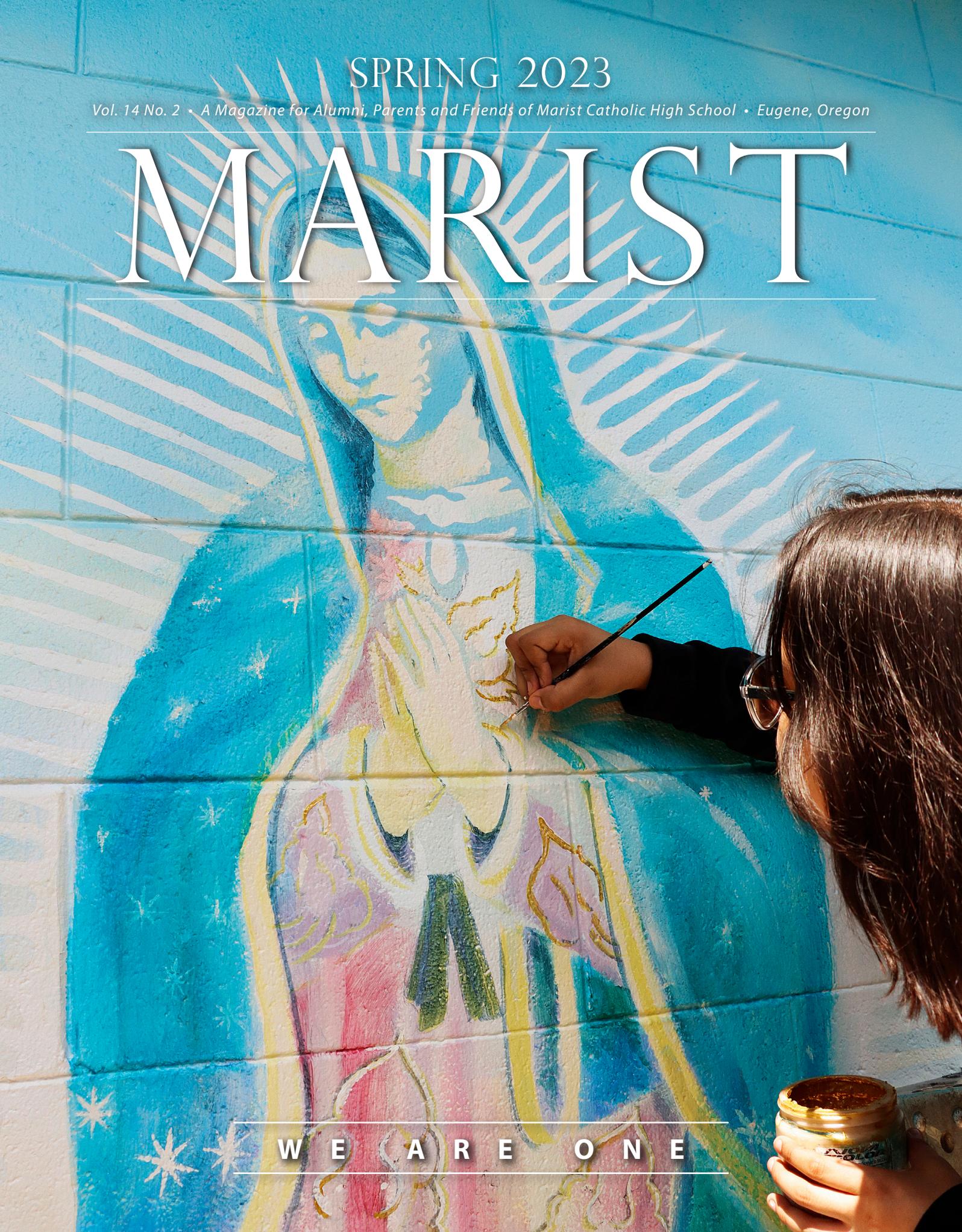


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's hard for me to believe that this coming July will mark my third year as president of Marist. When people ask me, as they invariably do, "How are things going for you at Marist?," my reply is always the same, "I'm having fun."

The fun is seeing the Marist campus come to life with our vibrant students and faculty and community. Marist's mission is not just words on a wall or a printed page. It is a dynamic embodiment of a saint's vision, the early work of Marist Brothers and Sisters of the Holy Names and diocesan priests. It is the strength of our traditions and the innovation of our dedicated teachers. And it's the generosity and faithfulness of you, members of our Marist family.

Marist has an important mission as a *Christ-centered welcoming community committed to academic excellence and preparing students to lead and serve others.*

In this edition you'll see that mission expressed through:

- the celebration of the Class of 2023
- the inspiring initiative of our STEM club students
- the artistic tribute of 2017 graduate Emma Duvall to her mother
- the servant leadership of 2015 grad Tate Rupp
- the thoughtful planning of 1956 St. Francis alumnus Roy Eberle
- the faithful witness of our beloved Father Vincent Benoit, O.P. as told by history teacher Jon Nuxoll



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I'm proud of who Marist *is* and who *we are becoming* with your prayers, support and encouragement.

We Are One.

Blessings,



David Welch

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Chatting With The Class of 2023

Principal Bob Fraley asks seniors some important questions as they look forward to life after high school

As my first year as principal at Marist is approaching an end, I wanted to sit down with some of our seniors to see what they learned from their time here. Beyond what's on their transcripts, I wanted to know how they've grown as individuals.



Marist is undoubtedly a strong and vibrant academic community. Anyone who has visited our classrooms can easily attest to the engagement that is taking place daily between our faculty and students. What is less obvious to a casual observer are the many ways that our students are being formed by their experience at Marist.

What became apparent very quickly in my conversations were two general trends: the first being that most of the students I spoke with reported that classroom experiences had

sparked their interest in new subjects and led them to alter what their previous plans had been; the second is the positive impact that leadership opportunities have had on our seniors.

Several shared that they discovered their own leadership potential while in a class or participating in events and activities on campus. In some cases, this discovery fostered a desire to pursue a career with managerial responsibilities, but more importantly, it helped them to see themselves as capable individuals who have the ability and responsibility to lead their peers.

As educators, we expect to have an incremental, positive effect on our students, but it is remarkable to hear how many of our seniors have blossomed as individuals during their time at Marist. I hope you enjoy reading about just a few of the many seniors graduating this June. I feel blessed to have had the opportunity to get to know them better — the graduating Class of 2023.

Principal Bob Fraley



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What's something you discovered about yourself at Marist that has influenced your plans for the future?



In many ways, **Jet Sims** embodies the notion of a scholar athlete. He is a dedicated athlete, saying he competed in four sports at Marist: football, lacrosse, track and field ... and chess. He was a standout on the football field this fall, both offensively and defensively, and his strength and size made him perfect for face-offs in lacrosse. And he loves CrossFit. He was 50th in the world in the CrossFit Games as a freshman in his age group.

Jet is also a dedicated student who gave up his free period this year to take a full load of seven courses — five of them were Advanced Placement. Jet has also been a part of the Rose Club, a small group

that met to talk about justice issues that affect us locally while focusing on the root causes and possible solutions. As a junior he was a STEM Club member.

“Academically I feel like I’ve always been pretty driven towards math and science. Especially in science, I feel like I can see what I’m learning in the classroom around me, in the world, especially with Mr. Moser as my teacher. He really emphasizes how the things we learn in the classroom are utilized in real life. I think that’s really pushed me towards my college majors.” Jet will be attending Oregon State University this fall to study biology and chemistry with the hope of becoming an anesthesiologist or a radiologist.

Alecia Skinner is a sweet, soft-spoken young woman, quick to give you her full attention, quick to smile and quick to lend a hand. She’s a great student who just received a Global Seal of Bilingual Proficiency for her proficiency in Spanish and admits that she is basically curious about most things.

Alecia has been a two-year retreat team member and a Christian Leadership Class student and did much of her service hours working at Grass Roots Garden — since COVID took away many of the person-to-person opportunities — and volunteering

at the Genesis Summer Reading Academy. She plans on studying psychology next year at George Fox University with hopes of working in behavioral health with young adults. She loves helping people and says the best part of retreats for her was leading small groups because that’s where the most magic happens.

“For me, I’ve discovered that through Retreat Team, I am fit to lead others in my community. And I am more confident now that I can continue to show this leadership in the future in my career and with the people I meet.”



Kyler Lajoie says he has really enjoyed helping and serving others in his time at Marist — which has been a long time. Pictures of 1-year-old Kyler can be found in the school archives in the arms of his older sister Kelcey '08 when she was a Spartan. His two other siblings and his mom and aunts were Spartans too. It’s kind of neat that Kyler was crowned Mr. Spartan this spring with his Ms. Spartan partner, Reeve Helvoigt.

The fundraising had a special meaning for Kyler since his nephew Lennon has just recently come home after almost two years in a NICU. Kyler and the team raised over \$75,000 for the babies this year.

But that is Kyler — ready to help when needed, family or not, and everybody is family! Whether it’s picking up a camera to take photos of his teammates, being a captain on the swim team or helping plan and run events through his Christian Leadership Class.

“I enjoyed being in groups and being able to do group projects together, being able to collaborate with people. Marist does a good job of that — giving students opportunities to be a part of a group and do something collaborative like leading the Freshman Lock-In and what we just did with the Mr. & Ms. Spartan Program. I’ve found that I enjoy leading.”

Kyler is headed to the University of Portland this fall to major in finance.

Q Has there been an experience at Marist that sparked your interest in a particular subject?

Orion Van Buskirk is a performer at heart — always front and center at class competitions whether on the mic for karaoke or being thrown into the air by his classmates during a class dance. Orion either has courage and no fear or lots of bravado.

Now, Orion is West Point bound. It's been a dream of his since sophomore year. He says he is attracted to the structure and routine of military life. He has worked hard to reach this goal: keeping good grades, staying involved in athletics and finding opportunities to hone his leadership skills.

He joined American Legion's Boys State last July with other young men from around Oregon to learn and practice writing legislation at the local and

state level. From this, he was chosen to represent Oregon for eight days at Boys Nation in Washington D.C. to work at the national level with 98 other youth from across the nation. He says getting to meet our Oregon U.S. Senators, Wyden and Merkley, changed the trajectory of his life: he wants to blend politics with his military career. He feels both senators are in it to help others — not interest groups — which is what he finds attractive.

"I really didn't know that I liked history, government, politics — especially American politics — before I had a couple of Nuxoll classes, AP Government and AP U.S. History, and I realized that I liked American history and would be interested in having a career in politics or history in the future."



Amalie Knight-Sheen

says she has always had a passion for art and storytelling. Her dream job would be to help create 2D animation movies or cartoons for the Cartoon Network. She said she also loves stop motion and looks forward to collaborating on projects.

