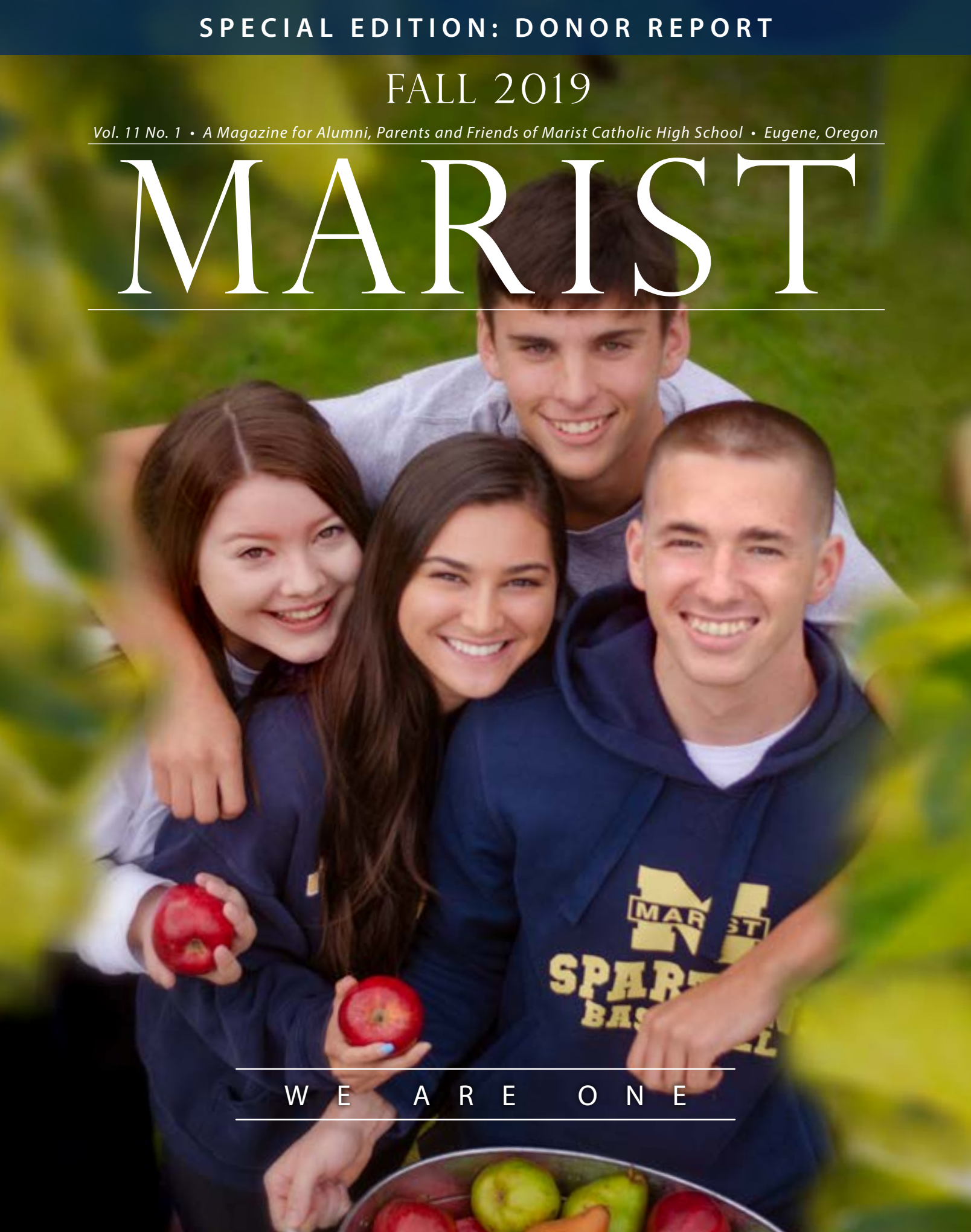


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FROM THE PRESIDENT

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, this time of year is a natural season of abundance and gratitude — but at Marist we are grateful all year round! Everything we do is made possible by the bountiful grace of God and the generous support of our community. From students to alumni, to current and past families and staff, to all of our supporters, every person's contribution — whether in time, talent, treasure or prayer — makes a difference in the lives of our students. Thank you!

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Your support is critical. Twenty percent of the school's budget comes through our advancement efforts — the largest of which are the Annual Fund and the auction. We take seriously our responsibility to be good stewards of every single gift shared in support of our mission and students. Soon you will be receiving your invitation to support Marist through the Annual Fund. I hope that we can count on you.

You are part of Marist's unique approach to education, a high school experience unlike any other between Salem and Medford. Recognizing parents as the primary educators, we have the privilege of partnering with them to educate the whole student — mind, body and spirit. The academic, extra-curricular and athletic accomplishments of our students are easy to measure. Intangible, but even more important, are the faith and moral development of our students and our call to help them grow to be strong, thoughtful contributors to our community, nation and world.

Each day at Marist, we invite God's presence through prayer. I invite you to join us in praying this special one throughout the year.

Heavenly Father,

We entrust to you the students, families and staff of Marist Catholic High School. Pour upon us all the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Enlighten our minds with truth, fill our hearts with love and energize our bodies to serve.

Unite us to be of one spirit and one purpose. May we be a light of hope and peace, a place of challenge and growth and a witness of courage and strength. Inspire all members of the Marist community to follow Jesus and the example of blessed Mary's faith so that we can confidently carry out your loving plans for our school. Amen.

We Are One.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Suzanne Graf". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Suzanne Graf

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Junior Ben Morehouse (back) with seniors Lizzie Wisely, Ella Coulombe and JJ Anderson.

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CELEBRATING ATHLETICS

— A NEW VENTURE

Bringing people together, creating community and telling stories

By Zach Silva '13

The most striking thing about being at Marist — besides the size of the cross in the parking lot — is the sheer amount of state championship banners hanging in the gym.

Watching over assemblies, home games and graduations, these banners are just...there. Hangin' out. And then the next time you show up, suddenly, there are some more banners.

But if you have ever been bored at those assemblies (yup), home games (eh, sometimes) and graduations (most certainly), it is easy to get caught thinking about these random teams from decades ago; sitting there just wondering about why the Marist softball team was so dominant in the early 80s.

The answer to questions like that — well, not necessarily that one, but maybe one day — will soon be answered as Marist has welcomed in the inaugural class to the Marist Athletic Hall of Fame.

“What I love about this first class is that it spans almost the entire history of the school. You have coach Ed Hummel who was with the school for its entire existence until 2017; you have a football team from the 70s; Joe Holvey, an athlete from the 80s; Kristina (Andersen) Mosely, an athlete from the 90s; and Kayla (Braud) Berney, an athlete of the 2000s,” Marist Athletic Director Kevin Cave said. “It’s really representative of the history of the school.”

To honor the athletes chosen, a banner with the names of the inductees will be hung in the hall outside the gym. Additionally, the achievements of the class of inductees will be displayed on a video screen in the gym lobby.

The creation of the Athletic Hall of Fame has been in the works for a number of years and has been brought

for academic excellence, there are also other parts of the high school education experience that can be just as important to help develop the whole person,” she said of what sports can bring to the table.

In playing and watching sports — and now writing about sports for a living — they have most certainly always been a central part of my life. Forever unsure of any inherent value of the games, matches and meets that I consume, what I do know is that sports bring people together, create community and tell us stories. This new venture for Marist athletics will be a vehicle to do all of those things.

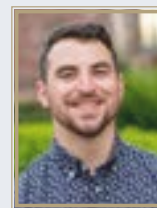
The past achievements are cool, the titles are fun, but through this Marist Hall of Fame there will now be an exciting opportunity to learn the names, faces and stories that go with these banners.

And maybe one day, we will be able to answer the eternal question of why Marist softball was so good in the early 80s. ☩



to life with the help of excited alumni, past administrators and current administrators including Marist President Suzanne Graf. For Graf, it is not just about the achievements on the fields or in the gyms, but about how athletics can be an impactful part of the high school experience.

“While Catholic schools are known



Zach Silva '13 ran cross country and played tennis while at Marist and graduated from the University of Oregon with degrees in Journalism and Education Studies. Zach is now a full-time sports reporter at The World Newspaper in Coos Bay and is a part-time education assistant at North Bay Elementary School.

