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Celebrating 75 Years

Marian University’s Most Influential People

In honor of our 75th anniversary, we are celebrating 10 of Marian University’s most influential people, past and present. Choosing them has been a monumental task because so many people have influenced the university in some way. We reached out to faculty, staff, students, and alumni and asked, “Who was the most influential to you during your time at Marian University?” The following 10 people have greatly influenced, not just the direction, but the community of the university. They are and were stewards of the Franciscan values and the visionaries who, for 75 years, have helped us provide an education that transforms lives, society, and the world.

by Katie Bradley and Ashley Petry

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– Dr. Debora Kramer-Porter ’76

“Sr. Norma Rocklage always made the time to talk to me and encouraged me to grow as a student, an athlete, and as a leader. Her effect on me has continued throughout my life, as I do volunteer work and conduct my actions with a sense of community spirit. Her faith is enduring. When I think of Marian University, I think of Sr. Norma.”
– David Miller ’92

Monsignor John Doyle’s love of learning and his vast knowledge of so many fields were fascinating to me.”
– Pat Jeffers ’59

“Many of the lessons learned from Father Leo were taught outside the classroom, which is a benefit of having such excellent mentors at a university, rather than just professors.”
– Steve Roell ’99

“Ken Elmendorf brought magic to the rather dull topic of economics and mixed in real time events from his life.”
– Thomas Sluss ’75

“John Sweany was a showman. As he would lead the corps in parades, the crowds just loved him, because John didn’t march. John strutted.”
– Steve Gutzwiller ’69

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– President Daniel J. Elsener
Mother Clarissa Dillhoff, like so many other Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana was a quiet trailblazer. One of the first members of her congregation to receive a bachelor’s degree and the first president and founder of Marian University, she firmly believed in the importance of higher education, and dedicated her life to educating women and giving them opportunities.

“Her vision of providing an education to women came at a time when people did not think women needed education,” Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF, Ph.D. ’60 said.

She completed her early education at Immaculate Conception Academy in Oldenburg, Indiana. A graduate of The Catholic University of America, she also studied at Marquette University and Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa.

Mother Clarissa spent 30 years at Immaculate Conception Academy where she started as a teacher and worked her way up to principal, and eventually, directress. During her tenure at the academy, she was responsible for obtaining state accreditation for St. Francis Normal, founded early in the congregation’s history for the training of the Sisters as teachers, and served as its first president. She also gained state approval for the establishment of the Immaculate Conception Junior College in 1924.

Mother Clarissa became superior general of the congregation in 1926 and served that capacity until 1938. Under her supervision, St. Francis Normal and Immaculate Conception Junior College merged in 1936 to create Marian College, a four-year women’s Catholic college.

Mother Clarissa’s contributions to education cannot be overstated. She worked hard to provide faith-based education to as many people as she could; and when she saw a need in Indianapolis, she found a way to make it happen, despite having major building projects underway in Oldenburg, Indiana and a bishop who questioned the necessity of the school in Indianapolis.

Finding and purchasing the Allison Estate happened rather quickly. In fact, the day after Mother Clarissa visited the estate, she wrote a letter proposing a bid for the property. In a circular letter to the Sisters on missions, Mother Clarissa famously explained her decision to purchase the estate:

“It is this very spirit (united effort to keep our schools in the limelight of educational endeavor) to be the best that can be done—which has induced us to undertake what may seem a preposterous project at this particular time.”

The official deed for the property was drawn up on November 9, 1936 and the Sisters began the process of turning a millionaire’s estate into a women’s college.

Mother Clarissa oversaw the transformation and in the summer of 1937, before the school began its first semester in Indianapolis, she opened the estate to the public for the first time since it was built. Thousands of people came pouring in to explore its beauty and opulence and Indianapolis newspapers wrote numerous articles about the estate and the college it was to become.

While Mother Clarissa did not initially live on the campus in Indianapolis (she had other duties in Oldenburg), she excelled at recognizing people’s talents and abilities and chose excellent Sisters to teach and run the school on a day-to-day basis.

“She was a very prayerful, very serious woman. She was a person who understood the giftedness of people and she believed in them using their recognized gifts,” Sr. Norma said. “She was an empowering woman who inspired others to do their best.”

For 75 years, Marian University has been supporting the Indianapolis community and higher education. With her “preposterous” venture, Mother Clarissa began this tradition. Today, Marian University carries on the torch, working every day to provide an excellent education to students that is grounded in faith.
Sr. Mary Rose Stockton, OSF, Ph.D., was a beloved teacher who worked tirelessly to help her students reach their potential.

“She made learning chemistry easy and fun. She took an interest in each of us, and helped our transitions to higher education. She was a mentor, scientist, and a friend,” said Dr. Debora Kramer-Porter ’76.

With a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati, Sr. Mary Rose joined the faculty at Marian University in the 1940s. She dedicated more than 40 years of her life to teaching chemistry at Marian University, patiently educating thousands of students in a subject matter that does not come easy to most people.

Sr. Mary Rose had a deep connection and respect for her students. Not only did she support them while they attended Marian University, but she kept in touch with them after they graduated.

In fact, she had an entire board at the front of her classroom dedicated to pictures and letters from former students detailing the important milestones in their lives.

“Sr. Mary Rose was ‘Marian College’ to many. I have what I have today because of this woman. I still think of her as my grandkids are going through college and hope they have someone as kind and caring as Sr. Mary Rose to guide them through these years. May she rest in peace!” said Patricia Chamberlin ’58.

In 1968, a scholarship fund was established in her name—a testimonial to the deep respect, loyalty, and admiration that students felt for Sr. Mary Rose. Today, the scholarship and the respect, loyalty, and admiration for her remain. Sr. Mary Rose Stockton retired from teaching in 1984 and passed away in 1993, but her spirit lives on in the thousands of students’ lives she helped shape.

Msgr. John J. Doyle

Seventy-five years ago on September 8, 1937, Msgr. John J. Doyle performed the first mass as the first chaplain of Marian College (now Marian University). Fondly known as the walking encyclopedia, Msgr. Doyle was a lifetime learner and teacher and taught at Marian College for more than 30 years.

“He was a universal man—in a renaissance sense. He knew a little bit about everything,” said Professor James Divita, Ph.D., a colleague and dear friend of Msgr. Doyle. “He taught me to admire more deeply.”

He received his Ph.D. from the Catholic University of America in 1933 and served the next four years as chaplain and professor at Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College before coming to Marian College.

While there, Msgr. Doyle held many titles and positions: he was chaplain, professor of philosophy, and chairman of the Honors Program.

In a 1941 article in The Phoenix, Marian University’s first newspaper, Msgr. Doyle promoted collaborative education, encouraging students, teachers, and alumnae to work “in mutual regard and respect” and “to ever serve the cause of truth.”

He was a major figure among faculty. When he spoke, people listened. When he was at the table, the conversations were richer and more challenging. He was not some great orator, but what he said had depth, relevance, and importance. He strongly believed in higher education and, on a daily basis, taught students and fellow faculty to appreciate knowledge and learning.

Msgr. Doyle retired from full-time teaching in 1969 and served as archivist and historian for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. However, he was a frequent visitor to the campus where his chuckling laughter resounded through the halls and hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him. He died in 1985.
By the time Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF, Ph.D. ’60 graduated high school, she was sure she wanted to join the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana. She had spent her entire school career being taught by the Sisters and their Joyfulness and the simplicity of their way of life inspired her.

