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WE ARE ONE

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL

## *God's Call*

The daily Gospel reading and reflection (below) hit my computer's inbox for January 23, 2015. That was the day after our Marist school board had met and unanimously voted to put forward to Archbishop Sample the name of Suzanne Graf as Marist's first President.



**Mark 3:13-19** *Jesus went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message. ...*

**Reflection** *Who would you choose to change the world?*

*Jesus, the Son of God, could have chosen anyone to help proclaim the message of salvation and spread the Gospel to all peoples. He could have chosen kings, scholars, elite noblemen, politicians, or rabbis — people who had the skills and knowledge to preach and teach and the influence to make a significant difference.*

*But he did quite the opposite. He chose ordinary people with no social advantages or special education — tax collectors and fishermen — to be his closest followers. He chose the apostles, not for who they were before, but for what they would become through his guidance and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

*Like the saying goes, "God does not call the qualified. God qualifies the called."*

*Jesus Christ chooses us every day, but it is our decision to follow him.*

— “Reflection”, University of Notre Dame, Jan. 23, 2015

“I’m totally at peace. If it’s meant to be, I would love to work as Marist’s president.” Those were the words Suzanne shared with me as she applied back in November for the new position, a position heavy with responsibility and challenges.

When I dropped by her office (just down the hall at Marist where she works as our current Development Director) that morning after the board’s decision to offer her the position, and shared the readings and reflection, her smile and peace were simply God-sent.

Marist is a great high school. I’ve said that dozens of times and deeply believe it. At the same time, the work is huge — the work of leading Marist at a high level of performance and providing the unbelievably blessed opportunity for students and their families.

Today, the major work of a ‘head of school’ of a thriving Catholic high school includes responsibilities that are outside the job description of a public school principal — shaping the culture of the school to achieve the passion and focus of a Christ-centered community; marketing to draw students (and their supportive parents) to the school; budgeting to meet the demands of a just wage for teachers and staff while handling the pressure to hold down tuition; raising 18-23% of that budget from outside-of-tuition sources; and, working closely with a governance board to develop and achieve a strategic plan that has many critical components.

We are blessed at Marist — great teachers, administrators and staff, great students and their parents, and a core principle that is fundamental and guiding for all of us — **We Are One**.

Now, forty-six years after our doors were first opened with a Marist Brother serving as our first principal, Marist is moving to a president/principal model — and that is good. Really good.

Most importantly, our first president, Suzanne Graf, is truly a great fit for the work, the mission, the calling of that position.

Today, we celebrate the blessing of a new leader. Thank you, Suzanne, for your “yes” to the call. Thank you for your decision to follow Him. ♣

Jay Conroy

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Kristin Behrends '16 participates in a personal writing assignment on the Marist Junior Women's Encounter retreat this winter. Attended by 95% of our students, the Encounter provides an opportunity for participants to experience a profound encounter of self, others (in particular with peers and family), and God in the light of Christian faith.

Photo by Claire Farrington '15.

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Students take time to reflect together on an Encounter retreat.

# Parents Share the Marist Difference

*In a recent polling of current parents, we asked why they chose Marist and what would compel them to recommend it to other parents.*

*Their unedited replies are revealing. We humbly, gratefully share some of them below.*

## Why did you choose Marist?

We chose Marist for the Christian education, a full academic schedule all school year (math all year, what a concept!), a full day of classes with no big gaps, a wider range of choices for clubs, ability to participate in sports without having to be an elite athlete, teachers and staff that are focused on the whole student and not just grades, and a positive social atmosphere.

Four reasons: successful years of education from our 2001 and 2003 graduated daughters; assistance with our non-motivated teenager; religious

and good moral environment; and college prep.

Because we felt we would have the best chance of monitoring our son's progress throughout high school.

We like the support services available to students, especially the separate counselors for each grade that help guide and direct the students. We also wanted our children to go to school full time without gaps in their daily schedules.

We were worried our child would get lost in the crowd of a larger high school. The small class sizes and the Marist community were very appealing to us, as well as the spiritual education that Marist offers.

Lots of staff involvement.

I attended Preview Day and immediately knew in my heart that Marist is a community my son could join, blossom in and contribute to. I was blown away by the demonstration of commitment of the administrative and teaching faculty to formation of the whole person with strong academics, faith and service. I saw positive energy, happy people of many ages in a community with a purpose – no, a mission. Teachers and

administrative staff spoke about what they do made a deep impression. I wanted my son to get to experience these people, this community functioning together as teachers and role models. Learning about "We Are One" (the school motto) and seeing it in action, gave me the whole picture, made a huge impression and led me to move heaven and earth to make it possible for my son to attend.

The Christ-centered focus that will help lead our kids through high school challenges.

The past four years provided us with a broad perspective about the "real" reasons all of our children will be proud to be Marist alumni. Marist was not only our best option in Eugene, we believe strongly our best option anywhere. The real reasons to choose Marist are found far beyond the rigorous curriculum.

## Why recommend Marist?

So many things all bundled up into the overall experience of a community of academic excellence, faith and service, which produce personal growth.

Marist has an amazing staff that does care about the success of each child. Their rules are straight forward and compassionate. The staff gives individual attention, are approachable, encourages the student, and is always very prompt and attentive to parents.

I love the amount of parent involvement at the high school level, which is really unique. I love the focus on serving each other and our community.

The retreat commitment and experience which can only be fully understood, in retrospect, as a deep commitment to the life of the students at Marist and the teachers that give so much of their time to make this happen.

True sportsmanship in athletics: seeing the football team support those who have just defeated them.

The Mass experience in which teachers and students serve one another bread and wine or give a blessing is a profound dimension added to the high school life and feeds the spirit.

The genuine feeling of "We Are One". Even as parents we have an overwhelming feeling of unity.

The staff is there for our daughter in the best way possible! "It takes a village to raise a child" is how Marist does it.

Marist is a family.

Teachers know their students beyond their grades and academics and use these relationships to support and encourage them. Kids know someone cares enough to be watching what they are doing (example: staff who know them all and stand out front monitoring comings and goings). Teachers model their commitment to excellence and hard work (example: Ms. Cooper, who spends days and time off with the newspaper staff getting out the papers).

It's a 5A Catholic high school that combines excellence in academics and excellence in sports!

The retreats, for each class, have a very unique quality that Marist offers, allowing students to bond with one another and celebrate the uniqueness of each student.

The teachers and counselors care about the kids and the family. If you need help, or just someone to talk to, they are there. Our family has been through some tough situations. Marist really adapted and helped in each situation to make sure the kids could focus on what they needed to focus on under the circumstances.

The kind, respectful manner in which students and staff act.

Through the community service program, charity and giving back begins at Marist.

There isn't another school with a Mrs. Tammy May who not only knows every student's name and where each child is at any time during the day, but also how they are feeling.

The welcoming feeling that you get when you walk on the campus was one of the first things that we noticed.

The community, the upper classmen to lower classmen involvement.

