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Dear Marian University Community,

Commencement served as a powerful tribute (a record 732 graduates) to all the wonderful developments unfolding in every area of our university's mission. It was a wonderful celebration of the remarkable achievements of students, faculty, and staff.

This past year was historic with the opening of the state's second medical school. Also remarkable was the level of success Marian University students achieved at the national level. Specifically, business, speech, and science undergraduate and graduate faculty and students developed research projects and presentations for national competitions and many of our student-athletes won national championships against prestigious institutions from across the nation. This is certainly bringing great recognition to Marian University. I know all our supporters and friends take great pride in the many advances we have made in educating leaders for service to education, health care, business, ministry, and civic life here in Indiana, the United States, and throughout the world.

In this *Year of the Alumni*, we will be highlighting our many alumni who provide outstanding leadership and are profoundly changing lives, society, and the world. In the pages ahead, you will come to know Mary Beth Bonaventura '76, our 2014 commencement speaker and member of our Board of Trustees, who has dedicated her life to protecting children, first as a judge and now as director of the Department of Child Services for the State of Indiana. Her more than 30 years of service to children serves as living evidence of one of our sponsorship values that is at the heart of our mission and instilled in each student throughout their educational experience here at Marian University: the dignity of each person.

You'll also learn about Anita '97 and Curt Klueg '97, who live in Kenya and serve as Maryknoll Lay Missioners. The couple works as coordinators for a project called HOPE (Helping Orphans Pursue Education) and every day puts human dignity at the fore of their activities. We will welcome Anita back to Marian University in November as part of the annual Global Studies Speakers Series.

Indeed, the outstanding leadership of Patrick Webb, Ph.D. '88, Gina Fleming '93, Margaret Khan '07, James Brockmeier '11, and Sinead Miller '12 highlighted here clearly indicates how profound a Marian University education is as it provides a platform for excellence in the advancement of human flourishing. Whether they live in Indianapolis or Kenya, our alumni are taking leadership roles that make a local and global impact. And with each life touched, they carry out our vision, live our values, and show the world what it means to be a graduate of Marian University. We are so honored to have such incredible alumni throughout the world.

We are deeply grateful for your generous investments in support of our commitment to educate great leaders for service to humanity. In this *Year of the Alumni*, there will be many opportunities to gather, communicate, and celebrate how Marian University educates and cultivates well-grounded and wise leaders. Please be present, be involved, and continue in your great support.

Marian University has been singularly blessed—by the vision of our founders and sponsors, by the bold leadership of our Board of Trustees, by outstanding faculty and staff, by exceptional students and caring families, by talented alumni, and by extraordinarily generous donors and friends. Our Franciscan sponsorship values, informed by prayer, challenge us to be responsible stewards of all the gifts and talents entrusted to our care and to ensure that we educate and support these gifted students and alumni as they develop their leadership roles in their professions and service to other great causes.

God bless you, your family and friends, and the many endeavors to which you are dedicated, always!

Daniel J. Elsener, President

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TURNING VISION INTO ACTION

Meet 10 alumni who are profoundly transforming lives, society, and the world.

YEAR OF THE
ALUMNI
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The Honorable Mary Beth Bonaventura '76

The Advocate

When Governor Mike Pence called Judge Mary Beth Bonaventura asking her to leave her job as senior judge of the Lake Superior Court, Juvenile Division, to become director of child services for the State of Indiana, she initially declined. She loved her job. She declined the second and third time, too. But, when the then governor-elect reached out to her again, Bonaventura took it as a sign and decided that it was time for a new challenge.

“In life, you have to be open to new things and explore what might be a good fit. I always pray that the Lord lets me know how to follow.”

So, after more than 30 years serving as a magistrate and then judge in the juvenile courts of Lake County, Bonaventura moved to Indianapolis to take on the Department of Child Services (DCS), a department that in 2013 alone received 156,192 phone calls to the child abuse hotline and collected nearly one billion dollars in child support. The mission for the department is both daunting and immensely important: protect children from child abuse and neglect, and work to ensure their financial support.

Of course, Bonaventura has never been one to back down from a challenge. At 26, she became one of the youngest magistrates in the state, overseeing a juvenile court for more than a decade. She has been appointed positions by two different governors of two different political parties; the first happened in 1993, when then Governor Evan Bayh, a democrat, appointed her a judgeship in Lake County. Nearly 20 years later, Bonaventura was appointed to her current position, director of DCS, by Governor Mike Pence, a republican. Her appointments by two different governors of different political parties and her years of service on the bench, speak to her dedication to children and others' recognition of that dedication.

“The work we do in the juvenile court and in child services is so important. You have to put families back together when they fall apart,” said Bonaventura. “We have to make sure we stay true to our mission to protect children, and sometimes that means making the difficult decision to remove children from the home.”

While Bonaventura has spent her career protecting children, in 1996, her mission became personal when an 11-year-old boy walked into her courtroom as a runaway and needed



Bonaventura (shown at right with her son, Sunny) serves as director of child services for the State of Indiana.



someone. His name, Sunny, matched his personality perfectly, and it was love at first sight.

In the years to come, Sunny drastically changed Bonaventura's life. Having worked very long hours and served on several boards outside of her work as a judge, Sunny slowed down her life in the best way. She stopped working every evening and spent her nights with her husband, Keith Medved, and their adopted son, eating dinner, working on homework, being a family.

When she speaks of him, you instantly understand what an amazing young man he was and the incredible bond they shared. Tragically, on November 16, 2012, at the age of 28, Sunny passed away from complications of typhoid fever. But his spirit lives on in Bonaventura and the important job she does: working to ensure all children thrive in safe, caring, supportive families and communities.

“When all is said and done, it's about helping people,” said Bonaventura. In fact, she's made a career of it.

Bonaventura's connection to Marian University remains strong. Not only does she serve as a trustee, but this May, she delivered the commencement address at the 77th annual Commencement ceremony, where she received an honorary doctor of arts and humane letters degree.

Patrick Webb, Ph.D. '88

The Supporter

Drawn to Marian College by its Catholic foundation, Patrick Webb, Ph.D. came in 1984 planning to study English and become a journalist.

But, his plan began to shift when, in his second semester, he took an introductory psychology class taught by Faye Plascak-Craig, Ph.D. The class introduced him to a field he knew nothing about and challenged his way of thinking.

With every new psychology course he took, Dr. Webb fell more in love with the field and continued to make connections with professors who became mentors.

"These professors cared about their students even after they finished the program and graduated. That meant the world to me," said Dr. Webb.

Throughout his journey, the words and advice of Marian University professors like Dr. Faye Plascak-Craig, Drew Appleby, Ph.D., and Sr. Olga Wittekind, OSF, Ph.D. '67 influenced his decisions.

Dr. Appleby, in particular, told him something so simple, yet so complex: "Do what makes you happy," and asked, "What is your mission?" This advice has stayed with him and guided his life ever since.

Today, Dr. Webb works as a clinical psychologist at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, Indiana. St. Joseph's Catholic foundation and strong leadership initially drew Dr. Webb to the job. Thirteen years later, it is part of what makes his job so fulfilling.

His days are filled with providing clinical services for a wide variety of patients, including a lot of work centered on the investigation, education, treatment, and prevention of child abuse and neglect. He's often involved in court-related cases and testifies as an expert witness in court for child abuse and custody cases.

Because he spends his days working with children who have been abused, Dr. Webb's work and advocacy goes beyond his full-time job as a psychologist. He also serves as an officer on the Board of Directors of Howard County's Court Appointed Special Advocates program, training volunteers to pick out abuse behaviors; and he serves on the executive and advisory board of the Prevent Child Abuse campaign in Howard County.

