ALUMNI HALL IS NOW OPEN. In the few months it has been open, Alumni Hall has worked its way into the hearts, minds, and routines of faculty, staff, and students on campus. This new student center has truly become the family room of the university, providing a new space for students to gather and study, take a coffee break, or eat lunch together.
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Dear Marian University Community,

In October, we gathered in a truly joyful spirit with alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students at our Rising to the Challenge: Creating Leaders Gala. That evening, we recognized Sid and Lois Eskenazi and our loyal alumni Bill Drew ’65 and the Drew Family, John Purcell ’74, and Philip ’81 and Teresa ’80 Carson—remarkable women and men whose embodiment and lived expression of the Franciscan values allows them to be transformative leaders in the world. And together, we celebrated the extraordinary advancements made possible at Marian University through the magnanimous investments of our donors. In this edition of the Marian University Magazine, we continue this celebration of achievement.

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Locally, Marian University is directly impacting the city of Indianapolis. From the time we moved to the state capital more than 76 years ago, our desire to respond to the needs of the city has played an integral role in the development and growth of the university. This is not surprising given that it was the great need for teachers in our burgeoning city continued to expand, the university and men whose embodiment and lived expression of the Franciscan values allows them to be transformative leaders in the world. And together, we celebrated the extraordinary advancements made possible at Marian University through the magnanimous investments of our donors. In this edition of the Marian University Magazine, we continue this celebration of achievement.

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In the 1950s, with our soldiers home from the second world war and so many looking for a place to earn a college degree, we became a co-educational university, accepting men into what had until then been a college for women. Then in the 1970s as the health care needs of the people of Indiana in meaningful, impactful ways. Following in the remarkable footsteps of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, women who selflessly give of themselves to better the communities they serve, we continue to serve as leaders in transforming lives.

And, in November, the Indianapolis Public Schools (IPS) Board of School Commissioners made the decision via a unanimous vote to place Marian University at the center of its efforts to recruit, educate, and support transformational leaders for its schools. With the support of IPS, our donors, and several philanthropic institutions, we will be able to train new leaders for IPS through our nationally recognized Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership.

We are dedicated to our city, always seeking to serve the needs of the people of Indiana in meaningful, impactful ways. Following in the remarkable footsteps of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, women who selflessly give of themselves to better the communities they serve, we continue to serve as leaders in transforming lives.

In fact, this dedication was recently recognized by the White House in two ways: first, Marian University was one of only 98 colleges and universities in the country to be named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. Second, I was recently invited to the White House to participate in a conference with other select university presidents from across the country to discuss promising new programs in undergraduate student success initiatives. This invitation is a result of the tremendous work done through our student success and retention programs and Marian University’s own leadership role in the collaborative effort of the Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities to advance student success.

Marian University is able to address the needs of our community only through your generous investments. Indeed, it is your generosity that allows us to continue to spread the Sisters’ spirit of loving service to all God’s people and provides the resources necessary to ensure that Marian University continues to grow and prosper. Thank you for your prayers and continued support.

Please enjoy this issue of Marian University Magazine. I have little doubt that you will be truly inspired by the many ways in which we—students, faculty, staff, and alumni alike—are positively and profoundly impacting the city of Indianapolis.

God Bless,

Daniel J. Elsener, President
IMPACTING INDIANAPOLIS

Whether it is students volunteering at a local shelter, new construction helping the economic health of the city, or faculty creating public discourse on important issues facing the city and nation, Marian University is impacting Indianapolis.

As a community, the university and city are deeply intertwined. And as the city has grown, so too has Marian University. Together, we are growing, progressing, and thriving.

Marian University is impacting the City of Indianapolis in countless ways. Here are just a few of our recent contributions.
From lectures to art shows to theater productions, Marian University is a place where art and culture are continuously created and celebrated for the benefit of the greater community.

“Art Meets News: The Work of Photojournalist Bill Foley” at the Indiana State Museum

Pulitzer Prize winning photographer Bill Foley, assistant professor of fine arts/photography at Marian University, will have a retrospective of his work shown at the Indiana State Museum. The exhibit, “Art Meets News: The Work of Photojournalist Bill Foley,” will show from March 28-July 19, 2015.

Prior to returning to the classroom at Marian University in 2007, Foley worked as a photographer for the Associated Press and TIME magazine. Over the past 36 years, Foley has worked in more than 47 countries, and photographed everything from the Indianapolis 500 to wars in the Middle East.

“This is one of the most exciting shows of my career. It will be a retrospective of my work from 1976 to the present, with a focus on 1978-88, my years living in Cairo and Beirut. Being invited by the museum to have this show is a great honor,” said Foley.

“My work has been shown in galleries and museums in the United States and abroad, but to have a retrospective of my work in the Indiana State Museum means a lot to me, as I grew up in Indianapolis and began my photographic journey here.”

The Global Studies Speaker Series

Now in its 11th year, the Global Studies Speakers Series brings central Indiana’s increasingly international and multi-cultural community onto the Marian University campus. Past speakers have included former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former United States Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Wyche Fowler, ambassadors and consuls general from Japan, China, and Slovakia, as well as journalists, academics, clergy, musicians, and global activists. Former Senator Richard G. Lugar annually addresses global studies, and for the past nine years the Lugar Franciscan Center has collaborated annually with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) to bring to campus CRS professionals who cover the world. These events are free and open to the public. See page 17 for upcoming speakers.

“The mission of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies is to prepare tomorrow’s leaders with values-centered global perspectives,” said Pierre Atlas, Ph.D., associate professor of political science and director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies.

“We launched the Global Studies Speaker Series, along with the academic minor in global studies, because we wanted to maximize global awareness, education, and critical discussion both for our students and the Central Indiana community. With more than 75 speaker series events so far, I think we are succeeding in achieving those goals.”

Former Senator Richard G. Lugar gives his annual address as part of the Global Studies Speaker Series.
Marian University serves as an economic engine for the Indianapolis community. In fact, a recent report from Independent Colleges of Indiana estimated that the university had a $92 million economic impact on the state. In the last two years, Marian University has opened a medical school, built a new student center, and broke ground on new apartments for graduate students. As an ever-growing university in an ever-growing city, it was only a matter of time before we started working together to improve and develop our shared community.

City Partners Strategize Redevelopment at the Indy Cycloplex

In September, St. Vincent Health, Indiana Sports Corp, Play Ball Indiana, USA Football, and USA Track and Field entered into Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Marian University to explore opportunities to partner in the redevelopment of the Indy Cycloplex—home of the Major Taylor Velodrome—and the area surrounding the Marian University campus.

Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, Marian University President Daniel J. Elsener, St. Vincent Chief Executive Officer Jonathan Nalli, and then-Indiana Sports Corp President Allison Melangton made the announcement during a press conference at the Major Taylor Velodrome on September 2, 2014.

The first project on the horizon is a new St. Vincent Sports Performance facility, according to Nalli. St. Vincent has additional interest in expanding its health care presence in the area, including a clinic that could be located on, or near, the property. Other assets that may be included in this project include offices and meeting space for some of the organizations that comprise the city’s amateur sports community, as well as a facility for research and training in sports safety and performance.

