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An Academic Rebirth

Introducing the Mount's New Schools and College

Dear Friends,

We launch our academic year in a sea of change but anchored by our four pillars of faith, discovery, leadership and community. Always we are guided by our vision, which has led us to accomplish much in the years past.

But it is time to look forward, and so this year one of the first tasks is developing a new vision statement for the Mount that will lead us to new heights. A campus group is developing a statement to present to the Board of Trustees in March. However, we are not waiting for the vision statement as we move forward with new exciting initiatives:

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new pre-law program. It is within our reach to have the best pre-law program at any Catholic university in the United States.

To reach our goal we will begin recruiting talented students who see the value of early admission to law, medical or graduate school or who want to earn their degree in just three years.

In order for a three-year degree program to work successfully, we must more fully utilize our summer school and offer many more courses, workshops and seminars. We hope to have a director in place soon who can create a dynamic agenda to attract such prospective students.

In many areas we are seeking to creatively combine already existing programs such as the Mount criminal justice program and Native American scholars. We are seeking a multimillion-dollar Bureau of Indian Affairs grant to educate representatives of Native American nations on the intricacies of tribal justice and law enforcement on our nation's Indian reservations.

At the Mount, we not only educate the mind but we encourage the journey of faith as well. As a Catholic university, we would be remiss if we didn't encourage vocations for those among us who are called to serve others in a unique way. We will continue the very successful Callings program dedicated to this effort.

And we understand what it means to be members of the global community and stewards of the earth. To accomplish this goal of becoming an even greener campus, we are shutting down our old coal furnace for a more energy-efficient furnace that reduces our carbon footprint by 42 percent. In addition, our new Delaplaine Fine Arts Center will join Bicentennial Hall in the use of geothermal energy for heating and cooling.

And as the campus is remodeled so, too, do we look to our academic core for revitalization. The core curriculum, new to us in the '80s, will be revised to ensure its vitality and relevance.

We are also giving serious consideration to a social teaching experience that would require our students to spend an entire semester working with people who are poor and vulnerable. Such a learning experience will provide a foundation for a lifetime of service to others.

We have much to do.


We will continue to push boundaries that make us uncomfortable because change and quality improvement are a constant.

How will we measure our success? The scorecard we keep is how well we embody our four pillars. We ask ourselves:

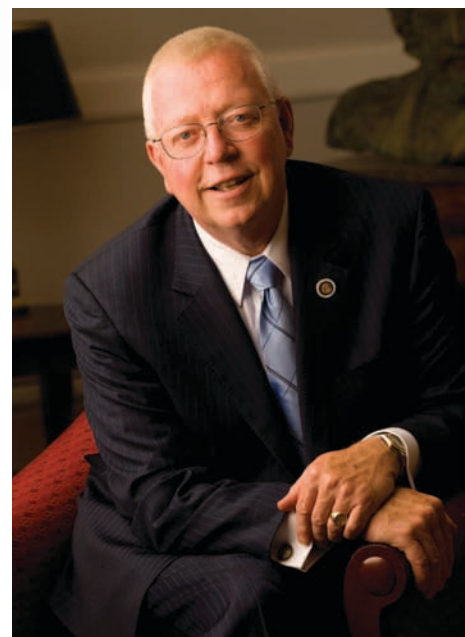
- Did I strengthen my faith and the faith of others today?
- Did I help others discover the truth?
- Have I been a servant-leader today?
- How did I make the Mount a community marked by truth and integrity today?

At Mount St. Mary's we transform lives, one sacred interaction at a time. We light our students' path to deepen their faith; to know the joys of our world; to be virtuous citizens and good stewards of our planet so they may serve others. Truly, this is our noble work on this our holy mountain, and with your help and God's we can accomplish this worthy goal.

God bless you all.



Thomas H. Powell
President





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COMMENCEMENT 2009

The class of 2009 celebrated its success at the 201st Commencement Ceremony, held on May 10, 2009.

406 undergraduates joined the alumni ranks, many commenting on how quickly their four years flew by.

The Mount also awarded 103 graduate degrees during a special commencement on May 13, 2009, where Dr. Henry P. and M. Page Laughlin, longtime friends of the Mount, received honorary degrees.



1 George Weigel, Catholic author, columnist and distinguished Senior Fellow at the Ethics and Public Policy Center in Washington, D.C. addressed the Mount class of 2009. Mr. Weigel focused on Pope John Paul II's pilgrimage to his homeland in 1978, where as a young man, he was able to uplift the citizens of Poland's spirits and sparked the formation of the Solidarity movement in 1980. For Mr. Weigel's full address, please visit www.msmary.edu/commencement.



2 Trustee Emeritus Sheila Kelly Vertino, SJC, C'68, receiving an honorary degree from President Thomas Powell at the 2009 Commencement Ceremonies. Additional honorary degrees and awards were given to Dr. Nicholas and Mary Eberstadt, George Weigel, and Trustee Emeriti Thomas G. O'Hara, C'64, and Patrick J. Goles, C'64.



3 Class of 2009 President Andrew Wassmann offered greetings to attendees and addressed the future graduates.



ALUMNUS RETURNS TO DIRECT PRE-LAW PROGRAM

For students headed to law school, Mount St. Mary's University has an exceptional Pre-Law Program. Professor **Ed Egan, JD, C'77**, has recently been appointed to direct the program.

Egan was a political science major at the Mount. He attended Catholic University Law School, clerked for the chief judge

of Maryland's Sixth Circuit, and is admitted to practice law in Maryland, D.C. and Pennsylvania. He is of counsel to the firm Timoney Knox in Fort Washington and Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He has also been a business owner and worked in state and federal political campaigns.

To help students discern a vocation in legal fields, Egan plans to arrange field trips to law schools, expose students to the variety of careers that can engage legal training, and build a culture of student interest in studying the law.

Egan also plans to highlight the Mount tradition of alumni success in legal fields. He will help students take advantage of the Mount's proximity to state and federal governmental bodies, and network with alumni, attorneys and law schools. And he will cultivate relationships with area high schools to help recruit students to the Mount. Egan's vision is that students interested in studying law will know that they can have no better preparation than at Mount St. Mary's.

Says Egan, "The Mount's Pre-Law Program integrates our award-winning core curriculum, an array of exciting internships, hands-on advising and LSAT prep to develop the skills students need for success in law school and beyond. But Pre-Law at the Mount is about more than simply developing skills. It's an integral part of our mission to 'graduate men and women ... who live by high intellectual and moral standards, who respect the dignity of other persons, and who see and seek to resolve the problems facing humanity.'"



Ed Egan speaking with students.

ARE YOU A MOUNTIE IN THE LEGAL FIELD? Professor Egan and his students would love to hear about what you are doing; send him a note at egan@msmary.edu.

NEW CENTER SUPPORTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION

The Mount's Center for Catholic School Excellence opened its doors this spring under the guidance of President Thomas Powell; Dr. Barbara Martin Palmer, dean of the School of Education and Human Services; and professor Elizabeth C. Monahan, who serves as the center's first director.

The Center for Catholic School Excellence, housed within the School of Education and Human Services, serves as a living commitment to the church's ministry of education in the Catholic community. The center will provide a range of programs, courses and workshops designed to promote excellence

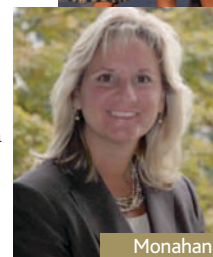
in teaching and learning in Catholic schools.

"We hope to create transformational school leaders as we work with current and future Catholic school teachers, principals and administrators," says President Powell.

Mount St. Mary's University welcomed members of the advisory board of the newly established Center to campus for the first time on May 30. The board includes superintendents from the dioceses of Baltimore, Richmond, Arlington, Delaware and Harrisburg. Mount St. Mary's faculty from the School of Education and Human Services, College of Liberal Arts,

School of Business, and Seminary serve as members of the board, as does a group of local and national leaders in Catholic education.

The School of Education and Human Services has proposed a new Master of Education in Instructional Leadership. The program will focus on the Catholic educator and the knowledge, skills and dispositions needed for leadership roles in Catholic schools. The advisory board members are highly supportive of the new proposal. "The center



Monahan

redefines our responsibility to support Catholic school education," remarks Palmer.

For more information, please contact Director Elizabeth Monahan at 301-447-3416 or monahan@msmary.edu.

THE MOUNT AND THE FBI

Mount graduates hold 29 positions within the FBI, with the most senior rank held by **Thomas J. Harrington, C'78**, as executive assistant director for the Criminal, Cyber, Response and Services Branch. According to Harrington, Mounties are special agents, management and program analysts, intelligence analysts, staff operations specialists and other professionals across the organization. They are serving at FBI headquarters, in the laboratory, in the Counterterrorism Division, within the Criminal Division and in field offices in Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Newark, Philadelphia, New



Harrington

York, New Haven, Pittsburgh and Washington, D.C.

In a letter to the Mount, Harrington says, "Each day they contribute to serving and protecting our nation and their local communities. Some have had the opportunity to travel worldwide, and all will tell you their work is making a positive difference."

The FBI with its high standards is proud to have Mounties in the organization: "The preparation the Mount provided them is a foundational piece to their success," says Harrington. "I believe each of them entered the Mount wanting to serve their communities in the future."

NEW TRADITIONS FOR THE MOUNT'S THIRD CENTURY

As the Mount begins her third century of service, new traditions abound. These include: the Senior Walkway, an area that commemorates the senior class gift to the university; a Touchstone that each senior touches as he or she walks past while their class is in procession; and a Senior Pin, a lapel pin inscribed with the class year and "Spes Nostra" (Our Hope).

The class of 2009—the first graduating class of the Mount's third century—began the Senior Pin tradition in May at Commencement, when members of the class received a pin with their diploma. The tradition of a Senior Walkway, located near the Founder's Plaza, began in 2008. Every year a stone marker will be placed in the walkway to

commemorate the senior class gift to the university.

This year the class of 2010 met at the Founder's Plaza on a warm August morning. They walked together to the ARCC for the celebration of the Mass of the Holy Spirit and the official beginning of their last year on campus. At the celebration, they received their Senior Pins.

These seniors will retrace their footsteps at graduation when they gather at the Founder's Plaza and proceed as a class past their class stone to the ARCC for Commencement—placing their hands on the Touchstone for a bit of luck as they begin their lives as alumni of Mount St. Mary's University.



Student Chris Lamb on 20/20

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENT FEATURED ON ABC

Last semester, Mount senior and criminal justice major **Christopher Lamb** took part in a controversial ABC News special titled "If I Only Had a Gun: 20/20 Examines Gun Violence in America." The series examined the idea of gun possession as a safety precaution. Chris, who has extensive experience studying safety issues and firearms training, was asked to participate in a simulation where individuals came face-to-face with a raw example of gun violence. Chris says it was great to be involved with such an important safety issue, but notes that because of the many layers to gun control, conclusions can't be drawn from one TV news program. For more, visit www.abcnews.com and search for "20/20: If I Only Had a Gun."



Diane Sawyer of 20/20 and ABC News

MOUNT WELCOMES SEVERAL NEW ADMINISTRATORS

Joe Leberz

Director of the Center for Professional and Continuing Studies

The Center for Professional and Continuing Studies offers bachelor's degree-completion and master's programs at the Mount's Frederick campus. Says President Powell, "Joe is a great match for the center. He has a strong relationship with the Frederick County business community, higher education and governmental affairs."

Prior to his service with the university, Joe served for 11 years as president and CEO of the Frederick County Chamber of Commerce, and for nine years as district administrator for U.S.

Representative Beverly Byron. He has directed the university's land planning and government relations work for the past three years, recently completing a comprehensive Mount land use plan and initiating multi-use trail development as new recreational resources for the Mount and Emmitsburg communities.

"Frederick is a great, central location for working adults to further their education," says Joe. "I look forward to building on already well-established, strong, ethics-based programs to serve the varied needs of today's working adult."

For more information on Mount programs in Frederick, email Joe at lebherz@msmary.edu.



Leberz

Michael Taberski

Dean of Students

Before arriving at the Mount, Michael held residence life positions at George Mason University and Loyola College in Maryland. While at Loyola, Michael also served as president of the Maryland College Personnel Association (MCPA), a state division of the ACPA – College Student Educators International.

He explains, "I learned of the Mount's great Student Life program through my experience

in MCPA interacting with outstanding colleagues and students from the Mount. I am proud to support students in their journey of Faith, Discovery, Leadership and Community, and I welcome parents to contact me with any questions or concerns."

Michael earned an M.S. in educational leadership/college student development from Oklahoma State University, where he also served as a residence director. He earned his B.S. in criminology and criminal justice from Niagara University.



Taberski

Matthew Liddle

Director of Outdoor Adventures

For the past eight years, Matt has been working in experiential and outdoor education for the Pressley Ridge Institute in Budapest, Hungary. As program director, Matt facilitated experiential learning for emotionally disturbed, developmentally delayed and adjudicated adolescents.

Matt received his M.S. in kinesiology/outdoor education from the University of New Hampshire and B.A. degrees in anthropology and Chinese from the University of Pittsburgh.

"I'm passionate about working with people to unlock their potential and inspire them," says Matt.



Liddle

SUPPORTING NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARS

Mount St. Mary's for years has supported a rich diversity project that fosters a unique and growing relationship between the Mount and Native American scholars. The initial program began at the St. Labre Indian School, which provides preschool through 12th grade Catholic education to the Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indian communities in Ashland, Montana. The first Mount/St. Labre scholarship recipient, **Karl Little Owl, C'10**, will become the first graduate this coming May.

Karl is often seen on campus after classes, whether it's working in the President's Office

or with his wife, Shannon, and their children, Shelby, Kylee, and Marshall. This fall Karl has taken on the job of recruitment coordinator for the Native American project and is responsible for bringing two new scholars, **Mariah Soldier Wolf** and **Gary Lafranier**, to the Mount from St. Labre for the class of 2013. Each student receives a Presidential Scholarship that is matched by St. Labre. The students will be given guidance and support to help them adjust to university life and ensure their success.

The aim of the program is to promote academic integrity, cultural awareness and Catholic identity among Native American populations. The Mount hopes to expand the pilot program to include student scholars from reservations across the United States, with an emphasis on the growing need for training in tribal criminal justice.



Karl Little Owl with his wife, Shannon

CAMPUS MINISTRY UPDATE

Assistant Director Honored

Anne Marie (Cohee) Hallinan, C'76, pastoral associate and assistant director of campus ministry at the Mount, was honored in June by the Daughters of Charity with a Seton Legacy of Charity Medal. She was one of 51 recipients worldwide recognized for charitable works in the spirit of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Anne Marie came to the Mount in 1972, the first year women were admitted. "My dad was a Mount graduate, and I always wanted to attend," she recalls. "We made a yearly pilgrimage, and I remember telling my

father, 'Dad, I'm coming to school here.' He would affectionately remind me, 'But you can't

because it's an all boys' school.' I was a senior in high school when they announced the Mount was going co-ed, and I was so excited!"

Prior to working at the Mount, Anne Marie taught school for 14 years and was the Confirmation coordinator for St. Joseph's in Emmitsburg.

As the assistant director of campus ministry, Anne Marie works with student leaders on faith initiatives, coordinating retreats, RCIA and numerous special events throughout the year.

Says University Chaplain Fr. Brian Nolan, "Anne Marie's love for the students and her care for the numerous details that help Campus Ministry run successfully and smoothly are great gifts. Every day she brings a compassionate heart, a dedicated work ethic, and a goodness that radiates from her life of faith."

Anne Marie met her husband, **Dan Hallinan, C'74**, at the Mount. Three of her siblings also are Mount alumni: **Matthew, C'87, Bridget, C'90, and Julie, C'94**. Their father, **Jerry Cohee, C'49**, is buried in the Mount Cemetery.

New Campus Ministry Associate

Sr. Elizabeth Sjoberg, affectionately known as Sr. Liz, recently joined the Mount as the Campus Ministry associate through a Callings grant. In August, she celebrated her second year as a Daughter of Charity. Sr. Liz is a graduate of the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, Virginia.

Her responsibilities include vocational formation planning, assisting the director

of music, and serving as a Peer Ministry leader. She organized and led the Mount's first Confirmation Retreat last May for 110 high school juniors from St. Louis Catholic Church in Clarksville, Maryland.

"Sr. Liz brings with her years of young adult ministry experience that has included coordinating retreats, leading service trips and using her musical talents for ministry," says Fr. Brian. "She brings a joyful spirit to our campus. She has a love for young people and a natural gift for sharing her faith."