MEET THE INDUCTEES



Front Row: Mark Pynes '75, Scott Lilley '76, Larry Nugent '74, Will Kerns '74, Kayla (Braud) Berney '09, Bob Lilley '74, Robert Saraceno '74, David Hoppe '76 and Joe Holvey '81. **Back Row:** Pat Gilmore '77, Mel Purvis (coach), Tim Beyer '75, Christina (Anderson) Mosely '97, Ray Paiement '74, Dave Schmidt '74, John Teller '74 and Henry Cooper '75. **Not pictured but at the ceremony:** the Terry Gent Family, Jon Gieber '76, Tim Gieber '75 and the Ed Hummel Family.

Coach Ed Hummel†

Coach Hummel was Marist before there was a Marist. In 1960, Ed Hummel arrived at St. Francis High School and served as a one-man athletic department, coaching football, basketball and baseball. Those duties were divided when the school became Marist in 1968, with Hummel as the head coach of baseball and an assistant coach for basketball and football. Hummel enjoyed being an assistant most of all, as it allowed him to create impactful relationships with student-athletes. Along with coaching, Hummel taught a variety of subjects: American history, world history, accounting, personal finance, physical education, government and math. That led to some memorable nicknames from students, including Driver's Ed, Phys. Ed and Overhead Ed, for his love of the overhead projector. His teaching and coaching career spanned 57 years and his contributions and dedication to Marist are unprecedented and unquantifiable. Even in "retirement" and despite numerous health issues, Hummel was on the sideline for every Marist football practice and game, faithful as ever. A 2015 celebration held in his honor featured the unveiling of the Ed Hummel Sports Complex sign which now proudly stands at the southern entrance to campus. On June 2, 2017, Hummel passed away at the age of 86.

1973 Football Team

Bound together by history and tradition, the 1973 football team embodies unity. They also brought home Marist's first State Championship banner which proudly hangs in the southeast corner of the Marist gym and is the first in a long succession of

state champions. The team was coached by Rich Schwab, Ed Hummel and Mel Purvis and went undefeated (12-0) for the season beating Scappoose 30-6 in the State Championship game at the former Civic Stadium in Portland. In addition to their championship being the first in Marist's history, the Marist motto "We Are One" originated with this team.

Joe Holvey '81

To say athletics came naturally to Joe Holvey would be an understatement. As a gifted three-sport athlete at Marist, Joe received First Team All-League honors in varsity football, basketball and baseball where he helped all of these teams make deep runs into state playoffs. Holvey was First Team All-State in baseball his junior and senior year. As a senior, Holvey was named The Register-Guard's Prep Athlete of the Year. He was honored as a 1980 Parade All-American in football as well as an Academic All-American. At graduation, Joe was awarded the Thomas A. Kerns Cup for excellence in boys athletics. After graduation, he continued his athletic career playing NCAA baseball at San Diego State University.

Kristina (Andersen) Mosley '97

In the mid-to-late 90s, Marist accumulated numerous awards and trophies, thanks to Kristina Andersen and her basketball teammates. Kristina was the leading scorer and rebounder for the 1995, 1996 and 1997 basketball teams. She received All-League honors 1995-1997 and was named League Player of the Year in 1997. Kristina was First Team All-State in 1996 and 1997, All-Tournament Team in 1996 and the State Player of the Year in 1997. She was selected to play in the 1997

Oregon vs. Washington All-Star Game. During her time at Marist, the girls basketball program won two State Championships. In addition, Kristina lettered in varsity soccer and tennis and was a member of the National Honor Society. Upon graduating, Kristina played NCAA Division I Basketball at the University of Utah where she helped lead the Utes to the first-ever Mountain West Conference Women's Basketball Championship and several NCAA Tournament appearances. Andersen averaged 10.2 points and 5.3 rebounds during her career at Utah and was named an MWC Scholar-Athlete.

Kayla (Braud) Berney '09

Kayla Braud's road to ESPN started at Marist. As a student-athlete, Kayla garnered several state and league awards. She was recognized as the All-League, MVP All-League and All-State award winner an unprecedented four times. The Marist softball team won the State Championship twice during her tenure and she was a two-time Player of the Year. She set a national record for consecutive games with a hit at 103 and was The Register-Guard Athlete of the Year in 2009. Kayla graduated Marist with a 3.9 GPA and received the Gloria Schreiber Award given annually at graduation for excellence in girls athletics. As a Division I athlete at the University of Alabama, Kayla was a three-time NCAA All-American. Alabama played in two College World Series during her four years and won the National Title in 2012. She graduated from Alabama with a 3.8 GPA. She works as an on-air analyst for ESPN and the SEC Network and has been a Marist softball coach.



Quiet Audacity

The relevance of a Marist Education in the 21st Century

By Andy Oldham
Assistant Principal of Academic Affairs

For fifty years, Marist has quietly but determinedly been dedicated to the full development of every student who steps onto campus. This quiet and unassuming manner often masks an audacious and vital contribution that Marist is making to 21st century students and the world they are inheriting.

In my work, I have been privileged to hear sentiments from recent as well as distant graduates that “Marist made me who I am today.” That lasting impact of a Marist education is also echoed in the testimony shared with me by current, past and future Marist parents. By staff members. By community members. By general supporters of Marist. And by some who check all of the boxes above.

Society and culture have changed dramatically over the 50 year course of Marist's history. An apple used to be what you gave a favorite teacher; now it's the tech giant who creates the iPads our students use every day. But the sentiments expressed by those who experience Marist are remarkably similar across time. Typically, they are offered with fondness, a sense of gratitude and an acknowledgement that Marist grants a student something more than a diploma. That the years spent at Marist make a difference.

As we look to the horizon of the next 50 years, it is worth asking, "How will Marist be relevant and vital in the 21st century?"

It's a new world. Sociologists and researchers are identifying a number of emerging trends at the global level that will have a disruptive impact on people, culture and society. Some of those trends are:

Trend 1: Increased Social Fragmentation

People increasingly find themselves focused on their personal and private lives and are surrounding themselves with sources of information and relationships that reinforce a world view that matches what they already believe. **Challenge:** *A sense of isolation on a personal level and tribalism at the community level.*

Trend 2: Toxic Success Narratives

The message that young people hear from many adults and the media is, "The future is unpredictable and opportunities and resources are scarce. Hard work is not enough. Your identity is inextricably bound to achievement and financial success." **Challenge:** *Increased physical and mental illness.*

Trend 3: A Blurred Divide Between the Virtual World and the Real World

Our experience of the physical world is increasingly being mediated and negotiated through technology. Sources of entertainment, communication, commerce and education — and the data that supports them — are becoming increasingly centralized and dependent upon access to technology.

Challenge: *Reduced appreciation for*

quiet and stillness; reduced tolerance of boredom. Personal data is collected and used to evaluate "preferences" which are then bombarded back at us; constant noise prevails; privacy and agency are reduced.

Trend 4: Personal Learning and Unfettered Access to Information

"Learning" is becoming increasingly individualized around personal preferences. We have a seemingly immediate and unlimited access to information.

Challenge: *Schooling becomes more transactional than transformational. Reduced tolerance for ambiguity and for learning that emerges over a long period of time.*

So what about a Marist education is so suited as a response to these trends and challenges?

As a Catholic school, Marist is committed to the ministry of education as a fruit of the Church. That ministry has, at its core, several beliefs and assumptions that emerge out of a notion of catholicity. Catholicity, when applied to education, is best understood as wholeness and coherence.

The catholicity of Marist starts, before all else, with a deep and abiding belief in an incarnate God: a God so connected to His creation that He became one of us. In becoming one of us, He has provided a permanent and eternal "salve" to our brokenness. This "salve" is meant for every student that walks on to campus. It is meant for those who are conservative, liberal, libertarian, Catholic, Protestant, Sikh, Jewish, agnostic, atheist and "none of the above." It is meant for students who will go on to become doctors, religious, lawyers, real estate agents, mechanics, electricians, engineers, writers, artists, stay-at-home moms and dads, teachers, soldiers, officers, entrepreneurs, managers, investment bankers ... and those who are perennial wanderers.

