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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings to all of the Marist Community!

40 years ago, this community had a vision—build a strong Catholic college prep high school available to a projected student body (with room for growth) of between 450 and 600 students. It would be a mid-sized school that could offer a “close-knit community” feel with a variety of challenging classes that prepare students for their future work and for their continuing personal and spiritual growth.

Is the vision complete and God’s work done? Of course not. His answer, I’m confident, is, “No, Marist. I have another 40 years worth of students who are in need of your hard work, guidance and inspiration.” And, I think He’s gently saying, “Marist, get to work!”

And what is that work we have to do? We’re listening to you, our community, over the next few months and revisiting our Mission and Strategic Plan. We’re looking at the issues of: 1) maintaining accessibility for all qualified and committed students who strongly desire the quality experience Marist offers; 2) providing fair compensation to maintain a first rate staff; and 3) budgeting to maintain and improve our school facilities for years to come.

Most importantly, the true foundation for all of this is our commitment to our faith, both for our students and for our staff. We no longer have the Marist Brothers and Holy Names Sisters as firsthand guides. But our faith is built on the strength of faith-shaping by its lay members, as well as its priests and religious. From parents to teachers, from staff to administration—we need to nurture, feed and guide our lay vocation of educating our young people so that they can move into the world ready to love and serve each other and our God.

This magazine is the “new look and story” of our pledge to uphold that original vision. You will

see throughout these pages our commitment to both preserving the traditions of Marist, as well as building an even greater school. Not just the news and campus happenings and alumni notes, but the amazing and unique “heart” and values of Marist, will be our focus. We will highlight its current students, staff, and programs, as well as its alums, who have carried that “heart” into the world in an amazing tapestry of achievement, service and care. We hope it honors all you have done and is a source of genuine pride, renewal and inspiration.

On behalf of the staff of Marist High School, the Marist School Board, the Board of Directors of the Marist Foundation, and, most importantly, the students, I want to say how deeply thankful we are for your prayers, hard work and support of Marist. We are committed to continuing the Marist legacy and look forward to working with you for the benefit of young men and women who will grow, study, pray, and play here for the next 40 years.

Sincerely,

Jay Conroy
Principal



IN OUR NEXT ISSUE...

Look for updates on what is happening around campus. With so much going on, we hope to be your window into daily life at Marist.



Principal Jay Conroy and Student Body President Chris Daniel receive the Oregonian Cup on behalf of the student body for excellence in OSAA activities, sportsmanship, and academics.



Freshman Taylor Kirkpatrick takes part in some opening games at one of the many retreats happening this year at Marist.



Looking to the skies, seniors Kendall Silva and Dorothy Olszyk stargaze during a late night astronomy activity.

COVER | *Marist chaplain, Fr. David Cullings, gives freshman Nicholas Markopoulis a blessing during the Freshman Class Mass in mid-October.*

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Pride in the Past Faith in the Future

Just last year, on November 18, 2008, Marist celebrated its 40th birthday. Hundreds from the Marist community joined Archbishop Vlazny, former and current staff, alumni, and parents to celebrate over two generations of Marist success. The event celebrated the achievements of all who have helped over 5600 Marist graduates, graduates now working and serving in a variety of settings all over the world, all living proof of what Marist can do as a place of faith, academics, and service.

To the newly formed Marist Catholic High School Board of Directors, the challenge before them late last year was both humbling and inspiring. "What can we do to manage this place to ensure that there are forty more years?"

The new Board was formed as a result of the order of the bankruptcy court that settled the operations

and holdings of the Archdiocese of Portland. Marist, like other Archdiocesan high schools, became an independent corporation in August, 2008, with the Archbishop as the sole shareholder. General oversight of the educational mission of the school has been granted to a 13 member Board, appointed by the Archbishop.

"During our first year, as a new board, we dealt with 'spot fires' on a number of issues. We were under no illusions that the path of Marist would be easy. But we still believed this is a great place," stated Chris Cardani, the first and current chairman of the

School Board President Chris Cardani addresses the crowd at our first annual Appreciation Reception.



Standing together with Marist School Board members, Marist Foundation Board members, Principal Jay Conroy, and Bishop Steiner at our first annual Appreciation Reception, Marist Foundation Board President Brad Copeland introduces himself to the Marist community.

Marist School Board.

The new board, a group of highly respected community members, includes professionals in fields representing law, banking business, clergy, and the fundamental vocation of parenthood. Many of the board members are both current and former Marist parents who serve their 3 year terms out of an obvious deep love of Marist. Their task is "to fly at 30,000 feet", providing prudent judgment and guidance in overseeing the administration and direction of the school. Cardani listed hiring Jay Conroy, "a true leader", as principal as a key accomplishment.

