





## LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT AND DEAN

Natalie Tucker, Ph.D. vice president and dean of Marian University's Ancilla College

I'd like to send well wishes on behalf of the entire Marian University's Ancilla College community. I hope that 2023 was a blessed year for all of you, and cheers to an exciting and joyful 2024. This report intends to share with you all the many joys, accomplishments, and exciting updates that occurred on the MUAC campus in 2023. But first off, my sincere gratitude to all of you. MUAC is thriving because you, the community, are sharing your blessing of time, talent, and financial support.

In 2023, we announced the launch of our second four-year degree for the MUAC campus, a bachelor of arts in elementary education. We know that Indiana, and across the Midwest, needs high-quality teachers, and we are excited to provide this much-needed bachelor's degree on our campus. MUAC was also blessed to receive a \$100,000 anonymous gift to jump-start the launch of this much-needed degree program. Our first four-year degree, the bachelor of science in nursing program, continues to grow in student enrollment and scholarship support as well. Both programs are in demand and much needed in rural and urban communities.

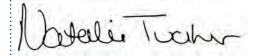
The MUAC Changing Lives Scholarship Dinner was a record crowd as we honored Brad Serf and his family's commitment to the MUAC campus and to the entire community of Marshall County. This year's dinner raised over \$300,000 for student scholarships. At the dinner, President Daniel J. Elsener also announced that MUAC has received a transformative gift from the late Dorothy Weber for nursing scholarships. Dorothy had previously established a nursing scholarship in her parent's memory and I was honored to meet and host Dorothy's extended family during their visit in October.

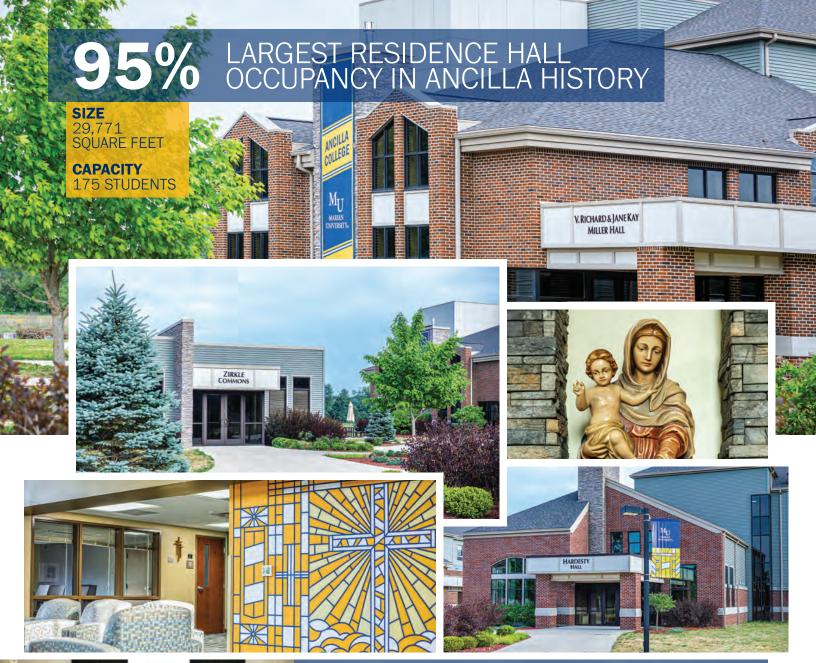
In the fall of 2023, we welcomed one of our largest freshman classes in Ancilla history and our dorms are at 95% full occupancy, the highest in Ancilla history! Incoming applications for 2024 are already showing a growing interest and a population who are seeking a high-

quality, yet personalized educational experience.

This past year also brought us many collaborative opportunities with local businesses and organizations! We are beyond grateful to all who have attended career partnerships/events, our student showcase, and visited campus to engage with students in the classroom. But our biggest supporters continue to be the Poor Handmaids of Jesus Christ (PHJC). We have found more ways to collaborate and partner with the PHJC Sisters and their many ministries. Students are participating in community service, service learning, and faith-based opportunities with the guiding support of the PHJC Sisters. MUAC works hard to carry out the PHJC legacy through education and service.

I cannot express my deep humbleness and gratitude to you all and your continued support of MUAC. MUAC is a special place to so many and it is due to our amazing faculty, staff, the PHJC Sisters, and all of you, our loyal supporters. May 2024 continue to bring you much joy, peace, and excitement. We are very excited to see MUAC continue to thrive and grow.







### STUDENT STEWARDSHIP

### SUPPORTING THE POOR HANDMAIDS OF JESUS CHRIST

**Over 50%** of the MUAC student body engage in a variety of community service activities with the PHJC. Student support includes volunteering in the food pantry ministry, providing community service support to the Resident Home with activities such as moving furniture, decorating, and chores around the residences.

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### IN HER MEMORY

### A GENEROUS GIFT BEQUEATHED TO THE ANCILLA NURSING PROGRAM

In Loving Memory of Dorothy Weber and her 60+ years supporting MUAC



Dorothy Marie Weber, 92, passed away on August 8, 2023. Dorothy had a passion for the nursing profession and in 2008 established

the **John and Pauline Weber Family Nursing Scholarship** in honor of her parents and was the 2016 Sister Mary Dolores Outstanding Alumni Award recipient.

Upon her passing, Dorothy has bequeathed a transformation legacy gift for nursing scholarships at MUAC for the new four-year bachelor of science in nursing program.

### MUAC TO LAUNCH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION IN AUGUST 2024

The \$100,000 gift, received from an anonymous donor, will accelerate the launch of the nationally recognized Fred S. Klipsch Educators College at the MUAC campus. The Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education will be the second four-year degree offered at the MUAC campus, and university administrators have already started partnering with local school corporations to meet the educator needs of the community.

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In front of a capacity crowd at the MUAC Changing Lives Dinner, Dr. Natalie Tucker announced the second four-year degree program coming to the Ancilla campus, a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education. With more than 2,200 open teaching positions throughout the state of Indiana, MUAC is excited to launch the nationally recognized Fred S. Klipsch Educators College in August 2024.

### THANK YOU DONORS!

Our generous benefactors are instrumental to the success of Marian University's Ancilla College. In 2022-23 we had the highest amount of donations in the history of Ancilla College. If you'd like to support Marian University's Ancilla College (MUAC) with a gift, contact Nick Torres, Vice President of Leadership Giving at 317.955.6614 or ntorres@marian.edu.

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### **ANCILLA**STUDENTS IN THE NEWS



Jacob Pongolani '24 While the majority of MUAC students hail from communities within a three-hour drive of campus, Jacob Pongolani is a

36 year-old father of

two from Zimbabwe and is a second year agriculture student. Through grit, determination and generous financial support, Jacob will graduate in May 2024. He plans to put his agriculture degree into practice by returning to Zimbabwe to build and sustain greenhouses to support his family and community.



Congratulations to

Peter Kenney '24 as he
has been awarded a
\$3,000 Benjamin A.
Gilman International
Scholarship to
complete a study or
internship abroad and a

Follow-On service project. Kenney is a Culver resident and a business information technology. "I am very excited about this prestigious award as I look forward to the summer and travel abroad to Austria," Kenney said.



### Connor Boone '26 speaking at the annual **Changing Lives Scholarship Dinner**, October 5, 2023

### **Connor Boone '26**

majoring in agricultural business said he chose MUAC for two reasons: baseball and his family. Although he had offers from other colleges and universities for his baseball skills, Boone says, "As soon as I stepped on campus, it all felt like home;

something I didn't have when I visited other campuses.

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