident Marian University's Franciscan sponsorship values and existing commitment to the teaching of ethics make it exactly the right partner for this endeavor.

As Frank and Jane have entered a new stage in life, the time had come to carefully consider their legacy. Sure, the family business is doing well, as are their children and grandchildren, but they wanted to leave more than just their names on plaques inside the various organizations they've supported over the years. They wanted a legacy with impact. "As I've pondered what to do that would be most meaningful, I always came back to business ethics," said Frank.

He is confident that the Walker Center for Applied Ethics at Marian University will help businesses truly change for the better and pave the way for a more ethical world. The way he sees it, that's a legacy with impact.

PROGRESS GRANTED!

Twenty-six different organizations throughout the country recognized the value of Marian University's mission to serve and awarded \$4,471,243 to support 37 campus projects during the 2018-19 fiscal year.

Our staff and faculty are consistently proving the value of our programs and our people. Our innovation, persistence, and professionalism are being noticed and rewarded. When these organizations choose to support our programs, they are saying, loudly and clearly, that Marian University is worth their investment.

Thank you for your vote of confidence.

Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation

Amos Butler Audubon Society

Archdiocese of Indianapolis

Central Indiana Community Foundation

- Library Fund
- Minde Browning Fund
- Summer Youth Program Fund

Fairbanks Foundation

First Financial Bank

Healthcare Initiatives, Inc.

Hendricks Hospital

Hendricks Regional Health

Indiana Campus Compact

Indiana Humanities

International Center

Julian and Eileen Carr Family Foundation

Kendrick Foundation – Community Foundation of Morgan County

Lilly Endowment, Inc.

Library Services and Technology Act Grant (LSTA)

Sciencetech Foundation

State of Indiana

- Department of Workforce Development
- Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Strada Education Network

Walton Family Foundation

Wilson Sheehan Foundation

Wells Fargo

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Average submissions per month

3

Average approved per month

62%

Actual success rate

\$4,471,243

Total awarded dollars
(Up \$1,221,018 from 2017-18)

37

Number of grants awarded

\$750

Smallest grant awarded

\$900,000

Largest grant awarded

CASE STUDY: 100,000 STRONG IN THE AMERICAS INNOVATION FUND



In the fall of 2016, Marian University was selected by Partners of the Americas, NAFA: Association of International Educators, and the United States Department of State, as a recipient of the 100,000 Strong in the Americas Innovation Fund. The fund celebrates and encourages relationships between the United States, Latin America, and Canada.

The success of the \$25,000 grant was a collaborative effort supported by the Department of History and Social Sciences, the Department of Language and Cultures, the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library, the Office of 21st Century Scholars, the Business Office, and the study abroad program director, along with the Indiana Partners of Americas organization. Four students participated in this interdisciplinary study abroad and research program titled “Women’s Rights and Women’s Empowerment in the Western Hemisphere: A Global Perspective.”

Students forged friendships and learned about the Brazilian culture through interaction with the Brazilian Youth Ambassadors who accompanied their travels. The group visited two public schools, the *Growing Up Right* project in Santa Cruz, a city council panel of women legislators, and the city domestic court.

“ I was able to broaden my view of intersectionality and multiculturalism. Now I can proudly say I’ve done research abroad and had my academic writings published before I even graduated from college.”

Maresa Kelly '19

PROJECT TIMELINE

2016

- Grant awarded.

2017

- Workshop series prepared participants for travel and development of research topics.
- Brazilian scholars visited Marian University.
- Marian students and staff visited Brazil, June 1-10.
- Research manuscripts and posters were completed.
- Marian faculty presented at Partners of Americas Conference on Higher Education in Mexico.
- Marian students presented at Marian University Gender Studies Dinner.

2018-present

- Research manuscripts uploaded to digital archive as a resource and model for future projects.
- Student and faculty participants continue to collaborate and communicate with their peers and contacts in Brazil.
- Gender Equity Research Collection is being built into current social sciences curriculum.
- Personal Empowerment course has been added to First-Year Experience, a required class for all Marian University freshmen.

