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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Returning to school was especially sweet this fall. Seeing the faces of 118 new freshmen as well as all the returning students that first week in September, visiting with parents at Back-to-School night in October, experiencing my first Formation Retreat at Camp Tapawingo with student retreat leaders and relishing the roar of the crowd at home games on the field or contests in the gym are some of my strongest memories so far. The Spartans are back and we're having a great year!

Marist has the best of both worlds — tradition and innovation. I hope you enjoy reading about some of these in this issue:

- Listen to English teacher Becky Boyd reflect on Kathy Yocum's † legacy of faith and teaching
- Armchair travel to France with history teacher Jon Nuxoll and listen to an unapologetic de Gaulle enthusiast narrate the experience of the group
- Recognize the accomplishments of the third class of inductees to the Marist Athletic Hall of Fame
- Enjoy seeing friends in pictures of the class reunions spanning 1950-1992 that took place this summer
- Gain a teenage perspective of Marist by reading a Q & A with a current junior
- Learn from Assistant Principal Andy Oldham on how Marist is meeting the needs of today's students by partnering with a program that echoes the voice of our founder, St. Marcellin Champagnat

I hope you are as energized and positive about Marist as I am. Thank you for being part of our Marist family. Know that you are in our prayers and please remember us in yours.

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A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "David Welch". The signature is fluid and cursive.

David Welch

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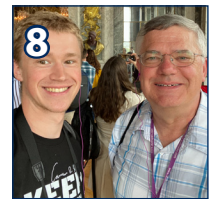


ON THE COVER:
Seniors Sam Thornton, Issac King and junior Abigail Schombert lower a hula hoop in unison with their group on the 2022 Formation Retreat. Photo by Becky Boyd

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Challenge Success

Working towards healthier, happier and more confident students

By Andy Oldham, Assistant Principal for Teaching & Learning



A Note From Our Principal

Working with Challenge Success is an amazing opportunity for our Marist community. It provides us a chance to evaluate our students' needs and focus on what is most important — the student experience at Marist. To fully engage with Challenge Success, a crucial step is listening to our young learners, and coming to a greater understanding of how they view their educational experience. What challenges are they facing? What aspects of their education bring them joy? What can parents and teachers do to make students feel more engaged in the learning process? Our hope is that answering some of these questions will lead us to affecting change at Marist that will produce healthier, happier, and more confident students. I hope that you accompany us on this journey and watch out for updates as we continue to work with Challenge Success.

- Bob Fraley

What is Challenge Success?

Challenge Success is a non-profit organization affiliated with the Stanford University Graduate School of Education. They partner with schools and families to provide proven, practical, and research-based tools and strategies that promote well-being and engagement with learning and transform the student experience to create a more balanced and academically fulfilling life for all students.

For 50 years, from its earliest days with the Marist Brothers and Holy Names Sisters to today's entirely lay staff, Marist Catholic High School has been predicated on providing a disciplined and caring education to students of a variety of backgrounds and abilities. And by standard measurements of academic performance – standardized tests, graduation rates, college enrollment, college persistence and anecdotal information from graduates and past parents – Marist is providing a good education to its students.

And yet, there is also a growing sense of urgency that our approach to teaching and learning which has served us so well for 50 years may no longer be enough. Students and society have changed in many ways since the school was built on the Kingsley farmland in the late 60s. An emerging body of research indicates that good intentions, hard work and high expectations are no longer enough to help students thrive in the 21st century. Additionally, the landscape that today's youth has to navigate is filled with rapid change and the interrelated challenges of mental health, technology dependence, social media, decreased economic opportunities, increased competition and declining confidence and trust in traditional institutions.

When one considers what we know today about the development and needs of the adolescent brain, the pressure to succeed in narrow terms – good grades, good college, good job = lasting happiness – along with an unstable social and economic landscape, it should not surprise us that Marist students today are struggling with stress and mental health

Photo by Andy Oldham



Junior Esha Reddy, English teacher Beth Wirth, junior Cameron Kline, Marist counselor Shari Pimental, current parent Judith de Leon Chávez, Marist principal Bob Fraley, current parent Jill Cole '96, sophomore Bailey Cole and Science teacher Ryan Moser take a photo after lunch at the Challenge Success conference in San Francisco.

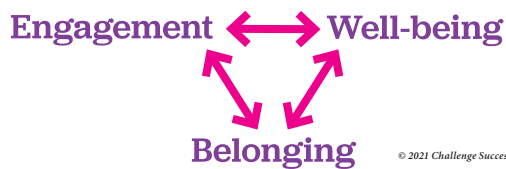
challenges in quite a different way than they did 20 or even 10 years ago.

Following in the footsteps of Marist's founder St. Marcelin Champagnat, educators at Marist are called to understand that "if you wish to educate young people, first you must love them." And there is no better expression of love than to listen to and accompany a young person — something St. Marcellin came to understand while he was creating a teaching order in France in the 1800s, also in a turbulent and rapidly changing society. As a student, St. Marcellin experienced firsthand the humiliation of abuse and not being listened to, and built his vision of schools on the opposite. Love first. Even 200 years later, his methods hold up to the research of the 21st century. How lucky are we to have inherited this charisma that we must cling to?

To help us better listen to and accompany our students, we recently partnered with an organization called Challenge Success. They are a school-reform non-profit affiliated with the Stanford Graduate School of Education and have a strong track record of bringing together schools and the families they serve to improve the well-being and engagement of all students. Their methods and strategies rest upon a great deal of research and experience while remaining tailored to the existing strengths and uniqueness of each community.

A review of recent survey data of Marist students, gathered from Challenge Success, as well as from our most recent school accreditation process, reveals that we are being called to become more coherent, intentional, innovative, dynamic and relevant in our implementation of the Marist charism. We believe that Challenge Success will help us achieve these goals, while remaining firmly rooted in the Marist tradition.

When one explores the research findings that Challenge Success has uncovered about highly effective schools, a



pattern emerges that reveals engagement, belonging and well-being acting in a reinforcing triangle. This finding also compliments what we have so long held up as a model of a Marist education: the development of the whole person – body, mind and soul.

Within this classic model, there is no hierarchy between the mind, body and soul. And yet at Marist, like many Catholic high schools, success often gets defined as maintaining a challenging course load, high grades and involvement in many co-curricular activities. And so the narrow narrative of success often gets reinforced (good grades, good college, good job = lasting happiness) and can be a primary contributor to the struggles with stress and mental health that we know interfere with healthy adolescent development.

Partnering with Challenge Success feels natural and complementary to who we are and who we wish to be. The pursuit to improve comes not so much in pursuing a new direction or "reforming" the school, as much as it looks to be a doubling down on who we are and have always claimed to be. Challenge Success' deep and reliable research base, combined with a framework that incorporates the voices and perspectives of students, parents, and schools, can help us build and expand upon the strengths that already exist at Marist and become a better, truer version of the school so many know, love and trust. ☩

Conference Impressions

Three current students joined Marist administration, teachers, counselors and parents this September on a trip to San Francisco for a Challenge Success conference. These are their reflections:



"The conference allowed me to reflect on our learning strategies at Marist and understand how they effect students. It is important that we work together with student and teacher perspectives to make education more impactful in and out of the classroom."
-Esha Reddy '24

