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Marist Earns MAAC's Highest Honor: All Three 2004-05 Commissioner's Cups

Marist, which captured seven Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference titles during the 2004-05 academic year, has brought home the conference's highest honors, earning all three JetBlue Airways MAAC Commissioner's Cups.

This season marks the fifth time in seven years that the Red Foxes have claimed the overall competition and makes Marist the only school to win the overall title five times. La Salle University and Loyola College have each won four overall titles.

The Red Foxes captured two women's and five men's championships this past season. This past fall, Marist earned the title crown in women's cross country and men's soccer. In the winter,

Marist claimed the top prize in men's and women's swimming and diving. In the spring, Marist captured the men's rowing, men's lacrosse and baseball championships. Marist advanced to three NCAA Tournaments this season (men's soccer, men's lacrosse and baseball), with the



*Tim Murray,
Director of
Athletics*

men's lacrosse squad falling to eventual national champion the Johns Hopkins University in the first round.

This is the second year that Marist has swept all three categories (overall, men's and women's); the Red Foxes performed the feat in the 2000-01 season.

Marist finished with a total of 124 points, 24 points ahead of runner-up Loyola. On the men's side, the Red Foxes captured the league crown with 63.50 points, 12.5 points more than second-place Rider University. Marist finished in the top spot in the women's cup race by compiling 60.50 points, just 3.50 points more than Iona College.

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Soldier Receives First Marist Degree Conferred via 'Net

Marist's 2005 commencement marked the first time President Dennis Murray conferred a degree over the Internet. Murray conferred an MPA degree Saturday, May 21, Armed Forces Day, upon Capt. Keith Anderson, who is deployed in Northern Afghanistan.

Anderson completed the online MPA program while teaching, mentoring and coaching an Afghan National Army company on infantry tactics and mission development and accompanying it on combat missions. His home is in Jupiter, Fla., where he is a battery commander for the Florida Army National Guard. When not in uniform he teaches in an elementary school in West Palm Beach.

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Capt. Keith Anderson (second from left) came to Kabul from a remote camp in Afghanistan to accept his MPA degree, conferred online.



Some 300 students from programs in Graduate and Continuing Education graduated Friday evening, May 20.

Earlier Saturday, FoxNews's TV program "Fox & Friends Weekend" interviewed Anderson and his fiancée, Terri Ganim, about the degree. On the air Ganim thanked Jean Theobald, assistant dean, MBA/MPA programs, and Dr. James Kent, assistant professor, public administration, for helping Anderson. Chief Public Affairs Officer Tim Massie worked through several nights arranging the television coverage of Anderson in Kabul.

In an email earlier this spring, Anderson thanked Marist. "The Marist faculty and staff supported me by encouraging me to never give up. There were many times that I had to travel long distances to find Internet service with an armed escort just to be able to send a paper or project before it was late." Anderson also said he began his degree in 1991 but was academically dismissed. "I was 22 years old [and] I didn't have the maturity to complete the degree, something I regretted for 14 years. Dr. Kent was a big factor for me."

It was also the first Marist commencement to consist of two ceremonies. More than 300 graduates from programs within the School of Graduate and Continuing Education received their

degrees in an evening ceremony Friday, May 20. The next day 850 traditional undergraduates received their diplomas.

"Marist's 59th commencement exercises were a huge success and I'd like to thank everyone involved for their

contributions," Murray said in an email to the campus afterwards. "Everything from the parking to the receptions ran smoothly, and the response from students and their families was overwhelmingly positive."



FoxNews's TV program "Fox & Friends Weekend" interviewed Capt. Keith Anderson (center) about his accomplishment in earning the degree.

Marist Dedicates Applied Research Technology Center

Marist dedicated its new Center for Applied Research in Collaborative and On-Demand Computing (CCODC) May 12 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Donnelly Hall.

The center is funded by a five-year, \$2.5 million grant from the New York State Office of Science, Technology and Academic Research, commonly called NYSTAR, which formally designated CCODC a College Applied Research and Technology Center, or CART. Other New York State academic institutions designated NYSTAR research centers include Columbia University, Cornell University, Clarkson University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and CUNY Staten Island.

