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W E A R E O N E

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

“Lord, please give me angels at my feet.”

When I’m not being the president of Marist Catholic High School, or spending time with my family, I enjoy running alone on a number of beautiful trails in Oregon. I’m someone who likes to get out in the wilderness and pound the rocky, dusty or muddy ground for as many miles as my legs will take me.

As I have gotten older, how fast I go really isn’t the focus. It’s the act of being there, pushing myself, getting into a meditative frame of mind with each stride, making it to the goal.

This past year at Marist has been like that: a new trail, but with many great companions on the journey. And what a journey it has been:



- Hybrid learning that moved to in-person learning in April, complete with revamped lesson plans, re-imagined retreats and activities and flexible schedules from our creative and dedicated faculty
- Transitioning from our traditional Auction to *Marist Gives* and creating a more long-term, philanthropic fundraising model
- An athletic season that managed to fit in all of our fall, winter and spring sports in just 18 weeks
- High marks for Marist’s accreditation process, delayed for a year due to the pandemic
- Cooperative and caring students who helped maintain a healthy environment
- And finally ... an outdoor graduation with parents in attendance.

When I’m in the woods, I don’t take anything for granted. I could see a bear, startle a rattlesnake — poison oak is a given — but the biggest danger is stumbling on a rock, losing my footing, taking a fall. I carefully map my journey and plan ahead and concentrate, but I also pray for angels at my feet.

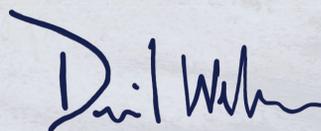
That planning and praying, too, is like my work at Marist. We’ve mapped out a course for sustained growth and hired a new Admissions and Outreach Director, David Van Der Haeghen. Enrollment is looking strong for the fall. We’re designing a communications plan with the help of parent volunteers and the expertise of alumna Natalia Zreliak ’15 who created this magazine with the collaboration of her former teacher, Toni Cooper.

We are still searching for a new principal, and pleased that Stacey Baker is remaining on staff to continue working with our students in a new role. Until just the right person can be found, Andy Oldham, long-time English teacher and more recently, Assistant Principal of Academics, has graciously agreed to serve as the interim principal.

We are thankful to the many parents, current and past, who have supported Marist for so long — and we are grateful for your continued generosity — as we place a new emphasis on alumni engagement in the coming years.

All those plans are set within our desire to do what is God’s will for Marist, with angels at our feet. Thank you for your continued support. We Are One.

Blessings,



David Welch

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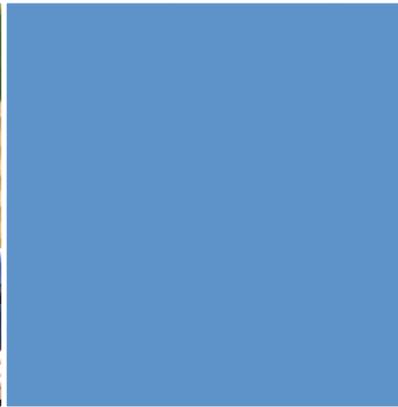


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### ON THE COVER:

*The Class of 2021 tosses their grad caps after moving their tassels at Graduation on June 12. Photo by Kenadi Witschger '20*



# Congratulations to the Class of 2021

This year you embodied the heart and soul of Marist. You were there for one another during the highs and lows. You celebrated each other's victories and felt one another's pain. You went into this school year together, motivated to make the best of it — and left accomplishing just that.

As juniors working your way through the most stressful year of your high school career, your lives were turned upside down by the pandemic. You watched as the Class of 2020 missed out on the hallmarks of a senior year and wondered if the same would happen to you. But instead of sulking, you took initiative to show up and make the most of your senior year.

**You excelled academically.** From Zoom classes to hybrid to the full return to in-person classes, you worked tirelessly to keep up your grades. While you may have only been back in the classroom for around four months, you made the most of it and engaged in the curriculum your teachers gave you.

**You served others.** You managed to fulfill your service hours by finding unique ways to help the community. You rallied to gather donations for those affected by the wildfires in Oregon, you made masks for others, you tutored kids over Zoom. You stepped up and helped where you could.

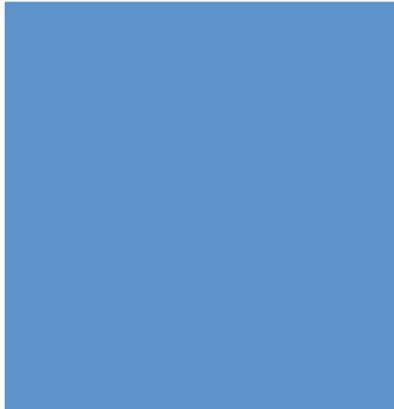
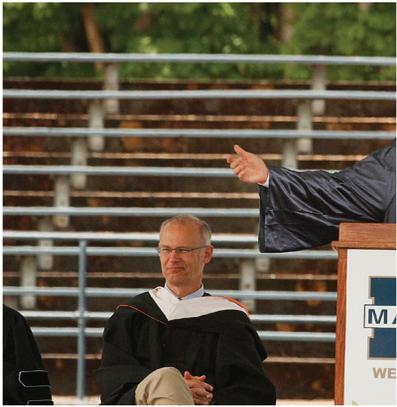
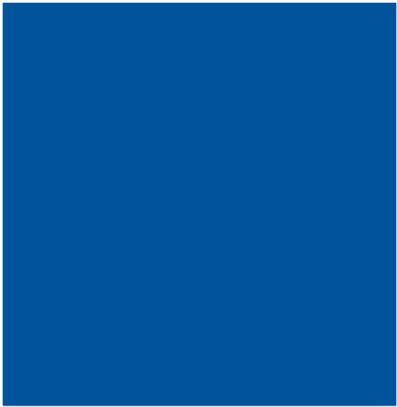
**You excelled in athletics.** As student-athletes, you trained hard for seasons that weren't guaranteed but never gave less than your all. You adapted to wearing masks while playing and cheered one another on from the socially-distanced sidelines. And you left your mark on Marist athletics in the shortest seasons ever on record.

**You built community.** In a time where students needed each other to lean on more than ever, you found ways to come together. From organizing freshman events to introducing our newest Spartans to Marist to gathering for a Senior Sunrise and Sunset. You showed up and showed your smiling faces even if we only saw your eyes.

**You made your senior year an unforgettable one.** As you grow older and look back, we hope you'll remember these special moments and be proud of the ways in which you learned to adapt and problem solve and roll with the punches.

Go forward into your futures with the knowledge that you have forever left your mark not only on Marist, but on the world. Congratulations to the Class of 2021!

We. Are. One. ☩





# SENIOR SNAPSHOT

## Eli Simmons '21

*Searching for purpose*

By Sam Svingen '21



Senior Eli Simmons is just your average student between nine and three, but outside of school hours, he's a hero dedicating his time to helping his community. As a member of Lane County Search and Rescue, no matter the time of day, Eli is ready to respond to the needs of others.

Eli first heard about Search and Rescue through a friend. Interested in the outdoors and a future in law enforcement, Eli jumped at the opportunity to serve. While completing a yearlong, multi-stage training program, he was taught basic first aid, navigation and all the other skills needed for success during his Search and Rescue missions.

He went on his first mission at the age of 14. He was called to assist a body recovery for a deceased hiker ... yes, you heard that right. This isn't pretty work, but it's meaningful for those who seek to bring peace to families.