Under Conroy's leadership, the new administration has worked over the last 18 months to manage costs and establish a commitment to balanced budgets. The downturn in the economy, felt even more dramatically in the Lane County area, has seriously affected the ability of many Marist families to

pay tuition. It has also hampered the Marist Foundation's ability to provide additional tuition assistance through its annual scholarship program. Fortunately, several generous community donors stepped forward and created "Angel funds" to provide needed tuition relief, enabling the school to finish the '08-09 year within 1% of its projected income. For the '09-10 current year, the board approved a budget with only a small wage increase of 3% to Marist staff (with no customary step increase for experience) and increased tuition assistance by more than 50% in response to our families' increased financial strains.

Despite this initial accomplishment, the board and administration realized that for the school to move from the ranks of "surviving" to "thriving" Catholic high schools, Marist needed to commit to substantial growth in resources beyond tuition funds. According to Cardani,

"A primary focus of the last 18 months was to launch a new development effort and a new development office under the direction of the school. This required a joint effort with the Marist Foundation and a healing of what could sometimes be an adversarial and distrustful relationship between the school and the foundation."

Historically, the Marist Foundation served as the primary "outside" fund raiser for Marist, providing 4-5% of the overall budget. The work of the foundation supplemented tuition income and the minor revenue generated from sporting events and parent fund raisers. The Marist Foundation relied on the Marist Annual Appeal, the Marist Auction, and scholarship donations to generate support, but many close to the school realized these efforts were not keeping up with the needs of the school.

"Our Foundation balance is currently \$1.6 million after 40 years"

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stated Brad Copeland, current Marist Foundation President, at our first annual Appreciation Reception. “it should be significantly larger.”

Realizing the need for greater current donations and endowment growth, the foundation and school worked over a year to produce a new structure to grow resources. This meant shifting many of the fund raisers and their associated tasks to the school, where they could be more efficiently and effectively managed. It also meant finding a way to promote long term endowment growth while keeping administrative costs low. Board members studied successful models, including O'Hara and St. Paul elementary schools in Eugene, as well as Bishop Kelly High School (Boise) and Central Catholic High School (Portland). Those "thriving" programs were receiving as much as 23-25% of their budgets through strong, effective development programs run through their schools, in stark contrast to the 4-5% figure that Marist efforts had generated during recent years.

Marist hired its first Development Director, Tom Simon,

in April, 2009. Selected from among a number of excellent candidates, Simon brings a proven record of development success from his work in a Catholic school district (1 high school and 4 feeder elementary schools) in Appleton, Wisconsin. Simon's office, under the terms of a "Memorandum of Understanding" between the school and the foundation, will provide coordination of fund raising efforts while keeping long term scholarship funds held by the foundation safe from any possible claims against the school. The memorandum is now the working basis for the raising of funds to manage current needs and for promoting long-term endowment growth. It establishes the Marist Development Office as the first point of contact with donors and provides guidelines for where donations will be directed. All sides to the new agreement believe that the Memorandum is in place to ensure that Marist not only survives, but thrives in the years to come.

On September 23, at what is to be billed as the first of an annual celebration and "state of the school" address, our Appreciation Reception,

representatives of both the foundation and school boards helped over 175 attendees focus on the truly significant meaning of the occasion. Copeland, speaking for the Foundation Board and as the parent of a Marist graduate, stopped in the middle of his remarks to mention the sounds, common at Marist, of kids practicing that very evening on the Marist playing fields behind the school. “We have to remember who this is for,” he remarked, visibly emotional. “This is for the kids. We must make the effort to ensure that there are the resources for them and for Marist. For me, all this work was so that we could ensure that the school continues. This is your school. It is up for all of you to decide what to do with it.”

Where does Marist go from here? What will Marist do with a school that is now truly owned by the Marist community? As the keynote speaker at the Appreciation Reception, Principal Jay Conroy reaffirmed the fundamentals Marist has followed from its beginnings. “This community had a vision—a strong Catholic college prep high school — between

450 to 700 students. It was to be a school that could offer a close-knit community, and a variety of challenging opportunities in class and in activities that prepare students for “next steps”, both in their work world and in their walk of personal and spiritual growth.”

Conroy noted that we have four clear immediate challenges for the school— 1) we need to grow the opportunity for any qualified student, no matter what their financial status, to attend Marist; 2) we need to provide teachers and staff with fair compensation (teachers are paid less than 80% of the regional average); 3) we need to maintain and improve our facilities and, 4) most importantly, we need to work tirelessly to maintain and grow our commitment to our faith in all we do.

“We are looking longer” pledged School Board Chair, Chris Cardani, at a recent follow-up staff and community

strategic planning meeting. “We are creating budgeting that is transparent and real. We must be good stewards to warrant the investment of our supporters.”

For Conroy, the reason for all of this work to restructure and guide Marist, the real driving force behind it all, is our faith. “We no longer have the Marist Brothers and Holy Names Sisters as firsthand guides,” he reminded those attending the reception. “Today, we must rely on the work and faith of our parents, our teachers, our staff and our administration. With the prayers and support of our community, we need to nurture, feed and guide our “vocation” to educate our young people so that they can move into the world ready to love and serve each other and our God.”

