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## A Story About a Boy



Photo by 5th Street Films

A poignant video created for the Marist Auction has struck a chord for many of us. The story shared is about a current Marist student. It is heartwarming and most certainly inspiring but I suspect that what's been most impactful is the degree to which we are able to relate to the boy in one way or another.

Whether a child or an adult, we've all had times of inadequacy or known someone who did not feel like they fit in. The boy in the video felt this way but was fortunate for a number of reasons. Recognizing what Marist had to offer, he trusted in God and he prayed that Marist was in God's plan

for him. In addition, his parents were supportive of his hopes and dreams and a generous Marist community made it possible with the help of tuition assistance. You don't need to ask this boy twice; he's lived it: "... for God, all things are possible." – Matthew 19:26.

There are a multitude of student stories like his that demonstrate how integral we are to each other's lives and in helping God carry out His plan, one Spartan at a time. The Marist community that makes this happen is unlike any other and that uniqueness has manifested itself throughout our rich history. I've witnessed it day in and day out during my past four years at Marist.

Take, for example, the *Advancing Marist* campaign. We have raised more than \$5.5 million to install the Kevin Teller Field, build a new science wing (nearly complete) and add almost \$400,000 to the Foundation's endowment fund. Add to that, record enrollment to kick off this school year, and the highest attendance ever at last month's auction – more than 580 people with more than \$100,000 raised for tuition assistance. All of this helps us carry out the Marist mission and provide a unique faith-based education in a world that is moving fast.

Marist provides opportunities and hope for students to make a difference in their lives and in the world. The faith-based, safe, caring and structured environment gives them confidence as they navigate through their high school years and prepare for life beyond. The community of students, staff, families, and alumni give them a sense of belonging and an understanding that they are part of something much bigger than themselves; bigger, even, than Marist. I believe this is an integral part of God's plan for the future of our school and our students. Thank you for choosing to be a part of it.

Like the boy in the story, I trust in God's plan and I pray. We Are One. ☩

Suzanne Graf

*To view the video referenced in this letter, simply go to [marisths.org](http://marisths.org).*

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### ON THE COVER:

Carl Lemhouse '16 walks on the fountain after the graduation ceremony.

Photo by Toni Cooper.



# Counting Our Blessings

Reflections on the Class of 2016 by Marist staff

**T**his is a class that does not quit. They have stood-up and supported each other throughout their four years together in the classrooms, on the courts and fields and hallways. They love, laugh, and learn with ferocity. They are inclusive – consistently placing relationships with each other and the school above themselves. We are sad to see this large, lovable class of 146 students leave the halls of Marist, but we know they are ready to make the world a better place, as they have left us better by their presence.”  
– Beth Wirth

## What I love ...

“... their kind spirit, willingness to help others, and work ethic that is balanced out by their fun sense of humor. This class is one of the main reasons that my son is currently a student at O’Hara. I can only pray that he turns out to be as wonderful a person as these students are.” – Beth Keech

“... they will always hold a monumental spot smack dab in the middle of my heart as they were my first Marist seniors. They took me under their wings, answering all my questions and telling me how things

are at Marist. They made me feel welcome and accepted my differences in style and methods even though I was following a legend. They made me a part if the Marist community.”  
– Erica Gingerich

“... the way they know how to have fun, but still be attentive to and caring for each other and the adults around them. I will miss each and every one of them.” – Toni Cooper

“... they were freshmen with me. We came together and we will leave together.” – Amy Becker

“... their kindness, school spirit and support of each other.”

– Beth Wirth

“... their enthusiasm, effort and passion.” – Jon Nuxoll

“... their joy and their willingness to engage with each other.” – Renee Cool

“... I now see young adults where I once saw young 9th grade teenagers. I had the privilege of teaching one World History class to these grads and I am proud of the progress they have made and the futures they have in store for themselves.” – Jerry Ragan

“... they are tolerant and accepting of others.” – Court Wirth

### I really appreciate ...

“... Carl Lemhouse **(1)** who played all the old roles ... grandfathers, fathers and assorted grumpy old men, until the last production of his high school theatre career when he finally got to play the young arrogant leading man in *Servant of Two Masters*.” – Tony Rust

“... Brandon David **(2)** because he has come a long way and has turned into a real leader in my newspaper classroom and someone I could depend on all year to get any job done.” – Toni Cooper



Photo by Michael Henderson '16



Photo by Toni Cooper

“... Patrick Martin for sharing his passion for trucks in ceramics, while mostly ignoring his projects. Through your passion you teach us how to live through and endure the reality of grief.” – Erica Gingerich

“... Korban O’Brien because he is fun and entertaining.” – Bart Pollard

“... The juniors (now seniors) I had in chemistry last year for their calm presence after having taught two periods of freshmen.” – Amy Becker

“... Blake Irwin because he put in work to better himself as a freshman and it showed when he was an upperclassman.” – Grant Gilchrist



Photo by Abbi Reichers '16

“... Renee Lee **(3)** who, despite endless reasons for being late to zero period Strings, always came in with a smile on her face, sat down and played her cello like an angel.” – Alisa Kincade

“... Dominic Tomcal asked me how I was doing with my father’s death. He had lost his grandmother in the same week, and we were able to share our experiences of loss.” – Jon Nuxoll

“... Aspen Wells, Marisa Gibson, Heath Boyles and Mary Akins have patience, mastery and attention to detail with all of their artwork that I admire, respect and hope to emulate in my own work.” – Erica Gingerich

“... Mollie Van Eekeren has been the queen of the art room 2nd period all year; she has provided us with inspiration and carefully compiled playlists to fit the current mood or special occasion. The Mother’s Day playlist was my favorite.” – Erica Gingerich

“... Clark Embleton and Dustin Jones-Phillips because they are extremely talented, yet incredibly humble.” – Pat Wagner



Photo by Michael Henderson '16

“... Henry Rear **(4)** because he always has something witty to say that brings a smile to my face, and he is always willing to wish me a happy birthday regardless of the day.” – Noah Breslaw

“... Sam Scherer **(5)**, he always radiates joy and care for those around him. I can never get mad at him even when he makes the ‘whiteboard noise.’” – Renee Cool



Photo by Lauren Burke '17



Photo provided by Allicia Meyer '16

“... Allicia Meyer **(6)** is a service superstar. It was never about the hours for her. In her final reflection paper, she wrote about her service memories being a big part of her overall high school memories – so cool! Thank you for your service, Allicia.” – Julie Ferrari

“... Colin Kirk because he is positive, authentic, and a very hard worker.” – Court Wirth

“... Sam Nelson’s **(7)** quiet sense of humor and quiet leadership. He is one of a few seniors that earned their Eagle Scout Award. He is a loyal friend to his peers and a steady rock in a storm to his classmates.”

– James DeCrane



Photo by Sam Scherer '16

“... they are the first freshman class I have been able to see graduate. It has been fun seeing growth and improvement over the years.”

– Grant Gilchrist

“... Kennedy Sundberg because she is so humble and unsung. She showed leadership in Proclaim and Retreat Team, as well as cross country and track. She does this not by exerting power but by example, hard work and infectious positivity.”

– Ryan Moser

“... Ryan Helbling because he once persuaded me to give answers to workbook questions by singing the key in Gregorian chant.” – Jon Nuxoll

“... Daniel Wisniewski **(8)** who served as my navigator on the Mission Trip. He made sure that our van, or whatever you call the vehicle I drove, was always on course.” – Jerry Ragan

“... Isabella Hardt **(9)** because it takes a real work ethic and determination to take a year off from a sport and then come back and make the varsity team the next year. Her example

of selflessness and senior leadership on a relatively young team were crucial to our success as a volleyball team and as a program.”

– Ryan Moser

“... Trae Gould **(10)**, who was the winner of the ‘The Comeback Kid Award’ at the 2016 Track and Field Awards Banquet. He pulled his hamstring in his first meet in the spring of 2015 while anchoring the 4x100

meter relay. He was 20 meters ahead when he got hurt, but Trae doesn’t know how to do anything less than 100%. So, for the past two seasons he has acted as an assistant coach, a raker of pits and an event judge with a clipboard. Most athletes would quit and move on, but not Trae, he

stuck with it, got physical therapy and learned how to compete in a way where he wouldn’t hurt himself. It paid off. At the Midwestern District Championships this spring, after another season of sitting out, he won the long jump – beating the most competitive field in league history. The next day, he qualified for triple jump and, with very little conditioning training, placed 4th in the 400 meter. A week later, he won the state long jump title needing only two jumps and he placed 4th in the triple jump – scoring 15 points for his team – which came oh-so-close to winning state. Throughout this journey, he was humble the entire time.” – Pat Wagner

“... the exciting growth that Emily Bly **(11)** made in her singing and acting while at Marist. It shows just what can be achieved when you really desire something. She has a burning desire to sing and dance and act and worked hard to grow and gain and achieve.” – Tony Rust

“... Hunter McCool because he was such an awesome student to work with. He worked hard, not for the grades, but because he was truly interested in learning the subject. He loved to learn Japanese! He is on the quieter side, but he has his own humor and has been so pleasant. I feel fortunate to have been able to work with an amazing student like him for four years!” – Miyoko King

“... Blake Irwin has one of the most positive and upbeat attitudes of all the students I have taught.” – James DeCrane