"Last year, I was talking to Mrs. Sherrod and I discovered an outside opportunity to study at a school in Florida for a month over the summer. That really expanded my knowledge — being able to take college-level classes in something

that I loved."

Next fall, Amalie will be attending the University of Connecticut to study art, specifically digital arts and animation. She chose UConn because, along with studying art, she will be able to get a well-rounded education. She is hoping to continue the use of Japanese that she began learning as a freshman with Nakajima sensei. And as a four-year rower with a local club team that has competed in regionals all four of those years, she is also thinking of trying out for UConn's rowing team.

Madison Holmes is not just an athlete or a good student or a great leader. She's also joyful, generous, energetic, thoughtful, quick-to-laugh, hardworking, organized, easy-going, quick-witted, funny, up on all the latest teenage lingo and can make anyone and everyone feel comfortable and known. Madison is a natural leader and garners the respect of her peers who describe her as friendly and good — "just plain good."

"Learning about what it means to be a good leader in Christian Leadership Class and as an editor in yearbook, has definitely sparked my interest in leading

and serving others. I have found that I use my leadership skills in every aspect of my life: on my sports teams, in the classroom and in my communities outside of school like youth group."

She says her favorite Marist memories are her Encounter and going to Esopus, New York to meet Marist students from across the country.

Madison is headed to the University of Oregon next fall to study sports management. She will no doubt have a head start with all the skills she has developed in the classroom and on the hardwood as a Spartan.



Thinking back to who you were when you first came to Marist, how have you changed or grown?



Have you met **Dante Thanhardt**? If not, you should. Friendly, approachable, jovial and easy to talk to. He can talk to anyone and seems to know a little bit about everything and can even converse in French if you like. He is interested in a lot of things but says he's not a good student — admits he's a little lazy. But yet, he wants to spend his life in school. He loves math, especially statistics and abstract algebra, and his dream job is teaching college math.

Maybe it's not lazy, maybe it's a conservation of energy. Because as a football center this past fall, Dante had to be on the ball, literally, every play.

"I came from a public school and I didn't know anyone, and everyone was so accepting, like 'Hey, come join. Come talk to me!' And through sports, I found a great community, especially in football. I also learned to become a leader by looking at my senior peers as a freshman and seeing the example that they set for the JV players. I would watch some seniors, even if they had a hard time during a game with one of their teammates, afterward, it was always just a brotherly kind of love like 'Yeah, we had a disagreement but I still care for you, I still got your back' — that rubbed off on me pretty much instantly."

Elizabeth Mojica

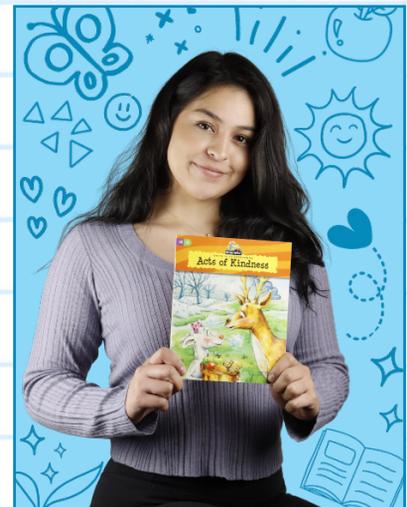
Gonzalez has a heart of gold. Elizabeth volunteered last summer with young students at the Genesis Summer Reading Academy, which she continued to do during the school year, working with struggling students.

She has also shared with the Marist community the gift of her dancing. Elizabeth dances Ballet Folklorico, a genre of traditional Mexican folk dance. Whether in the cafeteria during a Cultural Spotlight day or as the only contestant in the Mr. & Ms. Spartan Pageant to perform a solo talent, you couldn't help but smile when watching her perform. Her

desire to share elements of her culture doesn't stop with her dancing — she also helped ensure the accuracy of our mural venerating Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"Coming into Marist, I had a very individualistic mindset where I was in my own bubble. But once I came to Marist, I discovered the idea of community, not only at school but in my neighborhood, town and state," says Elizabeth. "I feel like my idea of community was strengthened through the community service I've done throughout my time at Marist."

Next year Elizabeth will attend the University of Portland and looks forward to becoming a physician's assistant.



To have watched **Adam Blondé** take the mic this winter during one of Jim Reinking's music concerts, you might have been blown away by the transformation Adam has made from his freshman year to now. The younger Adam was quiet and content to be in the background, but now he looks comfortable standing and performing in front of a large crowd.

The same could be said about his growth as a senior leader on the Retreat Team. As a senior leader, he willingly stepped front and center to lead his younger peers. Adam is other-centered, so it's not surprising that he is planning on spending next year with NET Ministries,

an organization that "challenges young Catholics, through relational ministry, to follow Christ and embrace a life of community in the Church." After that, he is thinking he will either attend LCC or join the military.

"I guess I could say I've probably grown a lot socially. I feel like I was much more, you know, quiet as a freshman, not really reaching out to people. But I feel like with the years that have gone by I've gained more confidence. Even just talking to the underclassmen to get to know them you start to branch out more. How to reach out, that's the main thing I think I've learned."

Presenting the Class of 2023...

Paola Valeria Aguirre Cerrato
Moriah Ashley Allen
Jackson Kriz Anderson
Jessica Arteaga Bocanegra
Micah Jay Atkerson
Madelyn Grace Baker-Fones
Nicholas David Biagi
Cecilia Rose Blansett
Adam Joseph Blondé
Benjamin Aaron Blonigen
Dillon James Boresek
Sage Judah Derori Bus
Avery Addison Carlin
Alexander James Carmack
Alexandra Analisa Chávez
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Jackson William Gibeau
Henry David Gonyea
Brandt Nichols Green
Evan Thomas Hackstadt
Zachary Daniel Hagenruber
Macy Bradley Harbert
Tyler Nicole Harding

Madeline Delaney Haywood
Avery Anne Hedden
Reeve LaForrest Helvoigt
Blake Robert Herring
Madison Elizabeth Holmes
Rhysa Marie Huffman
Josiah Cole Jarvis
Jack Aubrey Kiefer
Isaac Benjamin King
Amalie Anne Kunze Knight-Sheen
Kyler Robert Lajoie
Caleb Hunter Lemley
Logan Gregory Letourneau
Ava Grace Light
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Colby Thomas Malpass
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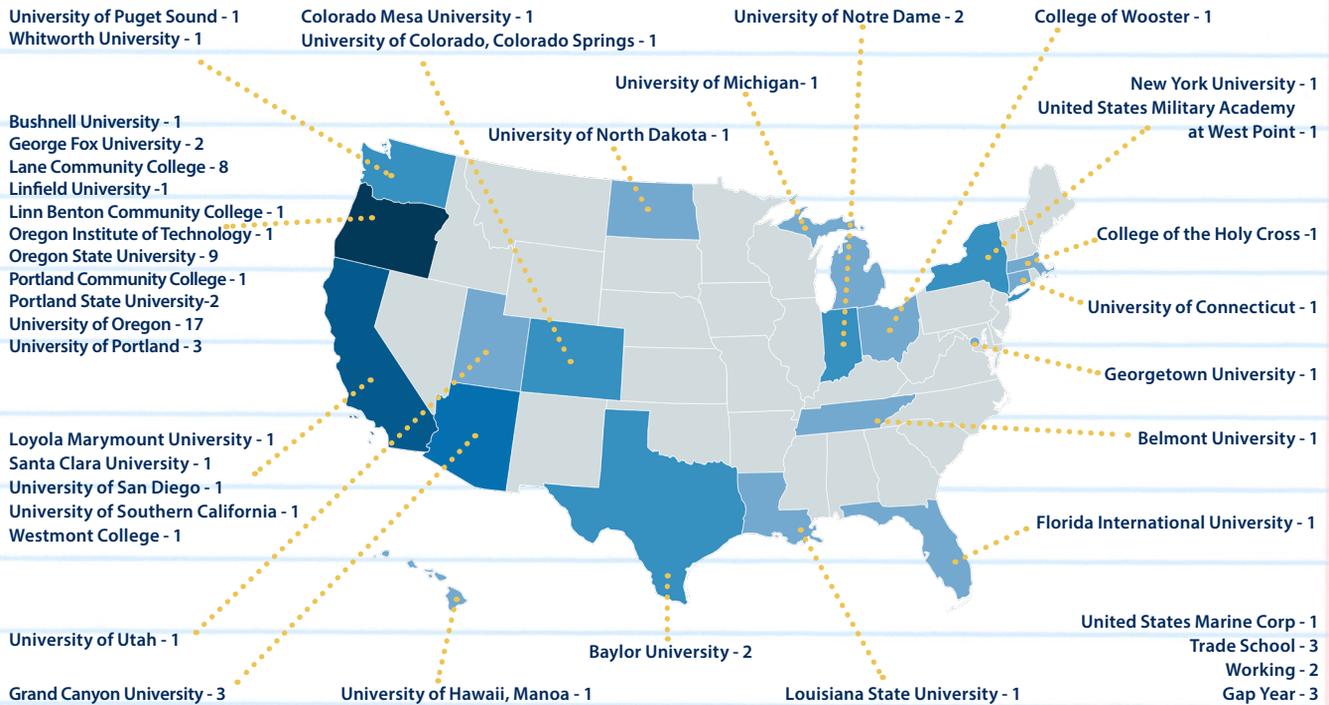
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Gavin Pierce Scott
Luke Nayan Shah
Jet Chang Sims
Alecia Esther Skinner
Kaden Kahlil Starr
Camryn Kristine Sydow
Dante Greyson Thanhardt
Samuel Richard Thornton
Oliver Mathew Tracer
Orion Paul Van Buskirk
Kai John Villano
James Henry Stewart Warner
Josiah David Watson
Zane Emmett Watson
Jose Emanuel Zamora S.

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... and where they're headed!

The Class of 2023 is venturing to 37 different schools and 18 states next year!



Awards & Honors



Luke Shah
Valedictorian Medalist
Luke will attend the University of Notre Dame Mendoza College of Business next year. He was a National Merit Semifinalist. During his time at Marist he was a member of the Retreat Team and ran cross country and track.



Sam Thornton
Salutatorian Medalist
Sam will attend the University of Notre Dame next year to study neuroscience and music performance. He was a National Merit Commended Scholar. During his time at Marist he was a member of the Retreat Team, ran cross country and played tennis.