Sr. Norma’s time at Marian University began when she received a bachelor of arts in 1960. After graduation, she went to St. Louis where she, quite contentedly, taught at a Catholic grade school.

Then, a call came from the Motherhouse. It was time for Sr. Norma to prepare for a master’s degree and a doctorate in Latin and Greek.

“It was what they needed,” Sr. Norma said with a smile. “In those days, they didn’t ask you what you wanted to do; they just put you where they needed you. I thought, ‘I’ll never like it. I know I won’t!’”

What irony those words hold today, because not only does she love being at Marian University, practicing and preaching the Franciscan values the school was founded on, but the students, faculty, and staff cannot imagine the school without her.

“She’s the heart and soul of Marian University,” said Katherine Hellstrom ’03.

The praise for Sr. Norma could fill a book. Her love, faith, and kindness have nurtured so many people at Marian University throughout the years. She truly believes in and practices the Franciscan values and has worked tirelessly to incorporate these values into every aspect of Marian University. So, in 1989, she created the Office of Mission Effectiveness.

Sr. Norma supports and encourages individuals through her kind words and thoughtful actions. She attends nearly all Marian University events and makes a point of showing up at everything from football games to school plays. In fact, Sr. Norma is the unofficial “#1 fan” of Marian University. When students see her in the crowd, they feel loved and supported.

“I really care for everyone on campus and I want to do all that I can to support them,” Sr. Norma said.

Mission accomplished!

Fr. Leopold Keffler, OFM Conv., Ph.D.

Whether his students are racing balloons or calculating the half-life of an isotope, Fr. Leopold Keffler, OFM Conv., Ph.D. is doing what he loves—handing down “the wisdom of the ages” to the next generation.

“As far back as I can remember, I thought I wanted to teach,” he said.

Fr. Leo, an associate professor of biology, grew up in a Catholic family in Canton, Ohio. He attended Catholic schools, and he said he has fond memories of visiting with the parish priests who came to the schoolyard and classrooms.

“I liked what I saw, and I liked seeing them at church, being in charge, wearing pretty clothes, and having a nice house next to the church,” he admitted. “Those were the wrong reasons, but I learned better reasons along the way.”

Fr. Leo has been with Marian University since 1980, teaching and supporting students. He now teaches two courses geared toward freshmen, earth science and life science.

Because he wears his habit on campus, Fr. Leo is a constant reminder to students of Marian University’s Franciscan values: dignity of the individual, peace and justice, reconciliation, and responsible stewardship. Students say he is a good model of Christ’s love and kindness. He models “dignity of the individual” by getting to know every student in his classes.

“Many of the lessons learned from Fr. Leo were taught outside the classroom, which is a benefit of having such excellent mentors at a university, rather than just professors,” said former student Steve Roell ’99. For two years, his on-campus apartment was directly above Fr. Leo’s. When Roell later married Gina Kolks Roell ’99, it was Fr. Leo who performed the wedding mass.

“My roommates and I were blessed to get to know such a wonderful person,” Roell said.
Ken Elmendorf

For nearly three decades, business professor Ken Elmendorf worked his magic on Marian University students, bringing life to even the driest of subjects.

“He was always student-oriented, and he was a storyteller,” said his wife, NJ Elmendorf. “He made economics a story about your pizza and beer and what you did on Friday night, and it worked.”

Elmendorf started his career with General Motors at age 16, eventually working as a negotiator during the 1970 United Auto Workers strike that dragged on for 67 days. He also served in the United States Marine Corps, spending several years in Vietnam during the late 1960s and retiring, decades later, with the rank of colonel.

“It brought a seriousness to him, and it certainly enlarged his world,” NJ said. “He was an officer, so he was in a position of leadership, and his claim to fame was that he never lost a man in his platoon in Vietnam. He was very proud of that.”

At age 30, Elmendorf started law school at Indiana University and worked part-time as a military recruiter. When NJ became pregnant with their first child, Elmendorf knew he needed to earn some extra income, and he searched for teaching opportunities and found one at Marian University.

Elmendorf worked at Marian University for the next 27 years, teaching courses in economics, banking, math, speech, and other subjects. As a practicing attorney, he also assisted students—and sometimes the Sisters—with minor legal troubles like speeding tickets.

“He made me want to be the best student I could possibly be, and then work harder,” said Ben Hall ‘96.

Elmendorf passed away in 1999, at age 57. One of his lifelong dreams was to repay Marian University every penny he had received in salary. His family honored his wish by establishing the Ken Elmendorf Endowed Scholarship, which grants scholarships to junior and senior business majors.

John Sweany ‘68

When John Sweany arrived at Marian University as a freshman in 1964, he already had musical experience as a drum major for the Ben Davis Marching Giants. A charismatic leader, he thought Marian University needed a musical group of its own—and within months he had established the first non-military collegiate drum and bugle corps in the nation.

Sweany started the Blue Knights Drum and Bugle Corps with just seven other members—some without any musical experience—and second-hand instruments scavenged from American Legion posts. By the time he graduated four years later, 10 percent of the student body was involved in the corps or its color guard.

“He was smart and inventive, and he had such ingenuity to promote this idea,” said Maureen Madden ‘68, an early color guard captain. “It was raised to a position of importance.”

After Sweany graduated and married fellow alum Dianna Mann Sweany ‘68, he earned a master’s degree in music at the University of Notre Dame and served as drum major there. He then returned to Marian University to teach in the fledgling music department.

“He was the first person in my life I looked to, outside my family, and said, ‘That’s a person I want to be like,’” said one of Sweany’s former students, Tom Cebulko ’75.

When his children were born, Sweany pursued a more lucrative career in car sales, purchasing his own dealership in 1985. He joined the Marian University Board of Trustees that same year.

John Sweany was killed in a car accident in October 1992.

“He always loved being on Marian University’s campus, and he confided in me that it was his dream to retire and come to Marian University and get the band back together,” said John Sweany’s son, Brian Sweany ’95. “He would be out-of-his-head excited to see the changes his little school has gone through in the past 10 years. His spirit lives on in Marian University’s spirit, its can-do attitude and its values.”
In six short years, Ted Karras Jr., head football coach, has built a successful football program that has marked a new era of growth and success for Marian University.

When Karras heard about the new program and position at Marian University, he was head coach at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. It was a good job, but he couldn’t resist the opportunity to build a program from scratch.

“I have a pioneering spirit and take chances. I saw the visionary leadership of President Elsener and wanted to be a part of that,” Karras said.

Of course, the program was not an overnight success. In their premiere season, the Knights won only one game and lost nine. Throughout that year and the next, Karras worked hard at connecting with his players and establishing a winning culture.

“His [Karras’] knowledge of the game and ability to relate to every single player made him very easy to respect and play for,” said Ja Quan Patilla ’11.

Karras inspires his team on and off the field. He always takes the time to pray with his team before every game and he once had his team read The Seven Spiritual Laws of Success by Deepak Chopra. “We applied those principles and great things started happening,” Patilla said.

Last year was a culmination of all of the hard work put in by Karras and his team. The Knights had an undefeated regular season, their first MSFA Mideast League championship, and reached the semi-finals in the NAIA Football Championship Series.

Karras’ outstanding leadership did not go unnoticed and he was named “Coach of the Year” for the NAIA Region 2 by the American Football Coaches Association.

“You have to dream big to achieve big things,” Karras said.

