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Tim Akin retires after 40 years of teaching.

A final exchange with Tim Akin, CPA, CFP, PFS. Akin, professor of accounting and finance for the Byrum School of Business, retired after teaching full-time at Marian University since 1975. His career and dedication to Marian University were honored in May at the Annual Faculty and Staff Honors Breakfast, where he received the Franciscan Values Award, a plaque for his 40 years of service to the university, and a customary chair to mark his retirement. See page 17 for details on how alumni can celebrate Akin's career and impact.

We would like to thank Tim Akin for his commitment to developing leaders for service to the world!

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The Marian University cycling team earned their 30th national championship, the Division 1 Collegiate National Road Championship, in Asheville, North Carolina in May. In the photo, Josh Johnson '15 celebrates his individual win in the men's criterium.

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Dear Marian University Community,

Tap into the Knight Network! In this issue of the *Marian University Magazine*, we are celebrating alumni living their calling, highlighting graduates beginning their careers, and calling all alumni to engage the Marian University community as a resource in understanding one's gifts, talents, calling, and purpose in their professional life and beyond. Our vision for educating transformational leaders is reinforced by this vibrant community's dedication to life-long learning.

"Have courage. Go forward. Make noise." Pope Francis spoke these words to young pilgrims, but they serve as great advice to our graduates, calling them to be transformative leaders for service to the world. This issue highlights our newest alumni, celebrating all that they accomplished and their bright futures. You'll learn about Knights traveling near and far to begin their careers, including Jessica Skrobul '15,

who will move to France to teach, and Griffin Elbert '15, who will be back on campus to attend Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

For each of these graduates—and the more than 650 who graduated with them on May 9, 2015—the education they received at Marian University occurs in a rich culture of values and with a commitment to being responsible stewards of their gifts. The Marian University community prepares our students for leadership through a series of formational "exchanges." From robust dialogue in our classrooms, to personal mentoring by advisors and professors, to hands-on opportunities to apply academic knowledge in real-world settings, our students are immersed by our renowned faculty and staff in an enriching liberal arts curriculum and stimulating environment. This constant loop of knowledge and skill development, meeting exciting real-world challenges and opportunities, nurtures transformational leadership abilities.

Marian's Adult Programs is also making dramatic impacts through new partnerships with businesses and not-for-profits. Our students are engaged in projects to end bullying in schools and workplaces, create recycling programs, and build businesses. Further, The Exchange—a Lilly Endowment-funded program in the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library—has become an integral asset for students, connecting them with educational experiences that matter. The internships, applied research, special projects with community leaders, and events like Networking Knights bring together students, alumni, and employers to create a highly effective and meaningful education.

The Marian University community (alumni, students, faculty, and staff) is committed to your ongoing professional and personal development beyond graduation. Collectively, our 13,000 alumni, living in all 50 states and beyond, constitute a powerful network. Please see how you can be engaged in this Knight Network on pages 8-9.

On behalf of our outstanding faculty and staff, thank you for your generous investment of time, talent, treasure, and prayer in your university. Your gratitude and love for our shared vision of preparing leaders for service to the world is greatly edifying and encouraging.

Enjoy this issue of the *Marian University Magazine*—GO KNIGHTS!

Daniel J. Elsener, President



HAVE COURAGE. GO FORWARD. MAKE NOISE.

-POPE FRANCIS

On Saturday, May 9, more than 650 students became Marian University alumni. Here's a look at what they learned and what is ahead for a few members of the Class of 2015.
The future is bright!

Amber Ferrari '15

“My advisors, professors, supervisors, and colleagues at Marian University have taught me to leave an impact on people. I’ve been taught to polish my skills, learn all that I can, and put in the extra effort to make an impression,” said Ferrari. “Whatever I am doing, I try really hard to take that advice, do my best work, and help out in any way that I can.”

AF



With one semester left at Marian University, Amber Ferrari '15 became Marian University's first recipient of The Governor Bob Orr Indiana Entrepreneurial Fellowship, a highly competitive fellowship that aims to identify, recruit, and train the next generation of business leaders for the state of Indiana. She was selected from hundreds of applicants for this fellowship, which gives young college graduates the opportunity to break into the professional world through paid positions with Indiana's most dynamic, high-growth companies.

Ferrari, a 21st Century Scholar, might not have learned about the fellowship until her senior year, but had spent her time at Marian University building an impressive resume that would prepare her for this opportunity. During her four years here, she was a member of the Marian University speech team, a mentor to fellow 21st Century Scholars, and a participant in many campus activities, including the Sacred Choir, Chamber Singers, and the A-Team.

Beyond her on-campus activities, Ferrari gained important work experience, including internships at Indianapolis Power & Light Company, *VYPE High School Sports Magazine*, and the Office of Marketing Communications at Marian University.

Ferrari received a job offer from PactSafe the same day she interviewed with the company's founder and chief executive officer, Brian Powers. This fall, she will begin working for the start-up company that makes it easy for companies to track, manage, and increase the enforceability of their website legal agreements.

THE EXCHANGE

Ellen Whitt, executive director of The Exchange—Marian University's new initiative linking student talent to community needs and opportunities—worked with the inaugural class of Orr Fellows in 2002 and knew it would be a terrific opportunity for Marian University students. She told Ferrari about the Orr Fellowship and recommended she apply.

Tevin Lake '15

“Marian University put me in a position where I could be a role model for the community and a leader, both on and off the field. I was fortunate to be able to talk to students about the importance of education and also, to serve in a position that taught me how to communicate, organize, and plan professionally.”

TL

Tevin Lake '15, a 21st Century Scholar who majored in sport performance, is the football program's all-time leading rusher, and the first running back in program history to surpass the 1,000-yard plateau in a single season. His talent and leadership led Marian University to compete in two NAIA National Football Championships, winning in 2012 and ending the 2014 season as runner-up.

But his impact reaches far beyond the playing field. A two-year team captain, Lake served as a leader among the young men on his team, maintaining good grades and taking time to serve the community. During his time at Marian University, Lake has run a Big Brothers Big Sisters program on campus in conjunction with football games and volunteered at local homeless shelters.

“Marian University has not only helped me become a better athlete, it has also taught me to be a better man. Throughout my four years here, my coaches have taught me to become a better leader for my teammates and how to win the right way. The bond that I have with my teammates and coaches is like that of a family and I will always hold it dear,” said Lake.

Lake plans to apply for graduate school in 2016 to earn his doctorate in physical therapy. His own experience as an athlete, sport performance courses, and an internship with St. Vincent Sports Performance have prepared Lake for this next chapter in his life.

THE EXCHANGE

Lake's strong network of mentors at Marian University included President Daniel J. Elsener, Director of Athletics Steve Downing, and Head Football Coach Mark Henninger. In fact, when Lake applied for an internship with St. Vincent, President Elsener wrote a letter of recommendation.



Griffin Elbert '15

“My experiences at Marian University have taught me how to work well with others and take accountability for my work. Time management has been very important for me as I have had to juggle many extracurriculars with my school work. In addition to this, I was able to push myself to achieve more and see just how productive I could be and how much I could accomplish.”

GE



Griffin Elbert '15, a biology and chemistry major, graduated from Marian University in just three years. A driven young man, Elbert worked closely with his academic advisor to ensure that he could not only graduate early, but also graduate eligible and prepared for medical school. The School of Mathematics and Sciences' emphasis on direct research where students get first-hand experience with current research techniques gave him an advantage when applying for medical school.

Among his many accomplishments, Elbert was a member of the Sigma Zeta National Science & Mathematics Honor Society and creator of the Marian University Autism Walk of Champions. A dedicated athlete, Elbert was a member of the national championship football team and the track and field team.

Elbert will soon be back on campus to begin medical school at the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine this fall, where he will also be using his remaining year of eligibility to play football and run track for the university.

THE EXCHANGE

Loren Bertocci, Ph.D., dean of the School of Mathematics and Sciences, worked very closely with Elbert as he prepared his applications to medical schools. The School of Mathematics and Sciences has developed a pre-medicine track that has been extremely effective at preparing students for success in the Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) and subsequently in gaining admission to medical schools. Marian University students take full advantage of this academic program to maximize their long-term success either in medical school or other doctoral programs.

