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## *Marist Alum Joins Staff*

Principal Jay Conroy announced on March 1 that Susan Schramm has been hired to replace Steve Barth as Marist's Communications Specialist. She will work closely with the Development and Admissions Offices.

Sue is a graduate of Marist ('84) (Sue Brinkman), attended Pacific Lutheran University, and is a graduate of The School of the Art Institute of Chicago. She is a member of St. Paul Parish and her two sons attend St. Paul Parish School. Her husband is a Speech and Language Pathologist with Lane ESD.



Sue has an outstanding background in marketing and communications, most recently having been for 15 years the Creative Director and Principal for Soupbone, Inc., a design and advertising agency specializing in strategic communication development, marketing/creative vision development, and brand management.

In her "spare time" Sue has been involved with volunteer efforts including Eucharistic Ministry to the sick and homebound, working as a Board member for the Relief Nursery, helping with special projects at St. Paul School and Parish (website design), and Destination Imagination (St. Paul Team).

# *Honor Rolls Announced*

Congratulations to these students for their academic achievements

## **PRINCIPAL'S HONOR ROLL**

**Grade Point Average of 4.0 & above for 1st Semester 2013**

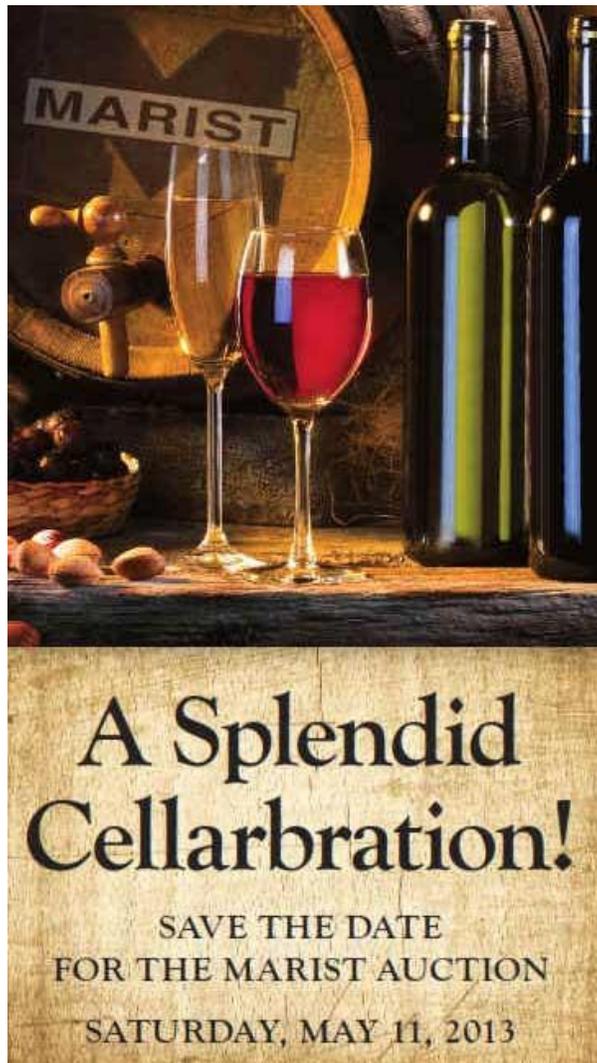
Greg Ahn	Kashi Hall	Emma Pindell
Mary Akers	Matt Haney	Chandler Potter
Sarah Akers	Isabella Hardt	Dharma Prime
Ezra Alltucker	Joshua Harper	Ethan Quick
Lauren Aman	Kai Harper	Leo Rain
Karlin Andersen	Chaney Hart	Henry Rear
Monica Anderson	Jalan Hart	Danielle Reed
Kayla Backer	Matt Harwood	Kriscia Rivas
Jordan Baird	Ryan Helbling	Cole Rogers
Michael Baird	Leah Helfrich	Courtney Rustik
Amelia Barker	Liam Henshaw	Jackson Ryan
Katherine Barker	Emily Hollander	Jonah Saraceno
Carley Beck	Adam Houser	Ben Schepergerdes
Jackson Bedbury	Jacob Hubbard	Emily Scherer
Kristin Behrends	Hannah Hughes	Sam Scherer
Tamara Benedict	Shoshanna Hwang	Alex Seaver
Morgan Bloom	Samantha Inouye	Katie Seaver
Samantha Bock	Amy Jones	Heidi Sibole
Austin Bosworth	Emily Karcher	Claire Sick
Harris Bosworth	John Kiefer	Zachary Silva
Brittany Brann	Jack Kiesewetter	Karson Silver
Garrett Brous	Sean Kimball	Christian Spears
Madisyn Bryant	Caedyn Kimble	Levi Spears
Marcella Buser	Colin Kirk	William Stearns
Kristina Campbell	Selene Konyn	Garrett Stollar
Victoria Carlson	Danielle Krier	Lilly Storment
Tyler Castile	Laura Lancaster	Bri Stowell
Sean Champoux	Madeleine Landry	Kennedy Sundberg
Heather Clarke	Jenna Laver	Josh Tanke
Stephanie Coulombe	Halie Lawrence	Katherine Tarrant
Veronica Crawley	Amber Lee	Allie Thompson
Alexis Cross	Bryan Lee	Emma Thompson
Devon Daniel	Lindsey Lee	Maddie Thompson
Whit Daniel	Renee Lee	Matthew Thompson
Brandon David	Brennan Lilley	Natalie Tichenor
Tatiana Davis	Jessica Lynch	Emily Vitus
Diego Dayton	Madeline Maitlen	Joseph Wagner
Olivia Del Guercio	Douglas McGirr	Vanessa Weber
Kaitlyn DiMercurio	Shawn Melendy	Aspen Wells
Mattie DiMercurio	Cade Miller	Margo Werner
Brittany Dodds	Nikki Mirhosseyni	Alexa Wetzel
Will Dodge	Marcella Murillo	Natalie Weymouth
Gavin Doremus	Alexis Neale	Jasmine White
Paul Duncan	Darren Nelson	Kenzie White
Clark Embleton	Brockton Neubauer	Sidney White
Makayla Estill	Alayna Newman	Zachary Whitsel
Claire Farrington	Cliff Noonan	Ryan Wilson
Tyler Fechtler	Maddi O'Bannon	Daniel Wisnewski
Scarlett Frunz	Zac Oldham	Kaitlyn Witschger
Benjamin Fusek	Hayley Olson	Julie Woodard

