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*President*  
**Elizabeth A. Burns,**  
**MD, MA '72**

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

This summer at Marygrove has been a hot one! I'm not just talking about the weather. There has been a lot of activity going on at the college that we're eager to share with our alumni and that you will see featured in this edition of *Tower Times*.

An important one: we reached our goal of \$500,000 in donations as our alums and friends responded to the Marygrove Challenge! To add excitement to the Challenge, Marygrove participated in a GiveCampus.com online donor campaign, where we topped our goal of 100 donors who raised more than \$9,000. Though the GiveCampus campaign is officially over, you can still conveniently and securely give to Marygrove at [www.marygrove.edu](http://www.marygrove.edu). Thanks to all of you who believe in Marygrove's mission and responded so generously.

We introduced a new, completely online Bachelor of Arts degree in Criminal Justice, which you'll learn more about in the following pages. This degree program has a unique "restorative justice" focus, meaning that, instead of immediately reacting with incarceration and punishment, our program emphasizes ways that peace and wholeness can be restored to the victim and the perpetrator...and the community. A very different lens. A very IHM/Marygrove lens.

We announced with great excitement that Mat Johnson, a critically acclaimed author and graphic novelist, will be Marygrove's 29th Contemporary American Author in our unique Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series. Please mark your calendar for Friday, April 7th, 2017, to meet this award-winning writer.

Marygrove received notice that our Master of Arts in Human Resource Management degree has renewed its alignment with SHRM's HR Curriculum Guidebook and Templates. The HR Curriculum Guidebook and Templates were developed by the Society for Human Resource Management to define the minimum HR content areas that should be studied by HR students at the undergraduate and graduate levels. SHRM is the largest human resource professional association in the country.

Marygrove College became the 85th Catholic college member of the SAGE Scholars Private College & University Enrollment Marketing Consortium. SAGE is the nation's largest private college enrollment consortium with 357 colleges. SAGE students have indicated interest in attending a private college such as Marygrove. Families can participate in SAGE through a 529 plan, bank, credit union, mutual fund or investment advisor or through a parent's employee benefit program. The SAGE Tuition Rewards® program is similar to a "frequent flyer" program that, in the end, makes attending a private college more affordable.

I personally invite you to campus for Alumni Reunion Weekend, September 16 through 18, during which we'll celebrate the Class of 1966's entry into the 50-Year Club. Additionally, we'll recognize the following amazing individuals as Marygrove's 2016 Distinguished Alumni: Alice Baker, IHM '59, Peggy (Margaret) Devaney, IHM '64, Barbara Jean Niensedt Buttell '65, Kathleen Alessandro '72, Lou (Koss) Moss '73, and our Distinguished Alumna of Tomorrow Camryn A. Washington '18.

Well, I could go on and on. But I'd like to leave something for you to read in this extensive edition of *Tower Times*. Please know how much we appreciate your continued support – both moral and financial – of the college we love.

Warmest regards,  
Elizabeth A. Burns, MD, MA '72

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## NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



*Alumni Association President*  
**Vanessa Howell Gkant,**  
 D.Min '92

Alumni Friends,

I'm honored to move into the position of Alumni Association president and want to thank our outgoing president, Yesenia Venegas '07, for her commitment to Marygrove and her leadership.

I hope that you've all marked your calendar for Alumni Reunion Weekend, September 16-18! We'll be hosting all classes that end in 1 and 6 and kick off the excitement with recognition of our Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow in the Marygrove Theatre, Friday, September 16, at 7 p.m.

Come to hear the stories this talented, diverse group of alums will share and join us at the reception that follows. See how these women have incorporated their Marygrove experience into lives and careers rooted in competence, commitment, and compassion.

And we'll celebrate our "homecoming" Saturday and salute the Class of '66 on Sunday as they become inducted into The Fifty Year Club. Wow! Congratulations to you, Class of '66!

The Alumni Board and I just can't wait to meet all of you.

Now, a bit of "housekeeping"- Alumni Verification.

For the first time since 2002, Marygrove has partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI), formerly Harris Connect, to update our alumni database. By this time, you should have received their buff-colored postcard and/or emails encouraging you to call. PLEASE PARTICIPATE!