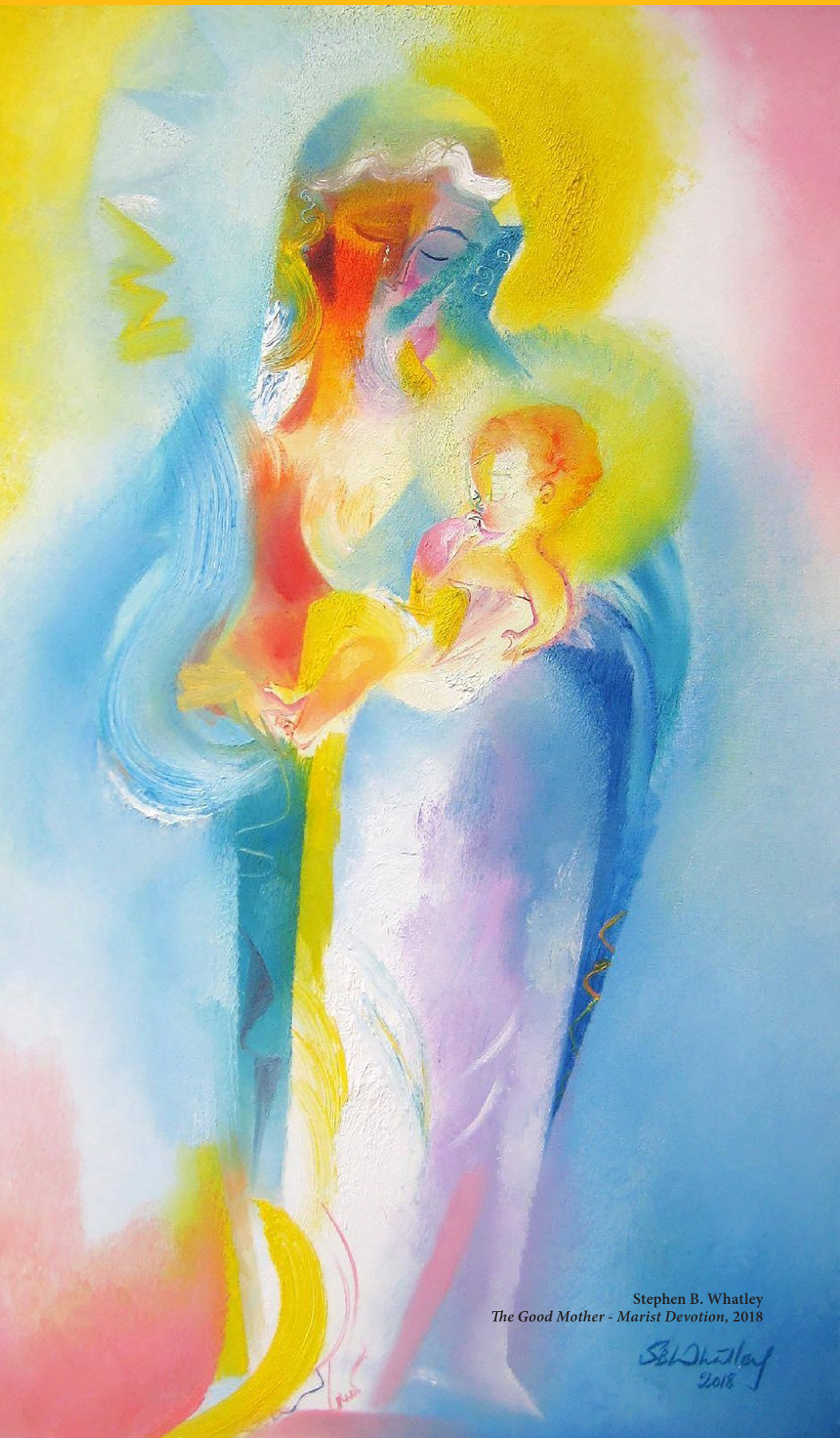


"I hope that this program can help Marist make a lot of good changes to improve student life. Things like making work more meaningful and overall making school a less stressful environment."
-Cameron Kline '24



"I learned how much Marist works in the background on having the student voice heard. We have staff here that listen and prioritize us. They listen to all our concerns and help us achieve more as students and as people. I really hope that this program will help make the student body feel heard and motivated here at Marist."
-Bailey Cole '25

Mary Our Good Mother



Stephen B. Whatley
The Good Mother - Marist Devotion, 2018

S.B. Whatley
2018

Standing on the shoulders of Mary

By Becky Boyd, English Teacher

“Mary, our good mother, pray for us.”
This phrase is part of our everyday prayer life at Marist, and as I speak these words I realize how intertwined Marist and motherhood have been in my life.

I decided to go back to school to become a teacher shortly after I became a mother myself. I looked at my baby’s face and knew I needed a career change. One where I could balance my desire to do something important, but still be truly present and involved in all the daily pulls of a child’s life. Teaching seemed like a natural fit, and I imagined myself getting to help mother all of “my kids” in class. I had no idea what a tricky dance motherhood and teaching would be. Lucky for me, I had the uncommon fortune to be a student teacher under the starry mantle of veteran Marist teacher, the late Kathy Yocum, who took me on in the spirit of Mary, our good mother. This was a pivotal moment in my life. I had a baby at home, and I was brand new to this teaching thing. Although I had high ideals and good intentions, it didn’t amount to much without materials and designs to bring those ideas to life. Kathy shared her stories, fed me lesson plans, gave me daily pep talks, watched me present to students, corrected me when I needed it, and then backed off and trusted me with her “babies.” When Kathy retired from teaching, I got the job at her recommendation: no higher honor was ever given to any student teacher.

Twenty-four years later, my classroom home is still Room 401, the place where Kathy taught generations of Marist graduates and was recognized as a trailblazing educator. Her stamp is still all over what I do and how I approach the art of teaching. I remember her when I take students to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival in Ashland each year — a trip she started so that students could watch Shakespeare plays jump out from the pages of their books. I remember her every winter when I lead a Metanoia — the senior retreat Kathy helped design, which encourages students to “change their hearts” and think about the next phase of their lives. I continue to think of her daily in “our” room when I read with my students and we share each other’s writing. Every student belonged to Kathy, and I felt that strongly when my own daughter, Emily ’15 was a student in my freshman English class and I was both mother and teacher — just like Kathy was with her daughter Jennifer ’82 and son Dennis ’84. She told me that having her own children in her classes was the joy of her life. She was right.

To me, Kathy was the Marian face of the Catholic church, and she lived her life in the way of Mary. Simply put, she worked to bring Jesus to birth, in ordinary ways, in the most unlikely of people. Like Mary, she modeled what it meant to nurture, teach, gather, reconcile and journey alongside someone, giving them a reason to believe, to hope and to love. Her devotion to Mary inspired me to examine my own faith journey and led me to become Catholic myself — with Kathy as my sponsor through the RCIA process.

What made Kathy such an excellent mentor and friend was her interactive and dynamic teaching style, her ability to take risks and constantly improve her craft, the humor she used to put students at ease, how she could meet all students as they were and allow them the experience of being known and loved, her instructional leadership and collaboration with other teachers to improve the quality of teaching at Marist, her noticeable contributions to the school-wide culture of care and compassion and her deep and joyful faith. These also happen to be the criteria for the *Kathy Yocum Excellence and Innovation in Teaching Award*, a new honor bestowed annually on a Marist teacher. Last June I was the first recipient. Ironically, I heard this news from assistant principal, then the interim principal, Andy Oldham when he called me to let me know I’d been selected. I missed the last two weeks of school while I sat with my mother in the hospital as she lay dying. Sometimes motherhood works backwards and we children become the caretakers of our parents. It made me want to cry. They were tears of gratitude for all that Kathy had meant to me when we worked and prayed together, alongside tears at the loss of my own mother— tears for two women who had shaped so much of who I am.

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English teacher Becky Boyd shares a laugh with students in her Advanced Placement Literature and Composition class.



Kathy Yocum †, a Marist English teacher at the time, shares her unique devotion to Mary with the community on the feast day of Mary our Mother in 2009.

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I had an epiphany. In that moment I recognized that the bonds of motherhood, in all the ways that they reveal themselves, are like the ways that Mary loved her Son — beyond the limits of physical life or human understanding and totally unbreakable.

Recently I was able to travel to the Marist Brothers' Center at Esopus, New York, for a retreat called *Sharing Our Call*. I learned about the founder of the Marist Brothers, St. Marcellin Champagnat, a 19th-century French priest who himself struggled as a student, yet established an order of teaching brothers to reach those considered the least “worthy” of education — poor, rural, problematic boys. If Champagnat is the Marist father, then the Marist DNA is not to cater to the elite, but to the least, the lowest and the lost. The Marist Brothers (the little brothers of Mary) take their cues from our Good Mother in their presence, simplicity, family spirit and love. Champagnat told his teachers to, “Tell your children that Jesus and Mary love them all very much: those who **are good** because they resemble Jesus Christ, who is infinitely good; those who are **not yet good** because they will become so.” This is the picture of all of God’s children — the good and the not yet good. There is room at the table and the invitation is extended to all of us. How special is it that a priest recognized the importance of lay people in this mission and the humble care of our Good Mother?

A memory that sticks out in my mind from that retreat is a visit to the cemetery on the property. The final resting place for all the Marist Brothers. It’s bigger than you would

A Marist Reflection

The reflection on Mary below was written for us by Maureen Hagan, the Marist Director of Adult Formation and Lay Marists of the US Province. Maureen lives and works in Roselle, New Jersey. She was willing to help provide us more about the Marist devotion to Mary and the need for the Marian face of the church in the world today. With the help of Marists like Maureen and Matt Fallon, who visited us this fall as a part of our staff back-to-school retreat, we are embarking on another year of reconnecting with our Marist colleagues from around the country. Maureen and Matt will return this January, along with two Marist Brothers, Br. Hank Hammer and Br. Owen Ormsby, for another all-day retreat with our Marist staff.

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of mercy,

Mary epitomizes mercy. Her love is all-inclusive. She recognizes and honors the work of her Son – in which he reaches out to the sinners, the lepers, the tax collectors. He teaches about “love of neighbor,” the Samaritan who cares for the injured traveler. She knows, and perhaps taught him, about this mercy.

our life, our sweetness, and our hope.

As one who takes the name of Mary, as a Marist of Champagnat, I acknowledge that Mary is indeed, the

source of new life in the Church. She models compassion, rather than competition, relationships rather than hierarchical structures. All qualities that are needed in our world right now.