Last February, Eli got a call about a missing woman with a mental health issue who had gone into the woods to forage and had not returned. At 8 p.m. on a school night, he drove two hours to the designated meeting area where he and his team set off into the woods in freezing weather conditions in hope of finding the missing woman. Eli knew if they didn't find her that night she would likely succumb to hypothermia.

Eli and his group trudged through thick underbrush and two feet of snow for hours until they finally found the woman at 1 a.m. They swiftly stabilized her, warmed her up and took her back

to safety. The woman had a hard time walking and Eli was tasked with helping carry her back to safety. Emergency Medical Services took the woman to a hospital where she made a full recovery, thanks to Eli and his team.

"This is one of my favorite missions because it had such a happy ending. I really thought I'd be doing a body recovery that night, but I was happy I had the opportunity to save this woman's life," Eli said.

Eli plans to pursue a career in law enforcement. His impressive Search and Rescue resume along with participating in the Eugene Police Cadet program, helping out the U.S. Marines with Toys for Tots every year and recently assisting with the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines gives him a great head start into making a career of public service.

"Helping others makes me feel like I'm doing something valuable and meaningful. My mom was in the Army and law enforcement and my dad is an attorney who handles a lot of cases defending tribal rights and resources. Serving others was how I was raised," he said.

Eli's mother, Anne, although retired, helps train up-and-coming Search and Rescue recruits and manages the logistics of their Search and Rescue missions. "I'm always proud to see [Eli] doing things to help other people because that's one of the biggest things about community service; it's not about you, it's about trying to make things better for other people," Anne said. ☪



# SENIOR SNAPSHOT

## Katie Rule '21

*A hunger to serve*

By Natalia Zreliak '15



If you were on campus last summer, you might have seen senior Katie Rule hauling coolers of food from her car to the courtyard to help feed the youngsters attending the Genesis Summer Reading Program. But what many may not have seen, were the quiet ways in which she exemplified Marist's mission to "lead and serve others."

In between organizing breakfast, lunch and multiple snack breaks, you could find Katie at recess going out of her way to engage kids standing off on their own or stepping in to give one-on-one attention to a struggling student. If a teacher or student needed assistance, Katie was right there to lend a helping hand.

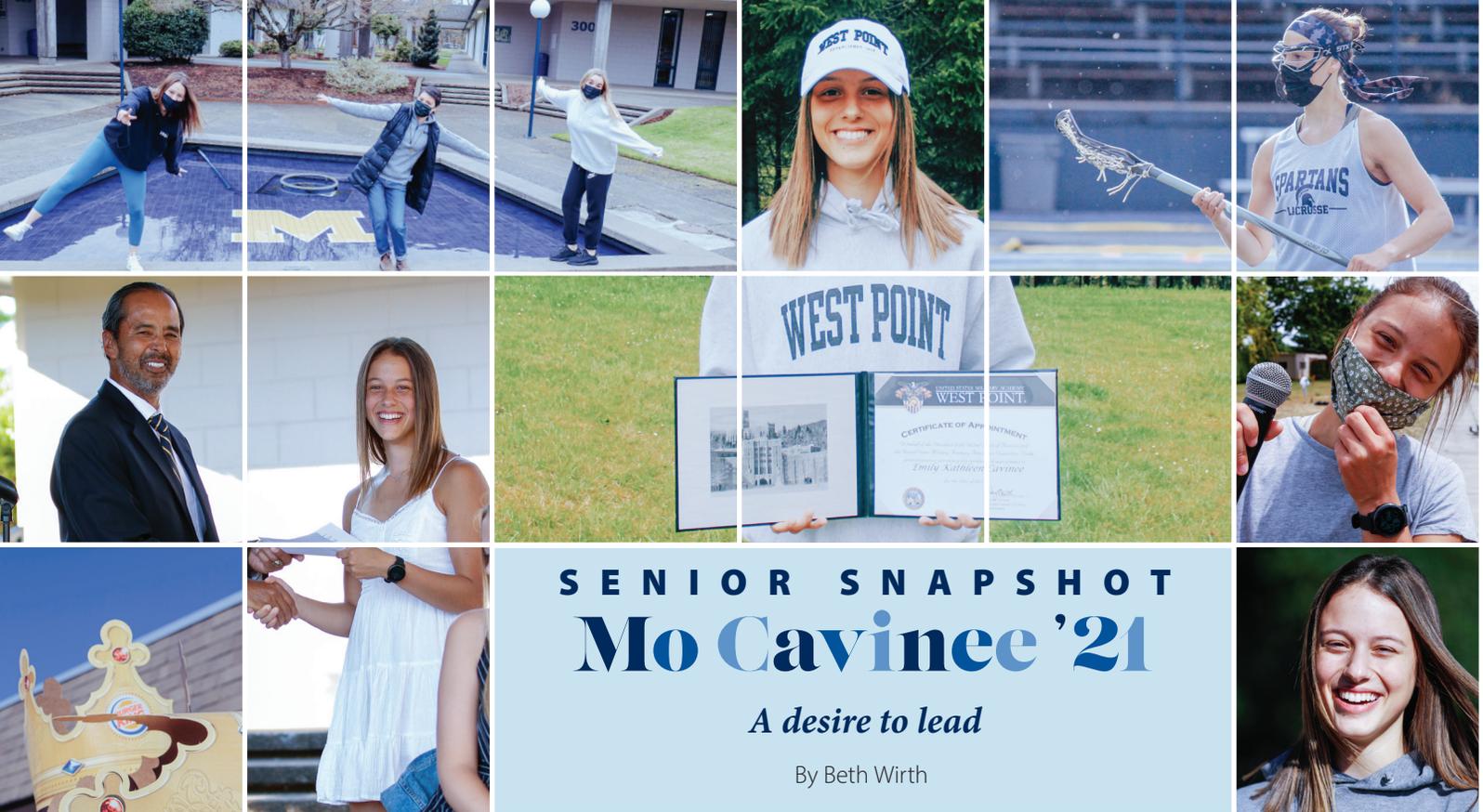
"Ensuring that Genesis children are fed on a daily basis is an enormously important job and Katie accomplished her tasks with a complete command of the operation. In doing so, Katie also treated Genesis students with dignity and the humility and grace that ultimately define who Katie Rule is," said Genesis Program director and Marist English teacher, Bill Ferrari.

I had the privilege of getting to know Katie last summer while working together at Genesis. In the few minutes we had to spare between tasks, we'd talk about Marist, our families and the future.

My second week after being hired here at Marist last November, I saw her in passing. "Wait, you work here now?" Katie asked. "That's awesome; I guess I'll see you around!" Luckily, with a small campus like Marist, we've seen each other quite a bit now that we've been able to come to campus for school and retreats.

Katie's gifts are many and she shares them quietly, coated in a genuine demureness that you don't always find in someone her age. This year alone, she led students on retreats, ran cross country and track, helped organize NHS service projects and was a part of the most successful Mr. & Ms. Spartan team in the program's history and now she will graduate as the valedictorian for the Class of 2021.

Following graduation, Katie will be attending Marquette University to major in mechanical engineering and participate in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. "This is a pretty perfect pathway for Katie. Katie is already a model of the Jesuit ideal of *magis* — a rejection of complacency in striving for excellence in the service of God — and the idea of Katie pursuing a career as a Naval officer should allow all of us to sleep better at night knowing that our nation's protection is in Katie's hands," Ferrari said. ☩



# SENIOR SNAPSHOT Mo Cavinee '21

*A desire to lead*

By Beth Wirth

Emily “Mo” Cavinee arrived at Marist four years ago with a pep in her step and ready to tackle all that Marist had to offer. She sat upright, eager and ready in her freshman English class, engaged in multiple extracurriculars over the years, ran cross country and played lacrosse, and, at some point, her hope for her future started taking shape: West Point. She wanted to follow in her parents’ footsteps of service in the armed forces.

