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Greetings from Marian University!

This year marks our beloved university’s 75th anniversary. Throughout our history, we’ve made great progress in building an exceptional Catholic university, one populated by individuals opening their minds to greater knowledge and their hearts to our Lord. In recognition of our remarkable journey and our many generous stewards, we will come together for a joyful 75th Anniversary Gala on October 19 at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. The event will honor our past and look to the future. I hope to see you there.

As part of our 75th anniversary celebration, we have launched a radio, cable television, and newspaper and magazine advertising campaign in the Indianapolis market. Through this campaign, called “The Power of Doing,” we are letting people know what Marian University is doing to address the needs of the day.

“The Power of Doing” campaign emphasizes that we’re not just talking. We are taking action! We are addressing the healthcare needs in Indiana, improving K-12 schools, and preparing a new generation of leaders for the Church. To address one of the state's biggest healthcare concerns, we’re opening a new College of Osteopathic Medicine that will educate 150 physicians every year. The School of Nursing and the College of Osteopathic Medicine will be housed together in the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences, offering many opportunities for interdisciplinary education. We’ve expanded our School of Education to include Teach For America, the Indianapolis Teaching Fellows, as well as others who will help us train the future leaders in K-12 education. We created the “Rebuild My Church” program to prepare ordained and lay Catholic leaders. Then we collaborated with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and opened the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary to prepare college seminarians for major seminary.

Behind the high profile advertising campaign, there is even more going on at Marian University. We’ve recently unveiled the Frank A. Gale Integrative and Advanced Science Laboratory, giving our students and faculty opportunities for undergraduate research. This summer we will open more laboratories, which will foster scientific exploration and give the future scientists and doctors of Indiana all the tools needed to be successful in their chosen professions.

It’s important we provide all of our students every opportunity to be successful once they graduate from our institution. To that end, the Clark H. Byrum School of Business has created a new and innovative curriculum designed to give students real-world experiences in the classroom.

Expanding undergraduate research opportunities, creating innovative curricula, and opening the first medical school in Indiana in more than 100 years would not be possible without the generosity of stewards like Clark H. Byrum, Dr. Michael A. Evans, and organizations such as St. Vincent Health, Community Health Network, the Eli Lilly and Company Foundation, and many others. We will continue building these partnerships and search for others who share our passion in addressing the needs of the community and educating the leaders of tomorrow.

75 years ago, Marian University—then Marian College—began by educating women who would become teachers in their local communities. Since then, we have been on a journey to place Marian University among the great Catholic universities in this country. As always, thank you for your prayers and the investments you make to advance the mission of this great institution. Your generosity continues the Sisters of St. Francis’ loving spirit of service to God’s people and provides the resources to see that the Marian University community continues to grow and prosper. We look forward to celebrating our 75th Anniversary Gala with you on October 19. Enjoy this exciting issue of the Marian University Magazine.

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Those who invest in a scholarship will be invited to the 75th Anniversary Gala on October 19, 2012 at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. For more information, contact John Finke, vice president for institutional advancement, at jfinke@marian.edu or 317.955.6202.

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1937
Marian College was awarded approval of its curriculum for a bachelor of science degree in elementary education.

1941
The Mother Theresa Hackelmeier Memorial Library opened. Books were moved by students from Allison Mansion to the new building.

1954
Marian College becomes the first Catholic university in Indiana to become co-educational, meeting the needs of veterans returning from World War II and the Korean War.

1968
The first lay president, Dominic Guzzetta, joined the Marian College community, providing more opportunities for lay individuals in leadership roles.

1970
In honor of Michael A. Evans’ $48 million gift, the new building housing the School of Nursing and the College of Osteopathic Medicine was named the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences.

Marian University celebrates its 75th anniversary.

The Marian College School of Nursing was founded.

After more than doubling enrollment since becoming president of Marian College in 2001, Daniel J. Elsener led the celebration of the name change from Marian College to Marian University.

Marian College established Marian’s Adult Programs, designed to give non-traditional students an opportunity to earn a degree from Marian College.

On January 15, 2010, President Elsener announced plans for Marian University to start Indiana’s first College of Osteopathic Medicine.

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Faith and Courage Guide Leadership

by Ashley Petry

Even before they founded Marian College in 1937, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, were committed to enhancing educational opportunities in Indiana. The congregation’s founder, Mother Theresa Hackelmeier, arrived in southeastern Indiana in 1851, planning to open a Catholic school in a predominantly German-speaking area. Originally from Vienna, Austria, she defied social conventions by continuing her journey to Oldenburg after her traveling companion turned back.

The Sisters of St. Francis often refer to their founder’s “courage to venture,” and that spirit has shaped the congregation—and Marian University—ever since.
Among the congregation’s first ventures were the St. Francis Normal College, founded in 1910, and Immaculate Conception Junior College, founded in 1924. During the 1936-37 academic year, the Sisters purchased the former James A. Allison estate and opened Marian College in Indianapolis in September 1937.

“Education has always been one of our priorities,” said Sr. Jean Marie Cleveland, OSF ’64, current vice president for mission effectiveness. “Marian University has prepared thousands of young people to take their places in the world and make a difference.”

Despite the institution’s distance from Oldenburg, the Sisters of St. Francis continued to be heavily involved. Mother Mary Clarissa Dillhoff, OSF, who was instrumental in founding the college, served as its president until 1948. She was succeeded by Sr. Mary Kevin Kavanagh, OSF, Ph.D. who served until 1954.

That year proved to be a turning point for Marian College. Sr. Mary Kevin was succeeded by Fr. (later Monsignor) Francis Reine, the first president who was not a member of the Sisters of St. Francis. That same year, at the request of Archbishop Paul Schulte, Marian College admitted male students for the first time, becoming the first coeducational Catholic college in Indiana.

With the influx of new students, Marian College grew rapidly, purchasing additional property and building new residence halls, libraries, classrooms, faculty offices, and athletic facilities. At the same time, the college continued to expand its leadership beyond the Sisters of St. Francis. In 1956, an advisory board of lay leaders was established to consult with the congregation on issues such as business administration, property purchases, and construction projects.