Everyone at Marist cares, honestly cares. They help a child mature into an adult in this challenging world we live in today.

Our son is young for his grade, disorganized, and very intelligent. I felt that he could easily slip through the cracks in a large public school and not learn to become a student and reach his full potential. Mr. Nelson's history class alone was worth sending him to Marist. I have seen more growth in him as a student than I ever expected, and now he is getting better grades and showing me work that is drastically better than his work one year ago. He is benefitting from the smaller class sizes, the accountability, and the caring staff that Marist provides.

You get what you pay for! My kids have prospered and been challenged and have memories that will last a lifetime. High school is not an easy time in a young adult's life, but Marist makes it as easy as possible.

*We Are One* body of Christ.

*We Are One* community of believers in the goodness of human nature as evidenced every day on the campus of Marist and by our students out in the community.

*We Are One* community – students, teachers, parents, administrators – all working together for the betterment of our students and the larger world.

*We Are One* in serving those in need.

*We Are One* in all kinds of success – academic, athletic, community service, the list goes on.

If you want to succeed and are willing to put in the effort, the full Marist community will make sure that you do, because *WE ARE ONE*. ♣



Teacher Toni Cooper works with the student newspaper staff after hours.

# Marist Moves to President/Principal Model of School Leadership

By Principal Jay Conroy

**I** was surprised you hadn't done it 15 years ago!"

That was just one of the comments directed to Marist School Board Chair, Pete Kerns, after the announcement in January that Marist Catholic High School would be led by a president, not a principal, in the coming years. The comment reflected the recognition that Marist, like many Catholic high schools in Oregon and throughout the country, needed to recognize the increased demands and complexity of managing a school that was strongly Catholic, Christ-centered, top-level academically and thriving in its day to day operations.

## *Pending Retirement Brings Time to Review*

In the Spring of 2014, the school board received word that I wanted to step down and at that time I urged the board to seriously look at the long-term direction and mission of Marist and its leadership structure.

## *History: Six Principals (1994-2003), Rising Costs, Need for Broader Leadership, and More Resources*

The school board took a look at the history of administration and staffing at Marist. They noted the turnover of principals in the last two decades. Our current principal, Conroy, has been principal for seven years, the longest in that position in the school's 47 year history. Taking over as principal in September, 2008, he was the sixth principal in twenty years.

Early principals had shepherded Marist through challenging times often leaning on the good will and low wage expectation of staff that included religious – Sisters of the

Holy Name and Marist Brothers. In the last 20 years, with the loss of the presence of Brothers and Sisters, new challenges began to emerge.

The school board recognized that the time, capacity and skills required of the traditional head of school, the principal at Marist, have been stretched far beyond those required in a 'conventional' high school.

Marist saw enrollment swings of nearly 300 students from a low of 291 in 1991, to a high of 583 in 1999. Until recent years Marist staff wages were significantly below standard. As recent as 2007, the Marist wage scale for full-time teaching positions was less than 80% of the regional public school average, making it difficult to attract and keep highly qualified staff. Additionally, the archdiocesan bankruptcy matters, which concluded in 2007, involved threats from claimants to close Marist and sell the property owned by the Archdiocese to pay off claims.

In the last two decades Marist governance had gone through uncertainty, change and varying levels of trust. The Marist "Board" (though not an official corporate board) was even disbanded at one point and a new School Advisory Committee (SAC) was created. Strained relations had existed

from time to time between the school's separate Foundation and administration, between staff and administration and between the school and the Department of Schools at the archdiocesan level.

## *Current Demands: Mission, Budget, Development, Admissions, Tuition Assistance, Facilities, Strategic Planning & More*

The school board and administration recognized that the overall financial demands of the school are substantial and pressing. The annual operating budget is over \$5 million dollars, with 63 full and part-time teaching and support staff, plus dozens of coaches and advisors. Enrollment has grown to 563, the largest in 15 years, with still more growth projected based on current class sizes and predicted incoming classes.

The school board has committed to paying a fair wage to all of its employees, bringing teacher wages to 100% of local scale (at 91% when medical and retirement benefits are included). They have created a new Development Office aimed at cultivating strong financial support outside of tuition dollars. Over the last five years that office has grown development income to nearly 19% of the annual operations budget.

Attention is needed to address facilities, including upgrading the nearly 50 year-old buildings and utilities. In addition, unlike conventional high schools that have a monopoly on their base population of students, Marist's success depends on thoughtful, dynamic marketing to attract strong enrollment and additional outside financial support.

That support is critical to sustain the school's outstanding culture, its strong academics, along with its excellent athletics and activities programs.

Importantly, this school board and staff are committed to offering Marist to families who need tuition assistance in order to attend.

Finally, the responsibility for designing and carrying out strategic plans that would insure long-term excellence and enrollment stability need to be handled by an administrator with the big picture in mind, someone working with the school board and community.

In short, the school board recognized that the time, capacity and skills required of the traditional head of school, the principal at Marist, have been stretched far beyond those required in a 'conventional' high school.

#### ***Time for a President: School Board Study and Adoption***

The school board and administration undertook a thorough study of national trends in Catholic high schools and the success of other Catholic schools. They focused closely on their respective forms of administrative leadership.

They noted that of the 10 Catholic high schools in Oregon, only Regis High, in Stayton, with fewer than 160 students and Marist were still operating with a principal as head of school. The rest had presidents.

The school board also noted the parallel increase in expectations for Marist, like those other thriving schools, in the areas of sound financial management, increased development/fundraising, more board relations, enrollment management and strategic planning.

They concluded that the model of a "CEO" or president made sense, but raised concern that the added position might be an added drain on school resources. Again, the school board studied the experience of other schools and noted that the president in those schools is focused in a major

way on the development/ fundraising part of school management. They concluded, "We can't afford to not do it — the position will pay for itself and then some in terms of generating additional needed resources."

... "the new position will provide a spiritual, visionary and fiscal leader, a driver of the ongoing stability, integrity and mission of Marist."

In May, 2014, the school board approved the adoption of the president/principal model. In their own words, "the new position will provide a spiritual, visionary and fiscal leader, a driver of the ongoing stability, integrity and mission of Marist." They reaffirmed their commitment to "maintaining Marist strong financially while being good stewards of the trust and commitment of parents and the community." Their expectation — the president will be "a leader who is committed to our Catholic roots and the mission of the school, a leader who can make our school stable and excellent for generations to come."

#### ***Archbishop's Approval***

In June, 2014, Archbishop Alexander Sample approved and blessed the new model for Marist, effective July, 2015. ♣

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*Over the past seven years, Jay Conroy has been doing the work of both a principal and a president and has consistently strived to make Marist a better school for future generations — which include his grandchildren.*





# First President Chosen

**M**arist will have a president effective July 1, 2015. The Marist Catholic High School Board of Directors, in January, voted unanimously to appoint Suzanne Graf as the first president of the school. The action was formally approved by Archbishop Alexander Sample of the Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon and moves Marist in line with the long-term trend in Catholic school leadership. Graf, currently serving as Development Director for Marist, will take over the position of head of school with the retirement of Jay Conroy, current principal, who is stepping down after seven years as the school's leader.

