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Greetings from Marian University!

Our vision is for Marian University to provide a profoundly transformational education for our students. Ultimately, we want our graduates to be a profoundly transformational influence in the world. This vision is pursued daily in the Marian University community through dedication to our mission of providing excellent teaching and learning in the Franciscan and liberal arts tradition.

Transformation, or even more audaciously, to profoundly transform a person or society requires that all dimensions of the human person—mind, body, and spirit—must be engaged. This is why the education that Marian University offers is grounded in a strong liberal arts curriculum and taught by exceptional faculty. Moreover, the whole educational process is directed to and illuminated by the light of faith, which calls us to the ultimate question of life, purpose, and what is truly good and beautiful in the world.

Students here are being prepared to lead, and authentic leadership begins with the understanding that we belong to each other; we are part of a larger community. This is evident with alumni like Glen Tebbe ’71, who uses his faith and education while developing state and local policies to help everyone in the community. At Marian University, that community is racially, economically, and religiously diverse—an important fact that we celebrate every day. People learn more in a community that is inclusive and respectful. Pope Benedict’s assertion that we are social beings who find fulfillment only in love for God and neighbor is an admonition we take seriously here.

Our focus on teaching and learning, the liberal arts, our faith, and a sense of community all play a part in the transformational experience each of our students has while attending Marian University. Throughout their journey they have hands-on research experience, work at high-quality internships, lead classroom discussions, work within a team for national competitions, and grow in their faith. We are dedicated to continuing and expanding opportunities that enhance the teaching and learning environment.

We are proud of our world-class faculty like Dr. Rod Macrae, one of the world’s foremost researchers of the subatomic particle known as a muon; business experts like Lori Rumreich, an international marketing professor who honed her expertise working for Roche Diagnostics; and Dr. George LaMaster, a nationally recognized speech, debate, and forensics instructor. These professors are exemplars of how to lead students to active learning.

In light of this tradition, be assured that Marian University’s Board of Trustees, faculty, and the entire Marian University community are deeply committed to continually strengthening engaged teaching and learning so that we can better fulfill our vision to profoundly transform our students, society, and the world.

As always, thank you for your prayers and outpouring of support for advancing the mission of Marian University. As you enjoy this issue of the Marian University Magazine, I hope it is clear that together we are becoming a great Catholic university!

Sincerely,

Daniel J. Elsener
President
Cassie Freestone graduated in 2011 with a bachelor of science in biology and a minor in chemistry. She has been working with O’Brien and the Institute of Green and Sustainable Science (IGSS) on numerous research projects, including a study of turtles in the Marian University EcoLab entitled “Comparison of turtle population structure and parasite load in a closed spring-fed pond and an open dredged canal: does disturbance matter?” In August 2011, she will be traveling to the coast of Mossel Bay, South Africa, to study shark populations as part of an internship.

“...The unique research opportunities I had through the School of Mathematics and Sciences helped me learn in a way classroom lectures couldn’t, and helped me understand science beyond the experience of most undergraduate students. Dr. Sara O’Brien taught me how to take charge of my own scientific discovery and develop my identity as a scientist and a student.”

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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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MORE THAN JUST A JOB
Marian University graduates find teaching a calling

In central Indiana, graduates of the Marian University School of Education can be found in almost every school, from the smallest Catholic schools to the largest public schools. These alumni are now award-winning teachers and principals, but they come from many different backgrounds, and they all have unique motivations to teach. They do, however, have two things in common: a passion for teaching and a deep appreciation for the lessons they learned at Marian University.

Here, we take a closer look at a few accomplished School of Education alumni.

LaNier Echols ’10

Social studies teacher, H.L. Harshman Middle School, Indianapolis

Marian University connection: master’s degree in education and the Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership (current student)

Last fall, LaNier Echols and a cohort of other teaching professionals became the first group of students in the Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership. The three-year program, including one year of classwork and two years of supervised residency, equips students to take leadership roles in failing schools—and to quickly turn those schools around.

“I have over 100 students now, and I’m working diligently to support them,” Echols said. “But I feel like I can maximize my impact by moving up, and instead of having 100 students, possibly effecting change for 500 students.”

The academy classes meet on Fridays and Saturdays, so Echols must carefully balance her work and school commitments. But she is no stranger to hard work. She earned her master’s degree in education at Marian University as part of the Teach for America program, which also requires students to balance graduate studies with full-time teaching commitments in disadvantaged schools.

After one year in the academy, Echols said she has learned valuable lessons about leadership, such as how to support a staff of teachers while also demanding improvements.

“It’s a combination of being able to dream big and being able to manage the small stuff,” Echols said. “I want to be a level-five leader, the one who is able to influence the most change.”

Meanwhile, Echols is doing her best to change the lives of her current students, such as teaching them vocabulary words that might appear on the SAT. When a student uses one of those words in an essay—or, even better, uses the word in conversation—Echols knows she is succeeding.

“Those are the proudest moments, when they show that they know something and have learned something,” she said. “It’s just the little things that teachers smile at when their students do it.”
For Eileen McGinley, attending Marian University is a family tradition. Her mother, Mary Ann (Stapleton) McGinley, earned a bachelor’s degree in education at Marian University in 1962. Although she passed away in 1988, when McGinley was just 12, she instilled in her daughter a lifelong passion for teaching.

“All I ever wanted to do was be a teacher,” McGinley said. “I like empowering the children to learn.”

That is especially true in McGinley’s current class of fifth graders, some of whom are studying English as a Second Language (ESL). Her students are originally from Vietnam, Croatia, Mexico, and several other countries, but McGinley creates lesson plans and activities that meet the needs of students with different backgrounds.

As a testament to her commitment, she recently received Raymond Park Intermediate Academy’s teacher-of-the-year award, in her first year of eligibility. The award is given to the teacher who inspires learning and shows a concern for students, starts innovative practices in their classroom, and shows a willingness to devote time and energy to activities which result in improved instruction for students.

Although McGinley always knew she wanted to be a teacher, she took a circuitous route. After studying education as an undergraduate at Marian University for three years, she transferred to another school and switched her major to communications. Almost immediately, she knew she had made a mistake.

“In my final presentation for my other degree, they said, ‘you’d be a great teacher,’” McGinley remembered.

Although McGinley had a successful career in communications, she longed to be a teacher—and to return to Marian University.

“Everyone I know that has had an education from Marian University seemed very solid in their faith and their knowledge of the subject area, so that was impressive,” she said.

Each year, McGinley set aside as much money as she could, always with the goal of leaving her job and returning to Marian University as a full-time graduate student in education. It took seven years.

“I learned that if you really want something, you’ll make the sacrifices to make it happen,” McGinley said.

But the sacrifice paid off, as her teacher-of-the-year honor demonstrates. McGinley was thrilled to be recognized, but her biggest reward, she said, is watching her students succeed. One of her proudest moments was when her students’ standardized test scores in English came in above the district average, despite their struggles as ESL learners.

“What you do every day impacts the life of a child,” she said. “I have to come in at 150 percent, because if not, the students will get behind.”

“All I ever wanted to do was be a teacher. I like empowering the children to learn.”
Kelly England ’96
Principal, St. Rose of Lima Catholic School, Franklin

Marian University connection: bachelor’s degree in education

At Kelly England’s kindergarten graduation, the students were asked what they wanted to be when they grew up. England already knew what she wanted to be: a teacher.