In the 1960s, Marian College leadership recognized that the college needed to forge stronger bonds with the Indianapolis community. In 1968, the Board of Trustees—originally composed solely of the Sisters of St. Francis—expanded to include lay members and clergy. That same year, Marian College appointed its first lay president, Dominic Guzzetta.

In the 1980s, the Sisters of St. Francis developed a new framework for their involvement with the college, shifting to a “sponsorship” model. Although members of the congregation continued to influence the college’s mission and core Franciscan values, they gave control of the school’s governance, policies, and finances to a largely lay Board of Trustees. The arrangement was formalized in the 1990s, with eight Sisters of St. Francis continuing to serve as board members and the congregational minister serving as vice chairperson of the board.

“We’ve always had a wonderful relationship with the Board of Trustees,” said Sr. Norma Rocklage, OSF ’60, executive director of education formation outreach. “We in turn make the commitment to continue to sponsor the university, to share our charism, and to promote it as much as we can in our other endeavors.”
In 1989, the college created a new position, director of mission effectiveness, which is filled by a member of the Sisters of St. Francis appointed by the congregation’s general council. The director serves as a liaison between the congregation and the college, with the goal of promoting Franciscan values within the institution and furthering the Sisters of St. Francis’ educational mission.

“I call that position the conscience of the university, to really make sure the Franciscan values are integrated into everything we do,” said Sr. Norma, who was the first director of mission effectiveness.

The director of mission effectiveness also coordinates the Franciscan Values Awards, which recognize significant contributions to the community. The awards are given annually at the Academic Honors Breakfast.

Currently, there are 10 Sisters who serve Marian University as a member of the faculty or staff. Many live on campus, where they are on a variety of key university committees.

Although there are fewer members of the Sisters of St. Francis on campus these days, their faith and values continue to guide the university. The four Franciscan values are prominently displayed in many university facilities, they are included in most course syllabi, and a Franciscan cross is displayed in many classrooms and office buildings, Sr. Jean Marie says.

“Students seem familiar with the Franciscan values, especially ‘dignity of the individual’ and ‘peace and justice,’” she said.

Marian University also works closely with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. The two organizations recently partnered to sponsor a national financial summit for Catholic schools. Similarly, they have collaborated since 1989 on the Indiana Catholic Principals Institute.

“This institute is an important development and formation program for all ‘new’ school administrators, not only in our archdiocese but throughout the state,” said Mickey Lentz, archdiocese chancellor.

Another example of collaboration between the university and the archdiocese is the Bishop Simon Bruté College Seminary, which offers male students the opportunity to become priests. Seminary students take classes and receive degrees from Marian University, and they live together in an off-campus building—a former Carmelite monastery—owned by the archdiocese.

The program, which started with just six seminarians in 2004, now has 35 students from eight different dioceses. Seminarians are required to major in Catholic studies pre-theology, which is focused on philosophy courses. About one third of the seminarians choose to double major in other disciplines like history, psychology, or communications.

“Because the seminarians have the opportunity to do ministries at parishes in town, the Catholic community in Indianapolis really plays a role in forming the men who study at the seminary, which is really wonderful,” said Fr. Bob Robeson, rector of the seminary and chaplain of Marian University.

Fr. Robeson said the seminarians’ presence on campus has a strong effect on the university’s Catholic identity. “You have students who are very serious about their faith and studying for the ministry, and they are in classes with other students, so there’s a very positive influence,” he said.

Lentz echoed that sentiment, adding that having seminarians present at the university was “a great sign of hope.” And in turn, all agree that the seminarians benefit from study with future lay leaders of the Church.

Program Offers Multi-Faceted Opportunities

In addition to its collaboration with the archdiocese, Marian University has strengthened ties with the Catholic community through its “Rebuild My Church” program, which started in 2003. Named in honor of Christ’s instructions to Saint Francis, “Go rebuild my church, which is falling down,” the program offers a variety of opportunities for students and lay members of the community to experience the Catholic faith.

“The “Rebuild My Church” program is designed to give students a better understanding of ‘call’ in their lives,” Sr. Jean Marie said. Co-curricular programs within “Rebuild My Church” include the Franciscan Speaker Series, an annual service-learning fair, and an annual vocation fair.

The program also coordinates pilgrimages to Assisi. Faculty, staff, and students have an opportunity to visit the major places associated with Saints Francis and Clare.

Curricular programs within “Rebuild My Church” include a Franciscan Healthcare Professional specialization in the School of Nursing. Through a partnership with archdiocesan schools and additional theology courses,
the School of Education offers the Catholic School Educator Preparation Program. Undergraduate music students can earn a degree in pastoral music ministry, and business majors can specialize in parish/church business management.

Many of the students who pursue such programs are San Damiano Scholars—students who are discerning a call to leadership in faith-based institutions. The program is open to students who are considering service to their church through ordained ministry, religious life, lay leadership in church-sponsored ministries, as well as those who hope to serve their church in a significant volunteer capacity.

Involvement Strengthens Sisters of St. Francis

Without question, Marian University would not exist without the continued involvement of the Sisters of St. Francis. But as the university has grown and changed during the past 75 years, the Sisters of St. Francis have also continued to evolve.

“Teachers are always taught by their students,” Sr. Jean Marie said. “The Sisters have benefitted by being connected to the university through workshops, lectures, and interacting with students.”

Sr. Norma said working with Marian University has helped the order remain focused on the community rather than its internal affairs, and it has strengthened the congregation’s ability to network with other civic and religious organizations. Most important, though, is the fact that working with Marian University continues to help the Sisters of St. Francis fulfill their primary mission.

“The mission of the Sisters, like all Franciscans, is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to spread it in the sense that we are open to all faiths and traditions, because we believe we were all created by the same God,” Sr. Norma said. “I think the university is probably one of the best ways that we’re able to do this. We’re decreasing in number, but we can multiply our hopes and dreams so much through the university, in many more ways than we could do ourselves.”