“Using current and planned assets at Marian University—in the neighborhood and in the larger Indianapolis community—we can attract clinics, camps, and seminars, and support cutting-edge research on issues relating to sports performance and recovery,” President Elsener said.

The group plans to continue ongoing discussions with Indy Parks, neighborhood leaders, and other partners to develop a comprehensive vision and strategic plan for the further development of the Indy Cycloplex property and potentially for other underutilized areas near the campus on the city’s west side. Marian University has been an active participant in the Northwest Area Quality of Life planning process and serves as an anchor institution in the west side community.

“The St. Vincent Sports Performance complex at Marian University will position Indy as a national leader in sports research and make this area a destination for sports performance, injury, and recovery,” Mayor Ballard said. “The partnership with St. Vincent Sports Performance will be a tremendous asset for students and athletes and will help Marian University grow as a strong anchor for the surrounding Riverside neighborhood.”
Ruth Lilly Health Education Center Merges with Marian University

In October, Marian University announced that the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center (RLHEC), which has provided health education to more than two million Hoosiers in its 25-year history, will relocate its operations and merge with Marian University at the end of the year. The new entity, Ruth Lilly Health Education Center at Marian University, will be administered by Marian University’s School of Education and Exercise Science under the leadership of Diana Cheshire, Ph.D., dean.

Since opening in 1989, the RLHEC has worked to provide health education at schools and youth-serving organizations that promote and reinforce healthy lifestyle choices for children and adults.

Marian University is ideally suited to build on RLHEC’s 25-year legacy. The university offers experience in science, health sciences, health education, exercise science, and K-12 education programs, including hosting thousands of K-12 students for educational experiences in the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab, an on-campus nature preserve and outdoor classroom. Marian University’s continued commitment to be a community anchor and leader for neighborhood revitalization will bolster the long-term sustainability of the RLHEC’s mission and programming.

“We are grateful for this opportunity to continue the legacy of the Ruth Lilly Health Education Center,” Dr. Cheshire said. “We value our numerous partnerships with schools, community organizations, and the many outstanding teachers and students with whom we currently work. The RLHEC at Marian University brings a unique experience to our School of Education and Exercise Science students as we continue to develop distinctive opportunities and research in educational neuroscience, literacy, STEM education, and special education.”

Marian University has a long history of educating K-12 students from all backgrounds. Every summer, the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab hosts STEM summer camps, which bring science to K-12 students in new and different ways.
At Marian University, service, especially to the community, is in our DNA. The Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, came to Indiana, and eventually Indianapolis, to be of service to Hoosiers. That calling has continued throughout our history. Today, we have students, faculty, and staff dedicating thousands of hours of service to the Indianapolis community. Programs like the San Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership and Students Taking Active Reflective Roles (STARR) have students performing weekly service. Special days like Indy Do Day and New Student Day of Service bring many people together for a short time to make a big impact. No matter the day, there are always Knights volunteering and serving their community.

**Indy Do Day**

On October 2, for the second consecutive year, Marian University faculty, staff, and students participated in the city’s official day of service, Indy Do Day. More than 150 people came together to give back to the westside community as a part of the citywide Indy Do Day. Volunteers participated in nearly a dozen activities, including planting at the Indy Cycloplex, building a play area at Cold Spring School, and gardening at Cardinal Ritter High School.

“We are dedicated to serving our community and Indy Do Day gave us the opportunity to connect with our neighbors and give back to our neighborhood. It was truly a powerful day,” President Elsener said.

**New Student Day of Service**

As a part of their first week at Marian University, nearly 200 new students participated in the New Student Day of Service. Students volunteered at many Indianapolis organizations, including Second Helpings, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Gleaners Food Bank, Peaceful Grounds, and the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab.

“A campus tradition, this service opportunity embraces the Franciscan sponsorship values and exposes students to the agencies which align with our values and serve those who have minimal access to basic resources,” Adam Setmeyer, director of campus ministry, said.

**Students Taking Active Reflective Roles**

Every week, 30-40 students gather to serve the Indianapolis community through Students Taking Active Reflective Roles (STARR). Each Friday, the STARR program travels to Miracle Place, Heritage Place, Peaceful Grounds, Noble of Indiana, or the Holy Family Shelter where they do everything from helping kids with homework to feeding the hungry.

“I took on a leadership role at STARR because I believe in it. STARR is helping to build a culture of service and social justice at Marian University,” Andrew Thomas ’15, seminarian in the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, said. “When we engage people where they are most vulnerable we realize that we are just as vulnerable, just as in need of help. STARR is about empowering people to create a difference in very small ways. If we are going to begin to create a culture of social justice, it must start small and capture the heart of an individual before it captures the heart of a crowd. I believe STARR begins to capture people’s hearts. I wanted to help engage people in living a socially conscious life. By doing this, I was forced to engage my life and how I live a socially conscious life.”
Kimberly Vogt, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of biology

Beyond her research and teaching, Kimberly Vogt, Ph.D. dedicates time and resources to STEM outreach by serving with the Celebrate Science Indiana Steering Committee, Science Education Foundation of Indiana Board of Directors, and the Central Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair as well as the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair. A leader within the School of Mathematics and Sciences, Vogt was recently a finalist for the Indy's Best and Brightest award, a distinction created by Junior Achievement to recognize up-and-coming talent and the next generation of leaders in the Indianapolis community.

AF: What's your favorite thing to do in Indy?
KV: Everything! I love taking my kids to the museums and zoo. Indy is such a great place to live. There's so much to do and everything is incredibly affordable and accessible.

AF: What are you working on right now?
KV: We have three projects going on right now in cell biology: Alzheimer's in nematode worms, effects of Apigenin in canola, and effects of Gibberellic Acid in Arabidopsis. For a directed research project, I have students looking at possible E. coli contamination in self-serve frozen yogurt franchises.

AF: What's on your iPod or DVR?
KV: Nothing, I own neither. Between my kids, my students, and my community, I don't have a lot of time to do anything else.

AF: What are you reading right now?
KV: Does Walter the Farting Dog count? I read that last night to my kids before bed. I'm also reading research proposals from biostatistics students.

Pierre Atlas, Ph.D.
Associate professor of political science
Director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies

Creator of the Global Studies Speaker Series and director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies, Pierre Atlas, Ph.D. has brought countless politicians and international experts to the Marian University campus to explore local, national, and international issues. When he's not teaching or researching, Atlas also is a monthly opinion columnist for The Indianapolis Star.

AF: What brought you to Indianapolis?
PA: Eli Lilly and Company brought me to Indy. I was a doctoral student at Rutgers University and my wife was a research scientist at Merck in New Jersey. She was contacted by a headhunter for Lilly and we moved here for her job in 1997. I finished my dissertation and began teaching locally, at IUPUI, Butler University, and Marian University. Then, President Elsener offered me a full-time position with a mandate to create a political science major in 2002.

AF: What are you working on?
PA: Although my academic training and focus has long been on Middle East politics, ever since I was a 17-year-old freshman at the University of Toronto, coming from the American West, I have been fascinated by differences between the United States and Canada, and by the differences in their frontier experiences. My new, long-term research project examines the legacy of the North American frontier as a way to help explain contemporary political and cultural differences between the United States and Canada. Last semester, I presented a paper on this topic at the Western Social Science Association conference in Albuquerque, New Mexico and I'm developing that paper into a journal article manuscript. I'm still doing some academic writing on Middle East politics and I continue to write my monthly opinion column for The Indianapolis Star, published every second Thursday of the month.

