



2014 MARYGROVE COLLEGE

*Distinguished Alumni & Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow
Awards*



Friday, September 19, 2014
The Marygrove College Theatre



Mary Callaghan Lynch MASTER OF CEREMONIES

Mary Callaghan Lynch (Soprano) graduated from Marygrove College in December 1976 where she received her B.F.A. in Acting. She has performed with The Michigan Opera Theatre, L'Opera de Montreal, Dayton Opera, Toledo Opera, and Glimmerglass Opera. She appeared at the Village Gate in New York City and as Beatrice Beehan in "Conversations with an Irish Rascal" at The Northlight Theatre in Chicago. She has toured Ireland in recital and received the prestigious McAllister Award for opera singers.

She has recorded numerous television and radio commercials. Mary was featured in Drew Barrymore's film directorial debut: "WHIP IT" which was released in 2009. Mary portrays Pierce Brosnan's secretary Bedelia in the feature film "Salvation Boulevard" and is in Lifetime's "Secrets in the Wall".

She is the founder and the artistic director of The Motor City Lyric Opera where she produced and portrayed the role of the mother in Menotti's "Amahl & the Night Visitors." This production was performed annually from 1999-2005 at The Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts and subsequently was broadcast on WDIV Channel 4 Detroit and on Detroit Public TV Channel 56, where it will be broadcast again this December 2014. The MCLCO's "Opera on Wheels" outreach program has reached over 100,000 inner city students, free of charge.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI & DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF TOMORROW

Awards

The Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Awards are honors bestowed by Marygrove College and the Marygrove College Alumni Association. These awards have been established to recognize and honor alumni and current students who have distinguished themselves and their alma mater.

The Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Awards celebrate the ideals of competence (the ability to understand and participate effectively in the promise of our evolving world), compassion (the capacity to care about and respect the worth and dignity of people), and commitment (the will to act responsibly based upon one's beliefs and to contribute to the building of a more just and humane world) – qualities that Marygrove has always tried to instill in its students.

*The **Distinguished Alumni Awards** honor graduates who have made significant contributions and demonstrated leadership in any of the following areas:*

- Professional, educational or artistic endeavors
- The community through government service and/or civic organizations (such as Lions Club, city planning commissions, government committees, etc.)
- Political action, social justice or volunteer activities in schools, hospitals, etc.
- Marygrove College

*The **Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Award** honors an exceptional undergraduate junior or senior (2014-2015 academic year) who has made significant contributions to the Marygrove College community in all of the following areas:*

- Academic Accomplishment
- Leadership
- Service to the College and/or community



Mary Ellen Johnson McCormick '48

MARYGROVE COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Upon hearing Marygrove College's first president, Dr. George Herman Derry, speak at her Portland, Maine high school in the mid-1940s, Mary Ellen was captivated. He spoke of a progressive, dynamic women's college in Detroit, Michigan. Its purpose: "to develop persons who would be scientist-seekers of knowledge, who would be artists-creators and preservers of beauty ... philosophers/pursuers of truth ... saints – loving life and living love ... and carrying the composite of all this into the many marketplaces of their lives." Dr. Derry's words were Marygrove's first mission statement. It resonated with Mary Ellen so much that she gave up a four-year scholarship to an in-state Maine Catholic college to study out-of-state at Marygrove. Mary Ellen arrived in Detroit during the fall of 1944. She was only 17 years old.

Mary Ellen's penchant for leadership immediately found purpose at Marygrove. She became class officer her freshmen year, followed by three years as class president. She became a member of Iota Gamma Alpha sorority and national Catholic honor society Kappa Gamma Pi before graduating cum laude with a B.A. in English in 1948.

Mary Ellen returned home to Maine, working as a script writer and teacher following college graduation. This career path came to a halt in 1950 with a wire from Sister Honora Jack, IHM, then president of Marygrove College, asking her to take a new position. Heeding the call to return to Detroit, Mary Ellen became Marygrove's first Director of Social Action and Publicity. Under her direction, Marygrove students volunteered in record numbers. Within two years of Mary Ellen's leadership, two-thirds of Marygrove students were involved in volunteer service, earning the College several national awards.