"In the work that I do, there will always be challenges, but I see that as an integral component of any mission," said Dr. Webb. "For whatever reason, the calling that I've received has been to devote considerable amounts of my time and expertise toward those who have life circumstances that most people probably don't like to think about—children or teenagers who may have been abused or neglected and their families, some of whom may be the abusers themselves. I am often asked some variation of the question 'How can you work with such a sad and potentially dangerous group?' My answer is always 'How can I **not**?' I have my own wife and children and THEY are the guiding force of my mission."

Having successfully found his calling, Dr. Webb gives the following advice to students or graduates looking to find theirs:

"Living your mission helps in all challenges in your life. Keep the faith! Ask yourself, what's in keeping with your values, your integrity, your passion. Decide what's important to you. Ask yourself, as one of my mentors asked me, 'What makes you happy?' And do it!"

Dr. Webb serves as a clinical psychologist at St. Joseph Hospital in Kokomo, Indiana.



Gina Fleming '93

The Educator

Before Gina Fleming even attended kindergarten, she was teaching. Just about every day, she would “play school” using a chalkboard set up in her basement. It seemed to be her destiny—her father and two of her eight siblings were educators. But, the youngest in her family, Fleming was determined to forge a new path and decided she would be a pediatrician.

When she came to Marian University, Fleming intended to study science and go on to medical school. She quickly realized that being a doctor was not what she was meant to do and scheduled an appointment with the education department. After that appointment, she changed her major from biology to education and never looked back.

She began her career in the Metropolitan School District of Warren Township, teaching general, special, and gifted education for nearly 14 years. While she loved her work and learned so much from the many talented teachers and administrators, she felt called to a leadership role.

Having gone to Catholic schools her entire life, Fleming always wanted to give back to a community that had given her so much. So she reached out to contacts in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, and quickly learned about an opening for a principal at Holy Name Catholic School in Beech Grove, Indiana. She applied, became principal in 2006, and spent six years in that role.

“I believe so much in the mission of the Catholic Church and what we do as educators to bring children closer to the faith and to help them know, love, and serve God fully through their own gifts,” said Fleming.

Next, Fleming brought that enthusiasm for Catholic education and her own dynamic style of leadership to the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, where she started as assistant superintendent of curriculum and now serves as superintendent of Catholic schools.

“All of my experiences help me recognize that all children have unique gifts, and it’s our responsibility and blessing to maximize their gifts and help them reach their greatest potential,” said Fleming. “For me, the essence of Catholic schools is that we’re here for each other, and we’re following the best role model ever—Jesus.”

Last fall, Fleming and assistant superintendents Mary McCoy and Rob Rash traveled to all 68 of the archdiocese’s schools in central and southern Indiana to learn more about each school and find out what they could do to best serve them.

The tour inspired Fleming and reinforced the strong faith she has in the Catholic community.

“Catholic identity is alive and well in our Catholic schools and that really stems from the people that serve there. The dedication, the commitment, and the expertise of our administrators and our teachers is second to none. I am just humbled and impressed with all that they do,” said Fleming. “We are transforming lives. That is an awesome responsibility and an incredible opportunity.”

Of course, Fleming’s life is grounded in the love and support of her husband, Scott Fleming '89, head softball coach and men’s assistant basketball coach at Marian University, and their two boys, Andrew and Noah.

“God and my three ‘men’ are my greatest inspiration and greatest love of all,” she said.



Fleming serves as superintendent of Catholic schools for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis.

Anita '97 and Curt Klueg '97

The Missioners

Anita Hess and Curt Klueg have dedicated their lives to serving others.

After graduating from Marian College in 1997 and getting married on campus in 2002, the couple headed to Kenya as Maryknoll Lay Missioners (www.mklm.org) in 2004.

As coordinators for a project called HOPE (Helping Orphans Pursue Education), Anita and Curt work primarily with children affected by HIV/AIDS who have lost one or both parents. Each day has the potential to be radically different from the last. Some are spent at the bank, paying fees to make sure children can come or stay in school. Others are spent doing home visits when a student's family member is sick or has died.

Curt also spends part of his time in prison ministry, organizing and facilitating the Alternatives to Violence Project workshops for inmates, a program that teaches participants to deal with potentially violent situations in new and creative ways.

The couple is currently in their second mission to Kenya with their seven- and eight-year-old daughters, Rehema and Bethany. Curt has chronicled their journey in a blog. In a post from June 18, 2012, Curt explained why they, as a family, decided to return to East Africa.

"While it is not your average decision to uproot family and move across the globe, it is for us, an ordinary decision made by very ordinary people with ordinary gifts and skills. We feel that the gospel calls us to work with the poor and marginalized; to try, to the best of our abilities, to place ourselves among the poorest of the poor. To serve—yes, but also to learn from another culture, to meet God there in a unique way."

The couple credits Marian University with cultivating their call to ministry.

During her first year of college, Anita and a classmate travelled to Juarez, Mexico with a group of students from other Indiana college campuses for a service trip.

"I specifically remember Sr. Norma Rocklage asking us if she could bless us before our journey. We went into the chapel and she told us the story of the women who came to anoint Jesus' body with oils after he was buried. She shared that these women were the first to proclaim Jesus as risen while the men were hiding. It made me very aware of the important role women play in being Church to the world," said Anita.

Those words and the words of professors who opened their eyes to the suffering and injustice happening throughout the world have guided Anita and Curt in their mission.

"We believe that the Gospel call is one that demands that we build bridges, particularly with the marginalized of this world. We feel called to try over and over again to meet God in the suffering of the world and to do our best to alleviate and rectify suffering and injustice where we see it," said Curt.

For those still looking to find their life's mission, Anita gives this sound advice:

"Not everyone is called to mission overseas, but we are all called to mission. Each mission, each journey, is a little different. But none are easy. Listen to God. How is God calling you to work for justice? How is God calling you to understand the world and the people around you?"

Anita (top left) and Curt (bottom right) serve as Maryknoll Lay Missioners in Kenya.



Margaret Khan '07

The Pioneer

Margaret Khan was born in Muira, a small village in Uganda, Africa, a country where rural citizens have limited access to health care and the highest ranking causes of death are: malaria, HIV/AIDS, and respiratory infections. Khan came to the United States with her husband, Mohamed, and arrived in California in 2000.

Over the last 14 years she has built a new life in Indiana earning an associate in nursing in 2005 and then a bachelor of science in nursing in 2007, both from Marian University.

During her years in nursing school, Khan thought a lot about the differences in medical treatment in the United States and Uganda, and wondered what she could do to make a difference.

A Marian University professor introduced her to the IU-Kenya Partnership, which facilitates medical care and training to Americans and Kenyans. She met with the professors and medical staff at IU School of Medicine to learn more about their programs and even travelled to Nairobi to see it in action.

Khan wanted Uganda to have similar opportunities and began laying the groundwork for a clinic in her native country, using community nursing classes and connections made through nursing school to develop a plan for her vision.

In 2007, she founded the Muira Village Health Center Project, Inc. (www.supportmuirahealth.or.ug), a non-profit organization dedicated to providing accessible health care services within the community and the surrounding villages in Eastern Uganda.

Now, Khan returns to her home village twice a year for a month at a time to oversee and work at the clinic. The first day the clinic was open, they saw more than 700 people, many with ailments that went untreated for years. And with each visit, the numbers grow.

She has passed along her dedication to health care and service to her daughters; both Naseem Khan '09, who is in her fourth year of medical school at Indiana University and her sister, Hasina Khan who is in nursing school, take trips back to Uganda with their mother to volunteer at the clinic.

"Every time we go, we think we're more prepared than the last, but we always find that there are things that we don't have. So, we build on it and the next time there's something else we need. It is always challenging, but well worth it," said Naseem.



Khan, photographed with her daughter Hasina (right), serves as executive director of the Muira Village Health Center Project, Inc. and works as a nurse at Eskenazi Health.