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OUR NEW LOOK!

from the SPARTAN SHIELD to the MARIST: WE ARE ONE magazine

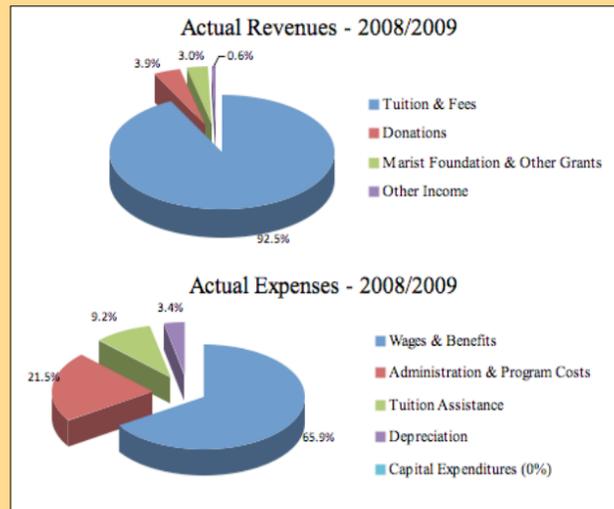
Spartan Shield becomes Marist: We Are One for the following reasons:

- The Marist development effort is now run through the school with the Marist Development Office in the main administration building. This new location allows us access to the talents and expertise of staff, students and parents who were previously supported by, but not part of, the Marist Foundation. *Marist: We Are One* has an expanded format that allows us to showcase these talents.
- Modern technology, especially web printing, means that it now costs less to run *Marist: We Are One* as a color magazine than *Spartan Shield* under its old format.
- The *Marist: We Are One* reflects a changing world that is more visual, more technological, and more polished. We hope this look is something you will take pride in. We believe it is the reflection of a truly excellent, dynamic school.
- The Marist Brothers and the Holy Names Sisters would still recognize Marist as a place of faith, academic excellence and service to our community. Those things will never change and we will profile those traits in the pages of *Marist: We Are One* again and again. Thank you for allowing us to use these pages to tell the story of Marist. It is the story you are all part of. In this, “We are one.”

Give us your feedback! For comments, suggestions and article ideas for *Marist, We Are One*, please contact the Development Office at 681-5470 or maristdevelopment@marisths.org.

Our Financial Picture

Actual Results for the 2008-2009 School Year

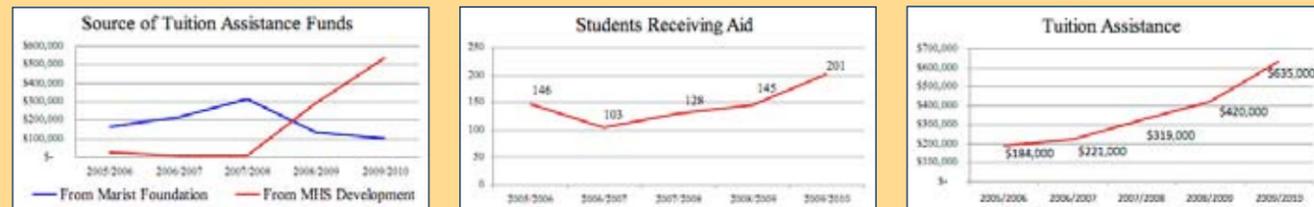


Income

Currently, Marist's tuition rate ranks 8th lowest out of the 9 private Catholic high schools in Oregon. Income from sources other than tuition/tuition assistance has historically represented only 4 to 5% of total income at Marist. This is significantly less than the 20 to 23% that strong Catholic high schools are aiming to achieve through their Development programs.

Tuition Assistance

Tuition assistance (formally known as scholarships) increased this year to help families severely impacted by the economic downturn. Total tuition assistance grew from \$420,000 in 08/09 to approximately \$635,000 for the 09/10 school year - an increase of over 50%. We were able to maintain enrollment at 493 students¹, holding steady with the same period last year.



Facilities Depreciation

Like many non-profit organizations, our operations do not provide sufficient funds to finance the replacement of our facilities. Net assets, consequently, continue to decrease as our buildings age. We intend to address this issue by:

- allowing for capital improvements in future budgets when we are not in the midst of a recession.
- reviewing the need for and viability of a major capital development campaign in the next few years.

Independent Review

The Foundation Board of Directors, our Business Manager, Reba McClary, and our Principal, Jay Conroy, are reviewing the proposals submitted by three highly respected Eugene accounting firms to conduct annual independent reviews of our financial statements starting with the year ended June 30, 2010. Final selection is slated for the November School Board meeting.

¹Enrollment data as of September 30, 2009

Chance meeting in a San Francisco coffee shop affirms Marist's mission.