“This new center will help New York State business and industry benefit from the application of cutting-edge collaborative and on-demand computing technologies, which are rapidly transforming the concept of the data center,” said President Dennis Murray. “We will now be able to train workers and transfer the knowledge and skills being developed at Marist to the corporate world, giving the Hudson River Valley and New York State a competitive advantage in the global marketplace.”

“I am very pleased I was able to work closely with Governor Pataki and Marist College to help secure the grant for the Center for Applied Research in Collaborative and On-Demand Computing,” said Sen. Stephen M. Saland, a major supporter of technology innovation and the new Marist center. “The center will promote research, collaboration with industry, and work force development. Marist College will play a pivotal role in future development of this technology. This will not only be a win for the college but also for the region.”

The center is distributed in different facilities on the campus and net-



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Sen. Stephen M. Saland (right) and Dr. Russell W. Bessette, executive director of NYSTAR (center), joined President Dennis Murray in the ribbon-cutting ceremony to herald the opening of the new Center for Applied Research in Collaborative and On-Demand Computing in Donnelly Hall.

worked through the college’s advanced technological infrastructure. Faculty and students are working with seven industry partners on NYSTAR-funded projects: 1-800-Flowers.com, Central Hudson Gas and Electric, DataSynapse, the Hudson Valley Technology Development Center, IBM, Informeta and Pepsi Cola of the Hudson Valley. Current projects include a complement of on-demand computing, grid computing, Linux testing, virtual hosting and training outreach.

“It doesn’t matter if you’re a start-up or an established corporation,” said Dr. Roger Norton, dean of the School of Computer Science and Mathematics and CCODC director. “Collaborative and on-demand computing environments allow businesses to better share technology resources and request these resources on an as-needed basis. That can lead to cost savings and increased productivity.”

Businesses and industries with a problem in need of a technology solution are invited to submit proposals to the CCODC by mail in care of Barbara McMullen, project manager, Center for Applied Research in Collaborative and On-Demand Computing, Marist College, 3399 North Rd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12601-1387 or via email at barbara.mcmullen@marist.edu. Further information is available on the center’s Web site at www.ccodc.marist.edu.



Student Sweeps Awards at 19th Annual Fashion Show

The oohs and aahs from the audience provided a clue as to who would sweep all three awards at the 2005 Silver Needle Fashion Show produced by Marist's Fashion Program. Christine Pulaski's Venetian-inspired bridal garment with its ribbon corset pleased not only the crowd but evidently also the judges; the senior fashion design major won all three Silver Needle Awards: Outstanding Garment for the wedding gown, Outstanding Portfolio—new this year—and Outstanding Collection.

Pulaski, who had a minor in fashion merchandising, was one of 14 seniors who showed their designs during the event held at Casperkill Country Club April 29. Each senior was assigned to design a collection from which they executed two garments. Each was also asked to design a bridal garment referencing another culture or time period.

In addition 19 juniors displayed their creations, in the eighth annual Amazing Threads competition that kicked off the program. The show also featured the work of sophomore design majors who each developed a design for a spring sportswear collection.

"The show this year was very diverse," said Fashion Program Director Heather Osgood. "We had a range of styles and more student work was represented, from sophomores up to seniors. I think the variety really demonstrates what our student designers are capable of achieving."

Designers weren't the only students who took part in Marist's 19th annual fashion show. Osgood estimated that 75 students participated, as dressers, models, ushers and raffle-ticket sellers. Students taking the class Fashion Show Production also got involved.

During the program, Osgood presented an award to faculty member Lydia Biskup for her dedication to ar-



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Christine Pulaski's Venetian-inspired bridal outfit (above) won the award for Outstanding Garment at the Silver Needle Fashion Show. She also won Outstanding Portfolio and Outstanding Collection.

ranging internships. Fashion Program students, who filled the front rows, gave Biskup a standing ovation.

Osgood also announced the winners of a number of scholarships. Winners were: Amazing Threads Design Competition—Brienne Montalto; Liz Claiborne—Jennifer Mason; Cutty Sark—Amanda Cassese, Abby Wade; Dutchess County Home Bureau Scholarship—Nicole Longhi; Young Men's Association Scholarships—Kristi Silko, Stacy Anderson, Stacey Hamalainen,

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"Congratulations to Marist College on this tremendous achievement," Richard J. Ensor, commissioner of the MAAC, said. "It is difficult to maintain the level of excellence that the student-athletes, coaches and athletic administrators have demonstrated by sweeping the cups. I commend all who were involved in making that happen this year."