The Marist School Board, following the pattern of many Catholic and private schools statewide and nationally, is turning to a president/principal model of school leadership that keeps the traditional high school principal in charge of the day to day operations of the school. The overall leadership, including business matters, advancement, development, community relations and board relations, will be the responsibility of the new president.

"We have concluded, after a great deal of research and conversation with other successful thriving Catholic schools in Oregon and on the west coast, that for us to continue to offer an excellent education in a positive, faith-centered community for families from a diverse background, we need to acknowledge that the school is a large, more complex business than what we had in our earlier days," said board secretary and selection committee chair, Clay Skurdal. "We are committed to being strong financially, good stewards of the

investments of current parents and the long-term investments of our community. We need a leader who is committed to our Catholic roots and our mission and who has the skills and experience in the business world to make our school stable for generations to come."

The Marist School Board of Directors, appointed by the Archdiocese in 2008, sees the new position of president as a "spiritual, visionary and fiscal leader, a driver of the ongoing stability, integrity and mission of Marist."

Graf was selected after a nationwide search process that culminated in three finalists visiting campus and interviewing with the school board's selection committee and the school board itself.

She attended Catholic elementary and high school in California and Oregon, graduating from St. Mary's High School, in Medford. A graduate from the University of Oregon, she worked for eleven years in the corporate world managing national and international trade shows. After serving as development director for O'Hara Catholic School for five and a half years, she moved to Marist in 2012 as head of its development department.

During her time at Marist, development dollars have grown to nearly 19% of the school's annual revenue (up from 6% in 2008). She is currently heavily involved in Marist's capital campaign targeting a total of \$6.1 million dollars in its first phase aimed at improvements including a new lab-science wing and multi-use artificial turf sports field, and adding \$800,000 to the Marist Foundation's endowment to grow tuition assistance funds.

"I am committed to Catholic

education and accessibility for all families," said Graf. "I value and have developed good relationships in the community. I understand and respect Marist's history and have the desire and motivation to ensure that Marist is a healthy option for a great Catholic high school education in our community for the next 46 years."

Graf is described as a natural leader, an excellent communicator, a woman of faith, confident and unassuming, yet passionate about Marist and Catholic education.

"People are drawn to her and want to work with her and for her," said one school board member.

She and her husband, Matthias, attend St. Alice Catholic Church in Springfield, and have two sons, Ben '14 and Sam who will graduate from Marist in 2019. ♣

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# Faithful Servant

By Beth Wirth

"Gloria Schreiber truly lives the school's motto: We Are One," says Julie Ferrari Campus Minister and Theology Teacher, who met Gloria through her faithful service laundering the alter linens used for school Masses. Gloria's quiet, subtle service embodies her kind humility, steady faith and practical gratitude.

Her service to Marist began when the school was in its infancy. All seven of Gloria Schreiber's children and eight of her nineteen grandchildren graduated from Marist. When her first child attended Marist in 1973, Gloria worked with other volunteers to improve and organize the library. However, she didn't just contribute to the academic learning. The volleyball coach at the time, Joanne Hyduk, knew that Gloria had always wanted to be a P.E. teacher, so asked Gloria to referee. Gloria says, "I found out the rules, and I started officiating volleyball. Then I got into helping with JV basketball and the swim and dive team. You used to need to have a certain amount of divers to complete the swim team, so I helped find a coach to watch them."

Gloria was so involved in volunteering in sports at Marist that in 2001 the Gloria Schreiber Award for Excellence in girls' athletics was established. Each year, the most outstanding female athlete receives the Schreiber Award. This willing, enthusiastic spirit of hers propelled her into more and more involvement.

Gloria is also savvy when it comes to fundraising. She recalls that one day a parent told her that Jesuit High School in Portland was doing an auction, "So," she says with enthusiasm, "we worked on an

auction. I started going around asking people for donations and we'd think of who we could ask. I got some really amazing things. We got signed footballs from the Miami Dolphins and San Francisco 49ers. All I did was write these teams saying, 'We are this little school in the West and we are just starting out, will you give us something that we can raffle?' And they did. It was amazing."

Her same resourcefulness was put to use for the swim team. She says, "The team needed stop watches, so I wrote to a company that made stop watches, told them about Marist, and they sent us a whole box of watches that we could use."

One of the many virtues Gloria possesses is that she is not one to complain — she not only completes the tasks asked of her, but she also finds ways to improve the event or activity of which she is a part. At one point, she had four children attending Marist at the same time: two sons and twin girls. When asked about the financial burden of sending seven children to Catholic school, she says, "Well, yes, it was a lot. My husband was a manager at Safeway and he didn't make a lot and worked long hours. You just do it because it is the right thing to do." That is who Gloria is, doing things because they are just the right thing to do.

When Marist was just getting started, one of the brothers asked her if she could tend to the alter cloths. She gladly accepted the job of coming to campus, taking the alter cloths that were used during Mass, cleaning them, ironing them, and bringing them carefully back to the Sacristy where they will be used for another school Mass. Forty-one years

later, Gloria continues to serve our Marist community, tending to the alter cloths, week in and week out.

**"Gloria is an angel. She is a sweet, grace-filled, faithful servant. Her service is a huge help to the Eucharistic life of Marist."**

She gleefully and accurately notes, "I mean, this work I do is volunteer, if you are willing to do something, they will always find a place where you can help." Of course this is true, but Gloria takes amazing delight in the fact that she gets to volunteer, and Marist is incredibly fortunate to have her walking through our chapel doors week after week.

When Julie Ferarri reflects on what Gloria has done for Marist, she says, "Gloria is an angel. She is a sweet, grace-filled, faithful servant. Her service is a huge help to the Eucharistic life of Marist. In addition, she has a ready smile and kind heart that graces our campus whenever she is here." ♣

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*Over 1500 students, staff and supporters of our three local Catholic schools in Eugene (Marist Catholic High School, St. Paul Parish School and O'Hara Catholic School) packed the gym at Marist to celebrate Mass during National Catholic Schools Week in January. Presiding was the chief pastor of Catholics in western Oregon, Archbishop Alexander Sample. The Archbishop's passion for Catholic schools was clear and his homily compelling as he talked about the mission of Catholic education — preparing the minds and hearts of students to understand who they really are and their unique purpose in life.*