A Legacy Challenge: Live the Franciscan Values

Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF, Ph.D. '60 is an honest woman. She admits it: She did not think Marian University needed a football team. But she came around. Known as the Knights' biggest fan, Sr. Norma and her iconic bucket hat have faithfully graced countless sidelines over the years, but cheerleading has always just been the side gig.

Sr. Norma, a diehard Cardinals fan from St. Louis, Missouri, has played many roles for Marian University, but retirement will likely be her most difficult challenge.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: bringing the core Franciscan sponsorship values to campus

In 1989, she realized Marian's Franciscanism was not as prominent as it should be, so she became determined to more deliberately pass on the charisms of St. Francis and St. Clare. Sr. Norma initiated conversations about how the customs of the college aligned with Franciscanism, and the four core sponsorship values were selected. "The Franciscan sponsorship values we chose have a universal appeal and are easily values which can be lived. We were already living them, but now there was greater awareness and intent," she said.

FAVORITE GIG: director of the Indiana Catholic Principals Institute (ICPI)

"Also in 1989, I was approached by five diocesan superintendents of Indiana to initiate a program for Catholic school principals on developing lay spirituality, since almost all the principals were lay women and men. With a grant from Lilly Endowment, we developed an 18-month program for beginning principals and, eventually, for veteran principals and parish teams," she said.

Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, OSF, '64 grew up on the east side of Indianapolis, attended Little Flower Catholic School and Scecina Memorial High School, and never dreamed the places being a religious Sister would take her—like Chicago, Illinois; Washington, D.C.; and Papua New Guinea. Now, she finds herself back in Oldenburg, Indiana with Sr. Norma—not to retire—but as the Motherhouse mission effectiveness coordinator.

PROUDEST ACCOMPLISHMENT: strengthening the presence of our Franciscan sponsorship values

Sr. Jean Marie echoes Sr. Norma's commitment to Marian's Franciscan identity. She is most proud of initiating the Value of the Year program and for regularly visiting all the different departments. "Each year, the progress became more obvious. I was so happy when Ben Tebbe, director of the Marian University Theatre, asked in advance about the next featured value of the year, so he could plan an appropriate play. And I loved that by looking deeper into the values, we learned that recycling is not the only way to interpret or apply responsible stewardship," she said.

FAVORITE GIG: planning a year with *The Saint John's Bible*

Sr. Jean Marie led the promotion and planning of Marian's year with *The Saint John's Bible*. "It was a privilege and a joy to work with those who shared my appreciation and awe of this breathtaking masterpiece. I encourage everyone to come see the illuminations in person, and I look forward to all the creative ways it can be incorporated into campus programs and events," she said.

According to both Sisters, the university's success can be attributed to its mission effectiveness.

“Marian University has a long history of collaborative partnerships and of saying yes when others said no. This is very Franciscan,” said Sr. Norma.

“We have great faith in President Elsener and in our Board of Trustees to uphold the Franciscan values,” said Sr. Jean Marie. “It really is what we're made of, and that's a legacy we can all be proud of.”



SR. NORMA ROCKLAGE, OSF, PH.D. '60

- B.A. Marian University; M.A. and Ph.D. St. Louis University, Latin and Greek
- 1960-65 - Teacher at St. Mary's Catholic School, North Vernon; St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School, Portage Des Sioux, Missouri; Holy Trinity Catholic School, St. Louis, Missouri

FOR MARIAN UNIVERSITY

- 1965-70 - Teacher of Latin and Greek
- 1969-74 - Director of Scholastics (temporary vowed sisters); Teacher and Dean
- 1970-74 - Dean for Academic Affairs
- 1974-82 - Board of Trustees
- 1989-2004 - Vice President for Strategic Planning and Mission Effectiveness; Interim Vice President for Student Affairs; Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs, 2001
- 2005-19 - Executive Director for Education Formation Outreach