Beyond serving as executive director of the Muira Village Health Center Project, Inc., Margaret Khan works as a nurse at Eskenazi Health and is studying for her master's degree in public health.

"I have seen some of the most difficult challenges facing the American medical system and there are a lot of similarities between the work I do at Eskenazi and the vision of the Muira project," Khan said.

Whether you live in Indianapolis or a rural village in Uganda, Khan is committed to making health care accessible to all.

James Brockmeier '11

The Shepherd

Coming to Marian University, James Brockmeier knew he wanted to serve the Church, but wasn't sure in what capacity.

"The Church always felt like home to me. It was always a constant in my life and a constant in my family life. I knew that I wanted to be a part of the faith and the life of the Church," said Brockmeier.

So, he decided to study philosophy and theology at Marian University and explore his options.

"I made the decision to enter the seminary my senior year. I was getting ready to apply for jobs teaching theology in a high school, when I felt the prompting of the Lord that I was being invited into a different kind of life and a different kind of ministry," said Brockmeier.

Three years later, Brockmeier is answering his calling as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He attends Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology in St. Meinrad, Indiana and is completing his third year of a five-year priesthood formation program. The program is designed to prepare students for priesthood by focusing on human, spiritual, academic, and pastoral formation.

Now, Brockmeier is exploring different aspects of priesthood. He leads a youth bible study and works in college campus ministry at Bellarmine University. This summer, Brockmeier will also do hospital chaplaincy work at IU Health and Riley Hospital for Children.

As a priest, Brockmeier plans to work in a parish in central or southern Indiana where he will counsel parish members, preside in liturgies, visit people in the hospital, and participate in the everyday lives of his parishioners.



"Parish ministry is about being a part of the whole life of the parish. It's about meeting people where they are and trying to bring Christ in whatever way they need Christ to be with them in that moment. I am looking forward to being able to serve people by journeying with them at both the exciting and sorrowful moments of their lives, and helping them to see that God is always walking with us. Whether this is celebrating weddings, baptisms, first communions, funerals, or just the weekly celebration of Sunday Mass, the priest helps to make Christ's presence in our lives a visible, tangible reality."

Brockmeier serves as a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and studies at Saint Meinrad Seminary and School of Theology.

Sinead Miller '12

The Innovator

Sinead Miller began competitively cycling at age four. A fierce contender, Marian University's 26-time national champion cycling team brought her from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to Indianapolis, Indiana where she fit right in, helping Marian University earn its first women's road national championship.

Driven by her cycling career, Miller was on track to graduate in three years with a bachelor of science degree, majoring in chemistry. She planned to compete in the 2012 London Olympics and wanted to complete her education before the summer games and the intense training that would come along with it.

However, on September 1, 2010, her entire life trajectory changed when she had a traumatic cycling accident while professionally competing in Holland. The accident ended her cycling career and the recovery prevented her from coming back to school for nearly a year.

Faced with a life entirely different from the one she had planned, Miller turned to mentor and dean of the School of Mathematics and Sciences, Loren Bertocci, Ph.D., for guidance.

"He really helped me find my calling. Dr. Bertocci was able to give me insight and help guide me into figuring out what I wanted to do. I decided to continue my studies and go for my doctorate," said Miller.

This May, Miller completed her master of science in biomedical engineering at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. In June, she heads to Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee to pursue a doctorate degree in biomedical engineering.

Biomedical engineering is a growing field with diverse applications in the medical world, including the design of medical devices and drugs that save lives.

Miller's program, funded by the United States Department of Defense, is charged with designing drugs to treat bacterial infections of the blood, an increasing problem for soldiers coming back from the Middle East.

Miller credits mentors Dr. Bertocci and Coach Dean Peterson, head coach of the cycling team, with supporting her academically and athletically, making Marian University a place to grow and discover her life's mission.

"Had my cycling career not ended, I probably would not have the opportunity to go to Vanderbilt and pursue my doctorate. But cycling has always been a major part of my life and gave me the strong work ethic necessary for getting a doctorate."

"To me, biomedical engineering is so cool because you're really at the interface between the medical community and the engineering community and you really make an impact on people's lives," said Miller.

Miller will study for a doctorate degree in biomedical engineering at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.



Class of 2014

This year, we added 732 people to our talented alumni network. Here are two getting ready to go out and live their mission!



Cora Harrison '14

The Activist

Cora Harrison will begin working for AmeriCorps in Atlanta, Georgia this September. AmeriCorps engages more than 80,000 Americans in intensive service each year at nonprofits, schools, public agencies, and community and faith-based groups across the country. Harrison connected with the Indianapolis sector of AmeriCorps in the summer of 2013 when she worked for Hawthorne Community Center in Central Indianapolis and felt called to continue her service with this organization.

Harrison is still waiting for her project assignment for the fall, but hopes to work with women's shelters, youth homeless shelters, or community outreach centers. In the meantime, Cora will spend her summer interning at The Peace Learning Center of Indianapolis and working for Pace e Bene and their campaign for nonviolence.

“Marian University has allowed me to live my mission. Getting to advocate for different issues through the speech team, the Peace and Justice Studies program, along with living in the Dorothy Day House for Peace and Justice and mapping out social issues has helped me discover the problems affecting our community and the world. I want to take what I have experienced at Marian University and continue to work for change.”

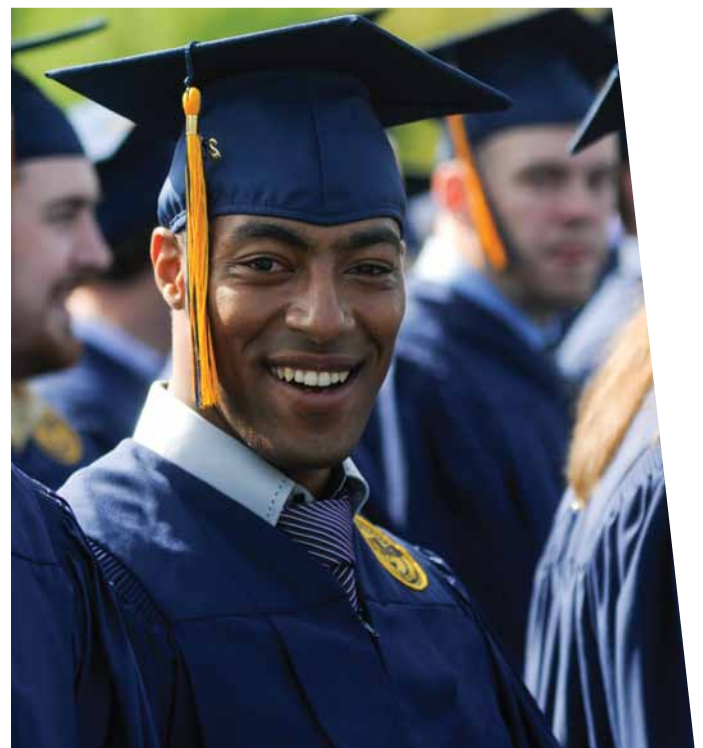
Renaud Sicard '14

The Up-and-Comer

Renaud Sicard begins his position at ExactTarget in downtown Indianapolis this summer. He will be participating in ExactTarget's entry-level Catapult Program. Catapult allows employees to discover where they fit within the ExactTarget Marketing Cloud, while gaining cross-functional experience within this growing organization.

Sicard will follow Catapult's business track focusing on marketing and management.

“What influenced me the most at Marian University, especially as a foreign citizen, was the network. I have had the chance to meet great people who have guided me, believed in me, and motivated me to work toward my goals. It is great to learn skills for a class, but even better to be inspired.”