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Members of the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana give a blessing at the end of the university’s annual scholarship dinner.
Ace of the ACE Award
On November 5, 2011, the Kappa Delta Pi chapter at Marian University was excited to receive the Ace of the ACE Award for outstanding programing in the support of Kappa Delta Pi’s (KDP) mission. The award is given to recognize one chapter of the KDP network who truly exemplifies the ideals of the society. Marian University received the award during the closing banquet of the education honor society’s biennial convocation.

The School of Education initiated the first Kappa Delta Pi chapter, Alpha Alpha Tau, in 2002. In its short history, the chapter has received the Ace of ACE award four times.

Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust Grant to Marian University EcoLab
The Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust announced on December 15, 2011, that it has given Marian University a $1 million grant to establish an endowment fund for the university’s environmental science laboratory known as the Marian University EcoLab. Over the last decade, the Pulliam Trust has awarded the university nearly $2 million to protect and restore the wetland area in the northern portion of the Allison Estate. The $1 million grant is one of the largest grants the Pulliam Trust has made to a single organization in Indiana. To honor the Pulliam trust’s longstanding commitment to the university, the laboratory was renamed the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab.

Higher Learning Commission Approves Expansion of Accreditation
At their meeting in February, the Institutional Action Council of Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of College and Schools approved expansion of Marian University’s accreditation to include the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree. Doctor of osteopathic medicine degree is the proper name granted by an osteopathic medical school in the United States and is represented by the acronym DO.

In its 75-year history, the doctor of osteopathic medicine degree is the first doctoral-level degree offered by Marian University.

Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk
A shrine dedicated to the Blessed Mother Mary was revealed in March of 2012. Located just east of Doyle Hall on the south side of campus, the new Blessed Mother Mary Shrine and Rosary Walk draws inspiration from the nearby Allen Whitehill Clowes Oriental Garden, and is just steps away from where the new Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences will soon stand. The shrine will give visitors, students, faculty, staff, and alumni a peaceful place to pause, reflect, and pray.

College of Osteopathic Medicine Advances in Accreditation Process
The Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM) has been granted ‘pre-accreditation with ability to recruit students’ status and provisional accreditation effective July 1, 2012 from American Osteopathic Association’s Commission on Osteopathic College Association (COCA). MU-COM will begin

Frank A. Gale Integrative and Advanced Science Laboratory
In January 2012, Marian University dedicated the Frank A. Gale Integrative and Advanced Science Laboratory in Marian Hall. Room 254 is now a modern chemistry lab that provides students more opportunities to engage in scientific inquiry and pursue unique research. Frank A. Gale is the father of Nancy Werner ’59. Werner was taught by Sr. Mary Rose Stockton, OSF, Ph.D., one of Indiana’s pioneering female chemists. Sr. Mary Rose was one of the first women to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry in Indiana.

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**Roche Diagnostics**

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**Kuchera is one of the world’s most recognized experts in the use of OMM and a prolific osteopathic researcher. He has co-authored a nationally recognized museum exhibit, *The Healer Within*, which was on display at the Smithsonian Institute and toured the United States. In 2002, the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) Council of Research awarded Kuchera the highest award a research can receive, the Gutenshohn-Denslow Award. He was also named national Beehler Research Mentor of the Year by the American Osteopathic Foundation.**

More Partners for the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine

Union Hospital, Roche Diagnostics Corporation, and Margaret Mary Community Hospital have become the latest partners in the quest to build Indiana’s first medical school in more than 100 years. Union Hospital invested $100,000 in the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM). To recognize their generosity, the café area in the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences will be named in their honor.

Roche Diagnostics Corporation has pledged their support to the project with a $75,000 sponsoring one of the 10 simulation laboratories housed in the new health sciences center. The laboratory will be named the Roche Diagnostics Simulation Lab.

The newest partner of MU-COM is Margaret Mary Community Hospital (MMCH) of Batesville, Indiana. MMCH has invested $150,000 to sponsor a simulation lab and seminar room located in the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences. The simulation lab will be named the Margaret Mary Community Hospital Simulation Lab and the seminar room will be named the Margaret Mary Community Hospital Seminar Room.

**Associate Dean Receives National Award**

Dr. Bryan Larsen, associate dean of biomedical sciences for the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine, has received the Faculty of the Year Award given to him by Faculty 1000 (F1000). F1000 was created in 2002, as a collaboration of 1000 international faculty members, who were experts in their chosen fields. The name stuck and today F1000 consists of more than 10,000 worldwide experts.

To acknowledge the hard work and dedication of its members, F1000 selects one member from each of its 40 faculties (subjects) every year to receive an award for the most significant contributions to their specialty area. Larsen was chosen to receive the award for his exceptional contributions to women’s health.

**International Authority on Osteopathic Medicine Joins Marian University**

Michael L. Kuchera, DO, has been named chair of the Department of Osteopathic Manipulative Medicine (OMM) of the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM). Kuchera joins the Marian University community from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine where he was a tenured professor in the Department of OMM since 2002 and clinical director of the Center for Chronic Disorders of the Aging since 2005.

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See what’s on the move at Marian University.
Ted Karras named NAIA Coach of the Year by American Football Monthly and American Football Coaches Association NAIA Region 2

After leading the Knights football team to an undefeated regular season, their first MSFA Mideast League championship, and reaching the semi-finals in the NAIA Football Championship Series, the American Football Coaches Association NAIA Region 2 named Head Coach Ted Karras as Coach of the Year.

The post-season awards continued to roll in as the American Football Monthly, the nation’s leading publication for football coaches, also named Coach Karras NAIA Coach of the Year. Under the tutelage of Karras, the Knights finished the season ranked third in the final NAIA Football Coaches’ Postseason Top 25 Poll.

Marian University Cycling Team’s Success

In December, USA Cycling named Marian University Cycling 2011 Collegiate Club of the Year. Team members accumulated a 3.04 GPA in 2011, permitted 14 events with USA Cycling, and won the Division I Team Omniums at both the USA Cycling Collegiate Road and Collegiate Track National Championships.

Student-Athletes Honored for Academic Performance

Ten student-athletes were honored as Daktronics-NAIA Scholar Athletes for their success in the classroom. The award is given to student-athletes who have achieved junior standing, has maintained a 3.50 cumulative GPA, and was nominated by their head coach. Women’s soccer led the way with five student-athletes receiving this award. The Marian University football team had four student-athletes, and one student-athlete from the women’s cross country was also honored for their success.