It is not an easy thing to apply to West Point. Fittingly, the application itself serves as a sort of a natural elimination process. The many steps didn’t thwart Mo one bit: she wrote, consulted, rewrote and finalized her essays. She sought advice with humility and kindly accepted feedback. Like many things over the course of this past year, even getting feedback was harder, but Mo kept plowing through with her eye on her long-term goal: to help others and give back to a country that has given her so much.

It seems obvious then that Mo would choose to join Student Council, a school organization that plans and runs events for the benefit of other students. And after three years as a member, and even though it was a school year that no one could have imagined, Mo still chose to cap her career with

a successful run for student body president in the spring of 2020. She served in this role with her whole heart, staying true to her peppy and full-of-life personality and, even with the challenges of pandemic restrictions, she worked with her team to find different ways to keep the student body connected. Some things worked, some didn’t and none of it was ideal. Not being on campus created its own constraints, but thankfully the year ended on campus, and appropriately, there was Mo each morning ready to greet Marist with her cheerful voice reading the daily announcements.

One of the many gifts of being a Marist teacher is seeing students come in as 14-year-olds and witnessing them taking the steps to make their dreams manifest. When Mo heard that she was, in fact, admitted to West Point, she ducked her head in my room and told me the news with that same pep she brought to her first day at Marist. Considering the many events of late, this bit of news brought tears to my eyes. I wasn’t surprised that an academy as renowned as West Point was able to see the goodness that Mo will bring to their institution, but I was sure grateful they did. Mo is precisely the kind of person we should all be glad is representing our country. ☩





# SENIOR SNAPSHOT Jack Thornton '21

*Inspired by the cross*

By Ben Morehouse '21



If you can't find senior Jack Thornton talking history with Jon Nuxoll or playing video games with his brother or out fishing with one of his buddies, you might find this 2021 class salutatorian sitting quietly in the Marist chapel.

"The chapel has always been my favorite place on campus. It is a beautiful place and it is very peaceful. It's a place where you can get away from everything that's going on with school, other people and everything else to just spend some quiet time with God," Jack said.

It's where he got the idea over a year ago to honor the chapel with a new altar. Jack collaborated with Fr. Theo Lange, Campus Ministry and the Marist administration to plan the project. They found a skilled carpenter who worked with him on the design and the Knights of Columbus and an anonymous donor provided the funding.

Now, after more than a year of planning and collaborating, a lovely new altar graces the chapel space. Inspired by the crucifix made in the 90s by Math teacher Bob Devereaux, the altar is made of birch and a type of mahogany that matches the wall crucifix beautifully. Carved on the front is a large Jerusalem cross with "We Are One" inscribed above it and a frieze of wheat and grapes below — something Jack thought would be fit-

ting to represent both the earthly and spiritual gifts we bring to and receive from the altar.

Campus Ministry Director, Dr. Rick Martin, saw this altar project as a natural outgrowth of Jack's "spiritual leadership." As a sophomore, Jack was a founding member of the Catholic Culture Committee, whose goal was to support and enhance spiritual life. He joined the Retreat Team as a junior, and as a senior, he served as a rector for the Men's Encounter.

As the class salutatorian and a National Merit finalist, Jack is a scholar but his faith is just as important. "My purpose in life is to know, love and serve God; I can be successful in and enjoy the other parts of my life — family life, social life, schoolwork, sports, volunteering, etc. — but on their own they cannot give meaning to my life, and they cannot bring me peace or joy," Jack said.

The altar stone and relic are all that are left to complete the altar and will hopefully be acquired sometime next year by Fr. Theo. Jack will already have left to study philosophy and theology at Notre Dame University, but the Marist chapel will remain to welcome more students, staff and returning alumni with another lasting symbol of our faith. ✠



# THE CLASS OF 2021

Adell Almatrood  
 Adriana Alvarez  
 Avery Anderson  
 Will Blansett  
 Andrew Braud  
 Sophia Bredbenner  
 Isa Byrum  
 Cindy Cardenas  
 Cate Carson  
 Emily "Mo" Cavinee  
 Abbie Chambers  
 Laina Chavez  
 Ellie Christian  
 Peter Collins  
 Ethan Cross  
 Isaac Davisson  
 Sofia DiPaolo  
 Samuel Dong  
 Luke Eagen  
 Sam Eagen  
 Ava Eklund  
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 Ashlynn Gates

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 Bailey Gray  
 Logan Griffin  
 Eli Grover  
 Briahna Guevara  
 Treysn Harbert  
 Natali Hayes  
 Sami Hussein  
 Gabriel Iapara-Kavun  
 Hudson Jarvis  
 Dillon Jaspers  
 Britten Johnson  
 Shelby Jones  
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 Ryann Kokkeler  
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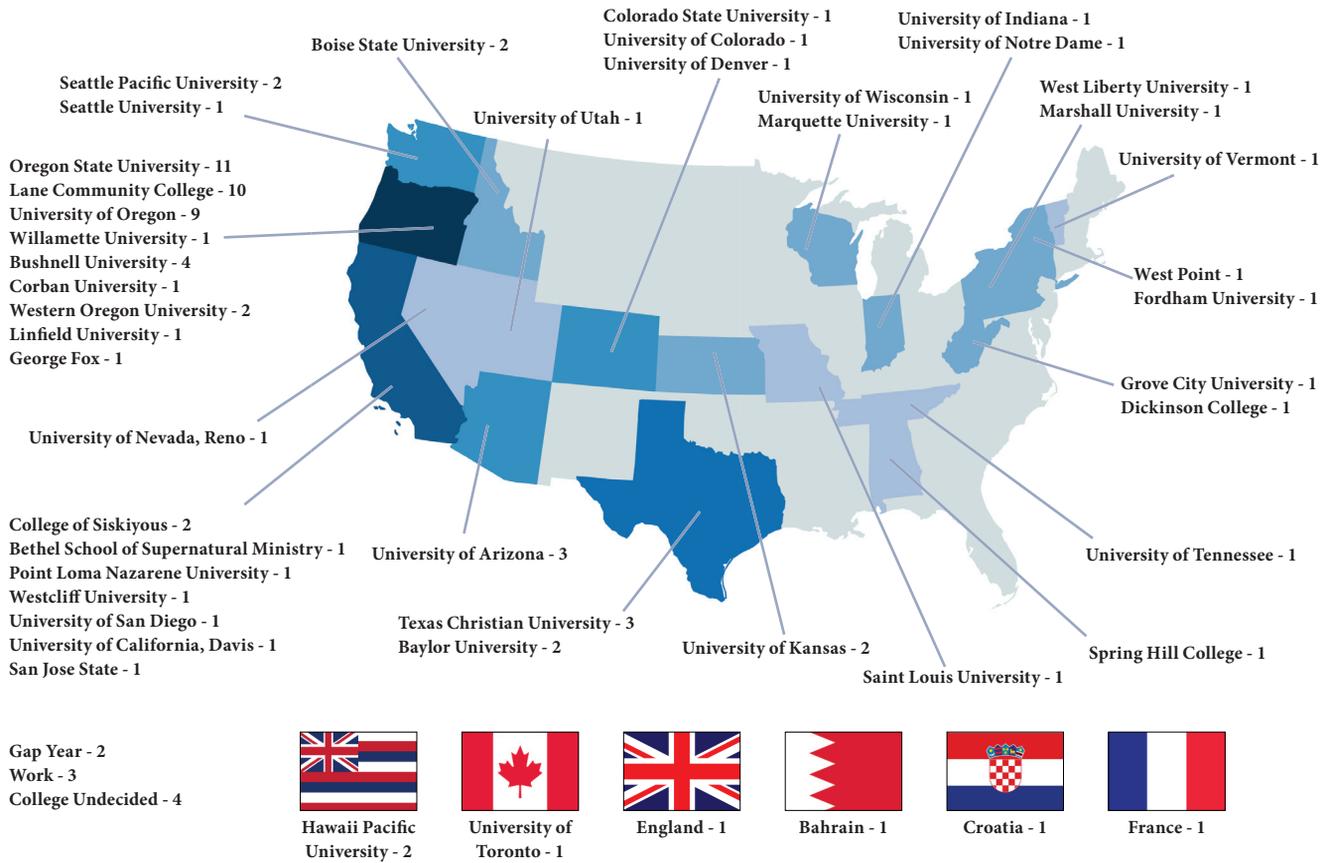
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 Madison Morse  
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 Ryan Murphy  
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 Tanner Niegel  
 Phoebe Notenboom  
 Zachary Overman  
 Charlie Papé  
 Lucas Patterson  
 Carmen Peal  
 Valerie Ponce  
 Tatum Pond  
 Gloria Rear  
 Payton Richardson  
 Logan Richardson