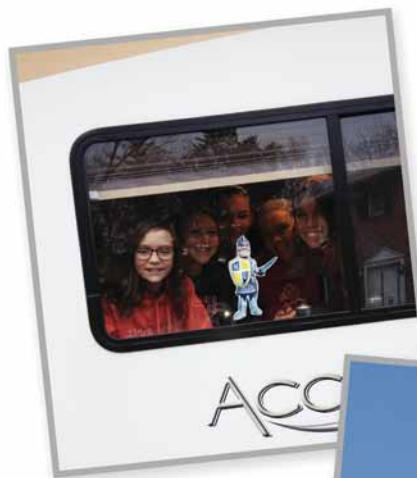


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NOMADIC KNIGHTRO TRAVELS...



Left: Cathy Siler '86 and her family set out for Gulf Shores, Alabama, with Nomadic Knightro in the family R.V.



Right: Mark Apple, vice president of marketing communications, catches some sun with Nomadic Knightro on the beach in the Dominican Republic.

ALUMNI: STAY CONNECTED AFTER GRADUATION

This May, we welcomed more than 700 new alumni! Whether you graduated 50 years ago or last month, use this guide to rekindle your college experience (without the ramen noodles) and stay connected to Marian University.

After all, once a Knight, always a Knight!



1 Attend alumni events.

Meet new alumni or spend time with old friends at upcoming alumni events, including:

- Thirsty Thursdays, every third Thursday of the month at various bars and breweries around Indianapolis
- The Grand Slam Summer Baseball Series, July 31-August 22
- Homecoming Weekend, October 16-18 (See page 27)

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4 Come back to campus.

Keep your college experience going and create new memories! Attend sporting events, lectures, theatre performances, or visit a beloved professor. (See page 21 for upcoming events.)

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As part of *Year of the Alumni*, we want to hear your story. Email alumni@marian.edu and tell us your Marian Moment(s).



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7 Wear your Marian University gear.

Dust off the t-shirts you collected while here or head to the bookstore, which carries a wide selection of Marian University gear from hats to sweatshirts to travel mugs. Let the world know that Marian University is your alma mater.



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10 Reconnect with your favorite professor.

Ask about how you can help your academic department or school. Whether it is speaking to a class, judging at a competition, or allowing a current student to job shadow you, you are sure to be a resource for students and have fun doing it.



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KNIGHT FORCE

2014 HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

September 6

Saint Xavier University | 6 p.m.

October 11

Siena Heights University | 1 p.m. | *Band Day*

October 18

William Penn University | 1 p.m. | *Homecoming*

November 8

Concordia University (Michigan) | 1 p.m.
*Catholic Schools Day/ Sisters of St. Francis,
Oldenburg Appreciation Day*

November 15

University of Saint Francis (Indiana) | 1 p.m.
Hometown Heroes Day

MAKE IT A DAY!

Tailgate on campus in a reserved parking spot, purchase season tickets, and/or join the M-Club and receive exclusive access to the hospitality area at St. Vincent Health Field. For more information, contact Wil Hampton at whampton@marian.edu or 317.955.6225.



All home games will be played at St. Vincent Health Field.
For more information, visit www.muknights.com.



>> Saint Thomas Health and Marian University Launch Accelerated Nursing Program

In December, Saint Thomas Health and Marian University announced the launch of an innovative accelerated nursing degree program that will address the rising shortage of nurses in Tennessee and across the nation by educating highly-skilled, compassionate professionals in a concentrated 16-month period.

Marian University at Saint Thomas Health offers those with a bachelor's degree the singular opportunity to earn a bachelor of science in nursing degree (BSN) through an accelerated program that combines online courses and hands-on clinical training. The first cohort began classes in May 2014.

The program's baccalaureate curriculum involves 16 months of professional nursing study after the successful completion of prerequisites. Students take lecture-based courses online and engage in onsite clinical experiences within the Saint Thomas Health network, which includes nine hospitals, 65 medical practices, 13 chest pain centers, 16 outpatient rehabilitation centers, 14 ambulatory surgery centers, and five community clinics. The accelerated nursing site is located at Saint Thomas West Hospital in Nashville and includes a nursing resource center where students can practice bedside skills.

>> St. Francis Hall renamed Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg Hall

In early 2013, St. Francis Hall was renamed Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg Hall in honor of Marian University's founders and current sponsor. "The renaming of St. Francis Hall to Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg Hall is a fitting tribute to Marian University's founders," Marian University President Daniel J. Elsener, said. "Without the Sisters' vision and leadership, we wouldn't be where we are today. Their influence will be forever felt in the Franciscan values that are ingrained in our culture and serve as the moral compass for our students, staff, and faculty."

>> Marian University Participated in Indy Do Day

Marian University kicked off the first day of volunteer activities for Indy Do Day, a citywide weekend of volunteerism from October 10-13, with a clean-up project at the Indy Cycloplex on Thursday, October 10. Hundreds of students, faculty, and staff gathered to clean up and beautify the 40-acre park. Participants included Marian University President Daniel J. Elsener, head women's basketball coach Katie Gearlds and the women's basketball team, and track coach Mike Holman and members of the track team.

The effort was led by Dean Peterson, head cycling coach, and his team. "The Indy Cycloplex certainly benefited from the amazing work that a variety of groups from campus completed together, but I would say that Marian University benefited even more as people let go of their daily roles, put their phones away, and did some wholesome, hands-on work together," Coach

Peterson said. "Cutting, hauling, and treating acres of honeysuckle can look quite daunting; but, when done together, it becomes a platform for people to get to know each other. I hope we can all 'flip the switch' more often and be together again soon doing this kind of work. What a great day!"

Marian University will once again participate in Indy Do Day on Thursday, October 2, 2014. Alumni, faculty, staff, students, and friends are invited to join us in this day of volunteering!

>> Fifth Annual Clayton Family Circle of Honor and M-Club Wall of Fame Induction Dinner Honored Athletic Leaders

The fifth annual Clayton Family Circle of Honor and M-Club Wall of Fame Induction Dinner honored Chuck Pagano, head coach of the Indianapolis Colts, and Mark Miles, chief executive officer of Hulman & Company on April 22, 2014 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS).

The event drew a record 550 people to the Pavilion at IMS, where guests had an opportunity to pose for photos with the Indianapolis 500's famous Borg-Warner Trophy, as well as the Indianapolis' Colts Lombardi Trophy from the Super Bowl XLI. President Elsener announced during the event that the university has already raised nearly \$800,000 toward \$1 million annual goal for Marian University athletics.

That evening, the 1973 Marian College baseball team was also inducted into the M-Club Wall of Fame for their 22-8 season and District 21 Championship.

Indy Do Day



Students cut down and clean up honeysuckle at the Indy Cycloplex, as part of Indy Do Day, a citywide volunteer weekend.

Clayton Family Circle of Honor and M-Club Wall of Fame Induction Dinner



Mark Miles (left), with President Elsener (right), at the Clayton Family Circle of Honor and M-Club Wall of Fame Induction Dinner.



In his acceptance speech, Chuck Pagano spoke about the incredible support he received from the people of Indianapolis throughout his battle with cancer.

>> Students, Faculty, and Staff Help Others on Alternative Spring Break

For many Marian University students, spring break was more than a week off school. These students decided to participate in Alternative Spring Break, an annual program that gives students the chance to serve local, national, and even international communities. This year, 36 students, faculty, and staff traveled to New Mexico, Chicago, and Nicaragua to participate in community service. Over the week, participants engaged in more than 1,500 hours of service.

Alternative Spring Break is a unique full-immersion experience. Undergraduate students from across all disciplines got the chance to participate in social justice activities first hand in a new environment. During the week, students participated in a wide-range of service opportunities and learned to appreciate new cultures.