Karina Garcia-Cervantes	Simon Olson	Summer Xia
Martha Gehrig	Maggie Over	Ming Yang
Brooke Gemmell	Abigail Pandina	Anne Yates
Brendan Gescher	Connor Park	Hannah Yi
Hernan Gonzalez	Corynna Park	Matthew Young
Lindsey Gorman	Brandon Parker	Mitchell Young
Katelyn Grafton	Ben Parks	Peter Young
Tyler Gray	Colleen Peterson	Harry Zhou
Kyd Guan	Jordan Pickrel	
Siena Hacker	Jordan Pifer	

## HONOR ROLL

Grade Point average of 3.5 and above for 1st Semester 2013

Courtney Alldridge	Annabelle Geisler	Korban O'BrienJesse
Eden Anderson	Meghan Gescher	Offchiss
Maegan Anderson	Alessa Giansante	Ben Olive
Keaton Aronson	Marissa Gibson	Trent Olson
Rachel Auld	Jordan Gorman	Gwen Over
Madeline Balderston	Sean Ha	Mextli Palacios
Justin Banks	Jordan Haggas	Maureen Pappin
A.J. Bartko	Natalie Hakala	Elliot Park
Cesare Bocci	Eric Hammerschmith	Eric Parker
Emily Boyd	Julia Hastings	Drew Pearson
Mason Brainard	Michael Henderson	Matthew Penn
Megan Braud	Anna Houser	Geraldine Perez
Ariana Buchanan	Lucia Iannuzzo	Abigail Riechers
Jessica Buser	Chase Jacob	Angelina Rivas
Zachary Caprai	Davis Jacob	J D Rivas
Michael Cardani	Joseph Jacobson	Jacob Rochon
Lindsey Chapman	Gray Johnson	Angela Sampson
Joshua Christian	Wille Johnson	Sabrina Schafer
Vincent Clifford	Dustin Jones-Phillips	Kristen Schlitt
Joshua Colasurdo	Chris Keylock	Danica Shepherd
Jameson Collis	Emma Kincade	Lauren Sibole
Abby Crowell	Grayson Kirkham	Corey Solari
Rose Cully	Avery May	Max Spinner
Addie Curran	Kellen Mayes	Jessica Swan
Gabriela da Silva	Bridgette McAllister	Haley Taylor
Chris Damewood	Kassandra McCabe	Brennick Thompson
Spencer David	Hunter McCool	Shannon Walsh
Sean Dorsey	Logan McGann	Davis Walter
Hunter Duckworth	Joshua McIntire	Alec Weeks
Justin Enseki-Frank	Tyler McIntyre	Alyssa Whalen
Michaela Ewing	Paola Medina	Austen Whitney
Jamie Ferrari	Samuel Nelson	Jung Ho Yang
Anthony Finn	Neu Nipatasaj	Natalia Zreliak
Ben Fish		



