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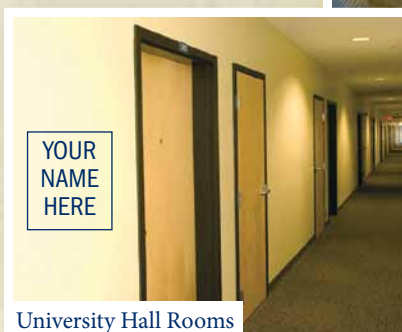
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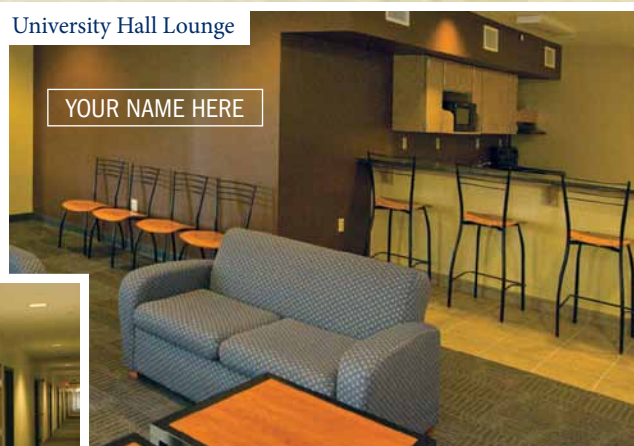
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Photo by Dale Bernstein

Daniel J. Elsener recently celebrated 10 years of service as president of Marian University. During his leadership enrollment has nearly doubled, endowment has increased six-fold, and partnerships have been forged with new organizations and generous stewards.

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Greetings from Marian University!

When I began my service to Marian University as president a decade ago, I was very excited about the opportunity to serve at this great institution. There was, and still is, a committed faculty and staff that is dedicated to providing our students with a liberal arts education that is distinctly Catholic. After attracting many business, educational, and community leaders to an emerging vision of building a great Catholic university, we became Marian University on July 1, 2009.

We made another great in step in our journey by announcing on January 15, 2010, that we will build a much-needed medical school, Indiana's first new medical school in 104 years. This history-making project puts a 6,000 horsepower locomotive in front of our plans, pulling all aspects of the Marian University community forward. The support we've received from hospitals, healthcare organizations, doctors and nurses, and our many dedicated Knight alumni has been encouraging and truly amazing.

We are energized by the support and called by our Catholic faith to shape our curriculum, campus life experiences, and strategic plans around our vision to profoundly transform lives, society, and the world. Because we have reaffirmed our commitment to be a faith-based organization, the full range of possibilities is limitless. Our rich Franciscan tradition continues to inform and enrich our work and propel us forward in our efforts.

Moving forward, Marian University will continue to foster partnerships with stewards who share our passion to transform lives, society, and the world. Generous stewards like Clark H. Byrum and Michael A. Evans are magnificent examples of individuals who share our passion. To honor their great acts of stewardship, Marian University has renamed the School of Business the Clark H. Byrum School of Business, and named the new building that will house the College of Osteopathic Medicine and School of Nursing the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences.

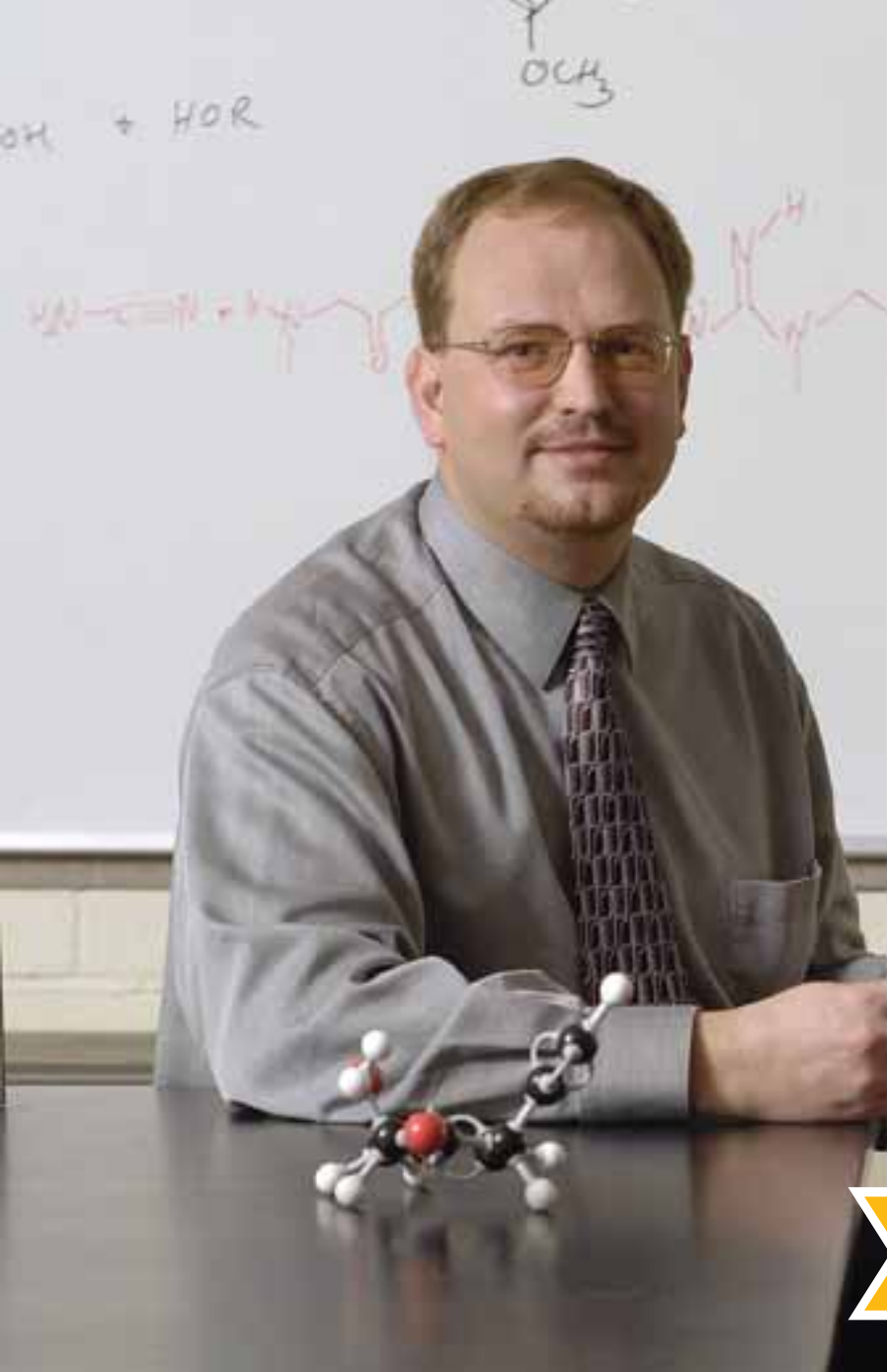
The Evans Center will allow future doctors and nurses the opportunity to train together and provide research opportunities for faculty and undergraduate students from all areas of campus. It will also provide Marian University with the facilities needed to recruit the best and brightest students and faculty who share our passion for a faith-based liberal arts education that transforms individuals in and around our community.

Together we are on a journey that will place Marian University among the great Catholic universities in this country. As always, thank you for your prayers and the investments you make to advance the mission of this great institution. Your generosity continues the Sisters of St. Francis' loving spirit of service to God's people and provides the resources to see that the Marian University community continues to grow. Enjoy this exciting issue of the *Marian University Magazine*.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature of Daniel J. Elsener in dark ink.

Daniel J. Elsener
President



Dr. Carl Lecher

**Assistant Professor of Chemistry
Bachelor of Science in Biology
and Chemistry, 1997**

Marian University chemistry professor Dr. Carl Lecher is preparing students to address tomorrow's challenges with environmentally friendly chemistry. Lecher founded and directs the Institute for Green and Sustainable Science (IGSS) at Marian University, which is a research, education, and outreach center engaging in the study of sustainability issues, particularly in ecology, green chemistry, and energy science.

In the classroom, Lecher interlinks student research with Indiana's first comprehensive green chemistry laboratory curriculum in the development of green and sustainable practices.

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- **Mary McNulty Young '47 Opportunities for Excellence Scholarship** - \$7,500 annually

Those who invest in a scholarship will be invited to the 18th annual Mary McNulty Young '47 Opportunities for Excellence Scholarship Celebration and Dinner on October 13, 2011. For more information, contact John Finke, vice president for institutional advancement, at jfinke@marian.edu or 317.955.6202.

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In October 2009, Marian University received a \$5 million gift for scholarships. The donor received an education from a Catholic university and understands firsthand the distinctive nature of our great teaching and learning environment. The donor requested that the gift be used as a match for scholarships to benefit our students. It is the donor's wish, and our belief, that this act of generosity will inspire others to make scholarship gifts, resulting in a \$10 million investment in our students.

A minimum gift of \$7,500 is required to establish a Mary McNulty Young '47 Opportunities for Excellence Scholarship and receive the anonymous donor's match. This represents an excellent opportunity for investors to support Catholic higher education at Marian University and create a benefit that will impact students' lives right now. For more information, contact Robert Hoy at rhoy@marian.edu or 317.955.6205.

Marian University Faculty Scholarship 2010-11

by Dr. Faye Plascak-Craig

This special section of the *Marian University Magazine* is presented to familiarize the Marian University community with the scholarly work of its faculty over the last year. This year, we are featuring Dr. Pierre Atlas, Dr. Roderick M. Macrae, and Dr. Kevin Schemenauer.