Our database is only as good as the information that goes into it and we'd like to insure that we can reach you with news of college happenings, programs and, of course, the annual appeal. Help us connect! Read more about this process on page 7.

Be sure to look through this issue of *Tower Times* carefully so you can find the activities and programs that appeal to you. See you on campus!

Vanessa Howell Gkant, D.Min '92

### 2016 Distinguished Alumni

Kathleen Alessandro '72

Alice Baker, IHM '59

Barbara Jean Nienstedt Buttell '65

Peggy (Margaret) Devaney, IHM '64

Lou (Koss) Moss '73

### Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow

Camryn A. Washington '18

# *In Memoriam*

Katherine Kirchman Bergevin McLellan '38

Mary Mahnon Marini '42

Patricia C. Corrigan Baudendistel '43

Margaret (Benedicta) Brennan, IHM '45

Germaine M. Allen '46

Joan Marie Sullivan Bosler '46

John Louise Leahy, IHM '47

Mary Patricia "Pat" McBride Mies '49

Patricia Fette Mather, '51

Patricia Fleming Donaldson '51

Sally (Josanne) Lannen, IHM '51

Ester M. Yager '51

Mary Peil Moss '53

(Mary) Joan Martin Gates Prentice '54

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Carol Ann Gatz Wallace '57

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Angela M. Sauro, Ph.D. '62

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Mary Louise Gorecki Brooks '67

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## **MOTHER OF:**

Jeanne Bergevin Mazzolini '68

Michelle Bergevin Del Corvo '71

Renee Bergevin Kazmierski '73

## **MOTHER-in-LAW OF:**

Anne Mooney Mies '76

## **SISTER OF:**

Maria Kirchman Kavanagh '35

Maureen Kirchman Boyle '46 (dec)

Rosemary Kirchman LaFevre '47 (dec)

Virginia Kirchman Bueche '51

## **SISTER-in-LAW OF:**

Claire Bergevin Nixon '46 (dec)

## **BROTHER OF:**

Sheila Keefe '56

Catherine Keefe Traeger '59

Lois Walter Adams '66

## **HUSBAND OF:**

Mary Ellen Trotter Cols '49

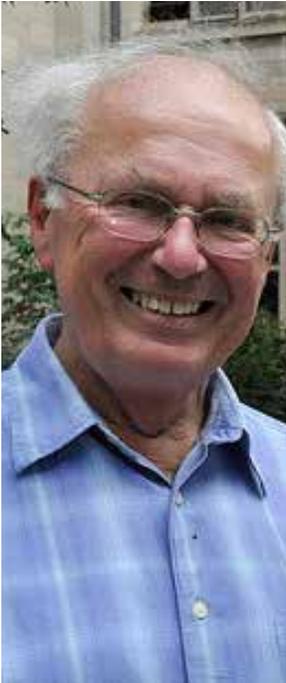
Patricia Stec Gualdoni '55

Marjorie Wozniak Burkley '56

Elizabeth Anne Richter Quinn '60

Lanette Asher Kanakry '63

# “Au Revoir, Not Good-bye”:



## GEORGE ALCSER & JUDITH HEINEN RETIRE

### **George P. Alcser, Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religious Studies**

After serving Marygrove College for forty-nine years, Associate Professor George Alcser has retired as Professor Emeritus for his distinguished record of service.

During his time at Marygrove, Mr. Alcser has been the faculty voice on the Academic Affairs committee of the Board of Trustees, the Chair of the Rank and Tenure Committee, and the Faculty Assembly President. He is the recipient of both the Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching and the Presidential Award for Excellence in Service.

Professor Alcser is a leader among the faculty, a trusted mentor, a consultant, and a bearer of institutional memory. Even in retirement, Mr. Alcser is still expanding both his own horizons and those of his department. His recent work on religion and science (particularly genetics), religion and violence, globalization, fundamentalism, and interfaith dialogue are cutting-edge and prove that he still has much to contribute to the academic discourse.

On behalf of your students across the years, Professor Alcser, thank you!