The Marian University football tradition has officially been established. That is quite an achievement.

For 36 seasons, John Grimes coached basketball at Marian University, tallying numerous tournament appearances and championship wins. But he played an even larger role behind the scenes, serving as director of athletics during a time of unprecedented growth in the university’s athletic program.

Grimes joined the Marian University faculty in 1976 as a basketball coach and physical education professor.

Over nearly four decades, Grimes earned a 566-408 record, the sixth best record in Indiana history and 13th in the history of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics. His teams earned four NAIA tournament berths, won three Mid-Central College conference championships, and won two MCC tournament championships.

“Coach Grimes is a very good basketball coach,” said Scott Fleming, who played for Grimes as a student and later coached alongside him. “He always got a lot out of his players. He certainly did everything the right way…but he was very tough and competitive and expected you to give your best daily.”

Over the years, nine of Grimes’s athletes earned NAIA All-American honors.

“The wins and losses take care of themselves over time,” he said, “but the number one thing is developing young people who graduate and become successful citizens.”

Grimes is most proud, he said, of increasing the number of opportunities for student-athletes. Under his leadership, the athletic program grew from just five varsity sports to 18.

“Marian University was often referred to as the best-kept secret in Indianapolis, and the expansion and success of the athletic program has boosted the image of the university,” Grimes said. “People know where Marian University is located now.”

Grimes said he is thankful for his many years at Marian University.

“You never dream of having a 36-year career and ending in the place you started, but it’s been basically my entire professional life,” he said. “I loved every minute. I have a lot of good memories, and I know they’ll continue to be successful for years to come.”
The first time Marian College, now Marian University, asked Daniel J. Elsener to become president, he declined on the spot. He already had a job he loved, and he’d heard rumors about the school’s financial troubles.

When he mentioned the job offer to his wife, Beth, she chuckled and asked, “Why would we do that?”

Several weeks passed, and they didn’t discuss the job offer again. But one snowy Sunday, just before Christmas, Elsener drove one of his sons to a CYO basketball game. With time to kill before the game, Elsener went to the chapel, and the idea of working at Marian College popped back into his mind.

“I started praying, and it just started consuming my mind—Marian, Marian, Marian,” he said.

Later that day, he was standing in his kitchen, helping to prepare the meal. Without turning to Beth, he said, “You know what I can’t get off my mind?”

She stopped her work and turned to him. “I know,” she said. “You need to go to Marian.”

The next morning, Elsener got another call from the Marian College search committee, repeating their offer and asking Elsener to give them a chance. He did.

Elsener began his presidency on August 1, 2001, and the changes that followed have sometimes been called the “Marian Miracle.”

ROOTED IN CATHOLIC TEACHINGS

Elsener grew up in Omaha and Lincoln, Nebraska, one of six children in a loving Catholic family. His father was a bookbinder and his mother was a homemaker, so money was often tight, but Elsener always attended Catholic schools.

“I learned to really value education and opportunity, so I suspect that it instilled in me the idea that it would be nice to see other people grow and integrate their learning, social life, and faith,” he said.

“Everything was strengthened and enriched by faith.”

He earned a bachelor’s degree in political science from Nebraska Wesleyan University (where he played football) and later a master’s degree in education administration from the University of Nebraska.

Before his 30th birthday, Elsener was serving as a high-school principal in Topeka, and he soon became superintendent of Catholic schools in Wichita.

Elsener and his family moved to Indianapolis when he was named executive director of the archdiocese’s Office of Catholic Education. He later headed the Office of Stewardship and Development and the Christel DeHaan Family Foundation.

Throughout his career, Elsener learned the power of “inviting people to some larger aspiration,” a lesson that has served him well as a fundraiser for Marian University.

“I don’t know anything about fundraising,” he said. “All I do is invite someone to do something great. They say, ‘What’s so great?’ Well, how would you like to help a kid from a poor family get a great education? How would you like to help me provide more nurses who care about people? How would you like to put a dynamic teacher in every classroom in the state?”

THE MARIAN MIRACLE

When Elsener began his presidency in 2001, Marian University—then Marian College—was on the brink of failure. The school had so little money that the bank was refusing to renew its letter of credit.

Elsener’s first move was to request a multi-million dollar loan from the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana—one that Marian University eventually paid back, with interest.

“There was a good community here, and I respected its history,” Elsener said. “The Sisters’ charism is in the air and the DNA of this place rather dramatically.”

With the immediate financial crisis solved, Elsener turned his attention to rebuilding the school’s confidence and making big plans for the future—plans that would soon justify changing the name from Marian College to Marian University. His overarching goals were to elevate the university’s academic stature, create a more vibrant campus life, embrace the university’s Catholic and Franciscan identity, and provide enough financial resources to support those transformations.

Elsener based those goals on a Biblical precedent.

“I always think we’re best when we pursue the gospel,” he said. “Jesus was a teacher, a healer, a prayer, and a leader/pastor, and it seems like when we really push in those areas, we’re good.”

Guided by that philosophy, Marian University has undergone a stunning transformation in the past decade—a transformation that Elsener calls “reclaiming our future.” The campus is dotted with new academic and athletic facilities. The old academic departments have reorganized into schools and revamped their curriculums. Undergraduate enrollment has more than doubled. The athletic department has added several sports, including football. At games, the new marching band rallies the school spirit of both students and alumni. A game-changing College of Osteopathic Medicine is scheduled to open next year.
Marian University's Most Influential People

Sr. Monica Zore was definitely the most influential person in my life during my four years at Marian College. During my first semester of my freshman year, I took the Mentoring 101 class and was paired up with Sr. Monica. I was a nursing major, but had huge doubts that it was the path God was leading me on. So, with her guidance, I found that math and secondary education was a direction that might be interesting. I am so appreciative of this advice because, 13 years later, I have found that teaching junior high math is my passion and definitely God’s calling.

- Lori (Payne) Doran ’99

Dr. Jim Divita. He was instrumental in teaching me about how the world is interconnected, past and present. It has been an invaluable lesson throughout my career. Plus, my parents met in his classroom. He seated them in alphabetical order: Bates, Beck. But for him, Jennifer Beth Clayton and I might not be here today.

- Laura Beck ’95

On the field, Kurt Guldner was a coach, always teaching, instructing, and emphasizing the work and attitude necessary to win. Off of the field, Kurt was a mentor and friend, emphasizing the work and attitude necessary to get an education and win at life.

- Jason Crace ’97

The students are and always have been the single most important person here at Marian University.

- Mary Botos, Marian University campus information specialist

Dr. Jeff Kellogg, psychology professor. He encouraged my love for psychology and was there every step towards graduation. The atmosphere at Marian University allowed me to experience amazing mentorship and prepare me for my current success.

- Marissa Freson ’10

“Sr. Stella Gampfer whose faith, love, and joy have touched so many. Her enthusiasm for the creative arts continues to inspire those who are fortunate to spend time with her.”

- Pat Sanders ’88

Sr. Gloria Gallagher was so special to me during my time at Marian College. I was really struggling in a class and was full of self-doubt andSr. Gloria took me aside and gave me a wonderful pep talk. She always had a kind word for me whenever I would see her. I loved all of my professors and respected them immensely, but Sr. Gloria really went above and beyond to make sure I got the grade I needed and had the confidence to stick it out. When I became a teacher, I always tried to remember how important it was to have someone believe in me when I didn’t believe in myself. I hope I was that person to some of my students.