Pierre Atlas, Ph.D.

*Associate professor of political science
Director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center
for Global Studies*

Dr. Pierre Atlas has been a member of the Marian University faculty for 11 years. He earned a doctorate at Rutgers University and teaches courses in American politics, American foreign relations, global studies, Middle East politics, and ethnic conflicts. Atlas is the founder and director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies, an associate fellow at the Sagamore Institute, and writes a monthly opinion column for *The Indianapolis Star*. He has also been instrumental in securing presentations from nationally and internationally known experts on global issues for the center's annual speaker series.

He presented the paper "Utilizing international relations in the teaching of Global Studies: Seeking complementarity not conflict" at the Global Studies Association Conference at the University of Oxford's Merton College; he presented "Internationalizing the curriculum via an interdisciplinary Global Studies Program: Global Studies at Marian University" at the American Political Science Association's Conference on Teaching and Learning. Atlas was an invited guest lecturer at the Zhejiang University's College of Public Administration, where he presented "The 'Arab Spring' and United States policy in the Middle East." He represented the Sagamore Institute at a meeting with the Zhejiang Academy for Social Sciences, a Chinese government think tank.

Locally, Atlas is a frequent speaker on Middle East politics, United States foreign policy, and other international topics. In spring 2011, he reviewed L. Stein's "The Making of Modern Israel: 1948-1967" for *Israel Studies Review*, and was a peer reviewer of "The civil roots of military domination in Zimbabwe" for the British journal *Civil Wars*.

Roderick M. Macrae, Ph.D.

Associate professor of chemistry

Dr. Rod Macrae joined Marian University in 2002. He earned a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the University of Glasgow in Scotland. He has been instrumental in directing laboratory upgrades, developing the chemistry curriculum, and teaching many different courses in the chemistry curriculum. His research interests focus on spectroscopy and theoretical chemistry.

Macrae's research activities make use of national and international facilities. His experimental project entitled "Muon states in nanostructured carbon materials" (a collaborative project on new carbon-based catalytic materials synthesized at the University of York in the United Kingdom) received beam time at the Japan Proton Accelerator Research Center (J-PARC). His computational work on the project entitled "Hydrogen atom isotopes in complex materials" has been supported for the past three years by the Teragrid/Xsede national high-performance computational infrastructure.

Among his 40-plus peer-reviewed publications, recent work includes "Muoniated radical states in the group 16 Elements: Computational studies" published in *Physica B* and "Hydrogen and deuterium atoms in silsesquioxanes: Experimental and theoretical studies" with Michael Päch and Ian Carmichael published in the *Journal of the American Chemical Society*. Recent conference presentations include "Diamonds made of graphite: Calculations on novel high-symmetry carbon cages" and "Hydrogen atom isotope dynamics and hyperfine interactions in analogues of all-silicon zeolite cages: Density functional theory studies" at the 2010 and 2011 Central Regional Meetings of the American Chemical Society.

In 2010, he completed a three-year rotation as a member of the Facility Access Panel at the ISIS pulsed neutron and muon source at Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in the United Kingdom.

He is an enthusiastic supporter of undergraduate research, and recently made joint presentations on "Structural motifs in carbon cages and clusters: Insights from C₂₄" and "Photoinduced reaction between Eosin Y and DODCI: a model for the photodynamic effect" with Marian University students. Additionally he directs student research each summer as part of Marian University's Institute for Green and Sustainable Science (IGSS) summer program, leading to seven student presentations at the IGSS symposia in 2009-11.





Kevin Schemenauer, Ph.D.

Assistant professor of theology

Dr. Kevin Schemenauer has been a faculty member in the Department of Theology and Philosophy for three years, and is a former faculty member of The Catholic University of America, where he also received his Ph.D. in moral theology and ethics. His research interests are the sacrament of marriage, sexual ethics, action description, virtue ethics, the role of communalities in moral formation, and Catholic social teaching.

His book *Conjugal Love and Procreation* was published by Rowan and Littlefield in June 2011. He presented his paper on Holdebrand entitled "Intention and Superabundance" at the International Dietrich von Hildebrand Conference in Rome, Italy. Schemenauer has also made presentations at St. Joan of Arc Parish, St. Joan of Arc Community Gardens, St. Mary Parish, and developed a course at Marian University entitled "Fundamental Catholic Moral Theology." In September 2011, he attended the "Intellectual Tasks of the New Evangelization Conference hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Committee on Doctrine. He has a work in progress on the object of human action.

CLARK H. BYRUM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

James Polito, Ph.D.

Assistant professor of economics

Presentations: Workshop and two-day training session on statistics and the evaluation, measurement, and verification of utility sponsored energy-efficiency and demand-management programs; workshop and training session on the use of computer modeling to estimate the cost-effectiveness of utility sponsored energy-efficiency, and demand-management programs.

Consulting: Provided services to the Indiana Office of Utility Consumer Counselor in Cause No. 43938 before the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

Lori Rumreich, M.B.A.

Assistant professor of marketing

Presentation: Coached the team of student presenters to a third place finish in the American Advertising Federation's (AAF) National Student Advertising Competition.

Andrew M. Smith, M.B.A.

Associate professor of business and information systems

New Pedagogy: Beta tester for Microsoft Windows 7 and Office 2010.

William A. Foley Jr., Ph.D.

Adjunct professor in Marian's Adult Programs

Publication: Developed a simulation for Indiana University professors Shawn Boyne and Jim White for the WFYI TV 20 documentary "Tough Decisions: Defending the Homeland."*

*Emmy Award winner in Public/Current/Community Affairs in June 2011.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Susan Beesley, Ph.D.

Professor and director of elementary education

Presentations: Substitute teaching workshop at Marian University in October 2010; "Playing Together to Close the Achievement Gap" at the National Summer Learning Association's Summer Changes Everything National Conference; "Measuring Up with Multiple Intelligences," "Science Processes," and "Making Math Meaningful" at the Kaleidoscope Community Center; "Family Fun and Math Strategies" at the Holy Family Home Educators Conference; Family Math Nights to four area elementary schools; Family Science Nights to five area elementary schools.

Lori DeSautels, Ph.D.

Instructor and university supervisor

Presentation: Video seminar entitled "Brain-based teaching methods" for the organization Inside the School.

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

Department of Visual Arts

William Foley

Assistant professor of photography

Artistic Works: Two large prints from "corrupted file series" were hung in the Fisher Hall Gallery.

Presentations: "The Will Counts Memorial Photojournalism Lecture" at the Buskirk Chumley Theatre to celebrate the Indiana University School of Journalism opening centennial celebration; slide show and discussion about the Middle East and current events in Egypt, Libya, and Saudi Arabia at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church; photography boot camp at Marian University's summer science camp; slide shows on photography and the Middle East at three Indianapolis Public Library branches; slide show and lecture/discussion to architects at BSA LifeStructures in Indianapolis; "Somewhere between Anarchy and Art" a series of photographs of Dubai, Beirut, Paris, and other cities, at the University of Minnesota, Institute for Advanced Studies in 2009.

Publications: Photographs published in the Indiana University School of Journalism's *Newswire Magazine*; work to be published in *Best of College Photography 2010* and *Best of College Photography 2011*, published by Photographer's Forum.

Jamie Higgs, Ph.D.

Chair of the Department of Visual Arts

Associate professor of art and art history

Conferences: Lectures at the Benedictine Inn and Conference Center on the St. John's Bible entitled "Medieval manuscripts: The power of the page" and "Woman talk: Life lessons for women by women."

Publications: "Some Observations on Visigothic Architecture and its Influence on the British Isles" was published in *The Journal of Empire Studies* on August 21, 2010.

Jenny Pauckner, M.F.A.

Assistant professor of art history

Artistic Works: "It is so and it was so" presented in London International Creative Competition.

Publication: Photographs of the Haiti Cheri international exhibit in *Treblement Terre: Art from the Earthquake, Jacmel Haiti*.

Megan Wright, M.F.A.

Associate professor of art

Artistic Works: Exhibit at Danville Gallery Invitational.

Department of English and Communication

Diane Prenatt, Ph.D.

Professor of English

Publications: "From St. Joan to Madam Joubert: Pilgrimage and Ethnic Memory" in *Cather Studies* 8; "Art and the Commercial Object as Ekphrastic Subjects in The Song of the Lark" and "The Professor's House" in *Cather Studies* 9.

Conferences: Panelist at 2011 Willa Cather Spring Conference; sponsored four student presentations at the 2011 University of St. Francis-Joliet English Conference.

Department of History and Social Science

Johnny Goldfinger, Ph.D.

Assistant professor of political science

Publications: "Chapter 1: Political Engagement and the Political Engagement Project" in *Educating Students for Political Engagement: A Guide to Implementation and Assessment for Colleges and Universities* published by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities in 2010 and "Modern Liberalism, Conservatism, and Libertarianism" in *21st Century Political Science: A Reference Handbook* published by SAGE Publications, Inc.

Raymond J. Haberski Jr., Ph.D.

Chairman of the Department of History and Social Science

Associate professor of history

Publication: *God and War: American Civil Religion since 1945* published by Rutgers University Press and an upcoming book entitled *Evangelization to the Heart: Media and Messages*.

Marcello Hoffman, Ph.D.

Assistant professor of political science

Publications: A chapter entitled "Disciplinary Power" in *Foucault: Key Concepts* and an essay entitled "Democracy and its Problems" in the journal *TELOS*.

Bill Mirola, Ph.D.

Associate professor of sociology

Publication: *Sociology of Religion: A Reader* published by Allyn and Bacon Publishers Inc.