Mary Ellen married Edward McCormick on June 28, 1952 and began her life as a wife and mother. Blending her experience directing social action initiatives and community service with family life, Mary Ellen maintained ties with her alma mater, and served as President of Marygrove's Alumni Association from 1957 to 1959. While raising what would eventually be eight McCormick children in the Gesu Parish of northwest Detroit, Mary Ellen made time for board memberships on both the Immaculata Girls' and Catholic Central Boys' High School Mothers' Guilds. In 1963, she was appointed to the first Catholic Board of Education, one of only two women selected from eight counties of the Archdiocese. As a lay member, Mary Ellen desired bridging communication gaps between Catholic parents and school administration, hoping to "reflect a dedicated interest in the well-rounded development of the child, in school and home."

In 1969, Mary Ellen spoke at the National Catholic Education Association's (NCEA) National Convention and Marygrove College became the first Catholic institution in the Detroit area to transfer from religious to lay control, appointing Mary Ellen as a trustee. Sister Josephine Sferrella, IHM, long-time friend and Dean of Students during Mary Ellen's tenure as trustee, notes that she "uses her gifts to make a significant difference in our global village." Mary Ellen's calming influence and wisdom during "the spirit of the 70s," which saw Marygrove navigating "student strikes, sit-ins, protests and clamor for power at all levels by all groups," Sr. Josephine remembers it was Mary Ellen's efforts as a competent and compassionate advocate for education that calmed the crisis. Sr. Josephine recalls, "I was most grateful for her cautious wisdom, keen analytical skills and peaceful solutions. In working together, we knew that Marygrove, as a community, experienced a calmer college environment at the end of 1974."

In 1978, Marygrove acknowledged Mary Ellen's many contributions by honoring her with the Mother Domitilla award – an award bestowed upon an individual distinguished by notable contributions to the well-being of Marygrove College or its Alumni Association. She was further recognized in 1991 with the United Way's "Heart of Gold" award in recognition of "outstanding volunteer contributions of time and talent within the metropolitan Detroit community."

Known around the Marygrove community as an impassioned advocate for education and a respected leader, Mary Ellen fully credits Ed, her beloved husband of 53 years, with her service accomplishments, recognizing his unwavering commitment to their family, "we were a team," she says of their marriage, "none of my volunteer work would have been possible without his support." The McCormick family lost Ed to a lengthy illness in recent years, but their mutual love and dedication to education and community service continue to endure through Mary Ellen and their eight children: Peter, Ann, Bridget, Eileen, Jane, Mary Clare, Sheila, and Megan. 





Yvonne Lawrence Larabell '64

MARYGROVE COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Organized. Capable. Insightful. Effective. Classy. These words are used often when describing Yvonne Lawrence Larabell. Numerous and unanimous letters of recommendation graciously declare her many volunteer talents and abilities, and champion Yvonne as the “glue” that holds friendships, families, and, in some cases, very large organizations together. All who minister at the side of Yvonne Larabell are impressed by her capable demeanor and skillful ability to encourage and engage volunteers. “She is a gentle ruler,” a former classmate notes, “all assignments are appropriate to the skills of the doer, and effort is rewarded with much praise and appreciation.” Yvonne’s tireless efforts to organize reunions, fundraisers and luncheons, and the importance she places on keeping her Immaculata graduating class of 1960 connected do not go unnoticed. “She facilitates perfect parties,” writes fellow Immaculata alumnus Chris Supina, “but she is not about the bash.” In support of Yvonne’s nomination for Marygrove’s Distinguished Alumni award, Chris implored, “please acknowledge her force.”

As a college student in the early 1960s, Yvonne’s leadership talents were recognized early on. She was voted into leadership roles all four years including Class President her Freshman and Senior years. Attracted to the “helping professions” and unsure about declaring a major, Yvonne took social science courses. Although Marygrove did not yet offer social work as a major, chairwoman of the sociology department, Sister Christina Schwartz, provided many opportunities to prepare students to enter the social work field. In 1964, Yvonne graduated with a B.A. in sociology and went to work for the State of Michigan as a Public Assistance Worker, followed by a position as an intake specialist with Catholic Social Services of Wayne County.

Yvonne's career path then unexpectedly diverged in 1968 when she began a temporary administrative job with Wayne State University, which resulted in a position for six years. She discovered her talent for organizing, facilitating, supervising and maintaining smooth operations within an organization. "I soon learned I enjoyed administrative work, keeping many facets of an operation running smoothly. I left the field of social work but continued to carry those principles and skills that I learned at Marygrove and in my first professional jobs."

Ten years after graduating, Yvonne returned to campus as a recruiter and eventually associate director of the Admissions Office, representing Marygrove in Detroit high schools, community colleges, and on campus. She recalls this work as interesting, but challenging. It was 1974, Detroit's population was declining, and the College faced difficult economic times.