By the time she finished her bachelor’s degree in education at Marian University, her goal was more specific: to be a principal.

“IT was in my blood, something that I knew I aspired to someday,” said England, whose mother taught in Catholic schools and was involved in the Indiana Catholic Principals Institute. England taught at several Catholic schools and earned a master’s degree in educational administration before recently accepting a position as principal of St. Rose of Lima Catholic School.

England credits her mother’s influence—and her experiences at Marian University—for shaping her into the leader she has become.

“Marian University is smaller, so you have that personal connection with your professors, and that is more valuable than I think anyone could ever really imagine,” she said. “I did feel prepared for the unexpected, because that was something that they repeated constantly, that you had to be ready for that.”

Based on her professors’ advice, England earned a minor in special education, which made her more employable after graduation. Student with disabilities are increasingly educated in inclusive settings, and professors in the School of Education encouraged students to prepare for those challenges.

“It was very forward-thinking at the time. We were just starting to see inclusion make its way into the schools, and now that’s the norm,” England said. “I wish some of the teachers on my staff had that additional background, because they all have students with special needs in their classrooms.”

As a principal, England said she enjoys the opportunity to support other teachers. Being a principal in a Catholic school also requires spiritual leadership, and England said she is grateful for her time of spiritual formation at Marian University.

“Being in school at Marian University really helped strengthen my faith,” she said. “You think of the university years as a time to experiment and try new things, and those are years when a lot of people fall away from their faith. Being in a faith-based university helped me go the opposite way. Instead of falling away from my faith, it strengthened it.”

One of her fondest memories of Marian University is going to mass on Sunday evenings—the ideal way to end one week and start a new one. And, she said, her training in core Franciscan values, such as good stewardship of resources, helped prepare her for her role as principal.

“I really enjoyed my time at Marian University, and I think they did an excellent job of preparing me for the classroom and preparing me to further my education,” she said.
For Joey Newton, Marian University’s School of Education was an obvious choice: Newton had always attended Catholic schools, and he knew he wanted to teach in Catholic schools, so it made sense to attend a Catholic university with strong ties to the local Catholic educational community.

After graduation, Newton accepted a position teaching second grade at St. Roch Catholic School—the same school he had attended as a child.

Two years later, he became the school’s music teacher. Under his leadership, the school band has grown from just four students to more than 40 and has earned high marks in several contests. He also leads a student choir and teaches private lessons in piano and guitar.

Newton’s proudest moments, he said, are “seeing them learn how to play instruments and how to read music.”

Newton played in bands throughout high school and college, but he credits Marian University with giving him the skills he needed to teach—and helping him navigate the challenges along the way.

“The professors really do know everybody,” he said. “I remember when I was struggling with a class, and the professor called me in the dorm and asked what she could do to help me.”

“Marian University is small enough that professors know exactly what you’re doing and can keep an eye on you,” he added.

Newton’s professors also communicated the Franciscan values. Often, Newton said, he thinks about honoring the dignity of the individual as he teaches a range of students with different abilities and interests.

And, like other School of Education graduates, he said he was taught to expect the unexpected. “Not everything is going to work. Sometimes I have a great idea and I think the kids are going to love it, and it’s a total flop. Other times there’s a tiny thing that goes so well that you decide to do it every year,” he said. “Just know that not everything is going to go the way you think it will.” Newton’s unexpected career as a music teacher seems like a perfect example.

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Students to the State House
On February 8, a group of Marian University students traveled to the Indiana State House to join other students from Indiana’s independent colleges and universities for a day of lobbying. They spoke to legislators on how vital their state-based financial aid has been, and urged them to maintain educational funding in the next budget cycle.

New Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine
Charles Henley, DO, MPH, FAAFP, FACOP, joined the Marian University community as associate dean for clinical affairs of the university’s college of osteopathic medicine on January 20, 2011. Henley practiced for 20 years in the military and was active in faculty development, research, and teaching. During that time he served as a program director, fellowship director, and department chairman in family medicine, as well as the chief of policy for the Army Medical Corps, and chief consultant to Army Surgeon General.

Henley holds a bachelor of science degree from Northeastern State University, a master’s degree in biochemistry from Oklahoma University Health Science Center in Oklahoma City and a doctor of osteopathic medicine from what is now the Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine.

Anita Siccardi Receives Award
Anita Siccardi, Ed.D., APRN, BC, dean of the Marian University School of Nursing, received fellowship status from the National Gerontological Nursing Association (NGNA) in recognition of her significant contributions to gerontological nursing. Siccardi founded the Central Indiana Gerontological Nursing Association, is past president of the Board of Directors of the Central Indiana Council on Aging, and a former board member of the NGNA.

Medical Mission Trip
Over spring break, March 5-14, 2011, the Marian University School of Nursing sent one theology student, eight nursing students, and two faculty members on a medical mission trip to Fond Parisien, a small town approximately 30 miles east of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. The Marian University group joined the Fellowship of Associates of Medical Evangelism (FAME) group which included eight doctors, several nurses, nursing students, and other non-medical personnel. The mission trip provided students an opportunity to use the skills they’ve learned in the classroom and clinicals to treat patients in a different environment.

Mary McNulty Young ’47 Opportunities for Excellence Dinner
In October of 2010, Marian University honored Mary McNulty Young ’47 by naming the annual scholarship fundraising event in her honor. The Mary McNulty Young ’47 Opportunities for Excellence Scholarship Dinner will be October 13, 2011. Young, a former trustee and retired Indianapolis attorney, created this event in 1993 to help her alma mater raise funds for student scholarships.

Eli Lilly and Company Foundation Invests $1 Million in New Medical Facility
Marian University recently received a $1 million gift from Eli Lilly and Company Foundation to support construction of the university’s Center for Health Sciences and the Healing Arts, a new building that will house the School of Nursing and the new college of osteopathic medicine. The building was designed to LEED Gold standards, LEED is an internationally recognized green building certification developed by the United States Green Building Council.

The Simmons Purdie Data Center Opens
On October 14, 2010, university officials, faculty, staff, students, and friends celebrated the grand opening of the Simmons Purdie Data Center. Thanks to generous donations from John and Pam Purdie, Denise Purdie Andrews, and Michael and Pat Simmons, Marian University was able to relocate the foreign language lab to the Department of English and Communication in Clare Hall, and build a new data center. The Simmons Purdie Data Center will address the current needs of the...
university, offer more flexible technology, accommodate the huge data needs of the college of osteopathic medicine, and pave the way for wireless classrooms.

>> Cycling Team Takes 15th National Title
After three days of competition, 18 podium appearances, and six individual national titles, the Marian University cycling team won its 13th USA Cycling Collegiate Track National Championship in September 2010 at the Major Taylor Velodrome in Indianapolis. The win is the second championship of the year for the Knights; the team also won its second road championship in May 2011.

>> Dr. Madeleine Albright Visits Campus
On November 12, 2010, over 300 guests attended “Insight on International Diplomacy: A Conversation and Book Signing” with former United States Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, Ph.D., in the Indianapolis Civic Theatre. Albright and Pierre Atlas, Ph.D., director of The Richard G. Lugar Franciscan Center for Global Studies and associate professor of political science, participated in an on-stage conversation and answered questions from the audience. After the event concluded, Albright met with the Lugar Fellows, a Marian University global studies student group.

Senator Richard G. Lugar also visited Marian University as part of the global studies speaker series. He presented his annual global studies address, “America and the World: A view from the Senate” on December 12, 2010.