"Alternative Spring Break serves as a vehicle for Marian University to implement its mission to educate students who will transform the world, by preparing students to understand other cultures and to be engaged with those who do not have access to essential resources," said Jeanne Grammens Hidalgo, campus ministry advisor for the trips.

>> New Initiative Focuses on Career Development

Marian University is launching a new initiative that will improve the education and success of its students through talent assessment and development, externships and internships, and the engagement of alumni and key stakeholders

Marian University Plans New Graduate Housing

Marian University officials recently announced new apartments for graduate students on campus, to open in time for the Fall 2015 semester.

"We've conducted surveys of our current students in the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, and many have indicated a desire to live on campus," Daniel J. Elsener, president, said. "Having housing that is designed for graduate-level students is essential to our growth plans."

The plans call for a 90,000 square foot, four-story, state-of-the-art graduate apartment building with 136 beds to be constructed on the northwest corner of campus, overlooking the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab. This project has been thoroughly vetted by senior administration and approved pending positive review by a Special Task Force Committee, the Finance Committee, the Facilities Committee, and an affirmative vote of the Board of Trustees, which was attained at its December 2013 meeting. Following those reviews, the project will proceed with an estimated total cost of \$10 million.

In order to make room for the new residence halls and associated parking spaces, the university will raze Alverna House (a faith-centered living and learning community for undergraduate students) and the East Convent. Residents of Alverna House will be relocated to an area of Clare Hall, and current Alverna House residents are consulting with residence life staff regarding the renovations. The three Sisters who currently occupy the East Convent will move to a university-owned house adjacent to campus. Three other Sisters are already living in a university-owned house in the same neighborhood.

"With only three Sisters living in the 16-bedroom house, it made perfect sense to sell the Sisters' residence to the university," Sr. Maureen Irvin said. "The Sisters are so proud of Marian University's growth, and the role they've all played in it. Everyone realizes that the construction of graduate student housing is the next step in our growth process."

Construction of the new apartment building is expected to begin in July 2014.

who will provide mentoring and career development opportunities. Dubbed "The Marian University Exchange," the initiative is funded in part by a \$1 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. as part of the Endowment's Initiative to Promote Opportunities Through Educational Collaborations.

"At Marian University, integrating experiential learning into academic curriculum is our approach to providing a high quality education," Daniel J. Elsener, Marian University president, said. "The Exchange is a bold initiative that will increase the number of enthusiastic partners

Alternative Spring Break



For the first time, Marian University students traveled to Nicaragua as a part of Alternative Spring Break. Prior to the trip, students spent more than 400 hours in pre-trip team formation and service.

The Marian University Exchange



The Exchange will revolutionize the way the university engages with students, preparing them for their careers by connecting them with key stakeholders in the community and helping them identify and hone their skills and talent.

Cycling Knights



Photo credit: Weldon Weaver

The Marian University cycling team won its 26th national championship on May 4, 2014 at the 2014 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships in Richmond, Virginia.

working with us at an even deeper level, ensuring our students receive a high quality education that will help grow employment in central Indiana. We are thankful for Lilly Endowment's grant, which will help Marian University play an even greater role in supporting the economic vibrancy of central Indiana."

>> Cycling Knights Win 26th National Championship

The Marian University cycling team won its 26th national championship on May 4, 2014 at the 2014 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships in Richmond, Virginia. The Knights ran their streak to five straight road titles and have won eight of the last 10 national competitions over the last two seasons.

Junior Coryn Rivera completed the double as she and senior Allie Dragoo went 1-2 in the women's road race. Rivera won the women's individual omnium title after she won both the criterium and road race. Dragoo was right behind Rivera in both races and finished right behind her in the omnium. The road championship was Rivera's 56th career national title.

In the men's race, Marian University's top performance came from junior Josh Johnson, who turned in a fourth-place finish.

The women swept all three events at the championship with the team time trial title on Friday, Rivera's criterium title on Saturday, and her road race championship on Sunday.

The Knights also sealed their second consecutive overall team omnium championship with their fourth national championship in the five

disciplines. Marian University earned the track championship last September, the cyclo-cross title in January, and the BMX title in April.

>> Marian University Sponsored WTHR Health and Fitness Expo

For the second year, Marian University sponsored WTHR's Health and Fitness Expo at the Indiana State Fairgrounds, April 26-27.

The expo included a Health Screening Zone with students from the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) and the Alan and Sue Leighton School of Nursing performing adult health screenings for blood pressure, body mass index, glucose, cholesterol.

Marian University's participation also included: children's health activities, osteopathic manipulative medicine, and a "Celebration of Wellness 5K," sponsored by MU-COM.

>> New Student Center, Alumni Hall, Near Completion

Set to open in August, Alumni Hall is a 19,000 square foot, one-story facility that will house the university's bookstore, and will serve as a gathering place for students, staff, and faculty. There will be an additional 6,500 square feet of outdoor seating options. An indoor food court will include a Starbucks Café, a Papa John's Pizza restaurant, and a Grille Works.

The building is on schedule to open this August. Marian University will celebrate the completion of the building by hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Saturday, October 18 at 10:30 a.m. as part of homecoming weekend.

WTHR Health and Fitness Expo



The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine organized the "Celebration of Wellness 5K," which had nearly 100 people running, walking, or rolling to the finish line.

Alumni Hall



With an open-concept design, Alumni Hall will feature a curtain of windows to look out on the center of campus.

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Join the Marian University (Formerly Marian College) group, network with business leaders, and become a career mentor.



Twitter

Updates keep you informed, link you to additional news.



YouTube

See what's on the move at Marian University.

>> Marian University Launches Cincinnati Initiative

An anonymous donor has made a contribution to support student recruitment in southwest Ohio. Because of the proximity to Marian University's founders, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, and the large number of Catholic high schools in the area, Marian University believes this is an under-recruited area and has started a grassroots and branding awareness campaign in the region. They will also be offering a few full-tuition scholarships to students from the area. Alumni interested in getting involved should contact Nichole Ellis at nellis@marian.edu.

>> Marian University's Chapter of Sigma Zeta Wins National Award

Marian University's Gamma Eta Chapter of Sigma Zeta National Science and Mathematics Honor Society received the Founders Cup at the society's national convention in St. Paul, Minnesota in March. The Founders Cup recognizes the chapter that is most active at both the local and national level.

"This award is something that we have been aiming toward since our chapter's induction in November 2012. Not only have we worked hard to recruit professionals in a variety of math and science fields to give presentations about their careers, but we've also created many volunteer and learning opportunities for Marian University students. This award recognizes our efforts," said senior Jalee Miller, Gamma Eta chapter president.

Since its inception, Gamma Eta has hosted countless activities and events, including on-campus networking opportunities with Dow

AgroSciences, Procter & Gamble, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM), and Indianapolis Project SEED. Beyond networking, student members also volunteered time to the university, local high schools (judging science fairs), and College Mentors for Kids.

>> New Student Organization Aims to Make Campus and Community Healthier

A new campus organization, the Preventive Health and Wellness Club, is working to make the campus and community healthier. The group is on a mission to promote health and wellness to students and the surrounding community-at-large, by empowering them with the knowledge to make informed decisions about their mental, emotional, and physical wellness.

Striving to reach people of all ages and demographics, members of the club travel to different community events and schools to give interactive presentations. Recently, the club visited Eliza A. Baker School #55 and presented to K-3 classes, teaching them about germs: how they spread, how they work, and ways to avoid illnesses.

>> Students Honored at Academic Achievement Awards

The 38th annual Student Achievement Awards on April 6, 2014 honored students for their academics, student leadership, service learning, campus ministry, and more. Awards included: Dean's Award for Outstanding Leadership, The Sister Mary Rose Stockton Excellence in Chemistry Award, and the Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities Award.