Athletes Playing at the Next Level

- Kaden Starr** - Baseball, *University of Portland*
- Nick Biagi** - Baseball, *Linn-Benton Community College*
- Cooper Mullens** - Baseball, *University of Michigan*
- Sela Freeman** - Soccer, *University of Colorado at Colorado Springs*
- Paige Doerr** - Softball, *Oregon State University*
- Colby Malpass** - Ski, *Colorado Mesa University*



Photo by Toni Cooper

STUDENT-DRIVEN STEM CLUB KEEPS AIMING HIGHER

Marist's Science, Technology, Engineering and Math students place second in the 2023 Oregon Science Olympiad

By Ryan Elliott, science teacher

It began with a simple request. Last school year, former Marist students Ethan Nguyen '22 and Theodore LengKong '22 wanted to start a club in which they could work on different projects and prepare for something called the Science Olympiad. Originally named the Marist Engineering Club, they quickly changed the name to the STEM Club to be more inclusive to all students who were interested in spending time outside of the regular school day to research, design, build and learn more about science, technology, engineering and math.

None of the science teachers had ever heard of the Science Olympiad, but after a bit of quick research, we learned it's a contest held statewide and nationally. My initial enthusiasm — what a cool thing for the students! — was tempered by wondering how much work it would add to an already packed schedule. It didn't take me long to realize that this new endeavor was absolutely necessary. Marist students needed the

opportunity to showcase their skills outside the realm of traditional performative extracurriculars such as athletics, theater or music. We needed a STEM club.

The annual Science Olympiad is a competition of 22 events, similar to a track and field meet. Each team can bring up to 15 students. With six rounds of competition at the one-day event, it becomes absolutely necessary for students to compete in multiple events, creating an opportunity for students to cross-reference their skills. While some events change each year, many are repeated so that students can gain some expertise from year to year. This year some of the events involved forestry, forensics, trajectory, chemistry, cell biology, and bridge building — to name a few.

The Marist team's third-place finish in 2022 at the Oregon Science Olympiad was energizing and inspired the team to make improvements to the club both in participation and resources. Junior Claire Saxman led



1. Marist's STEM Club and faculty advisors Renee Cool and Ryan Elliott with their second place trophy and medals. 2. Luke Jaspers and Austin Murray don their white lab coats as they prepare to compete at the 2023 Science Olympiad. 3. Sophomore Gwyneth Westover and junior Jimmy Smythe work with some of the materials available in the classroom dedicated to STEM meetings.

this effort and proposed that the club should have a dedicated space as well as new tools and resources to train for the next Science Olympiad. This student-run club, with only a guiding influence from the four Marist science teachers for some administrative and organizing duties, put together a wish list of tools and testing equipment.

Luckily, Marist president David Welch knew of a generous donor interested in helping the STEM Club grow and with the addition of a dedicated classroom for club members to house their new resources, the Science Olympiad team met Thursdays mornings from 8 a.m. to the start of school at 9 a.m. to prepare for their events.

And it appears to have paid off as this year's team finished with a second-place team trophy at the Oregon Science Olympiad held at the University of Portland in early April — an improvement of one place from last year. The team also brought home two first-place medals, four second-place medals and two third-place medals from the individual events. The teams of juniors Saxman and Micah Hugo were the winners in Forensics and junior Jimmy Smythe and sophomore Sam McLaughlin won in the category It's About Time by creating a clock that uses water to tell time. Part of their team success was also because Marist sent the maximum number of kids in each event and compiled many fourth, fifth and sixth-place finishes to gain the points to bring back a trophy.

So how far can our Marist STEM club go? Like any team in any good competition, the goal is to continue to improve

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Photo courtesy of Renee Cool



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which means that next year our Marist STEM Club hopes to come home with a first-place trophy and a trip to the national competition. Our students worked hard, enjoyed themselves and were proud of their second-place trophy, but now they want more. Not just a first-place overall trophy, but more first, second or third-place medals in the individual events. And they want to punch their tickets to the national competition in 2024. It appears that next year's nationals will be in Michigan, so if you hear some STEM kids saying, "We're going to Michigan!" you'll know why. ☘

UNDERSTANDING BY DESIGN

STEM Club a good example of the forward thinking of backwards design



By Andy Oldham,
Assistant Principal of Teaching & Learning

Watching the STEM Club kids take charge of their learning — and have fun while doing it — has been such a hopeful development to see. Not only has it filled a gap in hands-on learning, it has also shown the promise of where we as a school are trying to lead all teaching and learning: a desire to increase student understanding through performance-based tasks that require a student to not just mimic terms and skills, but be able to transfer them meaningfully to new and unfamiliar situations.

This approach to teaching and learning can be applied across all disciplines with the potential for all students to successfully experience learning in school as meaningful, engaging and enduring. Most people have this experience from being in an art or performance-based class or from being involved in sports. It's not a new concept: identify the goal, name the signs of success and then explicitly align your teaching and coaching around them. It's called Understanding by Design (UbD) or Backwards Planning.

UbD is intentional curricular planning in the context of what matters most. It is not a rigid program or recipe — teachers start by identifying clearly the desired outcomes and then teaching students how to get there using a three-step approach of Acquisition, Meaning, and Transfer. Traditional curriculum planning focuses primarily on just acquisition, just memorizing the facts, and hopes for meaning and transfer.

Understanding by Design flips that model, by starting with the desired outcome that we want our students to have, to make learning stick. In UbD, it is enduring understandings that lead students to connect and apply their learning in a meaningful way to the world around them in a manner that is highly intentional because it is planned for and expected.

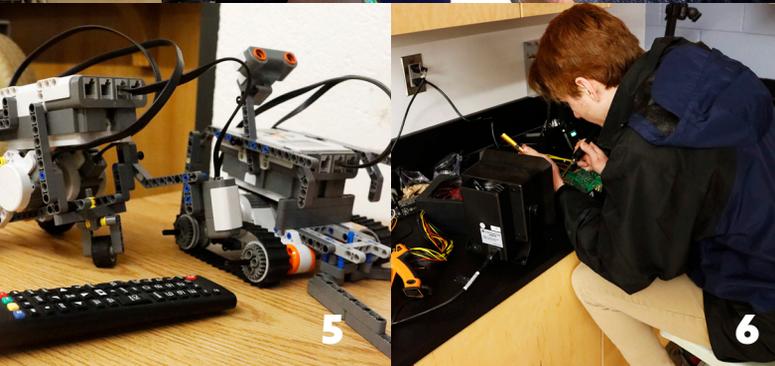
This is the work that all Marist teachers have been doing this year. With the help of one of the original designers of UbD, Jay McTighe, I have been leading teachers through a collective process of naming the core ideas, essential questions and enduring understandings of each discipline and class, to be able to identify the desired outcomes.

It is good and important work that will move us to Marist's desired outcome: to create a learning environment that ALL students find meaningful and effective, one that meshes the ideal education that Marist has been pursuing for the past 50 years with the needs of today's students. ☘



Photos by Bryan Valvidares '24

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4. Juniors Alexis Kamaru and Elizabeth Tucker work together during a morning STEM Club meeting. 5. Two of the robots created by STEM students. 6. Sophomore Elias Michel uses time in the morning STEM meeting to play around with robotics equipment. 7. The Marist STEM Club enjoys lunch outside on the Oregon State Campus between rounds of competition.



MARIST CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME

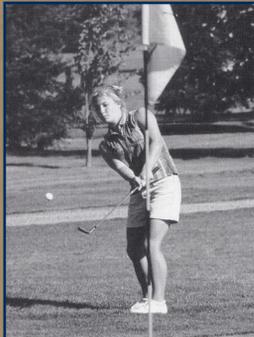
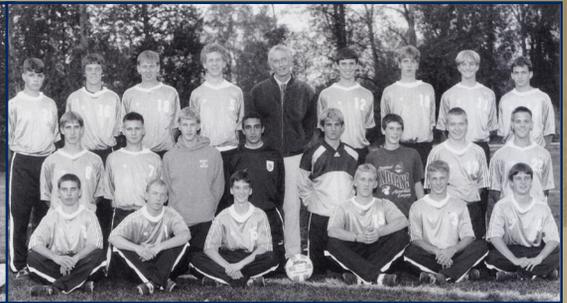
Congratulations to the next inductees to the Marist Athletic Hall of Fame!



April (Trupp) Morris '85



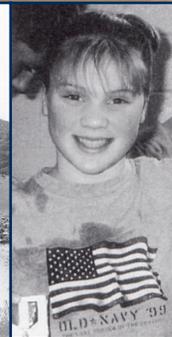
The 1996 & 1997 State Champion Boys Soccer Teams & Head Coach, Judge Tom Coffin



Julie (Wells) Keller '98



The 1998 Champion Girls Golf Team



Adriana Quirk '03



Logan Silver '11

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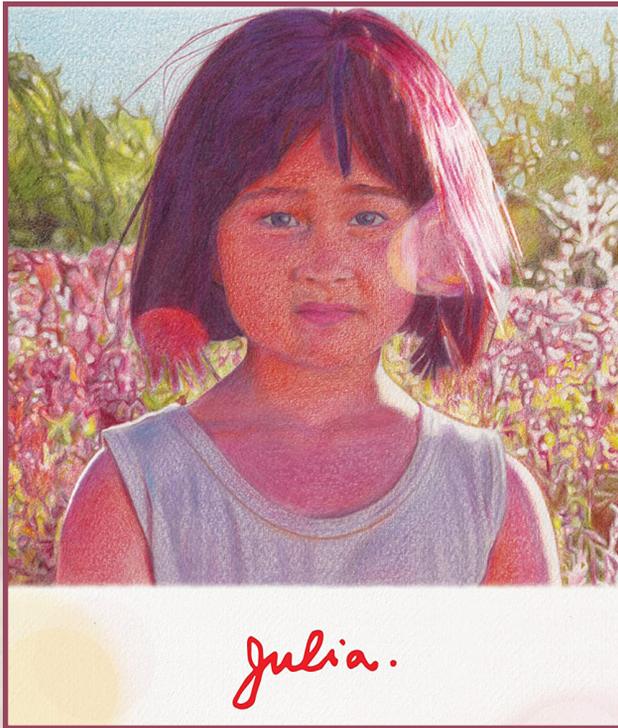
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Telling Julia's Story

Emma Duvall '17 draws inspiration from her mother's childhood for her first film

By Natalia Zreliak '15

Emma Duvall '17 has always been a storyteller. I grew up dancing alongside her at my family's dance studio and was honored to witness the passion and creativity that she brought to each performance. Our dance teacher, my mother Cindy Zreliak, saw it too. "She never came in, as most students did, with music for a solo and no ideas. Emma was a true storyteller. She had a character and a story to tell and we would work together to paint a picture with movement," said Cindy. "In my 40-some years I taught dance, Emma was one of the hardest-working students I ever had the pleasure to work with." One of my favorite solos that Emma performed was to "Hallelujah" by Jeff Buckley, a piece she dedicated lovingly to her mother. That would not be the last time Emma dedicated a work of her artistry to her mom.

For as long as Emma can remember, she has wanted to make a film about her mother's stories. In her directorial debut, *Julia*, Emma creates a heartwrenching glimpse into the 16 years of abuse her mother Julie Duvall, who was called Julia as a child, experienced growing up in an orphanage in South Korea. It's a tribute to the enduring spirit of her mother.