Miguel Rivas  
 Sarah Rosier  
 Katie Rule  
 Abigail Salnas  
 Lindsey Sargent  
 Derek Saxman  
 Champe Scoble  
 Eli Simmons  
 Lydia Skinner  
 Matthew Solomon  
 Katherine Speers  
 Hagan Stephenson  
 Steffan Stobaugh  
 Ivan Suscec  
 Sam Svingen  
 Jack Thornton  
 Alec Vendetti  
 Nick Watts  
 Ryan Watts  
 Sawyer Weybright  
 Mary Whalen  
 Jackson Whittaker  
 Taylor Willett



# WHERE ARE THEY HEADED?

The Class of 2021 is venturing to 45 different schools, 20 states and 5 countries next year



## AWARDS & HONORS

Valedictorian Medalist .....	Katie Rule
Salutatorian Medalist .....	Jack Thornton
Most Reverend Francis P. Leipzig Award	
For School Involvement.....	Emily "Mo" Cavinee
Monsignor Edmund Murnane Award	
For Christian Development.....	Laina Chavez & Jack Thornton
Gloria Schreiber Award	
For Excellence in Girls Athletics.....	Libby Korth
Thomas Kerns Award	
For Excellence in Boys Athletics .....	Hagan Stephenson

### 2021 MARIST SCHOLARS (4.0 or higher weighted GPA)

Avery Anderson  
Emily "Mo" Cavinee  
Laina Chavez  
Ethan Cross  
Laine Friesen  
Logan Griffin  
Britten Johnson

Joey Laing  
Miles Manstrom  
Layla Martinez  
Ben Morehouse  
Madison Morse  
Phoebe Notenboom  
Zachary Overman

Gloria Rear  
Sarah Rosier  
Katie Rule  
Lindsey Sargent  
Derek Saxman  
Jack Thornton  
Alec Vendetti

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Given

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Donors

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Gifts  
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**40**  
Volunteers



## Marist Gave!

Our community shared its time, treasure and prayer in support of Marist on Wednesday, June 2 as Marist launched our first-ever day of giving — Marist Gives. The goal was 100 gifts in 24 hours for tuition assistance which we exceeded by 6 p.m. Thank you to everyone who gave! We are also grateful to the many volunteers who helped beautify the campus prior to graduation and gave the gift of prayer.

# A Special Thanks to our Challenge Gift Donors!

Knights of Columbus - \$2,500  
WC Harbert '99 - \$100  
David & Diza (Hoglen) Hillis '81 - \$1,000  
Carson Kiesewetter '11 - \$100  
John '79 & Julie (Free) Stacy '80 - \$250  
Katie (LeBrun) Harbert '00 - \$100

Marist Leadership Team - \$2,600  
Carl Mosen '56 - \$5,000  
The Karcher Family - \$1,000  
Marist Foundation Board & Marist School Board - \$19,700  
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# Siblings & Friends

Marist Alumni Build Homes Together

By Rebecca Larson



As a little girl, Mandi (Butler) Craner '99 thought she'd like to be an ice skater; her brother Dane '02 thought he might be a police officer. Instead, they grew into a sister/brother home building duo and created Butler Homes. It is a craft they learned naturally from their parents and grandparents, owners of Future B Homes.

Mandi is the reason the Butler family is part of the Marist family.

While visiting another local high school as a young teen, Mandi observed many students just "hanging around." "I chose to come to Marist," she said after touring Marist. "I didn't see one kid when I came on campus to visit — they were all in class. I liked the structure." It was natural for her brother Dane to attend Marist as well. "Mandi was my ride to school," he quipped.

Mandi's and Dane's experience of the Marist community is one of the reasons why their family, which has a long history in the construction business, created the Butler Family Scholarship, one of 59 endowed scholarships now at Marist. "We're still best friends with our high school friends," said Mandi who appreciated being in an environment where her friends and teachers shared her work ethic.

Both of them fondly remember Ed Hummel†. "He taught the best class ever: personal finance," said Mandi. "How to write a check, balance a checkbook. Unless your parents teach you, kids don't get that today." Dane, who played football, basketball and baseball all four years, remembers Hummel coming out of retirement to coach. "He was my offensive line coach and my pitching coach," Dane said.

Both of them enjoyed their art classes with Lex (Bonzer) Schmidt '70 but described their own artistic efforts as "horrible." "We weren't very good at it," Dane said. "But my mom still has a turtle I made in pottery class." "I don't think any of

my art made it past the garbage!" Mandi added.

Going into construction wasn't a "given" for Mandi after high school. She had enjoyed chemistry so much she considered majoring in chemical engineering at OSU. "I took the first test and decided I wasn't as good at chemistry as I thought I was." Instead, she gravitated to Construction Engineering Management earning a Bachelor of Science. Dane earned the same degree a few years later.

Mandi and Dane are now carrying on the Butler tradition of building and enjoy an easy rapport. When asked what their least favorite part of the home building industry is, Mandi answered seriously about not enjoying having to tell people about delays due to the pandemic. Dane's response to the same question was typical younger brother: "Working with my sister, of course!" he said with a laugh.

Mandi and her husband Brian have two children, Carson (11) and Stella (7), who attend O'Hara. Dane and his wife Kathryn have one son Graham (6) who is immersed in Spanish at Buena Vista and a daughter Elin (2) who is in daycare. "But don't tell her that," Dane said. "She thinks she's in school."

Hopefully, this next generation of Craner/Butler kids will become Spartans someday. Whether financiers, athletes, artists, chemists, builders or some as yet undreamed of career, they can be proud that their family helped to build opportunities for many future Spartans. ☪

*Foundation scholarships help keep students at Marist, creating their own life-long friendships. For more information on how to endow a scholarship, please contact Rebecca Larson 541-914-8180 [rlarson@marisths.org](mailto:rlarson@marisths.org)*



# Our Mission Validated

*Marist receives a full six-year accreditation*

By Andy Oldham

This winter, after being put on hold for a year, Marist finally completed its every-six-year accreditation process. This process and its culminating report grant us national recognition from four-year universities and provides Marist both accountability and external validation for our ongoing efforts to live out our mission daily.