The catholicity of Marist has been deeply informed by the witness of the Brothers and Sisters who accompanied students for the first 27 years of our history. A family spirit, a respect for hard work, a deep and abiding fondness for the youth, a zeal for cultivating the gospel and a willingness

to meet students where they are at, are gifts given to Marist by our founders.

Those gifts continue to form and inform the school to this day:

Gift 1: The Inherent Value of Each Individual

We are all made in the image of the divine. We are all gifts. Adolescents are gifts that are both fragile and capable. In this context of meaning, we must meet students where they are at but also nudge them beyond the limitations they place on themselves. "You matter, and you do not walk alone."

Gift 2: Your Life is Not Your Own

We are made in the image of the divine but as God revealed through the Paschal Mystery, the gift of our lives is only fulfilled when we choose to give that gift back. Through community, service, and work as vocation, success is defined more by who you are becoming, than by what you are achieving.

Gift 3: A Sacramental Understanding of Reality

Through regular participation in rituals and services, we are personally connected to divinity, our souls have an opportunity to catch up with our bodies and we are able to embrace that life is simultaneously mysterious and coherent.

Gift 4: Awakening a Student's Capacity for Wonder and Awe

God's grandeur is reflected in all of creation. Learning is a journey — hopefully, a long one — and through quiet, reflection, patience and study our eyes are slowly opened to the beauty of all creation and our place within it.

These gifts put Marist in a privileged position to address the challenges of the 21st century. It is through these gifts that Marist, at its best, cultivates people who live and embody the gospel message, have the skills to navigate the challenges before us and a desire to serve and accompany others.

22nd century ... bring it on. ☩



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— John Murphy Jr. '99
pictured here with retired science
teacher June Miller

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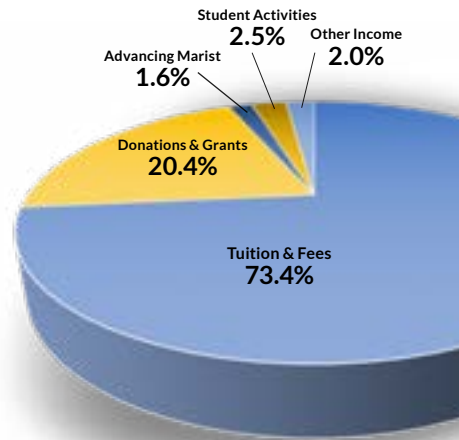
"My experience at Marist thus far has been truly rewarding. I've had the opportunity to make wonderful friends, grow in my faith, be challenged academically and be a member of the Spartan school teams for volleyball, basketball and lacrosse. I look forward to continuing to do my best to excel in all of these areas and to contribute to the Marist community and family. Thank you."

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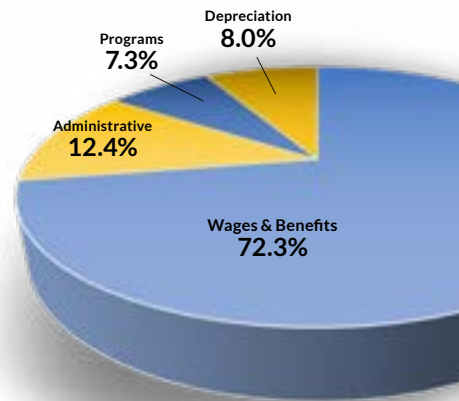
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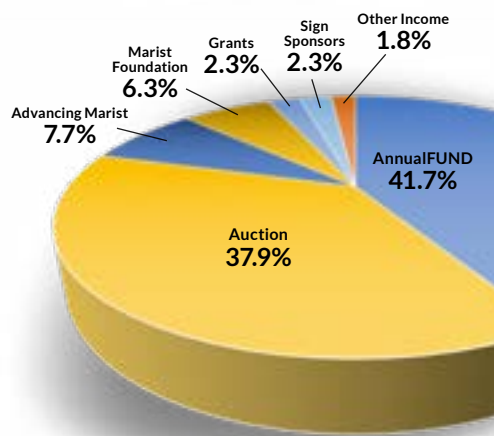
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Tuition & Fees	\$4,933,717
Donations & Grants	\$1,373,920
Advancing Marist	\$110,468
Student Activities	\$166,782
Other Income	\$134,959
Total	\$6,719,846



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Wages & Benefits	\$4,802,910
Administrative	\$821,567
Programs	\$485,130
Depreciation	\$532,651
Total	\$6,642,258



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AnnualFUND	\$595,400
Auction	\$540,120
Advancing Marist	\$110,468
Marist Foundation	\$90,253
Grants	\$32,771
Sign Sponsors	\$32,850
Other Income	\$25,130
Total	\$1,426,991

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An independent review of the school's 2018-19 financial information is currently underway with Moss Adams, LLP. For a copy of the full report, please contact the Marist Finance Office at (541) 485-7879.

“Pick a Little (Blueberries) Talk a Little” (Blueberries)

Siblings Cort Brazelton '99 and Amelie (Brazelton) Aust '02 share the blueberry stage

By Rebecca Larson

Luther Burbank (1849-1926) was a pioneer in the art of agricultural science. He developed more than 800 types of plants including fruits, flowers, grains, grasses and vegetables, dreaming them into existence by mimicking ... a bee.



Let's say he wanted to develop the sweetest yet crunchiest apple you'd ever tasted. Or more to the point, that you hadn't yet tasted. He'd act the part of a honey bee, cross-pollinating one kind with another, selecting for particular traits and repeating the process until he arrived at the perfect specimen.

Now let's say you wanted to grow the biggest, juiciest, most luscious blueberries ever. Disease-resistant, sturdy, chock-full of those coveted healthful antioxidants. And, oh yes, ideally suited to the exact climate and biome of any location around the world.

Mr. Burbank being unavailable, you'd be wise to call his spiritual descendants, the Brazeltons.

Chances are, if you've purchased a blueberry plant for your backyard garden or snagged a carton of juicy sweet blueberries from your local grocery store, you're enjoying the literal fruits of the labor of the Brazelton family company.

Photo courtesy of Fall Creek Farm and Nursery



Co-CEOs Cort Brazelton '99 and Amelie (Brazelton) Aust '02.

You can read all about the business — Fall Creek Farm and Nursery — on their gorgeous and easy to navigate website. It tells the story of how their small, family venture evolved into a multinational corporation that has stayed true to its original values and

includes an early photo of founders Dave and Barb Brazelton, bearded and braided and looking like, well ... hippies.

“We're still hippies,” said their son Cort '99 with a smile. Not in the sense of Birkenstocks and tie-dye, but in the core values of stewardship of the land, social justice practices and plain old pioneer-style “can do” attitude. “It was a simplistic way of thinking when the world was smaller. The future is about open vs. closed,” he said. At a meeting on the East Coast he recalls with laughter being called a “cosmopolitan globalist” ... from Fall Creek, Oregon. He aims to help solve the world's problems and have “a net positive impact as a species.”

Idealism and core values were instilled in Cort and his sister Amelie '02 at a young age.

Amelie was nine and Cort was 12 when the two began running the family's road-side fruit stand — when

selling fresh blueberries was central to the farm. It was their business. They had to figure out marketing at a time when that meant lots of phone calls and 1,000 blue postcards along with juggling employee schedules to balance production demands. They also learned to pay laborers better to improve quality control. "Cort and I had exposure to real responsibility in a safe environment," she said.

Like pioneers, they worked dawn to dusk as teenagers: 4 a.m. to 8 p.m. during the summer.

After all that, they did not see blueberries in their future. "We were sure we'd never have anything to do with the family business back then," Amelie remembers.

An Extrovert and ...



Photo courtesy of Barb Brazelton

Cort was a senior at Marist when Amelie was a freshman. He thrived in its positive, competitive environment. Marist's rigorous academics helped Cort "cultivate a world view and a way of thinking. You're in a community and with that comes obligations. Kind of like life," he said.

Among the many skilled teachers at Marist, English teacher Andy Oldham had a profound effect on Cort, helping him to "find a passion and go all in," Cort said. "He encouraged me to think." Amelie described it as, "Andy's relentless commitment to encourage students to enter that uneasy place where they struggle enough to actually grow."