Reviews: *The New Blackwell Companion to the Sociology of Religion* edited by Bryan S. Turner, *Sociology of Religion* 72(2):238-239 in 2010; *Ranking Faiths: Religious Stratification in America* by James D. Davidson and Ralph E. Pyle; *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 50(2): 424-425 in 2011; *Journal of Social Thought and Research, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* in 2011.

Presentations: "Creating an 'Alliance'" at Marian University: Building a LGBT-student group in a Catholic University Context" at Expanding the Circle: LGBTQ issues in Higher Education in San Francisco and "Religion and Movements for Human Rights and Equality" at the American Sociological Association Meeting in Atlanta.

Department of Music

Philip Kern, M.F.A.

Associate professor of music

Publication: "Silent Night, Holy Night" solo piano collection published by Hal Leonard Publishing; choral arrangement of "Glory Hallelujah to the Newborn King" published by Hal Leonard Publishing; vocal a cappella arrangement of "Lucy and Linus" published by J.W. Pepper Distributor.

James Lerner, M.M., Ph.D.

Chairman of the Department of Music

Professor of music

Presentation: "Progress and Transformations: Robots and Replicants in *R.U.R.* and *Blade Runner*" at the Humanities Education and Research Association Conference in San Francisco.

Steven Rickards, Ph.D.

Private lesson instructor

Artistic Performance: Countertenor in the San Francisco Symphony performance of the oratorio "El Nino."

Department of Psychology

Laurel Camp, Ph.D.

Professor of psychology

Publication: "The Relationship between Family Functioning, Ego Identity, and Self Esteem in Young Adults" in *Psi Chi Journal of Undergraduate Research*, 15(4), 179-185, with **Jenny (Cline) Schumacher '07** in winter 2010.

Presentation: Sponsored the student presentation "The Impact of Gender and Induced Mood State on Food Preference" by Isabel Carrero and Mallory Wolfe at the 2011 Butler Undergraduate Research Conference.

Reviews: 25 submissions for the Psi Chi program of the 2011 Midwestern Psychological Association Annual Meeting; *Research Methods* published by Worth Publishers.

Faye Plascak-Craig, Ph.D.

Chairwoman of the Department of Psychology

Professor of psychology

Presentation: Workshop and two-day training session on statistics and the evaluation, measurement, and verification of utility sponsored energy-efficiency and demand-management programs for Office of Indiana Utility Consumer.

Department of Theology and Philosophy

Mark Reasoner, Ph.D.

Associate professor of theology

Publication: Co-editor of *Documents and Images for the Study of Paul* published by Fortress Press in 2010.

Karen Spear, Ph.D.

Director of the Center for Organizational Ethics

Assistant professor of philosophy

Online Publications: With Marcy Ripberger, "Training in Franciscan Servant Leadership for Business Leaders;" Association of Franciscan Colleges and Universities Symposium "Educating for Care of Creation: Contemporary Verses for the Cantic of Creatures."

Rev. Levi Williams, Th.D.

Adjunct professor

Publication: *Mile Wide, Inch Deep: Preparing for the Future of Christianity in Africa* published by Publish America in 2010.

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCES

Ben Allgeier, Ph.D.

Assistant professor of mathematics

Presentation: Algebra readiness workshop for mathematics teachers and mathematics camp at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis.

David Benson, Ph.D.

Director of Marian University EcoLab

Associate professor of biology

Publications: "Move, adapt, or die" with Cummins, M.; "Lagopus leucera changes in distribution, habitat, and number at Glacier National Park, Montana" with Watson, T., Cade, J., Fuller, M., Hunt, G., and Potapov, E.

Carl Lecher '97, Ph.D.

Assistant professor of chemistry

Presentation: "Open bench-top Heck reaction in water: A new green experiment for the undergraduate organic laboratory" at the 14th Annual Green Chemistry and Engineering Conference in Washington, D.C.

Sara O'Brien, Ph.D.

Assistant professor of biology

Presentation: "Health and Herbicides: A case study exploring the effects of atrazine on ecological and human health" presented at the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science spring workshop in 2011.

Make plans to attend the

Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner

on the Friday evening of homecoming,
October 7, 2011 at 7 p.m.

This year we are honoring:

Megan Bottoms '06

Joann Federle Holzer '68

Al Leighton '62

Christine McCormick Schuermann '76

Donna Bruns Stockrahm '76

Mary Leahy Welch '68

John Yanney '71

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To register for this and other homecoming events,
visit www.marian.edu/alumni/homecoming.

For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations
at alumni@marian.edu.

Dress for the evening is business attire.

>> New Associate Dean for Biomedical Sciences of the College of Osteopathic Medicine

Bryan Larsen, Ph.D., joined the Marian University community as associate dean for biomedical sciences of the university's College of Osteopathic Medicine on May 4, 2011. Larsen holds a Ph.D. in microbiology from the University of Iowa. He is the former dean for university research and biomedical graduate studies at Des Moines University Osteopathic Medical School, and former executive director of Iowa Center for Translational and Clinical Research.

>> Dean Receives Ball Brothers Foundation Venture Grant

Jamey Norton, Ph.D., dean of the School of Liberal Arts, received a grant from the Ball Brothers Foundation Venture Fund in June to start the *Avancemos Tutorial Project*. The initiative, a series of exam tutorials, will help Hispanic students perform better on college board examinations. In the pilot year, *Avancemos* will assist 25-30 Hispanic high school students with language and cultural barriers that inhibit test-taking success.

>> Marian University Welcomes the Class of 2015

The class of 2015 was welcomed by the Marian University community on new student move-in day, August 20. The class spent their first Saturday as Knights providing community service in and around the Indianapolis area.



Artist's rendering of the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences.

>> Groundbreaking and Naming Ceremony for New Medical School

Marian University gathered with the campus and local community to celebrate the groundbreaking and naming of the Center for Health Sciences. Thanks to a \$48 million gift by Michael A. Evans, the building was named the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences. Evans is the founder, president, and chief executive office of AIT Laboratories. Evans intends for his generous gift to be used to assist in the development of the center and medical school.

The groundbreaking and naming ceremony took place on August 24, 2011 at 5 p.m. Joining President Elsener and Evans in the groundbreaking ceremony were Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, Senator Dan Coats, Marian University Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Eckman '74, Dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine Paul Evans, DO, and Dean of the School of Nursing Anita Siccardi, Ed.D., APRN, BC.

Bryan Larsen, Ph.D.



Bryan Larsen, Ph.D. was named associate dean for biomedical sciences.

Groundbreaking for the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences



The Marian University community gathered to break ground on the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences. From left to right: Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard, President Daniel J. Elsener, Chief Executive Officer and Founder of AIT Laboratories Michael A. Evans, and Marian University Board of Trustees Chairman Bill Eckman '74.

>> **Marian University Named to the 2010 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll**

Once again, Marian University has been honored by the Corporation for National Community Service (CNCS) as a leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service learning, and civic engagement. The university was also named to the honor roll in 2009.

>> **Two Knights Honored**

Senior defensive back Dustin Craig and senior defensive lineman Suave Barker were each tabbed as All-American team members by the Collegiate Development Football League. The Marian University Knights football team opened the season as the sixth-ranked team in the NAIA Football Coaches' Preseason Poll.

>> **Steve Downing joins Marian University as Director of Athletics**

Indiana basketball great and veteran athletic administrator Steve Downing was named the new director of athletics on August 18, 2011. Downing spent the last 10 years as senior associate director of athletics at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. Downing's wife, Doris, is a Marian University graduate and retired principal of Indian Creek Elementary School in Indianapolis.

During Downing's playing days, he was a three-year letter winner at Indiana University and help lead the 1973 Bob Knight-coached Hoosiers to the NCAA Final Four. After being drafted by the Boston Celtics with the 17th pick in the first round, he helped the team win the 1974 NBA Championship. After his playing

career had ended, Downing was inducted into the Indiana High School Basketball Hall of Fame in 1995, and inducted into the Indiana University Athletic Hall of Fame in 2009.

>> **Changes in Healthcare Community Open Forum**

On August 24, 2011, Marian University welcomed the Indianapolis community to campus for the Changes in Healthcare: A Discussion sponsored by Community Health Network. The open forum featured Bryan Mills, president and chief executive officer of Community Health Network; Jon Anderson, chief executive officer of Westview Hospital; Paul Evans, DO, dean of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Robert Hillman, president and general manager of Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Indiana; and Gerry Dick, president and managing editor of Inside INdiana Business, as the moderator.

>> **First Home Game Honors President's Anniversary**

On August 27, 2011, Marian University opened their 2011 football season by celebrating Daniel J. Elsener's 10-year anniversary as president of the institution. In honor of his anniversary and the university's great accomplishments, Indianapolis Mayor Greg Ballard proclaimed August 1, 2011, to be Daniel J. Elsener Day in the city of Indianapolis. The Knights gave the president another gift he really wanted: a win, shutting out the Tigers 47-0.

>> **Assistant Dean of Business Clark H. Byrum School of Business**

The Clark H. Byrum School of Business added Thomas Gjerde, Ph.D., to the

Marian University community as assistant dean. Gjerde received his bachelor's degree in economics from Buena Vista University in Iowa. After spending some time in corporate America, he returned to school, earning a Ph.D. in economics from Purdue University. He will help develop and implement a new curriculum for the Clark H. Byrum School of Business where students will work with actual businesses to explore and solve problems.

CONNECTING WITH MARIAN UNIVERSITY



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Get print-quality images of photos from Marian University events.



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Twitter

Updates keep you informed, link you to additional news.



YouTube

See what's on the move at Marian University.

Steve Downing



Steve Downing was named the new director of athletics.