FRANCISCAN FEDERATION LEADERSHIP

- 1974-82 - General Council of Community
- 1982-83 - Franciscan Retreat Center: Co-Director of Franciscan Retreats
- 1983-87 - Formation Team Member: St. John the Baptist Province Novitiate; St. Anthony Friary, Cincinnati, Ohio
- 1987-89 - Director of Novices, Oldenburg, Indiana

EXTERNAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory High School, two terms
- West Deanery Community, two terms
- Center for Intercultural Cooperation, two terms
- Church Federation of Indiana, two terms
- Indiana Campus Ministry Board/Indiana Higher Education Ministry, 15 years
- Holy Family Shelter Advisory Board, six years
- Indiana Newman Advisory Board, six years
- Seccina Memorial High School Mission Effectiveness Advisory Board, six years
- Indiana Latino Institute, five years
- Executive Committee for Spirit and Place, five years
- Pax Christi of Indiana, 10 years, organized and served as director
- Archdiocesan Ecumenical Advisory Board, three years
- NorthWest Quality Planning Board, six years
- Spiritual Assistant for Secular Franciscans, People of Peace, 25 years

SR. JEAN MARIE CLEVELAND, OSF '64

- B.A. Marian University; M.A. Purdue University, Mathematics Education
- 1962-64 - Teacher, St. Monica School and Holy Trinity School, Indianapolis
- 1964-68 - Mathematics Teacher, Cardinal Ritter High School
- 1968-79 - Mathematics Teacher and Principal, Our Lady of Angels High School, St. Bernard, Ohio
- 1979-87 - Principal, Academy of the Immaculate Conception, Oldenburg, Indiana
- 1987-88 - Loyola University of Chicago, Master in Pastoral Studies
- 1988-93 - Pastoral Associate, St. John the Baptist, Dover, Indiana; St. Peter's Catholic Church, Saint Peter, Indiana
- 1993-2000 - Parish Life Coordinator, St. Patrick and Holy Rosary, Indianapolis
- 2000-06 - Congregational Minister, Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana

FOR MARIAN UNIVERSITY

- 2000-06 - Board of Trustees and Vice Chairperson
- 2006-19 - Vice President for Mission Effectiveness

FRANCISCAN FEDERATION LEADERSHIP

- 2002-07 - Leadership; President 2004-05
- 2004-07 - Freeing the Fire Task Force

EXTERNAL BOARD MEMBERSHIP

- First Archdiocesan Pastoral Council, Indianapolis
- Officer Pastoral Associate Group, Indianapolis
- Holy Family Shelter Board, Indianapolis
- Catholic Charities Board, Indianapolis
- Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary Board, 2015-19

EVERY NAME HAS A STORY!

282 STUDENTS BENEFITED FROM ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS IN THE 2018-19 ACADEMIC YEAR.

That's 282 stories of gratitude for donors like you who have your own stories as well—stories that have inspired you to give. Your sacrifice and generosity help make a college education a reality for students who know their stories are just beginning.



292

Number of endowed scholarships awarded

\$1,339,546

Amount of endowed scholarships awarded

SAVE THE DATE:
2020 Scholarship Reception
March 24

New Endowed Scholarships in 2018-19

- Buckingham Foundation Endowed Scholarship
- Elder Diggs Scholarship for Minority Educators
- The Estridge Family Foundation Endowed Scholarship
- The Father Shaun P. Whittington Endowed Scholarship for Service in the Church
- Tracy Hadden Endowed Teaching Scholarship
- Hope Family Endowed Scholarship
- J. Mark and Kim Howell Endowed Scholarship
- K. Clay Smith Endowed Scholarship
- Michael and Rebecca Espinoza Kubacki Endowed Scholarship
- The Sherman Family Endowed Scholarship
- Zagzebski Family Endowed Scholarship

Endowed Funds Established in Recognition of 2018-19 Event Honorees

- David B. and M. Anne Haire Family, *Dillon Family Distinguished Alumni Award*
- Paul and Dorothy Sponsel, *John A. Purdue Innovator and Mentor of the Year Award*
- Ed and Peggy Bonach, *Franciscan Values Award*
- Joe Clayton Family, *Clayton Family Circle of Honor, in memory of Joseph P. Clayton*
- J. Timothy McGinley, *Clayton Family Circle of Honor*
- Allison Melangton, *Clayton Family Circle of Honor*
- John Shelton, *M-Club Wall of Fame*

YOU CAME TO OUR PARTIES!