Each year, students are nominated for two very special senior awards: the John Sweany Maid and Knight of Marian Memorial Spirit Award and the Alumni Association Distinguished Senior Award. Kevin Crocket '14 and Cora Harrison '14 received the John Sweany Maid and Knight of Marian Memorial Spirit Award and Nate Truitt '14 received the Alumni Association Distinguished Senior Award.

>> English Professor's Work Featured on Public Radio's *The Writer's Almanac*

David Shumate, assistant professor of English and Poet-in-Residence at Marian University, was featured on Public Radio's *The Writer's Almanac* Wednesday, February 12.

Shumate's poem entitled, "Lincoln," from his new collection *Kimonos in the Closet*, was chosen by Garrison Keillor for the poem to read in honor of Abraham Lincoln's birthday.

>> College of Osteopathic Medicine Students to Intern with Eli Lilly and Company

Six students from the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine are the first to be chosen by Eli Lilly and Company to participate in a new internship program for aspiring physicians. The Lilly Medical Student Intern Program, the second phase of its medical student programs, offers opportunities for medical students between their first and second years to work alongside health care professionals in the pharmaceutical industry to gain scientific knowledge and experience in several areas, including preclinical research, clinical trial development, medical affairs, regulatory affairs, bio-ethics, and patient safety.

Sigma Zeta Chapter



Marian University's chapter of Sigma Zeta enriches the college experience for students studying math and science by creating events that give back to the community and organizing speakers who share advice about graduate school and employment opportunities.

David Shumate



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77th Commencement



The Honorable Mary Beth Bonaventura '76, director of the Indiana Department of Child Services, served as commencement speaker and accepted an honorary doctor of arts and humane letters degree.

(Upcoming Events)

The internship program is hosted at Eli Lilly and Company's international headquarters in Indianapolis. The osteopathic medical students will also work at other health care facilities, including Elanco and Covance, providing opportunities to interact with executives and summer interns at those companies.

"We see a great synergy in the making, as these students will have the opportunity to obtain unique, real-world experiences in the realm of drug discovery and development and the myriad of regulatory, legal, and business aspects of the pharmaceutical industry," said Bryan Larsen, Ph.D., associate dean for biomedical sciences, MU-COM. "And Marian University will enjoy an unprecedented opportunity to showcase some of its very promising student doctors to the leaders of one of the most revered pharmaceutical companies in the world."

>> 77th Commencement

Marian University held its 77th Commencement on Saturday, May 10, 2014, at St. Vincent Health Field. A record 732 students were awarded degrees.

The Honorable Mary Beth Bonaventura '76, director of the Indiana Department of Child Services, served as commencement speaker and accepted an honorary doctor of arts and humane letters degree. Vincent Caponi, executive chairman of the board of St. Vincent Health and senior vice president of Ascension Health, received an honorary doctor of business administration degree and Anthony Joseph Kriech '75, vice president of research and development for Heritage Research Group, received an honorary doctor of science degree.

77th Commencement



A record 732 students received degrees this year, including 131 students who received the master of arts in teaching degree from the Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership.

YEAR OF THE ALUMNI KICK-OFF WEEKEND:

Thirsty Thursday

July 17 at 6 p.m. at Front Page Sports Bar & Grill.

Symphony on the Prairie

July 18 at 6 p.m. at Connor Prairie.

Tea on the Terrace

July 19 at 11 a.m. at the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences.



GRAND SLAM SUMMER BASEBALL SERIES:

First Base: Cubs Game

July 31 at 1:10 p.m. at Wrigley Field in Chicago.

Second Base: White Sox Game

August 1 at 5 p.m. at U.S. Cellular Field in Chicago.

Third Base: Reds Game

August 10 at 1:10 p.m. at Great American Ballpark in Cincinnati.

Home Plate: Indians Game

August 22 at 7 p.m. at Victory Field in Indianapolis.

USA Cycling Collegiate Track National Championships

September 25-28 at the Indy Cycloplex.

Indy Do Day

October 2

Homecoming

October 16-18. See page 27 for details.

Rising to the Challenge: Creating Leaders Gala

October 17 at 5 p.m. at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

Must-attend event!

Alumni Hall Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

October 18 at 10:30 a.m.

Trick-or-Treat on the Marian University Campus

October 30 at 6 p.m.

Alumni Global Studies Speaker Series: Anita Klueg '97

November 5 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.

Life After Marian

November 12 at 6 p.m.

Family Weekend

November 14-16

Songs for a New World

November 21-22 in the Marian University Theatre.

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

For more details and events, visit the calendar on the Marian University web site at www.marian.edu/events.

Letter from the Director



At commencement, I challenged our new alumni to make a real difference in this world. After all, that is what our mission and vision call us to do. And like our alumni, many have already begun transforming the world.

Throughout my first year as director of alumni and donor relations, I have met so many amazing alumni and students. What makes Marian University and the individuals who study here so special? Look no further than our Franciscan sponsorship values: dignity of the individual, peace and justice, reconciliation, and responsible stewardship. These values are so ingrained in our students throughout their four years here that they leave ready to take on the world and make it better for everyone around them.

In this magazine, we have profiled a handful of the thousands of alumni across the nation and world, who have found their calling and are making a difference. This year, we celebrate and honor all of our alumni. In July, we kick-off *Year of the Alumni*, where your voice, your participation, and your leadership will catapult the Marian University of today into the future.

It has become so clear to me that our alumni are hungrier than ever to engage with the university—intellectually, socially, and financially. In the past year, many alumni and friends have helped our students in

a very direct way—offering internships, volunteering to be mentors, helping with career panels, and participating in class surveys and research. Thank you to all who helped us reach our goal of increasing engagement by more than 25 percent in a matter of months. With your help, The Exchange program will continue to prepare our students for meaningful work in a world that needs the very best and brightest to solve its problems. Our graduates are just that: the best and brightest.

If you haven't yet had the opportunity to meet or get to know me or Karen McNulty '12, assistant director of alumni relations, come see us at any of the number of events we have planned throughout the next year or call us and set up a time to share your story. The *Year of the Alumni* is a real opportunity for us to share, highlight, embrace, and celebrate what makes Marian University and her graduates so special.

Now completing my first year as the director of alumni and donor relations, I am more impressed by the achievements and commitment of our alumni than ever. Your input has been valuable and appreciated. There is, at the end of this eventful year, one thing of which I am certain: *Year of the Alumni* is going to knock your socks off.

Mark your calendars and plan to join us for many of the exciting upcoming events.

Go Knights! Live the legacy!

Nichole Ellis
Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

What's Your Marian Moment?

As part of *Year of the Alumni*, we want to hear your story. Email alumni@marian.edu and tell us your Marian Moment(s).

Joey Newton '07 and Ryan Bernhardt '08 have told their stories. Tell us yours.





YOU'RE A KNIGHT WHEN:



Sr. Norma has asked you to get up and stand at the basketball games.

Kiley Watson '07

You only spell “Knight” one way—with a “K”.

You still call it Marian College.

Emily Garrard '07

You follow this guy on Twitter (@MUPresidentDan).

The refs at the basketball games have to ask you to quiet down.

Alex Wetmore '16

You go on a Subway hiatus during the summer.

Chloe Fox

You were married in the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel.

You know as much about cycling as you do football!

Kandra Sejas '99

You know, can recite, and live by Marian University’s Franciscan sponsorship values.

You travel all over the country to watch the Marian University Knights football team play.

Jeannine Gantz Toon

You’re still friends with your college roommates.

You take Nomadic Knightro on vacation. ➡

Cathy Siler '86

Knightro is too busy to visit each of our alumni; however you can take him with you! Take and share photos with “Nomadic Knightro” at your place of employment, during mission trips, on vacation, and more. See page 13 for more information.