## Following God's Plan



*Marist student Tate Rupp, and others, greet Archbishop Sample.*



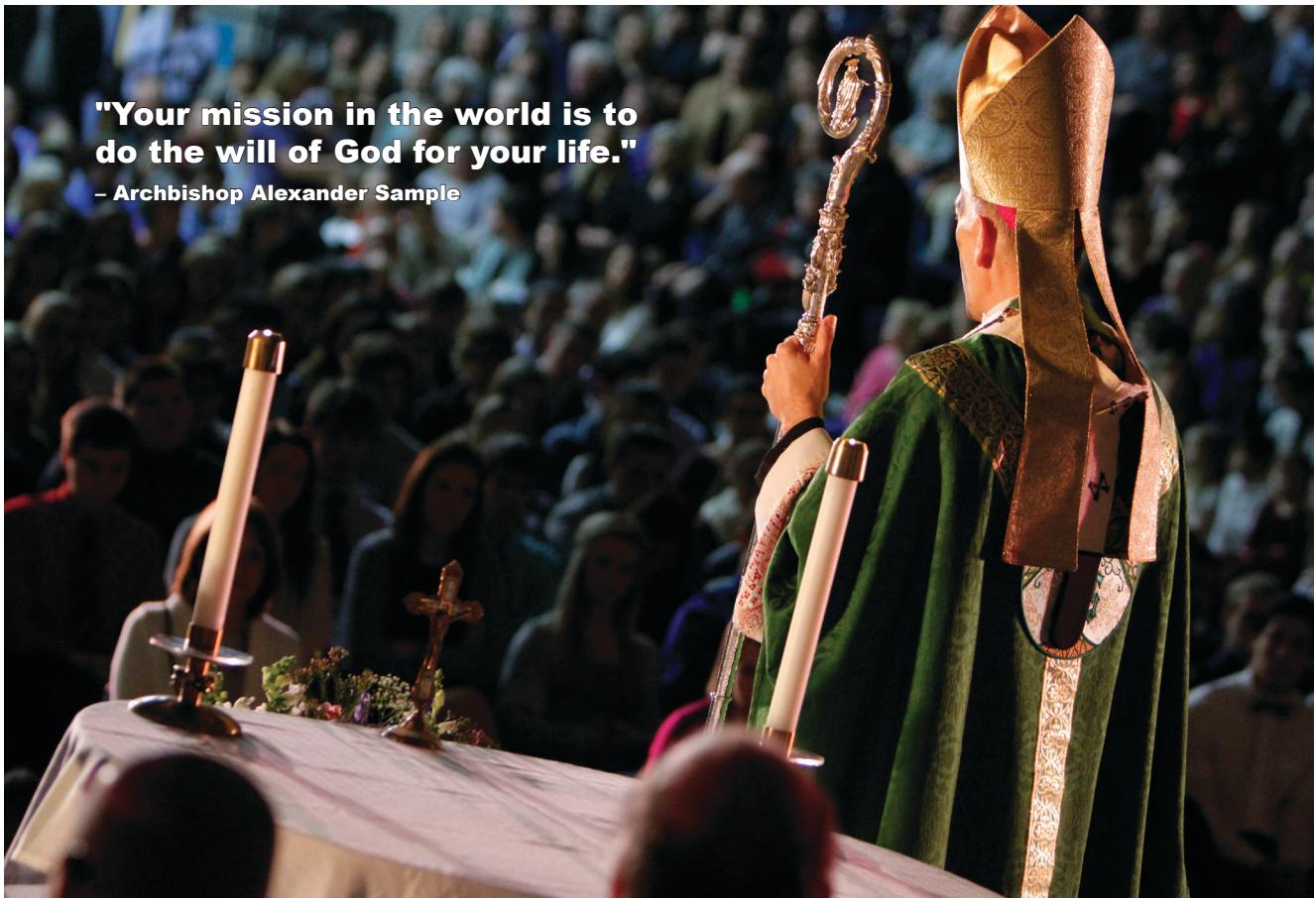
*Students from each of the schools participate in the Mass with local priests and the Archbishop.*



*Archbishop Sample prepares for Mass.*



The Archbishop receives the offering from a 2nd grade St. Paul Parish School student.



**"Your mission in the world is to  
do the will of God for your life."**

– Archbishop Alexander Sample





# An Invested Teacher

Schaaf Wraps-Up His Second Stint at Marist

By Beth Wirth

**L**ate into second semester senior year, I was severely suffering from senioritis and was spinning a nickel on my desk during class. I accidentally spun it off my desk. It miraculously hit the ground and began to roll right towards Mr. Schaaf. At this point the nickel had everyone's attention. It settled right beneath Mr. Schaaf's chair, making a clink heard round the room.

Calmly, Mr. Schaaf reached below his chair and picked it off the ground. He stood up, walked right up to my desk and pulled out his wallet. Then he placed my nickel inside! Mr. Schaaf pulled out a penny and slammed it onto my desk. Then another and another, until I had 5 pennies staring up at me. He walked silently back to his seat, and resumed teaching. I sat bewildered and rather amused and he had my attention for the rest of class.

He so effortlessly keeps students engaged by his kind and quirky nature. You never know what to expect with Mr. Schaaf!"

— Brooke Gemmell ('13), now studying to be a civil engineer at University of California at Berkley.

Doug Schaaf still does not know how Brother Anthony Iazzetti, Marist principal in 1975, got his phone number, but a call from Brother Anthony gave Doug his first

job teaching math. He taught most levels of math at Marist from 1975-1980 and also started and coached women's and men's tennis teams. He then went to teach at West Albany for the next 28 years, from 1981 until he retired in 2009. In his time at West Albany he became College Now certified, which enabled him to teach high school classes that gave students college credit. During his time in Albany he also taught in England for a year on a Fulbright Exchange. In his first year of retirement he traveled to Australia and enjoyed the break, but he was also glad to return to Marist in 2010 in a part-time position.

It takes a lot to get Doug Schaaf to talk about himself. What is clear is that he loves teaching, "I've always liked this job." It's also clear that he is pragmatic, fair and engaging in the classroom. "Kids are just kids, ya' know? I have liked teaching my students in every place I have taught, but I've certainly enjoyed Marist because of the emphasis on the spiritual growth of kids."

His even-keeled demeanor does not reflect the rigor he requires of his students, as Brooke, who lovingly refers to him as "Schaafy", will point out. "Mr. Schaaf did an excellent job of preparing me with a mastery of the calculus fundamentals. In a big university where math classes have one teacher for 500 students, it was

really helpful to have such a strong basis to work from in order to tackle more complex applications. The one downside is that I know how nice it is to have such an invested teacher. I know how much easier and enjoyable it is to learn from a teacher that makes learning a cooperative effort between teacher and student. I am very thankful to have had Schaafy while I did. Because we succeeded together when I was his student, I can now succeed on my own."

Mr. Schaaf will be missed next year at Marist, as he is off to his next adventure: retirement for a second time, in which he is looking forward to continuing his volunteer work for Kiwanis, relaxing, tennis, golf and returning to England to visit with friends he met on his Fulbright Exchange. ♣

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# Portrait of an Artist

Lex Schmidt retires after 38 Years

By Principal Jay Conroy

This June, Lex Schmidt will wrap up a ‘masterpiece’ of a career as an art teacher at Marist. A Marist graduate of 1970, she started teaching right out of college and has spent her entire career as a faith-filled educator here at Marist Catholic High School.

Lex (Bonzer) Schmidt met her husband Dave Schmidt '73, a co-worker at Marist, in 1980. They married in 1987 and had two daughters, McKenzie '06 and Kelsea '10, who both followed in the Marist tradition.