The short film follows just one of Julie's stories that she told to Emma. Her mother is around the age of six and is accused of a crime that she did not commit and faces a decision: prove her innocence and betray her friend or say nothing and accept a punishment she does not deserve.

"I was always drawn to the stories that she had from when she was very young because, although that was the dynamic for her entire time at the orphanage, there's something about seeing it with kids that young that makes the reality sink in," said Emma. "A lot of time in media, we see teenagers going through abuse and don't feel the real gravity of it being children."

One of Emma's goals in creating *Julia* was to validate the experiences of the women that grew up in these orphanages, including her mother. By sharing their stories, ones that have been buried for decades, Emma allows Julie and all of her orphanage sisters to be seen in a way they may never have dreamed of.

Traditionally in Korea, bloodline, and the ability to trace it, is of high importance. Orphans are thought to be in the lowest caste in Korean society, leaving the women, like Emma's mother, who suffered at the hands of these orphanages, powerless to speak up. However, in recent years some of Julie's orphanage sisters have come forward about their experiences, and a major news network in Korea heard about their stories and ran a segment on the abuse that occurred. One of the women featured was Emma's mother.

"When the news story aired, people were outraged and wanted justice for my mother and her orphanage sisters. This is when I knew it was the right time to share this story. I want to continue to share her childhood with the world so that everyone can see and appreciate the strength it took for her to survive," Emma shared in her director's statement for her Seed&Spark crowdfunding campaign.

After aging out of the orphanage system at 16, Julia endured much pain in her life simply because of her status

as an orphan. But at the age of 23, she accepted a job from Holt International Children's Services, moved to the United States and changed her name to Julie. In the U.S., she built a life for herself, went to college, fell in love and started a family of her own.

Julie is one of the founders of Love Beyond the Orphanage, a Christian nonprofit organization that focuses on empowering aged-out orphans, especially in Korea, through education, counseling, assisting and mentoring. "God's calling is clear to me. I must be a voice for thousands of these most vulnerable people because, even to this day, they have no place in their own country," writes Julie on Love Beyond the Orphanage's website.

In 2020, during the COVID lockdown, Emma finally had the time to sit down and work on writing the film she had always dreamed of making with her writing partner Skyler Verity. The early script of the film was pretty serious, but as they went along, they began to infuse it with moments of laughter and innocence. While trying to find the right balance for the film, Emma recalled watching *Minari* with her mother, a film that follows a family of South Korean immigrants who move to rural Arkansas in the 1980s. Watching the Yi family run through the fields elicited a memory from Julie. On the way to school in Korea, Julie and her sisters from the orphanage would run through the rice fields and catch crickets to eat, which inspired Emma to change the ending of her film to include that memory.



Photo by Max Fillion '18

Emma poses for a photo with her father Hugh Duvall, sister Zoe Duvall-Hendrickson and mother Julie Duvall after her graduation from Marist in 2017.

actresses, Audrey Blanche, who plays Julia and Adalynn Lam, who plays Rona. Emma felt incredibly lucky to have found these young and talented actresses who were able to tackle such a hard subject.

And that luck continued with who she was able to get behind the camera as well. Every person she reached out to for help said yes. Emma relied on Matthew Hayes, her director of photography, to take the lead on the visuals which allowed her to focus her attention more on the young actresses. And the score was composed by Nate Heller, whose last project was the music for *A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood*, starring Tom Hanks.

"It was so incredible to see that if you just ask, you'll be blown away by who is willing to work with you and help you bring your vision to life. I felt like I didn't have to do any of the heavy lifting because the story I had to work with was so incredible that everyone wanted to help bring it to life," Emma said.

After its premiere at the BendFilm Festival, *Julia* was screened at the Portland Film Festival, the DisOrient Asian American Film Festival of Oregon in Eugene, the National Film Festival for Talented Youth in Seattle and the Cinema Femme Short Film Festival in Chicago.

Julia has been eliciting strong emotions from its audience, like absolute horror at the abuse or pure rage at the adults and society that treats them as less than. But, it also leaves the viewer with a budding sense of hope.

Emma shared a poem on the film's Instagram page, a piece from writer Kyunghee Kim along with a childhood photo of Julie:

**"If you only learn of their trauma
That's not the full story
If you only speak of their joy
That's not the full story either
To do both
Is to say, i see you."**

The film ends with Julia and her friend running through a field, holding hands and giggling before Julia comes to a stop and looks directly at the camera. Julia sees us, and thanks to Emma, we see Julia. ☸

Photo by Natalia Zreljak '15



Emma Duvall '17 answers questions about *Julia* during a Q&A in March at the DisOrient Asian American Film Festival of Oregon in Eugene.

Emma's film was made possible through a "Tell Your Story" grant created for Black, Indigenous and People of Color filmmakers in Portland to share their stories, a \$10,000 BIPOC Women Production Grant through BendFilm and a crowdfunding campaign that raised \$24,000 in just 30 days. One contributor to that crowdfunding campaign was Walt Fox, former Marist teacher who taught Emma in his Film Criticism class. Walt drove to Bend for the premiere of *Julia* at the BendFilm Festival in 2022. "It is a very emotional story that Emma tells beautifully," Fox says.

The film stars a completely female Asian cast, something important to Emma, given her experience witnessing a lack of acting opportunities available to the Asian community and the lack of on-screen representation growing up. The standout performances in her movie are from the two young



Thank You, Father Benoit

A cowboy hat, shoelaces and a fond goodbye
By Jon Nuxoll, history teacher

2015



1996



2015



1998



2023

When many Spartans, especially football players, think of Father Vincent Benoit, O.P. they think of his cowboy hat. For me, it's shoelaces.

I first met him at confession while in grad school at the University of Washington. The penance: "Think something nice about everyone you see on your way back to the dorm, even if they just tied their shoes right." That was way before either of us had heard of Marist. And that's just how he sees people. In the 30-plus years since then, he looks for the best in everyone.

"Have you ever had a really bad day and snapped at someone who didn't deserve it?" he explains. "I try to believe almost everyone has bad days ... sometimes to the point that they should get punched ... then I guess the grace of God lets me see that some people have not had a bad day, but a bad life ... I should not add to their burden."

That's not the fruit of some nebulous or supernatural or philosophical insight into the soul but a down-to-earth spirituality: "I don't really think about seeing God [in others]; God is just there." His most usual prayer is about as easy and genuine as it gets. "I'm the kind of person that just talks to God," he shrugs. "I find that just talking to God is the way to go."

Father Benoit came to Marist in 1993, nine years into his Dominican priesthood. When at a Berkeley parish, his provincial asked who wanted to

join Father Vincent Lopez, O.P. just hired as Marist principal. "I raised my hand and waved hard," Father Benoit recalls. "The rest is history."

That cowboy hat, found "beat up and dirty" in a storeroom at that Berkeley parish, came north with him. It debuted at a Marist football game then and at games ever since, from Eugene to Ontario (where he celebrated Mass on the football field) and it's worn only at football games. Only once, he made an unscheduled cameo appearance in a game, tackled when the ball came out of bounds in a freshman Marist-Junction City contest. "JC students thought it was cool ... both that they had taken me out and how easily I took it."

He's worn other Marist hats. He was chaplain on numerous retreats and taught theology, study skills ... and keyboarding. "And I don't know how to type," he laughed. "I thought it was stupid to have me but they didn't have anyone else." Key to success was letting students play games if they finished their lesson. And "they worked hard to have time to play games."

His many memories ("even the bad ones were worth it") at Marist include kissing the M; learning to love the difficult students; his first Sophomore Boys Journey Retreat; learning that perfect control in the classroom was an art worth learning; the many sorts of interactions with football teams and coaches; Encounters; Cody Waters;

Dave Sugar; Father Dave Cullings ("he's a riot and I don't know where he gets the energy, and he's older than I am!"); Leonard Terrible ("love that name"); Kathy Yocum; and his March 9 birthday shared with the likes of Joe Simons '96, Ben Fusek '13 and me.

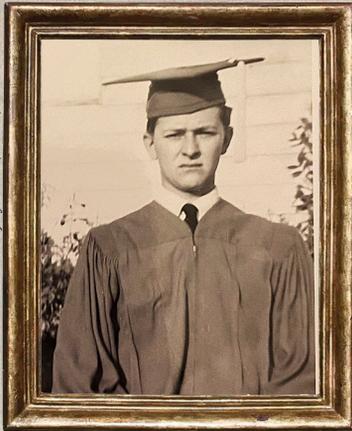
Assignments elsewhere meant Marist saw him less-to-none in the 2000s, but more since returning to Eugene and St. Thomas More Newman Center in 2014.

Father Benoit will soon be returning to his hometown of Seattle and Blessed Sacrament Parish sometime this year, the same place he gave me that shoelace penance. Returning home will give him the chance to touch base with his nephew and grandniece. And retirement will give him time to pursue a hobby he's had nearly as long as he's been a Dominican: model railroading. If there's not room for a layout in his new digs, he'll seek out a club in Seattle.

In retirement, he will continue to substitute at Masses or hear confessions, but not having responsibilities for pastoral obligations like RCIA, baptisms, hospital calls and the like will let him be as "free as a bird" and he loves it. Preaching? "Only if I'm forced to — that's work."

But seeing the good in people, with correctly tied shoelaces or even creatively untied shoes, won't be work for him. It's what he does, naturally. ☩

Photo courtesy of Anna (Eberle) Gunderson '63



Roy Eberle '56, Graduation, St. Francis High School.

Learning for Life, Not for a Day

A lasting gift from Roy Eberle '56
By Rebecca Larson

As George Strait would say (or sing, actually), the news of a substantial bequest for Marist came out of a “blue clear sky.” Roy Eberle '56 passed away on June 30, 2021. A year later, his siblings and co-executors, Dan Eberle '62 and Anna (Eberle) Gunderson '63, informed us of a gift that would have far-reaching benefits to Marist.

Roy's bequest is the quintessential American success story: the descendant of an immigrant family who worked hard, made a good life

for himself and wanted to give back to help others.

In 1809, Roy's maternal great-great-great-great-grandfather Lipp emigrated from Germany to Russia, lured by the offer of free land from Catherine the Great (herself a German princess). Several generations farmed and started businesses, but as conditions deteriorated for the transplanted Germans, the Lipp family moved to the United States in 1894. They likely benefited from the Homestead Act of 1862, which offered 160 acres of land

west of the Great Plains to settlers who would live on it for five years and make improvements. The Eberle family, Roy's father's family, had a similar history. Both families settled in North Dakota where Roy's parents, Mathias and Helen (Lipp) Eberle, met and were married in 1934 and began what was to be their large Catholic family.