>> George W. Bush Institute Announcement
On September 29, 2010, the George W. Bush Institute announced that it would create a national network of leadership programs for school reform; this network includes the Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership. The university is one of six pilot sites of the Alliance to Reform Education Leadership (AREL) partnership, and the only partner in Indiana. Former First Lady Laura W. Bush stated, “Strong leaders create a cascading effect of success. To succeed, we need exceptional leaders in every school district as the rule, not the exception.” The leadership academy aims to educate 500 transformative leaders over the next five years.

>> O’Meara Ferguson Center for Catholic Stewardship
In September of 2010, O’Meara, Ferguson, Whelan, and Conway announced a $500,000 pledge to underwrite the cost of the university’s Center for Catholic Stewardship. In recognition of this significant and generous gift, the university has renamed the center, O’Meara Ferguson Center for Catholic Stewardship at Marian University. Since 2006, the center has taught and promoted stewardship as a way of life in over 50 Catholic dioceses in the United States, Canada, and the Philippines, and is currently preparing an outreach to Catholics in mainland China.
Campus News

>> 2011 Clayton Family Circle of Honor Inductees
Bill Polian and Barbara S. Wynne were inducted in the Clayton Family Circle of Honor for their contributions to the youth of the Indianapolis community and beyond. Bill Polian, president of the Indianapolis Colts, has been a leader in the Indianapolis sports community and in the National Football League. In a 2009 vote of his peers, Polian became the first six-time winner of the Executive of the Year award from The Sporting News. Barbara S. Wynne is the founder of the National Junior Tennis League in Indianapolis, founder and coordinator for the Washington Township Schools’ Community Tennis Programs, and is co-chairwoman of Kids Helping Kids.

>> Knights Football Team Finishes Strong
Only four years after inception, the Marian University football team reached the NAIA Football Championship Series quarterfinals. Head Coach Ted Karras led the Knights to their best record (10-3) and finished the season ranked seventh in the final 2010 NAIA Football Coaches’ Postseason Top 25 Poll, their highest ranking in school history. Congratulations, Knights!

>> Women’s Basketball Makes a Run to the Sweet Sixteen
The Marian University women’s basketball team finished with a magical run to the sweet sixteen in their first ever birth in the NAIA Division II Women’s Basketball National Championships. The Knights finished with a better over 23-8 record, earned their first win in the national tournament, and had their fourth 20-win season.

>> Model United Nations Competition
Political science professor Marcelo Hoffman, Ph.D., led a group of students to San Francisco for a Model United Nations competition from April 8-12. This was the first time Marian University participated in the Model United Nations competition.

>> Lake Sullivan Sports Complex
On April 25, the City-County Council of Indianapolis and Marion County unanimously approved Marian University’s proposal to manage the Lake Sullivan Sports Complex, home of the Major Taylor Velodrome. Earlier in the month Mayor Greg Ballard announced the proposed partnership with Marian University for the management. Marian University will invest $2 million dollars over the next 10 years. The investment includes significant upgrades to the velodrome and BMX track, a road course, cyclocross, and a 4k walking and jogging trail to the complex.

>> Student Achievement Awards
The 35th annual Student Achievement Awards were awarded on May 1 in the Indianapolis Civic Theatre in Marian Hall on campus. Anna Allen ’11 took home the Alumni Association Distinguished Senior Award, while Caitlin Johns ’11 and Matthew Horan ’11 took home the John Sweany Maid and Knight of Marian Memorial Spirit Awards.

>> Snyder-Watt Leadership Award
For co-chairing the Mary McNulty Young ’47 Opportunities for Excellence Scholarship Dinner and other service to Marian University, Mike and Bea Becher received the Snyder-Watt Leadership award during the 2011 President’s Appreciation Dinner.

>> 2011 Commencement
Marian University’s commencement took place on Saturday, May 7, 2010, in the Physical Education Center. The commencement speaker was Mercy Obeime, M.D., current director of the Mercy Foundation, a charitable organization which provides healthcare outreach and education to people in her homeland Nigeria. Three honorary degrees were awarded to Obeime, honorary doctor of public service, Sr. Lavonne Long, OSF ’48, honorary doctor of divinity, and Michael Simmons, honorary doctor of business administration. 329 students received their Marian University degree.
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( Upcoming Events )

New Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR)  
June 16 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Check in at the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library.

Mathematics and Science Camp  
June 20-24, grades K-8.

Mathematics and Science Camp  
June 27-July 1, grades K-8.

New Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR)  
July 14 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Check in at the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library.

M-Club Golf Outing  
July 26 at 10:30 a.m. at Heartland Crossing Golf Links in Camby, Indiana.

New Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR)  
August 18 from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Check in at the Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library.

Freshman/Alumni Dinners  
August 21 at 5:30 p.m.

First Day of Fall Classes  
August 22.

Night Football Game  
August 27 at 6 p.m. at St. Vincent Health Field.

Marion University Knights with the  
Indianapolis Indians  
August 30 at 7:05 p.m.

Women of Marion Luncheon  
September 15 at 11:30 a.m.

USA Cycling Collegiate Track  
National Championships  
September 15-17 at Major Taylor Velodrome.

Band Day  
September 17.

Marian University Homecoming  
October 7-8.

Marian University Homecoming Football Game  
October 8 at 1 p.m. at St. Vincent Health Field.

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.

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

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For more details and events, visit the calendar on the Marian University web site.  
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August 27  
Olivet Nazarene University  |  6 p.m.  
Youth Football Day, President Elsener’s 10th Anniversary, Post-Game Fireworks

September 10  
Quincy University  |  1 p.m.  
Catholic Schools 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

October 8  
Taylor University  |  1 p.m.  
Homecoming

November 5  
Saint Xavier University  |  1 p.m.  
Hometown Hero Day

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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).
Several years ago, MIT graduate and Indianapolis native Denise Purdie Andrews was on campus for a tour of Marian Hall when she passed a tiny basement room with flooded floors and racks of wet computer servers that provided technology to the entire Marian University campus—barely. She knew instantly that this situation would not support the explosive growth the university was experiencing, nor would it help university officials achieve the wireless campus and classrooms without walls that they envisioned. So she called her father, a former top executive in American Fletcher National Bank (AFNB) and member of the Marian University Board of Trustees, John Purdie.

“Technology is not the primary focus of top leadership and it changes so rapidly that it frustrates a leader’s ability to grasp the real issues,” says Purdie. Not so at Marian University, however. “President Elsener knew that key pieces to the university’s ongoing growth revolved around improving the campus technology,” Purdie continues. At the time of Denise’s discovery, John was a relatively new university trustee but an enormously experienced businessman with at least one talented and knowledgeable connection in the IT industry.

Enter Michael Simmons. “Michael is a former high school teacher who built a successful career as an IT systems engineer, marketing, and operations executive,” says Purdie. A self-described problem-solver, Simmons also led the overhaul of IT systems at AFNB (where he met and became friends with Purdie), Fidelity Investments, Bank of America, Bank of Boston, and Security Capital Group. At Purdie’s request, Simmons examined the university’s operating systems and networks. “Frankly, the university had little money and no real plan,” says Simmons. What it did have was a savvy IT executive with a four-way family connection and deep affection for Marian University. “My brother, two sisters, and niece all graduated from here. How could I say no?”