- Stephanie Rolfsen ’94

“I believe that my greatest influence at Marian University was Dr. Gay Lynn Crossley in the English department. She pushed me to do my best and wouldn’t take ‘no’ or ‘I can’t’ for an answer. Her no-nonsense approach turned me into a better writer and a better student. I learned to take the same approach with myself which ultimately changed my attitude and transformed me into a better person.”

- Amelia Horninger Jarrett ’11

“Sr. Mary Carol Schroeder. She was so inspiring. To start a history class, she would simply put a hand to her forehead, rub it a few times, and then start speaking. No notes, no distractions. She is the reason I made history my minor. If she could not attend a class, she never declared a holiday. She simply asked if we could all attend on a different day and no one ever declined.”

- Deanna Zeigler ’62

“Mary Malatesta. She was an accounting professor I had for beginning accounting in the early 1970s. Prior to the class, I believed that accounting was a man’s career. She encouraged her female students to pursue an accounting degree. Even though I did not graduate with an accounting degree at that time, I did return to Marian College years later to obtain a degree in accounting.”

- Clare Fitzpatrick ’75

Did we miss somebody?

If you didn’t get the chance to comment on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/marianuniversity) please e-mail alumni@marian.edu and let us know who influenced you the most. Make sure you don’t miss out on future opportunities by liking us on Facebook and following us on Twitter. It’s a great way to keep abreast of Marian University news and reminisce the good old days. Go Knights!

To find “Marian University’s Most Influential People”, we reached out to faculty, staff, students, and alumni and asked, “Who was most influential to you during your time at Marian University?” You responded to us with an outpouring of love. We couldn’t put everybody on our list, but want to share some of the wonderful things you had to say.

Honorable Mention
The year Marian University opened, Amelia Earhart disappeared while attempting to make a circumnavigation flight across the globe, Europe prepared for the Second World War, and the United States of America continued to suffer through the Great Depression. Of course, it wasn't all bad: Disney's *Snow White* premiered, the Golden Gate Bridge opened to traffic, and J. R. R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit* was published.

Over 2,000 curious people toured Allison Mansion on August 22, 1937, after a newspaper article and pictures about the mansion and Marian College appeared in *The Indianapolis Star* inviting the public to visit. This was the first time the elaborate mansion was open to the public and large crowds continued to visit for the next three weekends.

In 1937, Indianapolis newspapers speculated that Allison Mansion cost $2,000,000 to build.

Allison Mansion stood vacant for six years before it was purchased by the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana for Marian College.

On September 15, 1937, Marian College held its first class.

There were twice as many women (57) enrolled in evening classes as there were enrolled as full time students (24). *Why?* Many married women and teachers utilized these courses to further their education.

Hours that were necessary for graduation. This requirement remains the same today.

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DATE: Friday and Saturday, December 7-8
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Marian University Theatre
COST: FREE!
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**Initiative** | **Progress**
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Health and Life Sciences | $85,164,643
Investing in Students, Academics, and Campus Life | $57,476,647
"Rebuild My Church" | $10,421,575
**Total** | **$153,062,865**

*Includes gifts, pledges, deferred, and nongaap gifts, as of 10.22.12*
**Upcoming Events**

**Marching Band Exhibition Performance**
November 7 at 9 p.m. at Lucas Oil Stadium.

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

**Global Studies Speaker Series: Ray Haberski, Ph.D., “American Wars For and Against the World: Does the U.S. Have an Exceptionalist View of War?”**
November 13 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.*

**Play: Much Ado About Nothing**
November 14-17 at 8 p.m. in Peine Theatre in Fisher Hall.

**Catholic High School Choral Festival**
November 29 at 7 p.m. in the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel.

**Global Studies Speaker Series: Senator Richard G. Lugar, “America and the World”**
December 9 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.*

**Accepted Student Day**
February 13 at 8:30 a.m. in the Marian University Theatre.

**Knight and Daze Winter Carnival**
February 13-16 in the Physical Education Center.

**Scholarship Recognition Reception**
February 20 at 4 p.m. in Allison Mansion.

**Global Studies Speaker Series: Niki Hemmer, Ph.D., “Right Around the World: Conservative Media in the Anglosphere”**
February 21 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.*

**Play: When Pigs Fly**
March 4-5 at 8 p.m. in Peine Theatre in Fisher Hall.

**Networking Knights**
March 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Allison Mansion.

**Global Studies Speaker Series: Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra**
**Music Director Krzysztof Urbański, “Making Music Across Cultures and Nations: the Vision of a Young Conductor”**
Accompanied by an ensemble of international performers from the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra
March 27 at 7 p.m. in the Marian University Theatre.*

**Nursing Encounter Day**
April 12 at 9 a.m. in Allison Mansion.

**Knights Called to Serve**
April 27 at 8 a.m.

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If you have questions about the Global Studies Speaker Series, contact Dr. Pierre Atlas, director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies and associate professor of political science, at patlas@marian.edu or 317.955.6336.

* Registration is recommended for Global Studies Speaker Series events. Go to www.marian.edu/LFCGS/Pages/SpeakerSeriesRegistration.aspx.

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Since arriving at Marian University five years ago, William (Bill) Foley, assistant professor of photography, has been instrumental in the growth of the photography program. Working with Jamie Higgs, Ph.D., chair of the visual art department, there is now a major and minor in photography offered at Marian University.

Prior to returning to the classroom here at Marian University in 2007, Foley worked as a photojournalist for the Associated Press and TIME magazine, based in Cairo, Egypt, Beirut, Lebanon, and New York City. Over the past 34 years, Foley has worked in over 47 countries, and photographed everything from the Indianapolis 500 to wars in the Middle East.

While working for the Associated Press in Beirut, Foley was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for “Spot News Photography” for his work covering the Sabra and Chatilla Massacre in Beirut in 1982. He was nominated again for his photographs of the bombing of the United States Marine Corps Barracks at Beirut Airport in 1983. In 1990, the “Marine” photograph was chosen by LIFE magazine as one of the world’s best photographs.

When not making photographs for editorial and commercial clients, Bill also worked around the world for non-profit groups like Save The Children Foundation and their work in Sudan, Egypt, Lebanon, North Carolina, and South Dakota. In New York City, Foley worked for the Children’s Aid Society as well as the Center for the Advancement of Children’s Mental Health at Columbia University.

Foley has also had a dynamic teaching career, lecturing in Norway, Dubai, and in Gaza and the West Bank, as well as universities around the United States.

Before coming to Marian University, Foley spent six years (1999-2005) as an adjunct professor at the Tisch School of the Arts, New York University.

This fall, his work will be included in a group show at the Second International Photography Festival in Tel Aviv/Jaffa Port. Curators from the Indiana State Museum have also contacted Foley recently to acquire his work for the museum’s collection.

His work has been displayed in museums and galleries New York City, Cairo, Sarajevo, Beirut, Indianapolis, Bloomington, Nyack, New York, Washington, D.C., and Athens, Ohio.

Foley is a native of Indianapolis and a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington.
Kathleen Malarney, MSN
Assistant professor of nursing

Kathleen Malarney graduated from the University of Indianapolis with a master of science degree in nursing and nursing education in 2004. Her specialties are medical-surgical and psychiatric mental-health nursing. She currently practices at St. Vincent Hospital during summers to maintain clinical competence. Although she teaches a variety of courses (Senior Seminar, Dosage Calculation, and Legal and Ethical Issues in Nursing), her primary focus is psychiatric nursing, both didactic and clinical.