At our annual Staff Retreat at St. Benedict's this year, we focused on life's way – really God's way – of giving us knowledge and experience that causes us to expand ourselves into something more than we once thought we were. To me this means that... because of the depth of an experience, I am made new, and my life must be enlarged in order to express my new knowledge, experience, and sense of self. At the retreat, we shared some stories of students whose lives exemplified this kind of growing. This is one such story.

This last summer I had the good fortune to attend three weeks of classes in Catholic Educational Leadership at the University of San Francisco. As a person who appreciates being grounded in sound ritual, I quickly established the beginning to each of my days in the form of a walk to a local Coffee Shop called "Coffee to the People." This shop was located, of course, in the Haight Ashbury District, not too far from the university. Since my days were filled from start to finish, my daily walk had me arriving at the coffee shop at about 6:10 each morning, ready to order my 20 oz. half-caf latte and pastry of the day. On about the third morning, I noticed a man enter the shop wearing black biker gear, helmet in hand. He got in line behind me – actually he and I created a line since there were now two of us in the shop. I happened to be wearing my Marist pullover at the time, with the Marist logo on the breast. Apparently he noticed the logo and asked "That wouldn't happen to be Marist Eugene, would it?" In surprise, I answered, "Well, yes, as a matter of fact it is – how did you know?" "Because I graduated from there in 1984!"

That was the first day of what became part of my newly revised daily ritual, now including 5 minute conversations each morning with Dan Swangard, Marist Class of 1984. Since I started at Marist in 1988, we found that we knew some of the same people who worked at Marist, even a few who are still at Marist. And I learned much of his story via these 5-minute sound bites over the course of the next three weeks, especially his appreciation for what Marist meant to him and the difference it made at an important time in his life. Our talks were so enjoyable that after about



two weeks he invited me to his home for dinner, in part because he wanted to share just how Marist had mattered to him. He told me that he had attended a public middle school in Eugene where he felt lost and without a clear sense of himself, his place, and his value. He could not have predicted at that time what kind of person he would be in high school, whether he would leave any kind of a mark, or what his adult life might bring.

When he was nearing the end of middle school, family friends suggested that they consider sending Dan to Marist. So Dan's parents put the question to him. He recalled for me that he didn't know why he said yes – he didn't really have any good reason to say yes, but he did. And that made all the difference. He found that the Marist Brothers and the other staff members took him in as one of the family. Their care helped him to discover his own sense of himself, and his value to others. He found a place that mattered to him, and to which he mattered. Through its acceptance and support, Marist gave him the ability to move forward with new confidence and conviction, excelling at school, becoming an important presence on the football team, and even becoming student body president as a senior. All this after such a doubtful and inauspicious beginning.

At our retreat's end, we recalled that we are all here at Marist for a reason – that God has called us to be here. Perhaps Dan too was called, albeit in a way that he couldn't really explain. He certainly still remembers his Marist time with great affection and appreciation, and the ways in which it expanded his life to express his new sense of self.

By the way, Dan is now a successful anesthesiologist, working for a hospital system in San Francisco...and, as far as I know, still frequenting "Coffee to the People" at 6:10 every morning on his way to make a difference for people who need his talent and care.

Campus Ministry Director Rick Martin continues to enjoy both coffee and Catholicism. He has been with the Marist Campus Ministry Department since 1988. He is the father of two Marist graduates.



Dignity, Grace, and



English teacher and head baseball coach, Bill Ferrari, published the following article in the Eugene Register Guard on June 4, 2009. Bill has been an English teacher at Marist for ten years and head coach for three. His wife, Julie, also teaches at Marist, and both of their children are current students. We reprint Bill's essay here to share with our Marist Community. Kayla Braud is now a freshman at University of Alabama, playing softball and majoring in Communications.

On May 15, 1941 New York Yankee outfielder Joe DiMaggio began an odyssey that would end with a hallowed 56 game hitting streak—the centerpiece of a legendary career transcending baseball and immortalizing DiMaggio.

On June 7, 2009 Marist High School infielder Kayla Braud concludes a prep career with her graduation—in short, a day after she will attempt to defend her team's state championship successfully and extend her own hitting streak to 103 games.

Joe DiMaggio would admire Kayla Braud, and the state of Oregon should celebrate her. DiMaggio would appreciate that Kayla, like DiMaggio himself, has shattered the previous record (46) while putting her own out of reach. The closest anyone has come to DiMaggio in the past 68 years is Pete Rose in 1978 at 44 games, and for anyone to catch Kayla, the young lady will have to hit in more than 25 games in each of her freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior seasons. Consecutively. And unlikely.

DiMaggio would respect that Kayla, too, is recognized and feared as her team's most dangerous hitter and that no opposing pitcher takes her lightly.



Kayla may get the best her opponent has to offer, but often Kayla sees far more balls than strikes—better to walk her than have her hit one off or over the fence—when the pitcher's best won't be good enough. And still Kayla hits, just like DiMaggio.