I think of “sweetness” as “kindness.” I don’t need to be better than, I need to be kind. I don’t need to propel myself forward by stepping on others, I need to be kind ... and helpful. And in those gestures, perhaps, I provide hope. The young people who are attracted to our charism, in spite of feeling abandoned by their church, respond to this all-inclusive kindness and acceptance. They have hope for a better way of being church.

To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy towards us. And after this, our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Yes, we all cry out ... but those who are banished to the margins, in particular, feel the need for Mary’s all-inclusive Love. The Love that we call God. In our society, racism, homophobia, sexism — all are still front and center in many places and in many people’s lives. Many are still harmed —

think, representing all of those teachers, all of those hopes, all of that work — on holy ground. I was standing on their shoulders. All those brothers, but metaphorically, I think Kathy was there too, and my own mother, and Mary, all of them supporting me, lifting me up, whispering, “Your life, too, will be an echo of what you teach them.” I hope I teach them to love and support one another. We close each day at Marist with this prayer, “*Saint Marcellin Champagnat, pray for us. Mary, our good mother, pray for us, and let us remember to pray for each other.*” Amen. ☩



Stephen B. Whatley

The Good Mother - Marist Devotion, 2018

The oil painting by expressionist artist Stephen B. Whatley was commissioned by the Marist Brothers in Sherbrooke, Québec in Canada.

St. Marcellin Champagnat first made a classic statue of the Holy Mother and Child the Congregation's icon, as The Good Mother, or Bonne Mère, in the 19th century. Once Whatley saw the original statue — with the sorrowful Mother holding the Infant Jesus, unusually depicted laying in her arms, with His finger in His mouth as if imposing silence — he was enchanted and filled with prayerful inspiration. The Marist Brothers are looking forward to sharing it with their communities and the wider public.

physically, psychically, spiritually. Mary — we cry out to you! We know you will listen and guide our prayers to your Son.

O clement, O loving, O sweet mother Mary. Pray for us O holy mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. *

As a Marist of Champagnat, I hope to be a part of bringing the Marian face of the Church to fruition. It is lived out in all of us who honor the feminine, which is in each of us. It shows in our tender mercy, our efforts to include ALL and not only include, but also love. It shows when we acknowledge that, “the Church with a Marian face does not feel the need to create bigger and bigger things to ensure that God is properly honored. It is a Church which understands that small things can be, and often are, the most significant things. **

I attempt to live out the Marian face of the Church by being inspired by Mary and bringing those qualities to life. God's love can only be present in this world through us. We not only need to be worthy of the promises of Christ, we are the promises of Christ. We pray that our actions will show that. ☩

* The Memorare

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Colombey- Les- Deux- Églises Is Awesome!

A summer trip to France

By Jon Nuxoll, History
Teacher



The newest addition to Jon Nuxoll's Charles De Gaulle collection purchased in Colombey-Les-Deux-Églises.

At summer's start, 21 Spartans visited French historical sites such as the D-Day beaches and Paris as well as places that fewer school tours visit. That can be a plus or minus — take your pick — when the tour is put together by me.

The WorldStrides trip was first set for Russia, delayed by COVID, and then changed after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Crowds at Louis XIV's Palace of Versailles didn't preclude a group picture in its Hall of Mirrors. But it was nearly empty where the Versailles Chamber of Commerce lost its meal ticket two kings later at the jeu de paume where the Tennis Court Oath launched the French Revolution. At the Eiffel Tower, built for the revolution's centennial, we made a slow nighttime ascent to the top, and a few even walked up. At the Louvre, some checked out paintings Sister Wendy's *The Story of Painting* had explained to them in school. At the Musée Rodin, *The Gates of Hell* sculpture was a refresher of its literary inspiration, *Dante's Inferno*, motivating at least one person to reread it.

Among less touristy but significant historical stops were: Compiègne, where the armistice ending World War I was signed in 1918 (in 1940 French and German roles were reversed at the same place) — and other Great War locations such as Verdun, Montfaucon and Meuse-Argonne.

Of nearly half the dead from Verdun, the war's most terrible battle, bone fragments are all that remain. They are visible beneath Verdun's funereal ossuary.

At Montfaucon, we clambered through entrenched German defenses and explored a monument to their capture by American "Doughboys," many now in the Meuse-Argonne Cemetery. One Marist traveler located the grave of a friend's relative. Another brought the picture of an ancestor who fought in WWI. Nine Medal of Honor recipients are buried at Meuse-Argonne. We learned about one of them, Freddie Stowers, recognized posthumously in 1991 ... because his application was lost or because he was Black, depending on whom to believe.

For a few, a visit to a museum in Peronne, L'Historial de la Grande Guerre, brought back classroom memories. A "tortoise" — a wheeled shield intended to break through enemy trenches (it didn't) — is there; it's also in a classroom video that many remembered. So is a carving of French Premier Georges Clemenceau, his head placed on a tiger's body as "Le Tigre" was his nickname.

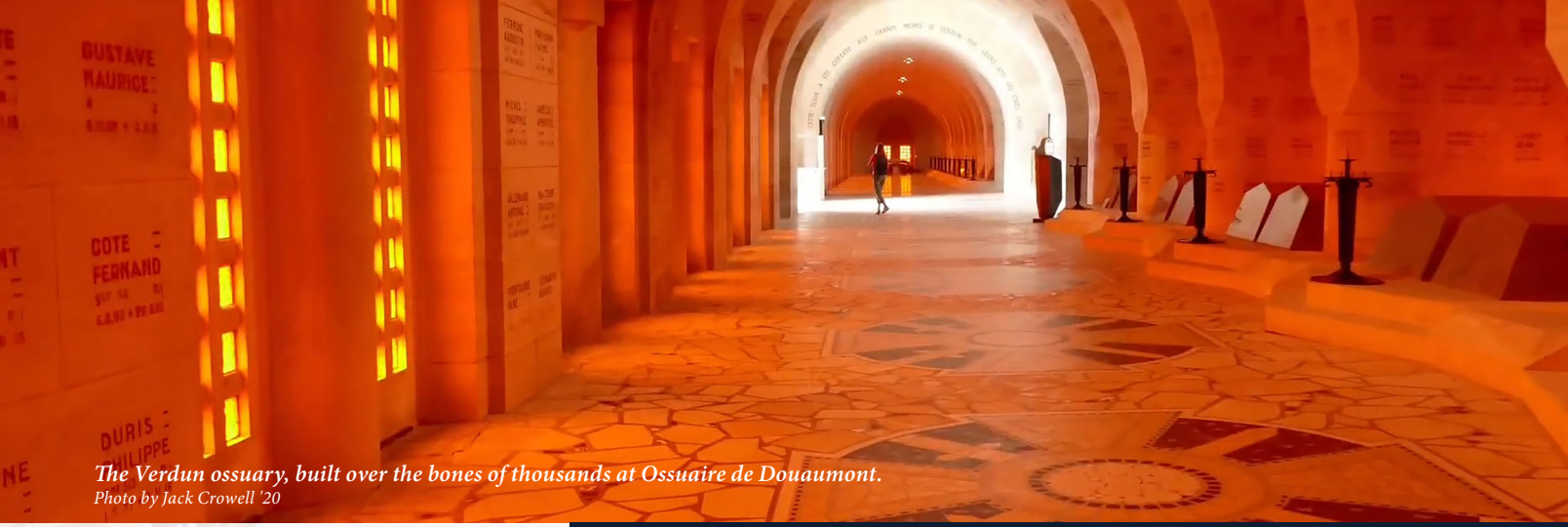
Le Tigre's (and others') failed peace led to World War II. In Normandy we visited D-Day sites that were the beginning of the war's end, starting with Sainte-Mère-Église's Airborne Museum and the Mémorial de Caen. We viewed Pointe du Hoc cliffs scaled by Army Rangers; we walked Omaha Beach's terrifyingly open space that Americans crossed or were killed trying to cross; we saw Arromanches's artificial harbor; we paused at La Cambre's somber German cemetery, "a graveyard for soldiers, not all of whom had chosen the cause or the fight"; and we reflected at the Normandy American Cemetery seen in *Saving Private Ryan*.

A few other Parisian sights: La Comédie-Française, the theater that performed Molière's *Imaginary Invalid* a few centuries before Marist did in 2022; the Panthéon, honoring numerous historical figures such as physicist Marie Curie, who is in a lead coffin because the "dear radium" she handled keeps her corpse radioactive, and 1920s American entertainer Josephine Baker, active in the WWII Resistance and the first black woman there; and great meals.

Beyond Paris, we made a few other road stops: dessert at an Amiens pâtisserie that claims it invented the

History teacher Jon Nuxoll and the Marist group take a photo with the Eiffel Tower in the background.