Knights Basketball Goes Dancing

After a third place finish in the Mid-Central College Conference, the Marian University Knights men’s basketball team advanced the NAIA Division II Men’s Basketball National Championship Tournament for the fourth time in team history. The Knights advanced all the way to the Sweet 16, before falling to Northwood University (Florida), the No. 1-ranked seed.

The team joined Grace College, Indiana Wesleyan, and the University of Saint Francis (Indiana) as the four teams representing the Mid-Central College Conference.

In Final Season, Coach John Grimes Named Mid-Central Conference Coach of the Year

In his final season as head coach of the men’s basketball team, 36-year Head Coach John Grimes was named Mid-Central College (MCC) Conference Coach of the Year by the MCC at the annual men’s basketball awards. Coach Grimes finished his career with a 556-408 record, which is sixth all-time in the state of Indiana and 12th all-time in NAIA history. His teams earned four NAIA national championship tournament berths, won three MCC conference championships, won two MCC tournament championships, and he has been honored as the MCC Conference Coach of the Year award six times.

National Recognition for Evans

After an outstanding basketball season, junior Aaron Evans ’13 earned honorable mention NAIA All-American. Evans was the first Knight since 2003-04 to receive All-American honors. Evans and senior Alex Sylvester ’12 also received recognition for their stellar season, both being named to the all-conference second team.

75th Commencement

Marian University held its 75th commencement on Saturday, May 5, at St. Vincent Health Field. 622 students were given degrees, with 120 students earning academic honors. Sr. Barbara Piller, OSF ’71, congregational minister, was the commencement speaker and accepted an honorary posthumous doctor of divinity degree on behalf of Mother Mary Clarissa Dillhoff, OSF. John A. Purdie, retired president of Regency Windsor Capital, Inc., received an honorary doctor of business administration degree. Ms. Marianne Glick, daughter of Eugene and the late Marilyn Glick, accepted honorary doctor of humanities degrees on their behalf.

Head Coach Ted Karras recognized as Coach of the Year by two organizations.

In his 36th year, Head Coach John Grimes was named MCC Coach of the Year for the sixth time in his career.

Eugene and the late Marilyn Glick, were the recipients of honorary doctor of humanities degrees at the 75th annual commencement of Marian University.
The former home of James A. Allison is a lavishly appointed historic beauty. An ideal site for wedding receptions and rehearsal dinners, Allison Mansion is centrally air conditioned and the ultimate event location. Classic Fare Catering is dedicated to making your event memorable. From an evening of hors d’oeuvres to an elegant served dinner, Classic Fare is your personal touch caterer. Marian University alumni, faculty, and staff receive a 20 percent discount on the rental fee.

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

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

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### Celebrating 75 Years

**75th Anniversary Gala | October 19, 2012 | JW Marriott**

The history of Marian University is an epic, storied tale populated with courageous women and men who had the audacity to establish us, the spirit to move us, the courage to change us, and an unwavering belief in us. On Friday, October 19, 2012, we will come together as a community to celebrate at Marian University’s 75th Anniversary Gala at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis.

Honorary gala chairs John and Sarah Lechleiter are being joined by a growing number of volunteers from the Marian University and around Indianapolis to create a memorable, “must-attend” event. Event planners Maribeth Smith & Associates, who have presided over many of Indianapolis’s most memorable soirees, are handling the event planning for the 75th Gala.

Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this historic night celebrating three quarters of a century of Marian University.

In honor of those who came before us, in gratitude for those who taught us, and in the audacious spirit that has come to define us, we will celebrate Marian University’s 75 years of education and impact.

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**Be there to celebrate with us on October 19.**

For more information, contact Robert Hoy, development officer, at f@marian.edu or 317.955.6205.

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

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

**September 22**
Grand View University  
1 p.m.  
*Homecoming*

**October 13**
University of Saint Francis in Indiana  
1 p.m.  
Youth Football, Catholic Schools, and Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana  
*Appreciation Day*

**October 20**
Concordia University  
1 p.m.  
*Business/Community Leaders, Band Day, and Taste of Fall in Indy*

**October 27**
Menlo University  
1 p.m.  
*Hometown Hero Day*

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Upcoming Events

New Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR)
June 15 from 7:15 a.m. to 4 p.m. Check in at the Ruth Lilly Student Center.

Clayton Family Circle of Honor Induction Dinner Honoring Bob Knight and Ray Crowe
June 15, reception at 5:30 p.m., dinner and program at 7 p.m. in the Physical Education Center.

Indiana Basketball Legends
June 16, St. Vincent Health Field.

Summer Math and Science Camps

New Student Orientation and Registration (SOAR)
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M-Club Golf Outing
July 31, check-in at 10:30 a.m., dinner is at 5:30 p.m. at Coffin Golf Club and Riverside Golf Course in Indianapolis, Indiana.

First Day of Fall Classes
August 20.

Marian University Night with the Indianapolis Indians
August 25 at 7:05 p.m.

Founders’ Day
September 15.

Marian University Dillon Family Distinguished Alumni Dinner
September 21 at 7 p.m.

Men’s and Women’s Tennis Alumni Match
September 22 at 9 a.m. at the tennis courts.

Marian University Homecoming Football Game
September 22 at 1 p.m. at St. Vincent Health Field.

Women of Marian Luncheon
September 23 at noon.

75th Anniversary Gala
October 19 at JW Marriott.

Trick-or-Treat on the Marian University Campus
October 25 at 6 p.m. on the campus of Marian University.

If you have questions about Summer Math and Science Camps, contact Janice Hicks Slaughter, director of K-12 outreach and programming for the Nina Mason Pulliam EcoLab, at 317.524.7701 or jhslaughter@marian.edu.

If you have questions regarding alumni events, contact Barbara Stuckwisch, director of alumni and donor relations for the Office of Alumni Relations, at alumni@marian.edu or 317.955.6210.