Community Open Forum



The Indianapolis community gathered for a town hall meeting to discuss the changes in healthcare. The event was sponsored by Community Health Network.



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Marian University is challenging each class to establish an endowed scholarship.

Thanks to the class of 1953, 1958, 1959, 1964, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1977, 1980, and 1981 for establishing endowed scholarships. We hope other classes will follow their lead.

To start your class scholarship, contact John Finke at jfinke@marian.edu or 317.955.6202.



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(Upcoming Events)

Marian University Homecoming
October 7-8. October 8 at 1 p.m. homecoming football game at St.Vincent Health Field.

Nineteenth Annual Mary McNulty Young '47 Opportunities for Excellence Scholarship Celebration and Dinner
October 13 at 5 p.m. in the Physical Education Center.

Trick-or-Treat on the Marian University Campus
October 25 at 6 p.m.; for children of Marian University alumni, faculty, and staff.

Play: A Knight in Alcatraz (working title)
October 27-29 at 8 p.m. in the Peine Theatre in Fisher Hall.

Thirteenth Annual Ethics Bowl
November 12 at 7 a.m. in Allison Mansion.

Play: Arsenic and Old Lace
November 17-19 at 8 p.m. in Peine Theatre in Fisher Hall.

Nursing Encounter Day
November 18 at 9 a.m. in Allison Mansion.

Thanksgiving Giving Dinner
November 21 at 4:30 p.m. in Allison Mansion.

Catholic High School Choral Festival
December 1 at 7:30 p.m. in Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel in Marian Hall.

Live Music with Jared Mahone
December 7 at 9 p.m. in the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library Auditorium.

Christmas at Marian University Madrigal Dinner and Choral Concert
December 8-10 at 6 p.m. in Allison Mansion.

Knight Daze
February 6-11. Alumni and student celebration of spring sports.

Accepted Student Day
February 20 at 9 a.m. in Marian Hall Theatre.

Play: Children of Eden Performance
February 23-25 at 8 p.m. in Peine Theatre in Fisher Hall.

Nursing Encounter Day
April 13 at 9 a.m. in Allison Mansion.

Clayton Circle of Honor Dinner
April 14

Football Spring Scrimmage
April 14 at St.Vincent Health Field.

Knights Called to Serve
April 21 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Commencement
May 5 at 10 a.m. at St.Vincent Health Field.

If you have questions about alumni events, contact Barbara Stuckwisch at bstuckwisch@marian.edu or 317.955.6210.

If you have questions about the Mary McNulty Young '47 Opportunities for Excellence Scholarship Celebration and Dinner, contact Robert Hoy at rhoy@marian.edu or 317.955.6205.

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

CHEER ON THE KNIGHTS!

Bring your school spirit and cheer on the Knights at this season's home football games. All games are at St.Vincent Health Field.



Marian University Knights
Season Five Presented by:

Advantage Health Solutions
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St.Vincent Health

August 27

Olivet Nazarene University | 6 p.m.
Youth Football Day, President Daniel J. Elsener's 10th Anniversary, and Post-Game Fireworks

September 10

Quincy University | 1 p.m.
Business/Community Leaders Day

September 17

Notre Dame College | 1 p.m.
More Cowbell: Band Day, Family Weekend, and Track Cycling National Championships

October 1

Walsh University | 1 p.m.
Taste of Fall in Indy, Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana Appreciation Day, and Catholic Schools Day

October 8

Taylor University | 1 p.m.
Homecoming

November 5

Saint Xavier University | 1 p.m.
Hometown Hero Day

Get the full schedule and additional information at www.marian.edu/athletics.



Watch the game in style!

Tailgate on campus in a reserved parking spot or purchase season tickets. Or, join the M-Club and receive exclusive access to the hospitality area at St.Vincent Health Field. For more information, contact Joe Polizzi at jpolizzi@marian.edu or 317.955.6265.

Buy tickets online
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- invest in Marian University with a three- to four-year pledge
- consider taking advantage of the dollar-for-dollar matching gift opportunity that is available for endowed and/or annual scholarship support
- consider taking advantage of the dollar-for-dollar matching gift opportunity that is available to help enhance and/or develop new campus facilities
- make a deferred gift
- invest in a brick, pillar of support, or residence hall room

Learn more about *Make History: Advance the Mission of Marian University* at www.marian.edu/makehistory.

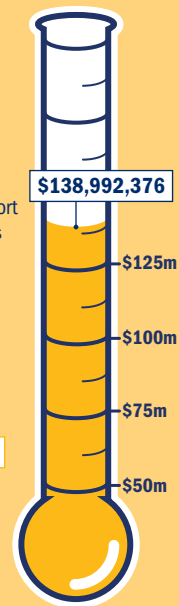
Progress Toward Meeting Our Needs

Initiative	Progress
Health and Life Sciences	\$82,351,047
Investing in Students, Academics, and Campus Life	\$46,940,420
"Rebuild My Church"	\$9,700,909
Total*	\$138,992,376

* Includes gifts, pledges, deferred, and nongap gifts
** Target celebration date: October 2012

Act Now! Contact John Finke, vice president for institutional advancement, at jfinke@marian.edu or 317.955.6202.

The needs on campus have grown and expanded to \$210 million and we will continue our fundraising effort until the needs are met.



Make History Leadership

COMPREHENSIVE LEADERSHIP



COMPREHENSIVE EFFORT
John '63 and Phyllis Cardis
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CENTRAL INDIANA AND CORPORATE
John and Sarah Lechleiter
(Indianapolis)

INITIATIVE LEADERSHIP – CHAIRS



HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES
Jerry and Rosemary Semler
(Indianapolis)

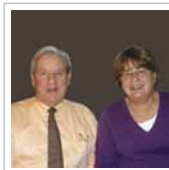


INVESTING IN STUDENTS, ACADEMICS, AND CAMPUS LIFE
D. Anthony "Tony" '69 and Carole Kunkel Watt '65
(Indianapolis)



"REBUILD MY CHURCH"
Dan Hoyt (Indianapolis)

INITIATIVE LEADERSHIP – VICE-CHAIRS



Left to right are: Michael Browning (Indianapolis); Vince Caponi (Indianapolis); Len '68 and Sue Smith Strom '68 (Baltimore, Maryland); Chuck '68 and Mary Leahy Welch '68 (Easton, Connecticut); and Raul Zavaleta (Indianapolis).

You Will Seek Me and Find Me When You Seek Me with All Your Heart



Site plan showing the location of the Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk between the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences, Steffen Music Center, and Doyle Hall.

The Catholic Church calls its educational institutions to be a Christian witness. On a college campus, that means providing spiritual guidance to students as they explore new paths, integrating Catholic perspectives across the curriculum, promoting deeper knowledge in specific subjects—like nursing and teaching—where our holistic education shines in the light of faith, and creating sacred spaces where everyone who visits campus can be with God.

Marian University trustee Phil Carson '81 became a board member in 2008 and serves as the vice chairman for mission and identity. He and other committee members want to make sure that every student is imbued with the university's values and traditions and that they grow in their spiritual awareness.

"I have eight brothers and sisters and my parents sacrificed considerably for us. They really had our best interests in mind. Their deep faith was visible to us kids and they shared it with us every day," says Carson, who runs an Indianapolis insurance agency. His 83-year-old father still comes to the office daily, where he writes checks to various charities and continues to inspire his son.

"When I became involved with Marian University's board, I began to realize that the students who are on campus today often don't have these kinds of inspirational, highly visible representatives of the faith." And so for Carson and others on the committee, creating new sacred spaces on campus became a way for them to strengthen the university's Catholic identity. A shrine to the Blessed Mother Mary and rosary walk are being planned for the area between the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences, Steffen Music Center, and Doyle Hall.

"The shrine and rosary walk will help us think about our faith outside of church and will give all of us a place to be with God," says Carson. "I think we all understand that the distinctive characteristic of the faith life at a Catholic university starts with our commitment to illuminate every corner of the campus with the light of faith."

MARY MCNULTY YOUNG '47

Opportunities for Excellence

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Thursday, October 13, 2011

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A limited number of sponsorships are still available. You can be part of our history—and help us build a great Catholic university—by joining us as a sponsor. Contact Robert Hoy, development officer, at 317.955.6205 or rhoy@marian.edu for availability and pricing.

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Franciscan Values Awards

Each year, in honor of the legacy of our founders, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, and the foundation of our personal approach to educating the whole person, Marian University recognizes one individual and one business or organization for their contributions to our community.

This year's Franciscan Values Award recipients are:



Fred S. and Judy Klipsch, Community Leaders
USA Funds, Business/Organization





BUILDING A LEGACY

Ten Years of Progress

by Alison Collins

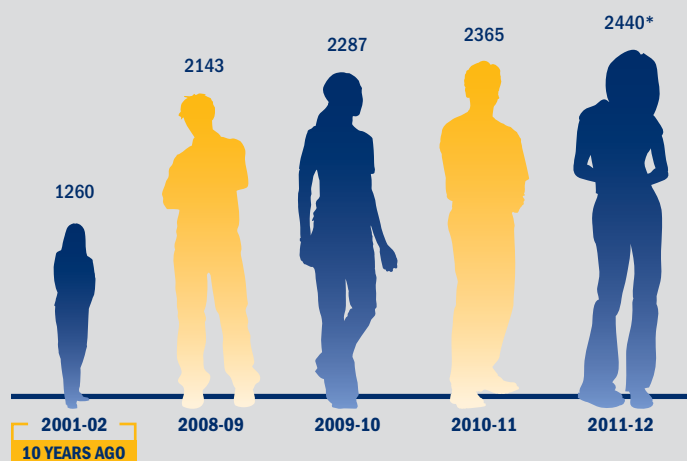
For someone visiting Marian University for the first time in 10 years, the campus might at first appear unrecognizable.