The JetBlue Airways MAAC Commissioner's Cup is awarded annually as a symbol of overall excellence in athletics in the 25 championship athletic events conducted within the MAAC. Each institution is scored in all championships in which it fields a varsity team. Then the scores from men's and women's basketball plus the other top six men's and other top six women's championships are added to determine an institution's total points.

The rest of the overall field finished as follows: Loyola (100), Rider (99.50), Manhattan College (97.50), Iona (95.5), Fairfield University (88.50), Niagara University (82.50), Siena College (77), Canisius College (67) and Saint Peter's College (45).

In the men's standings, Rider finished second with 51 points, followed by Manhattan (50.50), Loyola (44.50), Niagara (43.50), Iona (38.50), Fairfield (36), Siena (31.50), Saint Peter's (25) and Canisius (21).

On the women's side, Iona was second with 57 points, followed by Loyola (55.50), Fairfield (52.50), Rider (48.50), Manhattan (47), Canisius (46), Siena (45.50), Niagara (39) and Saint Peter's (20).

Viviana Llauro; Sophomore Merchandising Scholarship—Maureen Kolish; Junior Merchandising Scholarship—Kacey Carano; 24/7 Product Development Competition—Priscilla Quinones, Portia Freeman.

Career Services Recognizes Intern of the Year And Employer of the Year

Joelee Motichka, a senior psychology major, received the 2005 Marist College Intern of the Year Award April 26 at the Field Experience Recognition Luncheon in the cabaret.

The annual award, given by Marist's Center for Career Services since 1993, recognizes a graduating senior for outstanding achievement in experiential education, which includes internships, co-ops and student-teaching assignments.

Motichka was one of eight students receiving departmental Intern of the Year awards; this year for the first time, judges selected an intern from each academic school. The other recipients were Dana Sands, fashion merchandising; Gina Campaniello, communication; Kyle Robichaud, information technology; Kimberly Wilson, history; Chris Ashrafi, business administration; Abby Mattera, environmental science; and William Colucci, criminal justice.

Motichka had a 3.8 cumulative GPA and was a Dean's List student every semester. She graduated summa cum laude and was the president of Psi Chi, the national honor society in psychology. While at Marist she also belonged to the Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology, American Psychological Association, Eastern Psychological Association and Marist's Psychology Club.



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The Center for Career Services recognized senior Joelee Motichka (far left) as its 2005 Marist College Intern of the Year. The seven other recipients of departmental awards, and students who were nominated for the award, joined Motichka for a photograph outside the cabaret after the awards ceremony.

Desmond Murray, assistant director of the Field Experience Program, presented the awards before an audience of 110 employers, faculty, staff and students.

Chet Koulik, associate director of Career Services, presented the 2005 Intern Employer of the Year Award to the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department.

Past recipients of the employer award have been Center for Enhanced Performance at the United States Military Academy, St. Francis Hospital, IBM, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, American Cancer Society, Central Hudson Gas and Electric, Northwestern Mutual Life, Paine Webber and Madison Square Garden.

Faculty Focus

Craig Fisher, associate professor, information systems, has co-edited the book *Information Quality* and co-authored two of its chapters. He co-wrote Chapter 14, "Teaching, Learning and Curriculum Development to Support Managing Information as a Product," and Chapter 15, "Redefining the Scope and Focus of

Information Quality Work: A General Systems Theory Perspective." M.E. Sharpe of Armonk, N.Y., published the book in May 2005.

Ivette Romero, associate professor of Spanish, attended the 24th West Indian Literature Conference March 28

to April 1 hosted by the Department of English at the University of Puerto Rico-Rio Piedras. She presented "An Island Within an Island: The Automobile as a Locus Amoenus in Caribbean Literature" and moderated a panel session, "AIDS in the Caribbean."

LPP and Upward Bound Honor Student Volunteers

As part of National Volunteer Week, Liberty Partnerships and Upward Bound recognized Marist students who volunteered with the two programs.