“Our intention is that this kind of academic success in the sciences, combined with what our students gain from their general education courses and service work, will make them ideal candidates for the College of Osteopathic Medicine and will lead to their long-term successes as physicians,” said Dr. Bertocci.

Jessica Skrobul '15

“My professors have been amazing mentors throughout my college career. They have pushed me to excel while supporting me and encouraging me along the way. They continually model excellent teaching and leadership both in and out of the classroom. Although, I have graduated, I know I will turn to them for guidance in the future as well.”

JS

Jessica Skrobul '15, who majored in elementary education, secondary education, and French, spent her time at Marian University gaining real-life experience. She's taught in both private and public schools all over Indianapolis; and, she's even had the opportunity to teach abroad, in Paris, France.

Between teaching in Indianapolis and abroad, Skrobul made the most of her time on campus as a member of the Marian University Marching Band, the International Club, and Kappa Delta Pi (an international society in education). She also served as a peer tutor and a student ambassador for the Office of Admission.

Before graduating, Skrobul accepted a position as an English teaching assistant in France through the French Ministry of Education. In October, she will begin teaching in the Académie de Montpellier in France.

“Although moving abroad for a year is daunting at times, I know that the skills I've learned here will serve me well as I take this exciting new step,” said Skrobul.

While teaching abroad, Skrobul will also be pursuing a master of science in education degree in literacy, culture, and language education online through Indiana University Bloomington.

THE EXCHANGE

When Skrobul wanted to intern in France, Martine Camblor, French professor and a native of France, used her connections to help organize the internship and make sure Skrobul had a support network abroad.



Claire Holba '15

“I leave Marian University equipped with a sense of servitude, of using my education and what I have been blessed with to go out and serve others. My professors always framed my education in light of sound ethical behavior and compassion for others. This ‘humanness’ is the true foundation of business and really of every action we pursue in our lives.”

CH



Claire Holba '15 transferred to Marian University from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) and hit the ground running. As senior class president, a member of the women's basketball team, and a resident assistant on campus, coming to Marian University allowed Holba to expand beyond athletics and explore all of her interests.

“The opportunity to play basketball was what initially attracted me, but the outstanding reputation of the Byrum School of Business sealed the deal. I was a business major, leaning

towards a degree in accounting, and when I saw that we have a 100 percent placement here, I felt that it would be a great place to pursue my education,” Holba said.

In August, Holba will begin her career at the distinguished accounting firm Ernst & Young at their New York City Financial Services Office.

THE EXCHANGE

Kevin Huston, associate professor of accounting and finance and Holba's academic advisor, was instrumental in arranging an interview with Ernst & Young and preparing Holba for the interview that would eventually lead to a job offer.

Eric Priest '15

“Strive to make a difference in the world. When the opportunity to create new and innovative ways to provide patient-centered nursing care presents itself, grab hold and immerse yourself in working to better the profession.”

EP

Eric Priest '15 spoke these words when he delivered his address to fellow graduates at the pinning ceremony held for all Marian University nursing graduates prior to the 2015 graduation.

Priest came to Marian University after serving four years in the United States Marine Corps.

“When I got out of the Marines, I knew that I wanted a career where I could help others, provide care to those who needed it, and was centered around health care. Marian University, with its highly-regarded Leighton School of Nursing, seemed like a great fit,” Priest said.

And it was. Priest spent the next four years learning and working hard to become an excellent nurse. The week before graduation he received two job offers and ultimately decided to work for Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital in the emergency department.

“The opportunities to have clinical placement at a wide variety of health care facilities not only provided great experiences, but also helped me decide where I want to start my nursing career,” Priest said.

THE EXCHANGE

Students in the Leighton School of Nursing spend approximately 765 hours in the clinical setting before graduating. These experiences in hospitals and facilities throughout the city and state not only help students decide the area where they would like to work, but also introduce them to the people who will be hiring when they graduate.



HAVE COURAGE. GO FORWARD. MAKE NOISE.

Natasha Blakemore-Evans '15

“I’ve had two different, very demanding jobs while attending Marian University and I’ve been able to juggle both work and school. Marian’s Adult Programs (MAP) is really designed for the working adult and the curriculum is one where I really feel like you get the most out of that five- or eight-week time period that you have for each accelerated class.”

NB



While a student at Marian University, Natasha Blakemore-Evans '15 balanced school and working as a business analyst and project coordinator. Inspired by a family legacy that placed high value on education, Evans came back to Marian University for her bachelor of arts degree in business administration.

Now an enterprise architect at Eli Lilly and Company (for Syntervision Inc.), Evans uses skills she gained in business technology courses to explore different systems'

capabilities and work in additional training to make improvements to benefit her organization.

Beyond technical skills, Evans also gained an important communication and leadership advantage.

“My time at Marian University allowed me to hone my presentation skills. The many projects I had to present in classes really helped me feel more comfortable in front of a crowd. Being required to make so many presentations really helped me break down that barrier and build up the confidence that I needed,” Evans said.

THE EXCHANGE

MAP students work directly with local businesses and not-for-profits. Through hands-on learning, they have the opportunity to provide creative solutions to actual challenges facing business partners while also enhancing their communication, analytical, and leadership skills.

Sueann Galt '15

“The Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership has given me a deeper understanding of low-achieving schools and the ‘achievement gap.’ I feel as if I’m leading change and making a difference in terms of student culture. Marian University has instilled in me a commitment to students in high-needs schools and this experience is by far the most rewarding I have ever had.”

SG

Sueann Galt '15 is the academy's first graduate with a master of arts degree in educational leadership. During her seven years teaching in high school and K-8 environments, Galt found herself taking on leadership roles and developing new programs in the schools she served. In order to take the next step and pursue a leadership position in education, she applied to Marian University's educational leadership program.

“The academy provided authentic leaders and instructors to help us think through situations faced by principals and superintendents. It was eye-opening to put ourselves in the leaders' shoes during controversial scenarios and then learn the legal ramifications and actual outcomes for those scenarios,” said Galt.

Galt works as an instructional coach at Thomas Carr Howe Community High School, where she helps teachers with instruction and technology and serves as test coordinator as well. In the future, Galt plans to coach teachers and administrators in using data-to-drive instruction, technology integration, and 21st-century learning.

“My overall goal is to help educators create rigorous, engaging, and meaningful learning environments for our students,” said Galt.

THE EXCHANGE

The Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership offers our leaders the opportunity to ask for assistance in creating CAUSE Councils (Community Assets United for School Excellence). CAUSE Councils assist the school and community in undertaking asset mapping and needs assessment, identifying barriers to academic achievement and youth development, and developing neighborhood/asset linkages aligned with academic achievement and youth development goals so that the school and community become inextricably connected.



Marian University alumni span all 50 states and beyond, with positions at all levels in business, education, government, health care, and not-for-profits.

Whether you're looking for a new job, a career change, or new employees to help grow your company, look to Marian University and your fellow alumni to get you there.

TAP INTO THE

1

Be a part of The Exchange.

The Exchange brings with it a whole host of resources at your fingertips.

From the Networking Knights event to access to KnightWork—Marian University's internship and employment site—you can meet potential employers and gain exclusive access to job opportunities and training. Turn to page 29 for more information.

www.marian.edu/exchange

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2

Connect with the Marian University community on LinkedIn.

Search "Marian University," and become a member. Here, you can connect with former classmates, professors, and anyone else linked to the university.

 www.linkedin.com

5

Look for in-house alumni when applying for jobs.

Fellow alumni can serve as advocates for you getting hired. They know better than anyone the value of a Marian University degree.

6

Pay it forward.

No matter your grad year, you have the resources and knowledge our students and alumni need. Be a mentor, come back to campus and talk to current students about your own career path. You have so much to offer students just beginning their own paths.

MU

KNIGHT NETWORK



3

Attend university events.

Networking does not just happen at “networking” events. Casual settings like football games invite good conversations with your fellow Knights, including alumni, parents, professors, and other MU supporters.

www.marian.edu/events



4

Keep in touch.

Faculty and staff are your biggest cheerleaders and come with a whole network of employers and industry insiders. Don't wait until you need a letter of recommendation; keep them informed of how you are doing and your career goals. They want to help you succeed!



7

Hire within the Knight Network.

Post internship and career opportunities on KnightWork. Email exchange@marian.edu for directions on how to post.



8

Update your information with the Office of Alumni Relations.