Sr. Liz with students



Hallinan

GOLD AT THE END OF THE RAINBOW

Events at the Grotto on the Mount campus made national news in November when two bags of gold and silver coins worth more than \$40,000 were found at the shrine. The media scrambled to find out more about the discovery, which came just after a double rainbow was seen in the sky over the Grotto.

A worker raking leaves uncovered the bags, leaving Grotto Executive Director Bill Tronolone believing he had received a huge contribution toward building the Pilgrim Center. However, it was not to be.

But the story does have a happy ending.

Afraid the coins would be stolen while she was out of town, an elderly woman had hidden them at the Grotto and asked the Blessed Mother to watch over them. Once rightful ownership was determined, the coins were returned to the woman, who was driven to the bank by Mount employees so she could open a safe deposit box.



SERVICE LEARNING AT THE MOUNT

What's the difference between community service and service learning?

There is much talk in higher education today about the importance of students serving people in the communities surrounding their campus—from working in a soup kitchen to tutoring elementary school students to working with the elderly. The extent to which this sort of service is explicitly and consciously tied to classroom work is what differentiates service learning from community service.

In courses that have a service learning component, work

with the elderly, for example, will be paired with readings about gerontology and the specific challenges and opportunities of working with that population. Assignments will be designed to integrate in-class learning (reading, writing, discussions) with hands-on service to create a deeper, more lasting educational experience.

We have welcomed Melanie Clabaugh, an AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, to campus this year to help develop our service learning offerings,

and we will be encouraging faculty to think even more about how to incorporate service learning into their courses.

The Mount strives to graduate students who “see and seek to resolve the problems facing humanity”; the combination of thoughtful classroom work with out-of-class experiences is an excellent one that will serve our students—and our communities—well in the long run.



BELOVED MOUNT PROFESSOR PASSES

Longtime history professor Dr. Robert “Bob” Kalas passed away on July 17 after a long battle with brain cancer.

Dr. Kalas, who taught history at the Mount for 22 years, specialized in French history and was an expert on early French nobility, with several articles and book reviews published in *The Sixteenth Century Journal*.

“He was first and foremost a teacher,” says fellow Mount professor Dr. Sue Goliber. “Bob was a rare breed of educator. He adored the classroom and he loved his students. And they returned that love. What we shall miss is his dedication to the craft of teaching, to the nurturing of his students, and his total commitment to the education we offer here at the Mount.”



Robert Kalas

Prior to the Mount, Dr. Kalas was an assistant professor at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut. He received his B.A. from Fordham University, his M.A. from Columbia University and his Ph.D. from New York University. His dissertation was named the best submitted to the NYU history department in 1981-82.

He leaves a wife, Alida, and four children: Michelle, Robert Jr., Amy and Edward.

MOUNT HOSTS STATE CHAPTER OF CAMPUS COMPACT

Campus Compact is a nationwide organization designed to promote service learning. Until last February, Maryland had no chapter of Campus Compact (currently, 35 states do). The new chapter is housed at Mount St. Mary's, and President Powell is serving as the first board chair. We are honored to have the opportunity to serve Maryland in this capacity.

A number of individuals at various colleges and universities in Maryland (public, private and community colleges) worked tirelessly over an 18-month period under the direction of Madeline Yates (who is now executive director of Maryland Campus Compact) to form a state chapter. The leaders of the Maryland chapter for Campus Compact envision that MDCC will be “an organization known

throughout the state of Maryland and beyond for its excellence in advocating on behalf of global citizens and just communities.”

Over the next several years, MDCC will work to increase its membership from 20 to 40 institutions of higher education. Its goal is to promote a deeper understanding of service learning and its relevance to students and their lives. Already the chapter has helped place 20 AmeriCorps VISTA volunteers on MDCC campuses across the state to address poverty issues through campus-community partnerships.

The state's Campus Compact office is located in the Mount's Bradley Hall, Room 317. Director Madeline Yates can be reached at 301-447-8326, campuscompact@msmary.edu or yates@theglobalresource.org.

IN MEMORY OF ELIZABETH DINUNZIO, C'09

Senior Elizabeth DiNunzio was just weeks away from graduation when she was struck and killed on Ammandale Road while training for a marathon. Her death saddened the whole community and her many friends and fellow students traveled to Pennsylvania for her funeral. The following is from her eulogy given by Mount Chaplain Fr. Brian Nolan, May 6, 2009.

The sudden tragedy that took the life of Elizabeth has left us speechless, numb, tearful and asking: Why did this happen?

And there are no answers...it's a mystery.

Liz had a passion for life...so much so, she was training for a marathon, a sport that requires heroic perseverance. She had a radiant smile that she shared generously. She was the one who was always encouraging others, whether it was with running, academics or working out, even with life.

"I do not run aimlessly..." -1Cor. 9:26

Many have described feeling a lot of uncertainty...with God and their ability to trust Him. It goes back to the "Why would He allow this to happen?"

The heart of Jesus who weeps with us in our pain and sorrow and cares about those who pass away...it was never part of God's original plan that anyone would ever get sick or pass away.

We are invited to see things with the eyes of faith...that remind us that God cares about Liz and her run, her journey of faith...the eyes that remind us that all lives lived in Christ... have meaning, and the eyes of faith that remind us that we "run" with a purpose, living our lives in service to God and one other.

We "do not run aimlessly," even in sadness, but we know that we continue to run with this purpose in mind. We can't forget: This "run" of

ours does have a final goal, a final destination.

And our final destination is Heaven.

Why do we assume that Liz's life is ended? If a person who was living in Christ died and was raised with Him, why do we so quickly assume they are so distant from us? Why would we think that our relationship with someone we love, who loved God, who loved Christ, has ended? Because it hasn't.

If anything, we run with a greater purpose for having known Liz, who reminds us to keep running. I want to be like Liz, I want to be the one who encourages others with a kind word. I want to be like Liz, who shined the light of Christ on those she met.

May we continue to run the race with gratefulness for having known Liz. May we run with great hope and purpose knowing that we are running toward a destination, an encounter, a meeting with the One who loves us, who encourages us, and with all those who love Him.



FAREWELL TO PROFESSORS DONOVAN AND DUCHARME

The Mount extends its gratitude for many years of service to philosophy professor John Donovan, Ph.D., and English professor Robert Ducharme, Ph.D., who both retired last May.

Dr. Donovan, who chaired the philosophy department for the last three years, served the Mount since 1989. He



John Donovan

was the director of the Honors Program, chair of the Honors Committee from 1995-2003, and was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Honors Program in 2003. Dr. Donovan has served as chair and vice chair of the faculty, chair of the Faculty Governance Committee and chair of the 2004 Vice Presidential Search Committee. He was the Delaplaine Professor in the Humanities.

Dr. Ducharme served the Mount for 36 years, 14 of them as chair of the English department. He co-authored the university's mission statement, helped structure the acclaimed core curriculum and pioneered the development of the non-Western segment of the core. Dr. Ducharme received the John W. Richards Excellence in Teaching

Award in 2004 and published scholarship on literature, film and Catholic education. Dr. Ducharme also held the Morrison Chair in International Studies and the Delaplaine Chair in the Humanities.



Robert Ducharme

THIS MOUNT PRIEST IS COOKING!

Quite a bit of national media attention has focused on the university over the past few months as news has spread of the cooking prowess of the seminary's Reverend Leo Patalinghug.

Father Leo is the director of pastoral field education at Mount St. Mary's Seminary. He is also the creator of fusion fajitas that took top honors when he competed on the Food Network series "Throwdown! with Bobby Flay" this past summer. The competition with

celebrity chef Flay took place at the Mount in June, and the episode aired nationally in September.

Since "Throwdown!" he has appeared nationally on "Religion & Ethics Newsweekly" on PBS and "Sunday Morning" on CBS.

Cooking is more than a hobby for Fr. Leo, however; it is a mission.

In 2003, while serving as a parish priest at

St. John's Church in Westminster, Maryland, he began a project, "Grace Before Meals," to draw families together at the table. He now shares his recipes and reflections through a website, book and award-winning cooking show of the same name.

Fr. Leo joined the Mount in 2007. As director of pastoral field education, he coordinates parish and ministry assignments for Mount seminarians.

Fr. Leo with Mount St. Mary's students and seminarians watching the public "live" broadcast of the Throwdown episode—featuring him and his Fusion Fajitas—at an outdoor theatre in Baltimore's Little Italy.



MIDSUMMER MOUNT MINGLES

The Mount has launched a new tradition for welcoming incoming students. In a collaboration between the Mount Family Association and the Office of Alumni Relations, three events were held in

various locations this summer to welcome excited students and their parents to the Mount community. Alumni and current parents and students were on hand to meet and "mingle" with our newest Mounties.

We would like to thank this summer's generous hosts:

- In Baltimore—Denise Whiting, owner of Café Hon and parent of **TJ Whiting, C'09**.
- In McLean, Virginia.—**Mike O'Donnell, C'84**, and **Hilary**

Camp O'Donnell, C'83, President's Council and Board of Trustees; parents of **Kirsten, C'12**.

- In Garden City, New York—**Joe and Elaine Trentacoste, C'81**, parents of **Elizabeth, C'09**.

If you'd like to host an upcoming Mingle, please contact Irene Powell, Mount Family Association, at ipowell@msmary.edu or Maureen Plant, Alumni Relations, at mplant@msmary.edu.





AN ACADEMIC REBIRTH

Introducing the Mount's New Schools and College

By Dr. David Rehm, Vice President for Academic Affairs

After celebrating the Mount's bicentennial during 2007-08, we turned during the 2008-09 academic year to setting the stage for our third century of service to God and our nation. Central to those efforts was a reorganization of the structure of the academic area.

Simply put, *academic reorganization is designed to strengthen the quality of our academic programs*. This has been done by hiring deans for three schools (Business, Education and Human Services, and Natural Science and Mathematics) and one college (the College of Liberal Arts). These deans will be responsible for the quality of the academic programs in the areas they oversee, including:

1. Encouraging growth, development and strengthening of those areas
2. Hiring, development and tenuring of faculty
3. Monitoring academic quality in their majors
4. Developing new programs that will continue to respond to the needs of the contemporary world
5. Advocating on behalf of the faculty and their programs to the administration as well as to the wider community

Why Academic Reorganization?

For many years, academic organization at the Mount has involved the following model: a vice president for academic affairs and a dean for academic affairs oversee the whole of the academic operation. In other words, all of the constituents of academic life (everything from Admissions, the Library, Learning Services, the Registrar and our Frederick operations to the 14 academic departments, the honors program, study abroad and even our core curriculum, with its many subprograms like Freshman Seminar and American Experience) reported to these two individuals.

Needless to say, with so many areas reporting to so few people, the work of the vice president and the dean tended to be primarily reactive or responsive—dealing with particular issues as they arose. Such a structure made it hard for the vice president and the dean to operate in a proactive mode.

With the hiring of the deans for the three schools and the college, the 14 academic departments and their associated majors now report primarily to those deans. In addition, the dean for academic affairs has now become the associate vice president for academic affairs, and a number of responsibilities that previously fell to the



vice president are now located with the associate vice president, including the core curriculum and the honors program. (We plan to take this a step further in the next several years by hiring someone whose specific job is to oversee the core curriculum and ensure its success.)

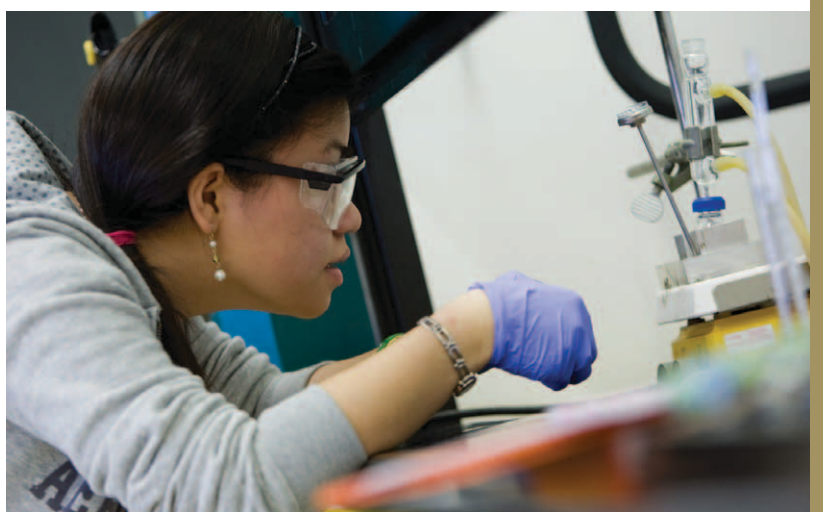
The roles of the vice president and the associate vice president are to help chart the overall direction of the academic programs in the context of the institution as a whole. They will ensure parity in quality across the various schools/college and track broader trends in higher education that will have an impact on our institution and our students.

Ensuring Continued Excellence

All of us at Mount St. Mary's know that our primary role is to serve our students. Students deserve the best academic programs we can provide, and the hiring of deans will help ensure our academic programs receive the attention they deserve so as to help them grow and strengthen over time.

This is truly a special time for Mount St. Mary's, and achieving the goals of academic reorganization will help promote continued academic excellence for our university.

On the following pages, writer Lisa Gregory introduces you to our new deans and their vision for their programs.





THE COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Dean Joshua P. Hochschild

Associate professor Joshua P. Hochschild is a convert to the liberal arts. “My freshman year at Yale, I was in a core humanities program. It was an integrated study of literature, politics, philosophy and history that was the beginning of my conversion to the liberal arts. Before that, my learning was more dissipated,” he says. He is also a convert to the Catholic faith, joining the church as an adult. And now he is a convert to the idea of a College of Liberal Arts. A college that he will lead as its first dean.

When word came that the Mount was considering an academic reorganization, the news was “not met with complete enthusiasm by faculty in the ten liberal arts departments that would become the College of Liberal Arts,” says Hochschild.

The departments include Hochschild’s field, philosophy, as well as foreign languages, theology, communication studies, sociology, psychology, political science, history, English and the visual and performing arts.

“I and others were concerned about the impact on the Catholic and liberal arts mission of the Mount as a whole,” he says. However, after much contemplation and soul searching, Hochschild decided “that this change could only strengthen the liberal arts here. I was inspired by the opportunity of creating a stronger institutional identity for the liberal arts at Mount St. Mary’s.”

In his good-natured and understated way, Hochschild chuckles as he admits that he doesn’t have the typical qualifications one might expect for a position such as this. He has never been a department chair, for example. Yet he was asked to apply for dean by those very colleagues who were unsure of the new college. What he may lack in administrative experience, he makes up for in his deep commitment to what he believes, having put his own career

on the line as a direct result of his faith. In 2005 after converting to Catholicism, Hochschild was dismissed from Wheaton College, where he was a highly regarded faculty member, because the evangelical school required faculty members to be Protestant. He then joined the Mount—“a place I love,” he says.

As dean, he will look to the larger vision of the Mount’s commitment to its Catholic mission and the liberal arts and how that mission is realized through the core curriculum. The core curriculum is a four-year course sequence ranging from the humanities and social sciences to math and natural science, adding intellectual depth and breadth as students focus on particular fields of interest.

“Liberal learning includes the study of great books, the engagement with intellectual tradition and the habits of raising fundamental questions in earnest pursuit of the truth,” explains Hochschild. “For me, the grace to know Christ has been communicated through the dialogue, study and self-reflection of a liberal arts academic community.”

Hochschild plans to launch a development program for junior faculty to explore the Catholic intellectual tradition and the different ways it can be engaged by the academic disciplines.

Other goals include promoting grant seeking, developing interdisciplinary programs, and recruiting faculty and students interested in a Catholic liberal arts education.

“For our students it’s not just about coming to college and graduating and getting a job,” he says. “A liberal arts education is so much more. The College of Liberal Arts can only further strengthen our mission of providing students with the education for a lifetime.”

Recent Faculty Achievements

Professor Joseph Vince went through training this summer with Visual Analytics in Frederick on their software, which is used by intelligence analysts around the world. The university has partnered with them for free use of their state-of-the-art software to teach Mount students.

Dr. Kathleen Guidroz worked this summer with a program in inner city Baltimore that reaches out to prostitutes and sex workers.

Dr. Tim Wolfe is teaching the service-learning course "Bebop to Hip Hop: Sociology of Modern American Music" this fall. Each student is required to perform a minimum of 20 service hours. Fundraising and an instrument drive are two primary goals. A local public school music class will receive the instruments and money raised.