### **Dr. Judith A. Heinen, Academic Dean**

Dr. Judith A. Heinen served Marygrove with high distinction and strong commitment for thirty-seven years. Since joining the college in 1979, she has been Director of Academic Advising and Career Services, Assistant Academic Dean, Associate Academic Dean, Dean of Undergraduate Studies, Dean of Arts and Sciences, Dean of Academic Programs, and Academic Dean.

In each of these roles, Dr. Heinen has been forceful in her advocacy for students and faculty, heading up projects like the Honors, Study Abroad, Research Assistant programs, the First-Year Seminars, Interdisciplinary Studies, the Women’s Center, the Institute for Detroit Studies, and BOLD, to name a few.

In addition to participating in every NCA/HLC accreditation self-study since 1987 and spearheading the successful 1997 reaccreditation effort, she has been a mainstay of the Academic Council, the General Education Committee, the Curriculum Review Committee, and many other faculty and college-wide committees and working groups.

A debt of gratitude to you, Dr. Heinen!

# CAALS 2017

## 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Marygrove Contemporary American Authors Lecture

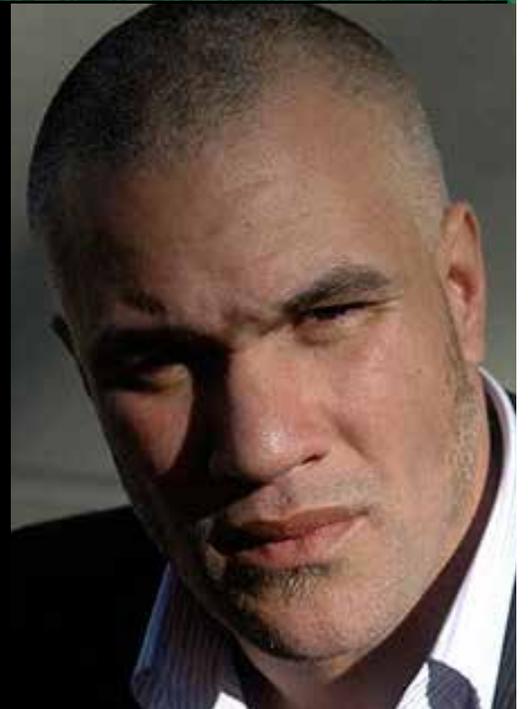
FEATURED SPEAKER

*Mat Johnson*

**Author and Graphic Novelist**

Friday, April 7, 2017

MARYGROVE COLLEGE, MADAME CADILLAC BUILDING  
8425 WEST MCNICHOLS ROAD, DETROIT, MI 48221



*We are pleased to announce award-winning author and graphic novelist Mat Johnson as the featured guest at the 2017 Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series (CAALS) on Friday, April 7. Since 1989, Marygrove has brought nationally-known authors to its campus for a public lecture and seminar. The 8:00 p.m. Lillian and Don Bauder Lecture and book signing are free of charge and open to the public. In addition to the public reading, Mr. Johnson will teach a class for high school students on April 7 at 10:00 a.m.*

*Johnson is the author of "The Great Negro Plot," a work of nonfiction, and four novels including "Drop," which was listed among the Best Novels of the Year by Progressive Magazine and included in Barnes & Noble's Great New Writers selection. In addition to winning the Zora Neale Hurston and Richard Wright Legacy Award for Novel of the Year for "Hunting in Harlem," Johnson has also authored four graphic novels including the five-issue limited series "Hellblazer Special: Papa Midnite."*

*For information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2017 event, contact Susan Smith, 313-927-1594 or [ssmith16@marygrove.edu](mailto:ssmith16@marygrove.edu). For more information or to schedule an interview with Mat Johnson, contact Renée Ahee, 313-927-1438 or [rahee@marygrove.edu](mailto:rahee@marygrove.edu). You may also visit: <http://english.marygrove.edu/caals.html>.*



# ALUMNI DIRECTORY



As you must have surely gathered from glancing at the index in this issue of *Tower Times*, there have been many exciting and newsworthy things happening at Marygrove College. We suspect that the same is true for our alumni, which is why we have partnered with Publishing Concepts Inc. (PCI) to create a keepsake Alumni Directory.