Change came again five years later when Yvonne married Tom and took on the role of mother. Her focus turned to volunteering in their children's schools. She still maintains active membership in the U of D High School Alumni Mothers' Club. "Once Yvonne becomes committed, she stays committed" observes husband Tom, "she is recognized as 'the lady who can organize anything.'"

Many organizations are fortunate to count Yvonne Larabell as a highly valued volunteer – her unwavering dedication to underserved, marginalized local Detroit-area residents inspires others to get involved. Her friend and fellow volunteer, Colleen Batcheller, says, "her spirit is very evident with bringing volunteers together in fellowship." This is an invaluable but often unrecognized trait in any leader.

Yvonne is also involved in various organizations with which her husband has leadership roles, specifically Rose Hill Center, a treatment center for adults with serious mental illness and the Sovereign Order of Malta, a 900 year old lay order of the Catholic Church. "God uses Yvonne, in her humble way, as His instrument to effect good works here on earth," says long-time friend Rosemary Kelly. "Her deep faith shines through in all her endeavors."

In recent years, Yvonne's focus has been at her parish, St. Mary in Royal Oak, where she has assumed leadership roles in the Changing Lives Together fund raising campaign, the Funeral Lunch ministry, Giving Tree project, programs for Seniors and other ministries of the Christian service Commission. Meg Eib, former Director of Christian Service, says, "My life, and the lives of those who work with her, are richer for having known and ministered with Yvonne."

This style of quiet and effective leadership – inspiring, engaging, and standing behind, while moving the group forward – is why Libby Richards felt it was time to recognize Yvonne through this Marygrove Distinguished Alumni Award. 





Anne Fitzgerald '67

MARYGROVE COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Marygrove College helped shape Anne Fitzgerald's professional and global experiences and she credits the IHM sisters and her professors for her understanding of leadership and the value of community, and for imbedding a deep commitment to social justice. After graduating cum laude with a B.A. in psychology, Anne completed a M.Ed. and doctoral coursework in Counseling Psychology and Organizational Development at Boston University. A Marygrove classmate and friend, recalls "how she and Anne used to pray in chapel 'make me, oh God, a valiant woman.' Anne epitomizes such a valiant woman – a woman with deep courage and determination who has lived a life of boldness when it was not popular for a woman to do so."

For twenty years, she was active in Boston's Paulist Center, an intentional faith community with a strong social justice focus. Professionally, Anne provided EAP counseling services and workplace violence interventions.

One of her first bold moves was to begin her own organizational consulting firm in 1987, Anne Fitzgerald Associates, which provided strategic planning, change management, and design/facilitation services for multi-stakeholder groups. She continues to provide executive leadership coaching for corporate executives, commissioners of public agencies, college deans, and non-profit executive directors and their leadership teams. She supported women in climbing the corporate ladder and breaking the glass ceiling.

At the same time Anne began to dedicate her life to focus on women's spirituality. She no longer wanted to fight for change within the Church but to create the forums that honored women's spirituality and leadership. These efforts became global when she was invited to serve as a facilitator for the discussions by religious leaders on "Access to Clean Water" at the 2004 Council on Parliament of World Religions in Barcelona, Spain.

Anne's engagement with global women expanded when she became involved in Peace X Peace, an organization that linked a circle of women in the U.S. with one in Baghdad. Here she met Naba Hamid, a professor from the University of Baghdad, whom she recruited to speak in Dallas at the 2007 International Women's Peace Conference. Even though the U.S. denied Professor Hamid's visa, Anne refused to let this prevent Naba's message from reaching the audience. She arranged to show a video of Professor Hamid's lecture on the needs of the women of Iraq, and then convened a U.S. session entitled "Activating Women's Wisdom to Respond to the Women of Iraq."

Anne became active in Gather the Women, a global sisterhood that connects women in circles to help them find their voices, claim their power, and celebrate their self-worth. Anne participated in GTW's 2006 African Grassroots Women's Conference in Kenya where she met Mercy Ringera, the leader of the "Beads 4 Peace," a group of AIDS widows from Meru. She was moved by the women's stories of poverty, their anguish of losing their husbands and children to AIDS, and their struggle to support themselves with courage, creativity, and resilience. Mercy enlisted Anne's help in selling the African beaded jewelry in the U.S. Together, Anne and her cousin, Nancy Hodous, sold over \$60,000 worth of jewelry through Fair Trade events. The African women became Anne's teachers. None more powerfully than Mercy's sister, Dr. Karambu Ringera, the charismatic founder of International Peace Initiatives (IPI-Kenya), the umbrella organization of Beads 4 Peace. Karambu invited Anne to serve on the IPI Board.