Over the years Lex has dedicated herself to developing young artists while also sharing her joyful spirit in extracurricular activities.

She brought students on month-long European tours, assisted with the swimming program, was in charge of the yearbook for 13 years, and was the first staff member to coordinate the Mr. Spartan program – which she did for over a decade.

Her impact on students is obvious as the walls of her office show. Over the years, the walls have accumulated autographs, well-wishes and fun contributed by her students wanting to leave their mark and show their gratitude.

Add your well-wishes or favorite memories of your days in “Schmidty’s” classes to Lex Schmidt’s new ‘digital wall’. Send them to her at [aschmidt@marisths.org](mailto:aschmidt@marisths.org). ♣



“Every time I walk into Mrs. Schmidt’s room a smile immediately comes to my face. She is so kind, caring, loving and accepting. She turned me into a craft master and now I’m becoming a Vincent van Gogh in Studio Paint.” - Kennedy '16



“Mrs. Schmidt taught me to stay composed when everything seemed to be going wrong. Her fun and happy spirit made going to her class one of the best parts of my day.” - Kim '16

“I love Mrs. Schmidt because she sees potential in everybody and she always makes me smile.” - Olivia '15

“Mrs. Schmidt and her art classes have been one of my absolute favorite high school experiences. I am so thankful for her knowledge and art skills and what I have learned and practiced. I love her humor and energy and seeing her every day.”  
- Annabelle '15



## Student Comments

*There is no greater compliment regarding a teacher’s work than from the hearts of her students. We share with you a few of those comments by Lex’s current students. They begin to echo the thoughts of the many students who have walked through her classroom doors.*

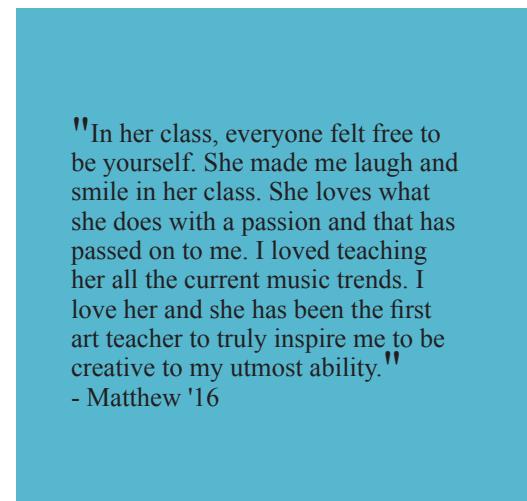


"She is always happy to see you. You never had to be anyone but yourself. She has the best taste in music & a killer sense of humor. She helps kids realize and use all their potential. ... I was so lucky to have her as my teacher." - Austin '16



"The reasons why Marist will have to rehire Mrs. Schmidt back next year...

1. Before I took her class I was horrible at drawing ... she always encouraged me to do my best, and now I am not half bad.
2. Even though I talk a lot, she always puts up with me.
3. She "gets" students ... she is focused on the class that is going on, whether it's helping with art or whatever is going on in her students' life." - Ryan '16



"In her class, everyone felt free to be yourself. She made me laugh and smile in her class. She loves what she does with a passion and that has passed on to me. I loved teaching her all the current music trends. I love her and she has been the first art teacher to truly inspire me to be creative to my utmost ability."

- Matthew '16

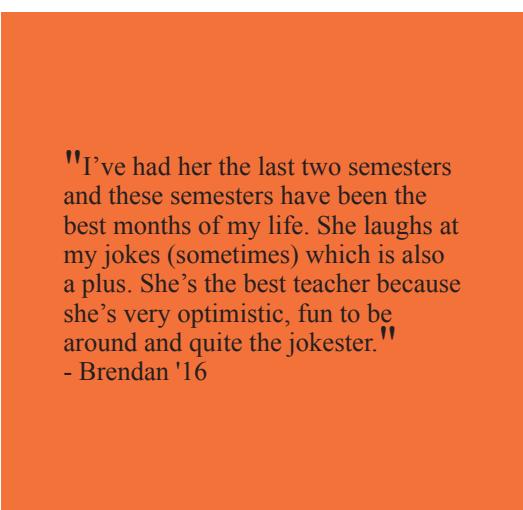


Over the years, students expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Schmidt on her office walls and ceiling.



"I've had her the last two semesters and these semesters have been the best months of my life. She laughs at my jokes (sometimes) which is also a plus. She's the best teacher because she's very optimistic, fun to be around and quite the jokester."

- Brendan '16







**While making a morning delivery,  
Mrs. Tammy May, staff member,  
had this appreciation...**

"Walking through the freshman hallway, I enjoyed the stillness of the hall as classes were underway. As I passed open doors, I could hear a theology teacher's deep voice reading a passage from the scriptures to his class and his class was quiet as they too were listening. Passing another open door, I heard another theology class in prayer as they stated their personal prayer intentions. Yeah, we're different...and it's a beautiful thing."

# Time to Give Back

Inspired by Marist's impact on himself, classmates and family, alumnus gives largest gift in school history.

by Suzanne Graf

**W**hen John Teller '74 attended his 40th Marist high school reunion last July with his wife, Amy Tykeson, the journey home did more than bring him back to his roots. A culmination of reunion events that weekend – visiting Marist, spending time with his best friends from high school (who are still his best friends today), celebrating the life of beloved classmate Terry Gent '74 and reconnecting with acquaintances – reminded John of the profound impact Marist has had in his personal and professional life. "That weekend reinforced how important Marist has been for me," says John.

John's recollection of high school brings back great memories and an awareness of how fortunate he was to have the opportunity to attend Marist. While the academics and activities were an important part of his experience, what stands out the most was the community: friends, families, teachers and coaches. Amy is quick to point out, "That's how Marist is — a foundation, a framework for the success of youth, a stable family, a school environment with teachers who care and then friends and other families to help you grow up."

John and his five siblings — Georgianne '64, Suzette '66, Kevin '71, Bernadette '77 and Bob '80 — attended St. Francis or Marist high schools. Their parents, Dr. George and Eleanor Teller, were like many other parents of large Catholic families at the time: there was never any question that their children

would attend Catholic school. George and Eleanor were also close friends of Monsignor Murnane. In the 1960's, Murnane had a vision for a new high school in Eugene and George and Eleanor provided support — with many others from the St. Mary Catholic Church community — to help make Marist a reality.

Fast forward to today. Through the transformative nature of the reunion weekend, John and Amy were inspired to be part of the *Advancing Marist* campaign. To make this vision a reality, they have given Marist the largest single gift in the history of the school, helping to pave the way for updated facilities, program enhancements and tuition assistance.

"We hope that others will be inspired to reflect on the role that Marist has had in their lives; that they will pause to recognize how important that chapter was in forming their future and consider contributing to the Marist campaign," says John. ♦

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*Suzanne Graf, Development Director for Marist, has been working in development for Catholic education in Eugene for eight years. In July, when the school moves into a president/principal leadership model, she will be the new president - the first in the school's history.*

*Her oldest son is a 2014 Marist graduate and her youngest is currently attending Marist.*





# Advancing Marist Campaign – A Renewed Vision

A review and update on our efforts to address the long and short-term needs of the school.