Dr. Thane Naberhaus was awarded a substantial NEH grant for a scholarly translation project. This is a major award that brings distinction to the university. The grant will support Dr. Naberhaus for one year.

Dr. Sarah Scott was named assistant editor of the New Variorum Shakespeare edition of *Julius Caesar* (a standard, definitive scholarly edition of the play).

Dr. Dave Wehner is researching the Catholic writers Flannery O'Connor, Kate Chopin and Toni Morrison. Dave is a former stand-up comedian, now turned professor.

Professor Elizabeth Holtry is on sabbatical this fall as she prepares her work for exhibition at the Delaplaine Art Gallery in Frederick, Maryland.

Professor Margaret Rahaim is a contributing artist for *Monumental Idea, Miniature Book*, which opened at Columbia College in Chicago and will exhibit internationally in locations such as Spain, China, Argentina and Finland, as well as in the U.S.

Dr. Andrew Rosenfeld was guest conductor of the Maryland Symphony Orchestra concert for Mount bicentennial celebrations.

Professor Anne Tortora is co-author, "Musical, Numerical, and Phonological Memory Tasks: A Common Temporal Sequencing Mechanism Explanation for Transfer," published in July 2009 in the *Journal of Research in Music Education*.

Dr. Kurt Blaughter was appointed to the national Strategic Planning Committee, Association for Theatre in Higher Education.

Dr. Christine L. Blackshaw published "It is the East and Zulima is the Sin: Shifting Representations of Muslim Spain in Hartzenbusch's *Los amantes de Teruel*," in *Decimonónica*.

Dr. Charles J. Merrill published *Colom of Catalonia: Origins of Christopher Columbus Revealed*, Demers Books LLC, 2008.

Dr. Michael G. Sollenberger published "Theophrastos of Eresos," in *Encyclopedia of Ancient Natural Scientists: The Greek Tradition and Its Many Heirs*, edited by P. T. Keyser and G. Irby-Massie (London & NY: Routledge, 2008).

Dr. Robert Keefer attended the "educators' visit" to the ROTC Leader Development & Assessment Course (LDAC), also known as "Warrior Forge." This 29-day summer course is required for all ROTC members before they can be commissioned.

Recent Student Achievements

The Sociology Club and Criminal Justice Student Association, two of the most active student groups on campus, are involved in a number of service projects. The CJSA hosts an annual CSI Challenge involving mock crime scenes set up by local law enforcement professionals. Student teams secure the crime scene, collect evidence and write up a detailed report.

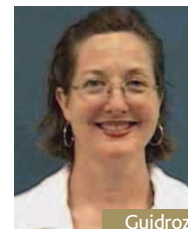
Five Mount history students presented papers at the Mid-Atlantic Phi Alpha Theta Regional Conference at Delaware State. Fifty-five students from 12 regional colleges and universities (including Georgetown University, Catholic University and the U.S. Naval Academy) presented original research papers.

Andy Wassmann, C'09, co-authored and presented a paper at the 2009 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting in Chicago. The paper explored how the competitiveness or noncompetitiveness of states in the Electoral College affects the political knowledge and political trust of the citizens of those states. Andy started a Ph.D. program in political science this fall at WVU.

Erika Nevins, C'09, won a Psi Chi (national psychology honor society) award for her senior research project (including a cash prize), presented at the Eastern Psychological Association annual convention in Pittsburgh. Her mentor for this project was Dr. Jenny Phillips.



Vince



Guidroz



Wolfe



Naberhaus



Scott



Wehner

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- Classical Studies
- Communication Studies (concentrations in journalism and mass communications, public relations, rhetoric and public address)
- Criminal Justice
- English
- Fine Arts (concentrations in art, music, theatre)
- French
- German
- History
- Interdisciplinary Studies (self-designed major)
- International Studies
- Philosophy
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Theology



THE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Dean William G. Forgang

For William G. Forgang, the new dean of the recently established School of Business, the timing was more than right. “The Department of Business, Accounting and Economics was the largest academic unit in terms of graduating students, comprising more than forty percent of the degrees conferred annually. We have been in favor of a school designation for some time based on our size, complexity and desire to establish a clearer external identity.”

Now that the school has become a reality, one of the first orders of business will be the building of a brand. “When we were a department, we were one of sixteen departments campuswide,” says Forgang. “We didn’t have the institutional identity to develop a brand or community recognition. Now we do. That’s the challenge.”

But a welcome one. “It’s very exciting to be the first dean to build the foundation for that brand,” says Forgang. “In addition to the ever-improving student performance, we seek to become the premier provider of business education in the region and thus an integral part of the regional economic community.”

Many of the key pieces are already in place. The business, accounting, sport management and information systems majors and the MBA are internationally accredited by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education.

“The faculty is very good,” says Forgang. “Eighty percent of the faculty hold terminal degrees or certifications, and I see this rising soon to ninety percent. Many have significant corporate, government and consulting experience. We are not a faculty who went to school and stayed in school.” For example, Forgang, former chair of the department who has been with the Mount for more than two decades, spent time working as a corporate economist for New York Life Insurance in the 1980s. “My background is not at all unique among our faculty,” he says.

Dedication to students is paramount. “The faculty want our students to be problem solvers who can make sound decisions using established methodologies and business analysis and who are principled and value centered. If we can create thoughtful, reflective, ethically based decision makers, the business community will be eager to employ our students.”

A significant effort of the new school will be reaching out to that same business community. This has already resulted in the creation of a board of advisors made up of alumni and other business leaders connected with the school. “We’re asking them to help us with planning the future of the school. We want and need their input,” says Forgang. This includes having these same individuals work closely with students, providing real-life examples of business success. “They can offer our students so much,” says Forgang. He hopes to strengthen internship opportunities and future employment for students.

In addition, Forgang believes the school should enrich the intellectual life of the community. “To that end, we have submitted a grant proposal that will allow us to offer several public forums per year examining contemporary topics in business and economics.”

The school, in a continuing effort to meet the needs of the business community and its future workers and leaders, is also considering new academic programs. For example, Forgang hopes to offer a graduate certificate in project management, among other possible new programs in government procurement, organizational development, logistics and supply chain management.

There is much to be done. But the process is well underway. “This is an exciting time for the Mount and the School of Business,” says Forgang. “We’re moving quickly, and I am very fortunate to be surrounded by high quality faculty who are committed to the well-being of our university and its students.”

Recent Faculty Achievements

Dr. Karl Einolf

Wrote "Building a Socially Responsible Equity Portfolio Using Data Envelopment Analysis," *Philosophica*, 80(1), p. 71-103 (2009).

Wrote "Location, Location, Location? Sports Franchise Placement in the Four Major U.S. Sports Leagues," in Leo Kahane and Stephen Shmanske (eds.) *Sports Economics*, Oxford University Press, forthcoming.

Dr. Mike Barry

Wrote "Post-Soviet Migration to Russia: A Computable General Equilibrium Model," published in *The Caucasus and Globalization*, Volume 3(1), Spring 2009.

Wrote "FDI in Central Asian Energy," published in *Eurasian Journal of Business and Economics*, Summer 2009.

Wrote "New Protectionism in Russia's Far East," published in *Vestnik*, Spring 2009.

Wrote "Dutch Disease in Uzbekistan," published in *Caucasian Review of International Affairs*, Spring 2009.

Georgetown University, LL.M. degree (spring 2009). Master of Laws, specialization in international law. Also completed graduate certificate in Human Rights and Humanitarian Law.

Summer Chinese (Mandarin) Program at University of Maryland, Confucius Institute. Completed intensive Chinese courses, summer 2009.

Professor Sandra Sjoberg

Presented "The Impact of Participant Learning: The Value in Short-Term International Programs," International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education Annual Conference: Innovations in Teaching and Learning, April 2009.

Dr. Alejandro Cañadas

Participated in the Spatial Econometrics Advanced Institute (SEAI), Rome, Italy, May-June 2009.

Published *Inequality and Economic Growth in Argentina During 1991-2002: Evidence from Argentina's Provinces Using Spatial Econometrics*.

Dr. Carolyn Jacobson

Presented "Best Practices in Information Systems Program Assessment" at the Americas Conference on Information Systems, San Francisco, August 2009.

Dr. Kirk Davidson

Published "Ethical Concerns at the Bottom of the Pyramid: Where CSR Meets BOP," in the *Journal of International Business Ethics*, Vol. 2, No. 1, 2009.

Presented "The Business-Society-Government Relationship: A Comparison Between China and the United States," co-authored with Dr. Jiyun Wu, at the International Association for Business and Society meeting, Snowmass, Colorado, June 19, 2009.

Professor Ray Speciale

Published "Sales and Use Tax Planning for Aircraft and Aircraft-Related Transactions: Checklist Discipline," *Journal of Multistate Taxation*, Volume 19, No. 2, May 2009.

Dr. F. K. Marsh

Wrote "High Performance Team: Building a Quality Business Program with Part-Time and Full-Time Faculty," *Journal of Education for Business*, forthcoming 2009.

Wrote "Ethical Concerns at the Bottom of the Pyramid: Corporate Responsibility or Corporate Integrity? A Brief Commentary," invited, *Journal of International Business Ethics*, 2:1, 33-35, 2009.

Recent Student Achievements

SIFE (Students in Free Enterprise) repeated as 2009 regional champions and competed in nationals.

The Fed Challenge team competed in regionals in Baltimore in the fall.

The Student Investment Panel continues to manage a portion of the Mount's portfolio.

New Business Management Series Offered

The School of Business is partnering with Frederick Community College and the Frederick Innovative Technology Center to offer the Frederick community a Business Management Series.

The series includes courses designed for business owners and professionals who want access to the core skills of successful entrepreneurs, taught by highly qualified MBA faculty.

"The Frederick area is rich with entrepreneurs who have great ideas but may need some guidance turning those ideas into a successful enterprise," says Carolyn Jacobson, director of the Mount's graduate and adult business programs. "The courses cover everything from start-up, marketing and information technology to human resources. This series is a tool for our local entrepreneurs to secure and use best business practices."



Cañadas



Marsh



Barry



Speciale



Davidson

MAJORS AND DEGREE PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- Accounting
- Business (concentrations in finance, international business, management and marketing)
- Economics
- Information Systems
- Sport Management

MBA



THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Dean Barbara Martin Palmer

As Barbara Martin Palmer becomes dean of the new School of Education and Human Services, she envisions a school that “is a leader in the field,” responsive to changing needs; one that will be recognized for creating innovative programs in teacher education, leadership and human services rooted in the university’s Catholic liberal arts mission.

Palmer has invested much in the education program at the Mount, having joined the faculty in 1993 and more recently serving as the department chair. In fact, Palmer led the university’s successful effort to gain prestigious voluntary accreditation by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

The School of Education and Human Services will continue to focus on training teachers at the undergraduate and graduate level, but will also be developing programs in two new areas—school leadership and human services.

The school leadership program as envisioned by Palmer will house the master’s in education with concentrations in reading and technology. In addition to the Innovation and Change Summer Program for In-Service Teachers, the existing Center for Catholic School Excellence will reside in the department. “Its primary aim is to provide leadership to Catholic schools through workshops and a degree program.” Palmer also hopes the school will one day offer a Ph.D. in educational leadership.

The new bachelor’s degree in human services will prepare those interested in management careers in child care centers, community centers or retirement villages. “We will be looking at applying knowledge of how people learn and develop, and how to help them cope with issues they may face in their lives,” says Palmer of the program, which may eventually include courses in psychology, sociology, theology, business and communications. “It is a

nice extension to the mission we already have as we look at the whole person and how best to help someone help themselves.”

She adds that this new program will be one of two, to her knowledge, offered at the undergraduate level in Maryland. She hopes that eventually the program will offer master’s degrees in community or school counseling.

Palmer admits that while focusing on leadership and human development is an important part of the school’s mission, her heart will “always be in the classroom.” Palmer herself was an instructor in the Frederick County school system, teaching Spanish early on in her career. “The emphasis on training future educators will remain a key element of what the school will offer,” she says.

She would like to offer even more to students, particularly graduate students. “That’s something we hear all the time, the need to promote a graduate culture. I really see that as something that will be an outgrowth of the new school,” she says.

This could include events for graduate students only, such as speakers talking about their particular areas of research. “After all, we are always looking for ways to strengthen interest in research,” says Palmer.

Palmer would also like to expose more students to different cultures. “We’re looking at internationalizing our curriculum through focusing on research from other nations and providing our students with exposure to other people and other places through service trips and internships.”

These are just some of the many ideas and plans Palmer will explore as dean. Changes are on the horizon. But Palmer remains aware of what has come before. “I have a deeply rooted respect for tradition, but I am excited about what lies before us. We have so much more to offer.”

Recent Faculty Achievements

Dr. Megan Mackey

Presented "Including Students with Disabilities in Middle School General Education Classrooms" at American Council on Rural Special Education Conference, March 2009.

Presented poster session, "Inclusion in Middle School: A Case Study," at the International Association of Special Education Conference in Alicante, Spain, July 2009.

Elected to board of Maryland Council of Exceptional Children.

Dr. Patrick Ryan

Presented "A Historiography of Media Representations of the Teacher" at the History of Education Society's Annual Meeting, October 2008.

Presented "Representations of Teachers' and Students' Inquiry in Postwar Popular Media and Implications for Today's Classroom," National Council of Teachers of English Convention, November 2008.

Published "Our Miss Brooks: Broadcasting Domestic Ideals for the Female Teacher in the Postwar United States" with Sevan G. Terzian in Spring 2009 issue of *National Women's Studies Association Journal*.

Dr. Caroline Eick

Presented "Complicating 'Whiteness' and Other Markers of Difference in Suburbia: The Case of Miller High, 1985-2000" at the International Association of Intercultural Education, Athens, Greece, June 2009.

Wrote "Teachers as Cultural Mediators: A Comparison of Assimilation and Accountability Eras," accepted for publication in the international journal *Critical Inquiry in Language Studies*.

Wrote "Student Relationships across Markers of Difference in a Baltimore County, Maryland, Comprehensive High School, 1950-1969," accepted by the *History of Education Quarterly*.

Presented two papers at the American Educational Research Association conference, April 2009:

- "Daring to Speak Theoretically: Portellian Understanding of Oral Historical Inquiry, Intersectional Analytic Framework, and Telling More Nuanced Stories of Student Relations Over Time."
- "What Does It Mean to Pursue Master's Level Degrees in Education: Teacher and Teacher Candidate Perspectives."

Dr. Carolyn Cook

President of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, Reading Council.

Presented "Supporting the Student Writer: The Role of Teacher Language during Writing Workshop Conferences" at the International Reading Association Convention, February 2009.

Professor Elizabeth Monahan

Director, Center for Catholic School Excellence.

Reviewer for *Catholic Education: A Journal of Inquiry and Practice*.

Dr. Barbara Martin Palmer

Presented "While Students Learn, Teachers Learn" (with Janice Almasi), 22nd World Congress, International Reading Association, San Jose, Costa Rica, July 2008.

President, Maryland Association for Colleges of Teacher Education.

Co-authored (with Janice Almasi, Angie Madden and Susan Hart) "Interventions to enhance narrative comprehension," a chapter for the *Handbook of Reading Disability Research* (in press).

Professor Laura Frazier

Presented "Taking Your Professional Development School Through the Accreditation Process" (with Barbara Onofrey and Linda Civetti) at the National PDS Conference, Daytona Beach, March 2009.

Presented "A Collective Case Study of Classroom Computer Use" (with William A. Sadera) at the National Educational Computing Conference, Washington, D.C., July 2009.

Professor Stacey Brown-Hobbs

Presented "What Is the Impact of Scripted Teaching on Preservice Teacher Development?" for the Maryland Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, November 2008.

Presented "Student Work Analysis through Reflective Inquiry" for the Maryland State Department of Education Forum *Data Collection and Student Work Sample Analysis: How Teacher Candidates Collect and Use Student Data*, September 2009.

Student-led Programs

Education Club

Educators for Justice Society

Honor Societies

Pi Lambda Theta



Cook



Mackey



Ryan



Brown-Hobbs



Eick



Frazier

MAJORS AND DEGREE PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- Elementary Education (certification in generic special education also available)
- PreK-12 Art Education
- Secondary Education with certification in classical studies, French, German, Spanish, social studies, English or mathematics

MAT WITH TEACHER CERTIFICATION M.ED. FOR CURRENT TEACHERS



THE SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

Dean David W. Bushman

David W. Bushman is returning to his professional home as the inaugural dean of the Mount's new School of Natural Science and Mathematics.