Joseph Parker, director of Upward Bound, recognized Siobhan Skerritt during a midday ceremony in the dining hall April 27. Susan Repko, director of LPP, recognized students who served as mentors to LPP's participants. The mentors were Jaclyn Burke, Maryellen Conway, Lauren DiMisa, Denise Fan, Jessica Lane, Matt Reilly, Alison VanBrero, David Velazquez, Katherine Lane, Haleigh Schellinger, Kristi Manz, Daniel Erceg, Kristen Barshied, Adrienne Harris and Caroline Moore.

Repko also recognized Circle K and Kappa Lambda Psi for volunteering with LPP. LPP and Upward Bound serve at-risk students in urban areas. The goal of the programs is to provide services that motivate the students to graduate from high school and enter college. The New York State Education Department funds LPP while the U.S. Department of Education funds Upward Bound.



Steve Sansola, associate dean, operations and facilities, Joseph Parker, director, Upward Bound, Deb DiCaprio, vice president/dean, Student Affairs, and Susan Repko, director, Liberty Partnerships, honored students who volunteered in the Liberty Partnerships and Upward Bound programs.

Desmond Murray Honored

Desmond Murray, the assistant director of the Field Experience Program, and five other SUNY New Paltz alumni received awards at a reception April 23 during that college's First World Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Murray received the Sojourner Truth Award for his outstanding dedication and commitment to the SUNY New Paltz community, according to Onika T. Jervis, chairperson of the First World Alumni Reunion Committee.

He was also one of a dozen SUNY New Paltz alumni whose photograph was turned into a poster and hung on the walls of the Sojourner Truth Library on the New Paltz campus in celebration of National Library Week April 11–15.

The poster was on display in the library along with the five favorite books and biography of each alumnus.



Zari "SKI" Griffin

Desmond Murray, assistant director of the Field Experience Program

Murray chairs the Affirmative Action Advisory Committee at Marist. He is also a member of the Black Executives of the Mid-Hudson Valley and the Multicultural Advisory Board of the *Poughkeepsie Journal*.

Send *Scope* Your News

Faculty and staff are invited to submit news to *MaristScope*. The deadline for the next issue is Aug. 5. Send items via e-mail to leslie.bates@marist.edu. For information, call ext. 2278. *MaristScope* is published by College Advancement to circulate news on campus about staff and Advancement activities. To see past issues, please visit www.marist.edu/maristscope.

HRVI Marks Third Year

The Hudson River Valley Institute at Marist College marked its third anniversary with a lecture, "The Accidental Legacy of Henry Hudson," by best-selling author Russell Shorto. Shorto, author of *Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that Shaped America*, spoke June 1 at the Henry A. Wallace Visitor and Education Center at the FDR Presidential Library and Museum. He is a contributing writer at the *New York Times Magazine* and the author of two previous books, *Gospel Truth* and *Saints and Madmen*.

HRVI is the academic arm of the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Its mission is to study and promote the Hudson River Valley and provide educational resources for tourists, scholars, educators, environmental organizations, businesses and the public.

Student Accepted into USC Writing Program

Abraham Nseir '05 has been accepted into the prestigious master of professional writing program at the University of Southern California for fall.

According to Assistant Professor of English Tommy Zurhellen, it is one of the top creative writing graduate programs in the country, where Nseir will study with some of America's most prominent writers such as T.C. Boyle (*Tortilla Curtain*, *Doubletakes*) and Hubert Selby Jr. (*Last Exit to Brooklyn*, *Requiem for a Dream*).

"Since Marist does not have an actual Creative Writing Department, this is all the more notable," said Zurhellen. "Students in the MPW program are accepted on the strength and promise of their writing, and obviously Abraham has impressed the faculty at USC enough with his own prose."

Notes from Advancement

Marist FunDay a Success



Bob Lynch

Nearly 250 Marist employees enjoyed lunch in the Dining Hall on FunDay (although fewer came to the rotunda for the annual group photo, above).

Even though Mother Nature wasn't on her best behavior, the ninth annual Marist FunDay was a success in the eyes of many. The event was smoothly moved inside and despite the dreary weather, faculty and staff enthusiastically lined up in the cafeteria for great food and spirited conversation to celebrate the conclusion of another successful academic year. "D.J. Josh" from radio station 93.3 entertained and gave out raffle prizes.