Simmons invited Purdie and his wife, Pam, to join him and his family in funding the new technology. They also developed the plan for a flexible technology platform that would support the university’s current computing needs, pave the way for wireless classrooms, and accommodate the huge data needs of the college of osteopathic medicine. And, the university hired a chief information officer, Pete Williams, to implement it. “He’s an integral part of the ongoing success,” says Simmons. The Simmons Purdie Data Center is now the “heart” of a functional and efficient wireless network.

“We have a solid platform in place now, but we are still a long way from our vision,” says Simmons. The longtime friends have been quietly drumming up additional support. Purdie attributes the positive response to Simmons. “Michael is fun to deal with, and that makes a difference in whether other people want to be involved,” he says.

“Solving problems and finding solutions, that’s what we do to stay out of trouble,” laughs Simmons.

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From its very inception, Marian University has cared passionately about teaching. And from the start, the university’s education majors are trained for a singular focus: making a difference for their students. From across the Atlantic Ocean, Franciscan Sisters were called to southern Indiana to solve an educational crisis for orphaned children of immigrant Germans. In the early 2000s, Marian University was tapped again to become a part of Teach for America and make an impact on today’s urban educational crisis. The university’s School of Education is singularly focused on reach and impact. Consider the school’s iconic tapestry that is painted on the main classroom wall in room number four of Marian Hall.

For the past 15 years, seniors in the Marian University School of Education have gathered before graduation to create a tapestry. On strips of fabric, the students—who are soon to become teachers—write down their hopes and fears for the future. Each year, the strips are woven together, and the final tapestry is displayed in one of the classrooms where it can inspire the next group of students. For faculty in the School of Education, the tapestry is a powerful metaphor. It represents the way the school combines liberal arts courses with education courses in its program model for training new teachers. And, it reflects the many different facets of the school’s programs, including traditional bachelor’s degree programs, master’s degree programs, professional development opportunities for current teachers, and transition-to-teaching programs for professionals seeking new careers in education. The result is highly skilled teachers who come from all backgrounds and walks of life.

**Teacher As Model and Mentor:**

Ever Teaching,

Ever Learning,

Ever Changing.

*These tapestries inspire both students and faculty in the School of Education.*
“We get calls from schools around the city asking for our graduates,” said Karen Bevis, Ed.D., assistant professor. “We have developed a reputation over the years of having well-prepared educators.” This comes from their approach of creating a teacher who is both a model and mentor: ever learning, ever teaching, ever changing. Ever, so it seems, in a quest for expanded reach and impact.

Field Experience: The Important Differentiator

Each year, the School of Education’s undergraduate division enrolls about 20 new students in its elementary education program. It also accepts a handful of students planning to teach high school who major in their subject areas and minor in education. Although it is a small group, the impact on the community starts well before graduation. These students get field experiences right away rather than waiting for student teaching opportunities in their junior and senior years. For example, many courses are held at local schools, where Marian University students meet with their professors twice a week and assist in classrooms on alternate days, allowing students more opportunities to observe a number of teachers with different teaching styles.

“The School of Education really cares that our students graduate with the skills that they need,” said Chris Grissom, Ed.D., associate professor and director of licensing and the exceptional needs program. “And, I think we have a good reputation in the city. When I call to make practicum placements, the people I call say, ‘We like your students. They’re good.’”

This great reputation comes from a lot of hard work by the professors, students, and alumni. Similar to the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, who started Marian University, the School of Education professors identify a need in the educational community, and instead of talking about it, act on it by building on current programs or creating new ones. This gives each student the tools needed to be a successful teacher.

These professors lead by example, using the same teaching methods in their university classrooms that they expect students to use in their own classrooms. Modeling such techniques as differentiated instruction, classroom management, and conflict resolution gives future teachers the opportunity to practice these skills before deploying them in their own classrooms. Susie Beesley, Ph.D., professor and director of elementary education, has been known to teach science methods by having her students make ice cream in plastic bags or race to melt an ice cube. The goal is to create a lesson plan that embraces the strengths of each student and creates opportunities for every type of learner—auditory explanation for those who learn better through listening and intentional group or partner work for kinesthetic learners.

“There are so many resources that are available for teachers that our students find out about,” said Beesley, who teaches math methods, science methods, and integrated teaching methods.

For undergraduates, the School of Education also offers a non-licensure track for students who want a bachelor’s degree in education but don’t want to teach. Many of these graduates go on to work in curriculum development and in education departments at museums, parks, and other educational facilities.

OTHER WAYS THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION SHARPENS ITS STUDENTS’ TEACHING TOOLS:

In 2010-11 academic year there were 239 different first languages in K-12 schools in the state of Indiana. Because of this, the School of Education teaches many different approaches on educating English Language Learner (ELL) students including how to engage students with technology and how to give students an opportunity to see, touch, or feel things so they have a better understanding. These exercises give future teachers the opportunity to hone their skills to better deal with ELL students in their own classrooms.

To prepare students to teach in Catholic schools, Marian University offers a concentration in the Catholic School Educator Preparation Program. In addition to traditional education courses, students take 10 hours of coursework in theology, focusing on topics such as the creed, liturgy, and sacraments of the Catholic Church; the Old and New Testaments; and how to pray with children.

To enhance the coursework, the School of Education also takes advantage of other resources in the community, creating partnerships with the Children’s Museum of Indianapolis, Conner Prairie, the Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Art, and the Junior Achievement BizTown facility. Education students go to those organizations, where they learn more about the available resources that bring relevance to classroom learning and provide more opportunities for their students to learn.
Career Changers: Unconventional Teachers with a Big Impact

Teach for America and The New Teacher Project are two national programs that are designed to effect a radical change in America’s struggling schools. Both programs are structured around the Peace Corps model: take high-achieving college graduates and give them a service project as teachers in struggling schools. In exchange, the teachers do coursework toward a master’s degree in education.

Participants receive a modest salary for teaching and with graduate classes on nights and weekends, the workload is heavy. “It’s tough, but it’s a good deal,” said Christine Squier, M.S., director of graduate programs and associate director of the Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership. “This offers a real focus on serving the highest-need students in the worst areas. We’re really trying to stay true to Marian University’s mission of service.”

Another opportunity for career changers is the master of arts in teaching (MAT) degree program. Developed seven years ago by Cheryl Hertzer, Ed.D., director of the MAT and English as a New Language (ENL) or sometimes, ESL) programs, they were the first School of Education programs to specifically target people transitioning to education from other careers. Students in the MAT program have two options: a full-time, one-year program or a part-time, two-year program. This year, about 30 students are enrolled in the MAT, with about 20 of those on the one-year track.

A final option for career changers is the ACTION non-degree program, which stands for Assisted Certification for Teachers through Integrated Onsite Networking. This program is designed for professionals who are already teaching but do not have licensure, often because they are teaching on an emergency permit to fill a specific need. Each semester, 50 to 70 students are enrolled in the program, which is tailored for each student based on previous coursework. Students take the necessary education courses to get licensure but don’t work toward a degree.

“They generally have a content area that they have a bachelor’s degree or a master’s degree in, and they want to be able to teach it. For whatever reason, they’re not looking to get another degree,” said Bevis, who directs the program. “Our goal is to put great, effective teachers into schools, and many of them want to go into schools that need them the most.”

For those interested in school leadership, the new Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership prepares teachers who already have master’s degrees to become building-level leaders, generally principals. The program emphasizes aggressive turnaround strategies for failing schools, so it also appeals to people in other careers—such as business and politics—who want to help schools in a more hands-on way. The program, which started last fall, has already enrolled about 30 students. The School of Education started the program after identifying a need for strong leadership in struggling schools.