Anne's work with Beads 4 Peace brought her to the UN Commission on the Status of Women, and an invitation to be a business panelist at the 2008 Global Peace Initiative of Women convened by Joan Chittister and Joan Brown Campbell in Jaipur, India. Here women learned from each other best practices in girl's education, women's enterprise, micro-credit and improved health care as they found solidarity with each other.

Anne asserts that none of her contributions are individual accomplishments. Each has been a collaborative effort. A beautiful example was a session she co-convened entitled, "A Creative Exploration of the Divine Feminine" which combined music, dance, and poetry from eight different religious traditions at the 2009 Parliament of World Religions in Melbourne, Australia.

Today, Anne addresses women's spiritual leadership through serving on the core council for Women of Spirit and Faith. This model of feminine leadership is based on collaboration, mutuality, and a networked community of support. It embodies deep compassion, reliance on intuition, and trust in Spirit.

Anne's journey is not over. She now serves as a spiritual guide to women who feel the call to contribute locally or globally on behalf of humanity and the planet. Find her at *Spirit at Work Globally*. Anne currently lives in Waltham, Massachusetts. She enjoys her nieces and nephews and their children, and appreciates Facebook for easily connecting her with family, Marygrove friends, and her global sisters. 



Patricia Dean Phillips '13

MARYGROVE COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Patricia, or simply "Patty" to friends and family, is not your average Marygrove student, nor was she a stranger to the College. Returning to Marygrove after almost six decades, she quickly discovered that although much time had passed, Marygrove still felt the same. "I loved being at Marygrove when I was young. That never changed. I still love it." On a recent sojourn through the halls of Madame Cadillac with current president Dr. David Fike, Patty marveled at the architecture and worn marble stairs, "these are holy stairs ... think of all those people and minds that travelled these corridors. Being here is a holy experience."

Patricia's relationship with Marygrove began in the Fall of 1952, when she arrived on campus with the high hopes of "making the world a better place." Living in the Madame Cadillac building, Patricia made many lifelong friends and worked alongside her fellow students, readily accepting service learning opportunities, volunteering as "play lady" at Detroit Children's Hospital, and entertaining young patients with fun and games after visiting hours were over. Patricia loved this work and so began her life of service. Her initial experiences at Marygrove were fleeting, however, because Patty answered a different call to service after her freshmen year, when she returned home to help her family following the birth of a new baby brother. Patricia's dedication to service never faltered after leaving Marygrove. She carried a commitment to service and passion for social justice forward into her life, which manifested itself through her involvement with the post-World War II Peace Movement.

Patty spent much of the 1960s – 1980s as an anti-war activist, involved with a strong Catholic peace organization, Pax Christi, and as a trained court-watcher, and political protestor. Patricia remembers northwest Detroit during the tumultuous Vietnam-era years. While pregnant with her third daughter during the summer of 1967, and while the riots were near the Grand River area, Patricia found herself in the midst of violent upheaval in the streets. It was a turbulent time in our nation's history, but especially in Detroit: "if it was happening, it was happening there first," she recalls. Political action was considered

a requisite component for change – “If you didn’t have an FBI record, then you weren’t doing it right,” she says of her peace activism.

Married in 1958, Patricia continued to commit herself to social justice causes and moved with her new husband Bob to northwest Detroit, where they began raising their five daughters. They joined Queen of Hope parish and became involved in all aspects of parish life. Together they founded, and were co-presidents of FISH, an ecumenical volunteer service organization that coordinated services for 28 area churches. Coordinating 200 volunteer service workers, arranging rides for seniors, meals for shut-ins, and other services, Patty and Bob formed FISH to ensure churches didn’t duplicate services, allowing for more efficient and effective outreach.

Patty taught religious education at Queen of Hope in the mid-1970s, teaching an elective class on the same subject she would master at Marygrove many years in the future: social justice. Patricia arranged for Erma Henderson, newly elected Detroit City Council member, (the first African-American woman to carry the distinction), to train her 7th grade social justice students to “court watch.” Under Patricia’s tutelage, the students learned how concerned citizens can make a difference and hold public systems accountable. They marched with Cesar Chavez, protested with signs in front of grocery stores, and together took a bus to Washington D.C. to peacefully protest the Vietnam War.