One class period, Oldham must have been particularly challenging

because as he recalls it, Cort finally blurted, "Well, I'm sorry we can't all be a secure, middle-aged man like you!"

"He was right to confront me," Oldham said. "I backed off."

This almost 20-year old memory supports Oldham's recollection of Cort as "a unique mix of extroversion and reflective sensitivity."

... an Introvert

Amelie felt both nurtured and challenged at Marist.

"I found a group of people that cared about school the way I did," she said. "The common denominator was that it was cool to excel and to care."

Amelie describes herself as an introvert. "I didn't think I was a full nerd, but close. If you've found one or two kindred-spirit friends, you're winning," she said. "Marist had something for everyone."

Trish Hayward '02 remains one of those kindred-spirit friends. Nurturing is the word that first comes to mind when she talks about Amelie, specifically, her kindness and generosity. "She taught me how to sew. She baked pies (blueberry, of course). We called her 'Mom-elie' even then and now she's truly become Mom-elie to her three boys." Hayward remembers not a "nerd" but "a bright shining star" who wowed the crowd as a freshman with a dance routine that won the school's annual talent show; someone who excelled academically, athletically and in the arts.

Ryan Lee '99 and Cort met in their first year at Marist. Besides having many classes in common, they played football together. Joe Harbert '67, the volunteer announcer, nicknamed them "T-Lee" and "Sugar Bear" because Ryan had a "big toe for kicking the ball" and Cort was a "rugged bear-of-a-player but a softie off the field." Ryan and Cort played off the field, too, creating what Cort calls "mischievous." Ryan shed some light on that



Photo courtesy of Barb Brazelton

topic recalling a time when a group of them took a couch from the senior hall and put it in the sophomore hall — and confidently made sure it stayed there. "Even as freshmen, we were seniors," Ryan said. He describes Cort as having "a HUGE thirst for learning and trying new things" with an ability to "showcase his excitement."

That ability to showcase excitement manifested in interesting ways. "Freshman year, people made fun of me when I had to leave football to go to choir," Cort grinned. "By senior year, the whole football team was in the musical." It was *The Music Man*, a complicated show that Cort felt succeeded for one reason: "We had Bob Devereaux. Period."



Photo courtesy of Barb Brazelton

Amelie and Cort perform in *The Music Man* in 1999.

Devereaux, a multi-talented math and woodshop teacher, directed many musicals at Marist. He pulled off performances that might have daunted other directors by using two effective strategies: recruit charismatic student leaders who'd bring everyone else along and take help when it was offered. 120 students were involved in the production of *The Music Man*. Devereaux remembers Barb Brazelton politely asking the simple question, "Do you need some help?" to which Devereaux replied, "Does it show?"

Barb quickly took on the role of producer, organizing the many parent volunteers to tackle everything from costumes to sets to publicity. There was no "t" for "trouble" in constructing Marist's River City, the fictional setting of *Music Man*, as Barb enlisted the help of a cadre of volunteers, including her husband, Dave, along



with Dan Hall, Stephen and Sarah Edmondson and Penny Coffin, among others.

The production truly was a team effort. "There were more Type A parents and students than you could put in one room!" said Devereaux. Yet, that energy was coordinated in a common goal: excellence.

"Cort loved the spotlight, but who doesn't?" said Devereaux. He particularly appreciated Cort's ability to make the lines his own, delivering them naturally.

"Amelie was this perky little girl, with the biggest smile, who was always willing to help other kids. Both of them were crucial to the success of the show," he added.

Many of the fellow students that Cort and Amelie acted, studied, played, sang, danced and competed with are now adults who attend each other's children's birthday parties. For both Cort and Amelie, friendships that began at Marist are still an important part of their lives. As Cort describes it, "We Are One is definitely a real thing."

Photo courtesy of Barb Brazelton



Three generations of the Brazelton family.

March 4th

History teacher Jon Nuxoll also instructed the Brazelton siblings. "Both of them brought a lot of energy, effort and intelligence to the classroom. As a freshman, I remember Cort jumped right in with great participation and enthusiasm in class," said Nuxoll. "That was also true of Amelie, but for the first few weeks of school she had a much more skeptical view of her

freshman history teacher," he said with his characteristic wry humor.

Nuxoll inspired Cort to explore the world beyond Marist. "He had a profound effect on my passion and curiosity, not only for history, but for being ready to be curious about anything. He taught me to want to know more about the world beyond our physical horizons and that any of us could get out there and explore. If Jon hadn't turned me on to traveling and learning about the world, I don't think I would have developed such a passion for growing business opportunities far beyond our borders," Cort said.

Those are big life lessons, but he also remembered with a grin one of Nuxoll's quirky asides: March 4th — the only date that is also a command. And march forth the Brazeltons did, at first, close to home and then farther afield.

Coming Home

Neither Cort nor Amelie had intended to come back and work in the family business.

After Marist, Cort earned a Bachelor

of Arts degree in history, German and music from Oregon State University Honors College and studied economics and policy at Monterey Institute of International Studies in Monterey, California.

Amelie received a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature with a minor in biology from the University of Oregon Honors College. She was a Fulbright scholar at the Munich Intellectual Property Law Center at the Max Planck Institute in Germany, where she earned a Master of Laws degree.

Both Cort and Amelie were involved in building their post-graduate careers — Cort was working in California, while Amelie was newly married and living and working in Frankfurt, Germany — when an unexpected opportunity arose.



Dave and Barb's partners decided to plan for retirement. The parents called their former fruit stand managers to see if they were interested in considering a future at Fall Creek Farm and Nursery.

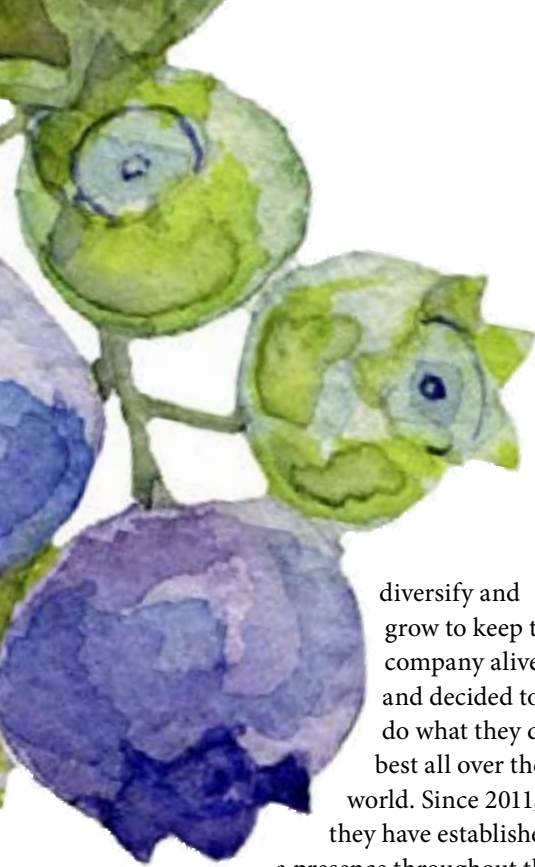
Would they regret it if they didn't at least take a look?

Dave and Barb, along with their business partners, invited "the kids" to come back for a year to work in the business and get to know it. "This was such a gift," Amelie remembers, "to be able to come back and experience the company as young professionals, rather than as young children. We were able to assess its potential as a business with open eyes and no pressure."

Cort and Amelie came back home to Oregon and began their new jobs in January 2008, with Amelie's husband Boris stepping into a financial role as well. In the spring of that same year, the economy crashed. Most growers' loans were pulled and orders were cancelled. There were deals, projects and license issues to be negotiated. Amelie's law degree "became really relevant." They weathered the economic downturn without having to lay off any employees. Amelie credits her parents for growing the company with discipline, no debt and conservative business practices.

Cort and Amelie's one-year trial period came and went in the flurry of regrouping and developing a business that would soon need to meet the demands of a burgeoning market. They decided to stay. Over the next few years, the popularity of blueberries grew exponentially as their health qualities became universally known.

The family knew they had to



diversify and grow to keep the company alive and decided to do what they did best all over the world. Since 2011, they have established a presence throughout the Americas and Europe, all from their headquarters in Fall Creek.