## *42nd Annual Marist Auction*

By now you have received a Save the Date postcard in the mail for Marist's Auction taking place on Saturday, May 11. This is Marist's most important community event and fundraiser, helping to fund the school's annual operating budget and special projects. Following the 2012 auction, we were able to hire five new teachers allowing us to maintain small class sizes, replace the gym bleacher seats, and provide \$38,000 in tuition assistance.

An event of this magnitude takes the effort of our entire community to make it happen and we need your help!

- **Be a Sponsor:** Help us meet the goal of completely underwriting all expenses associated with the auction to ensure that all revenue generated at the event goes directly to our students and families. There are many levels of sponsorship available.
- **Volunteer:** We need volunteers the week of the auction for set-up, the night of the auction for check out and monitoring the silent auction, and the day after the auction for clean-up.

- **Donate:** We need new items, gift cards and themed baskets for the silent auction, as well as hotel rooms, timeshare points, air miles, and underwriting funds for the live auction.

For more information, please call Angela Saraceno in the Development Office at 541-681-5497.

### **Support Marist Athletics and Activities**

Become a sign sponsor for the remainder of this school year. A sign sponsorship allows you to support the Athletic/Activity Department while directing half of the funds to a specific sport or activity of your choice. [Download the Marist Sign Sponsorship Form](#) today and return it as soon as possible.

If you have questions or would like to discuss a donation to an individual program, contact Suzanne Graf at 541-681-5460 or [sgraf@marisths.org](mailto:sgraf@marisths.org).

## *From the Registrar's Office* **AP Test Registration Underway**

AP test registration has begun. The **AP Bulletin and order form** were handed out to students in AP classes on Wednesday, Feb. 27. Please indicate which tests you wish to take; the amount due and bring both the form and the check covering the total amount to Ms. Deffenbacher in the front office **by Friday, March 15**. Tests need to be ordered before Spring Break, so be sure to get your form and payment in on time.



Chris Deffenbacher,  
Registrar

If you are a spring sport athlete, be sure to check with your coach about state meets and playoffs that might conflict with AP testing dates.

Please contact Chris Deffenbacher at 541-686-2234 Ext. 1524 if you have questions. [A PDF version of the AP Bulletin can be downloaded here.](#)

## *Lenten Challenge for Students* **40 Days for Life**

Marist for Life students are encouraged to participate in the spirit of Lent for their own spiritual growth, and on behalf of the unborn. Marist for Life invites all staff, students and parents to join us this Lent in praying the Rosary on Tuesdays at 7:30 AM in the chapel.



Heidi Susec,  
Marist for Life  
Advisor

The world-wide movement, 40 Days for Life, is holding the Spring campaign of prayer and sacrifice which corresponds with our season of Lent. Locally, 40 Days for Life began Ash Wednesday at Bour's Health Center, which has since CLOSED! Our 40 Days for Life field trip in the Fall was outside of Bour's, praying the Rosary with Father Bryce from

Saint Mary's. Thus, our Spring 40 Days for Life field trip will be outside of the new Planned Parenthood in Glenwood (where we had such a moving experience of prayer with Dr. Alveda King). If you would like more information or to commit one hour of prayer for life, please contact Heidi Susec or visit <http://40daysforlife.com/Eugene/>.