Alumna Cathy Siler took Nomadic Knightro on vacation with her family to Gulf Shores, Alabama. Her daughters, Elizabeth, Mary Claire, Anna, and a couple of their friends, strolled with Knightro on the beach.

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 keep abreast of Marian University news and reminisce the good old days. **Go Knights!**



Class Notes

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*.

1949

Rosina Menonna Schüler celebrated her 86th birthday on January 14, 2014. She plans to visit Marian University's campus as often as possible.

1972

Patricia McClellan writes, "Retirement came in 2008. It is extremely tiring, yet fulfilling. After getting involved in a fantastic writer's group, I decided to write children's books. My third one will be self-printed this year. Being part Chippewa, I also am working on a novel about young Indian children."

1989

Sharon Murphy Larson recently turned her passion for writing into a new business venture writing memoirs. For information about her services and to see some of her work, visit www.livingletterslegacy.com.

Sharon Murphy Larson '89



1995

Wendy Allen married Dondi Brown on September 14, 2013 in Henderson, Kentucky. The newlyweds reside in Evansville, Indiana.

Brian Sweany's second novel, *Making Out with Blowfish*, was published in March 2014 by The Writer's Coffee Shop.

1996

Joshua Burkhart was recently promoted to senior manager with Bradley Associates, Health Care Advisors and CPAS.

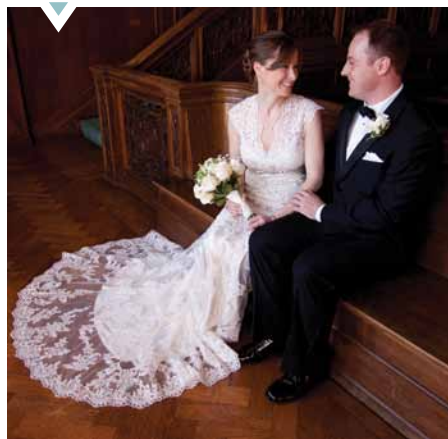
1999

Katy Eastes was promoted from dean of students at Doe Creek Middle School to principal of New Palestine Elementary School.

2001

Anne Elsener, Ph.D. married Ben Hilby on the campus of Marian University on November 30, 2013. The wedding party included: **Maria Elsener-Mayer '07, Charlie Elsener '09, Joe Elsener '12, and Nicole Messer '04.**

Anne Elsener, Ph.D. '01 and Ben Hilby



Last summer, alumni and current students played on a United States Tennis Association Men's 4.5 Summer League Team. Players included **Curtis Huntley, Mitchell Trammel '15,**

United States Tennis Association Men's 4.5 Summer League Team



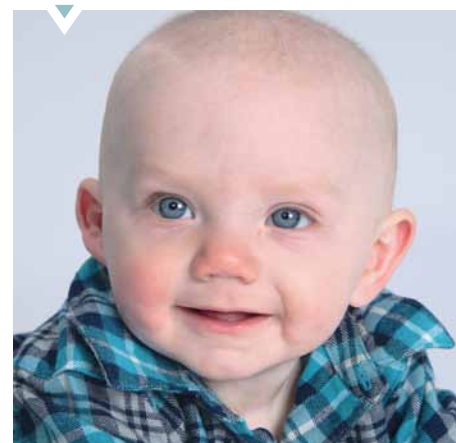
Kyle Milbee, Chad Docktor '96, Tyler Scanlan '14, Taylor Kinney '16, Jeff Hayes '99, Brad Mustin '12, Jack Hiatt '15, and Ray Haberski, Ph.D. (faculty).

2004

In March, **Tina Lamb** began her new position as dean of student affairs and academics at Brensten Education.

Mike and Allison Morrell welcomed Jackson Morrell to the world on August 28, 2013.

Jackson Morrell



2006

Megan Hunter and **Jacob Murray '09** were married on January 4, 2014 in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic.

Megan Hunger and Jacob Murray '09



Jay Patterson Horan '10

2007

Gary Yohe, **Kathleen Roesinger Yohe**, and big sister, Lainey, welcomed Paige Elizabeth on November 24, 2013.

Gary Yohe is back at Marian University as head women's soccer coach. His new position was announced in December 2013.

Paige Elizabeth Yohe



2010

Jay Patterson Horan travelled to South Africa as part of her job as volunteer and intern coordinator at the Peace Learning Center. Featured in the photo are some children in Swaziland with soccer balls donated by Marian University.

In February 2014, **Joe Elsener** was named field director for the Indiana GOP. In 2012, Elsener ran one of the Indiana GOP's most successful Victory Offices.

2011

Adam Turner married Skyla Handshoe on May 31, 2014. **Larry Lavey '12** and **Kurstan Coleman '12** were a part of the wedding party.



Benjamin Scott Barker

2012

Amber Owens Barker and Matthew Barker celebrated their first year of marriage last June and welcomed their first son, Benjamin Scott Barker, on September 30, 2013.



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2012, continued

Amy and Ian Garner welcomed a baby boy, Christian Carter Garner, on February 18, 2014.

Amy '12, Ian '12, and Christian Carter Garner



Karen McNulty is back at Marian University working as assistant director of alumni relations.

Rebecca Finley is now a pediatric occupational therapist at ABC Pediatric Therapy.

White Wins Eighth Annual Alumni Basketball Contest

By Mike Noone '63

Sponsored by the M-Club, the men's basketball alumni convened on February 22, 2014 for the eighth annual blue-white basketball game. This year's score was again a close affair, as the white's offensive punch led by **Alex Sylvester '12** with 33 points including eight treys, proved to be too much for the blues, as the latter succumbed 82-79.

The champion whites demonstrated a very balanced attack from virtually all of their players, which included **JP Estep '09**, **Anthony Furlin '11**, **Derek James '08**, **Brandon Kaiser '09**, **Curtis Clem '13**, and **Brandon Malone '11**. Furlin was exceptionally strong at crunch time in the second half, as he tallied 13 of his 16 total points in the final segment. The blues, while countering with their two-headed offensive monster of **Jordan Dever '06**, with 29 points and **Derek Huffman '06**, with 22 points, just fell short at the end. Their team also had strong representation from **Jeremy Budreau '04**, **Brad Metzger '03**, **Donald Emberton '05**, **Jason Sims '03**, and **Jeff Manley '07**.

A Marian University Legacy: The Back Family

Harold and Donna Back of Brookville, Indiana, believed in the importance of education and ingrained in their children that same conviction.

"My parents were insistent that their children get a college education and Marian University helped make that dream a reality with financial, emotional, and spiritual support," said Michael Back '80, Harold and Donna's eldest son.

When Michael decided to attend Marian College because of its small size and Catholic identity, he had no idea that his younger siblings would follow in his footsteps. But his passion and enthusiasm for the school would bring all five siblings—Michael '80, Patrick '81, David '88, Sarah Back Alig '90, and Susan Back Gartenman '83—to Marian College to study.

"I was the first in our family to attend college and Marian University. My younger brothers and sisters saw how much I liked it and believed it was the right place for them, too," said Michael. "Several of us were here at the same time and that made it seem like 'home.'"

Michael and David met their spouses, Sue A. Walke Back '80 (married to Michael) and Melanie Rosenberger Back '93 (married to David), at Marian College.

Now, the legacy has become generational with Patrick's children, Andrea '08 and Matthew '13, and Michael and Sue's son, Jason '05 graduating from Marian University.

"With Marian University being a Catholic college and our family being Catholic, it gave us a continued strong religious background and prepared us for the next steps in our lives. Marian University gave us a well-rounded education, and the opportunity to go out in the world and be successful," said Michael.



Front row: Matthew Back, Andrea Back, and Jason Back. Back row: Sue Walke Back, Michael Back, Patrick Back, Susan Gartenman, David Back, Melanie Rosenberger Back, and Sarah Alig. All attended Marian University.