By Suzanne Graf



The Marist community gathers to hear plans for Phase A.

**W**hile it will always be true that the structure does not determine the quality and character of our teachers and staff, and the education that occurs within these walls, the sad reality is that the building is no longer worthy of the great things that happen in it.”

Those are the words of Pete Kerns, Marist School Board Chair, and Marist alumnus. It has become increasingly clear to the school board and Marist leadership that the one thing that has changed very little over the past 45+ years — our facility — is in most need of attention. Kerns’ wife, Joan, their 3 children (their youngest will be graduating this June), John’s 7 siblings, and Joan’s 4 siblings all attended Marist. His perspective hits a chord that is echoed by many alumni who have visited the campus in the last few years. “My older brother attended school in this same building in 1968 and little has been upgraded in it since then,” says Pete.

For the school board and leadership, it’s not about glitz and glamour; it’s about the long and short-term needs of the school, including updated facilities to match the quality of teachers and education being offered. And it’s about increased resources for tuition assistance to ensure that a Marist education is accessible to all. This is the purpose of the *Advancing Marist* campaign.

The *Phase A* goal of *Advancing Marist* is \$6.1 million to build a new 21st century science wing, install a multi-use artificial turf field and increase funds for tuition assistance. We are well on our way to achieving this.

To date, more than 150 donors representing alumni, board members, staff, current, past and future Marist parents, grandparents, corporations, foundations, and friends of Marist have committed more than \$4.6 million towards the campaign goal. Construction on the new science

wing and field will begin when we reach \$6.1 million in gifts and pledges.

This is an exciting time for Marist as we reflect with gratitude on the vision and dedication of those who came before us, and look to the future with optimism and hope. While our predecessors have been good stewards of what we’ve been given, it’s time for a renewed investment that will bring facilities and programs up to par with the quality of education we are providing and to ensure Marist is here to serve students and families for generations to come. ♣

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*To help with any part of this important effort or for more information, contact Suzanne Graf ([sgraf@marisths.org](mailto:sgraf@marisths.org)) or Jay Conroy ([jconroy@marisths.org](mailto:jconroy@marisths.org)) or visit [advancingmarist.org](http://advancingmarist.org).*



## PHASE A

### SCIENCE WING

New science and technology classrooms will provide an optimal learning environment in an area of study that colleges and businesses are demanding higher standards. This new building will link two existing wings and provide four science classrooms, storage and lab prep rooms, and restrooms. The 1,200 sq. ft. classrooms will offer adequate space for teaching and learning, updated safety equipment, and lab tables equipped with data ports, electricity, water, and gas. Estimated cost: \$3.4 million

### MULTI-USE ARTIFICIAL TURF FIELD

Athletics, health and fitness improve the body and help students develop a healthy lifestyle. The existing grass field is usable for only four months out of the year; an artificial turf field will allow for year-round use for multiple sports and physical education classes. It will be pre-marked for football, soccer, and lacrosse. Estimated cost: \$1.4 million

### ENDOWMENT GROWTH

Increased resources will help us meet the growing need for tuition assistance and carry out our mission to be a Christ-centered, welcoming community. The Marist High School Foundation helped make a Marist education possible for more than 70 students this school year. The Foundation's endowment fund consists of 52 endowed scholarships, and, through this campaign, we will add \$800,000 in *Phase A* alone.

## 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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### *Two Seasons in the Books, Last One Coming Up*



Sophomore swimmer Rachel Larsen starts the 200 yd medley relay race for her team at the district meet.

Spring sports are just gearing up, the fall season is complete and the boys basketball team is busy keeping the winter season alive a few more days.

At the time of printing the Spartan men had advanced to the 5A State semifinals at Gill Coliseum with hopes to go all the way. The girls basketball team made it to the first round.

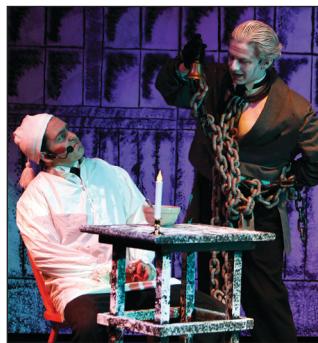
The swim team had its share of success as well. Following their impressive 84 point win at the Midwestern District meet, the Marist girls swim team placed 8th at the OSAA 5A State Championships. Sophomore Rachel Larsen finished 5th in the 50 yd. freestyle and 4th in the 100 yd. freestyle. Junior Marissa Gibson finished 6th in the 500 yd. freestyle and the relay team of freshmen Amanda Allender and Jaclyn McQuaid, Larsen and Gibson

finished 4th in the 400 yd freestyle relay. The boys swim team finished 3rd at Districts which included a district win by senior Corey Solari in the 200 yd. individual medley.

The fall season wrapped up in November with multiple strong state playoff runs. The girls volleyball team earned 3rd in State and brought home the program's first 5A hardware. Football made it all the way to the state semifinals before falling to Hermiston -the eventual 5A state champs. At the state cross country meet senior Olivia Powell was 2nd in the girls race while the team placed 6th and the boys team finished 4th. The co-ed waterpolo team ended their season with 4th place in the 5/4A State and both the boys and girls soccer teams made it to the first round of the state playoffs.

### *Music and Theatre Team Up for Marley and Scrooge*

Instead of two separate productions to celebrate the Christmas season, the theatre and music programs collaborated last fall for one spectacular production of *Marley and Scrooge*, a musical adaptation of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*. This unique take on the Dickens' story, directed by Tony Rust, added the live musical twist of both Jim Reinking's band and Alisa Kincade's orchestra to the traditional classic.



Scrooge, played by junior Jordan Haggas, looks up at Marley played by senior John Kerns at their performance in December.

### *Track & Field State Banner*



Members of the 2014 team unveil the new banner.

The 2014 5A boys' track and field state championship banner, that was earned last spring, arrived in December.

### *Coming Back to Serve*



Sean Dorsey '14, Donna (Walsh) Dorsey '79, Julie (Free) Stacy '80.

Upon returning from Christmas Break, the Marist staff enjoyed an evening retreat that creatively wove together the school's charism, the Feast of the Epiphany and a five-course meal prepared by returning alumni and their families.

### *Marist Scouts Honored*



Scouts receive an award from Archbishop Sample.

In January, senior Joe Laver and juniors Ryan Helbling, Sam Nelson, and Tosten Peterson, of Boy Scout Troop 100, traveled to Portland to receive the Boy Scout's highest Catholic award, the Pope Pius XII Religious Emblem. For six months, the four prepared for the honor by discussing topics facing the church and society under the supervision of Religious Emblem Coordinator Tony Westover, as well as doing service and visiting Mount Angel Seminary to learn about vocations.