AF: What's on your iPod or DVR?
PA: On my iPod I have a wide collection of country music, from classics to contemporary artists and some traditional western music, too.

AF: What are you reading right now?
PA: I have a stack of books and academic journal articles on the history of the American and Canadian West that I'm reading now for my research. I treat myself to a novel or two at the end of each semester, usually a mystery.
This special section is presented to familiarize the Marian University community with the scholarly work of faculty throughout the past year. From presentations on cardiac function to publications that explore feminism and misogyny, Marian University faculty scholarship runs the gamut.
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Brian Colisson, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of psychology


DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Mark Reasoner, Ph.D.
Professor of theology


Matthew Sherman, Ph.D.
Associate professor of theology


Karen Spear, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of philosophy

Director of Center for Organizational Ethics


DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS

William Foley
Assistant professor of photography


Annie Loechle, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of art history and humanities


School of Mathematics and Sciences

David P. Benson, Ph.D.
Professor of biology
Director of Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab


Roderick M. Macrae, Ph.D.
Associate professor of chemistry


Kimberly Vogt, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of biology

Presentations: “Connecting Genetics, Nutrition, and Cellular Respiration: A Case Study on MCADD,” at the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association of College and University Biology Educators at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis on October 19, 2013; “An Identify Unknown Bacteria Activity Table,” with Samantha Oliphant at the 2014 STEM Community Fair, Metropolitan School District of Pike Township, on March 6, 2014.

Samantha Oliphant, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of biology


Kristy Wilson, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of biology

Presentation: “Individualized Research-Oriented College Credit (iROCC) Summer Program Profoundly Affects Students’ Perceptions of Science and Scientific Skills,” at the Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Annual Meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana in 2013.


Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Paul Evans, D.O., FAAFP, FACOFP
Vice president and dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine


David L. Dufcau, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of anatomy

Presentation: “Bioacoustics of the Vertebrate Middle Ear: 3D Investigations Featuring Birds, Crocodilians, and Dinosaurs,” to the Indiana University School of Medicine, March 2014.

Jason T. Ebert, Ph.D.
Semler Endowed Chair for Medical Ethics


**Garren Gebhardt, DO**

**Assistant professor of osteopathic manipulative medicine and internal medicine**


**Richard Klabunde, Ph.D.**

**Professor of physiology**

**Presentation:** “Assessment of Cardiac Function Using Pressure-Volume Loops,” at HeartWare, Inc. in Miami Lakes, Florida, October 2013.


**Michael Kuchera, DO, FAOO**

**Chair of osteopathic manipulative medicine (OMM)**


**Blaine Maley, Ph.D.**

**Assistant professor of anatomy**

Melita Marcial-Schuster, DO  
**Assistant professor of family medicine**

**Presentations:** “Beyond Mapping OPP/OMT Cognitive, Psychomotor and Affective Exam Performance Results: Correlations with NBOME Domain I Core Competencies,” with M.L. Kuchera, L.R. Chun, and L. Dunn at the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine National Conference, April 2014; Lecture to the Indiana Osteopathic Association Annual Convention.

Kristen Metzler-Wilson, PT, Ph.D.  
**Assistant professor of pharmacology**


Sam Pope, Ph.D., J.D.  
**Assistant professor of immunology and microbiology**

**Publication:** “Toxoplasma gondii infection of fibroblasts causes the production of exosome-like vesicles containing a unique array of mRNA and miRNA transcripts compared to serum starvation” with Cecilia Lässer, Ph.D. in *Journal of Extracellular Vesicles* in 2013.

David Raskin, Ph.D.  
**Assistant professor of microbiology**

**Presentations:** “Vibrio cholerae colonization of the host requires stringent response activation of TCP, the Toxin-Coregulated Pilus,” with A. Mishra, H. He, S. Mall, and J. Cooper at the Banff Conference on Infectious Diseases in Banff, Alberta, Canada, June 4-8, 2014; “Vibrio cholerae colonization of the host requires stringent response activation of TCP, the Toxin-Coregulated Pilus,” with A. Mishra, H. He, S. Mall, and J. Cooper at St. Vincent Hospital Research Symposium, Indianapolis, Indiana, June 11, 2014.  
**Publication:** “Cholera toxin production during anaerobic TMAO respiration is mediated by stringent response in Vibrio cholera” with Young Taek Oha, Yongjin Parka, Mi Young Yoona, Wasmimul Baria, Junhyeok Goa, David M. Raskinc, Kang-Mu Leea, and Sang Sun Yoona in the *Journal of Biological Chemistry* in 2014.

Daniel Williams, DO  
**Assistant professor of neuromusculoskeletal medicine and osteopathic manipulative medicine**


Thad Wilson, Ph.D.  
**Associate professor of physiology**


Patrick Woodman, DO  
**Chair of specialty care**

Small Indy College Sees Fast Growth

WISH-TV (CBS-Indianapolis) on September 2, 2014

Marian University is one of the fastest growing colleges in the country.

Triple Amputee Cyclist: “Not Giving Up”

The Indianapolis Star on October 5, 2014

Moise Brutus, his face a mask of fierce determination, is pedaling his bicycle around the Major Taylor Velodrome in Indianapolis.

He is living a dream—a college athlete, a cyclist on a nationally renowned team at Marian University.

Recent College Grads Offer Advice to Incoming Freshmen

The Indianapolis Star on August 16, 2014

The ‘freshman 15.’ Living away from home for an extended period of time. Coming home on your own after a late night party. Roommate dynamics.

For many people the first years of college are filled with new experiences, many positive, some challenging. We turned to a group of women who have recently graduated from college and asked what they might tell their younger selves or a sister embarking on their college careers today.

Need a Job or Career Change? “Come Explore Nursing” Event Wednesday Night

WXIN-TV (FOX-Indianapolis) on August 27, 2014

Registered nurses are Indiana’s second most in-demand occupation, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development’s “Hoosier Hot Jobs” list. Meanwhile, a lot of Hoosiers want a career change or need a job.

Marian University is hosting a “Come Explore Nursing” event Wednesday. It’s a chance to learn about all the nursing programs the school offers, including the accelerated nursing program, a 16-month program designed for people with a bachelor’s degree in a non-nursing major.

A Chat with Tour De France Best Young Rider Coryn Rivera

www.bicyling.com in August 2014

At just 22, Coryn Rivera has already amassed 58 national championship jerseys in road, track, and cyclocross.

When she’s not working on her marketing and entrepreneurship degree at Marian University in Indianapolis and tearing up collegiate racing across the country, the California native rides for the United Healthcare professional cycling team.
Marian University Adds Two Master’s Degrees

Inside INdiana Business on July 9, 2014

Marian University has received accreditation for two new master’s degrees in education. Starting in the fall semester, the university will offer a master’s in special education and a master’s in educational leadership. Those pursuing the master’s degree in educational leadership can also earn a concentration in Catholic education distinction.