The Advancement staff would like to thank all who worked exceptionally hard to help coordinate the event, especially Mary Lou Kutchma, Julie Kelly, Bernadette Cookinham, Margaret Monti, Eva Jackson, Elizabeth Degano, Ruth Francese, Katy Silberger, Elaine Shelah, Karen Kara, Bob Lynch and Michele Fischetti. A very special thank you also goes to Joe Heavey of Sodexo for donating hot dogs and veggie burgers.

Keeping Up with Marist People

Dr. Joseph Zeppetello, director of the Writing Program, and Victoria F. Sarkisian, linguistic coordinator of the Academic Learning Center, presented their work at the Conference on College Composition and Communication in San Francisco in March. Their presentation, "Access Denied/Access Regained: Distance Education, Pre-college, and Returning Adult Learners," dealt with online learning. Zeppetello focused on how a distance education college writing course promotes access and facilitates the success of non-traditional

students. Sarkisian presented a sample disability-compliant video developed through an IBM Joint Study and demonstrated how pre-college freshmen have access to an online introductory writing experience that leads them through the successful completion of required composition courses.

Zeppetello also conducted a workshop, "The Writing Center: Gateway to Diversity." The all-day workshop consisted of 12 individual presentations attended by more than 70 people.

Sarkisian Named Phi Delta Kappa Chapter's Outstanding Educator of the Year

Victoria F. Sarkisian, linguistic coordinator of the Academic Learning Center, is the 2005 recipient of the Lawrence A. Gilmour Outstanding Educator of the Year Award sponsored by the SUNY New Paltz chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

The chapter awards the honor to an educator who has won the recognition of colleagues, shows innovation and creativity, demonstrates the courage to facilitate and advance improvement in the field of education and personifies excellence in personal integrity, commitment to the field of education and concern for the future of society.

Sarkisian was recognized for her work in the design and implementation of media-rich content in an e-Learning environment. She partnered with IBM as part of a joint study to create video course content that was streamed on demand to freshman writing students in a distance-learning course in order to accommodate the diverse learning styles of participants.



Victoria F. Sarkisian (center), linguistic coordinator of the Academic Learning Center, received the 2005 Lawrence A. Gilmour Outstanding Educator of the Year Award sponsored by the SUNY New Paltz chapter of Phi Delta Kappa (PDK). With her are Dr. Karl Budmen (left), founder of the New Paltz chapter of PDK, and Roberta Budmen, delegate to PDK International.

Special Services Honors Eight, Hosts "Kids' Day Out!"

The Office of Special Services hosted its 23rd annual Awareness Recognition Ceremony April 6.

Each year the staff and students of Special Services nominate a few outstanding individuals who embody the essence of this award through their words, but perhaps more importantly their deeds.

This year, the following individuals were selected for recognition: Andrés Fortino, dean, School of Management; Kelly Glynn, student; Rick Height, adjunct lecturer, English Department; Carla Hill, visiting lecturer, Math Department; Peter Krog, assistant professor, Math Department; Michael D. McLaughlin, student; Elisa Woolridge, assistant pro-

fessor, Chemistry Department; and Joseph Zeppetello, director, Writing Center.

The staff and students of Special Services would like to once again thank all recipients for their efforts on behalf of individuals with disabilities.

"Kids' Day Out!" Raises Funds for Scholarship

Special Services and the Red Foxes hosted the 15th Annual "Kids' Day Out!" basketball clinic Sunday, April 17.

The staff of Special Services would like to thank the members of the Red Foxes basketball teams who participated:

Fifi Camara, Meg Dahlman, MaryAlice Duff, Ben Farmer, Nikki Flores, Kaylen Gregory, Kristin Hein, Carl Hood, Jared Jordan, Joe Keegan, Courtney Kolesar, Alisa Kresge, Erin Leger, Shae McNamara, Dave Magarity, Shannon Minter, Miles Orman, Sarah Smrdel, Ryan Stilphen, Jimmy Sutton, Julianne Viani, Kristen Vildardi, Marko Vucajnk, Alexis Waters and Will Whittington. Special thanks also go to staff members Brendan Copes and Maureen Magarity as well as volunteer Megan Stone.

As a result of the effort and support of these individuals, Special Services hosted approximately 100 participants and raised more than \$850 to benefit the Scholarship for Students with Disabilities.