If you have questions about the 75th Anniversary Gala at the JW Marriott, contact Robert Hoy, development officer for the Office of Institutional Advancement, at rhoy@marian.edu or 317.955.6205.

For more details and events, visit the calendar at www.marian.edu/events.
Relentless: Marian University’s Rigorous Academics Drive Growth

by Ashley Petry

When the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana moved the college to Indianapolis in 1937, it was housed within only one building, which is now known as Allison Mansion. The school had just 12 faculty members and 24 students—all women.

Those founding Sisters would hardly recognize Marian University today. It now has more than 200 faculty members and 2,700 full-time and part-time students, both men and women. The university has five schools and an adult education program, and soon the College of Osteopathic Medicine; it offers students 36 different majors, a wide range of minors and concentrations, and a liberal arts foundation that gives students the tools needed to excel after graduation.

Many factors have contributed to Marian University’s growth in the past seven decades, but as you’ll read in the following examples, one of the most important is the university’s relentless focus on strengthening its academic offerings.
Coed Status Fuels Expansion

Originally founded as a four-year college for women, Marian University has always been a place for women students—and teachers—to shine. Mary McNulty Young ‘47 went on to become one of the first two women to attend law school at Indiana University. Faculty member Sr. Mary Rose Stockton, OSF, was one of the first women in Indiana to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry.

But one of the most significant changes in Marian University’s history came in 1954, when the Archdiocese of Indianapolis suggested that the school begin to admit men, many of whom had fought in World War II and the Korean War and now hoped to continue their education, as students. Marian College became the first coed Catholic college in Indiana, and it was one of the first Catholic schools in the nation to transition from a women’s college to a coed institution.

The effect on enrollment—and on the strength of Marian College academics—was immediate. Marian Hall was soon constructed to meet the college’s growing needs, with plans to build Clare Hall.

Campus expansion continued in the 1960s. The college purchased the Stokely estate in 1963 and the Park School property in 1965, which made room for new classrooms and offices in facilities, such as Doyle Hall, St. Francis Hall, the library, and the music building (originally a residence for the college president).

College Enhances Healthcare Offerings

The Marian College School of Nursing was founded in 1977, further expanding the college’s academic offerings. Originally an associate’s degree program, the School of Nursing became a baccalaureate program in 1987, which created more opportunities for students to pursue careers in healthcare.

The natural next step is the Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine (MU-COM), which is scheduled to open in the fall of 2013. It will be the first new medical school in Indiana in more than 100 years, the first Catholic college of osteopathic medicine in the nation, and one of only four Catholic medical schools in the country, providing students with even more opportunities in research and healthcare and giving the university instant national recognition.

“We think this new medical school will bring Marian University to a different level,” said Paul Evans, DO, vice president and founding dean of the College of Osteopathic Medicine. “This is a national-level enterprise.”

The College of Osteopathic Medicine is expected to hire at least 25 biomedical science faculty members before opening the doors to the Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences. The 140,000-square-foot state-of-the-art facility will also house the School of Nursing, providing unique coeducational opportunities for both nursing and medical students.

When other medical schools and nursing schools team up, it’s often for one-time events, such as health fairs. At Marian University, though, that interaction will be built into every aspect of the curriculum. Although details are still being finalized, nursing and medical students are likely to share classes in medical ethics, communication, and healthcare delivery systems.

Left, top: Marian Hall under construction. Left, bottom: A group of faculty and staff gathered to celebrate the groundbreaking of Clare Hall, 1947.
University leaders also expect the students to share simulation experiences. The Michael A. Evans Center for Health Sciences will have four dedicated simulation labs, including a labor-and-delivery unit and an intensive care unit. Nursing and medical students will also work together in simulated exam rooms, where patients will discuss their medical histories and receive check-ups.

“One of the advantages is that they’ll be working with the healthcare team as students, so that their understanding of the role of the people on the team will have more depth and breadth,” said Anita Siccardi, Ed.D., APRN, FNGNA, professor and dean of the School of Nursing.

When the nurses go on to work with physicians in professional settings, she said, “they’ll meet on a different level because they had opportunities to work together as students.” Graduates of MU-COM will be fully trained physicians, known as Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine (DO) rather than Doctors of Medicine (M.D.). Osteopathic physicians practice conventional medicine, but they have a more holistic perspective and a stronger emphasis on primary care, wellness, and prevention of future illness. DOs also receive special training on the musculoskeletal system—your body’s interconnected system of nerves, muscles, and bones that make up two-thirds of its mass. This allows DOs to better understand the way an injury or illness can affect other parts of a patient’s body.

Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT) is also incorporated in the training and practice of DOs. This training allows osteopathic physicians to use their hands to diagnose, treat injuries and illnesses, and encourage the body’s natural ability to heal itself.

“Our belief in the concept of treating the whole person and the mind-body-spirit philosophy is very complementary to the Franciscan values,” Dr. Evans said. “We think that’s an important aspect of what we’re doing.” Many others agree; nearly 3,000 physicians have agreed to assist with clinical rotations, which begin in 2015.

### Teacher Education is Ongoing Strength

The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education formally recognized the Marian College School of Education in 1976—and it has been growing ever since.

The school now offers a variety of teacher-training programs, including traditional bachelor’s and master’s degree programs, a transition-to-teaching program for those with degrees in other subject areas, and professional-development opportunities for current teachers.

In keeping with Marian University’s Franciscan values, the School of Education offers a specialized program for students who hope to teach in Catholic schools. The school also supports educators in under-served areas through the Indianapolis Teaching Fellows and Teach For America.

### Science Lab Transforms Hands-On Learning

The new Frank A. Gale Integrative and Advanced Science Laboratory, housed within Marian Hall, is another significant leap forward for the university’s academic strength. The laboratory...
officially opened in January 2012, just a few weeks after the final piece of instrumentation was installed. The laboratory is now equipped with many items including; a plate reader, a thermocycler, a -80 degree Celsius freezer, -20 degree Celsius freezer, four degree Celsius fridge, and a fume hood.

Loren Bertocci, Ph.D., dean of the School of Mathematics and Sciences, said it is impossible to overstate the importance of the new facility in advancing the academic stature of Marian University. The previous facility was becoming outdated, he said, and it limited opportunities for faculty and students to collaborate on research projects.