North Dakota winters are hard. Oregon's lush Willamette Valley and new opportunities beckoned. In 1954, Roy's mom and dad loaded up the truck and the station wagon with their nine children and all their belongings and moved to Eugene.

Roy's father began working in a lumber yard. When a back injury ended that career, the Eberle family resumed their farming life, like generations before them, raising chickens. They all worked hard. How hard? Feeding, watering and raising 60,000 chicks, spring, summer, fall, winter — a total of 240,000 broilers sent to market annually.

The Eberle family is a microcosm of the assimilation of American culture. The eldest Eberle children — Richard '54 † and Lil '54 — had only spoken German at home and during elementary school in North Dakota. The next children in line — Roy '56 †, Dave '57 † and Harry '58 † — spoke German and English. Dan '62, Anna '63 and Pete understood German, but didn't speak it. And the youngest children, Joe and Eva, only spoke and understood English. Though the German language faded, German

Photo courtesy of Anna (Eberle) Gunderson '63



Front row, L to R: Helen (Lipp) Eberle holding Joe; Mathias Eberle holding Pete; Richard; Harry
Second row, L to R: Lil holding baby Eva; Dave; Anna; Roy; Dan (looking at Anna).

traditions were passed on and Anna still makes a noodle soup the family calls “Rivela” from an old recipe passed down from pioneer times.

The work ethic learned on his family’s farm and in Catholic schools informed Roy’s life. In 1957, Roy joined the Air Force, serving his country while stationed in Greenland. He used his GI Bill to earn a business degree from the University of Oregon.

Roy had a varied and interesting career. He was a computer technician in San Diego at a time when that profession was still quite new. He then moved to St. Louis, Missouri and became a bank examiner for the Farm Credit Bureau.

A good steward of his finances, with a keen head for business, Roy began acquiring apartments and duplexes in St. Louis and Pensacola, Florida. Roy retired early, returned to the Northwest and began investing in property in Eugene, Springfield and Portland. But Roy was no absentee landlord.



Roy with grandniece Elie Gunderson, 2016.

Photo courtesy of Anna (Eberle) Gunderson 63



Photo courtesy of Anna (Eberle) Gunderson 63

A/2C E-3 (P) Roy Eberle, ACFT Radio RPMN (Aircraft Radio Repairman); October 1956-April 1960.

Tenants often didn't realize that the man trimming the hedges was the owner of their apartment building. Roy was an environmentalist before it was fashionable, encouraging residents of one Portland building to ride bikes by creating a convenient indoor space for storage and repair.

Marist is one of several charities that benefited from Roy's hard work, frugal living and sound investments. Roy loved children, though he had none of his own, and this gift reflects thoughtful care for young people's well-being and education.

Roy's will did not give specifics, but his brother Dan and sister Anna helped shape his legacy with far-reaching effects. Dan remembers that

Roy liked his money to work for him, saying, “You don't spend your money, you put it to work.” And it will. Roy's unexpected bequest established the Eberle Family Scholarship, supports tuition assistance through the endowed *Advancing Marist* scholarship fund and helped make an upcoming security project viable. With Roy's gift as a starting point, the first phase will begin this summer and be completed in time for the return of our students this fall.

Anna remembers Roy often quoting Father Charles Scott, their principal at St. Francis, “We learn for life, not for a day.”

We also learn from the lives of other people, like the one lived by Roy Eberle. ☩

Every Gift Tells a Story

A planned gift is a meaningful way to impact future generations and leave a legacy. The generosity of the Legacy Society members will provide scholarships, fund projects and continue to benefit Marist students in years to come.

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What's Happening On Campus?

Q&A

with current Marist students

Photo by Dr. Nicole Mombell '98



Sophomore Andrea Piña, senior Elizabeth Mojica Gonzalez and sophomore Violet Garcia Mell.

Meet sophomores Violet Garcia Mell and Andrea Piña! These two sophomores sit side-by-side in yearbook and are members of the Spanish Club. Often described by their teachers as hardworking, responsible and kind, these two students pitched an idea to the Marist Student Council that's been a huge success: Cultural Spotlights!

What's happening on campus that you find interesting?

(V) Like any other school or place, there's tons happening without noticing it. When walking through the hallways, I see students who have different cultures and it makes me want to learn more about them. The Cultural Spotlights are a way to help students open up and teach others about our cultures.

Tell us why the TikTok you saw spoke to you and why you thought it was a good idea to bring to Marist?

(A) Violet saw it on TikTok and I thought it was really cool and could be a really enriching for our school, so I wanted to help!

(V) One day on TikTok, I found a school that showed people dancing on a stage wearing traditional clothes. The video showed colors and music and people having fun. I thought it was super cool and thought we should have something like this at our school! I haven't seen a lot of culture appreciation in my two years here – yes, we learn about culture in Spanish, French and sometimes in English – but rarely from a student's point of view.

Why is being involved at Marist important to you?

(A) Being involved in Marist is important to me because being able to make our small community more connected is really encouraging.

(V) I'm at school a big chunk of the day. Being involved is important to me because I was taught by my mother that if I can, I should make something happen. I'm part of the Spanish Club, I play volleyball, and I am currently playing tennis. I learn tons from my teammates and the Marist community. At Marist I feel comfortable to be who I am and to teach others what I know.

Freshman Student Council members, Hobs Movolson and Declan Pellegrini, hand out gifts to students during the Lunar New Year Cultural Spotlight. Photo by Dylan Mittleider '24

Cultural Spotlights

Sophomores Violet Garcia-Mell and Andrea Piña were inspired by TikTok to create a day to celebrate their Mexican culture at school. Student Council liked the idea and chose to help the two sophomores since it was a great opportunity to bring fun and culture to the school. The first Cultural Spotlight, celebrating Mexico, took place on Dec. 7 during lunch. Garcia-Mell made tamales rojo and verde for the occasion, freshman Clarixa Paz Gaspar brought tacos and Piña brought an assortment of candies. Homemade horchata and Mexican hot chocolate were also served. Senior Elizabeth Mojica Gonzalez also showcased her talent in traditional Mexican dancing by performing two Ballet Folklorico dances for the cafeteria crowded with students and staff enjoying the music and food. Spanish teacher Dr. Nicole Mombell '98, who heads up the Spanish Club, was eager to make this idea come to life as she remembers participating in similar events when she was a student at Marist.

Two more Cultural Spotlight Days have happened since then. One was a celebration of Lunar New Year and the most recent one celebrated Nepal with the help of sophomore Kavya Marahatta.

"It's a good way to highlight cultures of interest or heritage and learn, as well as celebrate diversity," Student Council moderator Beth Wirth said.



CAMPUS NOTES

New Mural on Campus

New to the Marist campus is a colorful mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Juan Diego on the wall facing the chapel outside of the 400 wing.

Our Lady of Guadalupe is the image of the Virgin Mary as she appeared before St. Juan Diego in the 16th century in present-day Mexico City. She is a well-loved figure throughout the world, but is especially meaningful to Mexican identity and culture and has been a source of great cultural pride.

The Art and Environment Committee at Marist decided to hire a local artist, Esteban Camacho Steffensen, who collaborated with students and staff to come up with a sketch that accurately represents Our Lady with all the traditional symbols.

"We felt like, in terms of her specifically, nothing should be changed just because there are so many symbolic pieces to her like the angel underneath her feet, the ribbons around her hands, even her facial expression," senior Elizabeth Mojica-Gonzalez said.

The mural is getting its final touches and will be completed before the end of the school year. The committee hopes this will be just the first of many murals to come on campus.



Photos by Toni Cooper



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Girls Soccer Makes Marist History

Making school history, the girls soccer team won the OSAA 4A State Championship last fall. It was the Spartans' seventh appearance in the state championship finals. The No. 1 ranked Spartans defeated the No. 2 Hidden Valley Mustangs 4-0 at Liberty High School in Hillsboro. They ended their season with an 18-1 record with 15 shutouts and outscored their opponents 85-5. Their only loss of the season was to 5A soccer powerhouse North Eugene.

Founders Day Mass

Founders Day Mass took place outside in the courtyard for students, staff and guests in early May. The Mass was celebrated by Fr. David Cullings, whose homily highlighted the importance of family, being part of a community and praising God. He illustrated this by using senior actors to pose as statues of citizens of Pompeii in their last moments and connected it to the Marist pillars.

After Communion, a group of students participated in the crowning of the refurbished statue of Mary in the Grotto as Proclaim performed "Ave Maria." Following Mass, all were invited to enjoy hot-off-the-grill hamburgers from Carl's Jr.

Photo by Abigail Schombert '24



Photo by Natalia Zrelak '15

Keepers of the Charism

Marist welcomed five Marist guests from back East to campus in February to help lead the staff through a "Keepers of the Charism" retreat: Vocations Director Br. Brian Poulin, Director of Marist Youth Matt Fallon, Director of Lay Marists Maureen Hagan and Provincial Council members, Br. Hank Hammer and Br. Owen Ormsby. They led the staff in a day of learning about the Marist charism of "making Jesus known and loved" in the way of Mary as a way to reconnect us with our Marist roots.

Presenting Godspell

Marist Theatre performed *Godspell* in March for the fourth time since 2001. Senior Isaac King and sophomore Brianna Bird played the leads, Jesus and Judas. Dressed in vivid costumes, the 70s-themed performance took a creative approach to the familiar parables in the Bible.

When *Godspell* was first performed in 2001 at Marist, it was the first show to be performed in the Bob Devereaux Theatre. The family of cast members and sophomore cousins, Luke Manning and Gwyneth Westover, helped build the theatre in 2001. Christine Manning '01, Luke's mom, was in that first performance.

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Photo by Toni Cooper

The Greatest Spartan

This year, 17 seniors came together to participate in the Mr. & Ms. Spartan Program and raised over \$75,000 for the NICU at Sacred Heart Medical Center at Riverbend. The team took a virtual tour of the NICU led by Children's Miracle Network representatives to learn more about the services and support their fundraising efforts would be going towards.

Fundraisers included a trivia night, the annual Mr. & Ms. Spartan dance and the 29th annual Mr. & Ms. Spartan Pageant. Seniors Kyler Lajoie and Reeve Helvoigt took home the title of Mr. & Ms. Spartan at the end of the circus-themed pageant.

CAMPUS NOTES

Spring Break Trip to Italy

Assistant principal Stacey Baker and English teacher Becky Boyd organized and led a 10-day spring break trip to Italy that included 50 Marist students, staff and chaperones, through an educational travel company called Worldstrides. They traveled by plane, bus and train from the top to the bottom of Italy, hitting the major cities of Venice, Florence, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri, Rome and Vatican City.