“Out in the field, the teachers were really making a difference, but it wasn’t a systemic change. We couldn’t make change that was sustainable in the schools. One way to make change more lasting is to have a really good building-level leader,” said Squier.

The academy is a three-year program. During the first year, students participate part-time in both on-site seminars and online courses. The final two years are spent in a mentored residency in a school leadership position. Candidates who successfully complete the academy receive an Indiana principal’s license. They can also pursue an optional Marian University turnaround certificate, which requires several additional classes and projects.
Keeping Up with Changing Times

As students’ needs—and state standards—have changed, the School of Education has changed, too. The school offers a course called “Technology in Education” to help students use the many technologies available in the classroom. And, because many schools have an inclusive education model for students with disabilities, professors have increased their focus on special education. To earn a minor in exceptional needs, students can take additional coursework in special education, including four classes and two practicum experiences.

“First, I try to place students in a more inclusive setting, and for the second one I try to put them in more of a self-contained classroom with children with more needs,” said Grissom, who taught special-education classes for 16 years in Indianapolis Public Schools and now leads the School of Education’s special-needs program.

A few years ago, only a handful of students each year signed up for the program. This semester, however, 19 students are enrolled. One reason for the boost in enrollment: a background in teaching special-needs students makes a teacher more employable, an important consideration in uncertain economic times. For some students, however, the motivation is more personal.

“A lot of the students who do the license for special needs have some close experience with someone with a disability, whether it’s a family member or an experience like the Best Buddies program,” Grissom said. “I think there’s a higher comfort level when they’ve had some one-on-one or group experience with someone with a disability.”

Leadership for the Future

Under the leadership of Lindan B. Hill, Ph.D., dean of the School of Education and director of the Marian University Academy for Teaching and Learning Leadership, the School of Education is currently revising its curriculum to align with new state core standards for preschool through grade 12. In addition, the school is re-evaluating how to measure students’ basic skills in reading, writing, and math.

“We are examining new and promising models of curriculum, instruction, and assessment so Marian University graduates are the educational leaders of tomorrow,” Hill says. “We are pursuing new models of teacher education which puts our students into a teacher residency model for two years of their university experience so on completion they emerge as highly successful teachers early in their careers.”

Marian University’s support of its students often lasts well beyond graduation. Beesley assists many alumni with Family Math Night and Family Science Night events, which allow current students an opportunity to work with alumni to plan and co-teach an education event at the alumni’s school. This gives family members a chance to come to their child’s school to explore the math and science concepts the students are learning. Designed to bring families together, the events feature games, simple experiments, and other fun, hands-on activities. Each year, Beesley is involved in planning eight to 10 such events, which typically attract between 20 and 80 people.

“Our graduates actually have been trained in family math and family science, so I try to help them get started,” Beesley said. “It encourages families to work together and have a good time, and to see that science and math can be fun.”

That passion for education is what sets Marian University graduates apart.

“The Marian University School of Education is committed, first and last, to profoundly transforming the lives of students, parents, and citizens of the state of Indiana and the United States,” said Hill. “We have a fierce sense of urgency about transformative teaching and learning that makes a difference for the better in the lives of others. Generations of those who follow us need the promise of a bright future. We will keep that promise.”

Ashley Petry is an Indianapolis writer and editor whose work has appeared in The Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis Monthly, North, and other local and regional publications. She can be reached at ashley.petry@yahoo.com.
When LaNier Echols graduated from Florida State University and began teaching in a comfortable, middle class suburb, it just seemed natural. After all, this is what she had gone to school to do. But something was missing. Deep inside, she felt driven to do something that would profoundly transform lives, and so she left the comfortable, middle class suburb, joined Teach for America, and asked to be assigned to an inner-city school. This mission brought her to Indianapolis, where she enrolled in Marian University to earn a master’s degree in teaching. Simultaneously, she began teaching in the Indianapolis Public Schools.

Teaching, like religious service, isn’t just a career, it’s a calling. There are children that come into Echols’ classroom without the benefit of stable homes and full stomachs. These are children struggling to get their basic needs met: food, warmth, safety. Teaching in an inner-city school is a heartrending challenge, one that Echols chose because she wanted to change lives, society, and the world. She’s doing just that, one child at a time. There are many other Marian University graduates across the country who are doing the same, countless other teachers and administrators who arrive at their schools each morning, ready to meet the incredible challenge of enriching and changing the lives of their students.

Marian University began as a normal school, a school that provided training to teachers. Almost 75 years after Marian College opened its doors in Indianapolis, we are still producing some of the most dedicated, passionate, effective teachers in the nation. We feature some of them, including LaNier Echols, in this issue, but we know there are many more out there, and we want to hear from you. E-mail the Office of Alumni Relations at alumni@marian.edu with your name and the name of the school you work at and we’ll send you a Marian University banner to hang in your classroom or office. Send us your story and we may feature you in a future alumni profile or future issue of the Marian University Magazine.

If you want to read more stories of Marian University graduates making a difference, visit www.marian.edu/knights.

Barbara Stuckwisch
Director of Alumni 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.

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Marian University Recurrent Gift Program

A connection to Marian University is a common thread that ties Kathryn Keilman Cardenas ’01 and her husband, Victor, together. Kathryn earned a degree in psychology here, and Victor worked for the university as a residence hall director, but their paths didn’t cross until graduate school. It was there that they discovered their Marian University connection, and the inspiration to establish regular, recurring gifts to the university that had given them both a head start on their future.

“I could never put a dollar amount on everything that I gained from my time at Marian University, both personally and professionally,” said Kathryn. “Marian University was a gift in my life, and I hope that my donation will be part of a gift to a future student. The growth and advancement that I’ve witnessed at the university over the last decade have been nothing less than remarkable, but at its core it remains the same small, Catholic, liberal arts institution that focuses on the development of the whole person.”

Victor and Kathryn Keilman Cardenas ’01

We’re planning a fun-filled weekend with the traditions you enjoy, including Casino Night, Distinguished Alumni Awards, class reunions, and the homecoming football game against Taylor University.

To help celebrate 100 years of racing, race home to Marian University. Celebrate with old friends and be part of event throughout the entire weekend. For more information on homecoming and how to organize your own class reunion, visit www.marian.edu/alumni/homecoming or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 800.952.3917, then press 1.

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Friday, October 7
- Pep Rally
- Distinguished Alumni Awards
- State of the University Address
- Mock Rock

Saturday, October 8
- Tailgating
- Homecoming Football Game against Taylor University
- Mass
- Reunion Gatherings
- Casino Night

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By the time an average college senior graduates, he or she will have spent over 2,000 hours in the classroom. When applying for a job, these hours are important, but won’t set you apart from the masses of other applicants who have also put 2,000 hours in their respective classrooms. What will set a student apart is internship experience gained during his or her education. Internships provide students with vital experience, taking what they have learned in the classroom and applying that knowledge in a workplace setting, while teaching them responsibility and giving them direction in their careers.