Marian’s Lake Nominated for Allstate Good Works Team

The Indianapolis Recorder on July 31, 2014

Tevin Lake who is an Indiana native has been named one of the nominees from Marian University. Lake, who is a running back for the Knights, has an impressive community service resume. He conducted an Alzheimer’s Awareness seminar at IUPUI, runs a Big Brothers Big Sisters program on campus in conjunction with football games and has also created activities for the residents at local homeless shelters.

Marian Knights, the College Football Powerhouse You’ve Never Heard of

The Bleacher Report on December 10, 2014

Players at Marian are unlike most you’ll find in Division I football. Individual aspirations are replaced with team goals, while players who aren’t getting playing time are more concerned with their team winning than getting on the field.

The Knights are an example of football in its purest form. Off-field investigations and national spotlights are replaced by young men who want nothing more than to play the game they love and bring their school a second national title.

“This season has definitely been one I’ll never forget,” Lake said. “The chemistry and mentality of this team reminds me so much of 2012 because it feels like a family again, and collectively we are a stronger and more mentally tough team than a year ago.”

Habitat Home Starts to Take Shape

WXIN-TV (Fox-Indianapolis) on August 8, 2014

Volunteers arrived Friday morning to help with FOX59’s Habitat for Humanity build. By 8:45 a.m., the home was already starting to take shape.

It’s Marian University’s second year on the project.

“It’s important that we teach our students—and staff and faculty—the importance of service learning projects like this one,” said Mark Apple from the university.”
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL - HOME SCHEDULE

January 10  |  1 p.m.  
Bethel College

January 21  |  7 p.m.  
Spring Arbor University

January 24* |  1 p.m.  
Huntington University

February 4  |  7 p.m.  
Goshen College

February 11 |  7 p.m.  
Grace College (Indiana)

February 14* |  1 p.m.  
University of Saint Francis (Indiana)

February 21* |  1 p.m.  
Indiana Wesleyan University

MEN’S BASKETBALL - HOME SCHEDULE

January 3*  |  7 p.m.  
Indiana Wesleyan University

January 6   |  7 p.m.  
Goshen College

January 13  |  7 p.m.  
Grace College (Indiana)

January 17* |  3 p.m.  
University of Saint Francis (Indiana)

January 27  |  7 p.m.  
Mount Vernon Nazarene University

January 31* |  3 p.m.  
Taylor University

February 7* |  3 p.m.  
Bethel College

February 17* |  7 p.m.  
Spring Arbor University

*Special M-Club hospitality area will be open 45 minutes before tipoff and close after the second half starts.

All home games are played on the John Grimes Court in the Physical Education Center on the campus of Marian University. Game times are eastern standard time. Get full schedules, rosters, and other information at www.muknights.com.
First Day of Spring Classes
January 12

Global Studies Speaker Series: John C. Lechleiter, Ph.D., “Perspectives on Global Health”*
January 20 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.

A Singer/Songwriter Workshop: Turning Your Passion into Your Livelihood
February 4 at 7 p.m. in the Steffen Music Center.

Global Studies Speaker Series: Caroline Brennan, “Field Update from the Front Lines: The Most Pressing Humanitarian Emergencies Today”*
February 11 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.

Department of Theater Presents: Almost Maine
February 27-28 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.

LinkingIN @ MU: Creating and Updating a Top Notch Profile
March 3 at 6 p.m. in the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library.

Networking Knights
March 24 at 6:30 p.m. at Allison Mansion.

Undergraduate Conference of Academic Research and Excellence in Scholarship
March 27 at 9 a.m. in Marian Hall.

Alumni and Student Easter Egg Hunt
March 28 at 11 a.m.

March 31 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.

Family Weekend
April 10

Knight Fusion Singers: A Little Knight Music
April 10 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.

Clayton Family Circle of Honor and M-Club Wall of Fame Induction Dinner
April 23 at 6 p.m. at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Knights Called to Serve
April 25 at 8 a.m.

Commencement
May 9 at 10 a.m. at St.Vincent Health Field.

If you have questions regarding alumni events, contact Karen McNulty ’12, assistant director of alumni relations, at 317.955.6210 or kmcnulty2@marian.edu.

These events are part of The Marian Connection (see page 22).

* Registration is recommended for Global Studies Speaker Series events. Go to www.marian.edu to register.

For more details and events, visit the calendar on the Marian University website at www.marian.edu/events.
Rising to the Challenge, Creating Leaders Gala brought together alumni, the pride and joy of the university, and long-time Marian University supporters to celebrate its mission of engaging alumni, strengthening commitment to health care, creating opportunities through scholarships, and supporting athletics.

That evening marked the 22nd annual Mary McNulty Young ’47 Opportunities for Excellence Scholarship Dinner, Year of the Alumni, and the Dillon Family Distinguished Alumni Dinner.

Emceed by Angela Buchman, meteorologist at NBC affiliate WTHR-TV in Indianapolis, the program honored Indianapolis philanthropists Sid and Lois Eskenazi with the John A. Purdie Innovator of the Year Award, and the Drew Family with the Franciscan Values Award.

President Elsener presents Sidney and Lois Eskenazi with the John A. Purdie Innovator of the Year Award.
“Tonight is truly about transformative leadership across Indiana, so we are proud to honor the Drew family with the Franciscan Values Award and Sidney and Lois Eskenazi with the John A. Purdie Innovator of the Year Award. The dedication to advancing the well-being of the people of central Indiana through philanthropic outreach, particularly in the area of health care, by both families is truly astounding and profoundly edifying. We have much to learn about the human spirit to give selflessly in service to another from these remarkable friends of Marian University,” said President Daniel J. Elsener.

Alumni were a major force at the event, where each alumnus was given a special rose to honor them as a part of this Year of the Alumni. During the night, John Purcell ’74 received the Founders’ Award for Distinguished Service to Marian University in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the growth, development, and visibility of the university.

Purcell serves on the Marian University Alumni Association Board, Class of ’74 Reunion Committee, Networking Knights, and is a co-founder of The Marian Connection.

Philip ’81 and Teresa ’80 Carson were also honored with the Mother Clarissa Dillhoff Award for Distinguished Achievement in Mentoring for their guidance, support, and leadership to the Greater Indianapolis area through their dedication to Catholic schools, especially their alma mater, Marian University. The Carsons serve on a number of committees including the Board of Trustees, the Scholarship Committee, the Mission Identity Committee, and the Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk Project.

During the gala, the university announced they had secured nearly $14 million in support of academics, student success programs, and scholarships—all of which contribute to the creation of transformational leaders for service to the world.

The program ended with a special blessing sung by the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg and the Marian University Sacred Choir.

An after-dinner reception included a performance by the Endless Summer Band and a photo booth that allowed for guests to get a little silly.
From a black-tie affair, to football, to karaoke night at Bud’s Tavern, this year’s Homecoming had a little something for everyone and a lot of fun for all!

Thursday night brought alumni back to campus for Art of the Alumni, which showcased artwork of alumni in the Marian Hall Art Gallery. The exhibit featured art from Nick Schanz ’98, Mary Ittenbach ’55, Linda Ittenbach ’95, Jessica Corbin ’00, Jasmine Ryan-Hamilton ’04, and Jenny Ambroise ’02, among others.

“Marian [University] has helped me to not just think about my little world, but also to think about how everything that I do and create, no matter how small, affects others. I hear ‘responsible stewardship’ in the back of my head often,” said Corbin, who is an interior designer for Kittle’s Furniture.