Prior to moving on to Lees-McRae College in North Carolina, where he became president, Bushman spent 13 years with the Mount. During that time, he was an associate professor of biology and later chair of the Department of Science and dean of academic services. Now he has come back. And he couldn't be happier.

"What an opportunity," says the man with the bow tie and kind eyes.

"I found the idea of coming back and helping move the university on to this even bigger vision as especially rewarding," says Bushman. The new school will combine the Department of Science with the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

Bushman was so eager to return to the Mount that he stepped down as president of another institution. "I had achieved the goals I had set out," he says. He credits his very presence there to his time at the Mount. "I was the beneficiary of an extraordinary group of senior faculty who mentored us as junior faculty. The result of their commitment was, ultimately, my becoming a college president."

Now, he plans to do the same for the faculty who will become part of the new School of Natural Science and Mathematics "I missed working more directly with students and faculty," he says. "I wanted to be part of that again. I want to help students learn and to help mentor faculty as I was mentored."

Bushman believes his experience at Lees-McRae gives him a strong perspective for his work at the Mount. "Of course we want to continue the study of math and science here with excellence in its own right," he notes. "But we have

the chance to do what only a place like the Mount can do—open up our students to the opportunities science and math integrated with other avenues can offer, such as history, sociology, ethics and theology. The more we connect among disciplines, the stronger the education we offer," says Bushman.

For Bushman, this includes not just what students should know, but why. "Our students need to look at not only what we *can* do, but in the world of science and technology also ask what we *should* do," he says.

He adds, "Our graduates are highly desirable and highly sought after. But it has to be more than that. At the Mount we are educating students for a life well lived, a life of meaning and purpose."

More specifically, in the future he hopes the school will offer new programs that are not "strictly traditional degree programs, but programs in bioethics and society and technology. And these programs should be for all students, not just science students," he says.

In building an identity for the school, Bushman wants to focus more on research opportunities for both faculty and students, as well as more internship opportunities for students. As such, a major goal for Bushman and the school is reaching out to the surrounding professional science community. "We need to further our connections with other institutions," he says, "such as Fort Detrick, the National Cancer Institute and other state and federal entities."

He also hopes to offer more at the graduate level. And to simply get the word out. "I want students to know about our exceptional strengths before they come to the Mount. You might hear that the math and science education at the Mount is a best-kept secret in higher education. I don't want to be a secret anymore."

Recent Faculty Achievements

Dr. Luca Petrelli was awarded a grant to conduct undergraduate research with four Mount students last year. They conducted original mathematics research and presented their results at two conferences (see Student Achievements).

Dr. Brian Heinold coordinated, with Luca Petrelli, the “200 Years/200 Questions” math and computer science bicentennial celebration.

Dr. Melanie Butler recently published a journal article on the use of computing in mathematics education.

Dr. Michael Epstein co-authored a manuscript for the *Journal of Chemical Education*.

Dr. Jeff Simmons (with L.J. Anderson and M.F. Hoopes) published “Collaborative Research at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions,” a guest editorial in *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, vol. 7, no. 7.

Dr. Dana Ward, Dr. Jeff Simmons and five others from the school have applied for a grant from the National Science Foundation, Major Research Instrumentation—Recovery and Reinvestment Program, to establish a gene sequencing and molecular imaging core facility program.

the academic year with two other students who could not attend the conference: **Jacqueline Kearney** and **Christopher Lewis, both C’10**.

The students worked under a CURM (Center for Undergraduate Research in Mathematics) grant. They also were invited and presented their results at a national conference on undergraduate research in mathematics at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Haley Blevins, C’10, received a Smart Scholarship (Science, Mathematics and Research for Transformation).

Recent Summer Internships

Mike Clementson, C’10, worked for the National Park Service at Catoctin National Park in Thurmont, Maryland, as a naturalist and educator.

Joe Sherren, C’10, worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, Maryland, as a laboratory technician.

Dana Young, C’10, worked at the University of Delaware, College of Marine and Earth Sciences, as an

intern in the Coastal Community Enhancement Initiative.

Robert Sabo, C’11, held an internship at Virginia Tech’s Horticulture Research Institute in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Emily Vernamonti, C’10, Christine Wroge, C’09, and Carly Geronimo, C’11, were each awarded a Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship at the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

New Honor Society

The Mount’s application to establish a computer science honor society was approved last May. The Mount’s student chapter of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) requested the application, which was accepted by the Executive Council of Upsilon Pi Epsilon. The honor chapter is known as the Lambda Chapter of Maryland. Upsilon Pi Epsilon is the original and only international honor society in the computing and information disciplines and is endorsed by the ACM.



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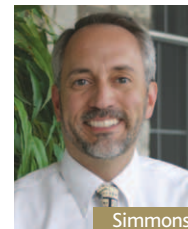
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Recent Student Achievements

Chelsea Allison and **Arthur Hughes, both C’10**, were awarded a prize for their talk “Minimizing Users’ Cost in a Public Transit System” at the regional meeting of the Mathematical Association of America at the University of Mary Washington in Virginia. They presented work completed during

UNDERGRADUATE MAJORS

- Biochemistry
- Biology
- Chemistry
- Computer Science
- Environmental Science
- Mathematics
- Nursing (dual degree: BS in nursing with Johns Hopkins University)
- Occupational Therapy (dual degree: MS in Occupational Therapy with Sacred Heart University)
- Physical Therapy (dual degree: Doctor of Physical Therapy with Sacred Heart University)

IN MEMORIAM: FATHER ROBERT V. ZYLLA, O.S.C., BELOVED MOUNT PRIEST AND FACULTY MEMBER

A Message from Monsignor Steven Rohlf, S.T.D., Mount St. Mary's Vice President and Seminary Rector

Father Robert Zylla died on Wednesday, July 29, 2009, the Memorial of St. Martha. He was a priest for 58 years.

Several services were held to celebrate Fr. Zylla's life and the many gifts he gave to the Mount community, including an Aug. 4 Mass at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception attended by more than 100 Mount alumni priests. The **Most Rev. Barry C. Knestout, S'89**, auxiliary bishop of Washington and one of Fr. Zylla's former students, was the main celebrant; the Most Rev. Daniel Cronin, archbishop emeritus of Hartford, was In Choro, and Fr. J. Daniel Mindling, academic dean, gave the homily. Mount seminarians served as pall bearers. Letters of condolences were read at Mass from former rectors the **Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, S'60**, archbishop emeritus of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, and the **Most Rev. Kevin Rhoades**, bishop of Harrisburg, as well as from Fr. Zylla's former students, the **Most Rev. William Lori, S'77**, bishop of Bridgeport, the **Most Rev. Michael Jackels, S'81**, bishop of Wichita, the **Most Rev. Paul Coakley, S'83**, bishop of Salina, the **Most Rev. Edward Burns, S'83**, bishop of Juneau, and the **Most Rev. James Conley, S'85**, auxiliary bishop of Denver.

Fr. Zylla was born on Jan. 22, 1927, in St. Cloud, Minnesota. He was one of 12 children, attended the Crosier House of Studies in Hastings, Nebraska, and was ordained a priest for the Crosier Fathers on June 1, 1951.

Fr. Zylla was sent to pursue graduate studies in Rome during the time of the Second Vatican Council. Upon his return, he was assigned to work in Crosier seminaries in Minnesota and Indiana. In 1971, the Crosiers opened a monastery in Beallsville, Md. Fr. Zylla was one of the charter members. During one fateful Easter break, he met Archbishop Harry Flynn, then rector of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, who invited him and two other Crosier priests to become members of the seminary faculty. Thus began Fr. Zylla's 38 years of highly respected work in moral theology and priestly formation at Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

In addition to his work in the Seminary, Fr. Zylla was a spiritual director for deacons and priests in many nearby dioceses, preached innumerable retreats and was very active as chaplain for Knights of Columbus Council #2323. He also held many offices in the Knights including chaplain of the Cardinal O'Boyle Assembly, associate state chaplain for Maryland, chaplain of the Bishop McNamara Chapter of Grand Knights, and associate district chaplain, Archdiocese of Washington District.

Throughout his almost four decades of devoted service to the seminary, he taught almost 1,200 seminarians, representing 83 percent of all living seminary alumni. At Fr. Zylla's 80th birthday celebration, four bishops who were once his students sent letters



of congratulations and appreciation for the wisdom and priestly influence Fr. Zylla offered them during their years at the Mount. Fr. Zylla was selected to receive the 32nd Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award, sponsored by the National Alumni Association, on Oct. 2, 2007. He also received the highest academic honor Mount St. Mary's can bestow, the Doctorate of Divinity, *honoris causa*, in May 2007.

Despite battling cancer, Fr. Zylla bravely continued teaching a full load of classes until two months before his death.

Fr. Zylla was a priest who always strived for holiness while being a consummate teacher of St. Thomas Aquinas and a wise spiritual guide and confessor. Few people in the history of Mount St. Mary's have influenced so many, so profoundly, for so long in the formation of priests. The church in the United States was richly blessed by his faithful ministry. Let us remember him in our prayers. I am sure he is already praying for us.

IN MEMORIAM: FATHER LESLIE A. BRANCH, S'71

Father Leslie A. Branch, a member of the Archdiocese of Washington and the first African-American to be ordained to the holy priesthood from Mount St. Mary's Seminary, died on June 22, 2009.

Fr. Branch came to the Mount in 1967 and was ordained in May 1971 at St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, D.C., by Patrick Cardinal O'Boyle. During his ministry in the archdiocese, he was associate pastor at several parishes, including St. Francis Xavier Church, St. John Baptist de la Salle Church and the

Shrine of St. Jude. He later served as a guidance counselor at his alma mater, Archbishop John Carroll High School.

In 1982, Fr. Branch was commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy and became the Navy's first African American chaplain. As lieutenant commander, he served on active duty until 1986 and continued to assist in naval educational and training centers until 1991.

Later in life, in spite of a spinal condition that left him a quadriplegic, Fr. Branch

courageously carried on with his pastoral duties, ministering and counseling at Archbishop Carroll High School. He also loved to travel, especially to Rome and Catholic shrines.

Fr. Branch received the Mount St. Mary's Founder's Medal in 1998 for his outstanding and dedicated service to the church, the nation and the Mount. He was buried with full military honors on Sept. 17 at Arlington National Cemetery.



FATHER BRYANT RECEIVES CARDINAL MCCLOSKEY AWARD

Father F. Michael Bryant, Ph.D., S'69, a member of the Archdiocese of Washington, has been named the recipient of the 34th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award. The award, sponsored by the National Alumni Association, is named

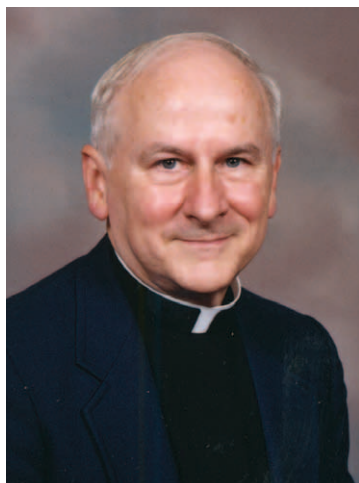
in memory of John Cardinal McCloskey, a Mount graduate and America's first cardinal. It is presented to a Mountaineer priest for distinguished and dedicated service to the mission of the church, someone who by his efforts has brought honor to his *alma mater*, Mount St. Mary's. The priest should be someone who has received little or no recognition for his selfless service.

Fr. Bryant served for 30 years as the staff chaplain at the Washington, D.C., jail. Although now retired from this position, he continues to volunteer in the jail celebrating sacraments, providing counseling and coordinating Catholic volunteers. He also ministers

at Holy Comforter Parish in Washington.

Fr. Bryant is a member and past chair of the National Convocation of Jail and Prison Ministry and the co-editor of the book *Criminal Justice: Retribution vs. Restoration*, a compilation of topics reviewing the criminal justice system. In addition, he is the founder and president of "Welcome Home," a faith-based reentry program for men and women returning from prison to communities of the District of Columbia and Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, Maryland.

The award was presented at the traditional Priest Alumni Reunion Dinner on Oct. 7.



UPCOMING EVENTS

June 21-25, 2010
Seminary Alumni Summer Retreat

Archabbott Lambert Reilly, OSB
Retreat Master

For more information on these events, contact Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations Phil McGlade, 301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu.

For news and updates, visit the seminary at www.msmary.edu/seminary.

GROTTO NEWS

La Vang Memorial Dedicated

Recently the National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes has seen a new addition in its midst. The statue of Our Lady of La Vang is certainly beautiful and comes with an inspiring background.



In 1798 under the reign of King Canh-Thinh, during a great religious persecution, thousands of Vietnamese Catholics took refuge in the deep forest of La Vang, near Quang-Tri, Central Vietnam, where they suffered hunger, sickness and bitter cold. One night, as they assembled for prayer, they were visited by an apparition of a beautiful Lady, in a long cape, holding a child and with two angels at Her side. Presenting Herself as Mary, the Mother of God, she encouraged and consoled them. As a special sign of Her loving care, She advised them to use the leaves of the surrounding trees to treat their ailments. Later, in one of

Her many apparitions, She said: "I have accepted your prayers. From now on, whoever comes here to pray to Me, I will answer and grant all of their pleas."

The La Vang Memorial was dedicated on Sept. 5, when the Grotto hosted its largest annual pilgrimage, the Vietnamese Catholic Community of the Mid-Atlantic States. This year marked their 26th gathering here at Our Lady's Grotto.

In other Grotto news:

Spiritual Refreshment

The Grotto is working with Fr. Brian Nolan, chaplain of Mount St. Mary's, to have members of the Mount Choir sing at the noon Sunday Mass. We invite you to join us for Mass—remember, those who sing, pray twice!

Can't make a trip to the Grotto? We invite you to make a spiritual visit. Our website has been revamped and is live at grottooflourdesemmitsburg.com. Visit the site and become refreshed by the holiness of Our Lady's Garden.

Right to Life Mass

This year, the anniversary date of the Roe v. Wade abortion decision will fall on Friday, January 22, 2010, the date of the Pro Life March in Washington, D.C. On their way to the march, many groups stop by the Grotto for prayer and inspiration. A Mass will be celebrated at the Grotto the morning of the march to send the participants on their way with peace and the hope that they will have the necessary impact on lawmakers regarding the right to life for every human being.

Pilgrim Center Progress

We are very excited about the new Pilgrim Center to be built at the Grotto. To date our efforts have raised \$1.3 million toward our goal of \$2.5 million for this much needed facility. We hope to reach our goal by October 2010.



A Mountain of Rosaries

The Grotto has accepted the gracious gift of more than 18,000 rosaries collected and donated by **Michael Meyer and Lou Alfery, both C'60**. The pair has been working on this noble project for more than 17 years in service to Our Lady. We distribute the donated rosaries at the Grotto to anyone who needs them.

Planned facade of the Pilgrim Center



NEW PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL LEADERSHIP

Tom Rogers, C'82, was elected last spring to serve as the new leader of the President's Council. Tom is thrilled to be serving in this leadership role. He explains that the 35-members serve as an advisory board to the president and trustees, addressing the important needs of the Mount and helping execute its strategic plan. Tom notes, "The President's Council represents a wonderful opportunity for alumni to invest in the success of this great institution by lending our time and talents in a leadership capacity. Working with fellow alumni from different decades to further the Mount's success is going to be very rewarding."

While at the Mount, Tom served as a resident assistant, earning experience for the job by rooming with 15 classmates in the Sheridan Hall attic during his freshman year. "I shared many memorable experiences with these guys and continue to maintain friendships with quite a few of them."



Rogers

Tom played varsity tennis all four years. His brother, **Teddy, C'89**, is also a Mount graduate.

Crediting a classmate for helping him find his first job in sales, Tom now works as managing director of corporate services for Grubb & Ellis Company in Washington, D.C. He resides in McLean, Virginia., with his wife, Sarah, daughter Kelly, 16, and son Tommy, 12. The entire family stays active on the local swim team, where Tom serves as the "Voice of the Stingrays." He continues to keep up tennis and plays in two different leagues.

Tom says, "The Mount was the perfect place to develop lifelong friendships and share Catholic values while obtaining a great education. I hope to ensure the Mount continues offering these same experiences to future generations."

NEW BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERS

Late last spring, Mount St. Mary's University welcomed new chair **Eugene M. Waldron Jr., C'64**, and six new members to the Board of Trustees:

Tom Rogers, C'82, also leads the President's Council (see above).