We have much to celebrate and are always humbled by the enthusiasm and support of the Marian University community. Our events highlight the accomplishments of our students, faculty, alumni, and community leaders. Your participation helps us produce quality events that create positive, inspiring experiences for our guests—some who walk in as strangers but leave as new friends. We are grateful for our growing family.

2,500+

Number of people who attended Marian University signature events in 2018-19



Transformations Gala

President Daniel J. Elsener and Byrum School of Business student Chas Buening '20 present the John A. Purdie Innovator and Mentor of the Year Award to Denny Sponsel of RJE Business Interiors. The 2018 Transformations Gala raised \$1.1 million for student scholarships.



Clayton Family Circle of Honor Induction Dinner

Emcee Larra Overton, local news personality, interviewed honorees J. Tim McGinley, founder of House Investments and Purdue University trustee, and Allison Melangton, senior vice president of events at Hulman Motorsports and president of 2012 Super Bowl Host Committee, at the 2019 Clayton Family Circle of Honor Induction Dinner. The event was held in our new Arena and Convocation Center and raised over \$100,000 towards athletic scholarships.



Women of Marian

The Women of Marian event (formerly Tea on the Terrace) celebrates the role women play in the Marian University community. Denise Brennan Feser '77, Marian University Board of Trustees Chair, shared stories of the history and vision of our female founders, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana. The event, chaired by Kathy Harbor '75 and Pat Baumer Watko '75, was attended by more than 100 women.



President's Appreciation Dinner

Beth Moorman and Ann Berkemeier attended the 2019 President's Appreciation Dinner on May 3, 2019. The event celebrated the accomplishments of the year and recognized the commitment of those who gave \$1,000 or more to Marian University during the 2018-19 academic year. Over 200 guests were in attendance.

Marian University Giving Societies

Marian University extends its deepest gratitude to the many alumni, parents, and friends who made gifts, payments, and gifts in kind to the university between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019.

► **Marian Society**

President's Circle – \$100,000+

Franciscan Circle – \$50,000-\$99,999

Leadership Circle – \$25,000-\$49,999

Knights Circle – \$10,000-\$24,999

Oldenburg Circle – \$5,000-\$9,999

Fioretti Circle – \$1,000-\$4,999

► **Blue and Gold Society** – \$1-\$999

► **1851 Society** – Recognizes individuals and businesses who have contributed significantly through cumulative lifetime giving of \$100,000 or more (excluding pledges and bequests).

► **Heritage of St. Francis Society** – Recognizes individuals who have made deferred gifts.



2018-19 Board of Trustees gather in the Burns Presentation Hall in the Paul J. Norman Center for their annual retreat.

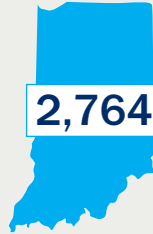


MARIAN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS BY THE NUMBERS

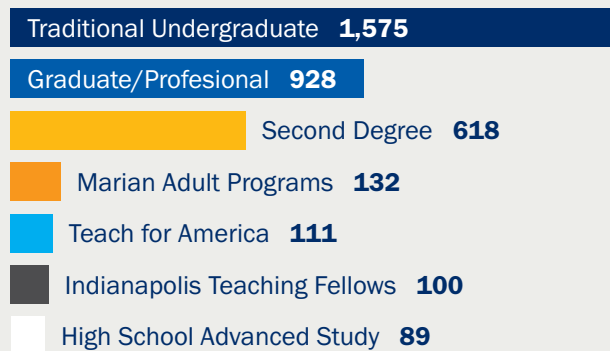
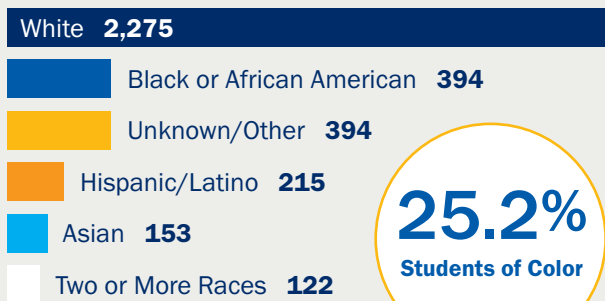
3,553 TOTAL ENROLLMENT