The night continued at a familiar haunt, Bud’s Tavern, just down the road from Marian University, where the community was able to catch up and sing a little karaoke.

1. Art of the Alumni was on display in the Marian Hall Art Gallery from October 16-31, 2014. “Butterfly Weed (Asclepias tuberosa)” by Lindsey Lenz ’02 was a part of the exhibit.


3. Brett Wiscons ’03 performed with his band as a part of the tailgating festivities preceding the Homecoming football game.

4. Chairman of the Board, William P. Eckman ’74, along with fellow alumni and President Elsener, cut the ribbon at Alumni Hall, Marian University’s new student center.
On Saturday, Marian University alumni came back to campus to celebrate Homecoming and the opening of Alumni Hall, the new student center on campus named in their honor.

Tailgating commenced with lots of food, fun, and laughter. Festivities also included a live performance by Brett Wiscons '03 and his band.

Saturday afternoon, the Marian University Knights football team defeated William Penn University 37-14, with senior running back Tevin Lake rushing more than 100 yards and scoring his 50th career touchdown.

During half time, alumni showed great generosity toward their alma mater when they presented the university with eight checks from the Classes of 1959, 1964, 1966, 1968, and 1969, with gifts totaling nearly $300,000 (see page 25 for more information).

The fun continued with a special Mass; reunion gatherings for the Classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, and 1974; and a Homecoming After Party that included music, dancing, and casino games.

"With this year being the Year of the Alumni, we have taken great pride in recognizing our alumni in many ways. Homecoming weekend was a surefire WIN in our book. The number of alumni who showed up in masses to each event, demonstrates the people Marian University creates and the memories that last a lifetime," said Nichole Ellis, director of alumni and donor relations.

SAVE THE DATE: Next year’s Homecoming will happen September 26, 2015. Plan to attend!
Letter from the Director

Live the Legacy! As the director of alumni and donor relations, I am excited about the opportunity to engage and connect with Marian University alumni as we work toward continuing the legacy of our great university. Our graduates have gone on to distinguish themselves in business, education, medicine, politics, clergy, and many other fields and are taking leadership roles in their respective areas of expertise. Our alumni are the leaders of today and the future.

Throughout the year, we are video profiling some of the best and brightest of our alumni. We are showcasing many other alumni on banners throughout campus. We have opened one of the best “living rooms” a campus could imagine with Alumni Hall, our new student center. Knights, we are celebrating you—our alumni.

As we come off the heels of what I consider one of the best homecoming weekends in recent years, I want to personally thank those who took the time and energy to make it a success. Whether you were on campus at a homecoming event in person, or just supported in spirit, the energy and love of Marian University was very much alive the weekend of October 16-18, 2014.

In this, the Year of the Alumni, our staff is working to meet as many alumni as possible and hear about their “Marian Moments.” With more than 10,000 alumni worldwide, the history and stories that represent defining “Marian Moments” are immeasurable, but the vision our Franciscan Sisters worked so hard to achieve when they founded the university is a common thread in each person’s moment. Share your story with us. Visit www.marian.edu/mymarianmoment to learn more about submitting videos.

As the director of alumni and donor relations, my role is quite simple: continue strengthening the bond between the university and the alumni; create programs that match the interests and needs of alumni; increase giving and participation; and assist in developing a culture that engages younger alumni. In addition, I enjoy working with our students (our future alumni), the student group Knight Nation, and preparing them to lead their respective classes during their matriculation at Marian University and after graduation. If you, too, would like to get involved in working with and mentoring students, email exchange@marian.edu for details.

I am strongly committed to the mission and vision of the university and look forward to your involvement, participation, and continued support through giving, campus engagement, and recruitment.

Year of the Alumni is just that, a year-long celebration of you. Come get involved, be engaged, and carry the pride you had as a student into your involvement as an alumnus.

Go Knights! Live the Legacy!

Nichole Ellis
Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

Learning Doesn’t Stop When You Walk Across the Stage: The Marian Connection

After years of hard work and study, one of the great rewards is graduation and movement into the world of work. However, as most of us have found, whether we graduated last year or 50 years ago, the learning process is just getting started.

Marian University wants to be a source for the continual learning process for its alumni and community. In this Year of the Alumni, Marian University is launching a new initiative—The Marian Connection—aimed at being the center of learning for alumni and others in the community. The Marian Connection will focus on the promotion and communication of traditional and non-traditional learning opportunities. From the Global Studies Speaker Series to new events like a songwriting/career workshop, this new initiative will explore a variety of topics. See page 17 for upcoming events that are just the beginning of The Marian Connection.

We invite you to send ideas or questions about this new initiative through email to alumni@marian.edu. If you would like to learn more about this initiative with the alumni board members spearheading it, email John Purcell ’74 at purcellj@gmail.com, Chris Everett ’73 at chris@tkgresearch.com, or Steve Gutzwiller ’69 at psgutzwiller@sbcglobal.net.
Lessons Learned

We asked: What is the greatest/most important lesson you learned from a professor or coach during your time here?

“Everything that has ever come out of Fr. Leopold’s mouth.”
Kristin Burks ’14

“What’s past is prologue.”
Marcia Eppich-Harris, Ph.D., assistant professor of English, quoting Shakespeare.
Submitted by Mackenzie Sipe ’15

“Denial is the worst thing you can do. The truth sets you free.”
Gary Vestermark, lecturer in the Byrum School of Business
Submitted by Amber Ferrari ’15

“You are a student first, athlete second; hence the order of ‘student-athlete’. What’s most important is the person you’ll be once you are off the bike. Take advantage of this opportunity.”
Dean Peterson, cycling coach
Submitted by Crystal Kalogris ’14

“I can’t recall a specific quote, but I remember the kindness in the classroom style of a particular teacher, Dr. Joe Hingtgen, part-time in the psychology department. When he asked a question and a student didn’t know the answer, he would take them a step back in the process of what we had been learning. If they still didn’t get it, he would walk them back, question by question, through what had already been covered until Dr. Hingtgen found their ‘aha!’ moment and the student understood where things fit together. Rarely does a teacher, at any level, take the time for one student to ‘get it’ instead of moving immediately on to someone else after getting a wrong answer or a blank look.”
Sharon Brandon ’79

“Always do minus one.”
Tim Akin, professor of accounting and finance
Submitted by Liz Thoman ’08

“Well, it’s not really much about not knowing the answer, it’s about knowing how to find the answer.”
Sr. Marie Bernard Witte, OSF, Ph.D. ’41, former biology professor
Submitted by Mary Kay Hood ’74

“There are two things you should always invest in: your integrity and your education.”
Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) Ken Elmendorf, beloved former professor at Marian University
Submitted by Kevin Conley ’88

“Don’t walk around with headphones in, you miss valuable opportunities to talk and interact with those around you.”
Donna Proctor, assistant professor of theology and director of Peace and Justice Studies
Submitted by Kayla Wilder ’14

“Sr. Mary Rose Stockton, through her educational genealogy, everyone and everything impacts the present and the future.”
Sr. Mary Beth Gianoli, OSF, ’78

“Ministry is mutual.”
Clare Bain, campus minister of music and liturgy
Submitted by Hannah DuLac ’13

“People act on incentives.”
Marie Truesdell Reymore, Ph.D., associate professor of economics
Submitted by Matthew Wilson ’07

“You cannot multi-task.”
David Rusbasan, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology
Submitted by Rachel Nakabayashi ’14

Want to participate in our next social connection?
Be sure to like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. It’s a great way to get up-to-date news and reminisce the good old days. Go Knights!