“... Carl Lemhouse and Emma Nabors who have been incredible members of our bands! Carl has excelled as a member of our choir and has played drums and bass for the pep and rock bands. He has great musicianship and selfless giving of his talents! Emma has been an amazing member of the rock band for three years. She is skilled in guitar, bass, piano but her most impressive ability is her vocals and her uncanny knack for harmony



Photo provided by Marist Mission Trip chaplaine



Photo by TMarcus Lydon '17



Photo by Michael Henderson '16



Photo by Toni Cooper

singing. Both of these musicians leave big shoes to fill!” – Jim Reinking

“... Katie Seaver is someone that is very dedicated and gives it her all, to both academic endeavors and to swimming.” – James DeCrane

### I will always remember ...

“... Kai Harper and Austin Korth for challenging me to guide them through their original, ridiculously creative design ideas.” – Erica Gingerich

“... one time when a student who was used to getting high grades with relative ease, was struggling in class. No matter how hard she tried she couldn't break through like she had in the past; she was beginning to lose faith in herself and her abilities. I mentioned to her how much more impressive it was to me that she struggled and kept going instead of deciding it was too hard and not worth it. To her credit she stayed with it and learned about herself and took more from the class than just science; she gained an education. Stories like these are common with the class of 2016.” – Ryan Moser



Photo by Toni Cooper

“... Avery May (12) crashed on the couch in the Green Room completely exhausted and dead from all the toils and travails of life when she wasn't acting out those travails and toils on stage in pretty much every production at Marist the full four years she attended. Her Dormouse in *Alice in Wonderland* most completely personified her – sleepy and grumpy but still cute and endearing.” – Tony Rust

“... when this class was juniors, they dressed up in ‘cowboy traps’ for their American literature final. This was the inaugural time and it was great to see the enthusiasm of many students, especially Tosten Peterson.” – Bart Pollard

“... when Demetre Markopolous put a bread-bowl full of chowder in his backpack to save for later.” – Grant Gilchrist

“... when Kyan would ask me to help with English essays every day during my ARC duty after school.” – Sarah Reed

“... when they had a fantastic senior dance at Homecoming. Ben and Leo Rain (13) dueling as Darth Vader and Luke Skywalker was so memorable. This class has spunk.” – Krista Hocker

“... DJ's (14) rap performances and how he would stop by either my room or Mr. Baker's room after school to ‘test out new material.’” – James DeCrane

“... when this class learned an important life lesson (from the U of O Orientation Programs Assistant Director) via a metaphor about riding a tandem bike – during their senior SCRAP meeting.” (15) – Court Wirth



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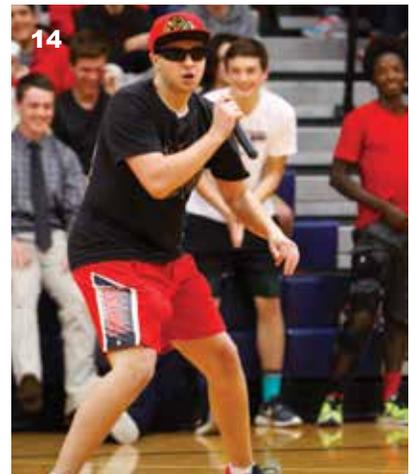


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“... when DoWoon Yoon transferred to Marist from Korea in February [of his freshman year]. It was in the middle of the school year and it wasn't easy for him. He was struggling in his literature class and his attitude was kind of negative and grumpy. I helped him with his essays for his English class and got to know how he decided to come here. He kept working hard and flourished for the last three years. Later he started taking Japanese and I got to know him even more. He's made many friends here, too, and is quite popular among his American friends. Since I know how challenging it was during the first year for him, I feel so happy for him. But I know that it was because he worked extra hard and that

he earned it himself.” – Miyoko King

“... the Mr. Spartan Team **(16)** because of their initiative and hard work in preparing a fantastic pageant. They were creative and cohesive.” – Krista Hocker

“... when Ryan Helbling **(17)** cried during his last race on the Marist track.” – Pat Wagner

“... when Lexy Neale and Lindsey Chapman **(18)** would harass me every day about whether or not they would be invited to my wedding.” – Amy Becker ☘



*The 2016 Mr. Spartan Team (in alphabetical order): Madisyn Bryant, Devon Daniel, Tatiana Davis, Brendan Gescher, Alessa Giansante, Taylor Gorham, Isabella Hardt, Kai Harper, Haley Harrison, Ryan Helbling, Blake Irwin, Malay Johnston, Kamryn Large, Caedyn Kimble, Colin Kirk, Alex Korth, Austin Korth, Bridgette McAllister, Marcella Murillo, Matthew Penn, Colleen Peterson, Tosten Peterson, Leo Rain, Sam Scherer, Ashton Stowell and Kennedy Sundberg.*



*Marist Spartans show their spirit at a basketball game.*

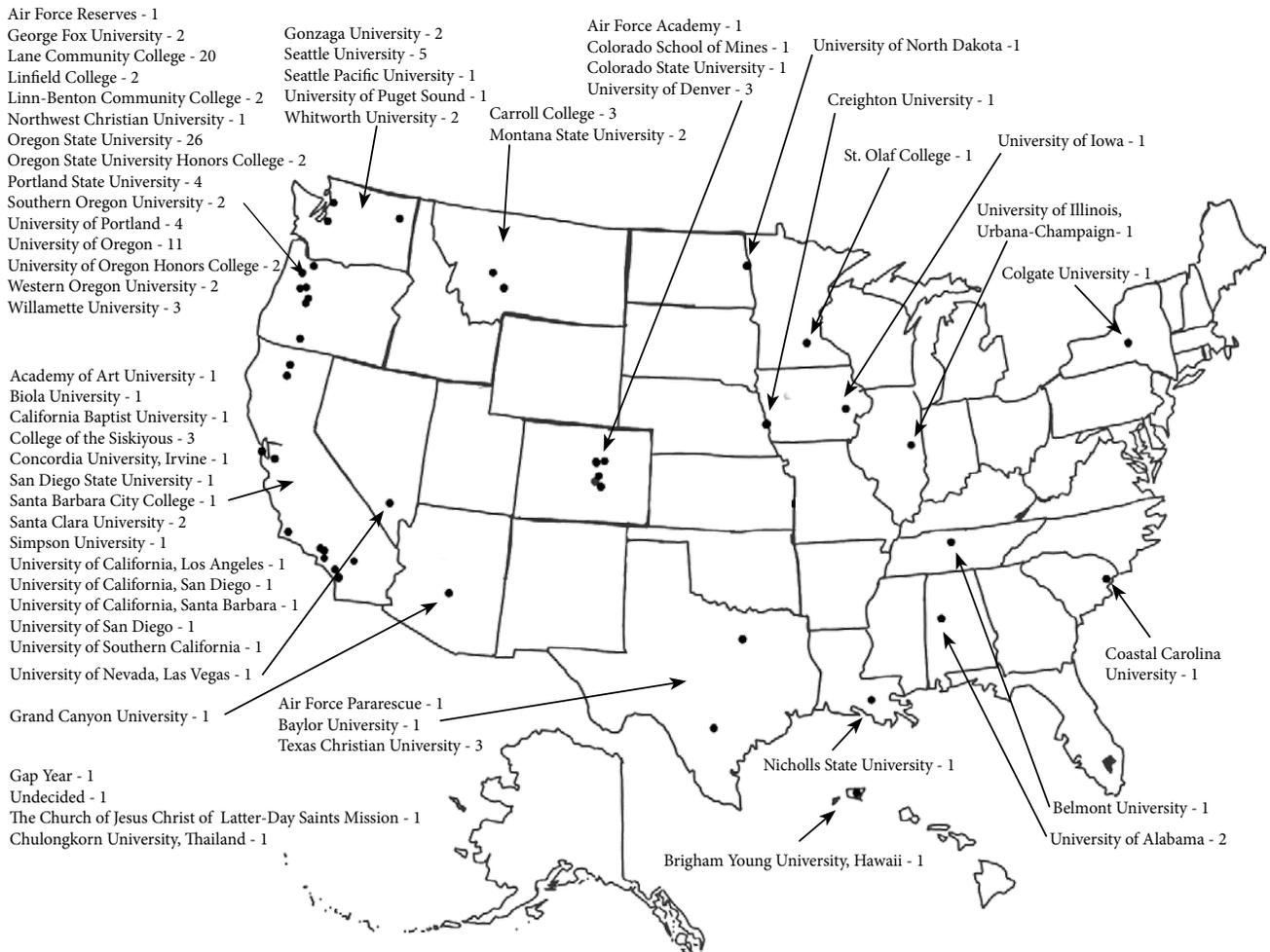


Photo by Tom Cooper

Daniel Wisniewski, Renee Lee, Hunter McCool, and Colleen Peterson

# Spreading Our Wings

The Class of 2016 will be spreading out to 58 different colleges and universities across the country (and the world). Here's a map to see where they'll be next fall!