Glenn Tebbe ’71, like many other Marian University alumni, is offering internship opportunities to Marian University students. Tebbe is the executive director of Indiana Catholic Conference (ICC), the statewide coordinating body for the five Roman Catholic dioceses in Indiana. ICC provides representation for the Catholic Church in Indiana’s political and democratic processes. Tebbe understands how vital it is for students to have hands-on opportunities to apply what they’ve learned in the classroom. Tebbe had certain criteria in mind for his internships. He specifically wanted a Marian University student, and even more so, wanted that student to be a San Damiano Scholar. Each year, Marian University awards San Damiano Scholarships to a select group of gifted students who are exploring service to the church as lay leaders, teachers, healthcare professionals, social agency workers, ordained ministers, and vowed religious. Students learn to integrate their faith life with their professional life through a powerful and systematic approach that includes specialized courses, guest speakers, pilgrimages, community service opportunities, internships, retreats, and more. “I wanted to give those students another opportunity to experience how the Catholic Church is involved in the world, not just in doing good works but in policy development as well.”

Corrine Purvis ’11 fit the criteria Tebbe was looking for. Purvis, a double major in theology and communication and a San Damiano Scholar, understands the importance of internships. She completed three internships and is currently working as an intern at the ICC with Tebbe, pursuing her love of politics and faith. Purvis sits in on legislative meetings pertaining to bills which specifically affect Catholics (i.e., bills pertaining to abortion or parochial school funding) and assists Tebbe in his work as a lobbyist. When Purvis first began exploring her career options, she planned on going to law school after graduating from Marian University. One of her first two internships followed this plan; she went to work for Stewart and Irwin, PC, a local law firm.

Corrine Purvis ’11 and Glenn Tebbe ’71 worked together during her internship with the Indiana Catholic Conference. They spent a lot of time at the State House in legislative meetings and lobbying topics that affect Catholics all around the state.
Soon, though, she began to realize that law was not her calling. After working for the Republican Party in 2010, Purvis began pursuing more experience in politics. She claims that her internship with ICC is a culmination of all of her interests. “My work focuses on the bills that apply to Catholics in Indiana, and it puts my education and interests all together since I’m attending committee hearings, legislative sessions, and writing and reviewing bills.”

Purvis is interested in graduate school, and plans to enroll in the School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI). Here, she will be concentrating in policy analysis. “Maybe I’ll eventually go to law school,” she says, “But for now, my work with ICC has helped me to focus on what I really want to do. I’ve already got my foot in the door.”

A foot in the door is one of the opportunities an internship provides. In 2010, Reid McDowell ’11 did a marketing internship with Brightpoint, Inc., a Fortune 500 distribution and supply chain services company for the global wireless industry. While this is not McDowell’s first internship, it was certainly his favorite. He was able to take knowledge from his marketing classes and apply it to the context of a workplace. “We’re given the tools,” he says, “but they are useless until you put them into practice.” He assisted Brightpoint, Inc. in putting together a marketing proposal, managed the company’s social media marketing, and helped develop work-flow charts and advertisements. “Basically, I was given a vision for a project and had to run with it,” McDowell said. “It taught me a lot of responsibility for my own work.”

McDowell’s hard work paid off, because he was recently offered a permanent position with Brightpoint, Inc., which he accepted. “An internship is really a summer long interview,” McDowell points out. “They’re a great way for companies to gain experience with a wide range of people.”

The personal business network that McDowell and Purvis have both created is vital to any professional. According to Jenny Morris, director of internships at Marian University, “Networking is talking to people and putting yourself out there. The goal is to find someone that will put you in front of the right person to get you a job.” Basically, it’s not what you know, but who you know that will put in a good word with the boss. According to Barbara Benson, former director of the Office of Internships and Career Services at Marian University, of the 85 percent of college students who do internships, over 50 percent of those internships lead to full-time jobs. “Internships are the number one way employers hire individuals right out of college. It’s cheaper for them and they learn the student’s work ethic. It’s a pre-qualification time during which the student can really shine.”

The advantages gained don’t end when the internship is over. If a student does not have experience proving that he or she can apply classroom theories, his or her resume goes to the bottom of the pile. “You have to have experience to substantiate your claims. It doesn’t matter how good you are in reality if you can’t sell yourself. Your resume is one way to do this, and your GPA cannot be your only selling point. Gain experience with an internship. Get involved on campus. Set yourself apart,” Morris insists.

Cassie Freestone ’11, a biology major, knows this first hand. Recently, Freestone applied for a summer internship studying sharks in the Mossel Bay off the coast of South Africa. The applicant pool was made up of undergraduate students from around the United States. Freestone was thrilled to hear back that she had received the position only two weeks after she applied. “I’m almost positive that my research work with the Institute of Green and Sustainable Science (IGSS) at Marian University is what made me stand out,” Freestone says.

During her work with IGSS, Freestone took charge of her own work and created a project researching turtles in the Marian University ecoLab with the guidance of Sara O’Brien, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology. O’Brien claims that, “It is the fact that students can gain intimate research experience at Marian University that can get them this sort of coveted internship opportunity.”
I’VE COME INTO MY OWN

As a freshman, Mia Horninger ’11 planned on being a history major and teaching high school one day. After taking the Written Analysis course with Professor Dave Shumate during her sophomore year, though, Horninger fell in love with the Department of English and Communication. “I enjoy history still, but English, writing, and literature are my passions. I’ve come into my own as a member of the Department of English and Communication and I have to credit the amazing professors for shaking me up and forcing me to challenge myself.” In 2009, Horninger was the recipient of The Thoreau Award for Excellence in Writing in the Creative Non-Fiction category.

As a junior, Horninger started an internship in the Office of Marketing Communications. While an intern, Horninger played a vital role in the Office of Alumni Relations planning All Alumni Weekend in 2009 and completing various writing assignments for the Office of Marketing Communications. She was also instrumental in growing the Marian University LinkedIn group to nearly 500 members. The group creates more opportunities for alumni to connect with each other and provide career mentoring for current students.

Horninger was also active in the theatre program. She has been a member of either the cast or crew for over 15 productions at Marian University. In 2011 she was nominated for the John Sweany Maid of Marian Memorial Spirit Award and was the recipient of the Theatre Department Senior Service Award. “Theatre isn’t just about being onstage and looking pretty. I have become a better leader, a more well-rounded student, and a more critical and creative thinker through my theatre experience. I have been able to use every aspect of my education in some aspect. Theatre has brought my education to life.”

Those interested in offering internships to Marian University students or learning more about internships at Marian University are encouraged to contact Jenny Morris at 317.955.6185 or jmorris@marian.edu.
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.

1950
Loretta Castro is now retired and enjoys spending time with her six grandchildren.

1955
In 2010, Sr. Rose H. Kern celebrated her 50th Jubilee of Profession as a Good Shepherd Sister.

1957
Thomas and Regina Hoff celebrated a blessed 50 years of marriage on August 6, 2010.

1960
The son of Rosemary Sikorski-Jablonski, Jon Jablonski, has been named a Fulbright Scholar in Library Science in China.

Sr. Marietta Sharkey, OSF received the 2010 Outstanding Alumna award from Little Flower School in Indianapolis on November 6, 2010.

Sr. Marilyn Hofer, OSF, former assistant director of alumni relations, retired from Marian University in January 2011 and moved home to the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana.

1962
Sharon Sweeney-Lenius retired on March 31, 2010, after 22 years of federal service. She worked for the Headquarters, National Guard Bureau in Arlington, Virginia, as the Information Resource Center manager for approximately 1,700 Army and Air National Guardsmen, federal civilians, and contractors.