589
Student-Athletes



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MARIAN
UNIVERSITY®
923
Live on Campus





Denise Brennan Feser '77

Denise Brennan Feser '77 is inspired daily by the four core Franciscan sponsorship values of Marian University, as well as the potential of every Marian student.

“Many schools claim to produce leaders, but Marian can prove it,” Feser said.

That’s certainly the truth in Feser’s case. From student to staff to volunteer, Feser has taken her gratitude and commitment to her alma mater seriously. In July of 2019, Feser became the first laywoman chair of the Marian University Board of Trustees.

A trustee since 2008 and former president of the Marian College Alumni Association Board, Feser was also previously on the payroll in the Office of Undergraduate Admission and as director of alumni relations before spending almost 30 years in marketing and customer relations for USA Funds.

“Thanks to generous donors, I was able to attend Marian with the help of scholarships. Others were willing to invest in me, and I am obliged to do the same for those who follow,” Feser said.

She appreciates that Marian students are challenged and supported by staff, faculty, and administration. “There are few investments that will yield the return that Marian University will. Contributing to human flourishing is immeasurable,” she said.



Robert '78 and Carol Leonard '80 Blankman Lisa Blankman '11

Bob '78, Carol Leonard '80, and Lisa '11 Blankman are proud to be Marian University alumni. They credit Marian for their successful careers, many lifelong friends, and—since Bob and Carol met at Marian—their family.

Bob already felt an affinity for the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana who taught him in grade school, but knew for certain he'd made the right choice to attend Marian when he met Carol at choir practice.

Lisa was planning on going to Indiana University with all her friends and toured campus just to see where her parents went, but everyone was so welcoming that Marian just felt like home. Now she serves on Marian's Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) committee and tailgates with her parents.

Father and daughter pursued careers in accounting. Bob is a partner at RBSK Partners PC and Lisa is an audit manager at Sponsel CPA Group, LLC. Carol became an art teacher at St. Mary's School in Greensburg, Indiana.

All three believe the feeling of community and connection and the focus on values is what distinguishes Marian from other schools. "We like to give back," Carol said. "Marian played a huge part in shaping our adult lives and those of many of our friends. What better way is there to invest in our future than to continue to invest in Marian?"



Glenn '71 and Laura Jo Biltz '71 Tebbe

Glenn '71 and Laura Jo Biltz '71 Tebbe consider Marian University part of their family. Two of their four children are also graduates. Son Ben Tebbe '99 is the current director of the Marian University Theatre, while daughter Laura Tebbe Finke '04 teaches at Cardinal Ritter High School.

Glenn and Laura Jo agree that Marian prepared them well for their careers in education, but they most appreciate Marian's mission and Catholic identity and are proud to have spent their professional and personal lives dedicated to the service of the Catholic Church. Glenn was principal of St. Mary's School in Greensburg, Indiana, and is the current executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, and Laura Jo taught and continues to volunteer at St. Mary's School.

The couple have always wanted to help others receive the gift of a Marian education and started with a small gift the year after they graduated. "We didn't have a lot of cushion, especially while I was a stay-at-home mom, but Glenn always had faith," she said.

"We are given so much and as stewards have an obligation to share our blessings with those around us. Make a first gift something that is a little beyond what is easy and then give regularly. You will see how it does not take away, but returns to you with increase," Glenn said.



Chris '73 and Debbie Everett

Chris Everett '73 admits, that for a qualitative and quantitative researcher, he has had great fun and credits Frank Walker, his first boss at Walker Information (see p. 6), for connecting him with the Stanley K. Lacy Leadership Executive Leadership Series.