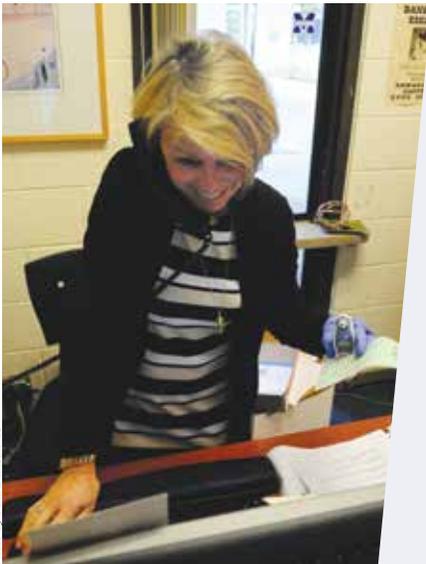
# The Ultimate Love Letter

Student body sends Tammy May off with words of love and admiration after finishing her 17-year career at Marist this spring

By Isabella Hardt '16

It's a Wednesday morning and you're rushing to get to your class while avoiding the puddles in the parking lot. Despite your best efforts, the inevitable occurs and your dress shoes for Mass are now soaked to your toes.

As you start to accept this miserable situation, you look up and notice the sunshine breaking through and illuminating a figure a few feet in front of you. Your first instinct is to think that God has sent you a guardian angel to help you get through the day. Your beliefs are confirmed when you see that it's Mrs. May. Just seeing her smile can make you forget about all your problems.



The irreplaceable Tammy May answers one of many attendance calls.

Photo by Paul Duncan '13

Dear Mrs. May,  
To the woman with the beautiful smile and gentle heart, the sunshine of Marist, our "school mom":  
We truly can't imagine high school without you. Ever since the summer before freshman year, you've been there for us. You're our rock in the storm that is high school. You made us feel accepted into the Marist community before we were even part of it. Your face is the one that we see on the first day and suddenly, school seems a little less scary.  
You are one special lady; you always have a smile and give the best hugs, you are always working diligently to benefit others, you exhibit love everywhere you go. You're so nice that a detention from you would be like a gift.  
Your hardworking and passionate spirit inspires us to do our best in everything that we do, except maybe being on time to school. But don't worry, we're only late because we want to see you because our day gets a little better when we do.  
And not only do you have an amazing personality, your fashion sense makes you a walking J. Crew advertisement.  
The impact you've had on the Marist community is greater than anyone could know. You make Marist more than just a school; you make it a family. You encourage friendships and turn each and every one of us into more compassionate and understanding people.  
Regardless of the situation, you're always in a positive and uplifting mood and, Lord knows, we don't all possess that attribute. We can always count on you to help us, and you always do.  
So Mrs. May: thank you.  
Thank you for your constant kindness and joyful presence.  
Thank you for all the times that you have lightened up our mood whenever we were tired or late.  
Thank you for making us smile, even on the hard days.  
Thank you for being so supportive in our endeavors; you encouraged us with every attempt and congratulated us with every success.  
Thank you for being such a positive influence and presence on and off campus.  
Thank you for all the love, time and effort you have given to Marist.  
Thank you for being there when it felt like no one was.  
Thank you for teaching us how to be humble and kind.  
We can't thank you enough for all that you have done for us. You will always be a part of our community and we will never forget your beautiful personality.

- All your loving "children"

## More Love From Students

Dear Mrs. May,  
God created Mrs. May and Mrs. May  
was good. – Dacian Rapolla '19

Dear Mrs. May,  
You are the kindest and most warm-  
hearted person I have ever met.  
You make everyone's day better by  
greeting us every morning with a big  
smile. Nobody at Marist has ever  
shown me as much kindness as you  
have. Thank you. – Henry Rear '16

Dear Mrs. May,  
You are a mother to every student  
here at Marist. You love each of us  
like we are your own and you show  
what it truly means to see the best in  
people. Thank you for taking care of  
every student who was sick or late for  
class (or in my case a final). I hope  
that your retirement is stress-free  
and relaxing while being with your  
family. You will always be a part of  
Marist. – Caden O'Connell '18

Dear Mrs. May,  
Freshman year has been  
full of ups and downs. I  
have been lucky enough  
to have a strong support  
system here. Mrs. May,  
you are truly one special  
lady, always having a  
smile and giving the  
best hugs. You make  
my days brighter. I'm  
going to miss you like  
crazy, make sure to visit  
your big Marist family!  
Thanks for all you do.  
– Jenna Jablonski '19

Dear Mrs. May,  
I was so glad to have you at Marist,  
even for only one year. I think I liked  
you so much because regardless of  
the situation, you were always in a  
positive and uplifting mood and Lord  
knows that all of us definitely don't  
possess that attribute. I wish you well  
and hope that you have a blessed life  
in the future. – Dylan Dowling '19

Dear Mrs. May,  
Thank you for your kind  
presence. Some days begin a  
little hectic and getting to school  
late is a drag; but your greeting  
ultimately fosters a positive  
outlook and brightens the day.  
You embody the kind and  
community-centered nature  
of Marist, which I desire  
to emulate. I will always  
remember to stay humble and  
kind. – Ian Skaggs '17

Dear Mrs. May,  
No one could match your  
kindness, compassion, love,  
and beautiful nature toward  
us and for us. I thank you  
for all that you have made  
Marist, for making it feel  
more than just a school.  
From the bottom of my  
heart, thank you.  
– Edgar Solano '16

Dear Mrs. May,  
I wish you the best with  
all your future endeavors



Photo by Molly Holmberg '17

and I hope that you get all the  
happiness and prosperity that you  
have brought to us. Thank you.  
– Maya Dotson '17

Dear Mrs. May,  
Thank you for never letting me give  
up when things got hard. Thank  
you for always believing in me and  
telling me I can do anything I set my  
mind to. Thank you for letting me cry  
and talk to you and making me laugh  
when I had no one. I will miss you so  
much next year. – Alex Achter '18

Dear Mrs. May,  
Thank you for being so supportive in  
my endeavors. Even if it was outside  
school, you encouraged me with  
every attempt and congratulated me  
with every success. It's people like  
you who inspire people to dream big  
and accomplish their goals. Thank  
you for helping me get settled into  
Marist easily and comfortably. I wish  
you the best wherever you go with  
whatever you do! Thank you again.  
– Keegan Pond '19

Dear Mrs. May,  
You'll forever remain in the hearts of  
the children you've touched here at  
Marist. You've given your time and  
talents in so many different ways.  
You have done so much while you've  
been here. Thank you for being  
so supportive of me when I'm not  
feeling well. You bring a smile to my  
face every time I see you. I will miss  
you tons and I hope you come back  
to visit! Lots of love.  
– Megan Mersino '18

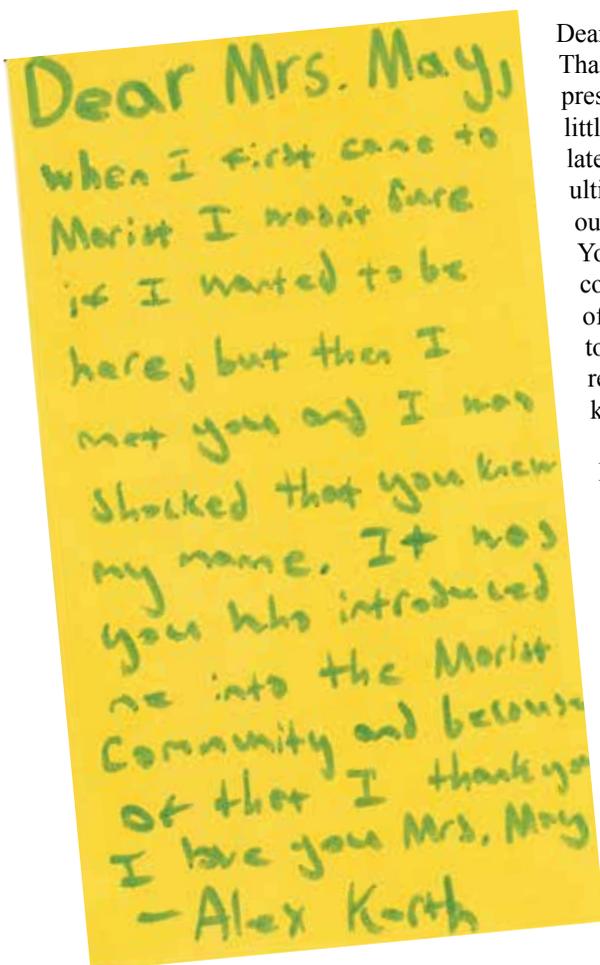




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Tammy May surrounded by some of the many students she loves: (back row) Kallie Loreman, Haylee Kempf, Beckie Mikel, and Liesl Benda; (front row) Yeonsoo Cho and Bridgette Blansett.

Dear Mrs. May,  
 I am writing this because I want to. Thank you for showing me how to be humble and kind. I appreciate how much you have contributed to the students, staff, and community. Love you. – Jake Shultz '16

Dear Mrs. May,  
 You are the sweetest lady on the face of the planet. – Anonymous

Dear Mrs. May,  
 Thank you to my second mom and thank you for always showing love. – Demetre Markopolous '16

Dear Mrs. May,  
 Thank you so much for always being there to give me passes. Whenever I see your smile it brightens my day. I knew I could count on you to help me, and you did. Thank you so much. I hope you have a good retirement. – Emma Koester '19

Mrs. May,  
 I'm going to miss you my last 3yrs of high school! I remember the first time I "came" to Marist for my shadowing, you were the first to greet me. I even remember the first thing you said: "what a beautiful smile!" That made me feel really comfortable and welcomed I'll never forget how comfortable it made me feel coming into school. (I decided to smile a lot for other people). So thank you for being so sweet and kind to me! Again, I'll really miss you! In the short time I knew you, you had such a huge impact.  
 Sincerely,  
 Bridgette Blansett

Dear Mrs. May,  
 Thank you for being such a kind soul. Everyone at Marist and in the world who meets you feels genuinely blessed. you manage to be in good spirits day in and day out and it turns everyone's frown into a smile. We'll miss you!!  
 ♡ Abby Reed

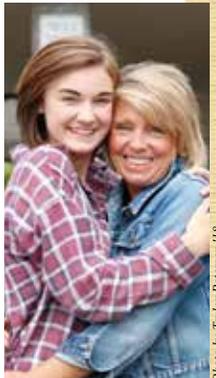


Photo by Taylor Petersen '18

Opposite page: Tammy May places her hand over her heart in response to the standing ovation and blessing she received from the Marist community at the annual senior farewell Mass.