Malarney is very active within her profession. She presented a poster at the annual Midwest Nursing Research Society, entitled “Measuring BSN student attitudes following a geriatric practicum experience” in 2003. She is a member of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association and Sigma Theta Tau. Malarney recently published, “Multi-Academic Track Evaluation of End-of-Life Simulation for Nursing Education” with Diana Smith, MSN in *Clinical Simulation in Nursing* in April 2012.

Malarney has served on many committees at Marian University, including the Professional Development Committee, Theology Search Committee, Nursing Dean Search Committee, and she chaired the Student Events Committee. She is also a member of the Marian University Institutional Review Board and currently chairs the School of Nursing Curriculum Committee.

She was a university representative at the Higher Learning Commission Conference on Pathways accreditation using the Degree Qualifications Profile (DQP), and she is now working as a coordinator of the university’s DQP project, led by David Rusbasan, Ph.D. in the Department of Psychology. All programs granting degrees are reviewing, revising, and updating academic and co-curricular programs, student learning outcomes, and learning assessments.

**CLARK H. BYRUM SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**

**Tom Gjerde, Ph.D.**
Assistant dean of the Clark H. Byrum School of Business


Presentation: “Ownership, Liquidity, and Information: Evidence from Chile” at The Santiago Stock Exchange, Pontifical Catholic University, the Chilean Securities and Insurance Supervisor, Chile in 2011.

**Russell Kershaw, Ph.D.**
Dean of the Clark H. Byrum School of Business


**James Polito, Ph.D.**
Assistant professor of economics


**Andrew M. Smith, M.B.A.**
Associate professor of management


**MARIAN’S ADULT PROGRAMS IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**John Essex, M.S.**
Marian’s Adult Programs adjunct faculty

Performance: Featured artist at Heirloom Classics, Indianapolis Downtown Artists, and Dealers Association First Gallery Tour.

**Amy Kluesner, J.D.**
Marian’s Adult Programs adjunct faculty


**Peggy Little, J.D.**
Marian’s Adult Programs adjunct faculty

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Susan Beesley, Ph.D.
Professor of education
Chair of the Teacher Education Committee and Kappa Delta Pi
Presentation: “Measuring with Multiple Intelligences” (with students) at Kappa Delta Pi International Convocation in 2011; “Can We Play That Again? Math Games that Are Fun and Educational” (with students), at MCCOY Workshop in 2012.

Chris Grissom, Ed.D.
Associate professor of education
Reviewing: Choice, Kappa Delta Pi, and The Educational Forum.

Valerie Hall, Ph.D.
Professor of education
Coordinator of Undergraduate Studies and Undergraduate Student Teaching
Publication: “Service learning for elementary school candidates in an alternative high school,” in Indiana Reading Journal 44(2).

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF VISUAL ARTS

J. Brian Crain, M.F.A.
Assistant professor of art

Jamie Higgs, Ph.D.
Chair of the Department of Visual Arts
Associate professor of art and art history

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND COMMUNICATION

Marcia Eppich-Harris, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of English

Sarah Layden, M.F.A.
Lecturer

Diane Prenatt, Ph.D.
Professor of English
Publications: “Art and the Commercial Object as Ekphrastic Subjects” in Song of the Lark and “The Professor’s House” in Cather Studies 9 published by University of Nebraska Press.
Presentation: “Cather and French Provincial: The Influence of Alphonse Daudet” at the Willa Cather Foundation Spring Conference in Red Cloud, Nebraska.

David Shumate, M.A.
Marian University Poet-in-Residence
Publication: In Search of Mariachis published by Epiphany Press.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE

Pierre Atlas, Ph.D.
Associate professor of political science
Director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies
Presentation: “The Arab Spring” at Middle East Conference in Washington, D.C.

Johnny Goldfinger, Ph.D.
Associate professor of political science

Raymond J. Haberski Jr., Ph.D.
Chairman of the Department of History and Social Science
Associate professor of history

DEPARTMENT OF LANGUAGES AND CULTURES

Lennie Coleman, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of Spanish
Presentation: “A Community of Delinquents: Immigration in Young Adult Fiction” at Kentucky Foreign Language Conference in April 2012.

Wendy Westphal, Ph.D.
Chair of the Department of Languages and Cultures
Assistant professor of German
Director of study abroad
Publication: “Truer Than the Real Thing: Real and Hyperreal Representations of the Past in the Lives of Others” in German Studies Review in February 2012.
DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

James Larner, M.M., Ph.D.
Chair of the Department of Music
Professor of music


DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

David Rusbasan, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of psychology

Publication: A Multi-Faceted Measure of Supervisory Support, translated into Thai, at University of Bangkok.

DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND PHILOSOPHY

Mark Reasoner, Ph.D.
Associate professor of theology

Presentation: “Is it, ‘yes, yes’ and ‘no, no’ with me?: basic tensions in Paul’s theology” at Chicago Society for Biblical Research in January 2012.

Karen Spear, Ph.D.
Assistant professor of philosophy

Director of the Center for Organizational Ethics

Presentations: “Nurturing the Contemplative Spirit” at Contemplative Outreach in Indianapolis, in January 2012; “Contemplating Integrity: Contemplative Prayer and the Cultivation of Virtue” at Aspiring Leader Student Conference in February 2012; “Organizational Ethics and Professional Code of Ethics for Social Service Providers” at Mary Rigg Neighborhood Center, in February 2012.

DEPARTMENT OF THEATRE

Kristopher Steege, M.F.A.
Assistant professor of theatre
Director of theatre

Performance: Scenic design for “Once Upon a Shoe” at Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre at the Palladium (upcoming).
Production: Original script for “St. Francis and the Wolf” for Marian University Theatre in spring 2012.

SCHOOL OF MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCES

David Benson, Ph.D.
Associate professor of biology
Director of the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab

Presentation: “Forget Sustainable; Think Desirable,” keynote address at GreenCon Sustainability Conference at Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory High School in Indianapolis.

Roderick Macrae, Ph.D.
Associate professor of chemistry

Presentations: “An Interdisciplinary and Relevant Pedagogical Design to Exploring Sustainability” at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Moore Symposium of Teaching and Learning in 2012; “Hydrogen Atom Isotope Dynamics and Hyperfine Interactions in Analogues of All-Silicon Zeolite Cages: Density Functional Theory Studies” at the 42nd Annual Central Regional Meeting of the American Chemical Society in Indianapolis in 2011; multiple Institute for Green and Sustainable Science presentations at Marian University in 2012.

Jeff McClure, M.S.
Instructor of biology


Ron Weiss, M.S., M.B.A., Ed.D.
Assistant professor of biology


SCHOOL OF NURSING

Diane Friedman, MSN
Assistant professor of nursing

Presentation: “Neuroscience in the film A Matter of Life and Death, 1946” at University of Glasgow in 2012.

Karen Hardin, MSN
Assistant professor of nursing
Director of BSN programs


Diana Smith, MSN
Assistant professor of nursing

Publication: “Multi-Academic Track Evaluation of End-of-Life Simulation for Nursing Education” in Clinical Simulation in Nursing in April 2012.
Marian University has been selected to host a Fulbright Scholar from China as part of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies. Fulbright Scholar in Residence Shunji Cui, Ph.D. (SHUN-tshee Tswee), an expert in international relations at Zhejiang University in Hangzhou, was awarded the Fulbright grant by the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.