The Frank A. Gale Integrative and Advanced Science Laboratory and a new biochemistry laboratory across the hall have changed that. “In one fell swoop, those labs moved us forward 50 years in terms of the ability to conduct modern scientific inquiry,” Bertocci said. Students and faculty are now using the laboratories to study basic questions of genetics. Two current projects illustrate the range of science that can be done in this lab. One is a study of the role of reactive oxygen species in regulating genes associated with aging. The other is a study of the role of an eco-niche in the varying genetics of different bird populations in Glacier National Park.

But why do such inquiries matter?

“Any student here that aspires to move on in the sciences benefits dramatically from having real-world laboratory experiences, both from the perspective of the experience itself intellectually and having the evidence of having done science on their resume when they apply to graduate school,” Bertocci said. “It’s huge.”

Bertocci believes the real-world experiences are key the School of Mathematics and Sciences’ phenomenal growth. Case in point: When Bertocci arrived at Marian University in the fall of 2007, 84 students were majoring in math, biology, or chemistry—about 6.5 percent of the total student body. This fall, Bertocci expects to have 200 students in those programs, or about 14 percent of the student body.

The Build-A-Basket team members, shown with their professors from left to right, Dean Russ Kershaw, Rachel Murray ’15, Dante Fratturo ’14, Tyler Cozart ’14, Tyler Williams ’15, and Professor Lori Rumreich, took first place in the 2011 Business Plan Competition.

Clark H. Byrum School of Business Gets a Boost

The Clark H. Byrum School of Business has also been overhauled in recent months. A new curriculum emphasizes hands-on experiences, such as internships and group projects, and builds strong links between Franciscan values and the concepts of leadership and action.

“The new curriculum that we will begin to implement this coming fall focuses on developing student skills, such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving, and provides them with an integrative understanding of business,” said dean Russ Kershaw, Ph.D. “We accomplish this through an experiential approach to teaching that requires students to interact with real business people, problems, and projects.”

A perfect example is the new business-plan competition, which is now required for all freshmen within the Clark H. Byrum School of Business. Students work in teams to develop plans for businesses that could operate successfully on the Marian University campus.

Teams present their plans to local business executives, who work with the Clark H. Byrum School of Business faculty to select the winner. The winning team then receives real start-up funds to launch its business on campus.

This past fall, 85 students participated in 16 teams. The winner was Build-a-Basket, a company that enables parents to send on-campus care packages to students—especially during stressful times like midterms and finals. (Baskets are $30-$50 and can be ordered at www.mubuildabasket.com.)

If it sounds like mere fun and games, it’s not. The business-plan competition is just one of many recent innovations at Marian University, all of which contribute to a stronger, more vibrant academic community than ever before.

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.
Seventy-five years ago, Mother Mary Clarissa Dillhoff and the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, made the decision to purchase the James Allison estate and create Marian College, now Marian University.

That school has become a thriving coeducational university that has far exceeded expectations. In the last 10 years alone, the small college has more than doubled in size, changed its name to Marian University, offered its first graduate degree program, and begun a football team that has become nationally ranked. Just as important, in that time our institution has graduated thousands of nurses, teachers, and church leaders who have, in turn, made a significant impact on the lives that they have touched and the communities in which they have lived. Today, Marian University is preparing to open Indiana’s first medical school in more than 100 years.

How could you expect less from an institution grounded in the Franciscan values, led by a visionary president, and supported by an alumni community that recognizes that great things come from humble beginnings? In the context of what we know about the Marian University spirit, our leadership, faculty, staff, and alumni aren't surprised at all that Marian University has had—and continues to have—such a big impact.

At Marian University, we’ve never waited around for someone else to provide solutions. From innovative research to impressive fundraising, we are on the move and making history. We are identifying, gathering, and sometimes creating the resources necessary to fund projects that will affect the quality of life for millions of Americans in Indiana and across the region. When Marian University’s vision is realized, there will be more primary care doctors in rural areas, more nurses for our aging population, caring teachers for our most vulnerable children, and scholarships for students who otherwise could not afford a college education.

From the moment Mother Mary Clarissa Dillhoff and her contemporaries decided that their school needed to move, it has been evident—settling is not in our nature. We simply have higher expectations. When our community faces significant challenges, Marian University is part of the solution. We know a better world is possible; in fact, we’re already building it.

For more than 75 years, you’ve been part of that effort. We invite you to celebrate with us all we’ve accomplished and all that is yet to come at the 75th Anniversary Gala on October 19, 2012 at the JW Marriott in downtown Indianapolis. This event will be an evening to remember, and we want you to experience it with us. For information about how you can be part of this and other 75th anniversary events, visit www.marian.edu/75years. For information about our special commemorative 75th anniversary brick offer (including two complimentary tickets to the gala) visit www.marian.edu/75thbrick. I hope to see you at the gala celebration!

Cheers to 75 years,

Barbara Stuckwisch
Director of Alumni and Donor Relations

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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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Dalila Huerta ’09 and Cameron McDowell ’11 have told their stories. Tell us yours.
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1953
Dorothy Powell Manka is a substitute teacher for the Special School District, in Missouri.

1959
George Waning, Rudy Jansen ’61, Dick Phillips ’63, and Mike Noone ’63 had a terrific visit with former basketball coach Walt Fields.

Walt Fields with some of his former players.

1962
Margaret Harmening Hillan and her husband, Bob, welcomed their 28th grandchild on October 11, 2011, but little Cash Robert Gardner was rushed to Riley Hospital where he underwent major open-heart surgery on October 18. In December of 2011, he spent his first Christmas as a healthy baby. His brother Axel James is two years old. Gardner is the son of the Hillan’s 10th child, Audra (Hillan) Gardner. The Hillans will commemorate their 50th wedding anniversary on June 16, 2012.

Sharon Sweeney Lenius is serving as secretary of government information division of the Special Libraries Association in 2012.