The committee, backed by the Western Catholic Educational Association, found Marist to be an excellent Catholic high school and confirmed that we had identified with good evidence our strengths as well as our areas for growth. In particular, we were commended for the integrity of the self-study process, the quality of our planning for improvement and for the vibrancy and authenticity of our Catholic identity. The committee reported that they enjoyed speaking with our students, staff and parents. They made a point of commenting on how affectionately and authentically everyone they met (over Zoom) spoke of Marist, its mission and its work.

The three plans for improvement that we will commit to for the next

six years, and will be expected to document and report progress, are all focused on the student experience of faith, welcome, and learning.

**Faith:** In order to maximize the experience of its Catholic identity among students, it is necessary to have a clarified understanding of the lives and reality of contemporary teenagers, especially as these relate to faith development.

**Welcome:** While many or most students may experience a welcoming climate at Marist, given that “welcome” is one of the central aspects of the school mission statement, we need a clear understanding of why some of our students have reported a negative experience of community and belonging at Marist.

**Learning:** In order to maximize the experience of learning among students, it is necessary to create an academic environment that the learner finds relevant and effective and that leads students to meet our stated outcomes with dynamic intentionality. This critical area for growth addresses two separate but

equally important and interrelated aspects of a school: instruction (how students learn) and curriculum (what students learn).

We look forward to the opportunity over the next six years to put our plans for improvement into action and are motivated to make an already strong school even stronger. ☩



*Science teacher Ryan Moser helps junior Quang Minh Huynh in chemistry.*

Photo by Ayla Samy '22

## Every Gift Tells a Story

A planned gift is a meaningful way to impact future generations and leave a legacy. Join these members of the Legacy Society at [maristfoundation.org](http://maristfoundation.org)

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## We Will Miss You: Teachers Moving On

The one consistency in life is change and that's true here at Marist as well. This year we are losing some of our beloved staff as they begin new chapters in their lives. Though we mourn the loss of having them with us every day, we embrace this change for them and know they will forever be a part of the Marist community.



Fr. Ryan Baker

After 22 years of teaching French, Spanish (and pétanque) at Marist, **RYAN BAKER** is answering a new call. Baker was ordained an Episcopalian priest in May of last year and was recently named curate at St. Mary's Episcopal in downtown Eugene. Ryan said his fondest memories from working at Marist, other than the multitude of students he has taught and mentored, are helping out with the Men's Encounters.



Heidi Sušec

At the end of this school year, **HEIDI SUŠEC**, a 21-year theology teacher and long-time Marist For Life moderator, will be leaving Marist to start an exciting new life. She will be moving to a small village in Croatia called Novo Mijesto where her husband Josip's family has been living for generations. They will be living near his family which includes three of his sisters and at least 25 nieces and nephews. Her children, Nikola '20, Bene '21, Martina '24 and Tatjana will move with them.



Miyoko Nakajima-King

Japanese teacher **MIYOKO NAKAJIMA-KING** will be leaving Marist after 13 years to explore her other passions, such as learning other languages. She has enjoyed her time here working with students and loved seeing each student improve. "I want to say thank you to every single student!" King said.



David Haggard

Nine-year theology teacher **DAVID HAGGARD** and his wife and three children will be moving to Greenville, South Carolina this summer where David will be the Dean of Student Life and teach theology at Our Lady of the Rosary, a K-12 Catholic Classical Academy. He will be in charge of developing both their athletic and retreat programs and is excited to implement the skills that Marist has taught him. "I would like to give special thanks to the Marist community for the support to my family over the last nine years and to the students who always make my day interesting and worthwhile," he said.



Erica Gingerich

After six years at Marist, art teacher **ERICA GINGERICH** is leaving to pursue a Master of Social Work to be a clinical counselor for adolescents. She is planning on staying involved with Marist through the retreat program, the Immersion Service Trip and subbing on her days off.



Photo by Tori Cooper

### ▲ Avery Anderson '21 Named Future First Citizen

Senior Avery Anderson was recently named one of six high school Future First Citizens for 2021 chosen by the Eugene Chamber of Commerce for her outstanding contributions to her school and community. As the nominee from Marist, Anderson will receive her award in a virtual award ceremony in June along with the five other area winners.



### ▲ The Tradition Continues

Eighteen seniors volunteered every Wednesday this spring to meet and plan a modified Mr. & Ms. Spartan season. The Mr. & Ms. Spartan program is an annual event that raises funds for infants in the neonatal intensive care unit at PeaceHealth RiverBend. Given the crazy year that it has been, the team had to make up two completely new fundraisers that fit the times: a Crumbl Cookie order/delivery fundraiser ended up being the most successful fundraiser in the history of the program and a sold-out golf tournament complete with concessions, raffle tickets and donations for cleaning clubs or hitting golf shots was perfect for a pandemic. Combined with the traditional letters to family and friends requesting cash donations, this group of seniors raised over \$54,000 for the babies in a very tough year.



Photo by Toni Cooper

## ▲ Fun for Freshmen

In the absence of the ever-popular Freshman Lock-In, the Christian Leadership Class students decided to put on a series of activities throughout the year to bring the Class of 2024 together. In December, CLC students met with freshmen one-on-one through Zoom to welcome them to Marist and also hosted two Christmas gatherings complete with food, icebreakers and cookie and ornament decorating. In the spring, three more events were held to maintain Marist's long-held tradition of helping the freshmen get acclimated to high school: a St. Patrick's Day activity, an Easter Egg Hunt and a Freshman Boy/Girl event complete with snacks and lawn games. "I wanted to plan and take part in these events because this is a hard year for freshmen. I felt like doing this event would give them opportunities to meet more of their classmates as well as have fun and see what the Marist community is about," senior leader Jordan Lee said.



Photo by Tori Letourneau '21

## ▲ Food Fight Against Hunger

For one week in May, Marist competed against other Lane County high schools to collect the most food as part of FOOD for Lane County's Food

Fight Against Hunger — something that was essential this spring since the postal service's food drive for FFLC did not happen. Not only did Marist raise more food than all the other schools combined, the winning total of 2,150 pounds of food roughly translates to 1,653 meals for our neighbors in need.



Photo by Whitney Korh '21

## ▲ Retreats COVID-Style

Last October, the annual Formation Retreat for team leaders kicked off the most unusual season of retreats in Marist history. Out of necessity (and as a trial run for other retreats) the Formation Retreat took place both in-person and on Zoom to prepare the Retreat Team to lead the upcoming retreats. Director of Campus Ministry and Formation Dr. Rick Martin said the goals of the retreat were to create the team, hone skills for retreat leadership and foster a spiritual life personally and as a community. But, unique to this year, they also had to explore remote and limited in-person ways to run a Marist retreat. Their experience in October showed them they could design modified and meaningful retreats for the spring of 2021 despite COVID restrictions. Two Senior Metanoias were held in person, and a Men's and a Women's Encounter and both a Boys and a Girls Sophomore Journey Retreat were successfully held hybrid-style from home and on campus. Since no overnight stays were possible, participants and leaders had plenty of breaks for time to travel home for Zoom meetings, eating and sleeping, then back to school for in-person activities. The retreat season was definitely a success, but nothing that anyone wants to have to repeat!



Photo by Natalia Zreljak '15

Senior Jackson Whittaker with his parents Marcus '88 & Suzyn Whittaker and brother Davis.

## ▲ Senior Athletic Signing

Seniors continuing their athletic careers at college were honored at Marist in May with a signing ceremony for them and their coaches and families.