In 1978, the Phillips family moved to Ortonville to be closer to family and work. Patricia became Christian Service Coordinator and Pastoral Assistant at their new church, St. Anne’s. She soon discovered that, similar to her experience in Detroit, area churches were overlapping their services, creating unnecessary duplication in food and emergency services. She again organized an ecumenical group for more effective and efficient ways of meeting the needs of the poor. At this time, Patty was appointed by the Archdiocese to the National Catholic Rural Life Conference to work on farm and food issues.

Patricia went on to become Director of the Inter-Faith Caregiver Services at Lighthouse of Oakland County, made an addition to her FBI file with an arrest for trespassing while protesting nuclear weapons at Wurtsmith Airforce Base in Oscoda, Michigan, and eventually returned to school. After earning her associate’s degree in mental health and social work from Oakland Community College in 1994, a B.A. in Theology and Social Work at St. Mary College Orchard Lake soon followed in 1997. Hearing that Marygrove now had a Master of Social Justice program, she headed back to where she began – Marygrove. As her 80th birthday approached, Patricia Dean Phillips received a Master of Arts in Social Justice in the spring of 2013. 





Alesha Jones

MARYGROVE COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI OF TOMORROW AWARD

Alesha Jones' life changed forever on June 6, 2014 when she received a phone call that every parent dreads. Dwight, her 19-year-old son, and soon-to-be Wayne State University freshman, was at a graduation party, not far from Marygrove's beautiful campus, when a car unleashed a flurry of bullets into a crowd of party-goers. Dwight was shot eight times from behind – once through his neck, four times in one leg and three in the other. Miraculously, Dwight survived, stunning seasoned doctors and family alike as he made remarkable strides in recovering from his injuries. Dwight's spine is still swollen, but he continues to make daily progress. "It has changed our lives," said Alesha. "My son survived. He knows how lucky he is to be alive." As Dwight heals, the tone of their conversations has changed to focus on the future. Alesha marvels at the changes in her son, "... he said, 'Mom, I want to be a minister.' He's never said anything like that before. It sounds crazy after this terrible ordeal, but we know God has a plan for us."

Her son's recovery has not only strengthened her faith and given Alesha much to be thankful for, it has reaffirmed her dedication to social work, "My passion is to help as many families as I can. I not only want to make a change but a difference."

Alesha grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio. Before beginning her education at Marygrove in 2012, Alesha earned three associate degrees from Oakland Community College, graduating magna cum laude each time. At Marygrove, she is majoring in Social Work and maintains a GPA of 3.757.

"I chose Marygrove because it is a top school for social workers. Social workers that leave Marygrove carry with them the ethics, compassion, integrity and skills of success. I could go on and on. My plans after Marygrove are to open a homeless shelter in an urban area and as many transition homes as possible. I would also like to give back to Marygrove to thank them for providing me with a positive future."

She also plans on working with the prison population as a Clinical Social Worker, building on her experience volunteering with a prison ministry. Alesha appreciates the guidance and hard work the Marygrove Social Work program has inspired, "It wasn't easy going through the Social Work program, however, I gained so much knowledge. I am now at Detroit Advocacy for children and families using my skills to help others in need." Alesha is a member of the Association of Black Social Workers and was awarded the prestigious Briggs-Fisher Foundation Scholarship for Urban Leadership this past spring. This award is given to a full time student with financial need, who is a member of a community traditionally underrepresented in higher education, and who has demonstrated interest in effecting positive change in the Detroit community with a stated commitment to remain in the Detroit area after graduation.

Alesha dedicates herself to many volunteer activities including: working at Capuchin Soup Kitchen, Peggy's Place and Coalition on Temporary Shelter (COTS), volunteering with special needs children, and coaching soccer for Southfield Recreation Center. Alesha also works at Liberty Temple Church in the nursery school. Her future educational plans include pursuing an MSW and Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Michigan. Alesha wishes to acknowledge the "strong support" she received from the Social Work staff at Marygrove for leaving her "with a learning experience and skills that I will practice with in the future." Dr. Byrnes, Professor Clark, Professor Johnson, Dr. Hoge, Professor Hanselman, Professor McMillan, and Professor Seebaldt are on her gratitude list. Alesha says, "I have learned so much from this group of the most brilliant women. They have all given me gifts that will last a lifetime as I move forward."

Alesha resides in Detroit, one mile from Marygrove's campus. She is a mother of six and plans to adopt more children. She loves to volunteer and help, especially working to feed those less fortunate. Despite her family's recent hardships, Alesha finished her summer semester coursework. Alesha maintains her strong faith through daily prayer and regular attendance at Liberty Temple Baptist Church in Detroit. 



DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD PAST HONOREES

2002

Veronica Mary Maher, IHM '51
Barbara Bigley O' Brien '55
Gilda Sferrella Pace '52
Marie Jean Brinkman Sloan '54
Teresa Snider-Boring '98
Norma Wilson Wade-Miller '71
Reverend Curtis C. Williams '96

2003

Gabrielle Baker Burton '60
Mary Margaret Connolly '67
Maura D. Corrigan '69
Ann Moore Feeney '57
Deborah Hunter-Harvill '77
Mary Joseph Maher, IHM '53
Alice Geisler Raftary '49, '67
Richard J. Samyn, O.F.M. '95

2004

Ann Gabriel Kilsdonk, IHM '45
Angela Celeste May '90
Khris Nedam '98
Elsa Potter '60
Elizabeth Fischer Richards '64
Mary Ellen Riordan '41
Mary Massaron Ross '82

2005

Rosemary DeLaurentiis Blaszkiewicz '62
Edee LaFramboise Joppich '53
Kathleen Prendergast Kaiser '70
Lorraine Lubawy Ozar '68
Nettie Harris Seabrooks '55
Mary Anderson Walker '56
Jacqueline G. Woods '97

2006

Brian Christian '07
Margaret Brown Dudar '46
Rita Edgeworth Fields '96, '02
Bridget Gonzales '82
Mary Kathleen Hughes '66
Sheila Keefe '56
Yesenia Lara '07
Amata Miller, IHM '54

2007

Elizabeth A. Burns '72
Armando R. Cavazos '99
Lana Cavalier Cowell '64
Suzanne M. Fleming, IHM '57
Lynne O' Loughlin DeGrande Hackathorn '67
Victoria E. Jones '76
Amy Pavlov '08

2008

Debra S. Barash '09
Patricia Newman Brasseur '73
Mary D. Moore Hubbell '56
Sharnita C. Johnson '87
Patricia Mucci LoRusso '77
Mary Trepanier-Street '71
Elizabeth Walters, IHM '66, '08

2009

Nancy McDonough Geschke '64
Eileen Connell Heasley '67
Sharon Holland, IHM '61
Amy Lange '08
Kathleen O'Reilly '68
Brianna Williams '09

2010

Margaret Brennan, IHM '45
Mark Honeyman '85
Suzanne Stead Husband '65
Patricia Siroky Konovalov '87
Ann Petrie '60
Kim Redigan '08
Angela Watley '10

2011

Shanelle Jackson '07
Ann Burger Klocke '56
Mary Callaghan Lynch '76
Brittany Mack '12
Judith Tomlanovich Miller '61
Jan Soleau, IHM '59
Virginia Wadsworth '86

2012

Juliana Casey, IHM '62
Miriam Mohrhoff Poirier '62
Dorothy Seebaldt '66
Sharon Rodgers Simone '67
Francie Kennedy '73
Rochelle Dornatt '77
Jarell Williams '12

2013

Dorothy Jones Hogan Sweeney '48
Barbara Kent Freeman '63
Suzanne E. Sattler, IHM '65
Virginia Burdick Skinner '67
Jane Hammang-Buhl '68
Karel Bowlus Oxley '72
Robert D. Tompkins '14



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Marygrove College, an independent, Catholic, liberal arts college sponsored by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, is committed to fostering Christian values, to educating students from diverse backgrounds, and to serving the people of Metropolitan Detroit and beyond. The fundamental purpose of Marygrove College is to educate each student toward intellectual and professional competence; toward career flexibility through grounding in the liberal arts; and toward active compassion and commitment. To this end, Marygrove provides a personalized learning environment which, through excellent teaching in its undergraduate, graduate, and continuing education programs, sets for its students these goals:

Competence

the ability to understand and participate effectively in the promise of our evolving world;

Compassion

the capacity to care about and respect the worth and dignity of people;

Commitment

the will to act responsibly based upon one's beliefs and to contribute to the building of a more just and humane world.



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The Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) work in partnership with the administration, faculty, staff, and boards to uphold the integrity of the IHM mission in the schools, maintain academic excellence, and keep tradition alive in each of the schools for future generations. The mission of the IHM-sponsored educational institutions includes personal and social transformation, which bear witness to the liberating mission of Jesus. Sponsored schools, faithful to the mission of the IHM congregation, educate in an environment permeated by the Gospel values of love, compassion, justice, reconciliation, and concern for the poor.



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