Cui, Marian University’s first Fulbright scholar-in-residence, will help to further internationalize the university and The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies by teaching courses in the global studies curriculum, assisting the university with developing study abroad opportunities in China, and engaging with the central Indiana community.

“We are honored to welcome Dr. Shunji Cui to the Marian University community and The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies this year,” said Marian University President Daniel J. Eisener. “I’m confident her expertise and guidance will enhance our already outstanding global studies program, and our students, faculty, and staff will benefit tremendously from her leadership.”

Marian University Head Cycling Coach and Indy Cycloplex Executive Director Dean Peterson has directed the Marian University Knights Cycling Team to many national championships, and last week he traveled to compete in the USA Cycling Masters’ National Championships in Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he captured a title of his own.

Coach Peterson leads by example, especially in competition against the best master cyclists in the country. Peterson was a member of the national champion team in the 45+ Team Pursuit, along with Major Taylor Velodrome regular Curtis Tolson and nationally recognized riders Chris Carlson and Kenneth Williams. Peterson and his teammates topped the podium and set a new national record of 4:36:8. Peterson also won fifth place in the 3K Individual Pursuit, turning in a personal best time of 3:38:8.

Congratulations to Coach Dean Peterson!

Marian University has undertaken a complete renovation of its business curriculum. The new curriculum is integrated, collaborative, and experiential—a design that will develop a student’s problem solving, communication, analytical, and interpersonal skills. Marian University’s approach emphasizes teamwork and ethical leadership. In addition to the revisions to the core, all business students will be required to take courses in career planning and ethics and complete internships.

Two Legendary Coaches Honored for Contributions to Youth

On June 15, 2012, Marian University recognized Bob Knight, legendary college basketball coach, and Ray Crowe, legendary Crispus Attucks High School coach, as the 2012 inductees into the Clayton Family Circle of Honor for their exemplary contributions to the intellectual, physical, and spiritual well-being of youth in Indiana and beyond.

Those that have played for Bob Knight declare simply that he raised the bar of excellence in the lives of all that surrounded him. Coach Knight not only ran championship level programs of complete integrity that steered clear of NCAA violations, but he also consistently graduated players and insisted that preparation was the key to success in life, as well as on the court.

Coach Ray Crowe’s enormous impact on the character, pride, and integrity of young people makes his story historic. During this racially troubled time in our nation, Crowe skillfully taught and demanded sportsmanship, discipline, self-esteem,
and teamwork. He coached basketball at Crispus Attucks High School for seven years and brought the city of Indianapolis its first state championship in 1955 and won a second state title as the state’s first undefeated team a year later. Additionally, he served as the school’s director of athletics for 11 years. He also served four-and-a-half terms in the Indiana House of Representatives after his coaching career. Crowe was relentless in his use of the basketball court as his classroom to mold a culture of champions. Crowe’s widow, Betty Crowe, and their family accepted the award for him.

“I am honored to be inducted into the Clayton Family Circle of Honor,” said Knight. “What makes it special is that I am being inducted with a man like Ray Crowe. He is one of the best people I have ever known in my life and it makes me proud to be inducted alongside him.”

>> Bob Knight and 30-Plus Indiana Basketball Legends Celebrate at Marian University

Legendary college basketball coach Bob Knight and Indiana basketball legends George McGinnis, Landon Turner, Scott May, Randy Wittman, and many more attended the Indiana Basketball Legends fundraiser on June 16, 2012 to benefit Marian University athletics. The event included an autograph session with Bob Knight.

As part of its annual Clayton Family Circle of Honor Induction Dinner on June 15, Marian University honored Coach Knight and Coach Ray Crowe with endowed scholarships to benefit Indiana youth pursuing sports and coaching. Former Indiana University great Steve Downing—a star in his own right—is Marian University’s director of athletics and a friend of Coach Knight. Downing wanted to do something to make the weekend more memorable, and the Indiana Basketball Legends event did just that.

>> Marian University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine Beam-Signing Celebration

The Marian University community gathered for a beam-signing ceremony celebrating the remarkable progress on the construction of the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences. Everyone attending had the chance to sign the beam and it was quickly covered in names, well wishes, and prayers.

The beam-signing ceremony took place on August 23, 2012. Along with remarks by President Daniel J. Elsener and Michael A. Evans, attendees had the opportunity to tour part of the new building. This event not only marked great progress, but it also celebrated the people, companies, and hospitals that have made Marian University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine possible.

>> Marian University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine Received More Than 2,000 Applications

Within weeks of accepting applications, Marian University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) received more than 2,000 applications, exceeding initial estimates. On the first day alone, MU-COM received more than 700 applications. When MU-COM opens its doors in August 2013, the school will enroll 150 students per year.

Marian University’s College of Osteopathic Medicine

Left: Progress on the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences. Right: Chairman of the board and president of Browning Investments, Inc. Michael Browning and chief executive officer and founder of AIT Laboratories Michael A. Evans sign a beam going into the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences.
Daniel Conway has been named senior vice president for planning, marketing, and advancement at Marian University. Conway has spent the last five months serving as special assistant to the president for planning, development, and communications. During his career, he has redefined the meaning of stewardship in the Catholic Church in the United States. Conway has a long history with the Catholic and Indianapolis community. In the 1990s, he worked as secretary for planning, communications, and development for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Most recently, he has served as the consultant for mission advancement at the Archdiocese of St. Louis. He is an excellent strategist, fundraiser, and writer who will help take planning, development, and communication efforts at Marian University to a new level for this exciting new era.

Todd Lickliter has been named head men’s basketball coach at Marian University. He is the seventh head men’s basketball coach in Marian University history. Lickliter, who has amassed a 169-119 career record as a head coach, brings extensive experience from the NCAA Division I level to Marian University. He spent last season with Miami University (Ohio) in Oxford, Ohio, as an assistant coach after serving as head coach at the University of Iowa (2007-10) and at his alma mater, Butler University (2001-07). He also served two stints as assistant coach at Butler (1988-89 and 1999-2001) and a stint as an assistant coach at Eastern Michigan University (1997-99).

“I stand before you passionate about the opportunity to coach at Marian University,” said Lickliter. “I am the proud father of three sons, two of whom graduated from Marian University, and the other who will graduate in December. They recognized that personal touch. I believe that personal aspect will give us the opportunity to be genuine and recruit with substance.”

Marian University and Teach For America Collaborate to Recruit for Leadership Academy

This fall, Marian University and Teach For America will collaborate to recruit and select the very best potential school leaders from across the nation to attend the Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership at Marian University. The partnership will bring the brightest and best future school leaders to Indianapolis, to live, work, and serve in Indiana schools, amplifying the quality of schooling.

Two years ago, Marian University created the Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership as a model for transformative school leadership preparation and in response to an intensive need for centers of learning that educate for excellence and are led by passionate, highly skilled individuals who are committed to the long-term success of education in Indiana.

Marian University Provost Thomas J. Enneking Attends National Leadership Development Program

Executive Vice President and Provost Thomas J. Enneking, Ph.D. was one of 20 senior academic administrators in higher education nationwide selected to participate in the 2012 Colloquium on Leadership for Chief Academic Officers. Through an examination of classic and contemporary readings, the colloquium helps participants strengthen their leadership skills as they reflect on power, ethics, and responsibility. As a participant, Enneking attended a seminar in Annapolis, Maryland, July 17-21, 2012. The colloquium was presented by the Council of Independent Colleges and the American Academic Leadership Institute.