Cort and Amelie became co-CEO's on Jan. 1, 2019 and it's the future they are concentrating on now.

Cort, with a grin, articulates the company's goal in extremely elementary terms: "Replace soft, yucky and moldy blueberries with large, firm delicious ones." Amelie adds, "We are here to build a world with better blueberries. Every time you eat a better berry, if we've done our job, we were behind creating the variety and producing the plant that grew it." The company aims to be present in every major producing area, including South Africa and China, by 2025.

However, they won't get there by themselves. Cort and Amelie emphasized that they don't want all the credit. Now, with more than 500 employees globally, they are part of a team of directors and managers that are the creative engine behind Fall Creek's success. "Our job is to set direction, nurture culture, and manage pace and risk. All the rest is in the hands of our amazing employees," said Amelie.

A Touch of Magic

The work of Fall Creek Farm and Nursery is "both a science and an art," said Cort. "They are one and the same — the myth is the separation."

While the science of horticulture has always been at the core of the hard work and determination of the Brazelton family business, there also seems to be just a touch of magic happening in the lush surroundings of their nursery, especially when it comes to modern practices.

Creating new blueberry varieties through cross-pollination has changed little since the time of Burbank, who was nicknamed the "wizard of horticulture." What's new is the propagation.

Now that you've created that perfect blueberry — how do you ensure that every subsequent plant is exactly the same? Up until the 1980s, propagating blueberry plants was done in the winter by taking a pencil-sized cutting from a dormant plant and sticking the cutting into a shallow bed of sand and peat. Once rooted, the plants would grow for a year in the nursery before being ready for the farm or garden. With that technique, 50-200 new plants could be created in one year from a single "mother plant."

Today, the Brazelton's team of PhD breeders and technicians use many of the same concepts, but, through cutting-edge horticultural science and technology, artfully create plants by the millions inside hospital-clean laboratories and spotlessly maintained greenhouses. Instead of being pencil-sized, the initial starts resemble tiny alfalfa sprouts. The 300 mother plants in Fall Creek's 1200 sq. ft. nursery produce more than 35 million starts per year that end up all over the world. The scale of the operation is mind-boggling. Surely Burbank would be delighted.

In addition to the hundreds of tasty fruits and vegetables he developed, Luther Burbank left another legacy

for the Brazeltons and other business entrepreneurs. Before 1930, intellectual property protections (i.e. patents) had not been developed for many newly-introduced plant varieties. Burbank's activism (and the help of someone named Thomas Edison) led to the enactment and passing of the 1930 Plant Patent Act. This 90-year-old law helps recognize and protect plant breeders' new introductions to the marketplace, an increasingly important facet of Fall Creek Farm and Nursery. Thank you, Luther and Thomas.

The Next Chapter

Will there be a third generation of Brazeltons carrying on the family business? Cort and his wife Chelsea, have two children, Rhys (6), a first grader at O'Hara and Collette (3); Amelie and her husband, Boris, have three little boys, Marco (5), Jan (3) and a new baby, Sebastian (5 months).

Photo courtesy of Fall Creek Farm and Nursery.



One member of the third generation, baby Sebastian, is already at the office with mom, Amelie.

Amelie muses, "To come back, you have to leave. You can't feel either forced or entitled. You have to make your own path." Barb and Dave gave Amelie and Cort the freedom to do just that. Amelie's hope for the third generation is that, if they choose to join the family business, "they do so with purpose and stewardship, however that looks in the future."

The path that Cort and Amelie are traveling has made them industry leaders around the world. And they had to come home to do it.

As Trish Hayward put it, "Oregon should be darn proud!"

Marist certainly is. ☘



Marist Foundation

Mission

The Marist Foundation is dedicated to providing Marist Catholic High School and its students with funds exclusively for educational and religious purposes, including tuition assistance and other education expenses for students qualifying for financial assistance. The Foundation is responsible for accepting financial contributions, bequests and gifts from donors; managing restricted and unrestricted endowments; and distributing scholarships and other funds for the benefit of Marist Catholic High School and its students.

Thank You

The Marist Foundation Board would like to acknowledge the commitment and service of outgoing members, Ellen Brown and Debbie Jewett, whose terms ended in June. Their contributions to the scholarship committee and support in advancing the mission of the Foundation, coupled with their passion for Marist and excellence in Catholic education, demonstrated their outstanding leadership. We are grateful for their service.



Ellen Brown



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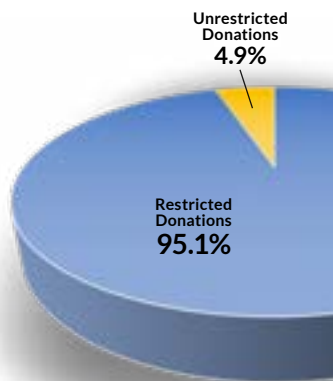
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● Restricted Donations (Endowment Scholarship)	\$ 85,853
● Unrestricted Donations	\$ 4,400
Total Gifts	\$ 90,253

Assets as of June 30, 2019	\$ 3,430,404
Scholarship Distribution	\$ 122,875

*Pending completion of Financial Review by Jones & Roth PC

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On behalf of the Marist students and programs that have been enriched by the generosity and support of our community, including the following list of Marist Foundation donors, thank you!

Established in 1968, the Marist Foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors who currently manage more than \$3.43 million in assets. This includes oversight of 57 named scholarship accounts with the new addition of the Coach Rich Schwab Memorial Scholarship, endowed in his honor by the generosity of many.

During the 2018-19 academic year, the Foundation distributed \$122,875 in scholarship aid to 73 worthy Marist students. For students and their families, the financial impact of scholarship assistance is often the difference in making a Marist education possible. In addition, the Foundation provided funding to strengthen and enhance key programs at Marist including the Arts, Health and Religious education programs as well as the *Advancing Marist* tuition assistance fund. Continued efforts by the Foundation will focus on long-term endowment growth in the areas of planned giving and endowed scholarship accounts in order to increase financial support for Marist now and in the future. ☩

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- Volunteer to serve on a board committee
- Establish a NEW scholarship fund (\$25,000 minimum)
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What's New This Fall? Rested Students Ready to Learn!

Students should be getting more sleep this fall and teachers are receiving much-needed time to plan, grade and collaborate as Marist implemented a new late-start schedule which allows for longer class periods to accommodate a larger variety of instructional methods. Research shows that students will come to school more alert and ready to learn with this type of schedule.

The new schedule also allows for the addition of a bi-weekly study hall for freshman through junior students and regular Professional and Collaboration Time for staff for faith formation, school improvement, department meetings, creating curriculum and grading.

Three Advanced Placement courses that allow students to earn college credit were added to the curriculum this year. In addition to the 10 existing AP courses offered, AP Spanish 5/6 and AP Computer Science were added to the schedule and AP Psychology returned after a year hiatus.

Other changes implemented this year involved updating the dress code, led by the efforts of this year's Student Council. Through extensive surveys and advocacy, and working in concert with the administration, the Student Council successfully lobbied for a few changes that include relaxed dress on Fridays for both students and staff.

Deffenbacher Retires



"C-Deff" with the 2019 yearbook editors.

After 18 years as the Marist registrar, Chris Deffenbacher retired in June. In addition to her professional duties, she was an established volunteer leader on the Women's Encounters and fondly known as "C-Deff." We are grateful for her dedication and all the gifts she shared during her time at Marist.

Welcome New Staff



Sherril Acton is our new Registrar and Administrative Coordinator. Most recently, she was the registrar at Central Catholic High School in Portland. Prior to that, Sherril lived in Eugene and her children attended O'Hara Catholic School before moving in 2006.



Jake Copley '02 returns to Marist as a counselor, having been a counselor in the Salem area for the past four years. Jake and his wife Chrysten along with their four children ages 6-10, are excited to be back in Eugene.



Erin Gallo, Ph.D., joins the world language department and will be teaching Spanish part-time. She is also the assistant varsity girls soccer coach. Previously, Dr. Gallo taught at the University of Oregon and Lane Community College.



Zach Hammond '08 is the new IT Assistant. He has been a substitute teacher at Marist for the past few years and will continue in that role as needed.