Looking out from Franciscan Heritage Fountain—the epicenter of the campus—University Hall, a three-story residence hall, towers over St. Vincent Health Field, which boasts a pro-turf field, eight-lane track, and stadium seating for 3,000. Nearby are eight new tennis courts, a new softball field, and the Steffen Music Center, which houses the recently established marching band and reinstated drum and bugle corps. Many of the pre-existing buildings have also undergone changes, including renovations to the Ruth Lilly Student Center, the construction of new science labs in Marian Hall, and new additions to the Physical Education Center. The physical footprint of Marian University has expanded as well, reaching beyond campus to the Marian University EcoLab, the Lake Sullivan Sports Complex (home to the Major Taylor Velodrome), and many new houses for students in the adjacent neighborhood.

On any given day, crowds of students bustle busily across campus—to class, to prayer, to study, to rehearsal, to practice, to student club meetings, or home to a residence hall or on-campus apartment—a reminder of the fact that, in the last 10 years, enrollment has almost doubled, and Marian University is home to more students than ever.

And on any given day, quietly reflecting in prayer on campus, greeting students by name in passing, or working tirelessly in Allison Mansion to expand the institution's mission, leadership, and resources, is the man who has led the transformation of a quiet little campus to a vibrant hub of teaching, learning, and ministry: President Daniel J. Elsener.

TOTAL ENROLLMENT



Total enrollment includes full- and part-time traditional students and full- and part-time students enrolled in Marian's Adult Programs (MAP).

*2011-12 number is pre-census.

Elsener, who recently celebrated 10 years of service at Marian University, is soft-spoken yet passionate, carefully reflective yet bold in vision and in action, and humble in nature yet remarkably confident in his ability to achieve his vision. In fact, it was confidence that Elsener believes was most needed when he began as president of Marian University—then Marian College—in 2001. “We had a good board, wonderful faculty, and a vision for how Marian University could satisfy a need in the world,” he remembers. “But we needed the confidence to set loftier goals and renewed determination to see them through.”

Elsener had good reason to have so much confidence in the institution. Before he was president, he was a tuition-paying parent—several of his nine children attended Marian University, beginning with his eldest daughter, Anne. “When Anne visited Marian University, she was immediately taken with the commitment of the faculty, the intimate environment, and the integration of the core Franciscan values,” he remembers. Anne went on to earn a masters degree from Notre Dame and then a Ph.D. from Indiana University. “One of the reasons I believed in the university was that Anne was so well educated to do graduate work. I realized that, if you come to Marian University as a serious student, you will leave prepared to do anything.”

This realization, along with a desire to serve in a larger capacity at what he already believed was “a great place with great people,” is what drew him to the position as president of the institution. After beginning his career as a teacher, principal, and superintendent, Elsener was serving as executive director of the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation when the opportunity at Marian University arose. “Coming here seemed illogical on the surface; I had an exceptional opportunity with the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation,” he remembers. “But after a lot of prayer and discernment, I felt a true sense of calling.” As a lifelong educator and leader, Elsener was lured by the opportunity to serve within the environment of higher education: a learning community devoted to serious academic pursuit. “It is a privilege to welcome students into a four-year process that forms them into responsible individuals who will lead businesses, change childrens’ lives as teachers, save lives as nurses, or go on to prestigious graduate schools. It was a call—and I answered.”



President Elsener led his fellow Knights into St. Vincent Health Field for their first home football game, on September 19, 2009.

Immediately upon his arrival at Marian University, Elsener set four goals: strengthen the academic quality of the institution, build a more vibrant campus life, better live out the Catholic and Franciscan dimensions, and obtain the resources necessary to accomplish the first three goals at a high level. Elsener’s dedication to these goals led to their success. To strengthen academics, he worked with the Board of Trustees to add talented faculty, increased the caliber of incoming students, more than doubled the number of students pursuing math and science degrees, and increased the scope of graduate programs. To make campus life more vibrant, he has more than doubled the number of residential students, added new facilities, and hired more student life staff. To enhance the faith dimension, he initiated the San Damiano Scholars Program, welcomed the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, and increased liturgical ministry and service opportunities. In terms of resources, Elsener has increased the endowment six-fold over the past 10 years, and has led the *Make History* campaign to more than double its original goal of \$68 million, raising nearly \$140 million with one more year to go in the campaign.



Michael Browning, Fr. Dennis Bosse, OFM, Bill Eckman '74, Alan Leighton '62, President Daniel J. Elsener, and Tony Watt '69 at the beam signing of the Steffen Music Center on August 26, 2009.

(Leaving a Legacy)

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Elsener’s impact on Marian University extends beyond these four goals. His greatest accomplishment thus far, he says, has been clarifying the institution’s purpose in the world—as a great Catholic university. “In education, we can’t do what we did in the past. The world is more complex now,” he explains. “The world needs ethical, moral, and spiritually enlightened voices. That is what is so invaluable about an institution that combines both faith and reason. As a Catholic university, our mission not only makes it more comfortable to ask questions in the light of faith—it makes it essential. A Catholic education helps students find a larger sense of purpose; it teaches the whole person, and that faith dimension is clearly evident in our graduates and their work in the world.” Elsener also points out that, “It’s not enough for graduates to be smart and skilled—they must understand the intellectual, emotional, social, physical, and spiritual aspects of the human person. That will be the mortar that holds our community—and world—together.”

Elsener is also proud of the exceptional leaders who have joined in this aggressively aspirational endeavor. “Our ideas are just ideas until we get people who are smart, committed, and able to successfully implement those ideas,” he says. “Thankfully we have found a lot of alumni, friends, and business and community leaders who believe in what we are trying to do.” As Elsener works to clarify the mission of the institution, he continues to attract an excellent group of leaders to the Board of Trustees. “As we started to do big things, people felt compelled to get involved one way or another. We have a phenomenal board,” he says. “They are very busy, but they are willing to invest their time, talent, treasure, and heart into our mission. They are willing to give up their nights and weekends because they truly know they are doing something big for humanity.”



Clark H. Byrum and President Daniel J. Elsener during the 2010 President's Appreciation Dinner. Thanks to a multi-million dollar gift, the School of Business was named the Clark H. Byrum School of Business.

Similarly, Elsener has built up the leadership and faculty on campus. “Outstanding faculty is key to the student experience,” he says. “Our faculty—the new and the existing—has been dedicated and willing to make changes and push academic excellence like never before. I am encouraged by their willingness to build new programs and hold higher expectations for each other and for students.”

Lastly, Elsener takes pride in his success at attracting investments in the institution. “We have been exemplary in raising very significant funds in a relatively short time period. The number of people making sacrificial gifts—whether they give 10 dollars or millions of dollars—to be part of our vision and to see Marian University move forward is edifying.” Elsener credits his success with fundraising to years of hard work, as well as the challenging economic climate that has forced people to evaluate what is truly important. “People are looking for a purpose, and people invest in people,” he says. “We’re in the business of building up humanity; if you care about society, our culture, the economy, and the kind of world you want to leave your children, you want to invest in higher education.”



The Board of Trustees during their retreat in 2011.



Beth and President Elsener with some of their family at the 10th anniversary celebration during the Knights football game on August 27, 2011.

LOOKING FORWARD

In spite of his success in securing investments, Elsener is mindful that, "There is still a lot to be done." Working with the Board of Trustees, he has developed a vision for Marian University's future that includes continued growth and investment in the institution. Over the next 10 years, Elsener plans to continue to boost enrollment to 3,500, and hopes to add more than \$200 million in new facilities, technology, and endowed scholarships.

He also looks forward to the fall 2013 opening of his newest enterprise, the College of Osteopathic Medicine. It will undoubtedly fill a need in our growing city and state, which is life-sciences oriented, yet has only one medical school. The College of Osteopathic Medicine will give students the opportunity to train to become physicians through a hands-on curriculum grounded in the liberal arts and illumined by the light of faith. It will also provide an economic boost to Indianapolis, fulfilling a need not only for students, but also for the city. "The medical school will bring talent and research to the Indianapolis community," he says. "It will be an economic, social, and cultural engine for our city."

While he admits that opening a medical school at first seemed "too aggressive" Elsener's confidence in the university is sure to lead to its success. "It is a great mistake to set too small of goals," he says. "In order to be truly transformational, and in order to do what's best for humanity, we must be willing to dream big—and be confident that our people will rise to the challenge."

In fact, Elsener calls the past 10 years of Marian University's growth—as well as its promising future—"the greatest 'we' project you can imagine," crediting the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, and donors in the university's recent success. "Over the past 10 years, it has become more clear than ever to me that people are truly, truly good," he reflects. "I am so thankful to serve in an environment where people see a great purpose in our mission and believe in the difference we can make."



The Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences was officially named on August 24, 2011. Evans gave the historic \$48 million gift for the building, which will house the College of Osteopathic Medicine and the School of Nursing. From left to right are Dr. Paul Evans, Bill Eckman '74, President Daniel J. Elsener, Michael A. Evans, Indianapolis mayor Greg Ballard, Sr. Barbara Pillar '71, and Dr. Anita Siccardi.

Elsener gives thanks for the insuperable role the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, played in planting the seed that has blossomed into what Marian University is today. "This place wouldn't exist without our founders, who gave their lives to the university," he says. "They inform the very nature of this place. They established a learning environment that teaches why knowledge is beautiful; why we must pay attention to the mind, body, and spirit of a person; and why a high quality of education is essential. Because of the Sisters' total commitment, we are able to provide an education that is profoundly transformational and that teaches students to be compassionate and responsible leaders in the world."