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Nomadic Knightro is on the move. Check out the cool places Nomadic Knightro and our students and alumni have been in the last few months!

1. Knightro and Cathy Siler ’86 overtook Miner’s Castle Rock in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula.
2. Knightro traveled to Europe with Jeff Curtis ’88, Angie Curtis ’89, Jim Poole ’88, and Kelly Poole ’89.
4. Sophomores Marianne Sergi, Amelia Siler, and Emily McNulty in Haiti with Nomadic Knightro!
5. “Knightro and I enjoying an afternoon on Harder Kulm in the Swiss Alps overlooking Lake Brienz.” - Victor Hermann ’68
7. Elana ’71 and Michael Hohl ’71 and Amy Spencer, riding bikes along the circumference of the Xian, China City Wall with Knightro. Xian is the home to the terra cotta warriors.

DO YOU HAVE A TRIP PLANNED? Visit www.marian.edu/knightro to download Nomadic Knightro and take him with you.
Did you get an exciting new job or promotion? Make a career change? Want to show the newest member of your family to the Marian University community? Did your wedding party or reception include Marian University alumni? If so, let us know by emailing alumni@marian.edu. It could be included in the next issue of the Marian University Magazine.

1959
Thank you to the Class of 1959 for donating $10,000 and presenting the university with a check during half time of the homecoming football game. The class also presented Nichole Ellis, director of alumni and donor relations, with a check for $59,505 to establish an endowed scholarship in their name.

1961
Sr. Kathryn Holohan celebrated 60 years as a Sister of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana in September. Sr. Kathryn entered the Oldenburg community on September 6, 1954. Among her many duties throughout her years with the order, Sr. Kathryn was selected as one of four missionaries to open a school and mission in Papua New Guinea where she served for 22 years.

1962

1963
Dr. Richard Phillips writes, “On June 13, 2014 Mary Ellen and I celebrated our 50th anniversary with a dinner party for 40 guests from across the country. On Saturday morning, we had a brunch at our house and in attendance were Bob Moseman, Beth Sutherland Hoeing ’64, and Paul Hoeing ’64. We naturally spoke very much about Marian University and all the wonderful things going on there. Bob and Beth were both in our wedding party on June 13, 1964, so it was extra special to see them.”

Left to right: Gaye Moseman, Dr. Richard ’63 and Mary Ellen Phillips ’63, Bob Moseman ’63, Beth Sutherland Hoeing ’64, and Paul Hoeing ’64.

1966
As a part of the Year of the Alumni, the Class of 1966 presented Nichole Ellis, director of alumni and donor relations, with a check for $55,580 to establish an endowed scholarship in their name.

1968
As a part of the Year of the Alumni, the Class of 1968 presented Nichole Ellis, director of alumni and donor relations, with a check for $51,455 to establish an endowed scholarship in honor of the class.

1969
Thank you to the Class of 1969 for donating $10,000 and presenting the university with a check during half time of the homecoming football game. The class also presented Nichole Ellis, director of alumni and donor relations, with a check for $51,801 to establish an endowed scholarship in their name.

1974
Connie Hessler and Donna Ross retired in May from teaching at St. Jude Catholic School for more than 40 years. The Criterion ran a story about their friendship that began when they both attended Marian College. The two take summer trips, power walk together, and even dress in complementary costumes on Halloween, including Dorothy and the Scarecrow. See the full story on The Criterion’s website: www.archindy.org/criterion.

Donna Ross ’74 (left) and Connie Hussler ’74 visit Marian University.
1976

Dr. Patricia Donohoue was honored at The Secret Garden—Opening the Gates to a Cure Gala for her work as the director of endocrine at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin and professor and chief of pediatric endocrinology and diabetes at the Medical College of Wisconsin.

In September, University of Virginia’s Curry School of Education Foundation honored Patricia Lampkin with its 2014 Distinguished Alumna Award. Lampkin has been the University of Virginia’s vice president and chief executive officer since 2002, providing guidance, counsel, and services in all areas that support and enhance students’ academic experiences.

1978

Sr. Mary Beth Gianoli, OSF, a member of the Oldenburg Franciscan Sisters Leadership Council, was elected secretary of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious for a three-year term during its annual conference in August in Nashville, Tennessee. The Leadership Conference of Women Religious is an association of the leaders of congregations of Catholic women religious in the United States.

1986

In May, Dave Mahurin was named the new head coach for Edgewood High School boys basketball in Ellettsville, Indiana.

1988

Pastor Phillip Gulley served as the baccalaureate ceremony speaker at Franklin College’s graduation on May 23, 2014. He also received an honorary doctorate of divinity from the college. Gulley is a Quaker minister, writer, and speaker. An eclectic writer, Gulley has published 20 books, including the acclaimed Harmony series chronicling life in the eccentric Quaker community of Harmony, Indiana and the bestselling Porch Talks series of inspirational and humorous essays.

1989

Karen King is now principal at St. Christopher Catholic Grade School in Indianapolis, Indiana.

1990

Diane Raver has been promoted to assistant editor at The Herald-Tribune in Batesville, Indiana. Raver joined the newspaper’s staff in 2006. Raver taught fifth and sixth grades at St. Paul’s School, New Alsace, for 16 years before joining the newspaper staff.

1991

This summer, Melissa Brisco became Wabash County’s chief academic officer. Prior to this position, Brisco served as the director of learning at Noblesville Schools.

Richard Hertel has been Ripley County Prosecuting Attorney for more than 15 years. As prosecutor, Hertel expanded victims’ services within the office and has overseen the collection of tens of thousands of dollars of child support for children of Ripley County.

1995

Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Agent Chad Wade has been named a Premier Agent. The Premier Agent designation is one of the most prestigious honors awarded to Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance Agents. Wade and his wife Nicole live in Loogootee with their two daughters, Emily and Brenna, and son, Kyle.

1999

Amanda Vanderbur, who teaches AP psychology, general psychology, and United States history at Zionsville Community High School, earned the 2014 Margaret Mary Moffett Memorial Teaching Excellence Award for the Teaching of Psychology, Division II of the American Psychological Association in Washington, D.C. She was nominated for the award by former chairman of the Department of Psychology at Marian University.

2002

Katie Swartz Perkins works as a financial advisor for Edward Jones. She is married to John Perkins and has one daughter, Madelyn, and a stepson, Garth.

2003

Melissa Smith and her husband Greg welcomed quadruplets (Leo Michael, Max Edward, Henry Stephen, and Charlotte Claire) on February 16, 2014. Sadly, Max passed away on February 18, 2014. After a long neonatal intensive care unit stay, Leo, Henry, and Charlotte came home in May. Melissa writes, “We are so thankful they are healthy.”