Oregon Right to Life contest information went out to students through theology classes, and the due date is quickly approaching: March 5th. The theme for the essays and art contests this year: Children the Heart of America. The oratory contest can be on any pro-life topic, open to Juniors and Seniors. For more information, please visit [www.ortl.org](http://www.ortl.org).

And lastly, thank you to everyone who helped support our club and school in hosting Dr. Alveda King in February! Please check out the wonderful articles in [The Spartan Spear](#), the [Catholic Sentinel](#) and also [The Register-Guard](#). Thank you!

## *Over 100 Students Sign Up for Track & Field* Help needed for home meets

Marist's 2013 Track and Field Team is over 100 student-athletes strong! If you are interested in helping out at a home meet (**Thursday, April 4, Saturday April 6, Wednesday, April 17, and Wednesday, April 24**), contact Coach Patrick Wagner at [pwagner@marisths.org](mailto:pwagner@marisths.org).



Patrick Wagner,  
Co-Head Track  
& Field Coach



Check out our team website at [Maristtrack.weebly.com](http://Maristtrack.weebly.com) for all kinds of interesting links, including our complete schedule, athlete performances on athletic.net, and the Top 10 List of performances.

We have an extremely dedicated and experience staff of coaches and a great group of athletes. Go Spartans!

## *Is Your Order In?* Yearbook deadline almost here

Be sure to order a **2013 Yearbook** for your son or daughter by **Tuesday, April 30**.

You can order:

- online at the [Marist Yearbook website](#);
- by having your student bring us \$75 in the journalism room (318);
- or by mailing us payment and an order form downloaded from the Yearbook website.

If you don't remember if you have already ordered, there is a list of students who have

purchased books on our website and posted on the doors of room 318 in the Academic Resource Center.

If you have any questions please contact the Yearbook staff at [mchsjournalism@icloud.com](mailto:mchsjournalism@icloud.com).

## *Campus Ministry*

### Retreat season ends

On Feb. 25 we concluded our retreat season with the final day of the Junior Girls Encounter at St. Benedict's. Now it's time to celebrate all the fruits of this year's retreats. Our ongoing prayer for all sophomores, juniors and seniors who attended is for their growing ever closer to the Lord, knowing his love, and rising to the challenge of his service! Thanks to all students, staff, and community members who assisted this year in making our retreat season a great time for all!

With the conclusion of this year, we are ready to begin the work preparing for next year's retreats. On **March 6** Mr. Martin will orient our sophomores and juniors to the application process for next year's Retreat Team. Like all extra-curricular activities, Retreat Team requires a commitment to the work of the team, stretching from next September on into April of 2014. We will be looking for about 24 present juniors and 12 present sophomores to fill out our team. For those who had a positive experience this year and would like to help create that kind of experience next year, this is the right kind of team. Many retreat team members will name this experience as one of their top ones in their Marist career.

The due date for applications is Tuesday, March 19. **No late applications will be accepted.** For more information, see the Campus Ministry page on the Marist website or contact Rick Martin in the Campus Ministry Office.

## Christian Leadership

Along with other course considerations, current sophomores are invited to think about applying to be a part of Christian Leadership Class during their Junior/Senior year. This class

- satisfies the theology requirement for students;
- allows them to focus their spiritual work in the area of leadership and service;
- combines study with project work in which students actively carry out leadership and service tasks in the school and in the community.

One current senior had this to say about her experience in Christian Leadership over the last year:

*I value the things I have done and learned in Christian Leadership above any other acquired knowledge or skill I have gained from my time at Marist. I believe this is chiefly because of the purpose of CLC: I am not there for me. While I may spend the time reflecting, discovering and learning characteristics and habits that I've been oblivious to, ways that I can improve the manner in which I function and communicate, and a myriad of other seemingly self-focused activities, we do all of it so that we may pass it on. We learn how to lead, serve, communicate,*

*and therefore reach out like Christ does.*

Information on the application procedure goes out to sophomores on **March 6** - the deadline for applications is Tuesday, March 19. **No late applications will be accepted.** For more information on the class, please visit [Mr. Martin's teacher web](#), [Campus Ministry on the Marist website](#), or contact Mr. Martin directly.