Margaret Ann Harmening-Hillan and her husband, Bob, recently welcomed their 27th beautiful grandchild into the world this year. Bob and Margaret Ann were married 13 days after Margaret Ann’s graduation from Marian University and were blessed with 10 children by their 15th wedding anniversary.

1967
Max Henschel received the Environmental Impact Award on November 17, 2010, from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management for efficiently managing stimulus funding for waste and drinking water improvement activities during 2009.

1969
Joseph Ackerman retired from teaching in June 2008. He plans on spending his free time writing music and hopes to self-publish a novel in the future.

1971
Mary Pass-Kubala is in Korea teaching music at Taejon Christian International School. She says that it’s by far the best job she’s ever had.

Sr. Janet Born, OSF was honored for her social, educational, and multicultural ministries in central Indiana during the fourth annual All-Girls’ Catholic High Schools Mass in Indianapolis.

1976
Patti Paquin-Cavanaugh was chosen by the United Way of Central Indiana to receive a Human Services Renewal grant funded by the Lilly Endowment Inc.

1977
Sr. Ann Vonder Meulen, OSF began teaching Hispanic students at St. Clement in Cincinnati, Ohio, in August. She would like to thank Elana Hohl ’71 for being a wonderful resource in helping to establish this new program.

1980
Barbara Knarr-Lanari, RN is working as a hospice nurse for St. John Mercy in St. Louis, Missouri, and using her master’s degree in pastoral theology to teach bio-ethics and morality at John Paul II High School.

1982
Katrina Knarr is an addictions/mental health therapist for Wabash Valley Alliance in Crawfordsville, Indiana.

1984
Sr. Patti Zuereick, OSF received the prestigious Amaranth Award from Roger Bacon Alumni Association of Cincinnati, Ohio, on Saturday, November 13, 2010.

1990

1994
On March 29, 2010, Stacey Faryna became the director of the Center for Wound Healing for Community Health Network.

1995
Sharon Goebel-Caroselli married Paul Caroselli on August 8, 2009. The wedding celebration was attended by fellow Marian University alumni Debbie Geise-Dashiell ’95, Jim Dashiell ’95, and Bridget Stenger-Working ’96. The happy couple also just celebrated the birth of their first child, Adelina Rayne Caroselli, born on November 6, 2010.

Left to right are: Bridget Stenger-Working ’96, Sharon Goebel-Caroselli ’95, and Debbie Geise-Dashiell ’95.

1996
Claire Doyle-Milford is now an instructor for MedTech College in Indianapolis.

Sharon Gall-Lecher and husband Dr. Carl Lecher ’97 are proud to announce the arrival of their new daughter, Isabella Grace Lecher, born at 9:25 a.m. on February 8, 2011. The beautiful baby girl was 7 lbs. 3 oz. and 20 1/4 inches long.

1997
Wendy Bouchard-Swain and husband Clay welcomed the newest addition to their family, Eleanor Sue Marie, into the world on June 7, 2010. She was 8 lbs. 7 oz. and 21 1/4 inches long. She was welcomed home by her big brother Will, who is now three and a half-years old and loves to read his own birth announcement in the Marian University Magazine.

Edward Popoola now works for Garcia Construction Group as vice president of finance and chief financial officer.
2000

Ginny Beard Condill and The Great Pumpkin Patch had the honor of decorating the White House for their fall festivities.

Michelle Smith-Eddins and husband Jeremy celebrated the birth of their second child, Seth Robert, in August. The bouncing baby boy was welcomed home by Cameron Elizabeth, his two and a half-year-old sister.

The Eddins Family.

2002

Rebecca Dickerson and husband Michael had a special Memorial Day celebration when their second child, Tiffany, was born on May 31, 2010. She joins her big brother, Alex, who was born on Cinco de Mayo, May 5, 2008.

2003

Stephen Griffin and wife Megan celebrated the birth of their second son, Devin Maxwell, on July 12, 2010. He was 9 lbs. 1 oz. and 21 inches long.

Melissa Smith is proud to announce the arrival of a baby boy, Evan David, on March 17, 2010. Evan was welcomed home by his big brother, Gabriel Richard, who turns three in August. Both boys have red hair, just like their mother.

Clint Knies was featured in a Finish Line commercial for the 2010 Mini Marathon. This is the fourth mini marathon in which he has competed.

Michelle Beatty recently took a position as seventh grade math teacher in the McGehee School District in McGehee, Arizona. Michelle was also a 2010 Teach for America Corps member.

Ann Halfman Schmit married Cory Schmit in October, 2010. The wedding took place at Caesar’s Palace in Las Vegas, Nevada. Several Marian University alumni were at the wedding including: Sarah Ruprecht Small ’03, Jenny Fryer Mehlon ’03, Tiffany Roche Doyle ’03, Jenny Klein Kunberger ’03, Diane Halfman Wade ’96, and Ava Wade ’97.

2005

Timothy Adams is now the assistant varsity basketball coach at Cathedral High School he is also an account executive for Our Health.

Andrew and Sarah Ley, development associate in the Office of Institutional Advancement at Marian University, welcomed their first child, Emma Rose, into their lives on June 3, 2010. She was 8 lbs. 10 oz. and 21 inches long.

The Ley Family.

2006

Danielle Spears and Jack Schmitz tied the knot on October 23, 2010, in the Bishop Chartrand Memorial Chapel on the Marian University campus.

2007

Kimberly Cooper and husband Nathan added a little bundle of joy to their family on June 14, 2010, with the birth of their son, Bryant Nathaniel. He was 7 lbs. 15 oz. and 21 inches long.

Joe Basch and Kimberly Jacobi ’09 tied the knot on December 4, 2010. The newlyweds are now living in Centralia, Illinois.

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Laura Elstro was received as a novice by the Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration on August 10, 2010, at the community’s Motherhouse in Mishawaka, Indiana. During the ceremony, she was invested with the community’s habit and was given the religious name Sr. Maria Kolbe.

Elliot Elger is currently working as an assistant golf pro at Old Oakland Country Club in Indianapolis.

Congratulations to Lyndy Errett, Brittney Knies, and Roxana Moghaddam. These three recent graduates all passed the CPA Exam in July and August, 2010.

In Memoriam

Sr. Rosita Purler, OSF ’43 entered into eternal life on the morning of Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at the Motherhouse in Oldenburg, Indiana. She served as a member of the Marian University Board of Trustees from 1974-82.

Sr. Mary Mark Deters, OSF ’47 passed from this earth on October 13, 2010. She follows her sister, Sr. Jane Marie Deters ’47, who passed away two years ago. During her life, Sr. Mary Mark received numerous awards for her dedication to teaching, administration, and parish coordination.

The husband of Patricia Duffin-Townsend ’48, Dick Townsend, passed away on June 30, 2010, after a very long illness.

Anna Dillon ’49, lifelong resident of Indianapolis, passed away on January 19, 2011, on the anniversary of her wedding to John Dillon, who died in 1983.

Mary Pauline Siefert Dossman ’54 passed away on February 20, 2011. She worked at Marian University as an assistant in the registrar’s office from 1972-83.

Teresa Mary Chu Yu ’55 passed away on May 24, 2010, in St. Louis, Missouri. Born in Hong Kong, she came to the United States to attend Marian University and later graduated with a degree in chemistry. Her family established the Teresa Mary Chu Yu Memorial Scholarship in her memory.

Sr. Edith Soergel, OSF ’56 passed away peacefully and quietly into the arms of God on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at the Motherhouse in Oldenburg, Indiana.