David Conaghan, C'81, is also the president of the National Alumni Association (see page 31).

Michael R. Holly, C'68, is a senior executive with more than 40 years of experience in acquisitions, finance, marketing and strategic planning. Through

MRH Enterprises, LLC, and as a managing director of The Musser Group, Holly advises companies seeking debt and equity growth capital, and management groups involving the acquisition of platform companies and execution of consolidation and growth strategies. He is a CPA and graduated from the Mount with a B.S. in economics.

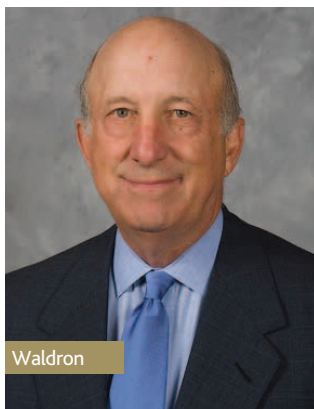
The **Reverend Vincent O'Malley**, serves as pastor at St. Joseph's Church in Emmitsburg, Maryland. He received his Honorary Doctorate of Sacred Theology from St. John's

University in New York, his M.A. in history from Niagara University in Niagara Falls, and his Master's in Theology and Master of Divinity from Mary Immaculate Seminary, Northampton, Pennsylvania.

The **Reverend Thomas J. Mullelly, C'74**, serves at the Aquinas Institute at Princeton University. He holds a B.A. in political science from the Mount, where he was director of Freshman Residential Programs, dean of students and a lecturer in the Department of Sociology from 1989-2005. Mullelly also

has an M.Div. from Immaculate Conception Seminary at the Graduate School of Theology and Pastoral Ministry of Seton Hall University; a Th.M. from Princeton Theological Seminary; and a J.D. from The James Beasley School of Law at Temple University.

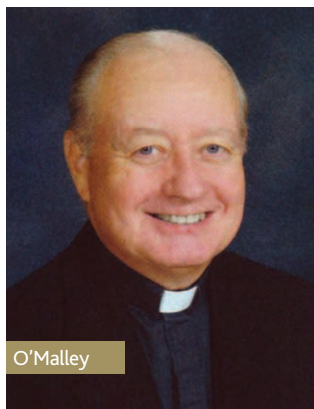
Xavier J. DeCaire, C'73, has been an insurance agent for more than 30 years with New York Life Insurance. He graduated from the Mount with a B.A. in psychology and was editor of the *Pridwin*.



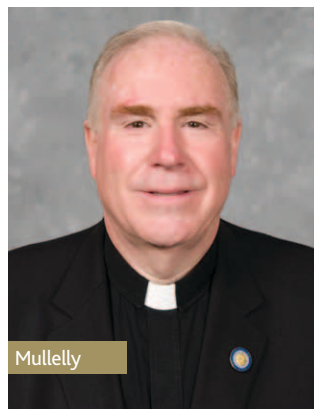
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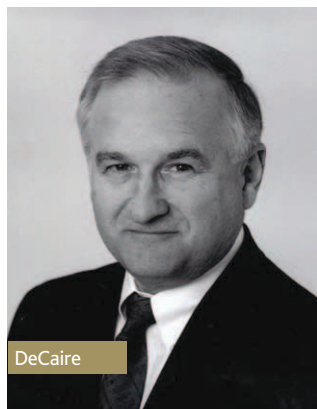
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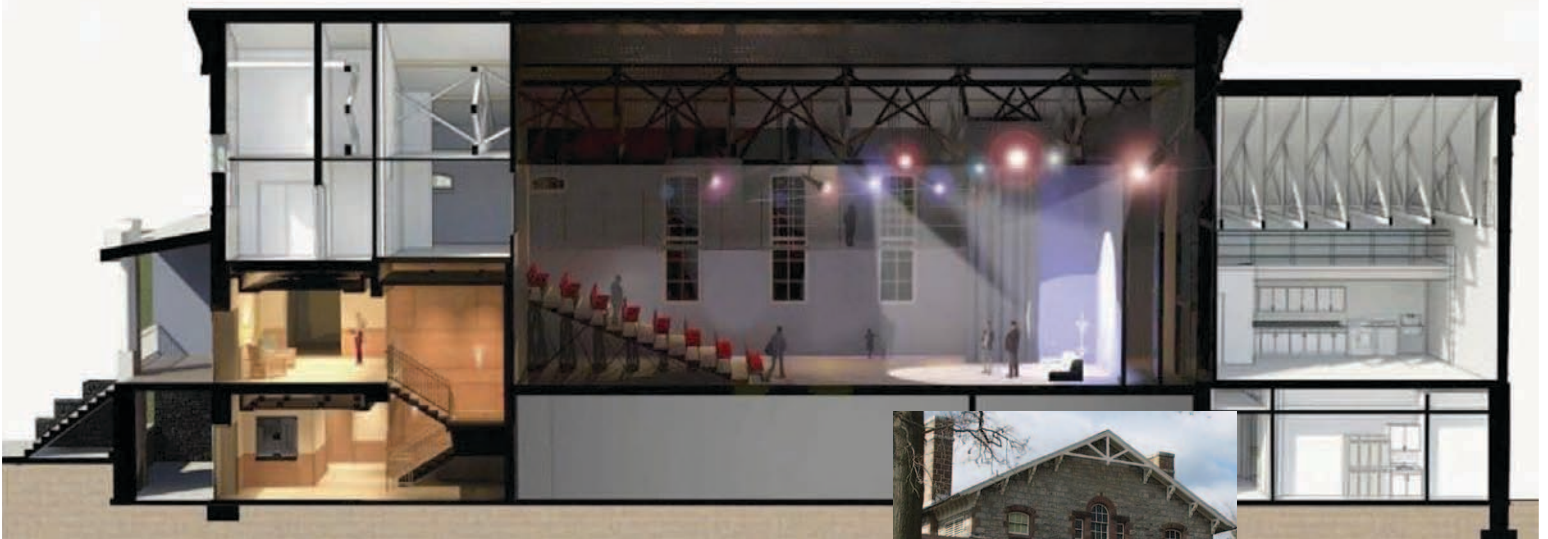
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MAKING WAY FOR THE DELAPLAINE FINE ARTS CENTER

Demolition began in earnest this summer on Flynn Hall, moving plans to build the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center further along toward the anticipated April opening date. Yes, the old underground pool has finally disappeared! Construction plans were stepped up due to the short timeframe for Maryland state grant funding.

“A major boost in funding for the project came from our longtime friends and Frederick philanthropists George and Bettie Delaplaine,” explains President Thomas H. Powell. “We are truly grateful for their love of the arts and their generosity and love for the Mount.”

Associate professor Kurt Blaugher has created a Facebook site that tracks the progress on the 1903 brownstone gymnasium’s transformation into a modern fine arts facility. “The renovation will create a flexible black box theater with a state-of-the-art sound and lighting system, a modern theater construction space, ample rehearsal space, modern dressing rooms, music teaching offices and a light and airy art gallery. The center will raise the profile of our fine arts programs and help recruit more students and artists,” says Blaugher.



The Mount is transforming a 1903 gymnasium into an innovative new center for the fine arts.

Generous donor **Kate Marshall, C’77**, an attorney and former Sock ‘N Buskin member, believes her theater experiences at the Mount prepared her for her work in the courtroom. “I’m excited about this project. Involvement in the visual and performing arts is absolutely essential to a well-rounded liberal arts education and a full college experience. My experiences in the Mount’s theater program are some of my fondest memories.”

THE MARIE AND CASWELL F. HOLLOWAY, JR. SCHOLARSHIP AND TERRACE FITNESS CENTER

Mount St. Mary’s University is proud to announce the gift of \$300,000 from **Brian, C’76**, and Patricia Holloway, of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey, in honor of Brian’s parents, Caswell F. Holloway Jr. and Marie B. Holloway of Jupiter, Florida. The contribution will establish the Holloway scholarship and provide funding for the new fitness center that will be located in McCaffrey Hall.

The **Marie and Caswell F. Holloway, Jr. Scholarship for an Entering College Freshman** will give preference to students from St. Augustine College Preparatory School in Richland, New Jersey.

“Cas Holloway sent four sons to the Mount and has been a very generous benefactor to the university through the years. His son, Brian, is following his

wonderful example in his passionate support for Catholic education and, specifically, Mount St. Mary’s University and its Seminary,” says Mount President Thomas H. Powell. Brian served on the President’s Council as an advisor to the late Mount President George Houston Jr.

A real legacy family, the Holloways have had relatives at the Mount since **Fr. James Forker**, their great uncle, graduated with the class of 1960. Since then, great uncle **Dom Forker** was in the class of 1961 along with **John Forker**, followed by **Brian and B. Scott Holloway, both C’76; Gary Holloway, C’77; Eddie Forker, C’80; Todd Holloway, C’85; Karen Boyle Donahue, C’92; Annie Boyle, C’97;** and Todd’s daughter **Noelle**, who graduated from the Mount with the class of 2009.

Patricia and Brian Holloway



THE THOMAS MERTON AWARD

Mount St. Mary's University is pleased to announce the gift of an additional \$100,000 from **Peter O'Malley, C'60**, and his wife, Janice. This new gift, together with funds totaling more than \$300,000 from the previously established Peter F. and Eleanor O'Malley Scholarship, will create The **Thomas Merton Award**, commencing with an endowed initial sum of \$418,600.

In making this gift, Peter noted, "My parents, like those of so many of my classmates, generously gave to family, friends and the community; in light of my 50th class reunion approaching in June 2010, I thought this was a great time to make the gift."

This award is intended to encourage today's youth to live their life modeled on that of Thomas Merton, a 20th-century spiritual

writer who was a Trappist monk, poet, social activist, and student of comparative religion. The Thomas Merton Award will be presented to a deserving junior(s) who is a practicing Catholic, in good standing with the church and who embraces the principles of faith in action by his or her example and makes the Mount community better.

Peter O'Malley is a member of the Mount class of 1960 and a graduate of Georgetown Law School. He has served the Mount as the first lay chairman of the University's Board of Trustees. Since his Mount graduation, he has served in leadership roles in the fields of law, business, sports, education and the community. Some highlights include president of the National Hockey League, Washington Capitals, and a member of the NHL Board of Governors and chairman

of the University of Maryland's Board of Regents.

Peter and Janice A. O'Malley have five children: Peter, Kathleen, **Susan, C'86**, Mary, and **Jennifer, C'92**.



Janice and Peter O'Malley



Back row, L to R: Ray Speciale; David Rehm; Mark Higdon, KPMG; President Thomas H. Powell; Kevin Hall, KPMG; Jack Reagan, KPMG; and William Forgang.
Front row, L to R: Samantha Sachs; Dottie Mooney, widow of Bill Mooney; Pamela Zusi; and Irene Powell.

THE KPMG/WILLIAM J. MOONEY, JR., ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

The Mount lost a beloved alumnus last year when **Bill Mooney, C'70**, passed away suddenly from a heart attack. Bill was a partner with KPMG. After his death, the audit and tax services firm set out to honor Bill's memory with a special scholarship in his name. President Powell was privileged to accept a check in the amount of \$175,000 from KPMG last spring for this scholarship. What a wonderful way to honor the memory of one of our best!

HELP TERRACE RENOVATIONS CONTINUE!

"We're counting on our alumni to help us support the Terrace," notes Campaign Co-Chair **Jack Bransfield, C'63**. "This project had to be started immediately for safety, energy conservation and student recruiting. We couldn't wait to raise the money first."

"What we really need to do now is pay for this. Dr. Powell sent out a tremendous letter this past spring that has raised more than \$440,000, bringing total funds and pledges to \$1.1 million since March. But we have a long way to go to reach the \$7 million more we need by August 2010 to continue this project."

Several naming gift opportunities are available to help meet the project goal of \$7 million by August 2010. For more information about the Terrace Renovations Campaign or to make a gift, visit www.msmary.edu/terrace or contact Campaign Director Deborah Powell at 301-447-6872.



THE MOUNT

2009-10 BASKETBALL SCHEDULE



Men's

Women's

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
Nov. 14	Sat.	at Oklahoma	TBA
Nov. 18	Wed.	at American	7:30 p.m.
NOV. 21	SAT.	LOYOLA	2 P.M.
NOV. 25	WED.	NIAGARA	7 P.M.
Nov. 28	Sat.	at Navy	7 p.m.
Nov. 30	Mon.	at Georgetown	7:30 p.m.
Dec. 3	Thu.	at Robert Morris*	7 p.m.
Dec. 5	Sat.	at Saint Francis (Pa.)*	7 p.m.
Dec. 8	Tue.	at Old Dominion	7 p.m.
Dec. 19	Sat.	at Pittsburgh	TBA
Dec. 22	Tue.	at Boston University	7 p.m.
DEC. 30	WED.	VERMONT	7 P.M.
Jan. 2	Sat.	at Siena	7 p.m.
Jan. 7	Thu.	at Quinnipiac*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 9	Sat.	at Sacred Heart*	3:30 p.m.
JAN. 14	THU.	ST. FRANCIS (N.Y.)*	7:30 P.M.
JAN. 16	SAT.	LONG ISLAND*	2 P.M.
Jan. 21	Thu.	at St. Francis (N.Y.)*	7:30 p.m.
Jan. 23	Sat.	at Long Island*	4:30 p.m.
JAN. 28	THU.	SACRED HEART*	7:30 P.M.
JAN. 30	SAT.	QUINNIPIAC (HOMECOMING)*	7 P.M.
FEB. 4	THU.	WAGNER*	7:30 P.M.
Feb. 6	Sat.	at Wagner*	7 p.m.
Feb. 11	Thu.	at Monmouth*	7:30 p.m.
Feb. 13	Sat.	at Fairleigh Dickinson*	7:30 p.m.
FEB. 18	THU.	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE*	7 P.M.
FEB. 20	SAT.	BRYANT*	7 P.M.
FEB. 25	THU.	SAINT FRANCIS (PA.)*	7:30 P.M.
FEB. 27	SAT.	ROBERT MORRIS*	4 P.M.

DATE	DAY	OPPONENT	TIME
NOV. 13	SAT.	CANISIUS	3 P.M.
Nov. 18	Wed.	at Duquesne	7 p.m.
Nov. 21	Sat.	at Radford	7 p.m.
NOV. 24	TUE.	COLGATE	7 P.M.
NOV. 28	SAT.	LOYOLA	3 P.M.
Nov. 30	Mon.	at Lafayette	6 p.m.
Dec. 3	Thu.	at Fairfield	6 p.m.
Dec. 6	Sun.	at Saint Francis (Pa.)*	2 p.m.
Dec. 9	Wed.	at Virginia Tech	5 p.m.
Dec. 20	Sun.	at George Washington	2 p.m.
Dec. 29	Tue.	at Penn	7 p.m.
Dec. 31	Thu.	at Pittsburgh	1 p.m.
Jan. 3	Sun.	at Robert Morris*	5 p.m.
Jan. 7	Thu.	at Quinnipiac*	5 p.m.
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FEB. 20	SAT.	BRYANT (THINK PINK)*	3 P.M.
FEB. 25	THU.	SAINT FRANCIS (PA.)	5 P.M.
FEB. 27	SAT.	ROBERT MORRIS*	1 P.M.

BOLD PRINT = Home Contest * Northeast Conference game

Schedule as of 10/29/09. All dates and times are subject to change. Visit www.mountathletics.com for the latest updates and to purchase tickets.

SAVE THE DATE!
WINTER HOMECOMING IS JAN. 30!
 FOR DETAILS VISIT WWW.MSMARY.EDU/ALUMNI.

WORLD CUP MEDALIST JOINS MOUNT AS WOMEN'S LACROSSE COACH

In November, the Mount announced the hiring of Sonia LaMonica as the women's lacrosse head coach.

University President Thomas H. Powell said, "This hire is another big step towards making lacrosse one of the premier sports here at the Mount. Coach LaMonica has the pedigree as both a world-class player and a nationally respected coach to be able to elevate our women's lacrosse program to new heights."

LaMonica comes to the Mount after a two-year stint as an assistant coach at Towson, where she helped the Tigers to a 26-12 record, two Colonial Athletic Association championships and two NCAA Division I Tournament appearances.

Prior to her time at Towson, LaMonica was an assistant coach at Denver for the 2006

season. She helped the Pioneers to a then program-best 15-5 record.