*The Verdun ossuary, built over the bones of thousands at Ossuaire de Douaumont.
Photo by Jack Crowell '20*

macaron (so do others) that sits in the shadow of its awesome and uncrowded cathedral; a picnic where we did the shopping for baguettes, cheese and other fixings; a nighttime canal ride plus another awesome, uncrowded cathedral in Châlons-en-Champagne; inspiration and intercession sought at the Basilica of Sainte-Thérèse in Lisieux.

A few bumps in the road: consensus was that touring Parisian sewers (another of my ideas) was a bust: poor acoustics made it hard to hear; a hot day made it easy to smell. It's still a 19th-century engineering marvel. A missed connection on the return extended the trip but eating New York pizza while watching Big Apple Fourth of July fireworks made up for that.

Highlight? It is generally agreed that Charles de Gaulle is the apex of French history, if not all history. We pilgrimaged to de Gaulle's home, La Boisserie, in the little country village of Colombey-Les-Deux-Églises.

All toured La Boisserie with reverence. All walked La Boisserie's grounds and took in the same views the General once did. All passed through the same rooms where the General walked, lived, wrote, thought and passed into eternity at a little card table where he was playing solitaire just before dinner.

All paid respects at his grave in a simple country churchyard. All pondered the Mémorial Charles de Gaulle's exhibits pertaining to "The Most Illustrious of Frenchmen."

Then it was time for lunch. Colombey-Les-Deux-Églises was awesome. It lacks only a train. ☘

Student Reflections

"It was cool to see Mr. Nuxoll in his element. The interest and passion he has is quite clear and makes us also interested in whatever it is. Mr. Nuxoll made it a point to take us to a Nazi cemetery. He thought it was important to point out that all these soldiers were someone's sibling or son, for the most part, all of them pretty young. It was impactful. Some of us cried. It could have happened to us."

- Jack Crowell '20 upon facing an ugly part of history through a personal lens



Photo by Jack Crowell '20

"I think before the trip I assumed that certain stereotypes, like the French eating baguettes for every meal was an exaggeration conceived by Americans. But no, I, and everyone I observed, ate baguettes for breakfast, lunch and dinner. And for good reason! I have so many memories from the trip that I don't think I'll be forgetting anytime soon, but I think a very iconic one was when we went to the Eiffel tower. At the top we saw Paris only through the light it gave off in the dark and it felt almost like a dream."

- Zane Watson '23



Photo by Jimmy Smythe '24

"It was impactful to see all the cemeteries and how brutal humanity has been."

- Everett Martin '24 after visiting cemeteries in French Normandy and Verdun



Photo by Jon Nuxoll

"Sunlight streaming through stained glass, a round hole in the roof right above the baptismal font to let the rain in, someone singing Gregorian chants, a hole in the wall to give peasants bread (kind of like a drive-through) and a family of bats underneath the giant organ!"

- Maddy Miller '23 recalling Notre-Dame-en-Vaux in Chalons-en-Champagne



Photo by Maddy Miller '23

From top to bottom: Jack Crowell'20 and Jon Nuxoll take a selfie in the Palace of Versailles; The Eiffel Tower in Paris, France; Marist students pay their respects at the Douaumont Ossuary in Verdun, France; Notre-Dame-en-Vaux in Chalons-en-Champagne, France.

2022 ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME



The 3rd annual Marist Athletic Hall of Fame Induction ceremony took place on Friday Oct. 14, 2022. The Marist community came together in the gym to celebrate this year's class of inductees.

The Marist Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 2019 to recognize Marist athletes, teams, coaches, administrators or supporters, who excelled in their respective sport or roles and who helped bring honor, recognition, distinction and excellence to Marist and the community by their conduct both on and off the field of competition.

To see photos from the ceremony, read more about this accomplished class or to nominate a future inductee visit athletics.marisths.org/hall-of-fame.

Meet the Inductees:

1946 FOOTBALL STATE CHAMPIONS



Marist athletic director John Dwyer, Bob Bryan '47, Ted Brant '47, grandson of coach "Francie" Coghlan Paul Pedron and president David Welch pose for a photo after inductees receive their certificates. Photo by Toni Cooper

The 1946 football team at St. Mary's High School made history in more than one way when the Gaels clinched the 1946 Lane County Western Division title and went on to win the 1946 Oregon Class B Football State Championship. It was not only the first state championship for the school, but the first for any parochial school in Oregon.

According to the records, Father Albert Rodakowski officially led the team — because the head coach had to be a licensed teacher — however, Rodakowski was described by one team member as “a man of theology, not football.” The unofficial coaching staff which led the team to victory was made up of Francis Coghlan, several parents, and students from the University of Oregon.

1980 GIRLS TRACK & FIELD STATE CHAMPIONS



Dawn (Wilger) Streett '80, Kelley (Olsen) Kline '80, Kelly (Howard) Hughes '80 and Laura (Jones) Eicher '81. Photo by Toni Cooper

The 1980 girls track & field team won the second state championship for a women's sport at Marist with multiple outstanding athletes. Along with the team's first place finish, members of the team also clinched several individual state titles that season. Dawn (Wilger) Streett '80 won both the 400 and 800 meter, Julie Skeen '81 won the 300 meter hurdles and the 1600 Meter Relay Team of Skeen, Streett, Kelley (Olsen) Kline '80 and Laura (Jones) Eicher '81 also took first.

Many of the members of the 1980 girls track & field team were also on the 1979 and 1980 volleyball teams, which won the first and third state championship titles in women's sports at Marist.

KENDEL DREW '98



Kendel Drew '98 left an indelible mark on the Marist girls tennis program. As a freshman, she won her first OSAA State Girls Tennis Singles Championship, a title she won all four years of high school.

After graduation, Kendel attended Brown University and Georgetown University Law Center. Kendel has been a transactional

attorney for 16 years at multiple large law firms. She currently works in Atlanta as Senior Counsel at Holland & Knight LLP.

Kendel is married to Bryan Eberle '97. They have a daughter, Hayden (10), and a son, Kellen (7). Although they live in Atlanta, Kendel and her family return to Eugene multiple times a year to visit her parents, Frankie and Tom Drew, and her best friend, Nicole Bolton '98.

INDUCTION CEREMONY



COACH TERRY LANDE



In 1993, the Marist girls basketball program entered a new era with the hiring of Coach Terry Lande. In the 10 years that Lande coached, his teams won three state championships, had an overall record of 245-28 and a streak of 104-0 consecutive Sky-Em league wins. He set a precedent of athletic excellence and

leadership in girls basketball.

His legacy at Marist lives on in the championship banners adorning the gym, the trophies that line the halls, the echoes of "Ants Marching" playing during warm-ups and in the hearts of the players, coaches and families he impacted during his time as head basketball coach.

Terry was already inducted into the 2021 Athletic Hall of Fame along with his 1996 state championship team and his teams from 1997-2003. Terry currently resides on Bainbridge Island with his wife and his first head coach, Claudia Lande — who taught him everything he knows — and his daughter and team manager, Michaela Lande. His oldest daughter Aly Lande and son Travis Lande live nearby in Seattle.

SCOTT HALBROOK '81 †



Vinci Halbrook accepts on behalf of her brother, Scott Halbrook '81 †.

Coachable, dedicated and skilled are all words used to describe Scott Halbrook '81. Scott is remembered, not just as a great athlete, but as an outstanding student and an exemplary person. Scott was a four-year, three-sport athlete at Marist, participating in football, basketball and baseball.

After his Marist graduation, Scott headed to Oregon State University to play baseball on a full-ride athletic scholarship. While

playing left field the spring of his freshman year, Scott and the shortstop collided during practice with tragic consequences. Scott was in a coma for three days before passing away on March 5, 1982. That same year, Marist coach Dan Luby † dedicated the Marist baseball field to Scott, and Marist Brother James Halliday retired Scott's #7 baseball jersey.

CATHY (GAUGHAN) MANT '68



Describing Cathy (Gaughan) Mant '68 as a very involved student at St. Francis High School is a bit of an understatement. As an athlete, she participated in golf and track & field along with Student Council, the Pep Club and the National Honor Society.

Cathy began playing in national golf tournaments at age 16 and during her senior year, joined the first boys golf team for the Saints and was the ONLY female on the team. She participated in all the events and lettered.

After graduating from St. Francis, Cathy became an All-American golfer at Arizona State University while earning a degree in marketing. In 1976, Cathy earned her LPGA card and was a player on the Tour for 11 years.

In October of 2000, Cathy began a 19-year coaching career at Georgia State University, where she won five conference championships, was named conference Coach of the Year five times and was named the NGCA East Region Coach of the Year in 2009.

DUSTIN WALDRON '08



As a four-year, three-sport athlete at Marist, it's no surprise that Dustin Waldron '08 would end up in the Athletic Hall of Fame at some point. During his time at Marist, Dustin participated in football, basketball and track & field.