1963
Richard (Dick) N. Phillips retired at the end of September 2011. Phillips and his wife, Mary Ellen Benedetto Phillips ’63, relocated from Maryland to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina in 2007, where he continued to work from a home office for Quintiles Transnational. In his role as principal consultant for Quintiles Consulting for the past 14 years, he was involved in assisting medical device manufacturing clients from around the world through regulatory process at the Food and Drug Administration, seeking approval of a medical device in order to market it to the United States. He is also very proud of Michael A. Evans, a fellow doctoral toxicology student at Indiana University School of Medicine back in the late 1960s, for Evans’ extremely generous gift to Marian University’s new College of Osteopathic Medicine.

From left to right are Bob Moseman, Mary Ellen Benedetto Phillips, and Richard Phillips at a mini 1963 reunion on Hilton Head Island.

1966
Members of the Class of 1966 gathered for a 45th reunion celebration.

1967
Lynn Bocknik Jenkins received the “Environmentalist of the Year” award on December 10, 2011 at the Hoosier Environmental Council’s fourth annual Greening the Statehouse Forum. Jenkins also started Indiana Green Living, which was recently purchased by NUVO.

Lynn Bocknik Jenkins ’67 receives the “Environmentalist of the Year” award.

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.
1967, continued
Carol Kawsky Ramos had a watercolor accepted in a California state competition.

1968
Sherry Hoffmann Rusunen and her husband are both retired now. To celebrate their retirement and 40th wedding anniversary, they went on a four-week Mediterranean cruise and had a great time.

1971
Sr. Ellen Miller received the National Franciscan Federation “Peace Maker” Award for her life’s work in the area of peace and justice in 2008. In 2009, she received the St. Francis and St. Clare Award for Distinguished Achievement in Peace and Justice from the Marian University Alumni Association.

1974
Holy Angels Catholic Church recently awarded Sr. Annette Grisley the Cardinal Bernardin Community Service Award for her ministry to the community. She has been a Sister of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, for 45 years and has been at Holy Angels Catholic Church for nine years.

The Lecher family.

1976
Debbie Roseboom Davis is the proud grandmother of two precious boys, ages five and seven.

Debora Kramer Porter retired from Roswell Park Cancer Institute after 33 years of research in drug development.

1977
Sr. Joanita Koors was recently named among the top 12 Catholic school principals in the nation. She has been at St. Mary’s in North Vernon for 13 years. She will formally receive the award this spring in New Orleans, Louisiana.

1978
David Papandria is a full-time accounting professor and was recently appointed the assistant department head for the accounting department.

1988
On December 13, 2011 Rebecca Fenters-Silins and her husband Pete Silins were blessed with the birth of their daughter, Livija Regina. Her name was chosen to honor her Latvian heritage. She is a constant source of awe and amazement to her very “gaga” parents.

1971

1996
Sharon Gall Lecher and Carl ’97 welcomed Isabella Grace on February 9, 2011. Isabella weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was 20.25 inches long. She was also welcomed home by big sister Johanna Rose and big brother Michael. Isabella is a happy and funny girl who loves playing with her older siblings.

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Mary Quigley is now focusing on a career in writing, both in novel writing and freelancing. More information is available on www.maryellenquigley.com.

Jennifer DesJean is in her first year as assistant women’s basketball coach at Eastern Arizona College.

Dave and Caroline Norton welcomed a beautiful baby girl on June 8, 2011. Margaret “Greta” Elizabeth weighed seven pounds, three ounces and was 19 inches long.

Margaret “Greta” Elizabeth Norton.

Tiffany K. Jennings Tabb married Jeffrey A. Tabb on June 25, 2011. Tierra Ruffin ’09 served as maid of honor.

Tiffany K. Jennings Tabb ’08 married Jeffrey A. Tabb.

Christina Scotto recently returned home after 12 months leading a platoon in Afghanistan.

Megan Fitzpatrick married Justin Kean on June 4, 2011, at Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Edinburgh. Fitzpatrick is working as a registered nurse in the emergency department at Community Hospital East. The couple resides in New Whiteland, Indiana.

Justin Kean and Megan Fitzpatrick Kean ’10.

Elizabeth “Liz” Nelis married Christopher Koliba on December 10, 2011 at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church. Claire Ensley and Mia Horninger ’11 served as bridesmaids. Allison Bolke ’12 and Gregory Lorenz were also part of the wedding ceremony.

Jay Patterson and Matt Horan ’11 were married on October 15, 2011, at the Community Life Center. Joey Newton ’07, Will Smith ’08, Jacqui Payne ’09, Danielle Garmon ’10, Katie Heck ’11, and Rachel Horan ’13 were in the wedding party.

Kathryn Pulley was named Outstanding First Year Teacher in Washington Township School in Indianapolis in August of 2011.

Wesley Bremer earned his bachelor of arts in French at the end of last semester. He has since joined the Peace Corps. In June, he will begin teaching English in Africa.

Faculty and Staff
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Faculty and Staff, continued

Dr. Mary Ellen Lennon, assistant professor of history, and her husband, Mark Heiden, are blessed with a new son, Noah John Francis Lennon-Heiden. Noah was born on January 26, 2012, at 2:50 p.m. He weighed nine pounds, three ounces and was 22.5 inches long.

In Memoriam

Patricia E. Hagan Hebenstreit ’47, departed this life on February 5, 2012. She was a member at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church and past president of the Marian University Alumni Association. She is survived by her husband of 63 years, Robert Hebenstreit.

On January 14, 2012, Sara Jo Mahan Rea ’48 peacefully passed away at the age of 85. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, Leo Rea and her son Joseph L. Rea ’75.

Al Schuler, husband of Rosina Menonna Schuler ’49, passed away on November 17, 2011. He was the grandfather of Nicolle Cyrill ’11 and Matthew Cyrill ’14.

After the death of Joyce Abrams Beckerich ’51 in January 2011, the family created an endowed scholarship to honor her life. The Donald L. and Joyce M. Abrams Beckerich Endowed Scholarship is designed to give financial assistance to San Damiano Scholars who are education majors with exceptional needs minor, or have a major or minor in art or history.


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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 2010-11 (July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011), nearly 17.5 percent of our alumni made a gift. Thank you! Help us achieve 30 percent alumni giving for this fiscal year (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).