A 2003 graduate of the University of Maryland, LaMonica was a three-year starter for the Terrapins. She earned first team All-America honors and was a candidate for the Tewaaraton Trophy as a senior after leading Maryland to the Atlantic Coast Conference championship. LaMonica won three ACC titles during her career and helped Maryland win the NCAA championship during the 2000 and 2001 seasons. She finished her college career with 111 goals, including 49 during her senior year when she served as a team captain.

A native of Darlington, South Australia, LaMonica led the Australian National Team to a gold medal at the 2005 World Cup Championships and a silver medal at the 2009 Championships. She was named to the 2005 IFWLA All-World team, named the U21 South Australian Sportswoman of the Year and was a two-time member

of the South Australian A-Grade All-Star team.

The former Sonia Judd, she is married to former Maryland lacrosse player Mike LaMonica. The couple resides in Parkton, Maryland.

"I am thrilled and honored to join the Mount St. Mary's family," said LaMonica. "I look forward to taking this next step in my coaching career, and am determined to raise the women's lacrosse program to national prestige."

LaMonica inherits a team that finished 6-11 overall and 6-2 in Northeast Conference play in 2009. The squad advanced to its seventh-straight NEC Tournament and lost to second-seed Quinnipiac 11-9 in the NEC semifinals.



Sonia LaMonica



MEN'S BASKETBALL ON THE MOVE

Head coach Milan Brown's 2009-10 Mountaineers hope to expand on recent success to maintain the team's spot as one of the top in the Northeast Conference.

Over the past two seasons, the Mount has appeared in back-to-back NEC championship games, winning the title in 2008; has made consecutive postseason appearances (NCAA in 2008 and CollegeInsider.com in 2009); and has won 38 games, matching the best two-year period in the Division I era at the school.

The team appeared on television 19 times in the past two seasons. Combined with an aggressive nonconference schedule, the Mount has had plenty of chances to show how far the program has progressed.

The team went into this season as CBS Sports' pick for NEC champions. Mount point guard Jeremy Goode was the preseason pick as NEC Player of the Year.

Jeremy Goode



Class of 1944



Class of 1949



Class of 1954



Class of 1959





Class of 1964



Class of 1969



Class of 1974



Class of 1979



Class of 1984



Class of 1989



Mount Couples



Class of 1994

Reunion 2009
FACTS:



Class of 1999



Back Every Year Club



Legacy Families



Class of 2004

Highest attendance percentage:

Class of 1994 with 40%.

Largest number of attendees:

tie - Class of 1984 and Class of 1994, both with 80 registered alumni.

People traveled from as far as Oregon and Washington state, and as close as Emmitsburg.

Alumni attendees were as old as 87 and as young as 22, with future Mounties at 6 months.

Right: On June 5, 2009, Mrs. Irene Powell was presented with an honorary membership in the NAA by former NAA president **Pat Goles, C'64**.

Since her arrival on campus six years ago, Irene has brought countless members of the Mount family together for conversation and fellowship—alumni, parents, faculty, staff, students, members of the local community, St. Joe's alumnae, and friends of the Mount. Irene has re-energized the Community Social Club with biannual dinners at the President's house to encourage greater communication between the local community and the Mount. Under Irene's leadership, the Mount Family Association engages Mount parents and families as active participants in the Mount's mission.



Left: 2009 Bruté Medal recipients with past recipients. (L-R) **Admiral Thomas Brown, C'54; Bob Horan, C'54; Dan Curtin, C'64;** 2009 recipient **John Baer, C'69;** 2009 recipient **Tom Finan, C'64; John Bailey, C'59;** Bill Meredith.

Right: **Deacon Pat Goles, C'64**, greets alumni after the 2009 Reunion Weekend Mass where the new officers of the National Alumni Association were inducted. This Mass marked the end of Pat's six year term as President of the NAA. Many thanks to Pat for his dedication and service to the Mount—he will be missed!



A CHANGING OF THE GUARD



National Alumni Association President David Conaghan, C'81, former President's Council member and current Board of Trustees member

2009–11 NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the newly elected NAA officers and council members!

OFFICERS

David Conaghan, C'81 *
President
Ellen Callahan, C'81 *
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Tom Cahill, C'87 *
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Parliamentarian
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Secretary

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Donald P. Quinn Jr., C'61 *
Jennifer Hughes Tully, C'00 **
Rob Weed, C'93 *

*Term ends in 2011

**Term ends in 2013

New NAA President **David Conaghan, C'81**, has worked through the summer with the NAA's executive board and President Powell, Vice President of Advancement John Butler and Alumni Director Maureen Plant. One of the most important goals of the board is to continue the good work of former president **Pat Goles, C'64**, in reviewing and revising the NAA strategic plan so it closely aligns with the university's mission and goals.

To My Fellow Mounties,

I am very excited about the composition of our new leadership team, who bring years of service and experience to help guide our work. I am proud to work with such an outstanding group of volunteers on new initiatives and services.

Everyone is excited about this academic year as we welcome the largest freshman class ever!! I will be reaching out to our Student Government leaders to promote service to the Mount and our alumni association for this year and beyond. I hope you will join us as a volunteer in chapter or national alumni events or serve on one of our alumni committees.

One of the goals over the next two years is to revitalize our existing chapter system. This summer, I, along with **Pat McGinn, C'98**, began the task of updating our Chapter Handbook to set goals, standards and procedures. Many thanks to Pat for his leadership in moving forward with this important task.

I would also like to thank Pat Goles for his service to the NAA and the Mount. His will be a very difficult act to follow, but I promise to work tirelessly to emulate his devotion, hard work and love of our *alma mater*.

I look forward to seeing you in your home chapter, or at national alumni events throughout the year as we celebrate and serve our beloved school!

To the Mount!

David Conaghan, C'81, President

Mount St. Mary's University
National Alumni Association

1940

- Edward T. Burns
etburns2@netzero.net
- Paul B. Rhoads Jr.

1943

- Harry St. A. O'Neill
hsoneill@comcast.net

1947

- Paul E. Peksa Sr.
p_peksa@yahoo.com
- Neil White
pnwhite@windstream.net

1948

- Phil Hurray
philhurray@aol.com

1949

- John W. Burkhard
- Thomas B. Grasberger
tgrasberger@verizon.net
- Robert J. Landy
- James P. Stanton
d0ct0r@sbcglobal.net

1950

- Edwin C. Gibbons Jr.
- Bernie Jacobs
brj4822@gmail.com
- Steve Sweeney

1951

Bill Heeke, C'51, is proud to write that he has 18 grandchildren and lives in Deltaville, Virginia. He and his wife, Mary, live on a great freshwater pond that is a "little slice of heaven."

1952

- Monsignor Gerard Green
msgrgreen@hotmail.com
- Robert J. Keene
bobemma1@verizon.net
- William Neville O'Grady
- John F. O'Neill

1954

- Leo E. Green
leogreen.senatepast@comcast.net

1955

- Jack McMullen
jack.mcmullen.gmpg@atlanticbb.net

1957

- John D. Graham
jgraham@cfg.nef.com
- Jim Quinn
1jamesquinn@hotmail.com

1959

- John Bailey
ironside66@verizon.net
- Dr. James Ganley
drganley@comcast.net

1960

- Mike Meyer
- Matt McHugh
- Jim Courtney

Fred Czarra, C'60, an international education consultant and adjunct professor of world geography and world history at St. Mary's College of Maryland, is the author of seven books. His most recent publication, *Spices*, a general history of spices from ancient history to present day, was published in April 2009.

1961

- John Neil Fink
luckylou@bcpl.net
- Karl Miller
kmiller195@aol.com
- Donald P. Quinn
donquinn@juno.com
- Charles J. Shimkus
C_Shimkus@sbcglobal.net



② DeCaire C'73

1962

- Louis T. Armelin
larmelin@chesapeake.net
- Michael L. McCarthy
mike.mccarthy@nmfn.com
- Dennis G. Potter
dgpelp@rcn.com
- William Zimmerman
bill@thetidewatergroup.com

1963

- Dennis Doyle
ddennisdoyle@comcast.net
- Joseph E. Farrell
sailaction@peconic.net
- Col. "Jack" Lauer
jlauer1342@aol.com

① **David Clautice, C'63**,

enjoyed a Class of '63 Florida Mini-Reunion. Forty-six years ago, these classmates would have been found lingering at the Palms Restaurant. On Feb. 18, in palms country, the camaraderie took place at the Linger Lodge.

1964

- John Hogan
- Ron Krilla
- Dan Curtin
- George Gelles
- Pat Goles

1965

- J. Michael Fitzgerald
mfitzgerald@hardhatlaw.com
- Nicholas G. Otzel
ngo1@psu.edu
- John McKee
- Dennis Molloy

1966

- John Kaheny
jmkaheny@cox.net
- John F. Toale
john.toale@sungard.com

1967

- Dr. Edward A. Dolan
emountie67@aol.com

1968

- John J. Gallagher
jjgall222@aol.com
- Thomas Wertzyn
wertzyn@comcast.net

1969

Doug Tschiffely, C'69, was recognized by Maryland's Veterans of Foreign Wars, which awarded him the group's top prize: the High School Citizenship Education Teacher Award for this school year. Tschiffely also placed sixth in the nation among high school teachers.

Dr. Allen Zieker, C'69,

recently traveled to Ecuador with Surgical Eye Expeditions International, where he and his colleagues performed approximately 90 cataract surgeries in a week. Dr. Zieker is a well-respected cataract surgeon in the Albany, New York, area. He is the medical director of Albany Regional Eye Surgery Center and serves on the Seton Foundation Board of Trustees.

1970

- James F. Clarke
jmclarke@aol.com
- Joseph J. Dougherty
- Phil McGlade
- Tom Wilson
- Ted Shearer
- Bill "Mace" Hunt

1971

- Robert K. Dunn
bob.dunn@prosperitymortgage.com

① Clautice C'63



- Jack Ellis
jellis@warwick.net
- George J. Savastano Jr.
lgsgjs@aol.com
- John V. Sherwin
Sherwin@msmary.edu

1972

- Carl Harbaugh
charbaugh1@adelphia.net
- Frank G. Lidinsky
Flidinsky@Flidinsky.com

Ed Adams, Ph.D., C'72,

is studying snow “from the inside out” at a “Cold Lab” at Montana State University. Ed’s research uses the cold lab technology to replicate and control the uncontrollable field conditions of mountains in winter. His goal is to be better able to predict an avalanche.

Very Rev. Robert Geis,

C'72, recently published a book titled “*On the Existence of God,*” University Press of America; his most serious undertaking in Philosophy to date.

1973

- Timothy L. O’Shea
toshea@catamaranmedia.com
- Mark J. Swetley
mswetley@hotmail.com

② **Xavi DeCaire, C’73** and his classmates Bob MacLean, Tom McKeever, Dave McCullin, Kevin Kelly, and Mark Swetley have remained close friends after 36 years! They recently enjoyed a fly fishing trip in Canada together.

1974

- John L. Jaffee
MSMClass74@yahoo.com

1975

- Michael P. Connolly
mpc7@dcx.com
- Keith W. Heagey
kheagey@reliable-churchill.com
- Romas Laskauskas
rlaskauskas@comcast.net
- George Randall
Choco1953@yahoo.com
- Martha Kenney

ALUMNI CAREER SERVICES

Even though we have seen some improvement in the economy, both the Career Center and the Alumni Office are continuing to see numerous alumni seeking help with both counseling and transitioning. Here are some of the ways the Mount is helping:

CAREER COUNSELING

The Mount has partnered with ReadyMinds Counseling to provide distance career counseling to alumni until at least January 2010. More than 100 Mounties have consulted the nationally certified counselors, who provide confidential phone and email assistance



with transitions, job loss, career assessments and development.

Simply fill out an online intake form, and the counselors can then help clarify goals and provide necessary resources. For more information go to www.msmary.edu/career and click on “ReadyMinds Counseling.”

If the service proves beneficial to a significant number of alumni and funding is secured, the Mount will continue the program. We’ve received a number of emails thanking us for making it available.

Says ReadyMinds CEO Randy M. Miller, “We are very proud of the quality of the service we have been able to provide to the Mount. It is extremely important to all of us at ReadyMinds that the alumni who enroll in our program are truly finding it helpful.”

THE CAREER CENTER

The Career Center provides additional counseling, job search techniques, résumé writing support and resources to transition into a new position. Go to: www.msmary.edu/career and click on “Alumni.”

“Kudos for an excellent initiative.”

– Bill Farrand, C’57,
Retired U.S. Ambassador

“My contact, Karen, really helped me find the right career path that will be rewarding both ethically and financially. I had struggled with figuring this out for a number of years and have truly appreciated the guidance she has given me.”

– Alumni participant

NETWORKING...NETWORKING... NETWORKING

In addition to counseling services, the Career Center and Alumni Office are also working to keep alumni connected to the Mount and to each other.

LINKEDIN

This business-oriented social networking website is mainly used for professional networking. More than 5,800 Mount alumni are registered on LinkedIn. Are you one of them?



To join the official Mount St. Mary’s University Alumni group on Linked In, follow these easy steps:

1. Visit www.linkedin.com and follow the instructions to join.
2. Search groups for Mount St. Mary’s University Alumni

It’s that easy! By joining you will be connected to Mount alumni who are already part of this networking group.

MOUNT ONLINE COMMUNITY

Our online community offers access to alumni activities, event registration and the Mount Online Directory! The directory is password protected and available to all graduates of the Mount. Through the online directory, you can update your contact information and connect with fellow alumni: www.msmary.edu/mountonline.

“This is wonderful; great work. Thank you!”

– Kate Sherman, C’01, MBA’07

1976

- Jack J. Causa
jackj.causa@wfgadviser.com
- Frederick S. Horn
horn2@frontiernet.net
- Richard Patrick Kidwell
kidwellrp@upmc.edu

James B. Shea, C'76, recently published the novel *Presidential*, which has been nominated for a Pulitzer



Mary Schlesinger (L) and Ellen Castellano, C'83

MOUNTIES WORK TO COMBAT ADHD

Two Mount graduates, **Mary Schlesinger** and **Ellen (Garrott) Castellano**, both C'83, are working to help combat Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) using neuromotor technology. Both were independently certified to provide instruction in a computer-based tool that helps develop new neural connections.

Ellen has a vested interest; some of her children were diagnosed with the behavioral disorder. She now works with adults and children in Montgomery County, Md.

Mary became interested in ADHD as well as the opposite spectrum—using the technology to work with patients diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. The tool has been found to be useful in stroke and brain injury patients around the world.

Ellen credits the non-medical approach to ADHD with helping her children achieve their academic goals. Her first set of twins started college last year, and this year her second set of twins began their college life here at the Mount.

Mary is based in Fairfax, Virginia, and Ellen in Montgomery Village, Maryland—two former Mount roommates sharing friendship and professional techniques!

You can contact Mary through the website www.Timing4Life.com and Ellen at www.EllenCastellano.com.

Prize! *Presidential* is the story of a President of the United States who is suffering the onset of Alzheimer's disease. This is James' fourth published book; he lives in Hazlet, New Jersey, and is employed with Bayshore Healthcare Services as a supervisor at Bayshore Community Hospital in Holmdel, New Jersey.

1977

- Maryann Solak
msolak@cox.net

1978

- Robert G. Baker
rgbaker@smartronix.com
- Robert A. Herb
rob@termship.com

The Hon. Therese Hardiman, C'78, was recently appointed assistant regional chief judge, serving as special assistant to the regional chief judge. In addition to the duties of her office, Chief Justice Hardiman assists in training new judges throughout the country.

1979

- Dave Cohill
cohill@msmary.edu
- Marianne T. Mulligan
marianne.mulligan@riversidenb.com
- Kenneth E. Pringle
kpringle@pringle_quinn.com

1980

- Liz (Kiesel) Beatty
e.beatty2@verizon.net
- Timothy C. Dec
dect@comcast.net
- Charles J. Haberkorn
chaberko@khouse.com
- Nancy (Philon) Scharff
lounan4@cs.com
- Judy (Mazzeo) Zocchi
jmzocchi@dingles.com
- Elaine Holland
- Maureen Cashen Dolan
- Phil Dolan

Mary Jo (Ricker), C'80, and **Alex, C'79**, **Bradley** report that their son **Brooks** is attending the Mount and following in his father's footsteps on the Mount's

lacrosse team. Brooks is the first legacy player in men's lacrosse.