### The Many Seasons of Marist Giving

♦ Project Starfish, a fundraiser that partners with St. Vincent de Paul's Connections Transitional Housing program to help get people into homes, kicked-off at an assembly in January with a personal thank you from a recipient who, with help from St. Vincent's, was able to regain stable housing. The fundraiser which continues until May has a goal of \$10,500 this year. Students and staff will continue to raise funds through bake sales, an Irish Echo Sing-a-Long, activity nights, Carl's Jr. Day, and an end-of-the-year dance. Marist has donated over \$63,000 dollars to the program over the past eight years.

♦ 975 pounds of food was collected for Catholic Community Services in honor of National Catholic Schools Week.

♦ Marist teamed up with Catholic Community Services for the third annual Angel Project during Advent to "adopt" 27 families identified through CCS to help for the holiday season with basic necessities and Christmas gifts.

♦ Five hundred hungry mouths were fed on Thanksgiving Day at the Eugene Mission with the help of the \$3720 Marist collected through the annual Five for the Feast fundraiser.



Senior Katelynn Witschger introduces the Project Starfish fundraiser at an assembly in January.

Claire Farrington loads cars with donated items from the Advent Angel Project.



### New Garden To Share



The Environmental Club created a new garden space by the 200 wing this spring to replace its previous garden space that will be lost when a new turf field arrives. Produce will either be donated directly or sold to raise money for Food for Lane County.

### Y.E.S.



A Marist chapter of Youth Ending Slavery (YES) was opened this year by senior Josh Christian and counselor Jerry Ragan. YES is a Portland based group that works to end human trafficking and slavery of all types.

### Another Year of Baby-Saving Spartans



The 2015 Mr. Spartan team of junior and senior students.

The Mr. Spartan season is here again! The annual fundraiser for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at Sacred Heart Medical Center at RiverBend began in late January when the team of 23 junior and senior students visited the hospital to meet firsthand a few of the babies

currently residing in the NICU and learn just how expensive even the smallest pieces of equipment cost.

The Mr. Spartan team will host a multitude of fundraisers up until the entertaining finale – the Mr. Spartan Pageant on Apr. 11 in the Marist gymnasium.

### Ramping Up Chapel Accessibility



A new ramp to the Marist Chapel.

A recent grant from the Archdiocese of Portland has made the Marist Chapel accessible to people of all abilities. Construction on a new ramp outside of the chapel began during Christmas Break by Haney General Construction and was completed in February with the addition of railings.

## CLASS NOTES

### 1960s

**Mary Stapleton '62 and Jim Gauderman '59** were engaged on August 23, 2014 and are living in Cypress, California.

### 1970s

A group of Marist alumni (photo below), who hadn't seen each other for many years, gathered for a weekend together in October 2014 at the beach in Gearhart, OR. They had a wonderful time reconnecting!

**Mark Gallagher '70** worked for the City of Medford Planning Department for 22 years, and is now the Planning Director for the Klamath County Planning Department. He married Elizabeth Gallagher on August 4, 2012 and enjoys life with his three children and seven grandchildren.

**Michelle (Winther) Johnson '71**, a longtime Eugene resident, recently moved to Billings, Montana after her husband received a promotion. She has two daughters who still live in the Eugene area and four grandsons.

### 1990s

**Sarina (Passarelli) Bronson '99** and husband Greg welcomed a daughter,



1970s Reunion – back row, standing, left to right: Julie (Magnuson) Prince '76, Karen (Ewoniuk) Lewis '76, Kathy (Ward) Inman '76, Laura (Claska) Whited '76, and Mary Kay (Leavy) Brown '76. Front row, seated, left to right: Mona (Gerety) Meyer '76, Gloria (Nugent) Virnig '76, Mary (Schnabel) Bray '75, Lori (Easterla) Talbot '76, and Jody (Dandurand) Corliss '76

Lucy, in September 2014. Big brothers Luke (6), John (4), and Paul (2) love their little sister! Sarina is a stay-at-home mother and the family lives in Cameron Park, CA.

### 2000s

**Lesley Miller '02** recently earned her credential as a Certified Economic Developer. Lesley is a senior tax consultant at Deloitte in San Francisco.



**Heidi (Hoffman) '03** and Marty Mooney are thrilled to announce the arrival of Marietta Kathleen Mooney. Baby Mara was born on July 19, 2014.

**Julie (Trotter) '04** married Tyler Claycomb on July 20, 2013 and is working for the Ashland School District.

**Brian Hendrix '06** graduated from Lane Community College with a degree in Aviation Maintenance Technology. He is working for Erickson Aviation, a heavy lift helicopter company based out of Central Point, OR.

**Brian Burns '07** was promoted to senior accountant at Moss Adams LLP.

**Steven Robert '08** married Stephanie Anderson on August 24, 2014

### 2010s

**Emily Tanke '10** of Lace and Lead, a Portland based country band, released a debut album "Unlimited" in November.

**Alexis Mollahan '11** a senior at Loras College in Dubuque, Iowa recently was accepted to Allen College's Bachelor of Nursing program. Alexis was most recently voted team captain on the swim team for the upcoming season.



**Kamerun Smith '13** helped lead the Southern Oregon University's football team to their first National Championship football title, with a 55-31 win over Marian University. Smith, a redshirt sophomore, is a quarterback for the Raiders.

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## IN MEMORIAM



Cynthia Hutcheson Carrasco passed away on May 28, 2014. She attended Marist from 1970 to 1972.

**Mary Hagedorn '60** passed away on June 5, 2014. She is survived by her husband Gerald, son Andy, step-daughter Teri, stepsons: Mike and Jim, and sister, **Sue Griffith '59**.

**Luke Goodrich '58** passed away on June 19, 2014. He is survived by his wife Sharon, four children, and three grandchildren.

**Rose Kegler '50** passed away on June 19, 2014. She is survived by her husband Art, three children, nine grandchildren, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

Yvonne Keolker passed away on June 29, 2014. She is survived by children: **Yvette Keolker '69, Therese Taguba '74, MaryRose Gangle '75, Cecilia Keolker '77, Thomas Keolker '79, Katherine Pallant '80, and Suzanne Keolker '82**.

Mitch Merrill passed away on July 8, 2014. He is survived by his wife Cindy, daughter Deena, siblings: **Victoria Channer '66, Debra Jones '70, and O. Jay Merrill '71**.

Wayne Mertens passed away on September 20, 2014. He is survived by his wife Kathleen and daughters: **Susan Mertens '85 and Jennifer Mertens '86**.

Elsie Stacy passed away on September 26, 2014. She is survived by her children: **Bob Stacy '62, Eileen Podhasky '68, Rick Stacy '70, Joe Stacy '72, Janet Henley '74, John Stacy '79, and Jim Stacy '81**, eleven grandchildren, including **Kristen Mikilas '01, Shannon Stacy '04, Jessica Stacy '05, Brenna Stacy '09**, and six great-grandchildren.

Arden Adams passed away on September 30, 2014. She served as a Marist swim coach from 1990 through 2004.