Marian University’s School of Education Hosts Conference

More than 500 students, educators, and parents attended Marian University’s School of Education conference entitled, “Thinking Beyond the Boundaries Through Social and Emotional Learning” on September 14-15, 2012. The conference included a presentation by Judy Willis, M.D., M.Ed., a board-certified neurologist and an authority in the field of learning-centered brain research and classroom strategies.
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Recently, the Office of Alumni Relations sent out an e-mail asking alumni who influenced them the most during their time at Marian University (or Marian College, as many still fondly think of their alma mater). We were completely unprepared for the volume of e-mail and survey responses that we received. Just as surprising was the variety of responses. It seems that almost every faculty and staff member in the last 75 years touched someone’s life in a profound way, and that speaks to the heart of the experience that students have at our university. Students who enroll at Marian University don’t leave at the end of their four years with just a degree, they leave with an education. They leave with an understanding of how important it is to recognize the dignity of every individual. They leave knowing that they are stewards of all of God’s creation, and the responsibility of caring for that creation rests on their shoulders. They leave with a commitment to transform lives, society, and the world and they leave with the knowledge that enables them to do just that.

Thank you for sharing your stories and comments with us. We poured over your responses, sometimes laughing at funny stories, sometimes crying over touching memories. Highlighted in this issue are just a few of the numerous alumni, faculty, staff, and friends that have influenced the growth of our school in the last 75 years.

We hope you enjoy reading about all of those who have helped make Marian University the institution that it is, in both big and small ways. Don’t forget to read about those on the “honorable mention” list.

Most of all, I hope you take the time to reach out to the people that influenced you when you were a student. Thank them for the impact they had on your life. Send them a letter to let them know how important they were to you. Make a gift to the university in their honor (we’ll even send them a personal message, letting them know about your honor gift) or contribute to a scholarship to pay it forward for the next generation of Marian University students.

Barbara Stuckwisch
director of alumni and donor relations

Making Honor or Memory Gifts
To make a gift in someone’s honor or memory, please contact Brittany Nickerson-Williams, assistant director of alumni and donor relations, at alumni@marian.edu or 317.955.6245.

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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.
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Kelsey Uebelhor ’12 and Renaud Sicard ’14 have told their stories. Tell us yours.
**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.

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1963


1967

| Mary Jane Scheidler Elliot and her husband David helped open a new school, Concordia International School Hanoi, in Hanoi, Vietnam in 2011. This year, they have 120 students and are working hard to give them an education that will prepare them for a future in an English-speaking work environment.

1995

| Perry Woodin and Laura Welles ’96 welcomed a baby girl, Indiana Welles Woodin, on September 1, 2011. Perry and Laura met and were married at Marian College in 1997. While at Marian College and living in Indiana for 10 years, they had many influential experiences and made lifelong friends. Indiana received her name in recognition of her parents’ meeting place and early years together. They now live in Albany, New York.

2003

| Perry Woodin, Indiana Welles Woodin, and Laura Welles ’96.

2004

| Mike Morrell and his wife Alison became parents for the first time, to Emma Grace Morrell on February 9, 2012.

2005

| Andrew and Sarah Terlinden Ley welcomed a beautiful baby girl on May 8, 2012. Lucy Marie Ley weighed seven pounds, four ounces and was 21 inches long. She joins big sister, Emma, who is two years old.

Lucy and Emma Ley.
2008

Melissa Diana Emond Hunt received a doctor of optometry degree from State University of New York College of Optometry on June 3, 2012. Melissa completed a six-month internship at State University of New York, New York City, and a six-month externship at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, Florida.

Melissa Diana Emond Hunt.

Lucy Holder ’10 married David Shoulta.

2010

Angela Gauck married Kevin Belter on July 28, 2012 at St. John the Evangelist Church in Enochsburg, Indiana. Kristen Welker ’10 was in the wedding party.

Lucy Holder married David Shoulta on July 14, 2012 at St. Thomas More Catholic Church in Paducah, Kentucky. Lucy is a religion teacher at St. Mary Middle/High School in Paducah. Kaitlin Blandford ’10 served as maid of honor. Caitlin Reel ’10 and Kali Genos ’10 served as bridesmaids.

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If you have questions, contact Brittany Nickerson-Williams, assistant director of alumni and donor relations, at 317.955.6245 or bwilliams@marian.edu.
**2011**

**Wesley Bremer** is serving in Porto Novo, Benin in Africa for the Peace Corps. Bremer is living with a host family and learning about the language, culture, and people of Benin. After he finishes his training, he will be teaching English.

**Mika Jackson** is traveling as a trainer across the country with the United States Women’s Gymnastics Team on the “Kellogg’s Tour of Gymnastics Champions.”

Mika Jackson.

**Faculty and Staff**

**Dana DeBruhl**, executive assistant for the Office of Institutional Advancement, married Scott Rizzi on May 19, 2012 at the Story Inn in southern Indiana.

**Trista Hart**, advisor for Marian’s Adult Programs (MAP), and her husband, Shane, have welcomed their first child, Blakely Kay Hart was born on September 5, 2012. Both mother and daughter are doing great and enjoying this special time.

**Tori Kincaid**, Internet specialist for marketing communications, and her husband Chad welcomed Mears Jackson Kincaid on June 13, 2012. He was five pounds, 11 ounces and 17 inches long.

**Brittany Nickerson**, assistant director of alumni and donor relations, married Matthew Williams on July 28, 2012 in Greenwood, Indiana.

**Jennifer Schwartz**, associate registrar, and her husband, Justin, welcomed a baby girl, Bailey Elaine, on Saturday, March 31, 2012. Bailey weighed seven pounds and was 20.25 inches long.

**Dana DeBruhl and Scott Rizzi.**

**Mears Jackson Kincaid.**

**Share the experience!**

Marian University’s challenge is to consistently improve the Marian University experience while keeping it affordable. A significant factor in this equation is the fact that tuition and fees cover only a fraction of the total cost of educating our students.

When you receive an invitation to give to Marian University, reflect on the wonderful experience you had here. Help make that possible for someone else by making a gift to the university.

**HELP US ACHIEVE 30 PERCENT ALUMNI GIVING.**

Corporations, foundations, and individuals want to see that alumni are supporting their alma mater before considering a gift to Marian University. So, we are striving to engage 30 percent of our alumni in giving this year.

During the fiscal year 2011-12 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012), just over 18 percent of our alumni made a gift. Thank you! Help us achieve 30 percent alumni giving for this fiscal year (July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013).

**PERCENTAGE OF ALUMNI GIVING as of August 31, 2012**

- 30%
- 25%
- 20%
- 15%
- 10%
- 5%
- 0%
In Memoriam

Joan Louise Boersig ’52, died on April 4, 2012 at St. Augustine Home. She retired there in 2008 after many years of service to the poor and elderly of this city. In 1996, Joan was given a Distinguished Alumni Award from Marian University for her outstanding achievement in volunteerism.

Rose Mary “Hap” Glaser Abell ’57, an accomplished athlete, teacher, devout Christian and caregiver, died on May 11, 2012 at Mercy Franciscan Terrace in Springfield Township. She was 90.

Frank A. Casper ’59, father of Christina Casper Cozzolino ’93, passed away on March 24, 2012.

