



STATE OF THE SOCIETY

May 2025

Summer has officially come to campus! As we celebrate another successful year and prepare for upcoming events, we want to share all the exciting news with you.

Since our last update, we have welcomed 30 new members. That's amazing! We're thrilled to see our community growing and can't wait to welcome these new members at our annual Summer Luncheon. This year's luncheon promises to be our biggest and best one yet, featuring an inspiring panel of women, new venue, and more planned for you—so you won't want to miss it.

Thanks to the continued generosity and commitment of our loyal supporters, we are proud to announce that two additional scholarship recipients will be joining us this fall. We look forward to welcoming these exceptional students to Marian and the Society.

As always, let us know if you have any questions. Continue reading for more updates and information from the past semester.

Best,

The Women of Marian Leadership Committee



Summer Luncheon 2025

The 2025 Women of Marian Summer Luncheon is approaching! Pick out your fascinator or derby hat and join us for an afternoon of mimosas and mingling.

This year, the Women of Marian Society is excited to host a panel discussion featuring three influential civic leaders, Senator Cyndi Carrasco, Representative Julie McGuire, and Representative Vanessa J. Summers, and moderated by Anne Hathaway, the president and chief executive officer of Hathaway Strategies.

As a member, admission for you and one guest is complimentary. However, all from the community are encouraged to attend and support this event.

Please RSVP at womenofmarian@marian.edu or call Becky Frey at 317.955.6232.



Senior Celebration and Future Plans

Congratulations to the thirteen Women of Marian 1851 Circle graduates!

We had the privilege of celebrating them at our second annual Women of Marian Senior Celebration on April 14th, 2025. During the Senior Celebration, each senior was invited to share their post-graduation plans with the group.

- **Chloe Niesen '25:** Plans to graduate in December 2025 with her Nursing Degree.
- **Luci Woodrum '25:** Was accepted into the Orr Fellowship program, which is a huge accomplishment, and will be working locally in Indianapolis for the next two years.
- **Kailynn Berger '25:** Plans to move back home in Cincinnati to work in orthopedics before applying for medical school this summer.
- **Hannah Donnenhoffer '25:** Graduated with a nursing degree and will work at Ascension Women and Infants Hospital.
- **Macie Hadley '25:** Plans to work at Ernst and Young as an auditor. Macie is also pursuing her CPA and planning to get a master's in either communication or business law post-graduation.
- **Lindsay Huston '26:** Will graduate in December 2025, but for now has accepted an ABA internship at Damar.
- **Laphat Jean '25:** Graduated with a double major in Chemistry and Biology and will be traveling with Marian's Study Abroad program to Kenya and Tanzania to study Kiswahili, explore public health systems, and engage with East African culture and history. Laphat is planning to pursue a career in clinical research once she returns.
- **Mikayla Jette '25:** Graduated with a double major in theater and pastoral leadership and is planning to move back home this summer to work with Dayton

Live Creative Academy. She was also accepted into the National Theater Institute and will start there in September.

- **Grace Meehan '25:** Is completing Marian's Four Plus One education program, which means she has completed her four years of undergrad in elementary education but will be starting school again in May to receive her master's in special education. She will graduate with her master's from Marian in 2026.
- **Lucy Schenk '25:** Graduated with a Communication, Public Health and Sociology degree. She will continue to work outdoors at the Riley Sports Legends Experience at the Children's Museum while continuing the search for a full-time job.
- **Anna Siler '25:** Will graduate in December of 2025 and will soon begin applying to programs for her master's in clinical social work.

To the graduates, we are honored that the Women of Marian Society was part of your Marian journey as students and look forward to your continued involvement as members of the Young Alumnae Circle.

SHOUT OUT TO

KATHY FOX '75 & JEFFREY TRAYLOR '05

Day for the Knights 2025 Sponsorships

A special thank you to **Kathy Fox '75** and **Jeffrey Traylor '05**, son of Deborah Mackel Traylor '75, for issuing a match challenge for Day for the Knights, Marian's annual day of giving. If you didn't catch it, the Women of Marian Society was 6th on the leader board with 59 gifts for the day.

Another special thank you to the 1851 Circle Leadership Team for promoting the match opportunity to their fellow classmates.

2025-26 1851 CIRCLE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Meet the 2025-26 1851 Circle Leadership Team! These amazing young women are eager to lead the student group in their activities throughout the year including team and friendship building, community service, and philanthropic activities.

- **Chloe Niesen '25** - Co-President (for the first semester as she graduates in December 2025)
- **Raea Concepcion '26** - Co-President
- **Aida Kelly '27** - Membership Manager
- **Marie DiPaola '27** - Budget/Operations Manager

NEW MEMBER REPORT

Please join us in welcoming the following women to our society:

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Gina Butz '25
Franchessca Cardenas '22
Jalynn Edwards '23
Gabrielle Fish '25
Lisa Foreman '06
Amelia Knotts '17
Brylee Koontz '24
Leah Marin '22
Melissa Morris
Amanda Shanafelt
Elizabeth Siler '21
Mary Claire Siler Foster '19
Karen Thompson
Denise Ware '76
Kristi Williamson
Amy Woodrum

1851 Student Circle

Madison Beaumont '27
Emma Beimfohr '26
Ally Blackburn '27
Emma Chrome '26
Caroline Doorley '27
Gracie Fields '28
Baylie Hedges '28
Emma Hendrix '26
Aida Kelly '27
Claire Lange '27
Natalie Priser '26
Sabrina Siems '26
Allison Smith '28
Bethany Worrell '27

Find a full list of Women of Marian members at marian.edu/womenofmarian.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Stay connected with the Women of Marian Society by following us on social media! We post about upcoming events, student activities, important updates, & more! You do not want to miss out!

We are active on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#)—@womenofmarian

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 26, 2025

Fall 2025

December 4, 2025

February 7, 2026

[Summer Luncheon](#)

Women of Marian Tailgating

Holiday Wine Tasting

Galentine's Day Celebration

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Do you have an announcement you'd like to share with your fellow society members? Please provide announcements you would like included to the following:

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OUR HISTORY

The Women of Marian Society serves to honor Marian University's foundresses, the Sisters of St. Francis, Oldenburg, Indiana.

The name "Women of Marian" was originally coined for graduates of Marian College,

as it served as a women's college until 1954. The first gatherings of these original Women of Marian were called "Tea on the Terrace," which was an annual social opportunity for women graduates. In 2010, this evolved into a luncheon for women stakeholders of the University.

It was in 2019 that the Women of Marian Society, as it's known now, injected philanthropy and structure into these former all-women gatherings. Since then, the organization has seen tremendous growth and significantly impacted multiple young women.

KNOW SOMEONE WHO SHOULD JOIN?

Do you have a friend, family member, co-worker, neighbor, etc. that you'd like to get involved with the Women of Marian Society? Share this news with them and encourage them to join today!

They can join via an annual or monthly gift online at marian.edu/womenofmarian.