We want our alumni to stay connected with their alma mater and with each other. You can ensure that you do so by participating in the first Alumni Directory project since 2002! By taking part in this project, you can verify your information, determine what is to be included in the edition, then reserve and pre-pay for a keepsake Alumni Directory in your choice of hardbound, softbound, or digital formats. This directory will include:

- An Editorial Section with information about the college, color photographs, and more
- A Through the Years Photo Gallery with photos and captions curated by Marygrove alumni
- A Biographical Section that includes an alphabetical listing of former students by name, address, telephone number, job title, class year, and up to one 300-word response to “What’s Been Happening in Your Life?”
- An Alphabetical Index where you will find the names and contact information of all participating Marygrove alumni
- And much more!

We will continue sharing updates as the project unfolds, but in the meantime, please respond to the postcard you received in the mail from our partner, Publishing Concepts Inc. (PCI).

If you’d like more information about participating in the Alumni Directory project, please call the Office of Alumni Relations at (313) 927-1443 or email [towertimes@marygrove.edu](mailto:towertimes@marygrove.edu).

# ALUMNI EVENTS

## RIVER WALK

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**  
10:00 a.m.

Chat, walk, relieve some stress, and enjoy the view by joining us on our River Walk excursion. If you would like to attend, please contact Rahjina Johnson at [rjohnson0326@alumni.marygrove.edu](mailto:rjohnson0326@alumni.marygrove.edu) or (313) 643-3363.



## MARYGROVE ALUMNI GO TO THE OPERA

**Sunday, October 23, 2016**  
2:30 p.m.  
Michigan Opera Theatre  
Tickets: \$49

*Carmen* by Georges Bizet  
Sung in French with projected English  
supertitle translations

Carmen—herself a pawn of fate—lures a wide-eyed soldier and a flamboyant bullfighter into a destructive rivalry for her affection, while beguiling melodies such as the “Habanera” and “Gypsy Song” have their way with the audience.

The cost for main floor seating is \$49 per person. Send a check (payable to Marygrove College) to the Alumni Office, Attn: Jan Machusak, 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit 48221, no later than October 15, 2016. For more information, contact Frances Simmons '85 at (248) 546-2876 or [francesimmmons@prodigy.net](mailto:francesimmmons@prodigy.net).



## DOCUMENTARY & DISCUSSION

**Saturday, November 5, 2016**  
11:00 a.m.  
Madame Cadillac Building



Join us for a viewing and discussion of “Bring Your A Game,” a documentary directed by actor and activist Mario Van Peebles. The film focuses on the power of education in urban communities by examining the lives of African-American males who perceive education as “less than important.”

“Bring Your A Game” explores themes of intellectual strength, the relationship between education and success, and the direct correlation between school house and prison house.

Alums, if you are interested in attending, please contact Rahjina Johnson at [rjohnson0326@alumni.marygrove.edu](mailto:rjohnson0326@alumni.marygrove.edu) or (313) 643-3363 before October 17. All are welcome!

## DAY OF SERVICE - DETROIT AREA AGENCY ON AGING (DAAA)

**Wednesday, November 23**  
9:00 a.m. to noon

We will join forces with the Detroit Area Agency on Aging (DAAA) to pack boxes for senior food distribution.

Children under fifteen years must be accompanied by an adult. Volunteers should wear warm clothing and be able to stand for the duration of the event. If you would like to participate, please contact Gloria Banks at (313) 802-1246 or Frances Simmons at (248) 546-2876.

Volunteers will meet at 1333 Brewery Park in Detroit near Eastern Market.

The DAAA, a private nonprofit agency established in 1980, annually serves approximately 60,000 seniors and caregivers residing in Detroit, Grosse Pointe, Hamtramck, Harper Woods and Highland Park. DAAA's services include providing community access, wellness and nutrition services, and daily food distribution for approximately 6,000 homebound and disabled adults through the Detroit Meals on Wheels program.

## THE FINE ARTS SOCIETY OF DETROIT THEATRE GROUP AT THE PLAYERS CLUB

**A Family Christmas: Ain't No Vacation**

**Friday, December 9, 2016**  
**Wine Reception at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Play at 8:00 p.m.**  
**The Players**  
**Tickets: \$25**

Join us at The Players for a spinoff of the classic 1989 comedy, "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation," starring Chevy Chase.