Leo, Charlotte, and Henry Smith

2007

Sarah and Sean Winningham adopted their son, Riley James Winningham, in December 2013. Sean writes, “He is our first child and we are very lucky and blessed to have him after a long journey.” In addition, Sarah’s brother and his wife, Ryan ’02 and Kathleen Kreicker ’02, adopted their son, Michael Edward Kreicker, in February 2014. The couples requested a joint announcement to signify the difficult journey they went through together.

Ryan ’02 and Kathleen Kreicker ’02 with their son Michael Edward (left) and Sarah ’07 and Sean Winningham ’07 with their son, Riley James (right).

2009

Evan Brown, CPA started a new position as financial controller for The Garrett Companies in Greenwood, Indiana.

Samantha Hypes Keach and Kevin Keach, who were married at Allison Mansion on campus on November 30, 2010, welcomed their first child, Oliver Tex Keach, on December 30, 2013.

Kevin ’09, Samantha ’09, and son Oliver Tex Keach (below).
50 Years Later, Student-Athletes Visit Beloved Coach Walt Fields

In September, Dr. Richard Phillips ’63 sent the Office of Alumni Relations an email and some photos of a trip he and fellow alumni Mike Noone ’63 and Chuck Federle ’65 took to Fulton, Illinois to visit their former basketball coach, Walt Fields. In his message, Phillips spoke of the many trips former student-athletes of Coach Fields have taken over the years and why they stay connected.

“As his former players have aged, we have all come to a much better understanding of all that Walt really did for us and for our self-confidence as young guys. And with that realization, many of us have continued or rekindled that friendship that started some 50 years ago,” said Phillips.

During his time here from 1957 to 1972, Fields served many roles including: athletic director, men’s basketball coach, men’s baseball coach, physical education instructor, dean of men, director of personnel services, and director of guidance and counseling.

In an age where time is the ultimate premium, making a call, sending an email, or taking a weekend to visit a man who coached you 50 years ago, speaks to the impact he made in your life.

“Walt was very supportive of anyone willing to work hard in practices and games. And as the years moved along and he got to know us better, it was not unusual for him to call me at home in the evening if I had a bad day at practice, or if the team had a bad day. He would encourage me to keep working hard, and his interest and support have stayed with me the rest of my life. He was the most influential male in my life,” said Phillips.

Coach Fields’ influence reached beyond the many players he mentored and into the history of the university. During his time here, he helped spearhead the construction of Doyle Hall, which greatly expanded the university’s ability to accommodate male students and today serves as a residence hall to freshmen. A member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame, Fields was among the first inducted into the M-Club Wall of Fame in 1996 for his contributions to the university.

“He taught us that teamwork is what it takes to win, that the team is more important than the individual, and that these lessons didn’t just apply to basketball, but also to whatever we would do for the rest of our lives. This pretty much summarizes Walt Fields. And if you check it out, you will find that every guy who ever played ball for Walt was also very successful in life,” said Phillips.

A committee of alumni has formed and is working to start an endowed scholarship in honor of Walt Fields. The committee includes: George Waning ’59, Bill Murphy ’60, Dave Field ’60, Rudy Jansen, ’61, Bill Kelsey ’61, Jim Schott, ’61, Al Leighton, ’62, Mike Noone ’63, Dr. Richard Phillips ’63, Mary Ellen Benedetto Phillips ’63, Marilyn Wiwi Bardon ’64, and Chuck Federle ’65. If you would like to contribute, please contact Nichole Ellis at nellis@marian.edu or 317.955.6240 or Ryan Boyle at rboyle@marian.edu or 317.955.6203.

2013

Jared Duncan completed the requirements for becoming a certified public accountant and was promoted to Senior Tax Services with Sponsel CPA Group.

2014

Elsiana Crosby was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Army on May 9 at the Indiana War Memorial.

Katie Groves and August Hibner were married this summer.

Caleb Kolby accepted a position as coordinator in membership sales at USA Football.

Bret Metcalf and Morgan Merrill were married this summer.

ALUMNI BACK ON CAMPUS

During Homecoming weekend, 27 tennis alumni came back to campus for an alumni tennis gathering. Organized by Women’s Head Tennis Coach Cassie Mackell, the following alumni were in attendance: Joe Lustig ’71, Chad Doktor ’96, Michael Joyce ’96, Branden Ashburn ’99, Eric McMinoway ’00, Kyle Milbee ’00, Luke Dippel ’01, Curt Huntley ’01, Kristi McDonald ’03, Alex Bienz ’08, Michele Ngaiza ’09, Jeff Graf ’10, Brice Fairchild ’11, Brad Mustin ’11, Dana Reynolds ’11, Samantha Crump ’12, Austin Hall ’12, Alyson O’Conner ’12, Casey Delucenay ’13, Hannah Ruegsegger ’13, Tiffany Schendel ’13, Andrew Voss ’13, Nick Batuello ’14, Brittney Horlaccher ’14, Lauren Paras ’14, Olivia Pursell ’14, and Tyler Scanlan ’14.

Tennis alumni gather as a part of Homecoming Weekend.

From left to right: Chuck Federle ’65, Walt Fields, Mike Noone ’63, and Dr. Richard Phillips ’63 at dinner in Fulton, Illinois.

Elsiana Crosby ’14 with Professor Richard Whitman.

DeLucenay ’13, Hannah Ruegsegger ’13, Tiffany Schendel ’13, Andrew Voss ’13, Nick Batuello ’14, Brittney Horlaccher ’14, Lauren Paras ’14, Olivia Pursell ’14, and Tyler Scanlan ’14.
In Memoriam
Remember Marian University in a deferred gift and truly leave a legacy.
Consider the following options:
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To talk further about a deferred gift, or to request more information, please contact:

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Ceslova (Chese) Povilaitis Veleckis ’53—September 13, 2014
William E. Mickler ’58—September 28, 2014
Donald V. Hahn ’59—March 26, 2014
Cornelius S. Howe ’59—August 4, 2014
Raymond E. Osburn ’59—July 12, 2014
Joseph Robert Hertz ’60—June 29, 2014
Thomas Joseph Peter Wilson ’68—September 18, 2014
Charles (Chuck) Heneghan ’69—August 19, 2014
Luther E. Hall III ’76—July 4, 2014
Jackie Scruby ’90—September 25, 2014
Darbie Ortman Hunter ’02—November 14, 2014

On Saturday, October 14, the Office of Alumni Relations hosted a 50th reunion for the Marian College Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps. Alumni members of the Marian University Marching Band and the Drum and Bugle Corps were invited to be part of the half-time show during the football game. Attendees included: Judy Mollaan Biaketer ’66, Mary Ellen Hungate Fife ’68, Max Henschen ’67, Mary Ann Brewer Laker ’67, Maureen Northcutt Madden ’68, Mike Moxley ’68, Susie Vie Nally ’68, Patty Schmalz ’68, Dianna Mann Sweany ’68, DiAnn Blazic Taphorn ’68, Steve Gutzwiller ’69, Cathy Myers Hoagland ’70, Melanie Munchel Sheets ’70, George Walker ’70, Sara Allen ’71, Elana Hohl ’71, Michael Hohl ’71, Jerome Herb ’75, Anne Monnot Mangus ’75, Tom Sluss ’75, Mary Ann Haeffl Stack ’75, Paula Fey ’77, Margaret Kluesener ’77, and Karen Koesters ’77.

50th reunion for the Marian College Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps.