Photo by Toni Cooper





Photo by Gabby Majica '16

*Ecology student Mary Akers '16 testing for nitrate in well water using a spectrophotometer.*

# Real-Life Application

Grant funding from the Toshiba America Foundation and collaboration with Lane County Health Services allows Marist students to combine science and service

By Beth Wirth, Marist English Teacher

“When will I ever use this?” is a frequently asked question by students. Whether it’s related to math, English, science or theology, teachers are armed and ready to support their discipline with a response to this question. There are times where the connection between academic and “real life” can feel abstract for students. For the students who have chosen to be part of the Water Well Screening Program at Marist, that real world application became much more evident.

In 2015 Sue Yellowtail, a current lab assistant here at Marist and former environmental grant writer with a background in water quality monitoring, partnered with Science Teacher Ryan Moser to bring a much needed service to our community: free well water screening. It is recommended that homeowners who use wells for drinking water check it annually for bacteria, nitrate and arsenic. However, to successfully test well water, the science department needed a reliable spectrophotometer to analyze nitrate and an incubator for the bacteria tests. Sue got to work looking into grants, and through the Toshiba America Foundation the Marist Science Department was awarded the spectrophotometer and incubator as well as other lab supplies to enable this testing to happen onsite. In addition to all this support, Lane County Environmental Health Department also provides technical assistance and the arsenic test kits.

Emily Jewett '17 said that she chose to be involved in the Water Well Screening Program because, “I wanted to apply the knowledge I gained in class in a real world context, but also provide a service to the community.” Emily also says that

another perk for her is that, “It has enabled me to realize that although math can be a challenge, science – especially when it’s hands-on – can be fun and engaging.”

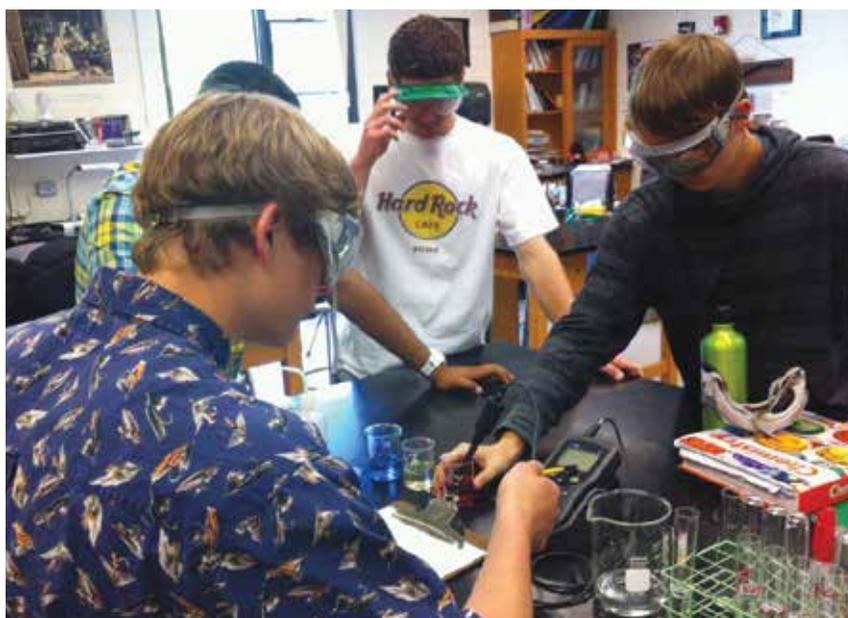
Mary Akers '16, who is an aspiring scientist says, “Any experience I can get in a lab right now will definitely help with getting internships and jobs while I’m at college.” This lab is encouraging students and opening doors for students who have always seen science as part of their lives.

Yellowtail set out with some basic goals when she envisioned this program coming together: get students in the lab, expose them to careers in science, and gain an understanding of local groundwater issues and health risks associated with unsafe levels of contaminants in well water. With each test, these goals are met as the students deal with commercial-grade equipment.

Another life skill students have gained through this process is how to

communicate important information to the public they are serving. “An unexpected benefit for the students has been the hands-on customer service skills they have learned to develop this year when working with the general public. This is an important skill to have whether they go into a science related field or not,” Yellowtail said.

There have been two primary challenges with this endeavor: getting the water samples back from the patrons who have taken the kits and the cramped conditions in the now “old ” science wing. For now, Sue and her team of students are still working on a solution to encourage better returns on the sample kits, but they are thrilled that they have served 149 people since November with another 20 lined up. In regard to the latter challenge, the students are now working in a nearly complete, brand new Science Wing with plenty of space for the water quality lab. ☘



*Ecology students testing pH from monitoring well samples with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).*



Photo by Gabby Majica '16

*Maddie Bryant '16 runs the pictiornary game at freshman orientation.*

# Grit

Madisyn Bryant's '16 unwavering and authentic dedication to her tennis game, academics and extracurricular activities will be missed as she moves ahead to greater challenges at the University of Southern California

By Beth Wirth, Marist English Teacher

Maddie Bryant's story could be about a lot of things: being the first in her family to attend college, getting an incredible scholarship to the school of her dreams, winning the state title in tennis for four consecutive years, and benefitting from a Marist education. For me, her story is a powerful reminder that persevering, being present and relentless always pays off. Maddie has grit.

The term "grit" as used in the context of education was coined by Angela Duckworth, Ph.D. Simply summarized, Duckworth's research concluded that a student's ability to persevere is the greatest virtue when it comes to measuring success. This research goes on to explore whether or not this skill can be taught. For Maddie it didn't need to be; she came to Marist with grit.

At three years old, Maddie's grandma, who has raised her, saw tennis as a means for Maddie to go to college, so she stopped swim lessons and gave Maddie a racquet but never pressured her. From the beginning, Maddie loved her time on the court.

Even as she was competing against older players she was winning a lot and as the word got out, players wanted to beat her. This only made Maddie practice harder and play more aggressively. As soon as she knew it was possible, she had her eyes set on playing for a Division I school and getting the best education she could while doing so.

As an eighth grader at Cal Young Middle School, Maddie didn't think Marist would be financially possible for her family, but found that tuition assistance made it feasible. Even though she would be leaving her school friends, she saw that Marist could offer her more. "I knew that I would be able to stay in touch with my friends, but social stuff didn't matter as much to me," she said. At a young age, Maddie could

balance her present priorities with her future aspirations.

In her freshman year at Marist, she had an undefeated tennis season, and the same was true of her sophomore year; she won state titles both years. As a junior, she had some setbacks: an injured foot and arm. At this critical juncture, when coaches were going to be looking closely at her, things weren't lining up. Playing for a Division I school was not looking likely, which was a hard reality for her to grasp. She began to resent the sport that had meant so much to her. Her injuries complicated her season and the recruitment process, but Maddie still went on to win State that year. In the midst of all this, she was never singular in her focus at Marist. She was the president of the Environmental Club, secretary for student council, and involved in the National Honor Society. Additionally, she took a difficult class load with more Advanced Placement courses than she needed because she loved the challenge.

Maddie had the opportunity to see tennis as her only avenue to college, but she didn't. She continued to learn and engage in all parts of the Marist experience. Bill Ferarri, English teacher, describes Maddie as an all-around competitor, "There are numerous qualities that I admire in Maddie. But as a longtime coach I am struck by the way Maddie approaches her life as competition, and this is certainly true as a student: Maddie competes with herself, with ideas and texts, with assignments and the nature of a class. Like the best competitors, when faced with adversity or even a loss, Maddie owns her weaknesses and misfirings, and then she picks herself up, adjusts, and attacks again. Relentless in her pursuit of excellence, Maddie simply loves to win, which she does over and over again. Maddie is a glorious student."

As Maddie accepted the fact that tennis wasn't going to be exactly how she had imagined, she did not let it defeat her vision for the future. Instead, Maddie allowed herself to imagine other schools. As her advisor for student council, I witnessed a lot of highs and lows throughout that process. She interacted with coaches who didn't always encourage her, she faced off with admissions representatives who misread her abilities, and she made some tough decisions. This was a refining process for her.

Immediately after Maddie was accepted to the University of Southern California, she went to see the campus and she knew it was her next school. When she told me this, I asked, "Will it be hard to get through the next couple of months?"

I shouldn't have been surprised when she said, "Nope, I really like school, so now I just have to focus on one thing instead of four or five – which will be really fun."

Always present in the task at hand, Maddie continues to impress me. About 98% of Maddie's tuition to USC will be covered by scholarships. Her hope is to study criminal law, but she is excited to take English classes and explore all of her options once she arrives.