The cost for this event is \$25. Admission also includes a wine reception on the second floor (not elevator accessible) and access to the local artist exhibition. Each table for the play accommodates 4-6 people. Snacks are provided at each table. Wine is available for purchase—or you may bring your own wine and additional snacks. Secure, lighted parking is included.

The Players is located at 3321 East Jefferson, Detroit. The building, constructed in 1925, was designated a Michigan Historic Site in 1985 and placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. The Fine Arts Society of Detroit was founded in 1906 and found its permanent home at the Players Club in 1926.

To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) no later than December 1, 2016, to Marygrove College, Alumni Office, Attn: Jan Machusak, 8425 W. McNichols Rd, Detroit, MI 48221. Dress is business attire.

For more information, contact Frances Simmons '85 at (248) 546-2876 or [francesimmmons@prodigy.net](mailto:francesimmmons@prodigy.net).



# ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2016

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Alumni Reunion Weekend 2016

**celebrates** the graduating classes of 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001, 2006, and 2011; however, everyone, regardless of graduation year is invited and encouraged to attend.

### Friday, September 16

Distinguished Alumni Awards  
 Ceremony and Reception  
 7:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Marygrove College Theatre and  
 Denk Chapman Hall

*All alumni are invited to attend the award ceremony in the theatre and then enjoy refreshments and conversation at the reception that follows in Denk Chapman Hall.*

### Saturday, September 17

Registration and Continental Breakfast  
 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Madame Cadillac Building

Mass

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.  
 Sacred Heart Chapel  
 Liberal Arts Building

### Saturday, September 17 (continued)

Class/Group Pictures  
 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Liberal Arts Building Front Steps  
*Pictures will be taken of classes whose graduation year ends in 1 or 6 (1956, 1961, etc.) and of groups from the 80s through the present.*

Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.  
 Alumnae Hall

Campus Showcase  
 2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

### Sunday, September 18

Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass  
 honoring the Class of 1966  
 11:00 a.m. - Noon

Sacred Heart Chapel  
 Liberal Arts Building

Brunch and Induction of the Class  
 of 1966 into the Fifty Year Club and  
 recognition of those who graduated  
 prior to 1966  
 Noon - 2:00 p.m.  
 Main Dining Room  
 Madame Cadillac Building

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Jan Machusak, director of Alumni Relations/Annual Giving, at [jmachusak@marygrove.edu](mailto:jmachusak@marygrove.edu) or (313) 927-1443.



# 2016 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI



**ALICE BAKER, IHM '59**

Sister Alice, a third-generation IHM, grew up only stone's throw away from Belle Isle near St. Ambrose. There, she taught reading and social studies to fourth and fifth graders for twenty-five years. Eventually, a lack of funding forced the school to shut its doors.

After seven more years at St. Jude, Detroit, Sister Alice and two of her IHM Sisters, along with four Adrian Dominican Sisters, opened the Epiphany Education Center and began offering free tutoring services for elementary students.

Sister Alice has also held lifelong tenure as peace advocate. She has organized a variety of peace conferences, is a member of the Michigan Peace Team, has twice demonstrated in the Holy Land, joined protestors at the annual vigil at the School of the Americas in Fort Benning, Georgia, seven times, and has protested the training of Latin American soldiers in military tactics and torture.

Alice has also demonstrated many times against the production of nuclear weapons at the Y-12 National Security Complex. In 2008, she discerned a call to civil disobedience, symbolically offering "bread not bombs" and refused to leave the road when ordered. For this, she was jailed and held overnight. She was to repeat this action the following year and spent five nights and six days in the Anderson County Jail.



**PEGGY (MARGARET) DEVANEY, IHM '64**

After earning bachelor's degrees in history and theology education in 1964 and a master's in education from Wayne State University, Sister Peggy continued her studies, earning a Master of Divinity at the Saints Cyril and Methodius Seminary. This education helped lay the foundation for the work she would take up as an educator.

Despite her talent for teaching, Sister Peggy would heed another calling, becoming the first female chaplain of the Oakland County Jail, a position she has held for more than thirty years. Even as she passes retirement age, Sister Peggy remains as active and determined as ever. The Jail and Outreach Ministry Program is comprehensive—and as such, it requires myriad services including hiring, training, mentoring, and scheduling, all of which Sister Peggy oversees. To further ensure that the program succeeds, Sister Peggy not only coordinates forty weekly religious services, she also collaborates with local churches that collect and deliver food and gifts to those in need.