On Thursday, October 30, Marian University hosted the annual Trick-or-Treat event on campus. Alumni, faculty, staff, and friends were invited to bring their families to campus to trick or treat in the residence halls. Alumni attendees included: Samantha Baldwin ’08, Julie Bradley ’08, Amber Cormany ’05, Jessica Corbin-Mahaney ’00, Michael ’02 and Cynthia ’12 Dean, Cassandra Dewitt ’06, Miriam Diez ’89, Jennifer Doyle ’99, L. Duffy ’14, Kelly ’09 and Charlie ’09 Esener, Andy Ershe ’98, Laura ’04 Finke, Molly Flick ’10, Lisa France ’99, Melissa Frieden ’03, Robert Gelle ’05, Mary Henderson ’02, Ryan Hoffar ’97, Chrisney Hull ’02, Brett Johnson ’03, Stacey Johnes ’13, Mike Kalscheur ’95, Mary Kennedy ’98, Jenni King ’08, Christen Kring ’97, Sarah Ley ’05, Mike Morrell ’04, Rachel Nakabayashi ’14, Noah Posey ’13, Pamela Rice ’12, Angela Robertson ’00, Mary Samreta ’03, Jenn Sessions ’97, Michelle Study-Campbell ’97, Lisa Thompson ’03, Katy Treadwell ’06, Jonathan Usitalo ’08, Matthew Warner ’03, Christian Wilks ’07, Jenny Ambrose ’02, Michelle Island ’02, Heather Melrose ’12, David Rusbasan ’00, Chad Bir ’99, Luann Barnes ’98, Jenny Morris ’05, Patrick Verhiley ’07, and Mary Rose ’95.

On Saturday, October 18, the Office of Alumni Relations hosted reunion dinners for the Classes of 1959, 1964, 1969, and 1974. Alumni in attendance: Michael Boyle ’59, Mary ’59 and Bill ’60 Murphy, Mary Sergeisketter ’59, George ’59 and Amelia ’60 Waning, and David Rihm ’59, Donna Baumgartner ’64, Beverly Bealmear ’64, Patricia Beaman ’64, Gretchen Cain ’64, Rosemary Chapman ’64, Carolyn Griffin ’64, Theresa Grisham ’64, Paul ’64 and Beth ’64 Hoeing, Rudy ’61 and Barbara ’64 Jansen, Tom Molnar ’64, Stephen ’64 and Kathleen ’65 Noone, Mary Ann Spialek ’64, Tom ’64 and Judy ’66 Steiner, Helena Strati ’64, James ’64 and Marilyn ’64 Summers, Jack O’Donnell ’64, Maureen Baldock ’69, Mary Barrett ’69, Kathleen Clarke ’69, Kevin Farrell ’69, Carolyn Goeke ’69, Steve Gutzwiller ’69, Carol Metzger ’69, Lucy Mikula ’69, Dorothy Powell ’69, Bob Ripperger ’69, Darlene Scheer ’69, Gayle Steigerwald ’69, Linda Theriac ’69, Tony ’69 and Carole ’69 Watt, Doug Donahue ’69, Robert Blubauch ’74, Earl Brinker ’74, Kathy Coleman ’74, RhueAnn Cosgrove ’74, Bill Eckman ’74, Jay Farrell ’74, Kathleen Giesting ’74, Kathy Harbor ’75, Janet Hatter ’74, Susanne Hayden ’74, Mary Kay Hood ’74, Louise Keck ’74, Jerry Leugers ’74, Jim Leugers ’74, Dave Martini ’74, Steve ’74 and Dean ’74 Padgett, Terry Powell ’74, John Purcell ’74, Merle Tebbe ’74, Patricia Watko ’75, Margie Williams ’74, and John ’71 and Kathy ’74 Yanney.
During the many years I have been privileged to serve here at Marian University, I have often said, “If Marian University did not exist, someone would have to create it” because of the influence of the past and present Marian University community. I thought of this during the homecoming festivities as I met alumni who had been active in serving Indianapolis while here and after graduation. That spirit of service to the community is a kind of DNA of our community since it began here in 1937. Recently we received evidence of our continued efforts. For the fifth time, Marian University is included in the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for community service activities. “If Marian University did not exist...”

As executive director of formation and education outreach, I have many opportunities to network Marian University with various organizations and institutions serving those most in need. Meeting with other community members on the Interfaith Hunger Initiative has provided information on the plight of many families who daily go to bed hungry. Our students and staff have responded to their needs in various and creative ways. For over 20 years, we have been able to work with the homeless—especially through the Archdiocesan Holy Family Shelter through donations—serving meals, tutoring students, and at times helping residents locate employment, and serving on the board. One group that is active on a regular basis is STARR (Students Taking Active Reflective Roles). Weekly, 30-40 students go out to serve five locations throughout the Indianapolis community. Among those students are members of the San Damiano Scholars Program for Church Leadership and other student organizations, who are required to perform volunteer service hours. Most surpass the required number of service hours and often serve with alumni leaders who are pleased that the Marian University tradition continues. “If Marian University did not exist...”

Since 1992, faculty and staff serving on the Hispanic Advisory Board have collaborated with other community leaders to recruit and retain Hispanic/Latino students in higher education. Examples include collaborative sponsorship of the Project Stepping Stones Program, designed to assist lower economic students to prepare for college; some of the participants are now students here at Marian University. Board members also serve on the board and advisory committees of the Indiana Latino Institute in joint endeavors. “If Marian University did not exist...”

Serving on the Board of the Church Federation of Indianapolis and Center for Interfaith Collaboration has shared experiences with the Marian University community in efforts to be known as an institution with an interfaith focus. Faculty, staff, and students have sponsored interfaith services and activities on and off campus by assisting in collaborative endeavors such as the Festival of Faiths. “If Marian University did not exist...”

Currently, Marian University is working with organizations to support the neighborhood and Westside of Indianapolis, including the Northwest Quality Planning Program. The efforts being made through our schools and departments indicate that the influence of Marian University will be highly valued as our neighborhood struggles to be revived. Participation in Indy Do Day, Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, and freshmen service days have prepared us well for more focused service in the neighborhood. “If Marian University did not exist...”

The significant impact of Marian University is not limited to community service. The Indiana Catholic Principal Institute has been coordinated through my office for 25 years. It is amazing to see how many alumni serve as principals and teachers in our Archdiocese. The outstanding Leighton School of Nursing has provided highly professional nurses for the hospitals in the area. In its second year, the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine is making its presence known in Indianapolis. Many of the faculty and staff represents Marian University well by serving on the boards of the Catholic high schools, medical institutions, and other professional and educational organizations. “If Marian University did not exist...”

We Sisters have a sentence in our spiritual document which is one of my favorites, “Where there is one Sister, there is the entire community, there is the Church, there is Jesus.” I often reflect on a similar truth. Where there is one Marian University person doing service, there is the Marian University community—there is a sense of God’s presence. So much more can be said of ALL that Marian University is and does for the Indianapolis community, a volume would be necessary! Having done much in the past, we continue now and we look to the future, keeping the words of St. Francis in mind: “Let us begin today, brothers and sisters for until now, we have done nothing...in the light of all that yet can be accomplished.”

**If Marian University did not exist, someone would have to create it!**

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