As Maddie was preparing to compete in her fourth 5A state tennis tournament, she came into my room for student council and she could not have been more excited about it. "I am having fun with tennis again. Something just clicked the other day, and I realized, I just need to be in control, not beat myself up on the court, and I can win," Maddie said. Each moment is a learning opportunity for Maddie, and she is always ready for the next challenge. Two days after we spoke, she won State again. ♣

# One Doctor's Legacy

Dr. Robert G. Furrer '49 is still giving kids a start

By Rebecca Larson, Marist Advancement Director

His is a quintessential American story. His grandfather, a tailor by trade, came from Switzerland seeking a better life. His father was Eugene's first pathologist. His father and mother were devout Catholics and sent all of their children – twins Robert and Dorothy '49, Richard '54, and Joann '60 – to Catholic high school. He excelled in academics, athletics and leadership and went on to become one of Eugene's best-known and beloved obstetricians: Dr. Robert G. Furrer.

He chose obstetrics because he loved life and children, and ushered thousands of babies into the world during his 33-year career.

"Every time we'd go somewhere someone would come up and say, 'You birthed me!'" recalls his daughter, Pam.

Representatives of the Furrer family visited Marist earlier this year to meet some recipients of their father's memorial scholarship fund. They chatted over cookies

and chocolate milk – five Marist students, three of Dr. Furrer's children (Kathy '72, Pam '73, and Tom '80), two grandchildren, and a son-in-law. The Marist students were there to thank a man they will never meet, and to appreciate him through the family members who knew and loved Dad, Grandpa, "Doc."

Marist senior Matthew Young, a scholarship recipient, captured Dr. Furrer's essence when he commented, "... he followed his passion. He wanted to fly, so he built a plane. He became a doctor. He had a drive for what he did in life."

Dr. Furrer's passion was evident in various avenues. He delivered many, many babies and, when needed, helped arrange adoptions through Catholic Charities. He was instrumental in creating the Eugene Air and Space Museum. He was a generous patron whose name graces the Activity Center at Marist. He loved the snow and rigged up skis on an aluminum walker so his grandson could be included in the family's

winter activities.

His passion was tempered with patience. When he found out that his diabetes would prevent him from flying solo, he scrapped the nearly completed plane in his garage, and started over again to build one with a seat for a copilot.

You might expect such an accomplished person to be a little formal, but he didn't care much about outward appearances: an old Batman sweatshirt was a favorite and he often wore mismatched socks with cowboy boots. His life was animated by a vibrant faith, nurtured by daily Mass and his natural tendency to always look for the good in people.

The man who brought thousands of children into the world is still giving young people a start. In 1982, he established a scholarship fund that has helped dozens of Marist students with tuition assistance. Upon his death in 1997, the fund was renamed the Dr. Robert G. Furrer Memorial Scholarship.

These students exemplify hard-working, dedicated young people, interested in the sciences, languages and creative arts. As scholarship recipient Brian Piña '18 said, "You don't know what you are capable of unless you're given the chance. It takes someone to believe in your ability, no matter where you came from. I have a responsibility to do the best I can with this gift, to use it well and once I've accomplished my goals, to give back to others." Like Dr. Furrer did. ☩



Photo provided by the Furrer family.

Brendan O'Donnell '96 – one of the many who can say, "You birthed me!"



Photo by Toni Cooper

*Dr. Furrer's son-in-law Bill Medford; granddaughter Jenny Medford; daughter Kathleen (Furrer) Medford '72, son Tom Furrer '80, daughter Pam Furrer '73; five scholarship recipients Brian Piña '18, Mia Lindsay'19, Colleen Peterson '16, Matthew Young '16, and Brandon Foster '19. Front row: grandson Jeremy Hammitt.*

## Every Gift Creates a Story



Have you considered including Marist in your will? A planned gift is a meaningful way to leave a legacy – one that will touch the lives of countless students in the future and spark their unique Marist story.

It's a simple way to make an impact for future generations. Find out how you can invest in Marist with a planned gift.



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Photo by Jack Kieseewitter '15

Auction Chairs Jessica (May) Dwyer '05, Jill Nehl, Ryan Dwyer '96, Garrett Nehl '96, and Auctioneer Sid Voorhees eagerly await "The Race" results.

# A Fantastic Finish

45th Annual Marist Auction is one for the record books

By Rebecca Larson, Marist Advancement Director and Nancy Kieseewetter, Assistant Advancement Director



Photo provided by 5th Street Films

Suzanne "True Blue" Graf, Father David "Red Baron" Cullings, Ryan "Green Envy" Moser, and Andy "Old Yeller" Oldham poised to start "The Race".

On May 14, a record-breaking capacity crowd of 580 auction attendees turned their eyes to the stage, beautifully lit with a colorful derby race backdrop and adorned with gleaming silver trophies, and they were ... *Off to the Races!* The 45th Annual Marist Auction – “the original” in Eugene – was a resounding success. Southern hospitality in a classic garden party setting was the vision of Auction Chairs Ryan '96 & Jessica (May) Dwyer '05 and Garrett '96 & Jill Nehl and was beautifully carried out by volunteers on the decorations committee. Many of the attendees dressed the part with pastel shirts and bow ties, colorful spring dresses and gorgeous derby-style hats.

The festive anniversary event featured “The Race Raffle” – a unique horse race and a favorite

with the crowd. Filmed prior to the auction, three segments of the race video were shown throughout the evening, giving attendees an opportunity to support their favorite jockey. The impressive field of riders pitted Marist’s president, Suzanne Graf, against Father David Cullings, Assistant Principal Andy Oldham, and Science Teacher Ryan Moser, each jockeying for position as they headed down the stretch on Romania track. Despite the fact that Father David put his horse on his back at one point and sprinted for the finish line, the race was won by Andy “Old Yeller” Oldham. It was a race for the ages.

The evening activities included a silent auction, dessert dash, Heads or Tails game, '80 alumnus Billy McCallum’s southern comfort food (chicken and waffles) and a

live auction masterfully led by Sid Voorhees, a Marist regular for 32 years. A record-breaking number of sponsors set the foundation of success for the evening. Special guests – past auction chairs or their representatives – were honored on this 45th anniversary with Jerusalem cross lapel pins. A powerful testimonial video produced by Brendon '96 and Monica O’Donnell of 5th Street Films featured the poignant story of one Marist senior and inspired more than \$100,000 in support for tuition assistance. To everyone who sponsored, donated, volunteered and attended, thank you most sincerely for making this 45th auction one for the record books!

The real winners of the evening? The students of Marist. ☩



Madeleine Shojai '17 and Emily Jewett '17



Molly Dwyer and Kathryn Hutchinson catch up.



Dave, Diza (Hoglen) '81 & Madison '09 Hilles with Drew Smith '09



Dr. Amy and Kevin McCarthy



Josh Harbert '01, Dan Campion and WC Harbert '99 look dapper.



President Suzanne Graf addresses the crowd.



Clem '67, Joanna '04, Ashley '07, Erica '09 and Tammy (Norris) May '75



Nancy Kieseewetter, Dee Miller and Michelle (Gonyea) Laing '85



Coach Ed Hummel surveys the Silent Auction.

### Auction Highlights

- Celebrated 45th Anniversary
- Sold-out, record-breaking crowd – 580 attendees
- \$400,000+ in revenue
- 150+ parent and student volunteers
- 1,500 hand-made decorative roses
- 52 past auction chairs (or representatives) in attendance
- \$100,000+ for tuition assistance
- 560 students who will benefit from all of the generosity!



Terry James, Karen (James) Reeves '03, Monica & Brendan O'Donnell '96, and Mike '05 & Kimmy Schor



Cheryl Burke with Sue Devereux



Max Stephenson (center) with Mike & Regina Cary



Auction chairs welcome guests.



Steve Killgore plays Heads or Tails.



Jeff Elder raises the bid.

### Celebrating 45 years of the Marist Auction!

We would like to acknowledge the leadership and contributions of all of our past auction chairs. We were especially honored to have 28 of the years represented by the auction chair, a member of their family, or friend. (highlighted in blue below)

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| 1973 | Larry Gieber †                         | 1997 | Jeremy Starr                   |
| 1974 | Gale Roberts †                         | 1998 | Norm Andersen                  |
| 1975 | Tom Maks                               | 1999 | Stephen & Kathryn Hutchinson   |
| 1976 | Dean Papé †                            | 2000 | Ric & Debbie Jeffries          |
| 1977 | Stan Duyck †                           | 2001 | Jerry Macke & Bernie Conklin † |
| 1978 | Gene Pitchford †                       | 2002 | Tony & Anita Vuksich           |
| 1979 | Len Casanova †                         | 2003 | John & Chrissy Murphy          |
| 1980 | Jack O'Neil † & Loran "Stub" Stewart † | 2004 | Peter & Monica Deluca          |
| 1981 | Peter Murphy Jr.                       | 2005 | Alumni Board & Friends         |
| 1982 | Bob Furrer † & Bob McWhorter †         | 2006 | Josh & Sam Gibeau              |
| 1983 | Larry Hughes, DMD                      | 2007 | Jim & Sabrina Enright          |
| 1984 | Joe & JoMae Gonyea II                  | 2008 | Terry & Julie Haskin           |
| 1985 | Jim Torrey                             | 2009 | Ray & Sue Paiement             |
| 1986 | Richard A. "Gus" Keller †              | 2010 | Jerry & Julie Harper           |
| 1987 | Jerry Thenell                          | 2011 | Mike & Tina Auld               |
| 1988 | Dave & Judi Weinkauff                  |      | Jeff & Molly Elder             |
| 1989 | Dave & Judi Weinkauff                  | 2012 | Brian & Debbie Jewett          |
| 1990 | Dallas † & Priscilla Troutman          | 2013 | Robb & Dee Miller              |
| 1991 | Gary Papé & Don Schroeder, MD          |      | Brian & Debbie Jewett          |
| 1992 | Jim Hoffman                            | 2014 | Brent & Michelle Laing         |
| 1993 | Gene Gramzow                           | 2015 | Larry & Beth Over              |
| 1994 | Mike & Doris † Cary                    |      |                                |
| 1995 | Susie Gress                            |      |                                |

† Deceased

To view more photos and videos from the auction, please visit [auction.marisths.org](http://auction.marisths.org)

## Marist Science Finds Its Wings



Photo by Gabby Mujica '16

On the first day the Science Wing was open to students, Ryan Moser teaches AP Physics in one of the four new classrooms.