DiMaggio was once asked by a teammate of lesser stature why DiMaggio played so hard in the dog day games of August against inferior ball clubs with yet another Yankee pennant all but secured. DiMaggio responded by acknowledging that there may be someone in the stands who had never seen him play, and this is a philosophy practiced by Kayla, though not simply on the diamond. Kayla Braud comes to play every day at Marist in her classrooms, in her hallways, and on her fields.

As a society, far more often than not we embrace the ideal of the student-athlete. Locally, our community nourishes the University of Oregon athletic department economically and emotionally, and in some cases, spiritually. We stand shoulder to shoulder in the Moshofsky Center rejoicing in a parade of Ducks on September Saturdays; we renounce the drug abuse of A-Roid and the Rocket, but we'll sit in rain and hail in PK Park welcoming the return of baseball. And Steve Prefontaine remains the iconic image of what Track Town has the capacity to achieve.

And yes, we may sometimes overemphasize the athlete in student-athlete, but that is not to say that the student is ignored. The Oregon School Activities Association Mission Statement establishes that the OSAA is dedicated to “enrich[ing] the educational experiences of high school students...while enhancing the achievement of educational goals.” And it is from this perspective where Kayla emerges as a student-athlete of

Elegance Personified

extraordinary measure.

Seen through the window of her high school career Kayla is a reminder of what our kids are capable of accomplishing. Kayla is a wonderful student, one who comes to class on daily basis seeking knowledge and understanding. She reads and thinks with a critical eye and she challenges her teachers to better educate her. A member of the National Honor Society, Kayla elevates her classes with her genuine insight and through her attention to her peers.

Kayla is also a member of the Marist retreat team, a position offered to those students who have demonstrated a consistent integrity and desire to serve others. A high profile athlete since early in her freshman year, how refreshing that Kayla is regarded as a role model on the Marist campus more

for her willingness to contribute her time and energy toward creating a positive and fulfilling high school experience for her peers than for her ability to lash triples and turn double-plays.

Make no mistake, Kayla is an elite athlete heading to a powerhouse program at the University of Alabama because Kayla is a young woman of great talent who possesses a work ethic that values sacrifice, discipline, and effort. But these are the very qualities that define Kayla off of the field and demand that her community—whether it be Marist, Eugene, Lane County, or Oregon—stand and applaud Kayla for what her own immortal record actually represents.

Joe DiMaggio's brother Dominic wrote Joe's epitaph: “Dignity, Grace, Elegance personified.” A fitting description, also, of Kayla Braud the student and Kayla Braud the athlete.



Braud gets a hit in her 103rd straight game to help the Spartans defeat the Henley Hornets 1-0 for a second consecutive State Championship title.

CLASS NOTES

1944

Lousie (Kokkeler) Dwyer & husband D.D. (Pinky) celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on June 19, 2009, with a reception at the Knights of Columbus Hall. They are the parents of Michael '72 & Patty '71.

1957

Caroline (Hecker) Haniuk & husband Walt celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married July 18, 1959, in Springfield.

1982

Steve Luby '82 is the head coach for the Harrisburg Eagles baseball team. His father, Dan, is the assistant coach & son, Tyler, plays for the team. Dan played for the Drain Black Sox team that won the National Baseball Congress championship for semi-pro teams in 1958. Dan is a past Foundation Board member. Dan's father, Hugh, played professional baseball & managed the Eugene Emeralds for four years.

1987 & 1988

David Kony'n '87 & Leticia (Kony'n '88) Ficek were featured in an article in the August 9, 2009, Register-Guard on dairy farmers. The article was regarding the struggle to survive amid the drop in milk prices that is crippling the industry.

1990

Julia (Stock) Sarreal attended Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania. Between her sophomore & junior years, she volunteered for the Salvation Army in Mexico City. After graduating with a Bachelor's degree in economics, she worked in New York as a business valuation analyst for Price Waterhouse for two years. From 1998 to 2000, Julia and her husband worked for the Peace Corps in rural Paraguay. In 2004-05, she received a Fulbright-Hayes dissertation research grant to conduct archival research in Buenos Aires, Argentina. On June 2, 2009 Julia received her doctorate degree in History from

Harvard University, and she has accepted an assistant professorship in Latin American history at the New College of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences at Arizona State University.

1994

Annie (Clemens) Posen & her husband, Mark, celebrated the birth of their son, Charles Glen Posen, on June 22, 2009.

1998

Julie Wells was one of 10 players who advanced out of a U.S. Women's Open local qualifier at the OGA Golf Course.

1999

Joy Yuan & Nicholas Strasser were married June 6, 2009, at Central Presbyterian Church. They will live in Rochester, MN where she is an operating room nurse at the Mayo Clinic.

Mandi (Butler) Craner has joined the brokerage firm of Hybrid Real Estate. She holds a degree in construction engineering management from OSU.