Victoria Quintanilla is teaching Spanish part-time and comes to us from Northern California. She has been a high school teacher for 37 years, teaching Spanish, theater, speech and debate and literature. She also volunteers with Catholic Community Services as an interpreter.

Fall Sports Updates

The varsity football team is currently ranked 5th in the OSAA 4A state rankings, with a 6-1 record. Undeafed in league play, their only loss so far has been in the pre-season to the No. 1-ranked Banks Braves.

The boys soccer team currently has



Junior Ryan Cary battles with a Silverton defender for possession of the ball.

the best record in 4A at 11-0-1 but are ranked No. 2. They had a big 1-0 win in the preseason over the 5A No. 6-ranked Silverton Foxes and their only tie was against the No. 6 ranked 4A team.



Elle Coulombe '20 scores a goal against Marshfield.

Dominating the playing field, the girls varsity soccer team, with an overall record of 11-0-2, is ranked No. 4 in 4A and has outscored their opponents with a combined score of 67-4. They beat the No. 2 and No. 3 teams in 4A and tied with the No. 3-ranked 5A team and the No. 1-ranked 3A team in the preseason. Senior leaders have their sights set on winning a state championship — more for each other than for themselves. "We don't like to lose, so we keep winning," one senior captain simply said.

Both cross country teams are returning 4A state champions and they look poised to compete for back-to-back state championships. Senior Evan Villano is running at the top spot amongst 4A runners and senior Wiley Watts has the seventh fastest time. The girls team is led by three strong runners — seniors McKenna Priske and Lucy Tsai and sophomore Jennifer Tsai — who all have times in the top 10 in 4A.

The varsity volleyball team is 3-6 in league and 3-13 overall due to strong pre-season competition from top-ranked teams in both 4A and 5A. They are hoping those early battles will help them in the long game and prepare them for the state tournament in November.

The water polo team is currently 0-5 and very excited to have a full roster this year. They are working hard to get their first win for the season.

CLASS NOTES

1950s



▲ **Carlo '52 & Evelyn (Coghlan) Pedron '53** celebrated 63 years of marriage on September 1.

1960s



▲ **Tom Gallagher '64** (second from left) was honored by Portland State University with the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government Lifetime Public Achievement Award.



◀ **Sr. Kathleen Hepner, SNJM '66**, a Holy Names Sister, is celebrating her golden jubilee this year — that's 50 years!



▲ **Cathy (Gaughan) Mant '68** was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Golf Association Hall of Fame. She is pictured with her brothers **Steve '70** and **Chris '77**.

1990s

Mike Hintz '93 started a new job with Marion County in March 2019 as the Emergency Management Coordinator - Plans Section Chief.



▲ **Mary Elizabeth Madden '98** completed three years as Deputy Economic Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Ankara, Turkey. In August, she moved to Brussels to begin her posting at the U.S. Mission to the European Union.



▲ Forrest Technical Coatings, a Eugene-based paint company run by second-generation owners and siblings Mark Forrest (President), **Nick Forrest '96** (Northwest Industrial Sales Representative) and **Kim Forrest '02** (Marketing Director), was recognized as Northwest Christian University's 2019 Exemplary Ethical Business Leader. (Pictured above receiving the award are Nick Forrest, Ceil & Scott Forrest, Kim Forrest and Mark Forrest).

2000s



▲ **Chris Hayes '01** was named the 167th president of the Eugene Active 20-30 Club in April.



▲ **Josh Harbert '01** married Meara Gilhooly on May 25 at St. Paul Catholic Church. They were married by Fr. Steve Clovis. They met while working at the parish school where Josh is a PE teacher and Meara is a middle school teacher.



◀ **Lindsey Fix '03** is a board-certified dermatologist and fellowship-trained Mohs surgeon. After traveling the country for school, internships, residency and specialized training, she is back home in Eugene and practicing at Willamette Valley Dermatology.



▲ **Jerad Wayland '05** completed his sixth year of full-time teaching and is currently serving as the chair of the social studies department at Todd Beamer High School in the Seattle area. He is thankful for his time at Marist for setting him on a path that led him to meeting his wife and ultimately into the classroom to help others achieve.

CLASS NOTES



▲ **Tyler Sears '06** attended the University of Oregon after graduation before going into full-time ministry, first serving overseas in London, England. After marrying his wife in Los Angeles, the new couple moved to São Paulo, Brazil, where they served for nearly two years before moving to Dallas, Texas, in 2014 to lead and oversee the ministries they are a part of there.



▲ **Nora (Cary) McDonald '06** married Tim McDonald on June 15 in Condon, Oregon. Her sister **Moirra Cary '10** was her maid of honor.



◀ **Courtney (Grant) Madsen '07** and her husband, Kevin, have two sons, Jack (3) and Everett (1). Courtney is a school counselor in Eugene and

Kevin is a project manager for a local construction company. Jack started school at St. Paul this fall!



◀ **Nick Stiltner '07** and Melissa Stiltner welcomed a daughter, Ryan Lane, on August 11.



▲ **Michael Bellamy '08** recently started his new job as a firefighter/paramedic with the Eugene Springfield Fire Department and also volunteers with McKenzie Fire & Rescue.



▲ **Ian '08** and **Zandra (Sletten) Evans '09** attended her 10-year class reunion this past June with their 2-month-old son Zachary James.



◀ **Ray Heymann '08** is currently a Child Abuse Detective for the Metro Nashville Police Department in Nashville, Tennessee. He lives there with Emily, his wife of seven years, and their new lab puppy, Cash.



▲ **Grant Mascolo '08** and **Lydia (Gust) Mascolo '08** welcomed a daughter, Penelope, on February 20. Their son Rocco will be three in November.



▲ **Tyler Wagner '09** is the Program Manager of the Immersion Program in the Moreau Center for Service and Justice at the University of Portland, organizing projects locally, nationally and internationally. This coming year, Tyler will lead a Tanzania Immersion trip to learn about environmental sustainability, women's empowerment and education as well as other social issues in this part of Africa.

2010s



▲ **Calvin '09** and **Danielle (Gehrke) Philpot '10** welcomed a son, Maverick Von Philpot, on July 3.



▲ **Ashley (Laing) Johnstone '10** and her husband Tyler welcomed a son, Warren Cruz, on June 18.

CLASS NOTES

Nick MacKinnon '10 married Lauren Bene on May 25. Nick was also recently promoted to the rank of captain in the U.S. Air Force.



▲ **Kori (Lennon) Bonin '10** married Drake Bonin on May 25 in Bozeman, Montana. The couple is living in the Bay Area and Kori is a Resident Director at Santa Clara University and also serves as the Staff Senate President.



◀ **Matt Schepergerdes '10** and **Audrey (Hart) Schepergerdes '11** were married on June 15 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Eugene. The maid of honor was **Mackenzie Henshaw '11** and **Tucker Kline '10** was the best man.

Katie (Kline) Webster '11 and **Jordan Hughes '10** were also in the wedding party and **Chaney Hart '15** and **Helen Walters '10** provided the music.



◀ **Dane Hernandez '11** and **Rachel (Ashworth) Hernandez '11** were married on May 16 in Dexter, Oregon in a ceremony on her parent's property and officiated by Dane's father, Pastor John

Hernandez. They live in Eugene where Dane works for the Springfield School District and Rachel practices equine osteopathy.



▲ **McKenzie (O'Leary) Del Rio '12** married Luke Del Rio on June 14 at Black Butte Ranch. She and her husband now live in Santa Margarita, California.



◀ **Josh Paiement '12** married Jessica Kunz on August 3 at Our Lady of Joy in Carefree, Arizona, with a reception at The Boulders in Scottsdale. They are both working for FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) and living in Golden, Colorado.

Kristin Zebrowski '12 spent six weeks volunteering at Holt International's facility in South Korea and hopes to return each year. This facility houses orphans and special needs adults. Kristin starts medical school this year.



▲ **JJ Hernandez '13** married Kaitlyn Davis on July 19 at Mt. Pisgah in Eugene, Oregon. His father, Pastor John Hernandez, officiated the wedding and his brothers **James Hernandez '11** and **Dane Hernandez '11** were his best men. The new couple lives in Eugene where JJ has a videography business and Kaitlyn is a personal banker.