## Christian Service

The second junior service deadline is **April 3**. Juniors must have completed 20 hours of service to those most in need by this deadline. The corresponding journal entries are due **April 8**. Please refer to the Christian Service Manual for placement ideas as you plan your remaining service hours (all 50 hours must be completed by Sept. 17).

Any questions you may have can be directed to Mrs. Ferrari, the CSE Coordinator, by calling 541-681-5479 or emailing [jferrari@marisths.org](mailto:jferrari@marisths.org).

## Upcoming Campus Ministry events

- Lenten Friday Masses: March 8, 15, 22
- Sophomore Choices day Away (at St. Mary Catholic Church): April 15, 16.

## *Bunco for the Ladies*

### To help save the babies

- **WHO:** All ladies of the Marist, O'Hara and St. Paul communities - all ages welcome.
- **WHAT:** A fun evening of playing Bunco with complementary desserts available.
- **WHERE:** Marist cafeteria
- **WHEN:** Tuesday, March 12, 7-8:30 PM
- **WHY:** To assist the Mr. Spartan team as they work to save the babies.

Come out for an evening of big fun and community as we work with the Mr. Spartan team in their efforts to fund-raise for Children's Miracle network and the Neonatal Unit at RiverBend.

Your \$5 ticket gives you a few rounds of Bunco (don't worry, it's easy to learn if you have never played), an assortment of desserts, and even child care if needed - all provided by the Mr. and Ms. Spartans.

The event is open to all Marist, O'Hara and St. Paul moms and daughters. Tickets are available from all Mr. Spartan team members and at the door. Contact Marist senior Aubrie Hood at [aubriehood@comcast.net](mailto:aubriehood@comcast.net) with any questions.

***We hope to see you there!***

## *The Counselors' Corner*

### Career Pathways

It is a positive thing for students to conceptualize their sequence of educational steps (elementary school, middle school, high school, post secondary education) and their career path(s) as a seamless continuum. Thus, it is incumbent on students and on their adult mentors to become more knowledgeable about the variety of careers and the skill sets they require as well as to comprehend the value of a challenging education which provides the gateway to these careers. This is a worthy concept and a valuable framework for us to present to our students. Everything that they are doing at Marist will affect the options they will have later in life for continuing education and for the world of work.

We encourage you to have conversations about these topics with your children. You can be an important catalyst in linking the skills being learned and practiced by your children with the reality of the working world. We also encourage you to take a look at [mypathcareers.org](http://mypathcareers.org), sponsored by the Oregon community colleges. The website contains very interesting and easy-to-access information about many occupations, the education required, the potential for earnings, and the current outlook for employment. Additional information can be found on [Naviance](#) (access your Naviance account on the Marist website's "For Parents" link).

### For Senior Parents

Many students have heard back from some of the colleges they have applied to, but are waiting on others. It is not a "bad sign" if a student has not yet heard from a college, even if they got their application in months ago. Colleges simply need this time of year to review the thousands of applications that they have received, and many colleges send out their admissions & denial letters all at once. Students should have all of their admissions responses back from colleges by April 1, and the various financial aid offers back by then as well. At the least, then, students and their parents will have the month of April to review all of this information, perhaps squeeze in a last-minute college visit or two, and make a decision that is best for them, factoring in the various (sometimes significantly so) costs of attendance at schools the student has been admitted to. May 1 is the national deadline day for students to make a deposit at their intended college without risk of losing their spot. I am happy to help as you process your options for next year. You're always welcome to make an appointment with me! Mr. Wirth

For those of you planning to enroll at Lane Community College next year, Peter Lauf from their High School Connections office will pay us a visit on Monday, March 18 at 10:45. He will give an overview of the application process, various program requirements, and placement testing info (we will also offer their math and English placement tests here at a later date). Mr Lauf very much wants to help advise students individually based on their specific plans, so if you are considering LCC next year, this is a great opportunity. Let me (Mr Wirth) know if you want to come to this meeting.

Scholarship season is still going. Check out the Scholarship List in Naviance, and organize it by "deadlines" to review scholarships that you can still apply for. A couple of great local ones listed there are the Delta Rotary (deadlines April 15, given to one Marist student specifically each year), as well as Selco Community Credit Union (deadlines March 29, must be a member, or child of a member).