2000

Casey Evans graduated August 15, 2009 from Oregon Health & Science University with a Masters Degree in Physician Assistant Studies. Casey was the class president & was bestowed the Academic Achievement Award for her class at the graduation ceremony. She was married to Cody Carlson on August 29, 2009 at Belle Victorian Gardens in Deer Park, WA. They will live in Medford, OR. Casey is employed as a PA-C at Southern Oregon Orthopedics & Cody is a Senior Project Manager for Garco Building Systems.

Nate Baker is currently a Global Process Manager with Contract Administration at Symantec Corporation in Springfield.

Alexandra (Edmondson) Westover & husband Tony welcomed their second child, Charles Edmond Westover on May 31, 2009. Big sister Gwyneth turned 2 in May & loves her new baby brother!

2001

Jill Brock graduated from Lane Community College with an Associate's Degree in Nursing. She will be working at Peacehealth after taking her boards & will continue her education to obtain a Bachelor's in Nursing through OHSU.

Christine (Edmondson) Manning & her husband, Zack, welcomed their 2nd child, Zoe Elizabeth Manning on December 21, 2008. Big brother Luke turned 2 in July.

2005

Mike McCormick was promoted to the Charlotte Stone Crabs, an advanced Single-A affiliate of the Tampa Bay Rays baseball team.

2009

Connor Gemmell was given the highest award of Eagle Scout from the Eagle Court of Honor on June 15th in Springfield. His service project involved building a free-standing shelter over a sandbox in a playground area used by homeless children at First Place Family Center.

Dawn Piebenga recently was awarded fourth place in the portrait category of the 2009 Josten Photo Contest. She was among the 115 winners selected from more than 8000 contest entries.

Matt DeBellis was chosen as one of seven outstanding high school seniors by the Emerald Empire Kiwanis Club for his significant contributions & achievements during his high school career.

Andrew Mosier has earned his Eagle Scout rank. He was honored in an Eagle Court of Honor at Wesley United Methodist Church on August 16, 2009.

Why aren't you on these pages? You are part of the Marist Community! Please send us your updates: graduations, jobs, wedding and birth announcements to be printed in upcoming issues. We are especially looking for more pictures! To be added, contact maristdevelopment@marisths.org or send hard copy to: 1900 Kingsley Road Eugene, OR 97401

MARIST COMMUNITY

Jerry & Sue Laing celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 19, 2009. They are the parents of Brent Laing (wife-Michelle Gonyea '85), and the grandparents of Ashley & Meredith (MHS).

Dan Nau received two awards at a recent convention of the Oregon Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He received the Tony Konen Memorial Award for outstanding service to the insurance industry, community & the association, & the Senior Agent of the Year award. Dan & Nancy are the parents of Craig '83 & Michael '80.

Monica Wilton is the new director of development for Catholic Community Services of Lane County, Inc. Monica & Michael are the parents of David '00, Stephanie '03 & Sean (MHS).

Joe & Lee Bando celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family & friends at their home on May 23, 2009. They are the parents of Joseph '79 & Mark '82.

BLUE AND GOLD HALL OF FAME

The "Alumni & Friends Board" is requesting your nominations for the Blue & Gold Hall of Fame. The purpose of the Blue & Gold is to recognize past graduates of St. Mary, St. Francis or Marist High School. Consideration is based upon community service, professional achievements, heroic acts, humanitarian efforts, as well as parish and school involvement among other factors. Nominees are screened & voted on by the Alumni & Friends Board. Please contact Ellen Brown at the Foundation office (541-686-0251) or e-mail her at: ebrown@maristfoundation.org with information concerning a past graduate you think should be recognized.

REUNIONS

Class of 1960 – 50 Year Reunion – Anyone interested in a reunion and/or helping to organize one in the summer or fall of 2010, please contact Pat Casey Cox at 805-964-6322 or e-mail: plccox@cox.net; or contact Linda Roche Gates at 541-997-7711 or e-mail: grammyldg@yahoo.com

Class of 1999 This July the Class of 1999 celebrated our 10 year reunion which turned out to be a great success. Alumni living throughout the country attended and we were fortunate enough to have classmates now living as far as Costa Rica and Japan join us in the celebration. The weekend started with a barbecue at the Em's game on Friday followed up by drinks at The Cooler. On Saturday the class enjoyed an evening at the LaVelle Vineyards Club Room in the 5th Street Market.

The class was thrilled to catch up with old friends and even saw a few of our favorite teachers – Shari Pimental and Lisa Moran (Mannlein) – who surprised the group at the Club Room. As the night went on, the Senior Class Council handed out special awards to the teachers and a few classmates. The awards came in the form of the famous Burger King crowns, a Spartan tradition that the Class of '99 started during our Freshman year at Marist. We received one final surprise when our high school principal, Father Vincent Lopez, stopped by to share a few encouraging words and wish us well. After a wonderful night of catching up and reminiscing, the group headed downtown to Davis to end the night with dancing.