“Suddenly I was flying across the country in a corporate jet to learn from other thriving cities, just tagging along with impressive emerging leaders from Indianapolis,” said Chris, who spent the next 16 years with Walker Information, conducting consumer research for major national brands throughout the United States and Canada.

In 1991, Chris founded his own research consulting firm, the Kensington Group, and became active in the American Marketing Association. He also served as adjunct faculty for Marian University, became active in the Marian University Alumni Association, and joined forces with fellow alumni John Purcell '74 and Steve Gutzwiller '69 to promote greater alumni engagement (see page 22).

Chris' wife Debbie did not attend Marian, but shares an affinity for campus, because she happened to attend Tudor Hall School for Girls, residing in Sommers Mansion, now home of Marian's Office of Institutional Advancement.

She went on to become director of Park Tudor's upper school and shares her husband's desire to give back. “It's just what you do. We get more out of giving than what we give. Especially with time and talent, you don't realize the influence you can have on people over time,” Chris said.



Gay Lynn Crossley, Ph.D.

Gay Lynn Crossley, Ph.D., is one of Marian University's veteran faculty members who has given more than just time and talent since 1996. "The creativity and desire of my students to make positive change challenges me every day to be the kind of teacher that they deserve," said Crossley, a consistent donor to Marian for over 20 years.

Crossley earned a master of arts and a doctorate in English, both degrees specializing in rhetoric and composition at Florida State University. She is an active member of Indiana Teachers of Writing and her courses emphasize research, creative non-fiction, and food and culture. Her articles and essays have appeared in *Composition Studies*, *Reader*, *On Writing: A Process Writer*, and *Finding Our Way*.

Crossley is one of four Marian University professors currently teaching classes for the Women's College Partnership at the Indiana Women's Prison. Crossley teaches a first-year English course and is impressed with the students in her class.

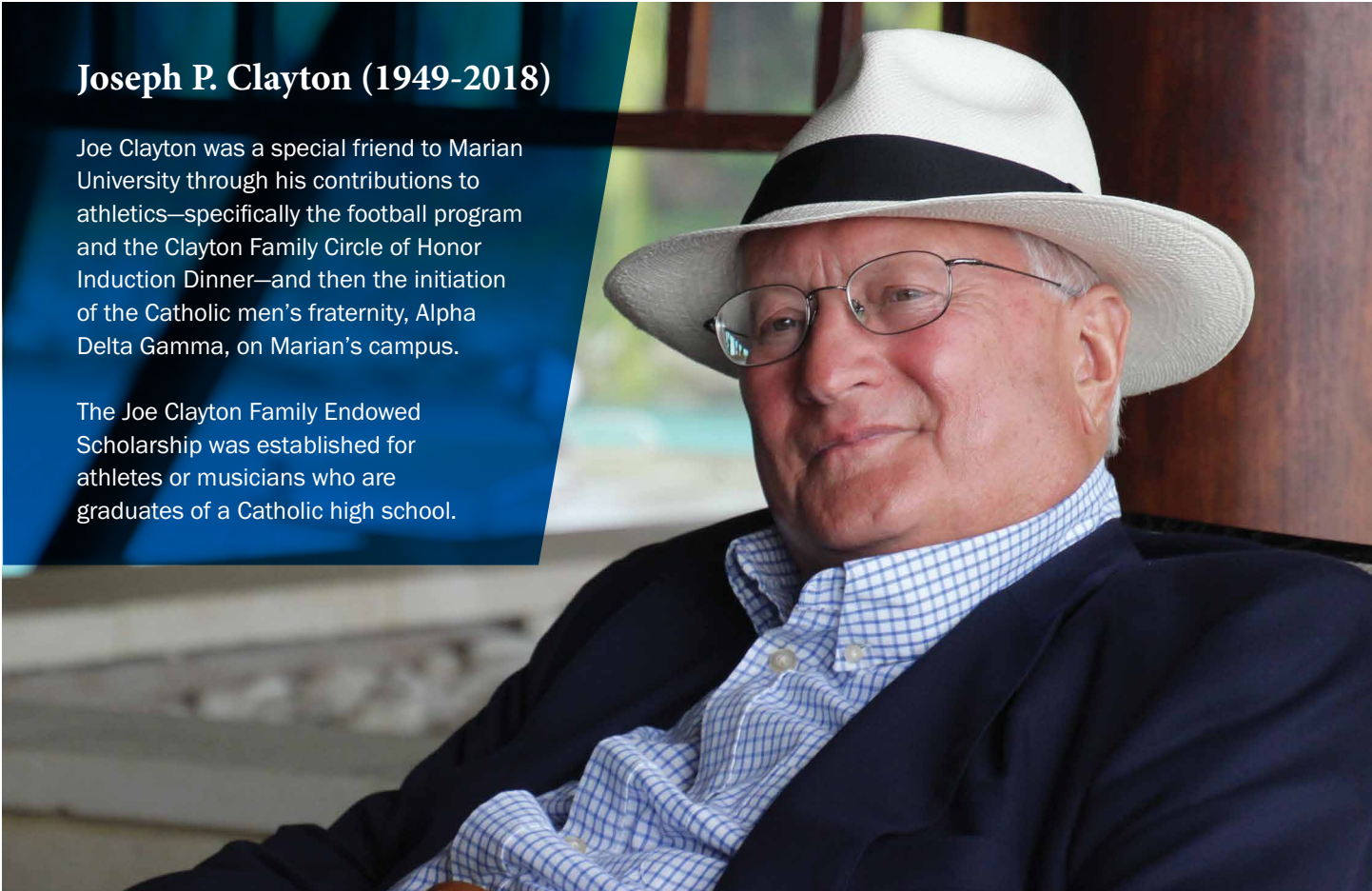
"I'm truly inspired by this group of students," Crossley said. "The writers have formed an enthusiastic community of women who are building the knowledge and skills necessary to create positive change in their worlds and the worlds of others. It's a pleasure to read their work."