Dustin lettered in football all four years of high school and was named First Team

All-League and First Team All-State for his role as a guard and defensive linebacker in his senior year. Dustin helped the Spartans win two football state championships in 2005 and 2007. Also, in his senior year, he and his teammates won the 2008 4A state basketball title. Dustin was named All-State Honorable Mention, First Team All-Tournament and First Team All-League.

After Marist, Dustin was an All-American football player at Portland State University and was also named to the All-Conference team. Dustin finished his football career by playing for the Kansas City Chiefs in the National Football League for two years.

What's Happening On Campus?

Q&A

with a current Marist student

Photo by Abigail Schombert '24



Junior Haley Ross and her mother Kathy (Schaffeld) Nelson '91 at the Homecoming football game this year.

Meet junior Haley Ross! She is the Student Council ASB Public Relations Officer, a part of Calm Club, Spanish Club and Justice Action at Marist. Haley is also the founder of the Geese Group, a social club that talks about, you guessed it, geese and eats yummy treats. She is also the daughter of a Marist alumnus, Kathy (Schaffeld) Nelson '91, and Haley is motivated to make her school better!

What's happening on campus this fall that you find interesting?

Last year, President Welch brought up an idea called "the audit" to the Student Council and the newspaper class; I was lucky enough to be in both those classes. Together we talked about some changes that we would like to see at Marist. My classmates and I walked around the school looking for things that might need a new update or that were out of place or confusing. We took pictures and wrote things down — kind of like a wish list.

Some things that have already been added from our suggestions are brand new picnic tables in the breezeways. It is a fun way to have lunch outside with friends. We also have some couches and comfy chairs that will be added to the ARC to make a cozy study space. We are also hoping to have a mural done to bring some color to campus. I am trying to work on getting yard games to go out in the courtyard during lunch and break to bring a new and exciting atmosphere to campus.

Why is being involved at Marist important to you?

I want the best for my class and for the rest of the school for generations to come. My mother went to school here at Marist, and the school has continued on and evolved. I enjoy working on the audit project. I'm ecstatic about the changes that will continue to happen and the joy that it will bring onto campus.

Is there anything else you'd like to share?

As time goes on, generation after generation, the world changes and Marist will continue to change to be accessible for everyone. I love working in hospitality and I want people to have a good Marist experience because my mom had a good Marist experience and I feel the same. Something that will never change at Marist is the We Are One community; we just have to find new ways that suit each generation best.

For the last two years, our campus has been sterilized due to a focus on student safety rather than expressing school spirit. It was time for us to reassess and reaffirm how we celebrate our students. "I didn't want it to just come from the top down," President David Welch said. "We had to better understand what the students were feeling and how they were receiving information."

Last year, we asked Student Council and members of the student newspaper to help. Sitting down with them, we asked them to take a critical look at our campus and how we communicate directly and indirectly with them. What resulted was over 50 pages worth of photos and comments from our students.

We are now in the process of addressing the feedback and suggestions. For example, we learned that students wanted the fountain to be on all day, so this summer, the fountain was cleaned and had some minor repairs done and it now runs perfectly. "It was heartwarming to hear that they wanted it on because it means something deeper to them than I had known," said Welch.

Many students noted that there were few places to sit with their peers outside, so new all-weather picnic tables were purchased. Feedback from current students showed a desire to understand our history better. And while our students appreciate the reverence we show to our school's history, they also expressed a desire to celebrate their current accomplishments and make Marist feel like it's their school.

And there are other good ideas currently underway, from adding more biblical quotes to the walls, identifying areas for future murals, installing digital announcement displays, refreshing our trophy cases, identifying room numbers and putting them in numerical order, installing a bulletin board for students to post notices of meetings and events, removing clutter and broken items, making the ARC cozy and looking into ways to make Mary's grotto even more beautiful.

These current and all future projects are only possible because of our students' desire and drive to enact real change on our campus. They have made it known that they're ready to make their mark on Marist, and we're ready to help them make it happen.

-Natalia Zreliak '15
Communications Coordinator

Marist Hosts Team USATF

This summer, Marist hosted Team USA during the World Athletics Championships serving as the official training facility for Team USA during their time in Eugene. On July 13, members of the Marist community were invited for a media day to watch the talented athletes up close on Kevin Teller Field. The athletes graciously signed autographs, took photos and chatted with Spartans of all ages.



Allison Felix signs the shirt of a young fan after finishing practice at Kevin Teller Field.

Photo by Chris Hudge

Welcome New Staff!



Randy Derrick is the newest addition to the Theology department. He currently teaches Paschal Mystery to sophomores and Ecumenical and Inter-Religious Studies to seniors. Randy's favorite part of teaching is engaging with the students and seeing their understanding unfold and develop.



John Dwyer is Marist's new athletic director. He comes to us from Florida after 16 years working at the Episcopal School of Jacksonville. This fall, John has enjoyed getting to know the Marist community through attending games and looks forward to the winter and spring sports seasons.



Kiernan Michau has joined the World Language department as a Spanish 1 teacher and is also our new Student Support Coordinator, responsible for Academic Support. Her favorite moments of teaching are when she sees a student's face light up because they've just understood something new about the world or themselves.



Danielle Ragan '08 returns to Marist as our new Health 1 and 2 teacher. Her favorite part about teaching Health to sophomores is getting to facilitate conversations about a subject that is "so personal and yet so communal at the same time."



Kiara Wessling joins the World Language department as our new teacher of French 1, 2, 3, 4 and AP Honors French 5. Kiara previously taught French, which she loves, in Florida and wanted to continue to do so upon moving to Oregon.

Photo by Trent Cooper

Photo by Natalia Zrelitak '15



Members of the Class of 2026 dive into the Marist Fountain during the annual Kissing of the 'M'.

To celebrate the first full week back at school, Marist participated in a variety of fun Welcome Week traditions. Upon walking onto campus on Monday, seniors were given crowns by members of Student Council to acknowledge their new status as the "top dogs" on campus. The entire school was greeted by festive hallways for each of the classes, thanks to creative Marist parents who created signs, hung streamers and decorated over the weekend.

On Wednesday, Sept. 14, new Marist students and staff took part in the long-standing tradition of the Kissing of the M. Students gathered around the fountain to kiss the 'M' as their names were called out — joining a long list of Marist students and staff who had undergone this tradition before them.

To end the week, the entire school gathered in the gym on Friday to participate in the first school Mass of the year celebrated by Fr. David Cullings and three

other local priests. Fr. David began Mass by teaching the freshmen about this Catholic ritual. Father employed four senior actors in his homily to help demonstrate the importance of staying involved in the Marist community, with a skit that compared the school's environment to a fireplace that keeps students warm.



Seniors Maddie Baker-Fones, Henry Gonyea and Jack Kiefer help demonstrate Fr. David's homily with a skit.

Photo courtesy of Stacey Baker



Marist Youth Leadership Camp

Marist students and staff at the camp over the summer in Indiana.

Over the summer, a group of Marist Spartans traveled to Crown Point, Indiana, for the second annual Marist Youth Leadership Camp. Marist schools from across America gathered to develop their leadership skills. The students who attended will be in charge of leading a freshman day retreat for our first-year students later this year. The group was chaperoned by Director of Campus Ministry Rick Martin and Assistant Principal Stacey Baker. Cole Jones '19 also served as a young adult leader at the camp.

Photo by Becky Boyd



Formation Retreat

The 2022-23 Retreat Team

The 2022-23 Marist Retreat Team spent a weekend at Camp Tapawingo this September to connect with their faith and bond as a team. Juniors and seniors participated in activities led by Marist staff members and alumni to strengthen their skills in small group facilitation.

Each team member wrote and shared an experience from their life that taught them an important lesson. "It was a very special time to get to hear one another talk... a lot of what they shared was very impactful and helpful for other students and the adults too," Rick Martin, Director of Campus Ministry & Formation said.

Photo by Natalia Zreljak '15



Aaron Pina '22 works with students attending Genesis.

Genesis Summer Reading Academy

This summer, the Genesis Summer Reading Academy saw its largest enrollment, with over 120 students from the Bethel, 4J and Springfield school districts. The seven-week Genesis program offers reading instruction and academic support to children who meet McKinney-Vento and Title 1 classifications. The program is staffed by Marist faculty, local teachers and Marist student volunteers.

Photo by Jackson Anderson '23



Locked-In to Marist

Freshmen and upperclassmen sprint across the gym during a community building game.

The 2022 Freshman Lock-In took place at school on Saturday, Oct. 1. It was a day filled with lots of laughter and fun activities designed to bring the Class of 2026 closer together. Mass was presided by Fr. David Brown, pastor of St. Paul and School Board member, and was held in the cafeteria. Prior to Mass, the freshmen and their leaders

sang rousing songs taught by *Proclaim!*, Marist's liturgical choir and a variety of retreat team leaders. Following Mass, the freshmen feasted on pizza and participated in the Lock-In dance with Assistant Principal Andrew Oldham as DJ. They ended the night with free time to play basketball or volleyball, watch a movie and make music videos.