Alison Collins is an Indianapolis teacher and writer. She can be reached at alisoncollins@gmail.com.

(Letter from the Director)



This fall, we celebrated a special anniversary: President Elsener's 10-year anniversary as president of Marian University. His decade of committed service makes him the longest-serving university president in central Indiana, and in that time, the university has blossomed. His legacy includes a significant physical expansion, record enrollment for seven years and counting, and of course, the creation of the first medical school in over 100 years for the state of Indiana.

It is a powerful legacy, but he has another legacy as well: his commitment to keeping Marian University a community grounded in faith and family. It is a personal commitment for him: three of his children are graduates of Marian University. While many of our students and alumni often say that the university is a family, for the Elseners, this phrase has special meaning.

They are not the only ones. Many of our students share Marian University with their parents or other family members, and their family stories are inextricably tied to Marian University. Rachel Horan '13, whose family is featured on pages 22 and 23, recently wrote about her experience in the alumni e-magazine:

Marian University is where my mom, Eileen Herbertz '81, met my dad, Joe Horan '80. She was a wide-eyed freshman; he was a worldly sophomore. They met the first week of school and by

December they were dating, spending Saturday nights attending Mass in the chapel and watching television favorites, *The Love Boat* and *Fantasy Island*. In June, they'll celebrate their 29th anniversary. By the time I arrived on campus, I already felt at home from the numerous visits I had made during All Alumni Weekend and Family Weekend through the years. I can't imagine going to any other school. Marian University is my home.

I often receive notes and emails from graduates who feel the same.

Angela Fenoglio Nuxoll '91 recently wrote:

I followed my parents, who met here, and an aunt and uncle to Marian University. My dad first saw my mom when she was being given a campus tour. He knew the tour guide and got some "inside information." They then met in chemistry class that next fall (I always mentioned their "good chemistry" when giving campus tours). They were married for 48 years before he passed in 2005. Like Rachel, I "just knew" this was the place for me upon arrival for my campus visit. I didn't tell my dad right away however. I'm celebrating my 20th reunion this year, and I can't wait to celebrate at homecoming! I've mentioned Marian University to several people, and even encouraged nieces and nephews to check it out. I always end my story the same way—"If I had it to do all over again, I'd still pick Marian University."

These legacy families are part of what makes Marian University so special. We are a family, in more ways than one! Celebrate with us at this year's homecoming. Legacy families will be recognized at Casino Night, a gathering of students, alumni, faculty, and staff on Saturday, October 8, from 7-11 p.m.

For more details about Casino Night and homecoming weekend activities, visit the homecoming web site at www.marian.edu/alumni/homecoming. If you would like to share your own legacy story, e-mail me at alumni@marian.edu.

Barbara Stuckwisch

Barbara Stuckwisch
Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

What's Your Story?

Everyone has one. You've read about Marian University students, alumni, and faculty in the pages of the magazine for years. We'd like to hear yours.

E-mail your story to alumni@marian.edu.

I AM a Knight!
www.marian.edu/knights

Chelsey Edwards '11 and Jerry Wagner '05 have told their stories—tell us yours.





HOMECOMING

October 7-8, 2011



Reunions are a great time to share stories. (Remember how we got that car in the swimming pool?)



What happens at Casino Night stays at Casino Night.



Everything tastes better when it's cooked outside during tailgating.

Friday, October 7

6 p.m. **Pep Rally, Allen Whitehill Clowes Memorial Amphitheater**
(Rain Location: Physical Education Center Main Gym)

7 p.m. **Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner**
Steffen Music Center

Gather with faculty, staff, and fellow alumni to honor this year's award recipients. This year we are honoring Megan Bottoms '06, Joann Federle Holzer '68, Al Leighton '62, Christine McCormick Schuermann '76, Donna Bruns Stockrahm '76, Mary Welch '68, and John Yanney '71. President Daniel J. Elsener will also give a short address on the state of the university and answer your questions. Cost is \$25 per person.

8 p.m. **Mock Rock, Auditorium, Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library**

11:30 a.m. **Lunch, M-Club Hospitality Tent**

Join other Marian University alumni, friends, and family at the M-Club Hospitality Tent for lunch and drinks before kickoff. Cost is \$25 per person and includes one general admission ticket.

1 p.m. **Homecoming Football Game vs. Taylor University**
St. Vincent Health Field

4:30 p.m. **Mass, Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel, Marian Hall**

4:30 p.m. **Alumni Pit Stop, David B. Haire Family Welcome and Alumni Center**

6 p.m. **Young Alumni Reunion Gathering, Steffen Music Center**

The class of 2006 and the class of 2001 invite all alumni from the recent decade to join them for food, drinks, and karaoke. Come and get all the juicy details that you can't get on a Facebook update. Cost is \$15 per person.

6 p.m. **Reunion Gatherings, Allison and Wheeler-Stokely Mansions**
Reunion classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, and 1991: celebrate and reminisce about your college time with classmates in the historic Allison Mansion. Enjoy a fabulous buffet dinner as you catch up with friends and share your favorite stories. Cost is \$20 per person.

7 p.m. **Winner's Circle Casino Night, Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library**

Gather with alumni, friends, and current students and experience the fun of the race track without the travel. Listen to music, talk with alumni, faculty, staff, and current students, and play casino games hosted by a professional company.

Saturday, October 8

10 a.m. **Campus Tours, David B. Haire Family Welcome and Alumni Center**

11 a.m. **Tailgating, Tailgate Village, Allen Whitehill Clowes Memorial Amphitheater and Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library Parking Lots**

Get pumped up for the game by tailgating with your friends and family! Tailgate parking spaces are located in Allen Whitehill Clowes Memorial Amphitheater and Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library parking lots adjacent to the David B. Haire Family Welcome and Alumni Center. Tailgate parking spaces must be reserved in advance and are \$10 per parking spot.

11 a.m. **Class of 1996 Alumni Tailgate Reunion, Tailgate Village, Allen Whitehill Clowes Memorial Amphitheater**

Bring the family for a reunion gathering cookout, complete with cornhole and activities for the kids. Cost is \$20 per person.

For more information, or to register, visit www.marian.edu/alumni/homecoming.

(Leaving a Legacy)

It's a Family Thing

by Ashley Petry

Since its founding in 1937, Marian University has established deep roots in the Indianapolis community and built strong relationships with its students and alumni. That is especially true of “legacy” families, whose connection to the university often spans multiple generations. In many legacy families, the tie to the university extends not only to students and alumni but also to faculty and staff members.

Here, we take a closer look at three legacy families whose ties to Marian University and its Franciscan values run especially deep.



The Tebbe Family

Left: *Tebbe and Finke family photo. Adults from left to right: Ben Tebbe '99, Adriana Tebbe, Chris Tebbe, Kristy Tebbe, Laura Tebbe Finke '04, John Finke, Glenn Tebbe '71, Laura Jo Blitz Tebbe '71, and Amanda Tebbe Canessa.*

Below: A family photo following the wedding of Adriana and Ben Tebbe '99. Adults from left to right: Gino Canessa, Kristy Tebbe, Amanda Tebbe Canessa, Chris Tebbe, Laura Jo (Biltz) Tebbe '71, Adriana Tebbe, Ben Tebbe '99, Glenn Tebbe '71, Laura Tebbe Finke '04, and John Finke. Children left to right: Abe and Isaac Tebbe, Marco and Leo Canessa, Sawyer, Berkley, and Harpar Finke.

As the daughter of two Marian University graduates, Laura Tebbe Finke '04 spent much of her childhood with her parents' school buddies and their children. The group held informal reunions several times a year, often during the summer and at Christmas, and the adults often served as godparents to each other's children.

"Their kids are almost like my cousins. They're not related, but it feels that way because we've known each other since we were born," Laura said. "The lifelong friends [my parents] made are now our friends, too, and the university is the common bond in that."

Laura's deep connection to Marian University is shared by many of her relatives. In addition to her parents, Glenn '71 and Laura Jo Blitz '71, other family members who have attended Marian University include her brother, Ben Tebbe '99, and her uncle, Merle Tebbe '74. Her husband, John Finke, works as the university's vice president for institutional advancement.

The senior members of the Tebbe family were first drawn to Marian University because they wanted to attend a small Catholic school.

“Its tie to the Sisters of St. Francis and the Franciscan values has always been tangible and obvious,” said Merle, who met his wife, Susan Schnepf Tebbe '73, at an alumni gathering several years ago. Merle served for many years on the national board of the Marian University Alumni Association, including two terms as president.



For the next generation of Tebbes, attending Marian University was an easy choice. Laura, who had grown up in Catholic schools, was drawn to the university's strong education program, which prepared her for her current job teaching at Cardinal Ritter High School. She was also drawn to the university's commitment to its Franciscan values.

"The values the institution has were the same values I'd been brought up with, so it was easy to express those values at Marian University," she said.

These days, the Tebbe family gets together a few times a year on campus, sometimes to attend football games or alumni dinners. Merle and Susan sometimes drop by to attend Mass. And, when the Tebbe family gets together for family reunions elsewhere, they inevitably talk about their experiences during college and all the changes taking place on campus.

"We're pleased and amazed with the university's recent growth and healthy signs of advancement, and we always talk about how beautiful the campus is," Merle said. "[The campus] was a common thing that all

of us experienced, the peacefulness and beauty, and the way it encouraged reflection."

Meanwhile, the Marian University legacy is being passed down to another generation. Both Laura and her brother, Ben, keep in close contact with their own friends from college. (Laura's group is called the Top Ten, although there are actually 11 women in the group.)