By doing this, you will stay up-to-date on what is happening at Marian University and what is happening with the entire Knight Network. Send your updated information to alumni@marian.edu.



WHERE EXPERIENCE MEETS LEARNING

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On any given college campus, group presentations are common and look the same. Students dress up and make PowerPoint slides. Sometimes, they read off notecards. Some of the more creative presentations might include a short video. In fact, you've probably been that student at some point in your life.

But on a typical Tuesday night in April, four groups of students in Marian's Adult Programs' (MAP) Business Policy and Strategy class gave group presentations that were anything but "typical."



The presentations marked the end of a five-week course that began when students met Chris “Lights Out” Lytle, retired Ultimate Fighting Championship (UFC) fighter and local firefighter. He needed their help.

In 2011, Lytle retired from the UFC to spend more time with his family and started The Chris Lytle Foundation to put the “lights out” on bullying and domestic abuse. His youngest son, Jake has autism, and has been Lytle’s inspiration in encouraging people to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves.

“I hear that kids are having trouble or being bullied and it hurts my heart. I thought, ‘is there anything I can do?’ And the answer was, ‘yes.’ People listen to me and I can use that to make a difference,” Lytle said.

Now, Lytle speaks at schools and workplaces, delivering a message aimed to educate, encourage, and empower his audience to speak up and stand up for themselves and others.

Lytle learned how MAP partners with businesses and not-for-profits and wanted students’ help in developing strategies to grow his foundation and reach more people.

Before students began their presentations, Lytle spoke about his experience working with them. “This [foundation] is my priority,” he commented. “This is my vision and I am blown away that you have come out to help.”

From merchandising, to establishing an online presence, to strategies for reaching teens struggling from bullying and contemplating suicide, the presenters covered the gambit of strategies to reach more people in the most effective ways.

Students prepare (photo one), present (photos two and three), and meet with their client (photo four), Chris Lytle (far right), for Marian’s Adult Programs’ Business Policy and Strategy Class.

The passion from the students was palpable; one woman, with tears in her eyes, talked about the need for a support system for young boys and girls who feel hopeless and alone and expressed her interest in volunteering for the foundation.

This project with the Lytle Foundation is just one example of the many organizations partnering with Marian University to grow and improve their businesses.

REAL PARTNERSHIPS. REAL EXPERIENCE.

In more than 35 business courses, students are partnering with local businesses and not-for-profits to provide creative solutions to actual challenges these partner organizations are facing.

The lengthy list of partnerships includes: Indy Parks & Recreation, Indy Fuel, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, the Broad Ripple Village Association, Nathan’s Playroom, and Indy Eleven.



From developing a recycling program, to scouting locations for futsal courts, to creating marketing materials for the “My City, My Park” corporate engagement initiative, MAP’s partnership with Indy Parks & Recreation—the first of the partnerships—has certainly been fruitful.

“It has been a godsend. We might have some of the same ideas students are presenting to us. But, we typically don’t have the time to really think them through and get the ball rolling. That’s where this partnership has been a huge help. The student groups do a ton of the legwork and we are able to pick it up and run with it,” said Allen McClendon, senior manager of community partnerships for Indy Parks & Recreation.

The list of projects that have led to real programs and support continues to grow. For most of the projects MAP and Indy Parks & Recreation have partnered on, the turn time between MAP recommendations and the department’s implementations has ranged from four to six months. Beyond partnering with the city, an Indy Parks project that looked at repurposing unused tennis and/or basketball courts into futsal courts, led MAP to another partnership with Indy Eleven.

For the marketing concentration courses this spring, students researched local parks and made recommendations on where Indy Parks should place their first futsal court. Through the process, they also worked at introducing futsal to Indiana by defining the game and creating a promotional video to help explain the game to the general public.

≡ **“Indy Eleven is a close partner of ours,” McClendon said. “So, not only is MAP benefiting the city of Indianapolis, but now we’ve started bringing our partners to the table and we are all enjoying reaping the benefits of working with MAP.”**

In May, Indy Eleven and Indiana Soccer announced the “Futsal for Indiana” program—a program that will introduce the sport of futsal to Indiana’s underserved, in conjunction with the first court opening at Rhodius Park on Indianapolis’ near west side, a location recommended by MAP students.

A THRIVING ENVIRONMENT

Of course, the benefits of these partnerships are not one-sided. With each project, students gain important real-world experiences, unique insight into organizations they serve, and get the chance to shine with area employers.

“Students are inspired and work harder,” Lesley Neff, director of educational services for MAP, said. “When they walk in to give a presentation, they’re not just presenting to a teacher and other students; they’re presenting to the actual organization, including directors, human resource managers, and board members. They step up and go that extra mile, while at the same time, learning to work collaboratively together.”

For MAP student Richard Walke, the partnership courses made him more marketable at his current job.

“It gives you practical application. Most of us are already out in the real world and it helps us to see what changes we can make and suggest in our own businesses and organizations that we’re currently involved in,” Walke said.

Beyond the hands-on learning experience, these partnerships add value and purpose to their projects.

“These group projects—being that they’re real—add an extra level of excitement and energy to the work you’re doing,” said Natasha Blakemore-Evans ’15, who graduated from the MAP business administration program this May. “The most interesting part of the experience for me is that we are working with businesses and not-for-profit groups that really need this help.”

Amy Bennett, executive director of MAP, also sees these innovative courses as a way to connect students to their passions and make the students and the program a tool for change.

“In every class, there has been someone who has really connected with the partner, who now volunteers for that agency, who is going above and beyond to help. We’ve even had a student—who also worked for Indianapolis Power & Light Company (IPL)—apply for a grant at IPL for the not-for-profit that was a part of her class project. And she got it,”





Bennett said. “Obviously, not every student in every class is going to feel that connection. But, if one person out of each class does, that’s pretty darn awesome.”

A VALUABLE EDUCATION

The new innovative courses come in response to an increasingly online-centered education for adult learners.

“So many schools are doing strictly online courses, but our niche—where we thrive—is really with face-to-face learning. These partnerships allowed us to create a hybrid where students don’t have to come as often, but still get face-to-face learning. It’s the best of both worlds,” said Bennett.

Anywhere it can successfully be done, MAP is working to transform traditional courses into these hybrid, partnership courses. Of course, less class time does not mean easier classes.

“It really is more difficult. Is it better? Yes. Do we end up with better results? Yes. But, it’s hard work. It’s easier to be in a regular lecture class and be passive and just read and take a test, read and take a test. This is different,” said Bennett.

And that extra work includes faculty and staff who, instead of presenting case studies in textbooks, are reaching out and making connections with these partners, convincing them to invest faith and time in MAP students.

“It may be extra work, but it’s very worth it,” said Beverly Fernandez, business instructor. “And our students see the importance of working on these projects.”

That extra effort on the part of students, faculty, and staff was certainly on display as students ended their presentations to Chris Lytle and his team. The room buzzed with purpose for putting the “light out” on bullying. Lytle and his team expressed their gratitude and their intention to incorporate many of the groups’ recommendations. But one group’s slide with a Henry Ford quote seemed to sum up the course and the many other partnership courses in Marian’s Adult Programs: “Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success.”

Opposite page: Students spend the entirety of the five-week course meeting, researching, and preparing for presentations to their clients. For The Chris Lytle Foundation, one group even had promotional items created with suggested pricing and areas where they could be used to further the cause of the organization.

Above: Allen McClendon (left), senior manager of community partnerships for the City of Indianapolis, Department of Parks and Recreation, watching students presentations and providing feedback.

MARIAN UNIVERSITY

The people, programs, and potential of Marian University have been making news in Indianapolis and beyond. Here's a look at the headlines.

Carnegie Foundation Honors Three Indy Universities

WISH-TV on January 7, 2015

The Carnegie Foundation honored three Indianapolis universities Wednesday morning, praising their involvement with the communities, making them a better place to live, work, and learn.

Butler, IUPUI, and Marian University received the prestigious national designation. Representatives from all three universities attended the ceremony.

Special Olympic Athletes Get to Shine at this Combine

The Indianapolis Star on February 22, 2015

While pro football hopefuls showcased their skills downtown at the NFL Combine this weekend, across town, a different group of athletes from around the state took to the field for a Mini Combine of their own.

More than two dozen Special Olympics athletes and their parents braved the snow Saturday for an opportunity to play flag football—and meet some current and former pro football players—at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center on West 56th Street.