Photo by Toni Cooper



Seniors Luke Shah, Issac King, Sam Thornton and Evan Hackstadt pose for a photo in principal Bob Fraley's office.

This fall, senior Luke Shah was recognized as a National Merit Scholarship semifinalist for his academic excellence and promise. Seniors Issac King, Sam Thornton and Evan Hackstadt were named Commended Scholars. All current

Marist seniors took the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall of their junior year along with nearly two million other American high school juniors.

King, Thornton and Hackstadt are among 50,000 students to be commended for their performance, and Shah is one of 16,000 semifinalists. He will learn if he is a finalist in February.



Senior Luke Shah shakes hands with Principal Bob Fraley after receiving his award.

Photo by Toni Cooper

CAMPUS NOTES

Photo by Jackson Anderson '23



Homecoming Week

The freshmen perform their groovy 70s inspired routine during the Homecoming assembly.

During Homecoming week in early October, students participated in various themed dress-up days and competed in the class dance competition. This year, students voted to change the decades, with seniors representing the 2000s, juniors the 90s, sophomores the 80s and freshmen the 70s. The week ended with

the Marist football team beating Cottage Grove 49-13 in the Homecoming game. At halftime, seniors Reeve Helvoigt and Gabe Olson were crowned Homecoming Queen and King. Students then finished the week by spending a "Night in New Orleans" at the Homecoming dance on Saturday night.

Photo by Madison Holmes '23



Jerry Rosa Takes Flight

Marist custodian Jerry Rosa and Vietnam veteran Arnold Christianson.

Marist custodian Jerry Rosa is a member of the Honor Flight Network,

a program that honors our nation's veterans with a free trip to Washington, D.C. This fall, Rosa was the guide for Arnold Christianson, a Vietnam veteran from Springfield, on his Honor Flight.

"As a kid, I didn't realize that the Vietnam veterans were so unappreciated. They went through a lot of grief and were called names, and, in most cases, they had no choice but to go. They were never thanked for their service," said Rosa whose father was a veteran. The two spent the weekend in D.C., paying respect to veterans at various memorials.

Photo by Dylan Mithleider '24



The Skin of Our Teeth

Junior Becket Nelson as the telegraph boy and freshmen Mary Cebra and Rachel Powers as the Dinosaur and the Mammoth.

Tony Rust returned as the head of the Marist after-school theatre club and opened the year with a two-weekend production of *The Skin of Our Teeth* by Thornton Wilder in late October. The play follows a husband and wife and

their children as they escape one world-ending disaster after another ... in their zany 5,000 years of being married. The play starred junior Asher Pellegrini as Mr. Antrobus, sophomore Rhiannon Elliott as Mrs. Antrobus, senior Isaac King and freshman Tatum Head as their children and sophomore Maya Williams as Sabina, the family's maid and storyteller of the show.



He's back! Theatre director Tony Rust gives his cast notes before starting the final dress rehearsal.

Photo by Elizabeth Tucker '24



Saving Sparty

The remaining pieces of the Sparty costume.

Student Council is spearheading a "Save Sparty" campaign. Our beloved mascot, who has been around since 1997, has seen better days. Between his weathered helmet and missing uniform, Sparty is in major need of a makeover. So far, they've raised over \$1,000 through bake sales and generous donations from parents at this year's Homecoming game.

Fall Sports Round-Up

Photo by Toni Cooper



Girls Cross Country

Senior Avery Hedden approaches the finish line in first place at the Sky-Em District meet at LCC to earn the Sky-Em title and a trip to the state meet.

Senior Avery Hedden won the Sky-Em League Championships at Lane Community College in late October and senior Greenley Robinson finished 10th. Hedden was the sole female to represent the Spartans at the 4A State Meet on Nov. 5 where she placed 26th on a wet and rainy course at LCC.

Photo by Toni Cooper



Boys Cross Country

Senior Elias Santin and sophomore Conor Thompson lead seniors Kellen Cranmer and Gabe Olsen at the district meet at LCC.

The Spartan boys team earned a fourth place trophy at the 4A State Meet on Nov. 5. There were just 33 seconds separating the first Spartan to cross the line, sophomore Conor Thompson, and the 5th place Spartan. Following Thompson, who was 20th overall, were seniors Kellen Cranmer (34th) and Gabe Olsen (43rd), junior Becket Nelson (44th) and sophomore Reed Sims (47th). The week before, the boys tied for second place at the Sky-Em District Meet and because of the strength of the league, both teams qualified for state. The district team was led by senior Elias Santin and Gabe Olson who finished fourth and fifth respectively.

Photo by JJ Anderson '21



Football

The varsity football team runs onto the field at the start of the Homecoming game in early October.

The football team finished their regular season 8-1, undefeated in league play and ranked No. 3 in the 4A state. The Spartans opened their regular season with two wins against 5A Churchill and Springfield with their only regular-season loss coming from the No. 1-ranked Mazama Vikings. The Spartans were perfect in league play with a 6-0 record including a 21-7 win at home over Junction City which earned them the Sky-Em League Title. On a rainy Nov. 4, they lost a heartbreaker at home to Gladstone 20-21 in the first round of the 4A State Playoffs.

Photo by Jackson Anderson '23



Girls Soccer

Junior Cloe Chase dribbles past a Philomath defender in their 2-0 state quarterfinal win in early November.

Ranked No. 1 in the 4A for most of the season, the girls soccer team has high hopes of finally winning a state championship title! They finished their regular season 8-0 in league and 14-1 overall. Their only loss came from North Eugene, the No. 5 ranked 5A team. Of their 14 wins, 11 were shutouts and only Junction City scored on them (one goal in each encounter) during league play. They played No. 16 Mazama at home in the first round of the 4A State Playoffs and won 3-0. On Nov. 5, they beat Philomath at home 2-0 in a gritty state quarterfinal game. They play the No. 4 North Marion Huskies on Nov. 8, also at home, in the state semifinals. If they win, they will play Saturday, Nov. 12 at Liberty High School in Hillsboro.

Photo by Toni Cooper



Boys Soccer

Junior Javi Sandoval Gongora evades a slide tackle from a Cottage Grove defender to advance the ball upfield for a goal in their 3-2 win in early October.

After only one win amongst their first six games, the varsity boys won seven of their next eight games and tied the other to win the Sky-Em League Title. They finished their regular season 7-0-1 in league and 8-5-1 overall. Of their early losses, two were to 5A teams and three were to top-10-ranked 4A teams. They

played the No. 8 ranked North Marion Huskies in the first round of the 4A state playoffs on Nov. 1 and lost 0-3.

Photo by Toni Cooper



Volleyball

In late October, sophomore Giana Elgarico hits a line shot as senior Tyler Harding covers the block in their play-in win over the St. Helen's Lions.

The varsity girls volleyball team finished their regular season second in the Sky-Em League with a 5-3 record in league and 12-7 overall. Their No. 9 4A state-ranking qualified them for an OSAA Play-In game at home against St. Helens, which they won, advancing them to the 4A state playoffs. On Oct. 29, they traveled to Crook County, the No. 8 seed for a first-round game which they lost 0-3.

Photo by Toni Cooper



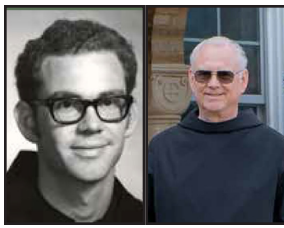
Water Polo

Sophomore Piper van Buskirk makes a shot on goal in the game against Hillsboro in late October.

Water polo was not for the weak this year — just seven players and no subs! The co-ed team of Marist freshmen through seniors played an eight game season in the Oregon High School Water Polo men's division this fall. Despite not winning a single game, the team had a fun season with a new coach and focused on improving their skills and knowledge of the game while maintaining a great attitude.

ALUMNI NOTES

1960S



Br. Simon (David) Hepner O.S.B. '69 renewed his monastic vows as a Benedictine

Monk of Mt. Angel Abbey celebrating his 50th jubilee on Sunday, Sept. 25, 2022 at the Abbey's 9 a.m. Mass. Br. Simon made his first profession of monastic vows 50 years ago on Sept. 8.

2000S



Jake Copley '02, his wife Chrysten and their five children welcomed twins Colette Gloria and Veronica Chiara on June 21, 2002. Colette is named after her great-

grandmother, Gloria Schreiber; Veronica is named after Blessed Chiara Badano, an Italian teenager.