Classes were finally held in the nearly complete Science Wing this May after nine months of hard work to expand the school and enhance the science education for many students to follow. Teachers are continuing to settle into the four new classrooms and renovations are taking place on the classrooms in the old science wing. Three of these classrooms will be repurposed as general education classrooms and one, room 308, will be remodeled into a fifth science room.



Photo by Gabby Mujica '16

Students admire the new interior hallways of the Science Wing located between the 300 and 400 wings.

## Speech and Debate



Photo by Tomi Cooper

The speech and debate team

A record number of speech and debate team members participated in the annual State Tournament at Western Oregon University in Monmouth this April. Marist sent eight competitors to state in six events.

Freshman Danielle Shojai placed second in After Dinner Speaking. Shojai gave her final round speech in front of all the teams present at the tournament during an assembly of 500 on Friday night. She was the only competitor to receive a full audience standing ovation at the end of her speech. It was a huge moment of pride for Danielle, the team and the program as a whole.

"I was so surprised when I placed, I honestly thought it was a typo," Shojai said. "At the beginning of the year, I could barely give a presentation in front of my class without shaking. I may have got a second place medal, but now I have first place confidence."

## Another Record Year



Photo by Tomi Cooper

Senior Leo Rain is crowned 2016 Mr. Spartan.

Senior Leo Rain, son of English teacher Ben Rain, was crowned the 2016 Mr. Spartan this April. The 26-member Mr. Spartan team spent four months raising \$53,476, a new Marist record, for Sacred Heart's Neonatal Intensive Care Unity through the Children's Miracle Network sponsored program.

## Air Force Appointment



Photo by April Venes

Senior Dustin Jones-Phillips accepts his certificate of appointment from Captain Christopher Webb.

Senior Dustin Jones-Phillips received his official certificate of appointment to the United States Air Force Academy this April. Securing an appointment is an extremely competitive process and earns Jones-Phillips not only the chance to serve his country but also full tuition, room and board, medical care and a stipend for all four years of college. Appointments are based on academics, activities and character.

## OSAA Academic Awards

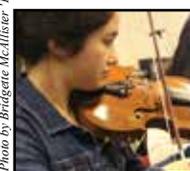


Photo by Bridgette McAllister '16

Junior Grace Rosier practices her violin.

Congratulations to Marist Strings for winning First Place in the OSAA Academic All-State Award for Orchestra!

Boys golf and girls tennis earned Second Place in their 5A classifications.

## Spring Sports Success Stories



Photo by Bill Henderson

The boys and girls state competitors and coaches celebrate their 2nd place trophy.

**BASEBALL:** The baseball team finished a great season with an overall record of 21-8, 2nd in the Midwestern League, a fifth place state ranking and a trip to the state tournament for the third year in a row. They made it to the quarterfinals where they lost 1-10 to the fourth ranked Crescent Valley Raiders.

**GOLF:** The boys team placed 4th in the state tournament and sophomore John Pollock was 10th overall.

**LACROSSE:** After finishing 2nd in league, the boys lacrosse team finished a successful season in the first round of the state playoffs with a loss to 6A Sherwood. The girls team finished their season 3rd in league and also made it to the first round of playoffs where they lost to St. Mary's Academy.

**SHOOTING:** At State, the shooting team placed 2nd in trap after winning a tiebreaker shoot-off and 3rd in skeet.

**SOFTBALL:** The girls closed out one of their best seasons in the recent past with a loss against top-ranked Lebanon in the state semifinals. They ended their season with an overall record of 25-6. Junior Lauren Burke was named the Gatorade Player of the Year for Oregon and senior Kristin Behrends was invited to play for the South All-Star Team.

**TENNIS:** With the help of senior Madisyn Bryant's fourth consecutive



Photo by Adrienne Ponvora

The boys golf team stands with their 4th place trophy.

state title, the girls team secured a 2nd place finish in the state tournament after winning the Midwestern district title. At State, two doubles teams made it to the championship quarterfinals and one team made it to the consolation semifinals. In women's singles, junior Emma Duvall was the consolation runner-up and Bryant was the state singles champ. The girls had their fifth undefeated dual-match season in a row and now have a five-year record of 62-0. The boys team tied for 9th at State.

**TRACK AND FIELD:** Both track and field teams took home Midwestern League Districts titles this spring and advanced 17 athletes to the state meet. At the 5A state meet, the boys placed 2nd, only four points behind Hood River Valley and the girls were 13th. Senior Trae Gould won the mens long jump and was 4th in the triple jump. Senior Dustin Jones-Phillips won the 400m and was part of both the 2nd place 4x100m relay team and the 4th place 4x400m relay team. Sophomore Jerik Embleton was 3rd in both the 800m and 1500m and set a new school record in the 1500m. Senior Nick Grafton was 3rd in pole vault and senior Matt Jones was 2nd in the 100m and 6th in the 200m. Sophomore Caitlin Kirk was 7th in the 200m but ran the second fastest time in Marist's history. Sophomore Madelyn Nowicki was 6th in the 400m and the girls 4x100m and 4x400m teams both placed fifth.



Photo by Maya Peterson '16

Junior Lauren Burke hits a home run in a win over Liberty H.S. in the first round of the state playoffs.

## New Campus Priest

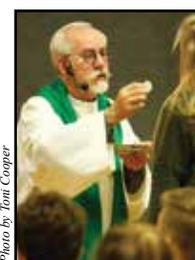


Photo by Tomi Cooper

Fr. Ken Olsen

It was announced in May that Father Ken Olsen will be the new part-time campus priest at Marist for the 2016-17 school year. Fr. Ken has most recently served at the Catholic parishes in Oakridge and Dexter and as the chaplain for Sacred Heart Medical Center in Springfield, Ore.

## The Newest Doc Martin

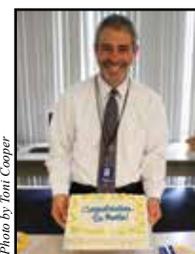


Photo by Tomi Cooper

Rick Martin, Ed.D.

After seven years of hard work, Director of Campus Ministry & Formation Rick Martin received his Doctorate in Education this May from the University of San Francisco. Martin wrote his doctoral dissertation on a study he performed at Marist regarding the relationship between school and faith.

## Youth Ending Slavery



Photo by Michael Henderson '16

Senior Nick Grafton raises awareness at Gateway Mall.

The Marist Chapter of Youth Ending Slavery, or YES, which is in its second year at Marist, held multiple vigils this spring to raise awareness of the human trafficking crimes taking place right here in our community. The vigils are held for a half hour on the first Sunday of each month in front of the Gateway mall, known to be a place of trafficking. YES is originally a student led non-profit organization that began in Portland. Now there are more than ten different Oregon high schools that participate in the program.

## CLASS NOTES

### 1950s

**Fred Reiling '57** and his wife, Barbara, are enjoying life and retirement in Louisiana after 23 years in the Air Force. Fred describes the Class of '57 as “truly brothers and sisters” and hopes current students “make lifelong friends as we did.”

### 1960s

The 1960 St. Francis High School Basketball Team State Champs were honored at the Coos Bay Basketball Tournament this past March, in Coos Bay, Ore. *Pictured below.*



*John Balloun, Don Carson, Mike Waske, Steve Cottinair, and Roger Guthrie with Coach Jim Souza (in front)*

### 1970s

After the death of her husband, **Teri Jansen '79**, moved back to Oregon to be with family. She now lives in Oregon City.

### 1980s

**Mike Shroeder '81** currently lives in Bangkok, Thailand and is working in Lucknow, India.

### 2000s

**Kristen Kehoe '02** released a young adult novella in March and a second full length novel in May. After graduating from Marist, she attended Oregon State University and received her bachelor's degree in liberal studies and creative writing. She also holds a master's degree in K-12 Education and teaches at West Albany High School. She is married, with one daughter, Olivia.



**Tony Baker '03** and his wife, Marie, welcomed their daughter, Madison, on February 20.



**Jacqueline Beyerlein '07** joined Del Oeste Equine Hospital, Eugene, in June. Dr. Beyerlein is a 2015 graduate of Oregon State University's College of Veterinary Medicine. After graduation, she completed a year-long internship focusing on equine surgery and sports medicine at Equine Services Hospital in Simpsonville, Kentucky.