### For Juniors & Junior Parents

Our annual Junior Parent College Night was held last Thursday, February 28. A copy of the evening's powerpoint is available on Mr. Wirth's school website (listed with the teacher sites on Marist's webpage). A packet of info was handed out that evening, and for parents who were not able to attend, your child's packet has been given to them in class. This is important information covering timelines, testing information, helpful college research websites, financial aid, and more. Please go over this information with your son or daughter in the weeks ahead.

Testing information- Students planning on attending a 4-year college are encouraged to take the SAT and ACT once each before the end of their junior year.

All juniors will take the ACT here at Marist on Tuesday, April 23. You do not need to register for this test date.

To register for the SAT, visit [www.sat.collegeboard.org](http://www.sat.collegeboard.org) for SAT dates and registration info.

Have you continued working in Naviance? Completed the Personality Profile, Game Plan, Learning Style Inventory, Résumé, cruised around looking at potential schools, majors, careers? Whether you have chosen to use Naviance much up to this point or not, Naviance will be a crucial tool in your applications to college next year. Be thinking ahead to the courses you want to take next year. You'll probably have more options as a senior than you've had in the past, but remember that you are always encouraged to take an appropriately rigorous schedule, specific to your interests, abilities, and plans. Colleges want to see students going beyond the minimum requirements, and are also simply looking for assurances that students are well-prepared to succeed at the college level.

### For Sophomore Parents

Plan on attending **Sophomore Parent College Night** on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 PM in the Bob Devereaux Theatre.

### For Freshmen Parents

Please make sure your student has completed the Naviance Learning Style Inventory and started their résumé. If a student cannot find their registration code, have them contact Mrs. Pimental. The deadline is **March 31, 2013**.

## *March is National Athletic Training Month* An invitation from Marist's Athletic Trainer Mari Gibson

Please stop by the Athletic Training Facility after school to say hello and see what it is like in there on a typical spring day! We are also looking for students who may be interested in being a student athletic training aide for Fall Sports 2013. Contact Mari Gibson, ATC to get more information.



### *Project Starfish*

Marist and a Committee of Christian Leadership Students are happy to sponsor Project Starfish during the season of Lent and into the spring. Project Starfish gets its name from the story of a man walking along the beach where hundreds of starfish have washed ashore. He is tossing them back into the sea when a young man says that he can't possibly make a difference because there are so many starfish. As he tosses yet another starfish into the water, his reply is the inspiration for the project, "I made a difference to that one".

The brainchild of former Springfield Mayor and retired State Senator, Bill Morrisette, Project Starfish has helped close to 200 families since its inception in 2000. Funds are administered through St. Vincent de Paul's Connections Transitional Housing program which provides 2 years of affordable housing, intensive case management services, support, financial literacy and parenting classes to 36 families each year. Starfish funds provide move-in costs (security deposit and first month's rent) and incentives for families during their 2 year tenure. Approximately 85% are single moms; 70% have experienced domestic violence; 73% of families successfully graduate to permanent housing in our community.

Solving issues of poverty and homelessness seems an impossible task. However, we can make a difference "One Family at a Time". Thus, during the time of preparation for Easter, we ask you to consider participating in the activities of Project Starfish and also to make a personal donation to assist families in need. Thank you on behalf of the families whose lives have been changed by Project Starfish.

Our Goal is to raise \$10,500.

All donations are tax-deductible - we are encouraging everyone to make a personal donation containing a five or a multiple of five (\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20, \$25, etc..... Why not sacrifice the cost of one coffee drink, one movie ticket, one DVD rental, etc.?) and to participate in the activities we have planned.

We are sponsoring the following events, so far:

- Bake Sales at Marist
- Mucho Gusto Days
- Papa's Pizza Night
- Student Dance/Senior Farewell on May 31
- A "Carl's, Jr. Day" at lunch in May here at Marist
- Sale of Project Starfish t-shirts for \$10.00
- Accepting individual offerings during the duration of the school year
- ***Irish Echo performance and dinner on March 16 in the AC (Tickets on sale now - [get complete information HERE.](#)***

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