Patrick Laing '13 married Anna (Wallace) Laing on August 31 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Portland, Oregon. His brother **Joey Laing '21** was the best man and **Erik Gehrke '13**, **Cade Miller '13**, **Brandon Parker '13** and **Jed Peterson '13** were in the wedding party.



◀ **Allie Thompson '15** earned a bachelor's in earth sciences with a concentration in paleontology from the University of Oregon's Robert D. Clark Honors College. Her thesis presented a comprehensive lithological and biostratigraphic record of the Miocene Mascall Formation deposits of the Crooked River Basin in Central Oregon.



◀ A photo by **Max Fulton '18** was chosen for the cover of Oregon State's art magazine Prism last spring.

STAFF NOTES



◀ Former Marist history teacher and theatre director, Anna Grace, published her first novel, *His Cinderella Sweetheart*. The novel was a winner of the National Excellence in Romantic Fiction Award and the Beverley Award for Romance with Religious Elements.



◀ Marist science teacher Sahra Nielson welcomed daughter Madeline on January 30.

CORRECTION

In the Winter 2019 issue of the Marist Magazine, **Don Klenke '59** was incorrectly listed as a Gael. He was a Saint!



REUNIONS

Class of 1959 – 60 Years



▲ The St. Francis Class of '59 celebrated with a dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall — the site of their high school dances — and a pizza party.

Class of 1969 – 50 years



▲ The Class of '69 — Marist's first graduating class — celebrated their milestone reunion at Roaring Rapids Pizza and the Knights of Columbus Hall.

"The old saying 'time flies' has been around for a while, and boy, was it ever true for us! Marist's first-ever graduating class, the class of 1969, met again this past July. The years melted away as old friends and classmates greeted one another. We compared notes on our lives, our children, our grandchildren, our careers, retirement and sometimes gray hair — or the lack of hair! It was a fast-moving evening of laughter, hugs and really good memories. We generally agreed that, at our ages, a five year re-do is much anticipated and a great idea!"
-Luellen (Bringe) Laurinat '69

Class of 1979 – 40 years



▲ The Class of '79 came to campus on Friday night for a social hour, dinner on Saturday was at Civic Winery and on Sunday, they returned to Marist for Mass with Fr. David Cullings.

Are you planning a reunion? Contact us at alumni@marisths.org.

Class of 1957 – 62 years



▲ The St. Francis Class of '57 celebrated at the home of Gino '57 & Norma Barbisan in Eugene.

Class of 1961 – 58 Years



▲ The St. Francis Class of '61 celebrated at the home of Ed '61 & Sue Kingzett in West Linn, Oregon.

Class of 1964 – 55 Years



▲ The Class of '64 celebrated at the home of Jim '64 & Carla Hoffman in Eugene.

Class of 1967 – 52 Years



▲ The St. Francis Class of '67 celebrated at the home of Joe '67 & Sharon (Rodgers) Harbert '67 in Eugene.

REUNIONS

Class of 1989 – 30 Years



▲ The Class of '89 "killed it" — celebrating on campus with a Murder Mystery Dinner. They returned the following day to paint the football stadium bleachers as a service project.

Class of 1999 – 20 Years



▲ The Class of '99 celebrated with a picnic at Marist.

Class of 2009 – 10 Years



▲ The Class of '09 celebrated with a picnic at University Park in Eugene.

IN MEMORIAM



Bob Lyford passed away on February 13, 2018. His children are **Lynne (Lyford) Stapelton '61**, **Larry Lyford '63**, **Louise (Lyford) Harris '66**, **Laura (Lyford) Rankin '68**, **Carole (Lyford) Woods '69**, **Leo Lyford '72**, **Mary (Lyford) Leary '73**, **Chris Lyford '78** and **Lisa (Lyford) Furrer '79**. **Paul Lyford '10** and **Michael Lyford '12** are his grandsons.

Helen Majors passed away in December of 2018. Her granddaughter is **Cindy (Fent) Sexton '79**.

Patti (Wobbe) Cerkoney '52 passed away on January 10, 2019 and her husband, **Fred Cerkoney '53**, passed away on May 3, 2019. They were preceded in death by **Rose (Cerkoney) Kegler '50**, **Frank Cerkoney '55** and John Cerkoney. **Marian (Wobbe) Young '52** is Patti's sister; **Mary (Cerkoney) Holcomb '48** is Fred's sister. **Julie (Cerkoney) Harper '84** and **Annie (Cerkoney) Lee** are their nieces. **Josh Harper '13**, **Kai Harper '16** and **Michael Lee '20** are their great-nephews.

Cindy Cool, mother-in-law of Marist science teacher Renee Cool, passed away on January 20, 2019.

Marjorie (Lee) Lockhart passed away on February 5, 2019. Her grandsons are **Craig Lockhart '97** and **Daren Lockhart '00**.

Alice Louise Kragenbring passed away on February 12, 2019. Her great-grandchildren are **Olivia Franssen '17** and **Spencer Franssen '18**.

Siegfried "Zig" Engelmann passed away on February 15, 2019. His grandchildren are **Blake Engelmann '07**, **Max Engelmann '09** and Brandon Tolles.

Kenneth Gentry passed away on February 22, 2019. His grandsons are **Jacob Weber '18** and **Kenny Weber '20**.

Gwen Quartararo passed away on February 25, 2019. Her children are **Margaret Quartararo '12** and Michael Quartararo.

IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie Jane Robb passed away on March 2, 2019. Her children are **Beverly (Robb) Hinshaw '68**, **Elizabeth (Robb) Jennings '69** and **Jim Robb '75**.

Natalie Croteau passed away on March 9, 2019. Her children are **James Croteau '67** and **Mary (Croteau) Woodell '72**.

Sally Lou Bonzer passed away on March 12, 2019. Her children are **Jay Bonzer**, **Laura (Bonzer) Howard '69**, **Alexis (Bonzer) Schmidt '70** and **Dolores (Bonzer) Gandall '73**. **Dave Schmidt '74** is her son-in-law. **McKenzie (Schmidt) Ma'aseia '06** and **Kelsea (Schmidt) Carlucci '10** are her granddaughters.

Gabrielle Rosenbach passed away in March of 2019. Her mother is **Amanda (Smith) Rosenbach '92** and her father is past head football coach, Rory Rosenbach. **Ian Smith '98** is her uncle and Dr. Richard Smith is her grandfather.

Joy Woodard passed away on April 3, 2019. Her grandchildren are **Tyson Woodard '97**, **Joy (Woodard) Bridgens '03** and **Julie Woodard '13**.

Loretta Gertrude Picolet passed away on April 29, 2019. Her son is **Charlie Picolet '67** and her daughter-in-law is **Barbara (Rathburn) Picolet '67**.

The grandmother of **Emily Jewett '17** and **Amanda Jewett '20** passed away in May.

Lyle Teman passed away on May 6, 2019. His wife is **Geraldine (Heitzman) Teman '53**.

Ken Mersino passed away on May 12, 2019. His nieces are **Megan Mersino '18** and **Katie Mersino '19**.

Betty Halbrook passed away on May 21, 2019. Her children are **Vinci (Halbrook) Paterson '80**, **Janice Halbrook '82**, Alana (Halbrook) Groeper, Vicki Halbrook and Josh Halbrook. She was preceded in death by her son **Scott Halbrook '81**.

James Anderson passed away on May 23, 2019. His granddaughter is **Taylor Anderson '14**.

Roy Pond passed away on May 23, 2019. His grandchildren are **Keegan Pond '19** and **Tatum Pond '21**.

Richard Rademacher passed away on June 6, 2019. His children are **Joe**

Rademacher '82, **Michael Rademacher '84**, **Mary (Rademacher) Dibble '85**, **Irene Rademacher '87**, **Sara (Rademacher) Dolen '89** and **Elizabeth (Rademacher) Traver '92**.

Virginia Alma (Polacek) Hledik passed away on June 8, 2019. Her grandsons are **Ryan Hledik '98** and **Brad Hledik '00**.

Martha (Stokemer) Finch '62 passed away on June 10, 2019. Her daughter is **Stacy (Finch) Heidegger '86**.