Marian University's commitment to community-engaged learning is what makes Crossley most proud to be a member of the Marian community.

Joseph P. Clayton (1949-2018)

Joe Clayton was a special friend to Marian University through his contributions to athletics—specifically the football program and the Clayton Family Circle of Honor Induction Dinner—and then the initiation of the Catholic men’s fraternity, Alpha Delta Gamma, on Marian’s campus.

The Joe Clayton Family Endowed Scholarship was established for athletes or musicians who are graduates of a Catholic high school.



GIFTS IN HONOR

Donald Beckerich
 Peggy Branson Beltrame '69
 Ed Bonach
 Daniel J. Elsener
 Sr. Mary Gloria Gallagher*, OSF '46
 Jerry Jones

George LaMaster
 James F. Matthews
 Michael Messaglia
 Saib Othman
 John Purdie
 Zackery Rankin '22

Sister Norma M. Rocklage, OSF '60
 Sr. Janice Scheidler, OSF '60
 John E. Shelton
 Tyler Trent*
 D. Anthony '69 and Carole Kunkel '65 Watt
 Mary McNulty Young '47

GIFTS IN MEMORY

Jagjeet Ahluwalia
 Gary Armbricht '73
 Sr. Margaretta Black, OSF '61
 Emanuele Bomben '63
 Holly Bruns '78
 Patricia Bryant '68
 Joseph Clayton
 Ann Martine Boehnlein Clyne '71
 Raymond Craig
 Charles Crawford '60
 William Curran
 Erna Santarossa DeCecco '44

Richard Delaney '59
 William Divine '71
 Gretchen Siedling Donahue* '64
 Sue Ellen Edrington
 Rosemary Ann Elsener
 Paul A. Gutzwiller
 Michael Horton
 Mary Ann Busemeyer Huntington '57
 Linda Kazmierzak
 Deena Keasey
 Joseph Keers '64
 Robert Kirkhoff