Anne Diener-Pflum ’57 died suddenly on December 15, 2010. She was a life-long teacher and worked the last 30 years serving the Slinger School District in Wisconsin as a speech and language pathologist for students, ages three to 18. She is survived by two children and seven grandchildren, as well as five siblings, including Kathleen Diener-Boland ’63.

Anthony Vespo ’58, of Indianapolis, passed away on November 2, 2010 at age 80, surrounded by his family. He was an Air Force veteran and a lifelong educator. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Winsor-Vespo ’57.

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.

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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 2009-10 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010), more than 20 percent of our alumni made a gift. Thank you! Help us achieve 30 percent alumni giving for this fiscal year (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011).
Mary Joe Keller-Michael ’58 passed away on April 6, 2010 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. She is survived by her husband, Richard Michael ’61, who still resides in Fort Wayne.

Margaret “Peg” Darnell-Beasley ’58 lost her valiant battle with cancer at the age of 74 on Friday, October 8, 2010, in Indianapolis.

Sr. Rosemary Steward, OSF ’59 entered into eternal rest with God on September 5, 2010, at the Motherhouse in Oldenburg, Indiana.

Sr. Mary Claver Ehren, OSF ’59 passed away early in the morning on October 15, 2010 at the Motherhouse in Oldenburg, Indiana.

Don DeHart ’59 passed away on Saturday, November 27, 2010, at the age of 73 at Johnson Country Memorial Hospital in Franklin, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Kay Urbancic ’68, a daughter, and six sons including Marian University alumni Stephen ’85, Michael ’86, and Mark ’89.

Sr. Jean Wolf, OSF ’60 passed from this life on April 30, 2010, at the Motherhouse in Oldenburg, Indiana. She sang in the Sisters’ choir and was an avid gardener.

Charles Willmerling ’60 passed away on May 17, 2010.

William Byers ’63, age 69, died on November 30, 2010, in Indianapolis. He is survived by his wife, Sue Cain-Byers ’63, two grandchildren, and sisters.

John Nonte ’63 passed away on July 19, 2010, at the age of 69 at his residence in Waxahachie, Texas. He proudly served the United States of America as an Air Force lieutenant colonel.

Audrey Blessing ’63 passed away on January 1, 2010.

The wife of David George ’66, Judith, passed from this life on November 2, 2010, after a battle with breast cancer.

Margaret Greubel Adler of Fort Branch, Indiana, passed away on September 16, 2010. She is the mother of Sara Greubel-Allen ’69, Nancy Greubel-Mahoney ’71, Jane Greubel-Phung ’74, and grandmother of Maureen McGrath ’96 and Tara Allen ’00.

Michael Mottram ’73 passed away on August 7, 2010, at his home in Peoria, Illinois. He was diagnosed with cancer in 2007. During his time at Marian University, he served as student body president from 1972-73.

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The father of Kristina Mitchell ’11, Thomas Mitchell, passed away on November 30, 2010. He was a retired sergeant of the Marion County Sheriff’s Department with over 32 years of service.

Sr. Joanne Pardo, OSF, former Marian University employee, entered into God’s loving embrace on the Feast Day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, June 12, 2010 at the Motherhouse in Oldenburg, Indiana.

Arlene “Skip” McKinney, wife of long-time Marian University Board of Trustees member Bob McKinney, passed away on Monday, October 18, 2010. Bob and Skip have both been ardent supporters of Marian University.

Harold Bell, the father of Robin Buschner, associate director of marketing communications at Marian University, passed away on October 27, 2010. He served his country as a United States Marine during WWII and was a commercial truck driver who received the Indiana Motor Truck Association’s Driver of the Year award.

Bill Shelton, father of John Shelton, associate director of the San Damiano Scholars Program, and father-in-law of Alice Shelton, director of business services, died early the morning of Wednesday, December 22, 2010.

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College challenges students far beyond what they have ever experienced before. The exploration of topics, the diversity of viewpoints held within the classroom, and the fine tuning of critical thinking skills marks college as a pivotal time of development for young people as they begin to define who they are and how they think. However, speaking as a scientist, that is only half of the educational development of a science student. As you learn scientific content to add to your knowledge base during lecture, and as you add scientific techniques to your skill set during laboratory sections, students are still left with the challenge of how to put their scientific knowledge and tool kit to work.

What else do universities offer to complete the scientific development of their students? It lies outside of lecture and lab periods and lies within the research lab and the faculty committed to novel research. Novel independent research is original research that hasn’t been done in order to learn technique and add to the scientific understanding. It is foundational in keeping universities, no matter what size, competitive and current. This is especially important in the sciences where technologies and discoveries can change from year-to-year and even minute-to-minute. Encouraging faculty in the sciences to be involved in novel research allows them to stay on top of an ever-changing field. Most important, it is an investment in the students.

Publications in peer-reviewed journals and participation in scientific conferences are the currency of the scientific world. Independent research on campus leads to opportunities for students to partake in their own novel research. Small class sizes and faculty committed to student research make this a reality for Marian University students. These students present their research on campus and give talks at regional and national scientific conferences attended by scientists from across the United States. Students who participate in novel independent research create more opportunities for themselves within the sciences. Students have gone on to graduate programs, veterinary medicine programs, and research programs. One of my students, Cassie Freestone ’11, mentioned in this issue of the Marian University Magazine, received a highly competitive internship to study shark and dolphin behavior off the coast of South Africa after she graduates. Freestone told me, after her obviously successful interview, that the number one response she received from the search committee was that they were highly impressed with her research project.

The world is becoming more sophisticated and more competitive. It is not enough for students to graduate with excellent grades and a long list of extracurricular activities. These accomplishments are not enough to get our graduates into medical school or graduate school these days; all applicants have excellent grades and loads of extracurricular activities. What sets one applicant apart from another is the independent research in which they have participated. This experience demonstrates a students’ commitment to hard work, passion for science, ability to work independently, and mastery of often complex scientific subject matter and techniques.

Students tell me that their participation in research is where they found their calling as scientist. Their research experience allowed them the depth and flexibility to take ownership of a project and fully explore it. Research brings the excitement and creativity of science to them and allows them to explore what their next steps will be. It gives them the scientific currency to succeed in the scientific world. It strengthens the knowledge and techniques they learn in the classroom and lab environment and allows them to apply what they’ve learned to current and cutting-edge questions in science today. Novel independent research is the final piece of the puzzle that makes a scientist complete.
Distinguished Alumni Awards

Do you know someone who embodies our Franciscan values? Is there an alumnus that you would like to see recognized for service to the university?

We are now accepting nominations for the 2011 Distinguished Alumni Awards. For a complete listing of the award categories, award specifications, and online nomination form, please visit the alumni web site at www.marian.edu/alumni/DistinguishedAlumniAwards.

NOMINATIONS ARE DUE BY JULY 15, 2011.

Recipients will be honored during homecoming weekend on October 7-8, 2011.

Mother Clarissa Dillhoff Award for Distinguished Achievement in Mentoring
Donald A. Fleming Award for Distinguished Professional Achievement
Founders’ Award for Distinguished Service to Marian University
St. Francis and St. Clare Award for Distinguished Achievement in Peace and Social Justice
Sisters of St. Francis Award for Distinguished Achievement in Volunteerism
Mary McNulty Young Award for Distinguished Achievement in Community Service
Central Indiana Chapter Young Alumni Award