Patterson-Horan wedding.

Mark Heiden and Dr. Mary Ellen Lennon with their son Noah.
On September 17, 2011, Carol Hatfield ’58 joined our loving father in her eternal resting place.

James R. Peterson ’60 passed away on March 12, 2012. Peterson was a devoted father, grandfather, loving husband, Army veteran, and a collector car enthusiast.

Former teacher and campus minister at Marian University, Sue Bradshaw, OSF ’62 died in Oldenburg, Indiana on September 30.

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Elaine Grafen Krol ’63 passed away on October 26, 2011, after a long, hard fight against idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis.

Robert Hensel ’64 passed away October 29, 2011, of Alzheimer’s. He was 69 years old. He is survived by his wife, Diane, a son, David, and a granddaughter, Lauren.

Frank J. Malley, husband of Elaine Zimmer Malley ’67, died on October 9, 2011. They were married for 43 years and have three children.

James Stobe, husband of Ann Massa Stobe ’68, passed away peacefully on February 18, 2012, after a seven plus-year battle with multiple myeloma.

David L. Soots ’71 passed away December 19, 2011, in Madrid, Spain. Soots had a long career as an educator and was most recently a faculty member at Ivy Tech Community College. Soots was 62 years old.

Dennis P. O’Connor, loving husband of Paula Foy O’Connor ’77 for 28 years, passed away April 8, 2012. Together they were blessed with two beautiful children Colleen ’10 and Sean.

To honor the life and professional career of Lynne O’Day ’82, the Executive Women in Healthcare Organization, of which O’Day was a member, has created an endowed scholarship in her name. O’Day graduated magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in nursing and passed away in August of 2010.

Lynne O’Day ’82.

Robert T. Lowe ’94 passed away Sunday, December 4, 2011, at the age of 44.

Mary Ann Prenatt, mother of Dr. Diane Prenatt, professor of English, passed away after a long battle with illness in Pacific Palisades, California.

Jack Schliessmann, passed away on September 7, 2011. Schliessmann is the father of Lucia Schliessman, assistant professor of nursing.

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LIBERAL ARTS: 1937 TO TODAY

by Jamey Norton, Ph.D.

When classes opened on September 15, 1937, Marian College officially launched its educational mission for women. The mission provided “intellectual, physical, social, and religious” learning. It promoted the advancement of “high scholarship” and the development of the “whole personality” for “fullness of life” in the Catholic, Franciscan tradition. Seventy-five years later, Marian University abides in that noble liberal arts heritage.

In the fall of 1937, as Europe braced for a catastrophic world war, students gathered for Fr. Romuald Mollaun’s lectures in Philosophy 201, General Ethics, held in Allison Mansion, the university’s only building. Demerits for tardiness, a school policy, meant no student dare be late. Who would want to? This was, after all, the first of a two-semester premiere course on general and special ethics taught by an outstanding thinker who compiled the class’s textbook, *The Science of Right Living*. One imagines Fr. Romuald, after prayerful tidings, coaxing student responses with prompts like, “Explain how theoretical ethics rests on natural law.” His words awaken idle wonder to action, and the great teaching and learning begins. Nor has it ever ceased. His legacy of moral education lives today in our liberal arts curriculum, our Center for Organizational Ethics, and our Franciscan values, the mainstay of our intellectual and professional integrity.

The Franciscan liberal arts tradition advances higher learning through innovative scholarship and great books. By 1939, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana, had created the Allison Mansion’s library, a “spacious scientifically lighted reading room,” relief from studying by candle, and had amassed 9,625 volumes, ranging from history and literature to education, philosophy, religion, art, music, science, and social sciences. The library holdings accorded precisely with course offerings in the 1937-38 catalogue. Circulation records show that students checked out an average of 693 books per month, that’s an impressive stack of reading relative to the modest student enrollment of the time. The founding mission, we recall, supported “high scholarship,” so the library purchased subscriptions to 53 scholarly periodicals covering current research in the humanities and sciences.

In 1959, faculty moved a step further by establishing an Honors Program for the “encouragement of independent study and cultural advancement” in research, the success of which is evident in decades of original honors theses, inventoried in Marian University’s archives, on topics from iodine in rats’ thyroids to Iranian oil. Our annual Honors Colloquium sponsoring honors undergraduate research and the *Undergraduate Journal for History and Social Sciences* are enduring testimonies to the kind of scholastic achievement our Franciscan forbears held in high esteem.

In 1937, Marian College anchored Franciscan liberal learning in the “great books” tradition, a liberal arts legacy reaching back to the founding of the great English and European universities in the late Middle Ages. Great books challenge and shape our world views, a philosophy Marian College’s founding faculty put into practice to help students develop strong intellectual, moral, and spiritual outlooks on life, the “whole personality.” Amidst the many great books taught in the 1937 curriculum, we find Aristotle’s *Ethics*, John Locke’s *On Human Understanding*, Cardinal Newman’s *Idea of a University*, Henri Bergson’s *Creative Evolution*, and Virgil’s *Aeneid*. Today’s students remain committed to that legacy not only through our Great Books Colloquia, which enrolls to capacity every semester, but through the humanities program, founded in the 1960s, in which students explore the greatest of literature, art, and music that western culture has to offer.

The Learning and Counseling Center, Catholic studies, First-Year Experience, Study Abroad program, Model United Nations, marching band, mock trial, and the speech and Ethics Bowl teams, and so many more, have been created and developed by liberal arts faculty over the years to exemplify the Franciscan intellectual tradition of educating students to live in the “fullness of life.”

How the Sisters of St. Francis ever overcame so many seemingly insurmountable obstacles in founding this liberal arts university stuns me. As President Elsener often reminds us, the amazing Marian University mission we live today was once scoffed at by naysayers as a “preposterous” idea. The word “preposterous” from Latin literally means “backwards.” So with courage, God, and a mighty vision the Sisters of St. Francis took the preposterous path of walking backwards against all odds right into the forefront of modern Catholic higher education.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2012.
Marian University wishes you the very best as you embark on the next part of your journey. We can’t wait to see what you will accomplish as you begin to transform the world.