Katharine Nelson '03 married Don Gillham on May 29 in Yachats; a reception for family and friends attended by Katharine's brother **David Nelson '00** was held Thursday, July 21, 2022 at The Hydrangea Ranch in Tillamook. Don is an artist and the art teacher and yearbook advisor at Tillamook High School; Katharine works remotely as the Director of Special Programs, Research, and Publications for LanguageBird. They are pictured here with History teacher Jon Nuxoll



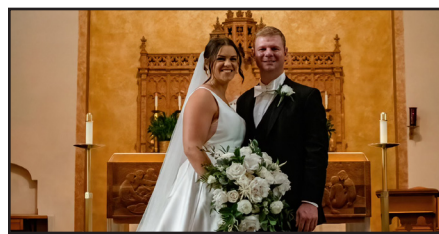
John Burns '04 and his wife Alixandria welcomed baby Addison on July 11, 2022. They are pictured against the Manhattan

skyline. John is the Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer at Sellas Life Sciences in New York City. The family lives in Hoboken, NJ.



Danielle (Kast) Purdy '08 and her husband Justin welcomed their third child Karson Purdy on August 25, 2022. Karson was 6 lb 15 oz and 19 inches long.

Karson joins her big siblings Jaxson (5) and Payton (3).



Jack Pennington '09 and **Meredith (Laing) Pennington '11** were married on June 25, 2022. **Ashley (Laing) Johnstone '10** and **Emily Laing '15** were bridesmaids. **Robbie Pitts '08**, **Brandon Herring '09**, **Patrick Laing '13** and **Joey Laing '21** were groomsmen.

2010S



Kyle Hubbard '11 and his wife Gabby welcomed Owen to their family on May 14, 2022. Owen weighed 9 pounds 12 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

Carson Kiesewetter '11 was selected to participate in the Futurist Project, a six-month program designed to build up a new cohort of emerging leaders within the outdoor industry. Carson is a Key Account Manager with Burley Design and is shown here enjoying his new hobby on the "Mama Tried" trail near Lorane proudly wearing a Spartan logo.



Lexi (Cross) Smith '14 married Justin Smith on July 9, 2022 at the home of her grandparents, Ed and Connie Portz, in the Coburg Hills. **Madison Martin '14**, **Lilly Storment '14**, **Madison Penn '14** and **Ellie Cross '17** were bridesmaids. **James Cross '20** and **Ethan Cross '21** were groomsmen. Dinner was catered by **Pat McCallum '77** and Mac's Catering.



Darren Nelson '14 married Heather Handy on July 30, 2022 at St. Jude Catholic Church in Eugene. The wedding party included the groom's sister **Lauren Nelson '11**, **Sean Dorsey '14** and **Cameron Jack '14**. The groom's father is Marist History teacher Tripp Nelson.



Ryan Helbling '16 married Katie Sierka on May 7, 2022 at the University of Portland. The wedding party included **Levi Spears '16**.



Christian Spears '16 and **Caedyn (Kimble) Spears '16** were married on March 5, 2022 at Trinity Tree Farm in Issaquah, Washington. **Chris Perkins '02** officiated the ceremony. The wedding party included best man **Levi Spears '16**; bridesmaids **Selene Konyn '16** and **Colleen Peterson '16**; and groomsmen **Harris Bosworth '16**, **Matt Haney '16** and **KC Kimble '21**. **Amy Perkins '05** and **Danielle Perkins '00** created the flower arrangements.

REUNIONS

Class of 1950- 72 years



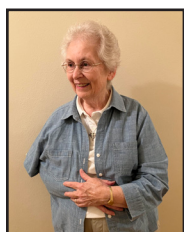
St. Mary's Class of 1950 celebrates 72 years at Dickie Jo's on Oct. 16.

Class of 1970 & Class of 1971 - 50 years+



The Class of 1970 and the Class of 1971 belatedly celebrate 50 years with a Friday night social at the Knights of Columbus Hall on August 19; Saturday featured an afternoon Mass and get-together at Marist followed by a pizza party at Papa's.

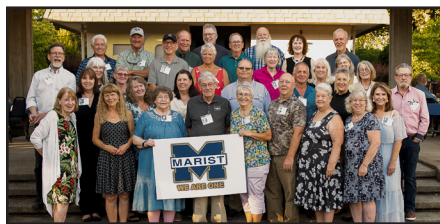
A Story from Sister Mollie Reavis



"Benny was sitting in the back seat near the window in my fourth period Geometry class. The window was made of slats of glass about six inches wide and 20 inches long. Benny leaned back on one of the slats and it broke;

pieces of glass tinkled to the floor. As I went to the back of the room to assess the damage, Benny ran out the front door saying, "I'll go to the office and get Mr. Nord." As he went by the window on the outside walkway, I said, "Benny, come back here. You can get Mr. Nord at lunch time." (Mr. Nord was the maintenance man.) Benny, obedient as always, came back to class. But in the few seconds it took him to return, he removed his arm from the sleeve of his jacket and pulled the sleeve partially inside itself (as demonstrated in the picture). He came into the room and said, "You're so mean! You're so mean! I cut my arm off and you won't even let me go to the office!" Needless to say the class, including the teacher, erupted in laughter. Benny Lawson is the funniest student I have ever taught. If he's looking for a new career, he might consider stand-up comedian or sit-com writer." Sister Mollie Reavis SNJM posed for this photo illustrating her story while at the reunion of the Classes of '70 and '71. Sister Mollie taught reading, English, geometry and Sodality 1968-1970.

Class of 1972- 50 years



The Class of 1972 celebrates 50 years the weekend of August 12 with a Friday night pizza party at Roaring Rapids; the next day's festivities at Marist included Mass, dinner, tour of the campus and dancing.



The Class of '72 reunion committee entertains with a spirited version of Tina Turner's "Proud Mary" (Proud Marist!). Pictured are Leo Lyford, Karlene (Andreason) Norby, JoAnn (Macke) Steininger, Bud Everts, Colleen Keith and Kathy (Furrer) Medford. Costumes were created by Joann with the skills she learned in Sister Agnes' Home Ec class.



Sister Pat Pfenning SNJM listens as a former student reminisces. Sister Pat taught Religion and History from 1968-1972.

Class of 1977 - 45 years



The Class of 1977 celebrates 45 years in August at Marist. An informal evening social was enjoyed Friday, August 12; the next day the group returned for Mass with the Class of '72, dinner, socializing and a tour of campus.

From Brother Dan Grogan FMS:

"It was great to see so many alums at the reunions this summer. I appreciate all your email messages but I am under a doctor's care for a herniated disc and deterioration of the lower spine and will not be able to reply to each of you individually at this time. Please keep me in your prayers and I will keep you in mine, too."

Class of 1982- 40 years



The Class of 1982 celebrates their 40th year with a social at the Friendly Street Pub on Friday night August 19. Please note: the reveling could be heard from the street. Saturday night featured a dinner at 6th Street Grill.

Class of 1992 - 30 years



The Class of 1992 celebrates their 30th reunion with dinner at Marist prior to the first home football game, which many attended.

Class of 2002- 20 years



The Class of 2002 celebrates 20 years with a social at Oakshire Brewery in October.



Are you planning a reunion? Contact us at alumni@marisths.org

IN MEMORIAM



John Krier passed away on June 14, 2021. His grandchildren include **Sam Krier '12**, **Danielle (Krier) Laney '13** and **Jace Krier '18**.

Roy Eberle '56 passed away on June 30, 2021. His siblings are Richard Eberle, **Lil (Eberle) Heile '54 †**, Dave Eberle †, **Harry Eberle '58 †**, **Dan Eberle '62**, **Anna (Eberle) Gunderson '63**, Pete Eberle †, Joe Eberle † and Eva (Eberle) Farmer.

IN MEMORIAM

John Conklin '71 passed away on December 2, 2021. His siblings are **Bernie Conklin '69** †, **Michael Conklin '72**, **Theresa (Conklin) Barto '73**, **Bill Conklin '75**, **Karlin (Craig) Conklin '75**, **Paul Conklin '76**, **Eileen (Conklin) Harris '79**, **Joseph Conklin '81** and **Mary (Conklin) Klenke '83**. His nieces include **Stephanie Conklin '02** and **Colleen Conklin '07**. **Bri Johnson '19** is his great-niece.

Terrence "Terry" Fieland '55 passed away on February 7, 2022. His siblings are **Lawrence Fieland '55**, **Sandra (Fieland) Simmons '58** and **Kathleen Fieland '62**.

Melvin Purvis passed away on April 1, 2022. He was a football coach at Marist in 1973.

Ethel Mae Barclay passed away on April 18, 2022. Her children are **Ed Barclay '74**, **Barbara (Barclay) Amling '77** and **Michael Barclay '81**.

Michael Gardner passed away on April 20, 2022. His nieces are **Meghan (Whalen) Shukla '08** and **Madeleine (Whalen) Martini '12** and his nephew is **Ryan Whalen '12**.

M. Ann (Wilhelm) Ulrich '55 passed away on April 21, 2022. Her children are **Deborah (Ulrich) Wilhelm '79** and **Tim Ulrich '83**.

Adrian Ward passed away on April 23, 2022. His children are **Kathy (Ward) Meincke '77**, **Derick Ward '79**, **Diane (Ward) Geider '80**, **Karen (Ward) Baker '86**, **Doug Ward**, **Terry Beres**, **Mike Ward** and **Steve Ward**. **His grandson is Ryan Geider '03**.