### Abbie Chambers '21

Spring Hill College: Soccer

### Britten Johnson '21

West Liberty University: Acro & Tumbling

### Ben Koleno '21

Westcliff University: Water Polo

### Irwin Leon '21

Corban University: Soccer

### Tori Letourneau '21

Hawaii Pacific University: Acro & Tumbling

### Dylan Martin '21

Bushnell University: Baseball

### Mason Moorhead '21

Grove City College: Football

### Hagan Stephenson '21

Marshall University: Football

### Nick Watts '21

San Jose State: Golf

### Jackson Whittaker '21

George Fox University: Tennis

## Athletics: A Year in Review

Marist was blessed to have a full schedule of sports for Spartan athletes — they just had to wait until February 22 for the official start! This meant that the fall, winter and spring seasons were crammed into just 18 weeks. But a six-week season was better than nothing and the Spartan athletes took advantage of every chance they were given. The 4A athletic directors even put together a playoff structure for almost every sport, which meant a lot of excitement for Spartan fans. As of May, five state team titles had been won, one individual

was crowned a state champion, two were doubles champions and there were multiple runners-up in both team and individual competitions. Go Spartans! **HERE'S THE RUNDOWN:**

Four sophomores competed on the slopes this past winter as part of the Marist **SKI TEAM**. Kai Villano and Colby Malpass both competed in the OISRA State Championship Race.



▲ Both the **BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY** teams competed at the 4A State Championship meet held at Marist due to COVID restrictions elsewhere. Both teams qualified for state after placing second at their Sky-Em District Meets held the week before. Marist's top state finisher was junior Emilie Nelson who finished 7th.



▲ After being ranked by coaches and athletic directors around the state, the Marist **FOOTBALL** team was chosen to compete in the Oregon 4A State Championship football game held in April at the end of a seven-week competitive season. They lost 21-27 to Mazama and finished their season with a 4-2 overall record and a 2-0 league record.



▲ The **BOYS SOCCER** team finished their season with a 9-0 league record

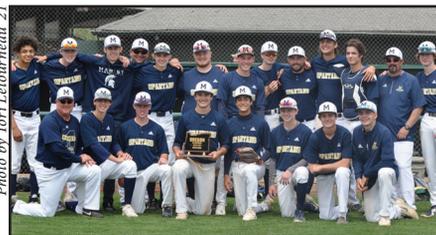
and a 10-2 overall record. They made it to the semifinal game of an eight-team playoff for the Oregon 4A state title. Senior Irwin Leon was named the Sky-Em League Co-Player of the Year.



▲ The **GIRLS SOCCER** team lost to North Marion in the championship game of the eight-team Oregon 4A state playoff. It was an exciting and intense game that finished in a tie and was only decided by penalty kicks after two scoreless overtimes. They finished their season with a 6-0 league record and an 8-2-2 overall record. Senior Abbie Chambers was named the Sky-Em League Player of the Year.



▲ The varsity **VOLLEYBALL** team finished their season with a 3-9 overall record.

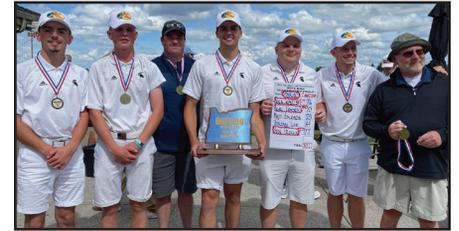


▲ The **BASEBALL** team beat Junction City 11-9 in the 4A state consolation finals in an eight-team 4A playoff. They finished their season with a 14-1 league record and a 16-2 overall record.



▲ The **GIRLS GOLF** team shot a 345 to win the Oregon 4A state title at Trysting

Tree on May 19. Marist hadn't won a girls state title since 2002. Sophomore Sandhya Vaikuntam was the state runner-up.



▲ The **BOYS GOLF** team shot a season-low 301 to win the Oregon 4A state title at Trysting Tree on May 19. Senior Alec Vendetti took 3rd with a score of 70 and senior Nick Watts was 7th with a score of 76. Watts is headed to San Jose State to play golf next fall and is currently trying to qualify for a PGA event. This spring he just missed being a U.S. Open qualifier by one stroke.



▲ The **BOYS TENNIS** team won the Oregon 4A State Tournament team trophy. They were led by senior Jackson Whittaker who won the 4A state singles title and seniors Luke and Sam Eagen won the doubles title; sophomore Jack Kiefer and freshman Peyton Tyner were the runners-up. The team finished their season undefeated in team scoring.



▲ The **GIRLS TENNIS** team tied for first in the 4A State Tournament held at Marist and in Roseburg in May. The top point earners were seniors Whitney Korth and Ava Eklund who placed 3rd in doubles and senior Ellie Christian who was 3rd in singles. The team finished their season with a 9-2 record.

Photo by JJ Anderson '20

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Photo by Tori Letourneau '21

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Photo by Tori Letourneau '21

▲ The **BOYS LACROSSE** team finished their season with a 2-5 record. The **GIRLS LACROSSE** team finished 5-2.

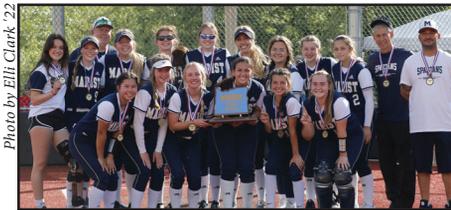


Photo by Elli Clark '22

▲ The **SOFTBALL** team won the Oregon 4A State Championship game on May 22. They finished their season with an overall record of 19-1 and they outscored their opponents 223-13. The team was led by junior All-League Pitcher of the Year Malia Williams and senior All-League Player of the Year Layla Martinez.

► Senior Libby Korth placed 2nd in the 300m hurdles at the 4A State **TRACK & FIELD** Meet held at Siuslaw High School on May 22. She also



placed 4th in the 400m and was a part of the 4th place 4x100m relay team that included juniors Madison Fuller, Reese Fitzpatrick and Monroe LaCoste. Senior hurdler Hudson Jarvis was the only male competitor at state this year.



▲ Three sports will still be competing until June 26. The varsity **BOYS BASKETBALL** team returns all but two players from last year's 4A No.1-ranked team. The varsity **GIRLS BASKETBALL** team returns everyone from last year with the addition of two sophomores. The **SWIM** team is small but strong and is happy to be back in the pool.

## 2000s



**Dyan (Paiement) Sultzer '00** and her husband Eric welcomed Elliotte Maeve on February 27, 2021. She joins big sister Sammy who was born in 2018.



**Jake Copley '02** and his wife Chrysten welcomed their fifth child on October 15, 2020. Baby Isabella joins siblings Sofia (12), Luke (11), Grace (9) and Caralyn (8) who all attend O'Hara Catholic School.

**Christine (Paiement) Penwell '03** was recently named the new principal of St. Paul Parish School. She will begin her new role on July 1. She is the former principal at St. Rose Catholic School in Portland.



**Allison (Boyce) Barnett '09** married Louis Barnett on September 5, 2020 in the backyard of their home in Erie, Colorado. Her brother **Chris Boyce '12** was a groomsman and **Sarah Jamieson '10** was a bridesmaid. Allison works for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



**Jessie (Copley) DenOuden '09** and her husband Jordan welcomed baby Jolene on April 30, 2021.



**Kelsey Lambe '09** and Trevor McKay and big sister Hayden welcomed a baby girl, Harper Jean, on March 5, 2021.

## 2010s



**Allie Sibole '10** was a contestant on Jeopardy this February when top Jeopardy champion Ken Jennings was the guest host.