Francis Wilger passed away on October 7, 2014. His survived by his wife Beverly, daughters: **Kathleen Lee '74, Carol Wilger '76, Diane Bond '78**,

**Dawn Streett '80, Barbara Aguon '81, and Sandra Gutsmiedl '86**, eleven grandchildren, two step-granddaughters, and sister Lucille Plautz.

Patrick Hope passed away on October 13, 2014. He is survived by sisters: Peggy Lindquist, Sally Grant, ShawnAnn Hope, Merry Carol Hope, Molly Elder, and Hilary Jurgensen, and many nephews and nieces, including **Ashley Elder '08**.

**Diane Anthony '58** passed away on October 20, 2014. She was preceded in death by her sister **Dana Amacher '55**. She is survived by her daughter Teresa Morse and son Duane Taylor, stepson Kevin Anthony and stepdaughter Kellie Anthony, four grandchildren, two step grandchildren, one step great-grandchild, and brothers Don and Bill Gott.

Lou Ann Martin, mother to current junior **Patrick Martin '16**, passed away on October 31, 2014. She is survived by her husband Joseph and daughter Ann Marie Wallace. Her infectious enthusiasm will be missed.

Stella Klocek passed away on November 11, 2014. She is survived by daughters: Diane Wilson-Kiefer, **Arlene Kersey '65, and Denise Palluck '69**, grandchildren: Debi Cheek, Kendra Flores, **Adam Kersey '89, Michael Kersey '91, Cindy Corcoran '95**, Lori Sharlow and David Palluck, seventeen great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren.

Ronald Jaros passed away on November 25, 2014. He is survived by his wife Jeri, father Perstyne Jaros, sister Annette LeRoux, brother Gabriel Jaros, children: Cheryl Needs, Derek Jaros, Greg Jaros, Lisa Hawke, Robert Jaros, and Jason Jaros, eighteen grandchildren, including **Ty Jaros '08, Haley Jaros '10, and Allison Jaros '13**, and eight great-grandchildren.

Kyle Beat passed away on December 12, 2014. He is survived by his parents Kim and Kevin, brothers: **Andrew '05, Garrick '11 and Jeremy '13**, and grandparents: Phil and Carolyn Applewhite and Clyde and Norma Beat.

John Misner passed away on December 25, 2014. He is survived by his wife

Patricia, children: **John Misner '79, Steve Misner '81, Molly Marsh '82**, and Wendy Brands, thirteen grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and brother George Misner.

Joyce Schnabel passed away on December 29, 2014. She is survived by children: Craig, Gary, Carol, **Joan Morris '71, Mary Bray '75, Joseph Schnabel '77, and Michael Schnabel '78**, thirteen grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

**Frank Dendauw '53** passed away on December 31, 2014. He is survived by his wife Lorelee, children: Julianna, Russell, Dan, and David, ten grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, brother **Bob '51, and nephew Robert Dendauw '70**. He was preceded in death by his parents and siblings: **Don '47 and Julianna Stelzer '44**.

Benjamin Smith passed away on January 11, 2015. He is survived by his children: Jourdan, **Trevor '01**, and Brittany Adair, seven grandchildren, and seven siblings.



Doris Cary passed away on February 15, 2015. She is survived by her husband Mike, children: **Justin Cary '87, Shannon Cary '89, and Sean Cary '91**, and four grandchildren.



Phillip Heidt passed away on February 16, 2015. He is survived by his wife Arvilla, children: **Pam Wood '64, Jerry Heidt '66, Colleen Schneider '67, Rex Heidt '71, Karla Weber '74, Laure Boucher '77, Mark Heidt '81 and Dan Heidt '84**, twenty-three grandchildren, including **Kristen Ell '87, Heather Setzler '89, Sean Jones '94, Eric Heidt '94, Andrew Heidt '97, Meredith White '97, Amanda Jones '00, Brittany Whitney '01**, and thirty-six great-grandchildren.

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

# Kelly Hughes '80

## answers 5 questions in 5 minutes.

*Kelly (Howard) Hughes splits her time as an administrator and third grade teacher at St. Paul Parish School, a member of the Marist school board, and chair of the school board's Catholicity committee. Her three children are also Marist grads: Andrew '08, Jordan '10 and Hannah '14.*

**Q:** How did you arrive at St. Paul Parish School?

After I graduated from Marist I went to Clackamas Community College on a track scholarship and transferred after one year to the University of Oregon where I graduated with a credential in Physical Education. I taught in public schools in Portland and Eugene for twenty years before landing at St. Paul as a third grade teacher in 1997.

**Q:** What was your experience in Catholic Education?

Growing up, my parents made big sacrifices so that my six siblings and I could receive an education from St. Paul and Marist. I grew up knowing what a gift I was given. My relationships that I developed with my peers, teachers and administrators were so formative to my identity and self-esteem. I was not only given knowledge, I was given confidence and love from a great community. Those relationships molded and formed me so strongly and positively that I can't help but feel strongly about Catholic education.

**Q:** What have you enjoyed about being at St. Paul Parish School?

I have loved all of my students and all of my jobs teaching. I knew that I was making a big difference in my students' lives in public education but the one component that was missing was that I couldn't bring my faith in God to my teaching every

day. I often tell people that I came home to teach when I started at St. Paul. This is the exact place that I need to be now. I can have my passion for teaching without sacrificing my strong faith in the Catholic tradition and God.

**Q:** As a Marist school board member, you have been involved in the process of choosing to establish a president/principal model? How do you feel about this new move?

As someone who was initially a bit skeptical of this shift, I can say now that I believe whole-heartedly it's the right thing for Marist. Our school is in a wonderful place right now and it will only help with the Catholic identity and the relationships it has with the greater community to have this shift take place. The workload has grown to a point where it is too much for one person, so I am thrilled this move has been made so that Marist can continue on the great trajectory it's on.

**Q:** How did you feel about the process of searching for a president?

It was a really good process. We had guidance from the archdiocese. It's always a challenge to go through something for the first time, so it did feel like unchartered waters, but we have a great school board and capable support. It was inspiring to see that all of the people involved really had Marist's best interest at heart, and the results were great.



*Kelly Hughes and her husband Erik arriving at the 2014 Annual Marist Auction.*

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# Upcoming Events

**MARCH**

- 6, 13, 20      Friday Lenten Masses at Marist  
6, 7, 13, 14      Marist Theatre presents: *Alice In Wonderland*  
18, 19      Winter Music Concerts  
23-29      Spring Break

**APRIL**

- 3      Good Friday  
5      Easter  
11      Mr. Spartan Pageant

**MAY**

- 2      Marist Auction  
6      Founder's Day Mass  
20      National Honor Society Awards Ceremony  
29      Senior Farewell Mass  
30      Marist Arts presents: The Annual Encore Concert

**JUNE**

- 6      Class of 2015 Graduation Ceremony

Please save the dates and join us. For more details visit our website at [www.marisths.org](http://www.marisths.org).