Football players from Marian University signed up to run drills with the Special Olympians, who impressed their supporters and Colts Offensive Lineman Joe Reitz.

Katie Gearlds a High School Phenom Turned Coach

The Indianapolis Star on March 10, 2015

High school standout turned coach, Katie Gearlds, led the Marian University women's basketball team to its first automatic bid in the NIAA Division II tournament today.

Gearlds, in her second year of coaching, has made great gains in the Marian women's program. She's been lauded for transitioning from high school phenom at Beech Grove to Division I player at Purdue University to star of the WNBA's Seattle Storm—and now to standout coach.

Averting a Crisis – Indiana's Coming Physician Shortage

Inside INdiana Business on March 17, 2015

As increasing numbers of "Boomer" generation Hoosiers (those born between 1946 and 1964) retire and ramp up their healthcare needs, physician demand will expand. Soon it will expand beyond available supply. Without intervention, projections show the crisis intensifying over the coming years. Physician availability is already growing tight in some urban areas, and in Indiana small towns and rural areas it is already nearing the crisis stage.

To meet this emerging critical challenge, Indiana medical schools—including the Indiana University School of Medicine and the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine—have ramped up enrollments. As a result, in 2017 the Indiana medical schools expect to graduate 500 new physicians and more thereafter.

Teacher's Emphasis on Drawing Out the Best in Students Leads to Archdiocese's Highest Honor for Educator

The Criterion on March 20, 2015

Competitive by nature, Amy Wilson has always strived to not only get better, but to draw out the best in herself. That inherent quality guided her as a student and an athlete, and it continues to guide her as a teacher and a coach who works to bring out the best in her students and players, too.

"She never ceases to amaze me with her ability to reach her students on all levels of teaching," says Father James Wilmoth, pastor of St. Roch Parish.

"She does so well with those who are able to grasp things easily, and she also is wonderful with those students who have some struggles.



She is involved in many aspects of our parish as well. She sings in our choir, she is a cantor at Mass, and she and her husband run our gym facility. And above all of that, she is a great mom to her three little children.”

Amy Wilson '00 majored in elementary education and earned her bachelor of arts degree from Marian University.

Marian University Cyclist Wins First U.S. Gold Medal at Pan Am Games

The Indianapolis Star on July 12, 2015

The first U.S. gold medal at the Pan American Games was won by a Marian University cyclist.

Felicia Stancil was first in women's BMX at Saturday's final at Toronto, covering the course in 41.647 seconds.

“I think this is my first big win against the big girls,” Stancil told teamusa.org.

The 20-year-old from Villa Park, Illinois, emerged as a genuine medal contender for the 2016 Olympics at Rio de Janeiro. She began training at the U.S. Olympic Training Center in Chula Vista, California, after turning pro a year ago. Collegiate cycling allows pros to compete while students.

STAY CONNECTED TO MARIAN UNIVERSITY:



Photographer Bill Foley Captures His Incredible Journey

USA Today on March 23, 2015

The photographer Bill Foley is a bit like the hobbit Bilbo Baggins.

He left a comfortable life in Indianapolis and went out into the wild world—the Middle East of the 1970s and 1980s. He had incredible adventures, frightening adventures. He acquitted himself with distinction.

Then he came home.

An exhibition of Foley's work, *Art Meets News*, goes on display at the Indiana State Museum March 28-July 19.

As an Associated Press staffer in 1982, Foley brought to light the horror of the massacres at the Shatila and Sabra refugee camps in Beirut, winning a Pulitzer Prize. He was on the scene in Cairo in 1981 when Egyptian president Anwar Sadat was assassinated by his own soldiers in a chaotic melee. In 1983, he documented the aftermath of a suicide bomber's destruction of the U.S. embassy in Lebanon.

Bill Foley is an assistant professor of fine arts/photography at Marian University.

Marian University Med Students Offer IPS Kids Memorable Lessons in Health

WTHR-TV on April 20, 2015

It wasn't the typical gym class at IPS School 105 last Wednesday. Several grown-ups in lab coats spent the afternoon sharing their message with dozens of elementary school students.

For the second graders in Rick Schultheis' physical education class, there was an intense game of tag underway. It was all organized by medical school students from Marian University's College of Osteopathic Medicine.

“All the kids get really excited when we get new faces coming in,” said Schultheis, “and they're very attentive and they like to answer and interact with the doctors and I think it's a great learning experience for them.”



START TO FINISH

2015 HOME FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 12

University of Indianapolis | 6 p.m. | *Pre-Game Parade*

SEPTEMBER 26

Missouri Baptist University | 1 p.m. | *Homecoming*

OCTOBER 3

University of Saint Francis (Indiana) | 1 p.m. | *Catholic Schools Day and Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana Appreciation Day*

NOVEMBER 7

University of St. Francis (Illinois) | Noon | *Hometown Heroes Day*

NOVEMBER 14

Siena Heights University | 1 p.m. | *Business/Community Leaders Day*

Home games are played at St.Vincent Field. All game times are subject to change.



Knights' football is an experience. Tailgating, M-Club Hospitality Tent, the Health Plex Sports Club for Kids, and, of course, an exciting brand of college football are all a part of each and every game. Watch NAIA Coach of the Year Mark Henninger lead the Knights back to Daytona for another run at the national championship.

Reserve your season tickets and enjoy a game day experience that's fun for the entire family.

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(Upcoming Events)

Work Shouldn't Hurt: A learning and development seminar on recognizing and preventing workplace bullying.

August 12 at 6 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.

Tim Akin: A Celebration of Service

September 12 at 4:30 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Freshmen-Alumni Dinners

September 20

Thirsty Thursday: Homecoming Edition

September 24 at 6 p.m. at Bud's Tavern.

Homecoming Weekend

September 24-September 26

Family Weekend

October 2-4

Trick-or-Treat on the Marian University Campus

October 29 at 6 p.m.

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Elements of Excellence Gala

November 13 at 6 p.m. at the JW Marriott Indianapolis.

See back cover for more details.

Showcasing Psychological Science and Pedagogy (SPSP) Conference

November 6 at 8 a.m. in Alumni Hall.

Fifth Annual Marian University Educational Neuroscience Symposium

November 7 at 8:30 a.m. in the Marian University Theatre, Marian Hall.

Life After Marian

December 3 at 6 p.m. in The Exchange.

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 website at www.marian.edu/events.



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CELEBRATING ATHLETICS

Marian University celebrated the Clayton Family Circle of Honor and M-Club Wall of Fame Induction Dinner at the historic Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) on Thursday, April 23. That evening, nearly 600 people gathered to honor community leaders and raise more than \$300,000 for Marian University athletics and athletic scholarships.

“Under the leadership of Steve Downing, we’re creating champions through our athletic programs. Indeed, it is truly a ‘laboratory of character development’: a place where scholar-athletes learn the importance of teamwork, accountability, discipline, perseverance through adversity, and the pursuit of excellence,” President Elsener said in his message to guests.

Andrew Luck, quarterback for the Indianapolis Colts and Steve Downing, All-American basketball player at Indiana University and director of athletics at Marian University were inducted into the Clayton Family Circle of Honor in recognition of their achievements and excellence in athletics and community service.

Golfer Stephen Ford '07, golfer Angela Gauck-Belter '10, and the 1995 Marian University Track National Champion Cycling team were inducted into the M-Club Wall of Fame for the exceptional contributions they made to the tradition and prestige of Marian University athletics during their time as students.