Frank Bocci passed away on April 25, 2022. His son and daughter-in-law are **Mark '81** and **Janice (Edwards) Bocci '80**. His grandson is **Cesare Bocci '15**. Frank served on the Marist Foundation Board.

Nancy Trautman passed away on April 26, 2022. Her grandchildren are **Micah Atkerson '23** and **Alexander Atkerson '25**.

John Schlesinger passed away on May 3, 2022. His children are **John Schlesinger '82**, **Daniel Schlesinger '83**, **Cynthia Schlesinger-Schlegel '85** and **Michael Schlesinger '87**. His grandchildren are **Drew Schlegel '10**, **Sophia Schlesinger '15** and **Isabella Schlesinger '17**.

Dr. Matthew Fahey passed away on May 16, 2022. He endowed the Fahey Family Scholarship at Marist.

Arlene Rae Madsen passed away on May 16, 2022. Her grandchildren are **Jaclyn Heitzman** and **Jana Heitzman '15**.

Jeryl Lund passed away on May 22, 2022. Her son is **Marc Lund '88** and her grandsons are **Jackson Lund '17** and **Nicolas Lund '20**.

Pat Wren passed away on May 25, 2022. Her son is **Larry Wren '74**.

Kenneth Guckenberger passed away on May 27, 2022. His daughter is **Jill (Guckenberger) Waldron '87**. His grandchildren include **Amanda Woods '07**, **Josh Guckenberger '07**, **Jacob Guckenberger '10**, **Andrew Woods '11** and **Grace Guckenberger '17**.

Pamela Hartman passed away on June 4, 2022. Her daughter is English teacher **Becky Boyd** and her granddaughter is **Emily Boyd '15**

Michael Olsen '77 passed away on June 12, 2022. His mother is **Mary (Laharty) Olsen '54** and his siblings are **Kelley (Olsen) Kline '80** and **Jeff Olsen '81**. His nephew is **Tucker Kline '10** and his niece is **Katie (Kline) Webster '11**.

Sharon Heer passed away on June 17, 2022. Her children include **Christopher Heer '20** and **Lauren Heer '20**.

Marylou Damewood passed away on June 25, 2022. Her children are **Kathleen (Damewood) Wells '72**, **Ann Damewood '75**, **Peggy Damewood '77** and **Mel Damewood '78**. Her grandchildren include **Kaitlyn Damewood '09**, **Ben Damewood '11**, **Chris Damewood '13** and **McKerra Damewood '16**.

Charlotte Oien passed away on June 28, 2022. Her children are **Peder Oien '79**, **Mary (Oien) Galvin '81** and **Shelli Oien-Cantine '83**.

Fred Blume passed away on June 30, 2022. His children are **Fred Blume '71**, **Leslie (Blume) Tompkins '73**, **Douglas Blume '75** and **Cathleen (Blume) Kirby '77**. His grandchildren include **Arron Kirby '03**, **Gina (Kirby) Brown '04** and **Alexander Kirby '07**.

David Alldridge passed away on July 12, 2022. His grandchildren are **Courtney (Alldridge) Berg '15** and **Ashley (Alldridge) Sims '18**.

Emil Bertsch passed away on July 12, 2022. His daughter is **Sonja Bertsch '81**. His niece is **Marlene (Bertsch) Johnson '62**

and his nephew is **Arthur Bertsch '73**.

Jackson Kephart Jr. passed away on July 15, 2022. His daughter is **Aurora (Kephart) Jennings '06**.

Roy Dwyer passed away on July 18, 2022. His daughter is **Pam (Dwyer) Williams '97**.

Virginia Mae Newman passed away on July 18, 2022. Her son is **Kris Newman '79**.

Larry Giustina passed away on July 19, 2022. His son is **Mark Giustina '99**. His grandchildren include **Jack Hudson '22**, **Nick Hudson '25** and **CJ Martin-Giustina '26**.

Barbara Jo Myers passed away on July 24, 2022. Her granddaughter is **Natali Hayes '21**.

Dani Braunger passed away on July 31, 2022. Her grandchildren include **Ella Braunger '25** and **Jacoby Braunger '26**.

Bonnie Reese passed away on August 1, 2022. Her daughters are **Kathryn Reese Belleville '98**, **Kristi Reese '01** and **Ashley Reese**.

Theresa Chipps passed away on August 2, 2022. Her sons and daughter-in-law are **Andrew Chipps '95**, **Thomas Chipps '97** and **Timothy '99** & **Bethany (Heidt) Chipps '99**.

Gwen Larson passed away on August 11, 2022. Her grandson is **Carson Hill '17**.

Troona Sauer passed away on September 1, 2022. Her grandchildren are **Tracy Youel '88** and **Eric Youel '94**.

Elana Kokkino passed away on September 6, 2022. Her granddaughter is **Livia Kokkino '17**.

Tamara McLaughlin passed away on September 7, 2022. Her grandchildren include **Madeline McLaughlin '22** and **Sam McLaughlin '25**.

Kelli Sherman passed away on September 11, 2022. Her children are **Kristopher Sherman '08**, **Kourtney Sherman** and **Trent Sherman '19**.

Remembering Loved Ones

If you know of an alumnus, family of an alumnus or friend of Marist who is in need of prayers due to the passing of a loved one, please let us help.

Email us at alumni@marisths.org.

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take 5

Danielle Ragan '08

answers *five* questions in *five* minutes

Danielle Ragan '08 has rejoined the Marist community as our new Health teacher. Danielle takes five minutes to reflect on her return to Marist and share some advice with our current students.

Q **What did you do after graduating from Marist?**
I completed my bachelor's degree from the U of O (after spending a year and a half at Seattle University) and moved to San Francisco, where I began working with youth as a physical education and nutrition teacher. In addition to teaching, I became a personal trainer/health coach, working with adults to reach their wellness goals. I moved back to Oregon to complete a program at the National University of Natural Medicine in Portland, where I earned a Master of Science in global health. I have lived in Seattle, San Francisco, Portland and abroad in the years since I left Marist, enjoying all the life, food and experiences that came along the way. The best experience among all of the things I have done and learned since leaving has been having my son and engaging in all the things that mom-life has to offer.

Q **What's it like coming back to Marist as a teacher?**
It has been a fun experience overall. It is great to be back in the Marist community and working with some of the amazing individuals that helped me on my own educational and personal journeys.

Q **What do you like the most about teaching health?**
Health is such an interesting and engaging topic to teach. Health is a topic that we all have used and will use for the entirety of our lives (whether we are conscious of it or not). I love being able to engage in a topic with students that has the potential to impact their day-to-day lives throughout their lifespan.

Q **What was your favorite class as a Marist student? Any specific teachers that inspired you?**
Gosh I had so many favorite classes here as a student, not even necessarily based on the content in all cases. I would say that all the teachers who are still here at Marist are the ones that inspired me most. Their dedication is what inspired me and still continues to inspire students at Marist today!

Q **What advice would you give to today's students?**
If I could give advice to today's students I would encourage them to find a little space in their lives for themselves. There are a lot of pressures on students in high school and here at Marist. I would encourage them to allow some time for simple "being" amongst all of the "doing" things of high school life.



Danielle Ragan '08 is all smiles while working in her classroom. Photo by Toni Cooper



**"We lived in Eugene when Marist was first built,
so it's a dream that the girls could attend
this great school!"**

Pictured at the Class of 2022 graduation is proud grandmother Dorothy Boschler with Ellie Clark '22 & Sydney Clark '22. This fall, Ellie is studying occupational therapy at the University of Montana/Missoula and Sydney is majoring in nursing at Carroll College in Helena.

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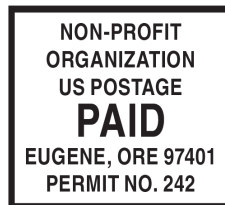
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Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

- 16 Fall Concert - 7:30 p.m.
- 19-21 Fall Women's Encounter

DECEMBER

- 3-4 Sophomore Girls Retreat
- 8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass
- 16 Christmas Prayer Service

JANUARY

- 4 Feast of the Epiphany
- 13-15 Metanoia #1
- 23-27 Finals Week
- 30 Start of Catholic Schools Week

FEBRUARY

- 1 All Catholic Schools Mass
- 11-13 Winter Men's Encounter
- 17-19 Metanoia #2



Calling all Gaels, Saints and Spartans!

Together St. Mary's, St. Francis and Marist Catholic High Schools represent more than 100 years of Catholic education in Lane County. Today we work hard to maintain and grow an ever-changing database of over 12,500 alumni spanning more than 80 years from the early 1940s to 2021 — but to be effective, we need your help.

Please send us your most current contact info and encourage your classmates to do the same. And don't forget to update us at alumni@marisths.org with any changes in your life as we are always looking for alumni news and story ideas.
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