Robert Kuleff
 Jodi Yonts Macdonald '92
 Mary Malatesta
 Sr. Joan Marie Mentrup, OSF
 Bob Papandria '62
 Kevin Rodgers
 Thomas Spencer
 Sr. Mary Stockton, OSF
 Kathleen McCarthy Turk '65
 Carl Weinzetl '65
 Jeanne Parker Wiles '57
 Dorothea Zore

2019 Snyder-Watt Leadership Award Recipients:

Chris Everett '73, Steve Gutzwiller '69, and John Purcell '74

Three outstanding alumni—Chris Everett '73, Steve Gutzwiller '69, and John Purcell '74—were honored at the 2019 President's Appreciation Dinner for their commitment to Marian University. They have been meeting every Tuesday morning in Alumni Hall for the past five years to discuss ways to get more alumni involved on campus.

One of their most successful projects has been the organization and staffing of the annual Professional Networking Reception for Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) fourth-year students who are preparing for their residency interviews.

"It's more than just coffee and camaraderie. It's seeking out the possibilities and contributing the expertise that years of experience has blessed us with. A lot of us give treasure, and that's great—don't stop! But time and talent are an important part of stewardship, too," Gutzwiller said.

The group encourages other alumni to get involved. "We have some ideas about future projects like continuing education and group travel opportunities, but we would like to hear from others as well. Whether you have a lot of free time or just a little, please join us. Your first coffee is on us," Purcell said.

Contact alumni@marian.edu to get involved.



Left to right: Steve Gutzwiller '69, Chris Everett '73, and John Purcell '74 outside Alumni Hall on the campus of Marian University.



MU-COM third-year students practice for residency interviews at the 2019 MU-COM Networking Reception in the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences.

A YEAR WITH



THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE



Marian University Trustee Ed Bonach and his wife Peggy have brought beauty and inspiration to campus with the gift of a year with *The Saint John's Bible*.

The Saint John's Bible, completed in 2011, consists of seven volumes, each two feet tall and three feet wide when opened, with over 1,100 total pages and 160 illuminations. This original edition lives in a special light and temperature-controlled gallery on the campus of St. John's University. But to provide the greater access as intended, the Heritage Edition, a series of 299 high-end, fine-art, museum-quality lithograph copies of *The Saint John's Bible* was created.

Volume XI, *Gospels and Acts*, is now hosted by Marian University through May 2020 and is on display in the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial library. During scheduled times, trained docents will preside as students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community friends come to read the Word of God and reflect on the breathtaking illuminations. The volume will also be able to travel on and off campus, and several events have been planned.

"*The Saint John's Bible* provides a platform for reflection, discussion, prayer, and more. This is a great way for Marian University to further its commitment to leadership and service to the community," said Bonach, a St. John's University alumnus.

Those interested in being trained as docents can contact Jamie Higgs, Ph.D., associate professor of art history, at jhiggs@marian.edu. Direct all other questions about scheduling a viewing or upcoming events to saintjohnsbible@marian.edu.

Left: *Faithful Friends*, Diane von Arx, Copyright 2006.

Top: Ed and Peggy Bonach

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ΣΙΡΑΧ

Faithful friends are a sturdy shelter: whoever finds one has found a treasure. Faithful friends are beyond price: no amount can balance their worth. Faithful friends are life-saving medicine; and those who fear the Lord will find them. Those who fear the Lord direct their friendship aright, for as they are, so are their neighbors also.

My child, from your youth choose discipline, and when you have gray hair you will still find wisdom.

Come to her like one who plows and sows, and wait for her good harvest. For when you cultivate her you will toil but little, and soon you will eat of her produce. She seems very harsh to the undisciplined; fool cannot remain with her. She will be like a heavy stone to test them, and they will not delay in casting her aside.

For wisdom is like her name, she is not readily perceived by many.

SAVE THE DATE FOR 2020 EVENTS!

Endowed Scholarship Reception

March 24

Clayton Family Circle of Honor Induction Dinner

April 23

President's Appreciation Dinner

June 4

Women of Marian

June 20

Founders Classic

September 22

Homecoming

October 3

Gala

October 23

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