Neal F. Farrell, husband of Barbara Kuhn Farrell ’59, died, Tuesday, March 6, 2012, in Naples, Florida, after complications from lung cancer. Neal is survived by his wife and their children, Anne (McKay), Susan, Karen (Regan), Joseph, and Kathleen (Perreault), and 12 grandchildren.

Mary “Peggy” Deuel ’60 died December 28, 2011.

Richard Powell ’65 died on Friday, April 27, 2012, two days short of his 70th birthday. Mr. Powell was a beloved teacher and a legend at Bishop Chatard High School where he taught for 43 years. He was Chatard’s biggest fan in every way. He is survived by his wife, Norma Knapp Powell ’66 and children, Eileen (Countryman), Jerry, and Gregory, and grandchildren, Olivia, Patrick, and Katie (Countryman).

Mary Ann Werbinski-Taylor ’66, passed away on August 10, 2012, in Knoxville, Tennessee, after a brief illness.

Mary Ann Werbinski-Taylor ’66

John F. Costerisan ’73 passed away Sunday, February 12, 2012, at the West Suburban Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bloomingdale, Illinois. He is survived by his life partner, Charles Dittmann, and his brother, Brad Snethen.

Kathleen Ellis Lilik ’74, passed away March 11, 2012. She and her husband Dennis celebrated 37 years of marriage in October 2011.

Dennis O’Connor, husband of Paula Fey O’Connor ’77 and father of Colleen O’Connor ’10, passed away on April 8, 2012.

Kathleen Sullivan-Weiss ’78, beloved wife of Howard Weiss for 27 years and loving mother of Amy Weiss, passed away on May 27, 2012.

Mary Ava Earley Cassidy ’80 returned to her heavenly family on August 11, 2012. Mary was married for 43 years to David Lee Cassidy who predeceased her in 2001. Together they had four girls, Ann Marie, Susan Elaine, Catherine Lynn, and Jennifer Lee.

Pamela Thompson Kuszmaul ’95 passed away on January 24, 2012.

Tanner Lane Barton ’15 died Sunday, April 22, 2012. Barton was a freshman health and physical education major in the school of education and a member of the Marian University Knights football team. Tanner is survived by his loving parents, Jeff and Michele (Brooks) Barton and his sister, Jamison Barton.

Alberta R. Hensley, former director of Marian University Alumni Association, passed away May 12, 2012 at Rockynol Retirement Community. Hensley was a part of a team responsible for founding the Magnet magazine, purchasing the first team bus, and establishing Marian University’s first Distinguished Alumni Awards.

Robert B. McConnell, 91, passed away on May 20, 2012. McConnell was a business and civic leader in Indianapolis and served on Marian University’s Board of Trustees for years. He is survived by daughter, Anne Barth of Zionsville, Indiana, two granddaughters, Frances Barth of Goshen, Indiana and Katie Wright of Carmel, Indiana, and five great-grandchildren.

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As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of Marian University in Indianapolis, it seems appropriate to reflect on what makes an education from Marian University distinctive. Of course, the first thing that comes to mind is our Catholic identity. But what also sets us apart from other institutions is our commitment to a liberal arts education. This emphasis on the liberal arts provides our students with life skills that reach beyond any chosen career path and explores common themes experienced by human beings through the ages.

Each student at Marian University takes courses required in the general education curriculum. These courses assure a well-rounded education and a firm grounding in the liberal arts. One of the most distinctive courses is Humanities, an interdisciplinary course, team-taught by professors of music, art, and literature. At other institutions, this type of course is taught as a broad overview of western culture, where students become culturally literate by learning to identify masterworks of the past.

Cultural literacy is very important, but in our humanities course it is only the first level of engagement. The subtitle of the course is “The Search for Meaning through Culture,” which accurately describes a major goal of the course. This fall, nearly 200 students will read the epic of Gilgamesh. Most scholars agree that this story is based on an actual human being who lived around 2800 B.C.E in Uruk—present day Iraq. According to the legend, Gilgamesh is a powerful young king and although he protects his people from outside forces, he is an arrogant and abusive king. The people of Uruk pray to the gods for help. The gods intervene by sending Gilgamesh a friend with whom he shares many adventures. When his friend suddenly dies, Gilgamesh experiences such mourning that he decides to go on a quest for immortality. I don’t suppose it will surprise you to learn that he doesn’t achieve immortality and yet here we are 5,000 years later talking about him. Why is Gilgamesh still remembered after all these years? He is remembered for the transformation he experiences on his journey. He sets off on a quest which seemingly ends in failure, but through his journey he learns a far more important lesson. He comes back to Uruk a benevolent and beloved king and thus does, in a way, achieve the immortality he sought.

So what do Marian University students learn from studying Gilgamesh? We can look at the various levels of learning that take place. The first level is the level of cultural literacy. This is the Jeopardy level. Students will know that Gilgamesh was a king who lived long ago and went on a quest for immortality. Beyond this level, they will learn about the cultural values and concerns of an ancient civilization. They will learn about the art and the music of those people and what they were trying to communicate to the world. Next is a deeper level where students are able to interpret Gilgamesh’s journey as a metaphor for someone who had to endure many trials to learn how to become fully human. And finally, students learn how to explore the lessons of Gilgamesh and apply them to their own lives and the world around them. That is “the search for meaning through culture.” Like Gilgamesh, our students are on a difficult quest—to earn a degree. Like Gilgamesh, they may have lofty goals—maybe to become the chief executive officer of a Fortune 500 company. Progressing toward their goal they will face many challenges, successes, and failures. How they deal with those experiences will reveal their underlying character. With an emphasis on the liberal arts, Marian University prepares students to assess challenges from multiple perspectives. I hope we all agree that we don’t want our leaders making decisions based solely on “the bottom line,” or worse, making decisions based on personal gain. We need leaders who can evaluate a situation from multiple perspectives. We need leaders with a strong moral and ethical foundation. We need leaders who have learned and value the quality of empathy—the ability to have insight, respect, and compassion for others. The liberal arts foundation that Marian University provides prepares our students to make well-informed, values-based decisions.

There is more and more emphasis on professional instruction in higher education today—and certainly that is very important—but there is also a danger in placing too much emphasis on the transitory nature of career preparation. The pace at which the practical knowledge of a vocation is changing is unprecedented. Information that freshmen learn may well be obsolete by the time they are seniors. The advent of the computer age has changed every profession—but has it changed the lessons learned from Homer and Dante? Has it made the music of Bach and Beethoven or the art of Michelangelo and Van Gogh obsolete? There are elements of learning that are timeless. In fact, we might say the lessons of the great works are actually timely in that they evolve throughout our lifetime. Think for a moment of an influential book that you have read more than once. Did the message of the book evolve with repeated readings?

I’m reminded of a quote attributed to Oscar Wilde. We don’t want to graduate students who “know the price of everything and the value of nothing.” Through a liberal arts education, our students learn values necessary to create a better world. And Marian University is creating a better world by transforming lives—one student at a time. This is our goal. This is what makes an education from Marian University truly distinctive.

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A 1937 postcard of Allison Mansion: For 12 years, until the construction of Clare Hall in 1949, the 8,000 square foot mansion served as residence hall, classroom space, dining hall, and library for the students and faculty of the university. The Sisters turned the sleeping porches into art studios, the music room into the school’s chapel, and the attic into their sleeping quarters.