1981

- Patricia (Parrish) Bay
pamperedchefpbay@aol.com
- Ellen M. Callahan
ecallahan@atsystemsinc.com
- David Conaghan
david.conaghan@us.cibc.com
- Thomas P. Whelan
twhelan@ryancom.com

1982

- Michael Berens
mpberens@comcast.net
- Michael J. Neuman
michael.neuman@kennedykrieger.org

1983

- Thea (Ackerman) Carey
wstakajl@verizon.net
- Joanne (Weed) McShalley
francis.mcshalley@verizon.net
- Mark Panetta
mpanetta@mindspring.com

1984

- John J. Ford
jjf1putt@epix.net

1985

- Thomas R. Arrowsmith
Tmarrow88@msn.com
- Mary Free Kruff
Mary.Kruff@rsmi.com
- Peggy Nolan Tripp

Kathleen Kirwan, C'85, has begun a second career by becoming certified as a special education and elementary education teacher in Pennsylvania.

1986

- John Singleton

1987

- Timothy J. Buck
timjbuck@roadrunner.com
- Thomas F. Cahill
thomas_cahill@ml.com
- V. Kelly Mulholland
vkmullholland@comcast.net

Glen Watkins, C'87, has been promoted from marketing representative to assistant vice president at the Cumberland Insurance Group. Glen has been with Cumberland Insurance for nine years and currently serves as a liaison

between the company and its independent agency partners.

1988

- Patricia (Crimmins) Kunzman
patrikunzman@msn.com
- Kathleen (Gill) McDermott
kmcdermott@windwardcg.com

1989

- Thomas B. Berenato
tberenato@gmail.com
- Mark Damato
markmounthoya@yahoo.com
- Julie (Wright) Hyland
Julie.hyland@verizon.net
- Monsignor Robert J. Jaskot
rjaskot@archbalt.org
- Linda Kelley (Winkler) Junker
lkj1807@comcast.net
- Lorraine (Leo) Knepple
knepples@comcast.net
- Patrick Nield
Patrick.nield@us.army.mil

1990

- The Rev. Rick Hilgartner
rhilgartner@uscgb.org
- Karen M. Imbach
kmi0725@aol.com
- Karen Manto-Corrao
kar4113@yahoo.com
- ▶ Kelly McLaughlin Catania

1991

- David Cassese
dcassese1@juno.com
- John Bransfield
jbransfield@advantagetitle.com

1992

- Charles "Chuck" Schley
pealestaircase@bellsouth.net

1993

Shay V. Coates, C'93, was recently promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and has been selected as the next battalion commander of the 6th Transportation Battalion



③ Dunn C'95

at Fort Eustis, Virginia. He will assume command in the summer of 2010. He currently serves as the executive officer to the training and doctrine command deputy commanding general at Fort Monroe, Virginia. Shay and his family reside in Williamsburg, Virginia., after four years in Germany.

1994

- Bridget (Daul) Kelly
bak_520@yahoo.com
- Colin P. Ward
colinwardo@gmail.com

1995

- Stella (Cinoa) Barry
stellabarry@comcast.net
- Adam Burch
burchaf@comcast.net
- Patrick D. Dolan
Pdolan6@nc.rr.com
- Deborah (Stocker) Giles
debbiegiles@comcast.net
- ▶ Meg Gleeson Taft

Heather DeWees, C'95, has been named the head varsity girls' basketball coach at Manchester Valley High School in Manchester, Maryland. The school opened in fall 2009. She is excited to be coaching at a brand new school, and is ready to build a new girls' basketball program.

③ **Jennifer (Firlie) Dunn, C'95**, and her husband, Col. Brian Dunn, United States Army, said goodbye to their family and friends in the United States in June and moved to Osan, South Korea. Jennifer's husband has been assigned to serve as the commander of the United States Army 35th Air and Missile Defense Brigade, working directly with the Republic of Korea. Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom to sons Thomas Joseph (Dec. 14, 2006) and Connor Patrick (Dec. 3, 2008). She volunteers her time helping the families of the brigade who have moved

④ McDonald C'97



from the U.S. to Korea. She also plans fundraisers and family-oriented initiatives in support of the Army families. The Dunns will be stationed in Korea until 2011.

1996

- Jennifer (O'Dea) Sprungle
odeaje@yahoo.com

1997

- Sarah (Moncada) Brion
sbrion@unm.edu

④ **Jack and Kristen (O'Driscoll) McDonald, both C'97**, live in North Wales, Pennsylvania, with their three children. Kelly Ann joined big brothers Jack (4) and Billy (3) on Nov. 8, 2007.

1998

- Alice (Wylie) Baumer
aew516@yahoo.com
- Harry C. Benjamin
benjamin_H@bls.gov
- Bradley M. Boyd
bradster1975@aol.com
- William J. Frank
ltmethnk@comcast.net
- Greg K. Kirby
gregkirby98@yahoo.com
- Mike T. Kirby
michaeltkirby2@yahoo.com
- Patrick M. McGinn
patmcginn98@aol.com

Kathleen Hennessy Nagle, C'98, teaches third grade at Deep Run Elementary School in Elkridge, Maryland. She is currently working on her second master's degree at UMBC in mathematical

leadership. She lives in Ellicott City, Maryland.

1999

- Angela P. (Pauken) Fatula
shooters00@msn.com
- Cynthia (Kratz) Lauta
cikratz@hotmail.com

Sarah McGinley Turner, C'99, is currently one of the team physicians at Virginia Tech and is on the clinical faculty at the Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine in Blacksburg, Virginia.

2000

- Laura (Portier) LaLumiere
laura.portier@gmail.com
- Stephanie (Jodrie) Travis
stephjodrie@hotmail.com
- ▶ Stephanie Lopez Anderson
- ▶ Anne Stocker Kallis

2001

- Peter B. Mannix
Mannix614@aol.com
- Anthony Solazzo
anthonyisolazzo@hotmail.com

Margaret Carey, C'01, was recently hired as the Fordham University assistant women's basketball coach. Margaret served as recruiting coordinator at the Mount during the 2008-09 season; while at the Mount, she helped the Lady Mountaineers continue their string of 20 straight NEC Tournament appearances and their best season record since the 2000-01 season.

Albert Cea, C'01, lives in Caracas, Venezuela, with his family, where Albert has been a Foreign Service officer at the U.S. Embassy, Caracas, since February 2009.

Andrew Veveiros, C'01, recently received an M.A. from Johns Hopkins University in government. He is a Foreign Service officer for the United States Department of State. He and his wife, **Julie (Ronsani), C'01**, and their three children, Lusiana, Alessandra and Xavier, will be living and working in Montevideo, Uruguay, for the next two years.

2002

● Lizette Chacon
lizard11080@gmail.com

⑤ **Stephanie (Sease) Davidson, C'02**, is living in Guam, where her husband, Edward Davidson, is a nuclear electrician in the United States Navy. They have two children: Kaylib Christopher and Jordyn Alexis. Stephanie graduated from the Mount with a degree in political science and is now attending the University of Guam to obtain her second bachelor's in nursing.

2003

● Nick Meekins
Nick.meekins@ssa.gov



⑤ Davidson C'02

Tammy (DeBee) Donoway, C'03, is a doctor and a captain in the U.S. Army. She is married to Rob Donoway, and they have a beautiful daughter, Madison, who was born on Nov. 17, 2007.

2004

● Robert L. Posey
RPOSEY@email.msmary.edu
● Martin L. Valerio
mvmsm04@msn.com

2005

● Justin McMahon
mcmahonj@email.msmary.edu
● Ryan M. Coleman
coleman@thenextforce.com
● Meghan (Kelly) Beno
Meghan.k@msmary.edu
● Erin Braden
ebradin@msmary.edu
● Rachel Lawruk
rlawruk@msmary.edu
● Erin (Connolly) Protany
eprotani@yahoo.com
● Andrew Diffenderfer
dandrew@msmary.edu
● Jennifer (Martin) Diffenderfer
jmdiffenderfer@comast.net
● Maria Burke
Maria.l.burke@gmail.com
● Dale Rader Phillips

⑥ **Blake Evans, C'05, S'10**, was ordained a deacon (transitional) for the Archdiocese of Washington, D.C., June 13, 2009, by Archbishop of Washington Donald Wuerl, STD, at the Cathedral of St. Matthew. Evans will continue studying at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, with slated ordination to the priesthood for June 2010 following his graduation in May. He currently serves as a deacon and teacher at St. John Neumann parish in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

2006

● Alba Alvarez
alba_alvarez@email.msmary.edu
● Kathleen Coleman
kathleen.r.coleman@gmail.com
● Bradley Duggan
bjduggan@gmail.com



⑥ Evans C'05, S'10

2007

● Justina Dillon
jmdillon@email.msmary.edu

2008

● Crysten McKenzie
cnmckenzie@email.msmary.edu
● Ryan Audy
raudy@gilbaneco.com

2009

● Emma Dusenbery
ecdusenbery@email.msmary.edu
● Sara Garbarini
sebarbarini@email.msmary.edu
● Rachel Crawford
rlcrawford@email.msmary.edu
● Andy Wassmann

MOUNT LAWYER ALUMS: WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP OUR PRE-LAW STUDENTS?

As an alumnus and the new director of the Mount's Pre-Law Program, I'm excited about the possibilities of linking students to the real-world experience attorneys can provide. If you are willing to share your valuable insight and perspective, let me know. Tell us about your success: What kind of law do you practice, and where? What year did you graduate from the Mount? Are you willing to mentor interested pre-law students? The stories of your success can prove to be great inspiration for our next generation of legal experts!

Thank you!

Ed Egan, JD, C'77
Director, Pre-Law Program
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See p.3 for more on the Mount's expanded pre-law efforts.



IN MEMORIAM

From Feb. 27 – Oct. 31, 2009

1930s

The Rev. Thomas Berry, C.P., P'33
June 1, 2009

Mr. Walter Willson O'Connell, C'33
March 5, 2009

Mr. Frank A. O'Brien, Jr., C'35
Oct. 30, 2009

Mr. J. J. Haggerty, Jr., C'38
March 25, 2009

1940s

The Rev. Thomas F. Guyder, S'40
April 25, 2009

Dr. Frank A. Belmont, C'42
March 24, 2009

Mr. Paul J. Blasco, C'43
Aug. 1, 2009

Mr. Thomas J. Holton, C'43
Aug. 23, 2009

Rev. Msgr. Richard J. Walsh, S'44
Aug. 15, 2009

1950s

Mr. Richard J. Flanigan, C'50
Sept. 11, 2009

Mr. Leo A. Schneider, Jr., C'50
May 24, 2009

Mr. William Joseph Andrews, Jr., C'52
July 25, 2009

Mr. John J. Denman, Jr., C'52
March 21, 2009

Dr. Robert J. Keene, C'52
July 29, 2009

Mr. Robert C. Leonard, C'52
July 28, 2009

Mr. John Edward Murphy, C'52
Sept. 3, 2009

Rev. Thomas S. Schaefer, S'53
July 22, 2009

Mr. Charles J. O'Donnell, C'56
March 27, 2009

Mr. Irvin P. Hargrave, C'57
Aug. 2, 2009

Mr. Gerald P. Flannery, C'59
Sept. 20, 2009

1960s

Mr. Francis X. Dealy, Jr., C'60
Aug. 10, 2009

Rev. Donald B. Gothing, C'60
Oct. 19, 2009

Mr. Peter John Gallagher, C'61
Aug. 10, 2009

Dr. Thomas E. Gilbert, C'61
April 18, 2009

Mr. John Terrence Carney, C'63
Sept. 22, 2009

Mr. Joseph F. Talian, C'66
May 17, 2009

Mr. Charles T. Newcomb, C'68
May 14, 2009

Mr. William A. Foxen, Jr., C'69
May 23, 2009

Mr. Thomas O'Brien Oyler, Jr., C'69
April 6, 2009

1970s

Mr. P. Kenneth Dell, Jr., C'70
May 25, 2009

Rev. Leslie A. Branch, S'71
June 22, 2009

Mr. Russell L. Fisher, Jr., C'72
March 22, 2009

Mr. Thomas H. Gannon, Jr., C'72
Sept. 28, 2009

Mr. Alan T. Hahn, C'72
Oct. 14, 2009

Dr. Thomas J. Sanzaro, C'73
Sept. 10, 2009

Mr. Michael P. Giza, C'79
June 18, 2009

Mr. Edmond J. Golden, Jr., C'79
June 20, 2009

1980s

Mr. Robert Karel Peksa, C'80
Sept. 2, 2009

Mrs. Theresa Barnhart Luciano, C'84
July 16, 2009

1990s

Ms. Carolyn A. Cooney, C'91
March 7, 2009

2000s

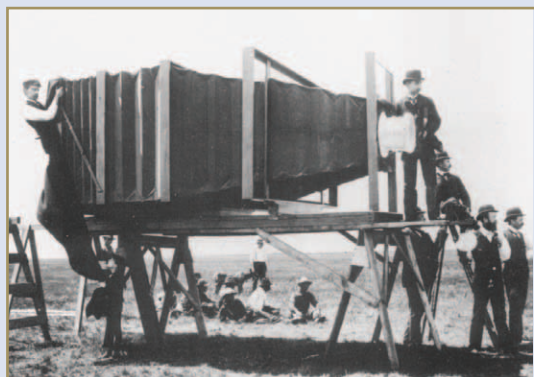
Ms. Elizabeth S. DiNunzio, C'09
April 28, 2009

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May they rest in
peace, Amen. May their souls and
all the faithful departed through
the mercy of God rest in peace.*

The Mount's web site now features an In Memoriam page that is updated monthly and includes a listing of deceased alumni. Visit www.msmary.edu/alumni and click on "In Memoriam."

PHOTO GUIDELINES

To submit an announcement or photo to Mount Magazine and Class Notes online, please e-mail alumni@msmary.edu.



Division of Photographic History, National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution

When sending photos digitally via e-mail for possible inclusion in Mount Magazine and Class Notes online, please follow these guidelines:

Digital photos and scanned prints should be AT LEAST 3x4 at 300 dpi (dots per inch).

- Digital Cameras: If you are unsure of your camera's resolution options, take the photo(s) at the largest size or quality possible.

- Scanned Prints: Scanner software allows you to choose the dpi—follow the guidelines above.

When taking a photo be sure to make the subject as large as possible within the frame of the photo. If you are taking pictures of large groups of people, arrange them in several rows in front of each other.

Photos should be saved as JPEG files.

E-mail photos to alumni@msmary.edu.



Ferris Butler proposing to Laura Sauriol at the White House last Christmas.

A PASSION FOR SERVICE BECOMES THE PASSION OF A LIFETIME

We think Mount students are exceptional, a cut above the rest, and they keep proving us right. A few years ago, **Laura Sauriol, C'08**, of Damascus, Maryland, was so engrossed in her studies at the Mount that she needed an outlet. Instead of picking up a recreational hobby, she decided to spend her free time helping the soldiers in the orthopedics ward at Walter Reed Army Hospital for Operation Second Chance. She carefully arranged her classes so she could balance volunteering with her job and her schoolwork.

Laura met a lot of soldiers in Ward 57, taking them to movies, bringing dinners in, driving them to the airport, but she never met a single one from Maryland until First Lieutenant Ferris Butler arrived. Injured in Iraq, Ferris, of Port Tobacco, Maryland, spent many months in the hospital enduring more than 50 surgeries as doctors tried to save his legs. Every Friday for two months, Laura picked up dinner as they watched the Mount play basketball during March Madness, never thinking it was a date. But they became inseparable, and Laura was by Ferris's side when he finally decided to have his other foot and ankle amputated.

Ever the military man, Ferris first got permission and then took Laura on a tour of the White House before Christmas 2008, where he proposed in front of the Blue Room Christmas tree. They were married on Oct. 4, a week after Ferris retired from the military as the ninth generation of his family to have served his country.

Laura is working for a federal agency and plans to get her MBA. Both will continue to volunteer—he will mentor new amputees and she will still make visits to Ward 57 at Walter Reed.

Their favorite song has the words they live by: "Live a life less ordinary; Live a life extraordinary." And that's what they plan to do.



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① Ryan, C'05, and Lindsay (Topper) Tokar, C'06

Kathleen (Hennessy) Nagle, C'98, and **James Patrick Nagle**
Oct. 25, 2008
St. John the Evangelist
Church, Columbia, Maryland.