**Dillon Oldham '10** and wife Tori welcomed their first child, Eleanor Ruth, on October 23, 2020. She is the first grandchild of vice principal Andy Oldham and journalism and photography teacher Toni Cooper.

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**Josh Paiement '12** and his wife Jess welcomed identical twin boys, Charles Raymond (held by Josh) and John Jerome (held by Jess), on October 13, 2020.



**Randy Patterson '15** (on left) was sworn in to the Springfield Police Department on May 10, 2021. He is pictured here with Eugene Police Officer **Tate Rupp '15**.

### Marissa Gibson

**'16** graduated from Whitworth University in Spring 2020 with a BA in art and biology. A painting of hers from the 2020 Senior Art Exhibit was selected for the University's permanent art collection with the Ben Frank and Jean Moss Purchase Award. Marissa also finished her competitive swimming career as a four-year varsity letterman.



**Claire Hoffman '18**, a junior outside hitter for the University of Washington, helped lead her team to a Pac-12 Championship and a Final Four appearance at the NCAA Volleyball Tournament in April. Claire — a leader on her team who excels in serving, blocking, hitting and passing — earned her first career American Volleyball Coaches Association All-American and All-Region honors, was named to the Second Team of the NCAA Volleyball Tournament, and was one of 18 players selected to the All-Pac 12 Team.

## REUNIONS

The following St. Francis classes hope to schedule reunion events for the Summer of 2022: **1950, 1957** and **1960**.

The **St. Francis Class of 1961** will gather for a no-host evening at Roaring Rapids Pizza on Friday, July 23 at 6 p.m. and a picnic on Saturday, June 24 at 1 p.m. at the home of Mike '61 and Judy Rowe. Intentions for the class will be offered at the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, July 25 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. For more information, contact Pat (Hubert) Klenke '61 at (541)729-9644.

The **St. Francis Class of 1967** will celebrate their 54th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 28 at the Harbert residence. For more information, contact Joe Harbert '67 at harbert5708@comcast.net.

The **Class of 1971** will be celebrating their 50th reunion in the summer of 2022. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Jeremy Starr '71 jeremystarr@bhhsrep.com or Steve Andreason '71 steveandreason@gmail.com.

The **Class of 1980** is excited to celebrate their 41st reunion this summer! Mark your calendars for Friday, Aug. 20 and Saturday, Aug. 21. For details, contact Kelley (Olsen) Kline '81 at kcline@uoregon.edu or (541)359-7993.

The **Class of 1981** is planning to hold their 40th reunion on Friday, Aug. 27 at 6 p.m. at Billy Mac's for a no-host celebration and Saturday, Aug. 28 for dinner at The Country Inn Event Center. For more information, contact Scott Polen '81 at whywait4health04@gmail.com.

The **Class of 1990** is excited to see everyone for their 31st reunion on Saturday, Aug. 7. For more information, contact Jeff Kast '90 at jeffkast@gmail.com.

The **Class of 1995** hopes to celebrate their 25th reunion next summer. If you are interested in helping plan this event or for more information, contact Jessica (Lewis) Hibberd '95 at jlewis92@fau.edu.

**Are you planning a reunion?**  
Contact us at [alumni@marisths.org](mailto:alumni@marisths.org)

## IN MEMORIAM



Jim Malkowski passed away on July 4, 2020. His brother is **Tom Malkowski '70**.

Donald Walsh passed away on October 9, 2020. His wife is **Helen (Ficker) Walsh '50**, his children are **Kathie (Walsh) McKay '73, James Walsh '74, Michael Walsh '77, Donna (Walsh) Dorsey '79** and the late **Christopher Walsh '87**. His grandson is **Sean Dorsey '14**.

**Brent Merrill '79** passed away on October 16, 2020.

Michael Pershern passed away on October 16, 2020. His daughter is **Angela Pershern '73** and his daughter-in-law is **Annette (Miller) Pershern '75**.

Charles "Dick" Bringe passed away on October 23, 2020. His daughters are **Luellen (Bringe) Laurinat '69, Sandy (Bringe) Murray '72** and **Nora (Bringe) Fehringer '76**. His grandchildren include **Brian Laurinat '95, Amy (Laurinat) Nowalk '97, Aaron Laurinat '03, Bo Murray '17** and **April Murray '20**.

Grace Mason passed away on October 24, 2020. Her step-great-grandson is **Braden Bromley '15**.

Fred Kelso passed away on October 25, 2020. His wife is **Julia (Myrand) Kelso '78**. His mother-in-law is **Jane (Klenke) Myrand '58** and his sister and brothers in-law are **Cynthia (Myrand) Hallett '77, Michael Myrand '79** and **Paul Myrand '81**.

Florence Alvergue passed away on November 3, 2020. Her husband was the late George Alvergue who taught at Marist in the 1980s.

Jeanette Baltrusch passed away on November 18, 2020. Her granddaughter is **Alyssa Baltrusch '17**.

Betty Boresek passed away on November 27, 2020. Her children are the late Kim (Boresek) Sutherland and **William Boresek '87**. Her grandchildren include **Brandon Boresek '20** and **Dillon Boresek '23**.

**Fred Banks '52** passed away on November 29, 2020. His wife is **Lois**

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**(Bofferding) Banks '56** and his sisters are **Ann (Banks) Stein '54** and **Sr. Carolyn Banks '55**.

**Mark Hribernick '75** passed away on December 13, 2020. His brothers are **John Hribernick '76** and **Paul Hribernick '72**.

**Robert "Bob" Stewart '56** passed away on December 27, 2020. His siblings are **Gene Stewart '59**, **Dave Stewart '60**, **Rick Stewart '70** and **Kathy (Stewart) Bronson '73**. Bob and his wife, Lynn, endowed the Hugh and Adella Stewart scholarship.

John James "Jim" Dunne passed away on January 6, 2021. He taught history at Marist in the 90s.

Alan Thayer Sr. passed away on January 6, 2021. His son is Alan Thayer Jr. and his granddaughter is **Katherine Thayer '19**.

Mary Darlene Gelskey passed away on January 7, 2021. Her nephew is **Jim McGaughey '85**; **Jack McGaughey '17** is her grandnephew.

McKenna Koleno passed away on January 7, 2021. Her father is **Mark (Chuck) Koleno '95** and her brother is **Ben Koleno '21**. Her uncles are **Michael Koleno '87**, **Greg Koleno '90** and **David Koleno '96**; her aunts are **Jeri (Koleno) Hunt '85** and **Kristine (Koleno) Charboneau '89**. Her grandfather is **Rodney Koleno '59**.

Richard "Rick" Denning passed away on January 7, 2021. He was the Marist baseball coach from 1990-1997. His sons are **Jeremy "Scott" Dennings '94** and **Michael Dennings '97**.

Jim Wildish passed away on January 24, 2021. His grandchildren include **Noelle Wildish '07**, **Geoffrey Wildish '12** and **Jonathan Wildish '12**.

**Pat Grassman '75** passed away on February 2, 2021.

Donald Parker passed away on February 3, 2021. His grandchildren are **Maggie Over '13**, **Gwen Over '13** and **John Over '20**.

Fr. James Dowd passed away on February 3, 2021.

**Dean Hummel '78** passed away on February 4, 2021. His daughter is **Ava Hummel '19** and his stepchildren are **Caitlin Turner '10** and **Liam Turner '14**.

His father is the late Ed Hummel. His siblings are **Karen (Hummel) McBride '76**, **Konnie (Hummel) Sizemore '80** and **Daniel Hummel '82**.

Steve Good passed away on February 5, 2021. His sister is Nancy Kieseewetter and nephews are **Carson Kieseewetter '11** and **Jack Kieseewetter '15**.