Photo courtesy of Becky Boyd



Marist Ecology Trip

Juniors Austin Murray, Alexis Kamaru and Elianny Mojica Gonzalez, along with biology teacher Renee Cool and Director of Campus Ministry Dr. Rick Martin, traveled to Esopus, New York, for the first-ever Marist Earth Day Weekend in late April. The weekend focused on recognizing that living sustainably and in harmony with the Earth and all its inhabitants is a way of serving God and living out the Marist mission. Murray and Kamaru have been a part of a nationwide Marist focus group of students that has been meeting on Zoom since the fall.

Photo courtesy of Dr. Rick Martin



We Are One Freshman Retreat

The freshmen were treated to a day away from schoolwork in April, spending a fun-filled day in the Activity Center attending a retreat led by students who attended the Marist Youth Leadership Camp in Indiana last summer and by Christian Leadership Class members.

The student-led retreat took months of planning and focused on the Marist pillars set forth by the founder, St. Marcellin Champagnat: presence, simplicity, family spirit, love of work and the way of Mary. Student leaders are excited to continue this retreat next year and keep building a stronger Marist community.

Photo by Maddie Baker '23



CAMPUS BRIEFS

SOLIDARITY FUNDRAISER

During the four Mondays of Lent, our students participated in a national solidarity project to raise funds for a new Marist school being built in Liberia. Students competed against each other in their English classes and raised \$3,675.93 to add to the national effort.

GOVERNMENT GUEST SPEAKERS

In April, history and theology teacher Alice Meyer invited local public servants to speak to her government class. Guests included retired US House of Representatives member Peter DeFazio, current police officer Tate Rupp '15, Lane County Legal Counsel Steve Dingle and former Eugene Chief of Police and current CEO of Serenity Lane, Pete Kerns '79.

GLOBAL SEAL OF BILITERACY

Seven Marist students passed the STAMP 4E exam, qualifying them for the Global Seal of Biliteracy. Seniors Paola Aguirre Cerrato, Alex Chávez, Tyler Harding, Angel Nogales Hernandez, Gabe Olsen and Alecia Skinner qualified in Spanish and Reeve Helvoigt qualified in French.

BOSTON BRAIN TRIP

In November, assistant principal Andy Oldham and teachers Renee Cool, Dr. Erin Gallo and Bill Ferrari attended a conference in Boston called Learning and the Brain to explore how anxiety and technology affect teenage life. The goal is to apply what is being discovered about brain science to become better educators.



Sophomore Piper Van Buskirk
Photo by Rachel McConaghie '23



Senior Colby Malpass
Photo courtesy of Olivia Kennedy



Senior Kyler Lajoie
Photo by Caleb Singleton '25



Senior Paige Doerr
Photo by Jackson Anderson '23



Senior Macoy Harbert
Photo by Chris Fudge

WINTER SPORTS RECAP

Swimming

The boys took 1st place for the fourth year in a row and the girls took 4th at the OSAA 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A Special District 4 Meet in February. Six boys and two girls qualified for the state meet the following weekend. The top boys state finishers that earned a 4th place state trophy include senior team captain Kyler Lajoie who placed 6th in the 100 backstroke (setting a new school record) and 8th in the 100 butterfly; junior Micah Hugo who took 3rd in the 200 free and 2nd in the 500 free; and sophomore Jonathan McDonough who was 8th in the 50 free. The team of senior Zac Hagengruber, Lajoie, Hugo and McDonough also took 2nd in the 400 free relay and 4th in the 200 medley relay. Sophomore Piper Van Buskirk led the girls with a 6th place finish in the 100 butterfly and an 8th place in the 200 IM.

Ski

The Marist ski team competed for the Eugene Alpine Race Club with other local high schools in the Emerald League of the Oregon Interscholastic Ski Racing Society Association. The lone senior on the team, Colby Malpass, was Marist's top competitor in all six league races of the season and freshman Kate Papé led the girls team. Four Marist skiers qualified to compete in the boys state competition held in early March and Marist finished 14th overall on the snowy weekend event. Malpass finished 28th

in the state competition which included a Giant Slalom race on one day and a Slalom race on the other. "It's one of the most challenging sports that I do," said Malpass.

Girls Basketball

As a first-year head coach, Meredith Laing '11 helped her varsity basketball team battle to win a Sky-Em League championship and a trip to the first round of the OSAA 4A State Championships, which they lost. The team beat Marshfield in a league tie-breaker which earned them the No. 7 seed in the 4A State Tournament where they lost to Philomath 39-46 in a heartbreaker played at home. They finished their season 17-7 and 7-1 in league. Helping Laing coach were Dani (Krier) Laney '13 and Sami Pitts '12. Senior Paige Doerr was named a First Team All-Sky-Em League selection, the Sky-Em All-Defensive Player of the Year and a 4A State Honorable Mention selection.

Boys Basketball

The boys varsity basketball team ended their season with a 6th place finish at the state tournament held in Forest Grove in March and a 15-13 overall record. They finished their league play in 2nd place with a league 6-2 record. They earned their 11th seed spot at the 4A State Tournament after a Play-In win over Scapoose and made it all the way to the Consolation Bracket Championship Game which they lost to Crook County.



Freshman CJ Giustina
Photo by Chris Fudge



Freshman Rowan De Lee
Photo by Toni Cooper



Senior Jack Kiefer
Photo by Kyler Lajoie '23



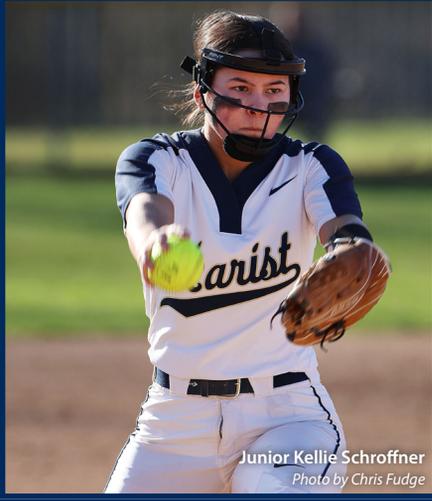
Junior Christina Nguyen
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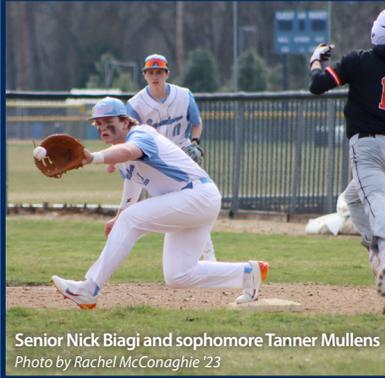
Sophomore Conor Thompson
Photo by Caleb Singleton '25



Sophomores Ella Braunger, senior Paige Meador, and sophomores Bella Gubrud and Emma Hart
Photo by Toni Cooper



Junior Kellie Schroffner
Photo by Chris Fudge



Senior Nick Biagi and sophomore Tanner Mullens
Photo by Rachel McConaghie '23



Junior Esha Reddy
Photo by Trinity Hepner '24



Senior Roman Rasmussen
Photo by Tyler Richardson '23

Lacrosse

The girls were the OGLA South League champions and finished their season 12-4 and 7-1 in league. They played 6A Mountainside in the quarterfinals of the Silver Cup Bracket and lost 8-14 to end a fantastic season. The boys were 3-11 overall and lost to Wilsonville in the first round of the Cascade Cup.

Tennis

In May, the boys tennis team won the OSAA 4A/3A/2A/1A State Championships held at OSU and the team of senior Jack Kiefer and junior Peyton Tyner earned the state doubles title! Freshman EJ Roedl finished 2nd in singles and junior Andrew Forsyth won the singles consolation bracket. Seniors Sam Thornton and Henry Gonyea in doubles and senior Kai Villano in singles made it to the quarterfinals. The boys finished their season 17-1 and only lost 14 sets over the whole season.

The girls finished 6th at state. Freshmen Phoebe and Stella Larson, who were the district doubles champions the week before, lost in the finals of the consolation bracket. Junior Christina Nguyen and the doubles team of senior Tyler Harding and junior Haley Ross made it to the quarterfinals.

Track & Field

Multiple athletes advanced to the 4A State Track & Field Meet held at Hayward Field in late May. Both the boys and the girls 4x100m relay teams made it, along with sophomores Bella Gubrud (100m), Ella Braunger (400m), Avy Roundy (100m/300m hurdles) and Synnove Slayden (high jump); juniors Zakiya Newman (shot put), Sam Keen (shot put) and Cloe Chase (long jump); and seniors Avery Hedden (800m/1500m), Josiah Jarvis (javelin) and Gabe Olsen (800m).

Softball

After beating Newport 7-6 in an OSAA 4A Play-In game, the softball team played in the first round of the state playoffs but lost to La Grande 2-12. They finished their season 13-12.

Baseball

The 4A No. 3-ranked boys won their first-round playoff game against Astoria at home earning them a berth in the state quarterfinals on May 26, also a home game. They were 11-1 in league and are 21-4 overall.

Golf

The girls took third place at the 4A/3A/2A/1A State Tournament in May where junior Esha Reddy tied for fourth and senior Madison Holmes tied for 13th. The girls won the district title the week before but the boys were unfortunately disqualified at their 4A Special District 2 Tournament due to a technicality and did not advance to state. Previous to the district meet, the boys had won most of their tournaments by multiple strokes.

SPRING SPORTS RECAP



ALUMNI NOTES

1990S

Chris Monahan '95 is a partner at the law firm of Faegre Drinker in Washington, DC. Since graduating, Chris got his undergraduate degree at Santa Clara University and his JD at Georgetown. He and his wife Leslie live in Alexandria, VA with their three children, Brady (10), Caroline (9) and Jonathan (5).

Cort Brazelton '99 married Paula Navarro Ferrer on June 25, 2022 in Valencia, Spain.

2000S

Katie (Cadwalader) Urhausen '04 co-founded the non-profit Circle of Friends in 2018 that is set to open a school next fall for children in Lane County with complex disabilities.

Pat Crawley '03, Luke Lonstron '03 and **Kate Lonstron '07** are all board members of this new non-profit.

Abby Cettel '08 married **Johnny Reiter '06** in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on June 17, 2022. Present at their wedding were many Marist alumni and siblings including: **Evan Miller '06, Logan Clay '06, JD Mesa '06, Kenny Tyler '06, Spencer Turner '08, Kelsey (Weilbrenner) Turner '08, Scott Wooley '08, David Reiter '10, Sarah (Reiter) Singleton '02, David McMahon '07, Hayley Maxwell '06, Emily Gillespie '06, Aurora (Kephart) Jennings '06, Matt Breeden '06** and **Stephen Cettel '04**.

Brenna Stacy-Temple '09 and Stephen Stacy-Temple welcomed their daughter Darcy Rose born in Eugene on Sept. 14, 2022. Darcy was 5 pounds 9.5 ounces and 19.5 inches. Brenna teaches music at St. Paul School in Eugene.