**Lauren Karcher '07** was featured in *The Register-Guard* on March 16. Lauren and her parents, Joe and Cathleen Karcher, have opened a Human Bean franchise on West 11th Avenue in Eugene. Cathleen serves on the Marist Foundation Board.

**Thomas J. Payne '07** graduated, cum laude, from Lewis & Clark Law School on May 28, receiving his Juris Doctor degree. He was chosen as a member of the Corneliushon Honor Society and was an executive editor of the Lewis & Clark Law Review. He and his wife, Sarah, live in Portland, Ore. and are awaiting the arrival of their first child.



**Ashley Elder '08** was admitted to the Oregon State Bar during the Supreme Court of Oregon's Admissions Ceremony at Willamette University on April 28. Elder will be practicing law at the firm of Gardner Honsowetz Potter Budge LLP in Eugene.

*Groomsmen Jordan Schrader '09, Daniel Solano '12, best man Nelson Solano '10, groomsman Blake Swanson '09, groom James Weilbrenner '10, bride Erica Cross '10, maid of honor Angela Bruni '10, and bridesmaid Haley Jaros '10. Behind the bride are bridesmaids Kelsey Weilbrenner '08 and Allison Jaros '12. Also pictured is ring bearer and nephew, Kaden Cross.*



### 2010s

**Erica Cross '10** wed **James Weilbrenner '10** at the home of Erica's parents on February 20. *Pictured below.*

**Jacob Guckenburger '10** will wed Kelsey McDougal June 26 in Des Moines, Iowa.

**Paul Duncan '13, Eric Hammersmith '13, and Alex Seaver '13**, visited Marist in May and toured the nearly completed Science Wing. Paul is studying public relations and political science at the University of Oregon; Eric is a Duck as well, majoring in biology; and Alex is delving into molecular biology at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.



*Alex Seaver '13, Science Teacher Renee Cool, Paul Duncan '13, and Eric Hammersmith '13*

In March, **Alexis Cross '14** was named to the National Collegiate Acrobatics and Tumbling Association's honor roll. She is attending the University of Oregon and competes in a variety of events.



## REUNIONS

### **Class of 1961 – 55 Years**

Early arrivals meet Thursday, August 18, at Roaring Rapids Pizza (4006 Franklin Blvd., Eugene) at 6 p.m. Dinner & Dance, Friday, August 19, 5-11 p.m. at The Country Inn (4100 Country Farm Road, Eugene). Picnic, Saturday, August 20, 1 p.m. at Rowe's Park (91055 Hill Road, Springfield). Cost of the dinner/dance/picnic is \$90 per person. Mass: Sunday, August 21, 9 a.m. at St. Mary Catholic Church (1062 Charnelton, Eugene). Mass will be celebrated for the intentions of the Class of '61. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sandy Toner, micsan4@hevanet.com, or Pat Klenke, 541-485-6782.

### **Class of 1963 – 53 Years**

A group of alumni women get together for a lunch "reunion" monthly to stay in touch. Men are welcome, too. Contact Rosemary (Storms) Montgomery '63 for more information, 541-344-4660, rlmontgomery1@yahoo.com.



*Jerry Macke '66 and Dan Brown '66 start preparations for their 50th class reunion this summer. Jerry is holding Dan's football jersey.*

### **Class of 1966 – 50 Years**

Festivities begin Friday, September 23, 6 p.m. at Roaring Rapids Pizza (formerly Pietro's Pizza). Saturday, September 24 will feature golf or hiking and a UO Duck football game WATCH party at Valley River Inn (details/time TBA). Representatives from the Class of '66 will place a special bit of memorabilia in the trophy case during the All Alumni BBQ at Marist on Sunday, September 25. For more information, please contact Mark Branlund at markbranlund@gmail.com.

### **Class of 1967 – 49 Years**

Our St. Francis High School "49er" Reunion will be hosted by Sharon & Joe Harbert at their residence on August 30, beginning at 4 p.m. For information please email Harbert5708@comcast.net.

### **Class of 1971 – 45 Years**

A get-together will be held to celebrate 45 years. Contact Ben Lawson, 972-571-1163, or Steve Andreason, 541-513-4779.

### **Class of 1986 – 30 Years**

No-host social Friday, July 15 at 6 p.m. at the Beergarden, next to Gray's Garden Center on 6th Street in Eugene. Dinner and dance Saturday, July 16, 6 p.m. at the Downtown Athletic Club (999 Willamette Street, Eugene). Campus tour at Marist on Sunday, July 17, time TBA. For more information, check out our Facebook page Marist HS Reunion or contact Tim Campbell, time@campbellre.com.

### **Class of 1996 – 20 Years**

A campus tour on July 30 will be followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m. at Marist High School. Significant others and children welcome. Casual get-together at The Cooler later that evening around 8 p.m. For more information, RSVPs and lunch reservations, contact 96Marist@gmail.com.

### **Class of 2011 – Five Years**

The Class of 2011 will be celebrating their five-year reunion this summer (date

and location TBD). Information for the reunion will be posted in the alumni Facebook group. For more information, please contact Blaine Patrick Werner, Jr. at bpwjrl@gmail.com.

### **Classes of 1982 and 1977**

#### *Planning for 2017*

These two classes hope to combine efforts and celebrate their 35th and 40th reunions together. For more information, please contact Roberta (Palmer) Kellis '82, 541-954-9131.

## ALL ALUMNI BBQ

Marist's annual All Alumni BBQ will be graced with gorgeous fall weather and most importantly: you! All are invited to attend this event where we will celebrate St. Mary's, St. Francis and Marist high school alumni. We Are One.

**When:** Sunday, September 25, 2016

Noon: Mass (optional) will be celebrated in the Marist Chapel

1 p.m.: Lunch is served, followed by a tour of the new Science Wing with Marist President Suzanne Graf.

**Where:** Marist campus (1900 Kingsley Road, Eugene, OR 97401)

**Questions?** Contact Rebecca Larson, Advancement Director, 541-284-7537.

## Save the Date!

The Michael J. Dwyer Memorial Golf  
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## WHO ARE THEY?

If you know who our mystery alumni and staff in this photo are, please share your stories and thoughts with us by emailing them to [alumni@marisths.org](mailto:alumni@marisths.org).



*Charles Richardson '70, Sister Bernardine Mary (Shirley Krueger) and Dennis Geary '70 at St. Francis High School.*

### WHO ARE THEY?

From the previous issue of Marist Magazine

We received so many responses to the question "Who are they?". Many gave thanks for the invitation to stroll down Memory Lane. Thank you for sharing! Below are just a few:

I remember this photo being shot during the 1966-67 school year at St. Francis High School. The reason I remember it is because I was a student math tutor my senior year working under the direction of the very talented and affable Sister Bernardine Mary. She taught math and typing while at St. Francis.

The photo was taken right before the nuns changed their habits and eliminated all the head gear, which I believe was during the summer of 1968, right before Marist High opened in Fall of 1968.

With the excitement of moving into a new high school, it was pretty amazing. There are many stories to be told about the poor condition the old St. Francis building was in when we left. It had a very leaky roof and on a really rainy day dodging the myriad of buckets

in the hallway catching the dripping water was like going down a slalom course. Such as it was, those were our Happy Days.

Mr. Lavallee (now Brother Larry) wrote, "I have fond memories of my two years there (1972 - 1974). For all Catholic schools, the time period was part of a weird transition into modernity. That phase in the religion department curriculum was often referred to as 'the banner and collage era.' I taught three classes of Religion (at least I think it was religion). All Religion classes were nine weeks long. My classes in that department were 'religious themes in music' taught to the same students I had in my English class ... that gem was poetry and rock."

### Change of Habit

By Mark Gallagher '70

In this case we're not talking about changing that Friday morning drive-through coffee habit you have for surviving another work week. We're talking about the garb nuns used to wear called a "habit." If you are under 60, you probably wouldn't remember seeing them.

In the recent "Who's in the Picture" feature from the Marist - Winter 2016 edition, it showed two students and Sister Shirley Krueger (Sisters of the Holy Name) with her older style nuns "habit" on and brought up the topic of the nun's "habits."

The funny thing about the "habit," that you see in the picture with the wrap-around white face piece (blinders), was that it cut way down on their peripheral vision. Not a very helpful thing for a teacher who just might have a student or two up to unsanctioned activities. The "habits" were all black

with full length skirts and the typical white face surrounds. One day when I was in the 7th grade at St. Mary's, Sister Stephen Michael had a lock of brown hair sticking out on the white forehead piece. Until then, we didn't even know if they had hair of any length or were shaved bald underneath or what. We all just stared at that short lock of hair all afternoon. She must have been wondering why her entire class of all boys were all paying such good attention all of a sudden. (Segregated classes with all boys or all girls in 7th and 8th grades is another story to be told perhaps another time.)

When the change of "habit" happened, circa 1967, I remember going down to St. Francis High School one day either during spring break or during the summer recess and seeing Sister Shirley wearing a knee-length skirt and a black veil without all the white face surround. We had not been aware that a change of "habit" was coming so it was quite a shock. I mean Sister Shirley actually had legs, and shaven too. She must have been the most daring or progressive of the nuns because out of the nine or so Sisters that were at the school, she was the first and only one to change her "habit" for a short time. The others soon followed suit however.