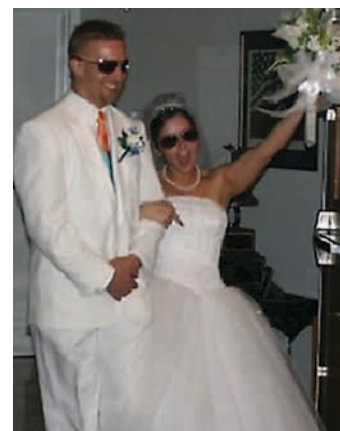
John D'Adamo, C'02, and
Melissa Ann Martin
July 14, 2009
Mr. and Mrs. D'Adamo both
teach in Catholic schools and
currently reside in Baltimore,
Md.

① **Ryan, C'05, and Lindsay (Topper) Tokar, C'06**
July 26, 2008
Immaculate Conception
Chapel at the Mount
Mounties in attendance:
Susan (Clem) Crone, C'88;
Holly (Kittinger) Kuykendall,

C'91; Christy (Simpson) Trostle, C'93; Mike Knott, C'99; Matt Topper and Hilary Houston, C'05; Kyle Lewis and Maggie (Lawrence) Kelly, C'06; Ben Whitmore, C'08; Chris Kelly, C'09; Polly Kittinger (Registrar's Office); Mary Newton (Education Department).

② **Angel (Davis) Jaeger, C'07**, and **Jeffrey Jaeger**
May 2, 2009

Anneliese (Richards) Young C'09, and **Steve Young**
June 6, 2009
Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.
The couple resides in
Germantown, Maryland.
They were happy to share
a wonderful ceremony with
family and friends, including
several Mount alums.
Christina D'Agostino, C'09,
and **Katie Collison, C'09**,
were both bridesmaids.



② Angel (Davis) C'07, and Jeffrey Jaeger

① **Michael Tobin, C'87,**
and Gail Tobin
Ryan James
Nov. 11, 2008
Pictured with sister Jessica
and brother Brendan.



① Tobin, C'87

② **Therese (O'Donnell)**
Grine, C'88, and Larry Grine
Twins Raegan Elizabeth and
Madeline Claire
Nov. 14, 2008
Pictured with brother Aiden.



② Grine, C'88



③ Berg, C'95

③ **Joanne Berg, C'95,** and
Robert J. Berg
Twins Makena Anne and
Logan James
March 18, 2009

④ **Cindy (March) Bacon,**
C'95, and Bill Bacon
Andrew Robert
Nov. 22, 2008
He joins big sisters Caroline,
4, and Julia, 2.

⑤ **Beth (Campbell)**
Panageotou, C'98, and
Mike Panageotou, C'99
Maia Clare
March 30, 2009
Pictured with big sister
Sophia Cate.

⑥ **Bridget (Hanlon) Cooper,**
C'98, and Christian Cooper
Owen Curran
June 12, 2009
Pictured with big brother Finn.

⑦ **Greg Kirby, C'98,** and
Caitlin Kirby
William Gregory
July 24, 2009

⑧ **Christy (Wicks) Casler,**
C'98, and **Steve Casler, C'97**
Nolan Edward
Sept. 29, 2008
He joins big sister Anna.

⑨ **Lisa (Wilson) Goldstein,**
C'98, and Even Goldstein
Ethan Scott
July 26, 2008

⑩ **Tara Bunchalk-Orefice**
and James Orefice, both C'99
Levia Maddelynne
June 11, 2009

⑪ **Stephanie (Lopez)**
Anderson, C'00, and
Steve Anderson
Morgan Ines
April 6, 2009
Mounties attending Morgan's
baptism: **Pat Goles, C'64;**
Kevin Kalas, C'99; **Anne**
(Stocker) Kalas, C'00; **Julia**
(Baum) Melody, C'00; **Brian**
Melody, C'99, C'01; **Kristy**
(Smith) Galante and Mike
Galante, all C'00.

Albert Cea, C'01, and
Chela Moore
Kahlilah Haydee Cea
Moore
March 9, 2009

⑫ **Erica (Haga) and David**
Quagliana, both C'01
Gabriella Marie
March 21, 2009

⑬ **Ravilia (Alexander)**
McMiller, C'03, and
Michael McMiller
Miku Jeila
June 3, 2009

⑭ **Ashley (Plott)**
and Christopher
Richelderfer,
both C'05
Madeline
Elizabeth
April 15, 2009



④ Bacon, C'95



⑤ Panageotou, C'99



⑥ Cooper, C'98



⑦ Kirby, C'98



⑧ Casler, C'98



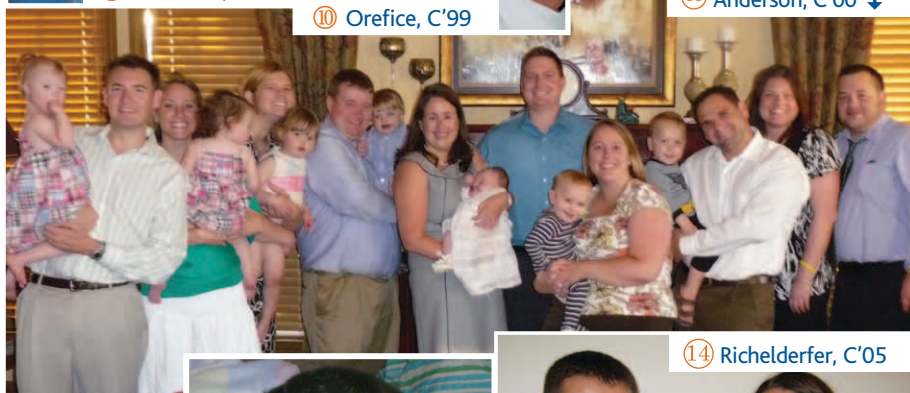
⑨ Goldstein, C'98



⑩ Orefice, C'99



⑪ Anderson, C'00



⑭ Richelderfer, C'05



⑫ Quagliana, C'01



⑬ McMiller, C'03



BALTIMORE

April 3, 2009 ~ Spring Happy Hour

May 2, 2009 ~ Community Service Event – Our Daily Bread

June 10, 2009 ~ Chapter Meeting – Bill Bateman’s, Towson

June 13, 2009 ~ Wine Festival at Oregon Ridge

Aug. 3, 2009 ~ 3rd Annual Golf Outing – Maryland Golf Club



Baltimore Golf

Aug. 16, 2009 ~ Baltimore Crab Feast – Ocean Pride Restaurant, Lutherville

The Baltimore Chapter recently announced that **Kaitlyn Beinstein, C' 12**, of Owings Mills, Maryland, is the recipient of the 2009-10 Paul Herb Memorial Scholarship.



Baltimore Crab Feast



Connecticut Golf Tournament. L to R: Dick Hart, Emmett Sullivan, Gary Gasse, Walt Robinson, John McKee and Gene Sullivan.

CONNECTICUT

July 15, 2009 ~ Connecticut Golf Tournament– Golf Club at Oxford Greens

Donald P. Quinn, Sr. Tournament – At the tournament, the Connecticut Chapter Scholarship winner was announced. **Gary Gasse, C'12**, is pictured with the Connecticut Chapter leaders.

DELAWARE

July 19, 2009 ~ Delaware Beach Picnic – Cape Henlopen State Park

Pictured below are **John Bailey, C'59**; **Al Didden, C'59**; **Marion Bailey, Phil King, C'59**; **Maureen Plant, C'82**.

Delaware Beach Picnic



Frederick Happy Hour

FREDERICK

March 20, 2009 ~ Frederick Happy Hour

April 17, 2009 ~ Frederick Happy Hour – The Greene Turtle

NY, Houndstooth Pub



NY Happy Hour, Olana

NEW YORK

March 16, 2009 ~ New York Networking Event – Houndstooth Pub, New York.

June 17, 2009 ~ Happy Hour – Olana

Mounties pictured above: **Frank Barnes, C'83**; **David Conaghan, C'81**; **Liza Horan, C'90**; **Jim Morgan, C'90**.



← NY Happy Hour, Long Island
Pictured L to R:
Fr. Bill Brisotti, C '64;
Matt McSherry, C '08;
Erin Canning, C '09;
Joe Walz, C '66, and wife, Rose; Matt's friend; Taylor Hamlet, C '10; and PJ Loehle, C '08.

Aug. 11, 2009 ~ Long Island Happy Hour – Mulcahy's

The New York Chapter gathered in August for an outdoor Happy Hour at Mulcahy's of Wantagh, Long Island. Matt and Erin hosted this event.



NY, Happy Hour at the Jersey Shore ↓

Aug. 22, 2009 ~ Happy Hour at the Jersey Shore – the Norwood

PHILADELPHIA

June 2, 2009 ~ Walnut Street Event

Edward Ryan, C'67, and Jack Graham, C'57, cohosted an evening with Dr. and Mrs. Powell and other members of the Mount community on June 2nd at the Walnut Street Theatre in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Guests were treated to a private dinner and rousing performance of Mel Brooks' "The Producers."

Philadelphia, Walnut Street Theatre

From L to R: Ed Ryan, Tom and Irene Powell, Pat and Jack Graham, Executive Director of Development Pam Zusi and Walnut Street Theatre Executive Director Bernard Havard.



WASHINGTON, D.C./VIRGINIA

June 24, 2009 ~ Chapter Meeting – Greene Turtle, Washington

Aug. 23, 2009 ~ Washington Nationals Game and Brunch

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REFLECTIONS ON BELIZE

By Tom Pucciarella, C'10, SGA President

Tom was one of several Mounties who traveled together on the Mount's annual outdoor adventure/service trip to Punta Gorda, Belize, last May.



Children from the village of Canejo, Belize, with Mount students (L to R): Bernadette Finck, Glynnis Budde, Trinita Kane and Kimberly Kelly

It was dark, darker than anywhere else I had ever seen in my entire life. There were no artificial light sources anywhere. It was as if we were alone on the roof of our cabana, cut off from the rest of the world. We had made it. In contrast to the lack of electric light, above us, the sky gave off a luminous glow from the endless array of stars overhead—millions of them dotting every inch of the sky. The water from the reef that encircled the island lapped against the shores just enough to omit a faint echo that traveled up from the white sand beach below.

Over the past 11 days the 12 of us had braved 110° heat and deadly humidity, turned our noses up at the swine flu, traveled over irregular roadways that were often more like paths than roads, lived in ethnic villages that redefined rustic, swam in an enormous cave in complete darkness lit only from the lamps on our heads, traversed mountainous rainforest, snorkeled on the world's second largest barrier reef, found every species of terrifying

Mount Students, rear (standing) L to R: Kathryn Rosario, C'09, Elizabeth Andrulewicz, C'10, Alexander Mabin, C'10, Kimberly Kelly, C'11, Glynnis Budde, C'11, Samantha Maticka, C'10, and Director Kenneth McVeary. Front (crouched): Trinita Kane, C'09, Thomas Pucciarella, C'10, Bernadette Finck, C'11.

animal and insect imaginable except for the elusive jaguar, scaled the ruins of Mayan temples, discovered two vast waterfalls, labored for days to erect additions to a village school and church, and survived a mammoth earthquake. All of our adventures brought us to the very spot where we now gathered, contemplating the journey we had just taken together.

Eleven days earlier I sat in an airport with my dad, while a range of emotions washed over me, from excitement to fear. I have two major fears: airplanes, especially those traveling over water, and meeting new people. I was about to overcome both of them in a hurry. Prior to this trip, I had never traveled outside of the U.S., and I never imagined that my first time would be to visit Belize, a small country in Central America just north of Honduras and east of Guatemala. A mere \$1,100, two airline flights, two backpacks chock full of t-shirts and shorts, a cell phone primed and ready to make international calls, and enough sunscreen to allow me to set foot on the surface of the sun later, and I was finally in Belize.

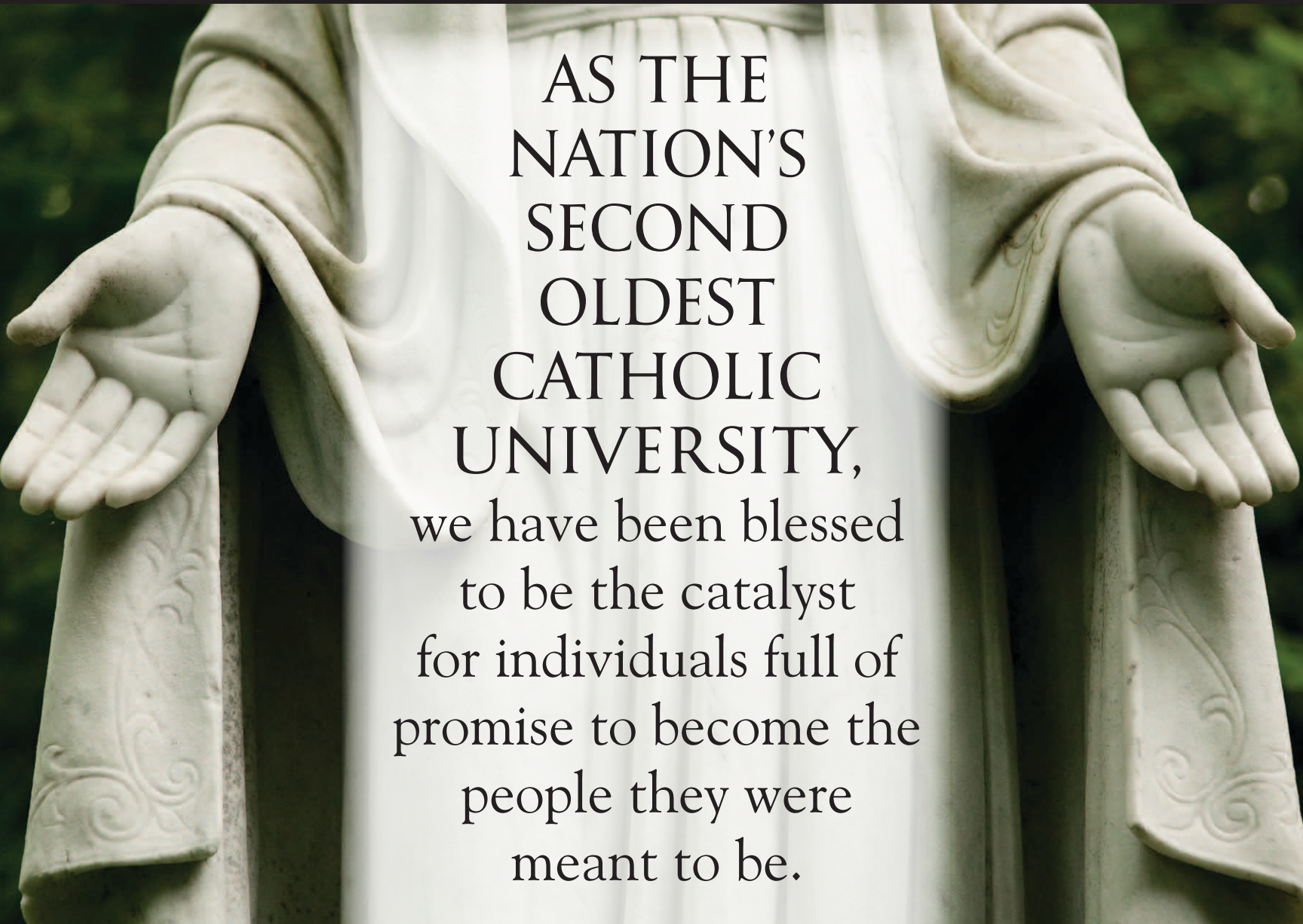
The trip was designed to be part outdoor adventure and part service.

However, what I failed to realize—what any of us failed to realize—was that the journey we were about to take would far surpass the planned agenda and any expectations we had as well. It would be impossible for me to capture every detail of our trip. There were simply too many experiences, memories, challenges and triumphs to detail. However, that final night of our trip, as we sat on the roof deck of the small wooden cabana taking in the world around us, the 12 of us realized something immeasurably special had happened to us over the course of the past two weeks. Twelve strangers ate, slept, worked, learned, reflected, toiled, conquered, overcame and grew together. We marveled at the unspoiled beauty, recoiled at the crushing poverty, were captured by the spirit of the children, amazed at the friendliness and openness of our hosts, surprised ourselves by our ability to adapt to conditions that would seem impossible at home, and were awed by the experience. It was simply one of the most memorable and wonderful times of our lives.

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Monday – Friday, June 21-25
Archabbott Lambert Reilly, OSB
Retreat Master

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Open House

Feb. 21, April 11

Sunday Visit

Jan. 24, Feb. 7, March 21

Day in the Life (overnight visit)

Jan. 31-Feb. 1, March 14-15, April 18-19

Discovery Day (attend classes)

Feb. 15, March 10, April 7

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