Kyleigh Gerard '09 married Peter Martin on June 25, 2022 at her parent's home in Dexter. Kyleigh is a cardiovascular ICU nurse at OHSU and Peter owns TREK Physical Therapy.

Drew '09 and **Madison (Hilles) Smith '09** welcomed Carter to their family on March 16, 2023. Carter was 6 pounds 8 ounces and 20 inches.

2010S

Maggie Over '13 married Dr. Chris Maag on August 20, 2022 at St. Mary's Church in Eugene. A reception followed at the Eugene Country Club. Members of the wedding party included groomsmen **John Over '20**, maid of honor **Gwen Over '15**, and bridesmaids **Courtney (Jeffries) Cartin '00, Macky (Dennis) Hutchison '10, Gabi (daSilva) Freeman '13, Dani (Krier) Laney '13**, and **Shannon Walsh '13**.

Michelle Campbell '15 began her journey at O'Hara Catholic School in 2018 as a kindergarten Instructional Assistant, becoming the Fundraising and Event Coordinator in 2019. Recently, Michelle has been promoted

to the Development and Admissions Director for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. "I enjoy working in the Catholic School system and I'm looking forward to taking on this role and seeing what the future holds for me."

Marissa Gibson '16 won the 2023 Oregon Fish and Wildlife Department Upland Game Bird Stamp Art Competition.

Zach Cogswell '17 graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biology from George Fox University in 2022.

Dulce Cano '18 graduated from the University of Portland with a BA in Family and Human Services and a minor in Spanish and will be using her degrees as a Bilingual Coordinated Enrollment Specialist with United Way of Lane County. Dulce will be helping Lane County families apply and enroll for Preschool Promise programs.

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REUNIONS

Class of 1963- 60 years

The St. Francis Class of 1963 will celebrate their 60th reunion with a potluck on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 at the home of **Armond '63** and Sue Clemens beginning at 2 p.m. For details, contact Armond armondclemens@gmail.com; home (541) 686-2190 or cell 541-222-9330.

Class of 1967 - 64 years

The St. Francis Class of 1967 reunion will take place on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2023 at Joe '67 & Sharon (Rodgers) Harbert's '67 residence. Contact harbert5708@comcast.net for details.

Class of 1972 - 51 years

The Marist Class of 1972 had such a great time at their 50th reunion last summer at Marist that they're having their 51st reunion on Friday, Sept. 15, 2023 from 5-8 p.m. at Papa's Pizza on Coburg Road.

Class of 1973 - 50 years

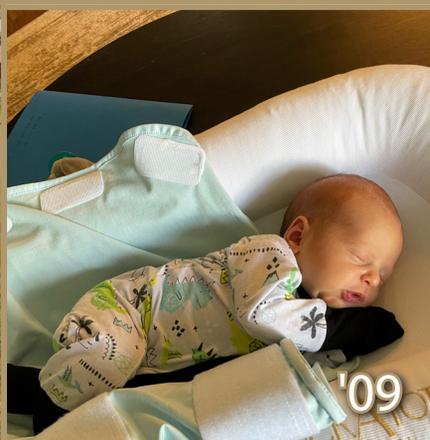
The Marist Class of 1973 is planning a reunion for Aug. 5, 2023. If you are interested in being part of celebrating 50 years, please contact Pam Furrer pjf555@msn.com.

Class of 2003 - 20 years

The Marist Class of 2003 is planning a reunion for Saturday, July 8, 2023. For more information contact meganmartin85@gmail.com or nichter.ellen@gmail.com. Details will also be posted in their Facebook group "MHS Class of 2003."

Class of 2013 - 10 years

The Marist Class of 2013 will be celebrating their 10th reunion Saturday, July 15, 2023. If you are interested in learning more about the details, please contact Jamie (Ferrari) McIntyre '13 byjamiemcintyre@gmail.com.



Classes of 1953, 1983 or 1993



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IN MEMORIAM



Timothy Scherer '64 passed away on June 3, 2021.

Helen (Durbin) Michael '42 passed away on Oct. 19, 2021. Her siblings include **Clarence Durbin '33** and **Wallace Durbin '34**. Her nephews and nieces include **Robert '61 & Maxine (Helfrich) Durbin '62, Gerald Durbin '62, Cheryl (Durbin) Fantz '65, Armond '63 & Glenna (Sandgathe) Clemens '63, Mark '69 & Terrie (Tremaine) Clemens '69, and Deborah Durbin '70**. Her great-nieces and great-nephews include **Laurie (Clemens) Spellman '86, Erica (Durbin) Klump '87, Christine (Clemens) Hakala '88, Andrew '89 and Colleen (Clemens) Shipman '96, Brittany (Durbin) Carlin '90, Amie (Clemens) Angelastro '91, Molly (Durbin) Darden '93, Joel Durbin '94, Ann (Clemens) Posen '94, Aaron Durbin '95, Brooks Clemens '03 and Trevor Clemens '08**. Her great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews include **Natalie Hakala '16, Nicole (Spellman) Vaglio '16, Ben Hakala '18, Gabby Angelastro '20, Liv Carlin '20, Emily Spellman '20, Alexandra Angelastro '22, Ethan Hakala '22, Avery Carlin '23 and Anthony Angelastro '24**.

Sheila Reynolds '63 passed away on Jan. 19, 2022.

Nathan Krush passed away on Feb. 6, 2022. His mother is **Anne (Cramer) Krush '70** and his sister is **Meghan Jordan Krush '97**.

Jim Morris passed away on March 28, 2022. His wife is **Diana (Blume) Morris '78**.

Marybell Benoit passed away on May 21, 2022. Her children are **Susan Benoit '70, Frederick Benoit '71, Michele (Benoit) Jensen '72, Mark Benoit '74 †, Paul Benoit '75 and Elizabeth (Benoit) Serafino '78 †**. Her grandchildren are **Macon Benoit '02, Joseph Benoit '03 and Marie (Benoit) Woodard '09**. Her cousin Fr. Vincent Benoit O.P. taught Religion at Marist from 1998 to 2002.

William Loveall '18 passed away on June 16, 2022. His siblings are **Garrett Loveall '04** and Mikayla Loveall.

Catherine Bray '65 passed away June 28, 2022. Her siblings are Pat (Bray) Major, **Louise (Bray) Weinstein '60** and Douglas Bray.

James Trent passed away on Aug. 1, 2022 and was preceded in death by Marge Trent on Jan. 22, 2019. Their children include **Scott Trent '71** and **Patty (Trent) Blasius '81**.

Mike Burke passed away on Aug. 14, 2022. His brother-in-law is **Kevin Craviotto '73** and his niece is **Caitlyn Craviotto '13**.

Joan Ward passed away on Sept. 13, 2022. Her children are **Kathy (Ward) Meincke '77, Derick Ward '79, Diane (Ward) Geider '80, Karen (Ward) Baker '86** and Douglas Ward. Her grandson is **Ryan Geider '03**.

Patrick Parks '84 passed away on Sept. 14, 2022. His brother is **Michael Parks '85**.

Geoff Butler passed away on Sept. 16, 2022. His wife is **Jean (Brooks) Butler '95**.

Evelyn Adams passed away on Oct. 4, 2022. Her son is **Steve Adams '71**.

Joe Proden passed away on Oct. 8, 2022. His wife is **Patricia (Higgins) Proden '53**.

Martin Merlau passed away on Oct. 11, 2022. His grandsons include **Trevor Coleman '16** and **Braden Coleman '18**.

Dorothy Jones passed away on Oct. 12, 2022. Her son-in-law Pat Eagen was a former Marist Foundation Board president. Her grandchildren include **Claire Eagen '18, Lauren Eagen '18, Luke Eagen '21** and **Sam Eagen '21**.

Barbara Koza passed away on Oct. 17, 2022. Her children are **Susan Koza '67, Frank Koza '70, John '75 & Mimi (Kroft) Koza '80**, Michael Koza, Stephanie Koza and Lisa Koza.

Gerald Rouleau passed away on Oct. 19, 2022. His son is Jerry Rouleau, president of the Marist Foundation Board. His grandchildren include **Jerry '11 & Madison (Hiday) Rouleau '11**.

John Sweeney Jr. passed away on Oct. 19, 2022. His great-grandchildren include **Madison Penn '14, Matthew Penn '16 and Hayden Penn '18**.

Darlene Bonn passed away on Nov. 2, 2022. Her daughters are **Robin (Bonn) Fields '82** and **Pamela (Bonn) Edginton '84**.

Linda (Rocke) Gates '60 passed away on Nov. 2, 2022.

Troy Bowman '83 passed away on Nov. 10, 2022.

John Welch passed away on Nov. 10, 2022. His son is Marist President David Welch.

Ada Muth passed away on Nov. 18, 2022. Her daughter-in-law is **Terry (Baird) Muth '64**.

James Lang passed away on Nov. 21, 2022. His daughters are **Therese Lang '79, Ann (Lang) Kitchen '82, Frances (Lang) Ackerman '82** and **Judith Lang '83**.

Gino Barbisan passed away on Nov. 27, 2022. His siblings are **Carlo Barbisan '55 †, Giovanna (Barbisan) Savage '55 †** and **Bruno Barbisan '58**. His nieces and nephews include **Jeff Barbisan '76, Jerry Barbisan '79, Tony Barbisan '79, Nick Barbisan '80** and **Gina Barbisan-Crowder '80**.

Donna David passed away on Nov. 29, 2022. Her grandchildren include **Spencer '14 & Olivia (Deschain) David '14, Bri (Stowell) Williams '15, Brandon David '16** and **Ashton Stowell '17**.

Michelle Wenzl passed away on Dec. 3, 2022. Her father is **Jim Wenzl '60**, her uncle is **Lou Wenzl '59** and her brother is **David Wenzl '83**. Her children are **Timothy Comstock '12** and Aidan Comstock.

William Grosulak Jr. '56 passed away on Dec. 4, 2022. His sisters are **Jane (Grosulak) Liston '57** and **Yvonne Grosulak '62**.

Christopher Jenson passed away on Dec. 5, 2022. His wife is **Katelynn (Bell) Jenson '04** and his brother-in-law is **Ryan Bell '08**.

Joseph Schreiber passed away on Dec. 7, 2022. His children are **Julie (Schreiber) Copley '73, Kathie (Schreiber) Burgner '74 †, Joseph Schreiber '77, Charleen (Schreiber) Parr '79, Colleen (Schreiber) Dixon '79, Michael Schreiber '80** and **Suzanne (Schreiber) Hernandez '83**. His grandchildren include **Joe Copley '99, Jolie Burgner '01, Michael Burgner '01, Jake Copley '02, Jessie Copley '09, Dane Hernandez '11, James Hernandez '11** and **Jesse Hernandez '13**. His great-grandchild is **Sofia Copley '26**.