Andrew Luck and President Daniel J. Elsener



Indy 500 Festival Princesses, Elizabeth Olivas '16 and Adrienne Johnson '14



Emcee of the night, Wil Hampton



Steve Downing (left) and former basketball teammates George McGinnis, Wayne Pack, and Jerry Memering



Marian University student-athletes



Steve Downing, Former Marian University Cycling Coach Terry Hoffer, President Daniel J. Elsener, and the 1995 Marian University Track National Champion Cyclists Bryan Zimmerman '96, Derek Witte '99, Vic Emond '95, Stephane Derr '99, and Jeff Weaver '99



Steve Downing, Angela Gauck-Belter '10, Stephen Ford '07, and President Daniel J. Elsener



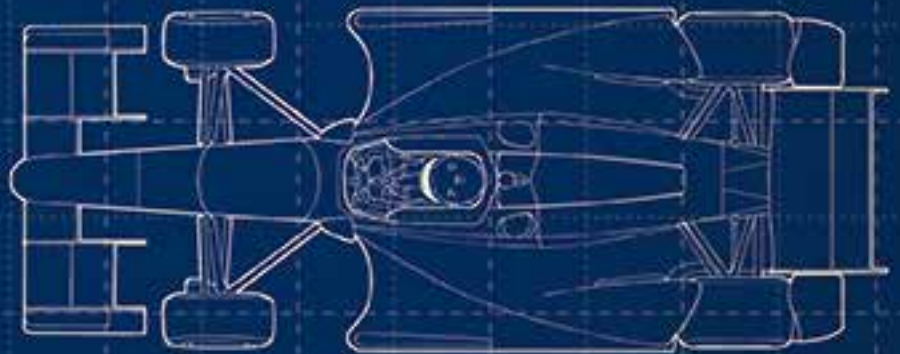
Andrew Luck, George Taliaferro, and Steve Downing



Rudy Jansen '61, Sue Fields-Lightsey, George Waning '59, Chuck Federle '65, Dr. Richard Phillips '63, Mike Noone '63, Mary Ellen Benedetto Phillips '63, and Alan Leighton '62 with beloved Coach Walt Fields in the center



Dr. Thomas and Becky Lapp



LIVE YOUR CALLING

By Amber Ferrari '15

Determining God's calling is a continuous process of prayer and life experiences. While everyone is called to explore their vocation, some receive a special calling to give their life to God completely through religious life or the priesthood.

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, M.S., M. Div. '70 and Fr. Tim Wyciskalla '10 received that special calling and now serve as priests in parishes in Central Indiana. While both started their vocational journey as undergraduates at Marian University, their paths to priesthood were very different.

Let their stories serve as a reminder that on the road to finding one's purpose, paths will differ.

Msgr. Joseph F. Schaedel, M.S., M. Div. '70

Msgr. Schaedel, an Indianapolis native, did not enter into the priesthood until he was 30. After graduating from Marian University (then Marian College), he spent 10 years as a teacher, principal, and part-time DJ on the radio. Now, with more than 30 years serving as a priest, Msgr. Schaedel reflects on his decision to enter the priesthood and his early years serving.

AF: Why did you decide to become a priest?

JS: When I turned 30, I thought, "What do I really want to do with my life moving forward?" I was enjoying life so much I hadn't decided on a definite career path. A couple of my friends asked "Have you ever thought of being a priest?" After that, I couldn't really get it off my mind. That's how it all came about. I prayed over it and came to the conclusion that is what God was calling me to do.

I contacted my pastor and he put me in touch with the vocation director of the archdiocese. To get into the seminary at that time, you had to have a number of philosophy/theology credits. Because I attended a Catholic and liberal arts college, my prerequisites were set and I was ready to go.

AF: How did people react when you told them you were discerning the priesthood?

JS: My family was very surprised and so were some of my friends, but not all of them. Several of them thought this would be a good fit for me based on the way I'd been living and my personality.

AF: What is your favorite Marian University memory?

JS: One of them would be the presence of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana. I had them as teachers in elementary school, then again at Marian University. I always had the impression at both schools that the sisters were happy people. I thought, "These women are well-adjusted, happy people." This is one of the things that helped me when adjusting to the priesthood.

AF: If you could give your seminarian-self one piece of advice, what would it be?

JS: "Providence never fails," which simply means that God knows what He is doing, even if things don't seem to be going your way...don't worry, God will take care of it.

AF: What do you find most rewarding about being a priest?

JS: The most rewarding thing about being a priest is being with people and families at critical times in their lives. Many of these are happy times: baptisms, First Communions, weddings, Confirmations, graduations. It's why spring is my favorite time of the year! I'd also include the wonderful holidays like Christmas and Easter. But then there are other sad times: illness, death, divorce, unemployment, and so forth. But being with families is "the best."



Fr. Tim Wyciskalla '10

Fr. Wyciskalla was raised on the south side of Indianapolis and ordained on June 7, 2014. At the one year anniversary of his ordination, we asked him to reflect on his experience at Marian University and about his first year in the priesthood.

AF: Why did you decide to become a priest?

TW: I had a reawakening in the faith when I was in high school and the idea of service to Christ was appealing to me. I was always attracted to the Mass and felt a certain amount of peace when I thought about it. The priesthood always felt like something God was calling me to.

AF: How did people react when you told them you were discerning the priesthood?

TW: People who knew me in high school were a bit surprised since I had a reconversion to the faith at that time, but I grew up on the south side of Indianapolis which was a pretty Catholic side of town. My parents thought it might be a phase, but they were supportive and wanted to make sure that I was doing what I felt like I needed to do.

AF: What do you find most rewarding about being a priest?

TW: I find sharing the presence of God through sacramental ministry to be the most rewarding part of being a priest. That includes the Mass, weddings, baptisms, confessions, etc. This is both what drew me to the priesthood in the first place and what gives me the most joy now.

AF: How did your faith formation at Marian University catapult you into the priesthood?

TW: My formation in the seminary: spiritually, pastorally, intellectually, and humanly was very intentional. Alongside being a Catholic student at a Catholic university with a vibrant faith life, the chapel was right there and easy to access. The university complemented the program at the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary beautifully.

AF: If you could give your seminarian-self one piece of advice, what would it be?

TW: Enjoy things while they are happening because college goes by in the blink of an eye. Take the opportunity to get involved in the university outside of the seminary as well. And stay connected while in college and after.

Left, top: Msgr. Schaedel with students at Saint Luke Catholic School, where he serves as pastor.

Left, middle: Msgr. Schaedel celebrates Mass at Saint Luke Catholic Church in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Left, bottom: Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin talks with Msgr. Schaedel.

Right, top: Fr. Wyciskalla assisting at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at St. Malachy Catholic School, where he serves as pastor.

Right, middle: Fr. Wyciskalla celebrates Mass at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Brownsburg, Indiana.

Right, bottom: Fr. Wyciskalla helps students raise the American flag.

Letter from the Director



Left: Steve Gutzwiller '69, Patti Cavanaugh '76, Nichole Ellis, and John Purcell '74 at the Rising to the Challenge, Creating Leaders Gala in October 2014.

Over the last year, in celebration of the *Year of the Alumni*, I have had the privilege to be a part of, attend, and engage with many of you at your workplaces, your company events, and at Marian University events. It has been an education in itself, being in the company of entrepreneurs, executives of unbelievably successful companies, venture capitalists, teachers shaping our future generations, those serving in the health and science fields, and the media.

I am regularly asked where I work and what I do. I find myself proudly saying that I represent one of the most dynamic, innovative, and forward-thinking organizations in the world, one that stands for, and advances, nearly every cause that is important to us as a society; one that ambitiously sets out to solve some of the world's most pressing problems. I tell people that my role is to serve as a broker of talent, ideas, and opportunities. And here at Marian University, we have those in abundance.

If you take just a few minutes to regularly keep up-to-date with the discoveries, ideas, and stories that originate from your university, I hope you are proud to see the good we are doing and the advances

we are making. As the director of alumni and donor relations, I serve you—our alumni—and the greater Knight family, including students, parents, and our broader community. We see ourselves as brokers between this dynamic university and the talent it has graduated. We try to keep you informed and deliver programs that showcase all of the exciting advances made here and the innovative work done by your fellow alumni. As we reach out, it has been enormously encouraging to see how our alumni have stepped up over the last year and are demonstrating their deep sense of pride and commitment to their alma mater and everything it stands for.

In light of this successful year, we are proud to announce bold and daring ideas to engage and inspire you. In full support of President Elsener's vision for a student-centered, research-focused, service-oriented private university, we are now, more than ever, committed to delivering imaginative, creative, engagement initiatives and big ideas that will ensure that you and your university remain world class.

But in a very real sense, it is you who protects that legacy and grows the reputation of our powerful institution. The president is showing us the way through his new initiatives, but it is up to you as alumni to go on building and refining what is recognized worldwide as a success story in modern higher education—Marian University, our own "Marian Miracle."

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events! Check them out on page 17.

Nichole Ellis
Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

Freshmen-Alumni Dinners Are Back!