"[My parents] have their own story, I have my own story, and my kids will grow up with my friends from Marian University and their kids," Laura said. "That's what my parents did, and it's nice to have the same thing, that core group of friends that I know will be lifelong friends."

The Fey O'Connor Family



Mother M. Clarissa Dillhoff.

attended Marian University for two years before completing her degree elsewhere, and Paula Fey O'Connor '77 earned a degree in chemistry. More recently, Paula's daughter, Colleen O'Connor '10, has continued the family legacy, earning a degree in biology.

For Paula, attending Marian University was never a sure thing—until she visited the campus. "I looked at other schools, but I liked the smallness," she said. "I came from a small high school in Cincinnati, and the college counselor had encouraged me to look at smaller schools, so that's what I did."

Soon after, Mary followed her sister from Cincinnati. Although she eventually completed her psychology degree at Xavier University, Mary credits her years in Marian University's art program for helping to shape her career—and her faith.

"Anywhere you go that has a Godly presence, you're going to be positively impacted by the place," Mary said.

These days, the family is staying connected to Marian University by helping Judy spend time with the lifelong friends she met while in college. The

When Judy Dillhoff Fey '46 chose to earn her chemistry degree at Marian University, she was merely following in the footsteps of her great aunt, Mother M. Clarissa Dillhoff, who was the first president of the university and moved it to Indianapolis in 1937. She was also following in the footsteps of two aunts, Mother Marie Dillhoff and Sr. Clarissa Dillhoff, who attended what was then called Marian College.

In the next generation, two of Judy's daughters also became Knights. Mary Fey Hart



Three generations of the Fey O'Connor family. From left to right are Paula Fey O'Connor '77, Judy Dillhoff Fey '46, and Colleen O'Connor '10.

women still get together often for luncheons, sometimes in Indianapolis and sometimes in Cincinnati, where Judy still lives.

Meanwhile, Paula and Mary stay connected with their own generation of Marian University alumni by attending reunions and other functions on campus, and by communicating with their peers on Facebook.

"I love to come to reunions and see everyone, because the people I met there are the best," Mary said. "They were always so kind, and they cared about everybody. I really loved that about that group."

(Leaving a Legacy)



The Horan Family

The Horan and Patterson families enjoying the Indianapolis Indians during Marian University Night at Victory Field. From left to right are Jay Patterson '10, Matt Horan '11, Joe Horan '80, Eileen Herbertz Horan '81, and Jay's mother Jama Patterson.

In terms of sheer numbers, the Horan family may have the largest legacy among Marian University families. In the '70s and '80s, six of the 10 Horan children came from Greensburg, Indiana, to attend the university, where their aunt, Sr. Rosemary Schroeder, taught humanities.

Among them was Joe Horan '80, who followed in the footsteps of brother Dennis Horan '76 and sister Sharon Horan Kreuz '77. Three other sisters soon followed, as well as the children of several cousins.

Marian University is where Joe met his wife of almost 30 years, Eileen Herbertz Horan '81, who studied dietetics and biology. Several of Joe's siblings also met their spouses at Marian University.

"The university always seemed very welcoming, like a close-knit family," Joe said. "We still stay in contact and are good friends with people we met in college."

Attending Marian University also helped strengthen the family's faith. Joe became a Eucharistic minister during college, and he soon got into the habit of attending Mass on Saturday evenings—and then heading to the cafeteria afterward for the weekly steak dinner the school offered at the time.

In the next generation, Joe's three children have also chosen to attend Marian University. The first was Stephanie Horan Newton '07, who attended the university with her Roncalli High School sweetheart, Joey Newton '07. The couple married earlier this year.

Despite the family legacy, Stephanie chose to attend Marian University on her own terms. She considered several other universities before settling on her parents' alma mater.

"Really it came down to the campus visit and, once I was there, feeling that, yeah, this could be my new home," she said. "I felt like I could get to know the students and faculty, and they could get to know me."

A few years later, Stephanie's siblings, Matt Horan '11 and Rachel Horan '13, chose the same path—as did Matt's fiancée, Jay Patterson '10, who now works with at-risk youth at the Peace Learning Center.

"As the big sister of the two younger Marian University students, it's fun for me to share what I went through and give them hints of what to expect from this professor or this class," Stephanie said. "And it's fun to see how things have changed, too, because even since I graduated in 2007 the campus is a lot different."

Although Joe and Eileen didn't push their children to attend Marian University, they were supportive of the decision and pleased to have the excuse to visit the campus again.

"When we went on our campus tour, they were reminiscing every step of the way," Stephanie said. "They really enjoyed that, and I know they've enjoyed staying connected to my brother and sister and me."

In the past few years, the family has added fall football games to its combined calendar. Matt has served on the cheerleading squad, and Rachel is in the marching band. A few years ago, Stephanie and Joey were the university's homecoming queen and king. The family also attends many of the popular homecoming events, such as Casino Night.

Because so many family members have ties to Marian University, the school is always a topic of conversation at Horan family reunions. Lately, they've spent a lot of time talking about the many new facilities on campus—and the bright future ahead for Marian University.

"It's just mind-boggling to me. It still has a small-school feel to it, but it's bigger and better," Joe said. "We'll talk about where the fountain is. That's where we used to sit on our towels and sunbathe while we were studying for finals."

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(Class Notes)

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, submit a digital photo to alumni@marian.edu to be included in the next issue of the *Marian University Magazine*, or post your photos on the Marian University Indianapolis Facebook page.

1955

Sr. Rose Henry Miriam Kern, RSG celebrated her 50th Jubilee on August 20, 2011, with the Sisters of Good Shepherd. She can be reached at the Rosemont Center, 2440 Dawnlight Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211.

1960

Ann Marie Heggi Barger retired from teaching world history at Fenwick High School in Middletown, Ohio; her alma mater. She spends her time as a substitute teacher and watching two of her 13 grandchildren. Barger sends best wishes to her 1960 classmates.

1961

Chau Phan is working on a project for the class of 1961. Please send Phan information about yourself from 1961-2011. Pictures should carry a short caption including who, what, when, and where. His e-mail address is phancity@gmail.com.

1966

Walt and **Jane Ward** recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with their three children and six grandchildren.

1968

David Sohacki of Atlanta, Georgia, retired in 2007 from his position with the Army Continuing Education System. He has 34 years of federal experience. His wife, Eva, retired from Delta Airlines last year and they now spend much of their time traveling. Their son, Aaron, is a graduate of Georgia Tech and co-founder and vice president of Imagine Air—a start up airline doing charter work in the southeast. Their youngest son, Brian, is a college senior finishing his mechanical engineering degree at Georgia Tech.

1971

Sr. Ellen Miller, OSF is now a part-time adult therapist at Quincy Catholic Charities in Quincy, Illinois.

1983

Linda Kuper Kristoff, Carol Bates Peak, Brenda Burkhart Allspaw, Shirley Griner Maloney, Cathy Boyle Kervan, Bobbie Jackson Williams, and Marylynn



A few members from the class of 1983 gathered at Lake Wawasee in northern Indiana.

Tolin Subrin gathered at Lake Wawasee to celebrate their 28th reunion.

1984

Gary "Ace" Moorman was among seven individuals to be selected to the 2011 Ripley County Basketball Hall of Fame Class in southeastern Indiana. He was inducted to the Hall of Fame on January 8, 2011. He joins his father, John T. "Ace," and Bill Wanstrath (spouse of **Cynthia Galle Wanstrath '84**) in the Hall of Fame.

Michael A. Staton was recently appointed managing director of Alerding & Co., LLC in Indianapolis. He was a co-founding director and became the chief operating officer in 2008. Staton has served on the audit committee and finance committee of the Marian University Board of Trustees.



Michael Staton '84 was appointed managing director of Alerding and Co., LLC.

1995

Pete and **Michelle Guzenski Thiel** celebrated the birth of their daughter, Camrie Elisabeth, on October 12, 2010. The beautiful baby girl weighed 8 lbs. 9 oz. and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brothers Colton (7), Connor (6), and big sister Caelyn (4).

Michelle Guzenski Thiel '95 and her husband Pete celebrated Camrie Elisabeth's first Fourth of July this year.



(Class Notes)

1997

Matt and **Jennifer McDermott Sessoms** welcomed a beautiful baby girl on April 11, 2011. Paige Alice weighed 8 lbs. 10 oz. and was 21.75 inches long.

Paige Alice Sessoms was born on April 11.



2001

Curtis Huntley married Ashley Miller on April 30, 2011, in New Castle, Indiana. The couple is expecting their first child, a son named Dakota, in October 2011.

2004

Tim Hesler was selected as a recipient of the Zuckerman Fellowship. He has enrolled in the master of arts program in international education policy at Harvard University.

Darren Bunton is currently active in the application of social and media psychology in the industry of entertainment to reflect the Franciscan values.

Joshua Culverhouse is now a marketing and sales product support technician at Oracal USA in Black Creek, Georgia.

2005

Jordan Anne and **Michael "Zach" Robbins** welcomed their first child on June 1, 2011. Michael Colter "Colt" Robbins, a beautiful baby boy, was born at Bloomington Hospital in Bloomington, Indiana.

On Saturday, May 30, 2011 **Jeff Traylor** received a National Sportsmanship Award in St. Louis on behalf of the Roncalli High School softball team.

2006

J. Dannyn Peterson is a member of the American Red Cross National Disaster Relief team as a shelter manager, case manager, and disaster assessment specialist. She responds to local and national emergencies and is eligible for

international deployment. Peterson started working with the Red Cross as a local volunteer during her freshman year at Marian University.

Paul Ellis, DDS graduated from the Indiana University School of Dentistry.