Wilfred "Willie" Kealoha passed away on February 5, 2021. His granddaughters are **Makena Kealoha '20** and **Kaila Kealoha '22**.

Theresa Weber passed away on February 5, 2021. Her mother is the late **Marie (Murray) Weber '56** and her brothers are the late **Edward Weber '76** and **Daniel Weber '78**. Her children are **Brianna (Johnston) Carney '99**, **Lindsay Johnston '01**, **Chris Johnston Jr. '04**, **Jerran Johnston '07** and **Julianne (Johnston) Stephenson '08**. Her nephews and nieces are **Vanessa Weber '13**, **Jacob Weber '18**, **Kenny Weber '20**, and Regina Weber. Her former husband is **Chris Johnston Sr. '78**.

Marilyn Kerins passed away on February 12, 2021. Her children are **Brian Kerins '85** and **Nicole Kerins '88**.

Rosemary "Babe" Roshau passed away on February 25, 2021. Her children include **Terry Roshau '66**, **Paulette (Roshau) Mallory '67** and David Roshau.

Janie Polen passed away on February 26, 2021. Her children are **Scott Polen '81**, **Susan (Polen) Churnside '83**, **Mary Jane (Polen) Wilson '84** and **Wendy Polen-Rupp '86**. Her grandchildren include **Calvin Philpott '09**, **Mitchel Wilson '10**, **Tate Rupp '15** and Rennie Rupp.

Gerald Schroeder passed away on March 2, 2021. His brother is Don Schroeder and his niece and nephew are **Cynthia (Schroeder) Williams '80** and **Douglas Schroeder '85**.

**Troy Thoreson '90** passed away on March 4, 2021. His brother is **Matt Thoreson '01** and his brother and sister-in-law are **Marc '97** and **Bri (Kehoe) Thoreson '98**. His cousins include **Kris Jeremiah '93**, **Katie Jeremiah-Fisher '97**, **Ali Thoreson '11** and **Seth Thoreson '15**.

Justin Douglas Ward passed away on March 7, 2021. His sister is Donna

Moore and his niece and nephew are **Sally Moore '20** and **Charlie Moore '20**.

Morris Kielty passed away on March 20, 2021. His daughters are **Karen (Kielty) Gescher '80** and **Debra Kielty '85** and his grandchildren are **Patrick Gescher '12** and **Meghan Gescher '13**.

Shirley Papé passed away on March 25, 2021. Her granddaughter is **Alyson (Papé) Richards '89** and great grandsons include **Charlie Papé '21** and **Henry Papé '23**.

**Marie (Murray) Weber '56** passed away on March 28, 2021. Her children are the late **Edward Weber '76** and the late Theresa Weber along with **Daniel Weber '78** and Joseph Weber. Her grandchildren include **Brianna (Johnston) Carney '99**, **Lindsay Johnston '01**, **Chris Johnston Jr. '04**, **Jerran Johnston '07**, **Julianne (Johnston) Stephenson '08**, **Vanessa Weber '13**, **Jacob Weber '18**, **Kenny Weber '20** and Regina Weber.

Christina Hammond passed away on March 31, 2021. Her son is **Zach Hammond '08** who is currently an IT support technician at Marist.

Mary Voorhees passed away on April 11, 2021. Her husband is Sid Voorhees, who served as the Marist Auctioneer for nearly 40 years.

Genevieve Harbert passed away on April 13, 2021. Her sons and daughter-in-law are **Joe '67 & Sharon (Rodgers) Harbert '67**, **David Harbert '69** and **Dan Harbert '73**. Her grandchildren are **Ryan Harbert '92**, **Kelly (Harbert) Goodsell '96**, **WC '99 & Katie (LeBrun) Harbert '00** and **Josh Harbert '01**. **Treysn Harbert '21** and **Macey Harbert '23** are her great-grandchildren.

Dieter Morich passed away on April 22, 2021. His sons are **Michael Morich '90** and **Kevin Morich '93**.

### 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](mailto:alumni@marisths.org).

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# Henry Hanson '03

answers *five* questions in *five* minutes

**Y**ou could say Henry Hanson '03 laces up his Adidas on a pathway to the stars. A bit of a mixed metaphor, but this Marist alumnus puts his love of science to work half-way around the world and sends actual science experiments out of this world. Literally. "It's not rocket science, it's science that goes up on a rocket," he said modestly. Those who know Henry, know that the arts are also among his passions. "If you like art, take a look at science. If you're into science, try art for a while," Henry says. Learn, laugh and check out how Henry has taken his own advice at [www.hnryhnsn.me](http://www.hnryhnsn.me) and <https://www.youtube.com/user/MrHenryScience>.

## What did you do after Marist and why?

I really enjoyed science with Mr. Wagner † and Mr. Moser. I spent the next five years at the University of Portland and earned a BS in mechanical engineering and a BA in German. An internship with Adidas led to an opportunity for a PhD from Loughborough University, near London. Now I work in the Adidas Future Team in Germany.

## Adidas is famous for shoes. Do you actually make shoes?

The Future Team is a research and development group in Adidas. We work on materials, technologies and products that aren't part of the seasonal timeline but for the shoe that is out in five years. Half of the stuff doesn't look like shoes or shirts or products yet, because we work from the polymer level through new manufacturing methods and athlete testing. We propose experiments and if the potential looks good, bring in industrial or academic partners. It allows us to make products that have never been made before. We're inventing, experimenting, seeing what things are possible. There's a lot of freedom.

## What's the connection between Adidas and "science on rockets" — the International Space Station?

There was a friendly relationship between the Adidas Portland office and NASA and the International Space Station. They heard we had a good innovation team and asked us to propose an experiment. I had the good luck to be responsible for collecting the experiments from the team and preparing the proposal. We had two experiments in 2020 that went to the Space Station: the soccer ball used in the World Cup and an experiment featuring a recyclable pellet foam manufacturing process for running shoes. Both will contribute to the background research that helps Adidas develop new ideas. The mission of the Space Station is "Science in space for the benefit of people on Earth." I think the sport-related space projects are especially cool because they showcase science, research and space with relatable objects. I hope it gets people interested and inspired about STEM topics. Billions of people will see the World Cup ball we made.

## What do you do for fun?

I live in a little town in Germany a few minutes from the office and across the street from miles and miles of trails for running. It's about three hours away from the beginning of the Alps. I like to hike and run in the mountains and compose music to go with the videos of adventures and projects. And you can drive 100+ miles per hour, but everyone does, so it doesn't feel like it's any different than driving on any highway.

## How did Marist prepare you for your work and what do you like best about being connected with space?

Developing life-long learning habits and working hard to educate oneself at school is important, but it's hollow without the human element. The relationships with friends, the examples set by teachers, and building a strong personal framework for positive human interactions is critical for a fulfilling life. Now, the highlight of any project I do (as an engineer) is the people involved.

I'm super-interested in aerospace: I never imagined I'd be involved in the Space Station by working for a shoe company. I applied (along with 100,000 other people) to be an astronaut with NASA last year. It's one of those things you like to dream about. I don't think I've told my mom that yet.



Henry Hanson '03



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7 Welcome Back Day  
7 Freshman Orientation  
7 First Day of School

13-17 Welcome Week  
17 Mass of the Holy Spirit  
18-20 Formation Retreat  
25 Freshman Lock-In

**OCTOBER**

8 Athletic Hall of Fame  
8 Homecoming Game  
23-25 Men's Fall Encounter

**NOVEMBER**

20-22 Women's Fall Encounter