The Office of Alumni Relations and the Office of First-Year Experience are bringing back a popular event: Freshmen-Alumni Dinners. Marian University alumni in the central Indiana area will have the opportunity to host freshmen students for dinner on Sunday, September 20, 2015. Students will eat a home-cooked meal, and alumni will have a chance to meet our newest students and show off their Marian University pride.

Kick off Homecoming Week by being a part of a great Marian University event! If you are interested in hosting a dinner or have questions, please contact Karen McNulty '12, assistant director of alumni relations, at kmcnulty2@marian.edu or 317.955.6210.

HOMECOMING 2015

SEPTEMBER 24-26 | JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FUN!

Thursday, September 24

Thirsty Thursday: Homecoming Edition, Bud's Tavern

Friday, September 25

Service Day

Saturday, September 26

Rosary, Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk

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

M-Club Hospitality Tent, St. Vincent Field

Homecoming Football Game vs. Missouri Baptist University
St. Vincent Field

Mass, Marian Hall, Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel

All-Alumni Reception, Alumni Hall

Reunion Dinners, various locations
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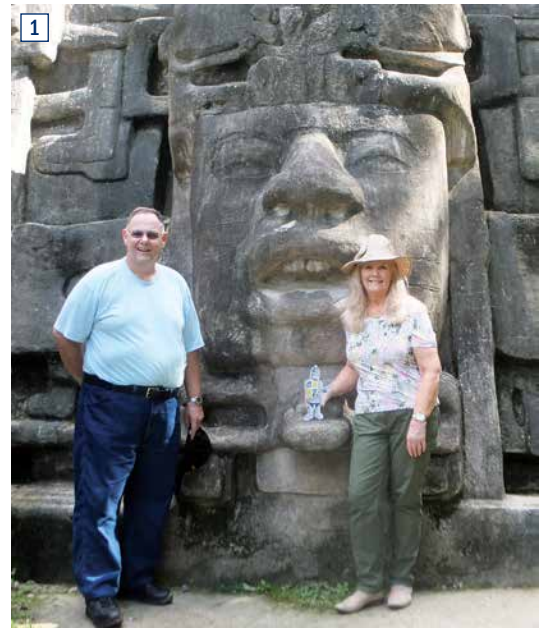
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1. Knightro and Bob and **Judy Mollaun Blacketer '66** visited the Lunmani Mayan Ruins in Belize.
2. Knightro accompanied **Dr. Bob Moseman '63**, Gaye Moseman, **Mary Ellen Benedetto Phillips '63**, and **Dr. Dick Phillips '63**, as they explored the Mayan ruins in Costa Maya, Mexico.
3. **Carrie Shelhart '10** added Knightro to her "new Marian home" at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.
4. **Judy Weingartner Haynes '71** and **Rudy Hartman Fasbinder '71** are with Knightro during a visit to Rudy's home in Vancouver, Washington.

5. **Elana '71** and **Michael Hohl '71** taught at Wuhan University in China for three weeks last summer. Elana's topic was education and Michael taught about diversity in America.
6. **Domoni Chatmon Rouse '73** (left) with Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin and Brenda Montgomery standing on the bank of the River Jordan in February 2015.
7. **Vic Herman '68** visiting the Grand Palace, Bangkok, Thailand.
8. **Martinlow '88** and **Elaine '91 Spaulding** at a rest stop in Georgia on their way to St. Petersburg, Florida.

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*.

1946

More than 20 alumnae (ranging from the Class of 1946 to the Class of 2010) and friends came together for a Women of Marian luncheon at the Clovernook Country Club in Cincinnati, Ohio on April 26, 2015.

Top, left to right: Carol Jennewein, Paula Fey O'Connor '77, Beatrice Loos Donnelly '50, Jen Waning '94, Maureen Baldock '69, Paige Durkee '95, Barbara Jansen '64, Sandi Ritter '66, Jay Patterson Horan '10, Donna Baumgartner '64, Colleen O'Connor '10, Diane Herbe '68, Anita Heidrich '60, and Irma Klett Sand '55.

Bottom, left to right: Ruth Bill Jennewein '47, Judy Sonderman '61, Sr. Gloria Gallagher '46, Mary Morin '51, Mary Ann Spalack, Trudy Lenhardt Saunders '56, Ruth Haas '59, and Judy Dilhoff Fey '46.



1947

Mary Louise Alter celebrated her 90th birthday on March 26, 2015.

1956

Sr. M. Dominica Doyle, OSF received the prestigious "Outstanding Volunteer of the Year" award for 2015 from the Oldenburg Academy of the Immaculate Conception. President of the academy, Diane H. Laake, told the *Greensburg Daily News*, "Her tenacious dedication to others, her religious community, and most importantly, to God make Sr. Dominica a role model to our young men and women at the academy and an inspiration for the rest of us."

1961

Chau Phan and **Jim Schott** cheered on the Knights at the 2014 NAIA National Football Championship in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Right: Chau Phan '61, President Daniel J. Elsener, and Jim Schott '61.

1964

Jean Stumpp Gumm moved from the snowy Chicago area to live in Katy, Texas, where she says, "It is warm and, even better, is the home of our two adorable granddaughters."

1966

Rosario Guaman lives in La Paz, Bolivia. She writes, "I have used my English and biology knowledge during all of my working life. I worked 20 years at the Central Bank of Bolivia in the international department, translating confidential documents into Spanish and vice versa. My wish is to get in touch with my classmates from the Class of 1966. Hope to be in touch with you all in the future!"

Fran Walker Lichtenberg and her husband Dale Lichtenberg received the St. Augustine Medal recognizing their devoted service to Our Lady of Assumption Parish in the Diocese of Bridgeport in Connecticut. They are also members of the Southern Connecticut Science & Engineering Foundation and are heavily involved in organizing the fair every year.

1968

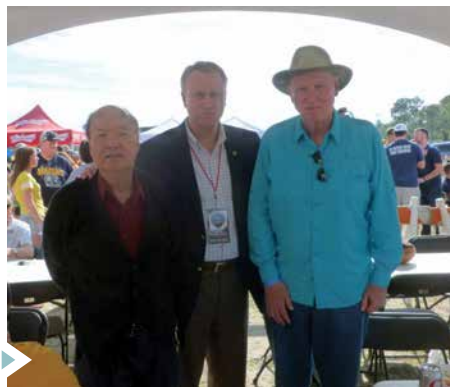
Mike Hill represents Marian University with his bike, writing to the Office of Alumni Relations, "Which way to the velodrome?"

Right: Mike Hill '68.

1969

Jack Altenburger retired as diocesan superintendent of the Diocese of Toledo.

Christine Williams Rienecker and **Carole Williams '70** (sisters) are novice/lay Franciscan ministers in the Missionaries of the Immaculate Mediatrix (MIM). They are in formation with the



Franciscan Friars of the Immaculate at Mother of the Redeemer Retreat Center in Bloomington, Indiana.

1970

Kevin McAnarney writes, "With a varied and extensive background in entertainment public relations/publicity, management, casting, box office, and administration, I have been associated with a wide variety of distinguished clients and events in New York City and nationally: concerts on Broadway, international dance attractions, and special events at many venues in NYC. I am in my 13th season as a Tony Awards voter, as well as my 18th year as an elected member of the Board of Governors of the Association of Theatrical Press Agents and Managers (ATPAM)."



After more than 40 years as a copywriter and broadcast producer, **Carole Williams** is now working on her master of science degree in strategic communication through the Purdue University Brian Lamb School of Communication. In addition to graduate school, she is also working three part-time jobs as a freelance writer/editor/proofreader, food and nutrition programs for Marion County through Purdue Extension, and as a direct service provider for Huser SpecialCare.

1971

On December 23, 2014, **Cynthia Weisse Steinmetz** retired from the University of Indianapolis after 33 years of working in their information systems department. She writes, "I am looking forward to volunteering, relaxing, and maybe a bit of travel, too."

1973

John Felter has completed 22 years working at FedEx Express after working five years in sales and 10 years at *The Indianapolis News*. He writes, "I am looking forward to retirement in the near future, grandchildren, ancestry research, writing, and a little traveling."