2007

Kassie Koselke Hanger received the 2011 Teacher of the Year award from Pleasant View Elementary School in Zionsville, Indiana. Hanger earned a degree in elementary education and teaches third grade.

Joey and Stephanie Horan Newton tied the knot on May 14, 2011, at St. Roch Parish on the south side of Indianapolis. Both are teachers; Joey teaches music at Roncalli High School and Stephanie teaches second grade at Holy Name Catholic School.

Joey '07 and Stephanie Horan Newton '07 celebrated with friends, family, and fellow alumni.



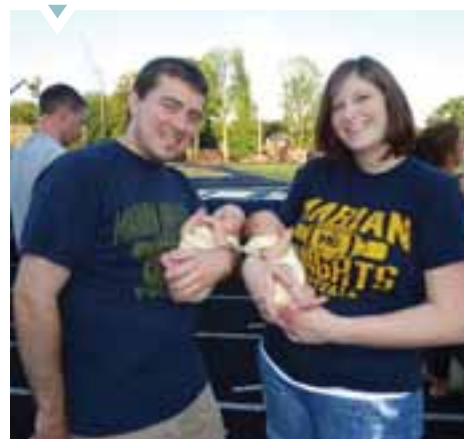
Scott and **Emily Carr Garrard** were wed on July 22, 2011, at St. Malachy Church in Brownsburg, Indiana. Carr is a second grade teacher at Deer Run Elementary in Pike Township.

Fellow 2007 graduates gathered at the wedding of Emily Carr Garrard '07. From left to right: Jesse Miller, Joey Newton, Emily Carr Garrard, Maria Elsener Mayer, Kiley Watson, and Stephanie Horan Newton.



Tim and **Maria Elsener Mayer** welcomed two new additions to their family. Twins Oliver and Julia were born on August 10, 2011.

Twins Oliver and Julia attended their first football game to celebrate their grandfather's 10-year anniversary as president of Marian University.



2008

Jonathan Swain is now with Eli Lilly as a global patient safety data systems analyst contractor.

2011

Indianapolis Public Schools named **Vanessa DeVea**, an Indianapolis Teaching Fellow who teaches at George Washington Community, a 2011 Top Ten Teacher of the Year. She earned her master of arts in teaching from Marian University and teaches mathematics.

Cassie Freestone is continuing her internship in South Africa studying shark and dolphin behavior.



Cassie Freestone '11 is enjoying interacting with different wildlife during her internship in South Africa.

Faculty and Staff

Assistant professor of political science **Johnny Goldfinger** and his wife welcomed a beautiful baby boy to their family. Naoki "Nick" Kostroun Goldfinger was born on August 14, 2011, and weighed 6 lbs. 2 oz.

In Memoriam

On June 15, **Virginia M. Kistner '40** entered into eternal resting.

Rosemary Howard '43 passed away on October, 17, 2010, two years after a serious fall at home.

Ruth "Becky" Bechtol McCurdy '47 passed away on August 8, 2011. She was 86 years old. McCurdy taught math for 29 years at Christ the King School and Bishop Chatard High School.

Marie F. Kingsbury '47 died on July 14, 2011.

Joyce Beckerich '51 passed away on January 9, 2011. Memorial gifts were made in her honor to Marian University.

Joyce Beckerich '51.



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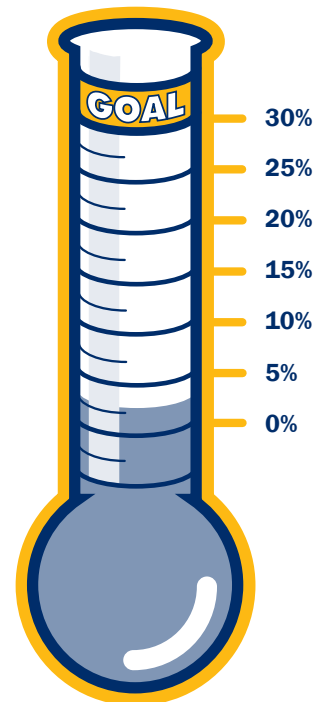
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PERCENTAGE OF ALUMNI GIVING
as of August 31, 2011

(In Memoriam)

John M. Ford '66 died peacefully in his home on July 1, 2011 at the age of 68.

Patricia Commons McIntire '66 passed away on Monday, April 4, 2011. She was preceded in death by her husband Michael.

One month before his 66th birthday, **James E. Richardson '67** passed away June 30, 2011. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sharon.

The husband of **Kathy Cahalan '71**, Dennis Fausz, died suddenly on October 21, 2009. In his lifetime he touched many lives and is sorely missed by all.

Sr. Marie Kathleen Maudlin joined our loving father in heaven on Saturday, July 16, 2011. Maudlin was a former member of the Board of Trustees and congregational minister of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana.



Chino Barreto, long-time university photographer and friend, passed away in the early morning hours on July 2, 2011. Marian University held a memorial service on July 9 in the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel, where friends and family gathered to celebrate his life. He is survived by his wife Kay and missed by all.

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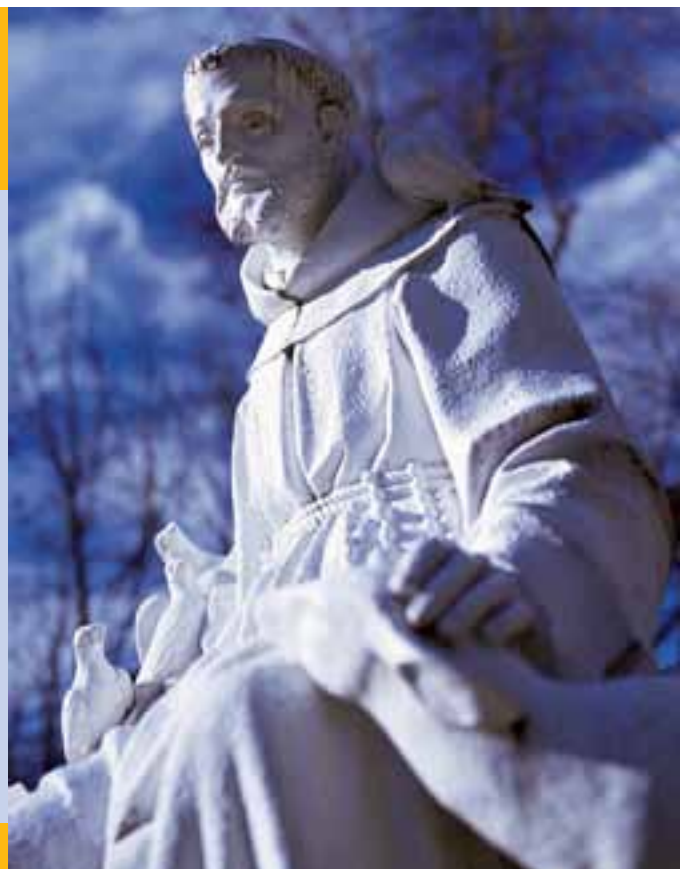
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My University

by Raymond Haberski Jr., Ph.D.

My first impression of Marian University might amuse some people. On the evening before my interview in May 2000, Dr. Jim Divita, the chair of the history department, took me to dinner with his wife. Before returning me to my hotel, he took a spin through campus. The car slowed to a crawl as Divita took note of a meeting in the one room in Marian Hall that was lit up. I did not make much of that observation except to notice that something had been resolved. I found, after I had accepted my new job, that this meeting had determined the fate of the place that had just hired me.

I began my tenure in a period of flux. Tony Watt, president of the Board of Trustees, quite generously acted as an interim president for a brief period before Daniel J. Elsener began his service in 2001. The department I entered had two full-time history faculty, but would soon merge with sociology and develop a political science program to become what it remains today, the Department of History and Social Science. I had a new chairman, sociologist Dr. Bill Mirola, and new colleagues, including political scientist Dr. Pierre Atlas, and a chance to bounce across disciplinary boundaries. Such academic collegiality, I learned quickly, was standard at Marian University.

Nothing illustrated that better to me than my first faculty meeting. I walked into the library auditorium for the first faculty meeting of the year to find the *entire* faculty gathered to cast votes on curriculum and other policies as a whole body. It took me a couple of years to get used to faculty

challenging each other on courses proposed for their majors. It took me just as long to get used to seeing the *president* of the university there as well. But then again, within President Elsener's first year, my colleague in biology, Dr. David Benson, and I invited the president to a Pacers game—an experience he undoubtedly appreciated all the more because our seats were slightly lower than the uppermost recesses of Conseco Fieldhouse.

Such familiarity allowed me to develop the “Dave Shumate” test. Let me explain: Dave Shumate has taught at Marian University almost 20 years and is the poet-in-residence. His kindness, intelligence, and encouragement made we want to stay at the university; after all I figured if a Shumate could operate here then this was a place I wanted to be. But I also developed a corollary to that test.

I came to appreciate that my university was a place where Dave Shumate could teach poetry and Dr. Faye Plascak-Craig could train psychology students. Where Dr. Jamie Higgs could lead 20 students to Rome and Dr. David Benson could lead 20 students through the wetlands. It is a place for theology and a French Film Festival; for feminist literature, as well as nursing. What I witnessed in that first faculty meeting was indeed an anomaly, for most other places. My university has developed an odd sort of academic culture that is strangely intimate and familiar but also expansive and encouraging. As our president says, we take chances.

We didn't have football when I first arrived, and we didn't have a medical school; we have football now and will soon have a medical school, and we will be the better for them. At its best, my university continues to be a place of poets and scientists, where intimacy and familiarity breeds care rather than contempt for my colleagues. Marian University remains a place that attracts good people who do well by their students. I look forward to keeping it that way.



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