Alex Sylvester and Jordan Dever won their team's respective MVP awards.

In the three point and free throw competitions, Alex Sylvester repeated his 2013 sweep by clearly demonstrating that his basketball skills go well beyond his all-time Marian University steals record. In the final free throw shoot-off, Alex defeated Derek James and Jordan Dever with another 10-10 perfect score, and he duplicated his winning effort in the three point contest by defeating finalists Brad Metzger and

Brandon Kaiser. Alex hit a combined 15-20 treys for the preliminary and finals sessions.

An alumni players' reception preceding the Marian University game against Indiana Wesleyan University, coordinated by our alumni director Nichole Ellis was also a big hit, as the players were joined by athletic director Steve Downing, men's basketball coach Todd Lickliter, M-Club president Dave Jongleux, and Ken Britt, senior vice president of advancement at Marian University.



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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16

Thirsty Thursday, *Bud's Tavern*



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

Campus Tours, *Wheeler-Stokely Mansion*

Rosary, *Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk*

Alumni Hall Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, *Alumni Hall*

Alumni Tailgating, *Tailgate Village, Allen Whitehill Clowes Amphitheater, and Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library Parking Lots*

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Mass, *Marian Hall, Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel*

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For more information:

Visit www.marian.edu/alumni/homecoming

Email alumni@marian.edu

This summer, you will receive a homecoming brochure which will include the time and cost of each event.

(In Memoriam)

Sr. Laurita Kroger, OSF '40—March 9, 2014
Mary S. Cohoat '49—December 24, 2013
Sr. Mary Martin McHugh, OSF '58—December 19, 2013
Sr. Mary Peter Sterwerf, OSF '60—December 11, 2013
Shirley Bill Gamble '61—January 27, 2014
David R. Gruner '64—February 21, 2014
Carl John Weinzetl '65—February 22, 2014
Elizabeth Gigax '69—October 4, 2014
Claudia Swercheck '71—December 12, 2013
Robert Konrad Heisserer '07—October 28, 2013
Dexter Massey Jr. '14—November 16, 2013

Julia Horninger '15—March 24, 2014, survived by sister **Mia Horninger Jarrett '11**
Dyjuan Lewis '15—March 20, 2014

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Steve Baker—December 10, 2013
Michael Edward Hayden—January 14, 2014, survived by **Joanne Schreyer Hayden '63**
Mary Hinman—November 21, 2013
Fr. Thomas J. Murphy—February 28, 2014, Trustee Emeritus
Sr. Dorothy Steckler, OSF—December 9, 2013
David John Wilkie—December 10, 2013, survived by **Jo-Anne Krieger Wilkie '55**

Dexter Massey Awarded Degree Posthumously

On May 10, 2014, at Marian University's commencement, Dexter Massey's mother, Tracy Dickerson, accepted his degree. Tragically, Dexter Massey passed away mere weeks before his scheduled December graduation.

Dexter studied history at Marian University. After his death, many of his professors expressed their grief and told the story of Massey's impact on Marian University and his strength of character in an email to the Marian University community.

"Dexter valued education. He saw the knowledge he gained from books, classrooms, and professors as tools for change: change for him, for his family, and for his community," said Mary Ellen Lennon, Ph.D., assistant professor of history.

"He was committed to working toward a society where ethics and justice would prevail. His dedication to education, to rigorous thinking, and to learning how history has shaped the way society functions today were the foundation of his life as a student at Marian University," said Carolyn Johnston, Ph.D., associate professor of history. "In honor of Dexter, all of us who learned with him, whether his professors or his fellow students, owe it to him and ourselves to pursue his calls for racial and economic justice. This should be our memorial to him."

The Department of History and Social Science created an annual scholarship to honor the legacy of Dexter Massey and gave out the first award at the Student Achievement Awards on April 6, 2014 to Clara Tucker, a student who, like Dexter, demonstrated that the classroom is a place of transformation and the study of history a powerful vehicle for changing the lives of people.

To donate to The Dexter R. Massey Scholarship, visit www.marian.edu/donate and list that scholarship in the comments section.



Dexter Massey's mother, Tracy Dickerson, accepted her son's degree. In an interview with WISH-TV, Dickerson said, "It is the happiest that you could ever be with a sad overtone because he's not here. My son worked so hard for this day."

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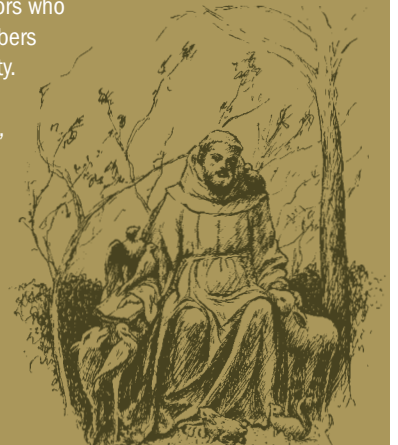
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ONCE A KNIGHT, ALWAYS A KNIGHT: LIVE THE LEGACY

By Karen McNulty '12

As a 2012 alumna of Marian University, I always had a feeling that I would end up back on campus. I met magnificent people, learned so much from dedicated faculty and staff, and made amazing memories here at Marian University. I had no idea, however, that my time to return would come so soon—only 18 months after walking across the stage at Commencement, but I am eternally grateful for the opportunity to serve as the assistant director of alumni relations. In my role, I am working to cultivate the relationship between the university and her alumni by planning engaging events, bridging the gap between current students and alumni, and supporting the work of our graduates and the Marian University Alumni Association (MUAA) boards. My first order of business, though, is to talk about what it means to be Marian University alumni.

It means being proud of where you came from. Marian University is a place worthy of your pride. If you are reading this, you have (most likely) read about all of the wonderful things happening at Marian University. If you skipped to the end, you are truly missing out! Without a doubt, we are a university on the move! From building a new student center, to opening the College of Osteopathic Medicine, Marian University is always looking for ways to serve our alumni, students, and our community.

We want to celebrate you! In July, we will kick off *Year of the Alumni*, a year dedicated to celebrating all of the graduates who have walked the halls and sidewalks of Marian University. The year will feature plenty of opportunities to get engaged with past and current students and will include both new and seasoned events.



Year of the Alumni will begin with a kick-off weekend in July, followed by a Grand Slam Summer Baseball Series, where Marian University alumni will gather for baseball games in Chicago on July 31-August 1 to see the White Sox and the Cubs, in Cincinnati on

August 10 to watch the Reds, and back home in Indianapolis to cheer on the Indians with the Marian University community on August 22. Other events include: the opening of Alumni Hall, Homecoming, the Distinguished Alumni Awards in conjunction with the gala, the annual trick-or-treat event, athletic tailgates, cultural events in downtown Indianapolis, monthly Thirsty Thursday happy hours, and the list goes on and on.



Karen McNulty graduated from Marian University in 2012 and came back as assistant director of alumni relations in 2014.

There are so many opportunities to give your time, talent, and treasure to the university. You can volunteer with us at Knights Called to Serve. You can help students develop networking skills at Networking Knights. You can serve on a board within the Marian University Alumni Association. You can update your information when you move. You can let us know when you get a new job, get married, or have a baby. You can join us at events like Homecoming or Knight Daze.

Most importantly, though, you should know that Marian University is proud to have alumni like you. I hope to see you at some of the events we will be hosting in your honor throughout *Year of the Alumni*!

Karen McNulty '12 serves as assistant director of alumni relations at Marian University. For more information regarding upcoming alumni events, contact her at kmcnulty2@marian.edu or 317.955.6210.





ALUMNI HALL

SAVE THE DATE

ALUMNI HALL RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY
Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 10:30 a.m.

As part of Homecoming 2014, we will debut our new student center named to honor our talented and generous alumni. See page 27 for a complete list of Homecoming events.