Sr. Noella Poinsette's, OSF photography was featured in MoonTree Studios exhibit, "Our Brothers and Sisters South of La Frontera." A lifelong artist, Sr. Noella told *The Pilot News*, "My camera has allowed me to see what I would otherwise blindly pass by. It's been a way of calling me into a greater appreciation of nature, calling me to a quiet that is prayer; a silence in which I'm attuned to my spirit, the God within and around me."

1975

Tom Cebulko, CPA and member of AICPA, has worked for Kroger for more than 41 years and earned the 2014 Kroger President's Award for exceptional employee service to the company.

Happy fifth anniversary to **Kathy Fox** and **David McClure!**

Anniversary celebration for Kathy Fox '75 and David McClure '75.



1976

Becky Kawiecki sported a Marian University sweatshirt while visiting her daughter in Colorado.

Becky Kawiecki '76 (right) and her daughter.



1984

Maureen Cook Pinnick writes, "My husband Mike and I have recently become small business owners. Along with our regular jobs, we own and run Dog Guard of Central Indiana. Never in our wildest dreams could we have imagined the wonderful people and their four-legged friends we've met while putting in our fence system. I'd certainly love to reconnect with Marian University alumni. So, if anyone needs a customized in-ground fence to keep their pet safe, look us up on Facebook. We'd love to hear from you!"

1985

Joseph Fey married Evelyn Diaz of Port Orange, Florida on February 14, 2015 at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in St. Cloud, Florida.

1986

Brad Shaw was appointed managing member (managing partner) of Blue & Co., LLC. The directors voted unanimously to elect Brad to this position, where his top priorities include: strategic direction for the firm, partner accountability, and mergers and acquisitions oversight.

1991

Luanne (Annie) Smith moved from Indiana to the beaches of South Walton, Florida in May 2014 with her daughter Madeline and husband Chad.

1993

Matthew Laker is among 100 of Indiana's most gifted K-12 educators awarded the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship in 2015. Laker teaches at Franklin Township Middle School East. His fellowship will allow him to hone his birding and mountain biking skills in Brown County State Park and Hoosier National Forest. He will also travel to the Bahamas to study and observe birds, mountain bike, and kayak.

1995

For the first time since graduating, **Wendy Brown** performed onstage this April at D'Alto Studio of Performing Arts in *Jekyll & Hide: The Musical* and in May at the Evansville Civic Theatre in *Dearly Departed*.

Elizabeth (Lisa) Laker is among 100 of Indiana's most gifted K-12 educators awarded the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship in 2015. Laker teaches at Whiteland Elementary School. Her fellowship will allow her

to study art, traditions, and storytelling of Native Americans in Oregon, Washington, Alaska, and Arizona.

Hope McKune has been a writer for five years. She founded her own publishing company and has just published her first collection of poetry. She also has an online blog with readership in more than 70 countries.

1997

Neil Clayton was recently promoted to global director of quality at Grote Industries in Madison, Indiana. Clayton and his wife, **Jennifer Beck Clayton '98**, have two wonderful daughters, Avery (eight) and Finley (three).

On July 28, 2014, **Dawn Meyer Denny**, her husband Daran, their son Kelby, and the family pets (Skye Baloo and Caspurr) headed out of Indiana for a new chapter in their lives in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Matthew Nirrengarten was recently promoted to senior clinical sales representative at Intuitive Surgical.

1998

Declan Doyle has been promoted to brand manager with Zipp Speed Weaponry, which serves a select group of elite companies and athletes, globally located and committed to bicycle and wheelchair competition. Doyle joined the company in 2010 as a graphic designer.

Seymour Mayor **Craig Luedeman** will seek re-election in November with plans to focus on making the city a better place to live. He was first elected mayor in 2007.

Ryan Rokicki, director of the library of the Working Men's Institute (WMI) in New Harmony, Indiana, is leading a group of volunteers in reorganizing and inventorying the institute's archive of historical collections. The oldest publication in WMI's rare book collection dates back to 1538.

Patrick Thurston began working for Drees & Associates Tax Group, bringing with him 17 years of experience in public accounting, tax preparation, and the banking industry.

2000

Amy Wilson received the Saint Theodora Guérin Excellence in Education Award, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis' highest honor for an educator. The care, compassion, and

hope Wilson has for her students and her total commitment to education earned her the award.

2001

Doug Meyer and his wife Cortney founded Giving Hearts a Hand in 2011. The nonprofit organization funds cardiac screenings for teenage athletes that could potentially save lives. Doug himself was diagnosed with a heart abnormality as a teenager and wants to make a difference by providing free screenings and trying to make sure heart conditions do not go dangerously undiagnosed. They have funded more than 600 screenings for student-athletes.

2002

Anne and **Eric Cameron** now have two children and have been married more than 10 years, after meeting at Marian University in 1998.

2003

In March, Zionsville author **Brett Wiscons** published *Turn Three*, the third Bear Whitman adventure. The 136-page mystery tells the tale of a racecar driver who suffers a fatal crash during a practice run of the Indy 500. The book can be purchased on Amazon or at www.BrettWiscons.com.

2004

Chris Johnson was promoted to president of JA Benefits LLC and assumed the role on January 1, 2015.

2005

Megan Dean Smith welcomed Harper Diane Smith on May 25, 2014.

2007

Maria Elsener-Mayer and Tim Mayer welcomed Elizabeth Marjorie on November 28, 2014. Elizabeth was greeted enthusiastically by her siblings Oliver, Julia, and William.

William, Julia, Oliver, and Elizabeth Mayer.



2008

Sam DiFilippo, development officer with Rugby Indiana, was a winner of the Greater Fort Wayne Business Weekly's sixth annual Forty Under 40 awards.

Staci Striegel-Stikeleather married Rev. Donald Stikeleather, M.Div. on June 14, 2014. **Donna Proctor**, assistant professor of theology, was a reader in the wedding and **Aaron Thomas** was in the wedding party.

Staci Striegel-Stikeleather '08 and Rev. Donald Stikeleather, M.Div.



2009

Jennifer Souvannavong Lo remarried on June 21, 2014. She is stationed onboard on United States Naval Ship Comfort (T-AH 20), a military sealift command vessel, where she is a part of the Military Treatment Facility Comfort (United States Navy). She will be stopping in multiple countries over a six-month period that began in April 2015 as a part of "Continuing Promise."

2010

Carpe Diem Meridian, a tuition-free, blending learning secondary school serving grades 6-12, has named **LaNier Echols** interim principal. She has served as dean of students for the past three years.

Amy Lupinsky was named marketing manager for Franciscan St. Francis Health. A long-time member of the hospital's marketing and community relations department, she manages marketing plans and programs for several service lines, including palliative care, hospice, behavioral health, Franciscan Insurance Services, Senior Promise, and Franciscan Alliance St. Francis Health Foundation.

Matthew Rogers was promoted to finance manager at Toyota Material Handling U.S.A., Inc. in April.

The Marian Connection: An Update

By John Purcell '74

In the last edition of the *Marian University Magazine* we introduced you to The Marian Connection (sponsored by the Marian University Alumni Association), developed on the premise that "learning doesn't end when you walk across the stage."

Marian University is full of learning opportunities for not only students, but alumni and friends as well. The focus of The Marian Connection is to encourage alumni to explore the wide range of learning and entertainment activities that exist through the university. This past winter and spring, The Marian Connection featured three events: a singer/songwriter workshop with alumni Brett Wiscons '03 and Jeremy Vogt '93, a LinkedIn workshop hosted by The Exchange, and The Marian Undergraduate Conference on Academic Research and Excellence in Scholarship (MUCARES) sponsored by the School of Liberal Arts. These three learning opportunities were just a sampling of the many activities occurring on campus.

Already the fall calendar is filling up with exciting learning opportunities (see page 17). The Global Studies Speaker Series will once again bring dynamic and thought-provoking speakers to campus. In November, the fifth annual Neuroscience of Education Symposium (through the School of Education and Exercise Science) will take place on November 7 and the day before—November 6—the psychology department will hold the first day-long conference, Showcasing Psychological Science and Pedagogy. The departments of theatre and music will also host fantastic entertainment opportunities. And next year, The Exchange will again host a LinkedIn workshop, allowing opportunities to brush up your social networking skills.

These are only a few of the items that provide learning opportunities for all alumni and friends. Come grow with us, because "learning doesn't end when you walk across the stage." Visit www.marian.edu/events for up-to-date information including location, date, and time.