IN MEMORIAM

Frederick Stickley '48 passed away on Dec. 11, 2022. His son is **Fred Stickley '72**.

Ricky Dandurand passed away on Dec. 19, 2022. His siblings are **Anthony Dandurand '71, Kathy (Dandurand) Hallauer '74, Kelly (Dandurand) Gamble '80**, Bret Dandurand, Jody (Dandurand) Spade, Brenda Dandurand, Denise Dandurand † and Kim Dandurand †.

Robert Easterla '80 passed away on Dec. 20, 2022. His mother is **Rita (Kelly) Herold '54**, his stepmother is **Darlene (Kemp) Easterla '60** and his sister is **Lori (Easterla) Talbot '76**.

Bruce Montgomery passed away on Dec. 22, 2022. His nieces are **Amanda Weiler '10, Jeanette Weiler '10** and **Victoria Weiler '10**.

Joy Knudtson passed away on Dec. 28, 2022. Her daughter is **Kim Knudtson '16**.

Jack Boettcher passed away in January of 2023. He was a past member of the Marist Foundation.

Thomas Rodman Wood passed away on Jan. 5, 2023. His daughter is **Elizabeth Logan Wood '94**.

Ruth Rodgers passed away on Jan. 6, 2023. Her daughters are **Sheila (Rodgers) Clemans '63** and **Sharon (Rodgers) Harbert '67**. Her grandchildren include **Ryan Harbert '92, Kelly (Harbert) Goodsell '96, WC '99 & Katie (LeBrun) Harbert '00**, and **Josh Harbert '01**. Her great-grandchildren include **Treysn Harbert '21** and **Macoy Harbert '23**.

Arvilla Hume passed away on Jan. 13, 2023. Her children are **Pat Hume '64, Lawrence Hume '65, Mike Hume '70** and **Peggy (Hume) Farris '71**.

Richard Browning passed away on Jan. 14, 2023. His grandchildren include **Taylor Harwood '11, Sam Harwood '14, Matthew Harwood '15** and **Jacob Harwood '17**.

J. Jeffries McWhirter, PhD passed away on Jan. 20, 2023. His grandsons include **Jacob McWhirter '19** and **Jeffrey McWhirter '22**. Marist journalism teacher Toni Cooper is his cousin once removed.

Angela Lightcap passed away on Jan. 21, 2023. Her grandchildren include

Alexandra Thoreson '11 and **Seth Thoreson '15**.

Kevin Braunger passed away on Jan. 22, 2023. His grandchildren include **Ella Braunger '25** and **Jacoby Braunger '26**.

Mary Ann Moser passed away on Feb. 7, 2023. Her children are **Paula (Moser) Leroy '70, GERALYN (Moser) Annett '75, Beverly Moser '77, Daryl Moser '78, Alan Moser '82** and **Greg Moser '85**.

Keith Cheesman passed away on Feb. 10, 2023. His stepdaughters are **Elaine (Miller) Canaday '85** and **Colleen (Miller) Howley '86**.

Mavis Rogers passed away on Feb. 12, 2023. Her grandchildren include **Cole Rogers '15** and **Booy Rogers '17**.

David Roth passed away on Feb. 12, 2023. His grandson is **Ryan McDuffie '12**.

Gerald Hohman passed away on Feb. 15, 2023. His wife is **Sue (Conley) Hohman '61**. His children are **Audrey (Hohman) Duval '85, Janet (Hohman) Motter '86, Julie (Hohman) Roth '87** and **Gregg Hohman '90**. His granddaughters include **Jessica Roth '20** and **Kaitlin Roth '22**.

Mark McWhirter passed away on Feb. 18, 2023. His nephews are **Jacob McWhirter '19** and **Jeffrey McWhirter '22**. Marist journalism teacher Toni Cooper is his second cousin.

Victoria Manibusan passed away on Feb. 21, 2023. Her son is **John Manibusan '87**.

Suzanne Rennie passed away on Feb. 21, 2023. Her son is **Steve Rennie, '90**.

Closen Christian passed away on Feb. 26, 2023. His daughter is former Marist teacher Amber Patterson. His grandchildren are **Jonathan Christian '07, Jared Christian '09, Jordan Christian '12, Tyler Patterson '12, Josh Christian '15, Randy Patterson '15, Ellie Christian '21** and Jake Christian.

Neil Easterla passed away on Feb. 26, 2023. His wife is **Darlene (Kemp) Easterla '60**. His children include **Lori (Easterla) Talbot '76** and **Robert Easterla '80 †**.

Judge Edward Leavy passed away on March 12, 2023. Judge Leavy was a former Marist Foundation Board Member.

Janet Engles Kehoe passed away on April 1, 2023. Her husband is **Mike Kehoe '64**.

Joanne (Brown) Hoppe '55 passed away on April 7, 2023. Her siblings are **Mary Pat (Brown) Croak '47, Gerald Brown '49, Dorothy (Brown) Rochon '51, Betty (Brown) Pires '57, James Brown '59 †, Dan Brown '66, Kathleen (Brown) Powell '69, Patrick Brown '70** and **Marilyn (Brown) Dikeos '71**. Her children are **Mary (Hoppe) Mehaffey '73, Karen (Hoppe) Storment '74, David Hoppe '76** and **John Hoppe '80**. Her nieces and nephews include **Michael Brown '72, Susan (Robertson) Kelso '72, Sharon (Robertson) Baker '73, Steve Robertson '74, Colleen (Brown) Halbrook '75, Janet (Robertson) Craig '76, Julianne (Brown) Calicott '77, Molly Robertson '78 †, Timothy Brown '79, Katie (Robertson) Renken '81, Megan (Brown) Girod '83, Patrick Brown '03, Nicole Brown '08** and **Laura Brown '10**.

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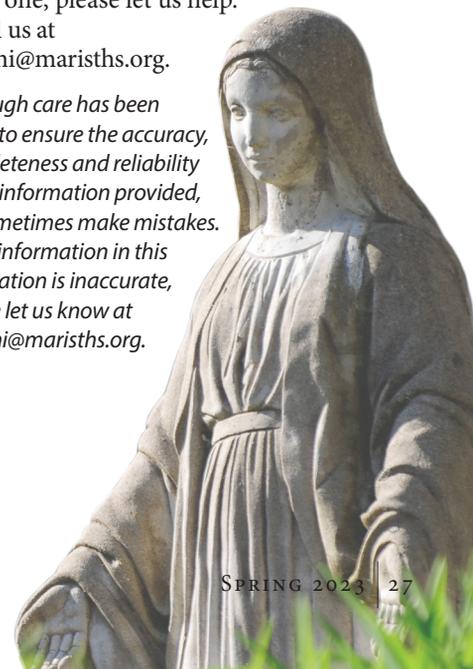
When announcing in the Fall 2022 issue that Fred “Dan” Blume passed away on June 30, 2022, we inadvertently omitted his daughter, Diana (Blume) Morris '78 in the description of his family. We apologize for the oversight.

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.

Although care has been taken to ensure the accuracy, completeness and reliability of the information provided, we sometimes make mistakes. If any information in this publication is inaccurate, please let us know at alumni@marisths.org.



take 5

Tate Rupp '15
answers five questions in five minutes

Few would be surprised to learn that Tate Rupp '15 has made his way back to Marist after being voted "Most Likely to Return as a Marist Teacher" his senior year. Tate takes five minutes to reflect on how Marist helped shape him into the person and officer that he is today.

Q Can you tell us about your journey from Marist to becoming a police officer?

After graduation, I went to college at St. Leo's in Florida, where I met the Benedictines and felt called to join them. There was always a joke in my family that I would either become a priest or a cop, so I decided to give my life over to God first and I lived as a monk for two and a half years. Eventually, I discerned away from the monastery and became a police officer. I love it! It's the best job in the world and it allows me to give back in ways I never thought possible. Transferring from Eugene Police Department and moving to Springfield PD is like coming home to the place where I grew up. I've known the command staff since I was a kid — and it's a good fit for my style of policing.

Q How has your education and background prepared you for your role as a police officer?

Marist really prepared me to see the people I encounter on the job as part of the human family, as my brothers and sisters because of the Father. I approach my work to hold citizens accountable to the law with compassion and a love of my faith. Rules can give some structure to our society, and there are consequences to our actions, but I think Jesus calls us to radical compassion for others on this journey of life. A field training officer once told me to treat everyone I encounter the way I'd want my grandmother to be treated, because everyone is somebody's family member. That really stuck with me.

Q Can you share a particularly memorable or impactful experience you've had while serving as a police officer?

In January of 2022, I responded to the WOW Hall shooting and one of the injured was a Marist classmate of mine who left after freshman year. Sometimes the people I serve are people I know — people who are deeply connected to me. Crime is the same everywhere, but when it happens in your hometown it can be traumatic because it's the people and the place that you love.

Q What advice would you offer to students who are considering a career in law enforcement or criminal justice?

Study writing. A big part of my job is writing reports and I constantly have to summarize in-depth, complicated situations in two pages or less. It is really important to be succinct and descriptive and to use proper grammar. Outside of that, we can teach anyone to shoot, drive, defend themselves or run an investigation — but you can't teach integrity. Having a strong moral code is the most important quality.

Q What brings you back to Marist and what does "We Are One" mean to you?

I had such a great experience at Marist and it's always been a part of my life. My cousins, my mom and my aunts all went here, and I love being able to give back to the school that set me up for success. I recently had the opportunity to speak to a government class about police work and our rights as citizens. I also come back for retreats. For the last couple of years, I've been helping out with the Sophomore Boys Retreat that I moderate and I go on a Metanoia or Formation Retreat when I can. I love the relationships that I've been able to form with juniors and seniors, getting them ready to run retreats and seeing them get excited about wanting to serve. It's all super fun. To me, "We Are One" means that everyone is welcome here. You belong here. You are loved. We are many parts, but one body, all with different functions and everyone has a place.



Tate Rupp '15 and Marist history teacher Alice Meyer pose for a photo after Rupp's visit to her government classes. Photo courtesy of Alice Meyer

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JUNE

- 9 Last Day of Classes
- 9 Baccalaureate Mass
- 10 Graduation

AUGUST

- 14 Fall Sports Begin

SEPTEMBER

- 5 First Day of School
- 5 Freshman Orientation
- 15 Mass of the Holy Spirit - 10:30 a.m.
- 16-18 Formation Retreat
- 30 Freshman Lock-In

OCTOBER

- 13 Homecoming Football Game - 7 p.m.
- 20 Athletic Hall of Fame - 5 p.m.
- 21-23 Fall Encounter

NOVEMBER

- 1 All Saints Day Mass - 10:30 a.m.
- 4 Preview Marist