I think the nuns also changed their names around the same time, from the old two name system that they assumed when they became a nun, like Sister Stephen Michael (sometimes male names) whom I mentioned from the 7th grade, to just their standard names. Sister Shirley's name in the 1967 St. Francis annual is listed as Sister Bernadine Mary.

When they started wearing the more standard dress and using their real names, it certainly made you consider that they might just be real people with a special calling. ☪

## IN MEMORIAM



*Msgr. Carl Gimpl's Family, 1931. Back row: Henry, Ed, Joe. Middle row: Mary Theresa (future Sister Caroline Ann), Carl Sr. (Papa), Margaret, Elizabeth (Mama). Front row: Genevieve and twins Caroline and Carl, Jr. (future Msgr. Gimpl).*

**Msgr. Carl Gimpl '46** passed away on October 25, 2015. He was born to Carl and Elizabeth Gimpl on October 9, 1928 in Eugene, Oregon. After graduating from St. Mary's High School, Carl studied at Mt. Angel Seminary in Oregon, St. Edward Seminary in Washington, and was ordained to the priesthood on May 21, 1955 by Archbishop Cornelius Power. A pastor at many parishes in the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon, he also headed the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) in the Portland area for many years and served as the administrator of Camp Howard. He also served on the Archdiocesan Tribunal as a judge for marriages and annulments. He was preceded in death by siblings **Edward Gimpl '33**, **Sister Caroline Ann Gimpl '34**, **Joseph Gimpl '38**, **Henry Gimpl '39**, and **Caroline (Gimpl) Kaili Kole '46**. He is survived by two sisters, **Genevieve (Gimpl) Auman '43** and **Margaret (Gimpl) Compton '41**.

Karen Rowe passed away on November 26, 2015. She is survived by her husband, **David Rowe '62**, and children **Neysa (Rowe) Farris '86**, **Chris (Rowe) Frey '88**; **Andrew Rowe '90**, Ben Rowe, and several grandchildren, including **Sydney Frey '19**.

Joyce Ruth Sweeney passed away on February 10. She is survived by her children **Patricia (Sweeney) Lyon '57**, **Ann (Sweeney) Reasoner '66**, James

Sweeney, Thomas Sweeney, Mary Gilson and Daniel Sweeney, 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth Dumolt passed away on February 7. He is survived by his wife, Marjorie and son, **Paul Dumolt '73**, three grandchildren and five great-granddaughters.

William Knebel passed away on January 30. He is survived by his wife, three children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, including **Kiersten Knebel '18**.

Rob Gilliam passed away on March 3. Rob was a member of the Marist football coaching staff in 2005.

John "Jack" Bernard Conklin passed away on March 4. He is survived by eight of his nine children: **Bernie Conklin '69 (recently deceased)**, **John Conklin '71**, **Michael Conklin '72**, **Theresa (Conklin) Barto '73**, **Bill Conklin '75**, **Paul Conklin '76**, **Eileen (Conklin) Harris '79**, **Joseph Conklin '81** and **Mary (Conklin) Klenke '83**; seven stepchildren; 46 grandchildren including **Stephanie Conklin '02** and **Colleen Conklin '07**; and many great-grandchildren including **Brianna Johnson '19**.

**Mary Anne (Michaud) Howard '66** passed away on March 9. She is survived by her husband, Jim, siblings

Joan (Michaud) Evonuk (wife of **Ed '61**), **Jeanette (Michaud) Garcia '68**, **Lois Michaud '70**, **Kathleen Michaud '72**, and **John Michaud '75**. She was preceded in death by her sister, **Lorraine Michaud '67**.

Cecile Eugenie (Boyer) Peters passed away on March 11. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Sabrina and Jim Enright, who chaired the 2007 Marist Auction, and her grandchildren **Brandt Enright '05** and **Ali Enright '09**.

Lindy Kathryn Pellegrini passed away on March 12. She is survived by her husband, **Larry Pellegrini '64** and son, Travis.

Catherine Tomcal passed away March 19. She is survived by children Mary Lepley, Margaret Tomcal and Michael Tomcal, and grandchildren **Michael Tomcal '08**, **Joseph Tomcal '09** and **Dominic Tomcal '16**.

Billie Mae (Wheaton) Haskin passed away on March 23. She is survived by her children, Marlee Fitzpatrick, Terry Haskin (past Foundation board president and auction chair), daughter-in-law Julie Haskin (past auction chair and school advisory council member); nine grandchildren, including **Christopher Haskin '04**, **Kyle Haskin '06** and **Kevin Haskin '11**; and 17 great-grandchildren.

Charles Andrew Swenson passed away on April 7. He is survived by his sons Chuck Swenson and Dave Swenson and four grandchildren, including **Chad Swenson '08**.

Guido Angelo Palandri passed away on April 13. His wife, Angela Palandri passed away May 23. They are survived by their sons James Palandri, Michael Palandri and **Françoise (Cooper) Palandri '76** (wife of Michael).

Allan William Emrick, Jr. passed away on April 17. He was a Marist Foundation Board member. He is survived by his children **Molly (Emrick) Scragg '84**, **Sean Emrick '87** and Erin Emrick.

John Joseph Kennedy, Jr. passed away on April 23. He is survived by his wife, Darlene (Langford) Kennedy, his children Megan Sandlin and **John Joseph Kennedy III '97** and three grandchildren.

# TAKE 5

## Patrick Donnelly '05 answers five questions in five minutes.

*Patrick Donnelly talks about his life after Marist and his job working on the NBC show, Grimm.*

**Q: Tell us a little bit about Grimm; what is it?**

*Grimm* is a TV show that is produced by NBC and filmed in Portland, Oregon. It's kind of cool because most of the production takes place in Oregon. One of the reasons the production is able to take place here is because of the state tax breaks provided for the film industry. The show itself is a combination of *CSI* mixed with *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and throw a little of *Twilight* in there.

**Q: What is your role on the show?**

I am a "visual effects compositor," and I work for a studio that

contracts for NBC. I am not on the set, but I help create the special effects. When the humans morph into the monsters, we make that happen. There are two main sides: 3D and 2D. The 3D makes a map of the human's face and a model of how the creature looks, then they light it and make sure it fits in the scene, then the animation department tracks it in so it's matching the movement of the actor on the set. Then, that image is rendered and sent to the 2D department, which is where I work, and we make sure it morphs into the creature. It's tedious, but fun work.

**Q: How did you get this opportunity?**

After being laid-off from a visual studio in Los Angeles where I worked for two and half years, I came to Eugene to stay with my parents for a bit to save some money. I found an ad in the San Francisco Craigslist for this job in Portland. I was pretty much hired on the spot. I've always wanted to work in Oregon, so it's pretty cool that this opportunity opened up for me.

**Q: In high school, you did a lot of work with film. The Mr. Spartan video you put together was legendary. What did you do after Marist?**

I attended the film school at Loyola Marymount University, which is where I majored in film production and minored in animation. It was an exciting time to be in film school because everything was changing with media: digital, high definition production, and other media (like YouTube) were just starting. There weren't a lot of jobs when I graduated in 2009, so I got a job as a production assistant at a studio. I was in a little over my head, but I got connected with some good mentors who helped me improve my self-taught skills. I've always liked creative problem solving with computers, so this felt like a good fit.

**Q: Where do you see yourself in the next ten years?**

The visual effects industry is not the most stable. All of the other film industries were formed in the 40s and 50s during the golden age of Hollywood, so they are unionized. When visual effects came around in the 80s or 90s there was never any sort of unionization. As a result, there is a lot of work that is shipped out to other countries at a lower price, so a lot of the visual effects artists freelance all over the world. We also get laid-off every summer when the show ends its season, so the work is seldom steady. I want to stay in film production, but I'm not sure I want to work all over the world for the long haul. I am really enjoying this job, but keeping an open mind about what could happen next.



Photo provided by Patrick Donnelly, '05



"If you want to touch the past, touch a rock.  
If you want to touch the present, touch a flower.  
If you want to touch the future, touch a life."

— Author Unknown



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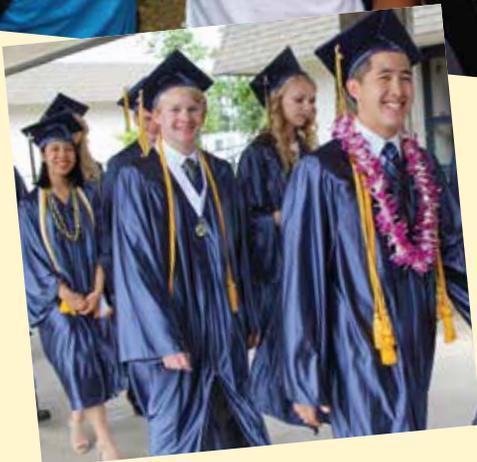
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### AUGUST

18 Freshmen Root Beer Social

### SEPTEMBER

1 Welcome Back Day  
Transfer Student Orientation  
Science Wing Dedication Ceremony

8 Freshmen Orientation

9 First Day of School

12-16 Welcome Week

15 Mass of the Holy Spirit

17-19 Formation Retreat

25 All Alumni BBQ

### OCTOBER

1-2 Freshmen Lock-In

14 Homecoming Game

15 Homecoming Dance

26 National Honor Society  
Induction Ceremony

21, 22, 28, 29 Marist Theatre Spring Play

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