If you want to learn more or become involved in The Marian Connection, contact John Purcell '74 (purcelljj@gmail.com), Chris Everett '73 (chris@tkgresearch.com), or Steve Gutzwiller '69 (psgutzwiller@sbcglobal.net).

Class Notes

2011

Jessy Kirkwood and Kristopher Kaufman got engaged on October 4, 2014 on a riverbank in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Jessy Kirkwood '11 and Kristopher Kaufman.



Jessica White McDowell married **Reid McDowell** on September 13, 2014.

Marianne Elizabeth Van Scyoc married Austin Van Scyoc on October 24, 2014 at St. Louis de Montfront Catholic Church in Fishers, Indiana. They are planning a move to San Antonio, Texas for Austin's job with FedEx Freight in San Antonio. After two years working as a nurse at Community East Hospital in renal oncology, Marianne is in the process of searching for a nursing position in San Antonio.

2012

Ashley Hensley married Tyler Hensley on August 23, 2014.

BreAnna Nunez moved to Knoxville, Tennessee for a new job with Varsity All Star. She writes, "Knoxville is a warm and friendly place. Meeting new people and enjoying the weather and sites!"

Clair Purtell is among 100 of Indiana's most gifted K-12 educators awarded the Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship in 2015. Purtell teaches at Zionsville Community High School. Her fellowship project, "Setting My Intention: Earning My 200-Hour Yoga Teacher Training" will have her studying at the Nasara Yoga Institute in Costa Rica.

In March, **KC Woods** was hired as head varsity football coach at Clinton Prairie High School.

2013

Sarah Herschnell is now the event sales coordinator for Ramada Hotel and Conference Center in Williamsburg, Virginia.

Erin Mott Johnson married Greg Johnson on October 4, 2014 at St. Susanna Catholic Church in Mason, Ohio. **James Brockmeier**

served at the Mass and many other Marian University alumni were in attendance.

2014

Ciera Hughes Dickerson married **Evan Dickerson** on July 18, 2014. **Kassy Sprinkle, Allie Foley, Elsianna Crosby, and Alicia Simpson** were bridesmaids at the wedding.

Derelle Hankins is a varsity coach at Pike High School for football and track and field.

Crystal Kalogris was accepted to Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine for the incoming Fall 2015 semester.

Matt Duncan is attending Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law.

Mary Eck Long is pursuing her master's degree in nursing education at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona.

2015

Ryan Hodell joined Sponsel CPA Group as a staff accountant in the tax department.

In Memoriam

- Joan Marie Vondersaar '49**—March 8, 2015
- Corinne Martin Milburn '50**—July 18, 2014
- Virginia Helen Nordmeyer Graneto '50**—May 3, 2015
- Josephine Ann Wesling '56**—October 26, 2014
- Lawrence R. Kyle '59**—December 28, 2014
- Richard (Dick) Simko '60**—November 24, 2014
- Louis G. Firsich '61**—March 1, 2015
- EmCele Masbaum '64**—December 2014
- Patricia Eileen Gallagher '69**—January 26, 2015
- Carol Ann Trexler '72**—December 6, 2014
- Darbie Lynne Hunter '03**—November 14, 2014
- Steve Anderson**, Marian University Office of Campus Operations employee—October 10, 2014
- Doug Curran**, Department of Information Technology employee—May 8, 2015

Bill Curran Will Forever Be a Knight

William H. (Bill) Curran passed away on June 16, 2015. Curran served as chief financial officer of Marian University from 2001 to 2009, during the university's time of deepest financial trouble.

In a message to the Marian University community, President Elsener expressed sadness for the loss of a dear friend and gratitude for Curran's time serving the university, saying "I can't imagine how we would have made it through that most challenging time without Bill's keen financial and managing talents. Beyond his investment skill and knowledge, Bill was a person of integrity. Simply stated, our mighty and major financial renewal would not have been possible without him—Bill will forever be a Marian University Knight!"

Curran worked for and retired from Ice Miller, but came out of retirement to help guide Marian University as it revamped its finance and business operations. Curran was recognized as one of the non-profit CFOs of the year by *Indianapolis Business Journal* in 2008.

"I will be forever grateful for Bill's generous and expert service," said Marian University president Daniel J. Elsener.

Family and friends celebrated Curran's life at St. Luke Catholic Church on Friday, June 19.



The Exchange: Creating *Experience that Matters*

By Ellen Whitt, J.D.

THE EXCHANGE

EXPERIENCE THAT MATTERS

My “freshman” year on the Marian University campus is drawing to a close. I joined The Exchange team last summer as executive director. In the intervening months, I have periodically thought about my own undergraduate experience decades ago at another small, liberal arts, Midwestern school. Like so many of our young people at Marian University, I was a student-athlete balancing academics and co-curricular activities. I was fortunate, as our students are, to have faculty and staff who cared deeply about my development. I also had an extraordinary internship experience that brought my coursework to life and ultimately led to graduate study and a fulfilling career in public service.

My story is similar in many respects, but differs in some, to those of my colleagues in The Exchange. One team member is the mother of a current Marian University senior and is completing her own degree as part of Marian’s Adult Programs (MAP). Two others are Marian University alumni—one graduated from the Byrum School of Business and one from the School of Liberal Arts, where they studied with professors who were invested in their success, and had internships that paved the way to full-time employment. Both are in the final stages of earning master’s degrees. Collectively we have worked in a variety of other settings—not-for-profit agencies, large corporations, parochial schools, various levels of government, and other institutions of higher learning—and consequently have a wealth of “real-world” experience and connections to share with our students.

We greet students in The Exchange from their first day on campus and seek to assist them on an ongoing basis throughout their four years at the university. Ideally, they will learn about our resources when they visit as prospective students, they will hear from us again in their First-Year Seminar, and continue to encounter us through sponsored events like the Etiquette Dinner and Networking Knights. They will have a chance to take assessments, to conduct informational interviews both on and off campus, to engage in community service, perhaps to study abroad, and to intern locally or elsewhere—all as a part of learning where their gifts and talents can best be applied to make a positive difference in the world.

Our work in The Exchange centers on promoting *Experience that Matters*, connecting students to experiential learning opportunities of all types (internships, applied research, special projects) to help them hone their communication, problem-solving, team-building, and leadership skills. These are the skills that study after study, and many conversations with employers, point to as vitally needed in today’s workplace. By focusing on development in these key areas and on effectively translating their own activities and achievements that demonstrate these abilities, our students are well-positioned to advance their professional goals.

Marian University students are fortunate to be attending school in the heart of Indianapolis, where opportunities abound to connect with the larger community from their freshman year forward. Indy boasts world-class museums and attractions; national sports organizations; corporate headquarters; local, state, and federal governmental entities; leading health care facilities and biotechnology; innovative opportunities in education; a multiplicity of not-for-profit agencies; and a vibrant entrepreneurial sector.

There are Marian University alumni associated with many of these organizations who host interns, participate in career-related programming, and actively recruit graduates for full-time employment.

With a generous grant from Lilly Endowment Inc., we have been able to increase The Exchange staff and operating budget in the past year, allowing us to provide more individualized attention along with new and more frequent programming. Currently, we are creating an enhanced website to act as a “clearinghouse” for students to access myriad resources available to them for self-discovery, career exploration and planning, and identification of post-graduate job opportunities or continued study. The site also allows employers to link directly to these students. Alumni who may be contemplating a career change themselves should know that we welcome their use of both our online resources and in-person career counseling.

The Lilly grant also funded design and construction of cutting-edge office space centrally located on the first floor of the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library, with adaptable furnishings and technology to facilitate many different important uses. It has quickly become the hub of activity that we envisioned, with dozens of classes, student groups, community-focused initiatives, alumni, and employers utilizing it for various career-focused purposes.

Marian University students have parlayed the resources and opportunities made available to them into transformative work and service experiences. The pages of this publication are filled with personal stories reflecting the many meaningful paths our students and soon-to-be graduates have chosen to pursue. The Exchange exists to help them bridge this connection.

What a distinct privilege it is for me to be a part of The Exchange. My position puts me squarely at the center of campus and community life. Each day, I am inspired by the talented young people who make up our student body and by the committed faculty and staff who make the student experience here so special. As a “rising sophomore” I see no “slump” in sight—only big plans for working together to help every student gain *Experience that Matters* in their own educational journey and for the community at large.

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