Darle Driscoll passed away on June 12, 2019. His children are **Devin Driscoll '04**, **Megan (Driscoll) Mancillas '07** and **Erin (Driscoll) Thurmond '07**.

Kathryn (Claska) Stephenson '64 passed away on June 20, 2019. Her mother **Grace (Schaefer) Claska '38** preceded her in death. Her siblings are **Joseph Claska '63**, **Jean (Claska) Monaco '66**, **Patricia Claska '68**, **Susan (Claska) Burnett '71**, **Mary Claska '73**, **Julie (Claska) Scalisi '79**, **Laura (Claska) Whited '76** and Margaret (Claska) Reh.

Donna Gent passed away on June 26, 2019. Her husband is **Fred Gent '49**. Her children are **Brad Gent '76** and **Tamyra Gent '79**. She was preceded in death by her son **Terry Gent '74**. Her grandchildren are **Cole Gent '10**, Amanda Gent, Tyler Gent and Dallas Gent.

Elaine Seeliger passed away on July 8, 2019. Her son-in-law is freshman history teacher Tripp Nelson and her grandchildren are **Lauren Nelson '11** and **Darren Nelson '14**.

Nora Milbrett passed away on July 19, 2019. Her grandson is **Cole Richardson '10**.

Sally Wilson passed away on July 19, 2019. Marist strings teacher Alisa Kincade is her daughter-in-law and **Rachel (Kincade) Earl '06** and **Emma Kincade '14** are her granddaughters.

Terry Bekkedahl passed away on August 3, 2019. His children are **Erik Bekkedahl '94** and **Brian Bekkedahl '96**.

Marian (Ficker) Crabtree '51 passed away on August 4, 2019. Her siblings are **Dorothy (Ficker) Pittman '48** and **Trudy (Ficker) Garland '48** and Joseph Ficker and she was preceded in death by her sisters **Elizabeth (Ficker) McCullough '43** and **Agnes (Ficker) Etchinson '46**.

Her husband is Wayne Crabtree and her children are Eric Crabtree, Kim (Crabtree) Temple and Mark Crabtree.

Nancy (Case) Bauer passed away on August 6, 2019. Her husband is **William Bauer '62**. Her brothers-in-law and sister-in-law are **Richard Bauer '57**, **Louis Bauer '65** and **Margaret (Bauer) Blane '58**.

Brian Looome '78 passed away on August 10, 2019. His siblings are **Patrick Looome '74**, **Sharon (Looome) Cate '76** and **William Looome '79**.

Robert Craviotto passed away on August 11, 2019. His sons are **Paul Craviotto '70**, **Thomas Craviotto '71** and **Kevin Craviotto '76**. His granddaughter is **Caitlyn Craviotto '13**. His son, Bruce Craviotto '82, passed away on September 14, 2019.

Norman DuChateau passed away on August 18, 2019. **Paula DuChateau '81** is his daughter and **Aaron DuChateau '03** and Tristan DuChateau are his grandsons.

Richard Wright passed away on August 31, 2019. His children are **Craig Wright '85**, Rick Wright, Laurie (Wright) Brody and Suzyn (Wright) Whittaker. His daughter-in-law is **Debbie (Gabaldon) Wright '80** and his son-in-law is **Marcus Whittaker '88**. His grandchildren are Zack Wright, **Sydney Wright '19**, **Max Whittaker '19** and **Jackson Whittaker '21**.

CORRECTION

In the 2018 Winter edition, **Shaun Perkins '95** was inadvertently omitted from the entry for her grandfather, Kenneth Perkins, who passed away on December 7, 2018. We apologize for the oversight.

Remembering Loved Ones

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

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Mick Kokkeler

answers *five* questions in *five* minutes

In 1988, Mick Kokkeler began tending the Marist grounds. He and his wife, Arvella, raised a crop of children including Michelle '82, Kimberly '84, Andrea '85, Clint '93 and Jess '96 – all Marist grads. So far, three grandchildren have become Spartans: Griffin Puls '18, Emma Kokkeler '19 and Ella Puls '20. Now that Mick has retired, he's turned the lawn care business over to son Clint but continues to frequent the Marist staff room, bringing gifts from his vegetable garden and joins us for our monthly Masses and of course ... sporting events.

Q How did you get the job at Marist?

I had a [groundskeeping] business and I'd been doing it for several years when the Marist Brothers decided to put this out for bid. I bid on it (way too cheap) and got the job. And it was a mess when I started: the blackberries were thick on the fence around the football field, there were hundreds of gophers and moles – the fields were full of them – and the fields were full of broad-leaf weeds and clover. To me, it was a mess. And they had a little dinky soccer field – I don't know what year it was, a year or two later maybe – I tore it out and put in a bigger soccer field (the same one we have now) so it worked out pretty good.

Q You've been a groundskeeper, a dad, a grandfather and your wife taught theology here – what has been your favorite role at Marist?

I enjoyed taking care of the athletic fields and meeting a lot of the coaches and teachers and administration. I made a lot of friends I think. I had a lot of good conversations with the Brothers – Brother Sumner and Brother Norbert and Brother Dan. They'd come out and talk to me a lot. I enjoyed that.

Q You've been retired now for three years but you're still a fixture here at games and in the staff room – what keeps you coming back?

I really like the football coach – I like football – and I like the basketball coach. I don't know anything about soccer so I just watch it sometimes and I really enjoy volleyball. I cut back sometimes, but then I come back mostly because

I know the coaches. I just like a lot of the teachers and administration here – the people. And Fr. Dave [Cullings] – that's another one I like to see around here – he's done a lot of good things.

Q ... And you always bring us produce. You drive in all the way from Junction City to bring bags of fruits and vegetables for the staff to enjoy. Tell us about your garden and what's your favorite thing to eat out of it.

I have a pretty small garden now ... I just have cucumbers, tomatoes, leeks and onions. And this year, just for fun, I planted some cucumbers that are supposed to get a yard long. So far most of them have gotten too fat and soft in the middle and I haven't gotten anything over a little less than two feet. And, I don't eat that kind of stuff, I just grow it, I guess, because I thought that's what I'm supposed to do. The only thing I eat out of my garden is, once in a while, I eat some leek soup.

Q Anything else you want us to know?

When they hired me, they told me I could use the staff room for lunch so I took advantage of that. Now I come in just to visit and there's always new people to meet. And nobody's told me to leave, so I guess it's okay yet.



Mick Kokkeler dropping off a generous basket of tomatoes for Marist staff.

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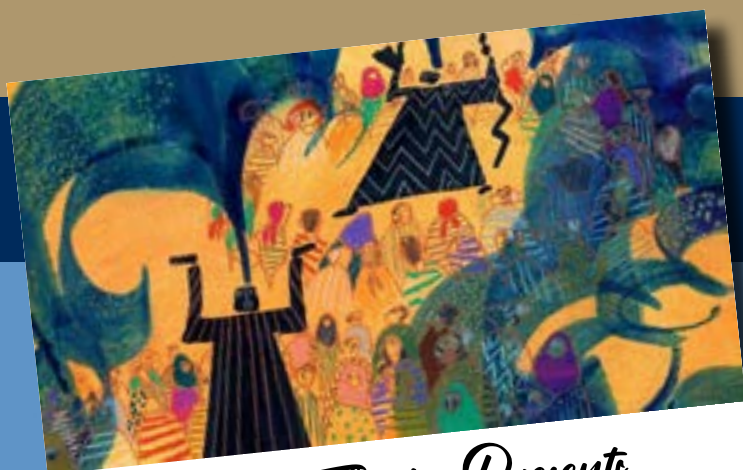


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- 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass
- 18 Christmas Concert

JANUARY

- 8 Feast of the Epiphany Mass
- 10-11 Senior Metanoia #1
- 11 Marist Preview Day
- 27-31 National Catholic Schools Week
- 30 All Catholic Schools Mass
- 31 Winter Play: *Shakespeare's Pericles*

FEBRUARY

- 1, 6-7 Winter Play: *Shakespeare's Pericles*
- 8-10 Winter Men's Encounter
- 14-15 Senior Metanoia #2
- 19 Annual Student Talent Show
- 22-23 Sophomore Boys Journey Retreat
- 22-24 Winter Women's Encounter
- 26 Ash Wednesday Mass

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