We would like to thank everyone for attending and making the reunion such a memorable weekend.

-Seema Makyadath



Class of 1961 The Class of 1961 had their 48th Class Reunion at the Sunriver home of Don & Kay Carson on August 1, 2009.



Class of 1949 Jack Adair spearheaded the Alumni Reunion for the Class of 1949. Attending classmates were: Jack Adain, Milton Belousek, Gerald Brown, James Downing, Dolly (Dorothy) Gustafson, Pat Haas, Elizabeth Harris, Kathryn Lytle, Constance Metzler, Maureen Proulx, Joyce Rooney, Robert Schaefer, Jack Shaw, Robert Stevens, Sr. Mary Ann Toback & Norman Weitzel. They had one of the larger turnouts for a 60th Class Reunion. Out of the 44 graduating members, 18 are deceased, 6 could not attend, 3 were "unknown" & 17 attended both the Saturday night social event at the Vet's Club & the Marist Alumni & Friends BBQ. They enjoyed the BBQ so much that they are considering another reunion in 3 years involving the BBQ!



Class of 1999

IN MEMORIAM

Shelton Sturgeon – father of Shelly (Sturgeon’80) Raetz died on April 7, 2009, of heart failure at the age of 88.

Lois Auld – mother of Susan (Auld’68) Petty, Tom ‘84 & parent Mike Auld; grandmother of Christopher & Daniel Auld’09, died on July 7, 2009, of age-related causes at age 84.

Robert Brooke – father of parent Rob & Georgene (Palanuk’70) Brooke; grandfather of Robert’00 & Travis’02, died on July 4, 2009, of a stroke at age 90.

Mary Comeford – mother of parent Catherine; grandmother of Jocelyn Vodnik’00, died on June 28, 2009, of age-related causes at age 83.

Timothy Deeks – brother of Annette (& Joe Conklin’81), died on June 27, 2009, of cardiac complications at age 57.

Rose Breeden Eidson’37 – mother of Maryclare’65, Kathy (Eidson’68) Hall, Laurie (Eidson’70) Turner, Gloria Eidson’73 & Terry (Eidson’74) Hall; sister of Annie Laurie (Breeden’43) Haley, Patty (Breeden’46) Furrer & John Breeden’50; aunt of Don Breeden’74 & Renae (Breeden’71) Joseph, died on July 11, 2009, of a heart attack at age 91.

Nicholas Gerety – husband of parent Mary Ann; father of David’72, Susan (Gerety’73) Stewart, Monica (Gerety’76) Meyer, Doreen (Gerety’77) Fraser & Alana (Gerety’79) Fleming, (son Nick’71 dcd.), died on June 30, 2009, of prostate cancer at age 87.

Wesley Goodrich – father of Kathy (Goodrich’60) (& Robert’49) Stevens, died on July 19, 2009, of age-related causes at age 93.

Luella Bertsch – mother of Wendy (Bertsch’84) Turcotte, died on July 25, 2009, of cancer at age 69.

Julianne (Brown’77) Calicott – daughter of Jerry’49 & Patty Brown; sister of Megan (Brown’83) Girod, Timothy Brown’79, Colleen (Brown’75) Halbrook, Michael Brown’72, (brother Mark’82 dcd), died on August 18, 2009, of ovarian cancer at age 50.

Mac Cauthorn – father of Michael’78, died on August 17, 2009, of age-related causes at age 93.

Ross Frye – father of Wayne’87 & Roxanne (Frye’89) Holtz, died on July 23, 2009, of complications of Alzheimer’s disease at age 67.

Ginny McCluskey – mother of parent Bob & Dede; grandmother of Amanda’98, died on July 25, 2009, of age-related causes at age 80.

Marie O’Connell – mother of parent Mary & Brian Genovese; grandmother of Nicholas Genovese’09 & Meg (MHS), died on August 7, 2009 of age-related causes at age 87.

Joan Kulick Payne’63 – daughter of (Grace (Gallagher’36) Kulick dcd.); wife of parent Dan; mother of Dawn (Payne’88) Greger, died on August 18, 2009, at the age of 64.

Eleanor Latterell – mother of Ruth Anne (Latterell’70) & Roger’73) Vu, died on June 13, 2009, of respiratory failure at age 83.

Chester Leatherwood – father of Jeannie (Leatherwood’67) Groesz, Pat (Leatherwood’70) Lussie & Paul’71, (son-Tom’65 dcd.), died on May 5, 2009, of age-related causes at age 97.

Susan Poston – mother of parent Laura (& Ken’86) Hubbard; grandmother of Kyle (MHS), died on June 2, 2009, of multiple myeloma at age 62.

Nora (Murray) Sweeney’53 – wife of John; sister of John Murray’50 & Rosalee Murray’51, died on May 18, 2009, of cancer at age 73.

Mildred Wolf – mother of Joyce (Wolf’55) Jenkins & Clara (Wolf’57) Barnes, died on June 14, 2009, of age-related causes at age 96.

Elmer Zenger – father of Julie’82, died on June 2, 2009, of age-related causes at age 84.

Gladys Edmiston – sister of Viola Brandt’44, Ted’47 (& Arlyn (Erickson’50) Brandt, Frank Brandt’50, George Brandt’54 & Lawrence Brandt’55, died on June 9, 2009, of age-related causes at age 91.

James Sumner – husband of Elizabeth, father of Kristine (Sumner) Emerson, Michael’91, Marybeth Sumner, & Jennifer Sumner, died on July 26, 2009.

Delores Tallman – mother of Lynda Macke (& Jerry Macke’66); grandmother of Kip’91, Meghan (Macke’94) Johnson, Joe’96, & Alex’03, passed away on March 27, 2009, due to congestive heart failure.

Karen Lee McAllister – wife of Bob’63, died on September 17, 2009, after a valiant battle against amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), at age 62.

Anton Weber – husband of Mary (Jacobs’53) Weber; father of Paul’74, Anton’80, Mary Ann’83, Luchia Weber Rudy; grandfather of Nicole’03, Amanda’06, Anthony’07 & Tachina (MHS), died on July 4, 2009, of complications from cancer at age 77.

Elizabeth Hecker – mother of Mary Jane (Hecker’61) Hilsendager & Darlene (Hecker’64) Jacobucci, died on July 21, 2009, of complications of a stroke at age 87.

LEAVING A LEGACY : BUILDING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT 40 YEARS

The Marist Foundation manages over \$1.6 million in scholarship funds to support Marist financial aid. A scholarship fund is a unique way to honor a friend, family member or classmate. Funds are formed by:

- **Contacting the Marist Development Office.**
- **Discussing the purpose and design of a scholarship fund.**
- **Making a gift of \$10,000 or working with a group to raise \$10,000 or more for endowment.**

In the yellow box below is a list of the current scholarships awarded each year to students grateful for the opportunity to attend Marist Catholic High School.

Leave a legacy and keep our school open to all.

<i>ANNE GREIG MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>	<i>JUDGE EDWARD LEAVY Scholarship</i>
<i>BILL & DELORES TREMAINE MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>	<i>KEVIN GALLAGHER MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>
<i>BILL RICHARDS Scholarship</i>	<i>L.L. "STUB" STEWART Scholarship</i>
<i>BOB JEREMIAH Scholarship</i>	<i>L.V. "BUD" & ROSE MACKE FAMILY Scholarship</i>
<i>BROTHER PATRICK MAGEE Scholarship</i>	<i>LORETTA YOUNG Scholarship</i>
<i>DAVID & SANDRA SHEPARD Scholarship</i>	<i>LUCY DUFFY Scholarship</i>
<i>DIANE ANDERSEN MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>	<i>MARIST BROTHERS Scholarship</i>
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<i>ED HUMMEL Scholarship</i>	<i>MARK C. STORMS Scholarship</i>
<i>FATHER VINCENT LOPEZ FAMILY Scholarship for the Creative Arts</i>	<i>MICHAEL J. DWYER MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>
<i>FRAN & DALE COOLEY Scholarship</i>	<i>MICHAEL KIRKISH Scholarship</i>
<i>FRED & DONNA GENT FAMILY Scholarship</i>	<i>MIKE LEWIS MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>
<i>FREDA KIRKISH Scholarship</i>	<i>MONSIGNOR EDMUND MURNANE Scholarship</i>
<i>HENRY HANSON Scholarship</i>	<i>PALS / MBA Scholarship</i>
<i>HOWARD SCHOLZ MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>	<i>RICHARD C. WILLIAMS & STAN HOWARD Scholarship</i>
<i>JACK STARR MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>	<i>SISTER JOHN BACKENSTOS Scholarship</i>
<i>JAMES ARP MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>	<i>STAN & NAOMA DUYCK FAMILY Scholarship</i>
<i>JERRY HOLVEY Scholarship</i>	<i>STAN HOWARD Scholarship</i>
<i>JOAN KREMERS MEMORIAL Scholarship</i>	<i>TROUTMAN Scholarship</i>
<i>JOHN HAMMER Award</i>	<i>VERNE HAWN Scholarship</i>

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November

4-5 Marist Fall Concerts, 7:30pm

December

16 Marist Christmas Concert, 7:30pm at the Bob Devereux Theater

January

9 Marist Preview Day for prospective students
14-16, 21-23 "Once Upon an Island – A Musical Fairy Tale",
7:30pm at the Bob Devereux Theater

February

10 Alumni Happy Hour, 5:30-7:30pm at 'The Cooler' in Eugene

March

5-6, 12-13 Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew", 7:30pm
the Bob Devereux Theater

17-18 Marist Winter Music Concerts, 7:30pm

May

15 "Marist - Gone Country!" School Auction

CALENDAR OF

Upcoming Events