Over the years, Sister Peggy has used her gifts to chair the National Catholic Correctional Chaplains Committee on Certification and updated and renewed the certification criteria for Catholic correctional chaplains in the United States, a document that was approved by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in 2010.



**BARBARA JEAN NIENSTEDT BUTTELL '65**

After earning her bachelor's degree in preschool psychology from Marygrove in 1965, Barbara Jean—or "BJ" as her friends affectionately call her—embarked on a 35-year journey in education and civic service while also earning a master's in reading and language arts at Florida State University. Her education career began locally in the Lakeview and Southfield school systems and continued abroad when she took a job with the Department of Defense that granted her the opportunity to teach children at American military bases in the Philippines, Germany and Japan.

Returning to the states, BJ took a position at St. Francis de Sales, in the Clark County District, then taught at Helen Marie Smith Elementary School. In more than three decades of service, BJ has been active on countless school committees, was a Fellow of the Southern Nevada Writing Project (SNWP), a building representative for Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and has acted as a grade-level chair.

BJ also served as president of the International Reading Association from 1994-2005, implementing a program that provided reading recovery classes for K-12 students. She was selected as a University Fellow for SNWP, coordinated the organization's Children's Writing Project for at-risk students, and was nominated for the Christa McAuliffe Award for her work with special-needs students.

# JMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS



**KATHLEEN ALESSANDRO '72**

Kathleen's resume boasts a litany of impressive achievements, one of the most notable taking place in the '80s when the top fifteen employers in Downriver Detroit eliminated sixty-two percent of their workforce. In response, Kathleen testified before Congress, partnered with the Department of Labor, secured \$5 million in federal funding, and co-authored the nation's Dislocated Worker Program.

Currently, Kathleen is president of Energized Solutions LLC; she also serves as executive director for Great Start Collaborative-Wayne, an organization dedicated to establishing and maintaining a comprehensive early childhood system that reduces infant mortality, improves childhood literacy, and enhances the lives of families.

She has served as the principle consultant on two documentaries focusing on the permanent workforce changes ("Layoff" and the NBC White Paper, "America Works When America Works"), and provided technical assistance to program staff from Canada, Europe, Russia, and to members of the 1994 G-7 Economic Conference.

Kathleen is often called upon as a subject-matter expert for national e-zines and printed media regarding the challenges of productive and balanced work and living in the 21st century. She was president of the National Association of Women Business Owners Greater Detroit and has been featured in "Women's Health Magazine," "The Feldman Report," the "Detroit Free Press," "Lansing Business Monthly," and "World Policy Journal," to name a few.



**LOU (KOSS) MOSS '73**

With her 1973 Marygrove bachelor's degree in early childhood growth and development, Lou began her career in education, teaching myriad subjects and every grade spanning kindergarten to eighth grade. For twelve years, Lou served Clintondale Community Schools before changing careers, taking a position in the human resources division of General Motors. During her two-year tenure with the corporation, she supervised the Suggestion Plan Office, a program that saved the corporation \$5.9 million in 1986 alone.

In 1988, Lou returned to Clintondale Community Schools, this time as director of communications and marketing, a position she would hold for another fifteen years until she retired in 2003. Back on familiar turf, Lou worked with local media, coordinated millage and bond campaigns, hosted a talk show—the "Clintondale Close-Up"—and directed and wrote plays.

In 1990, Lou founded the Clinton Township Area Optimist Club and would later become a Grand Slam Distinguished President. She is a charter member of the Shelby Township Area Optimist Club, serves as an Optimist International field representative, was appointed by Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm to the Macomb County Commission of Higher Education in 2006, and has been nominated for and received numerous awards including Clinton Township's Citizen of the Year Award, the Optimist's Distinguished Governor Award, the Girl Scouts Women of Distinction Award, and many more.



**CAMRYN A. WASHINGTON '18**  
*Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow*

From the start, Camryn Washington routinely defied her professors' expectations, proving that she was not only a superior writer, researcher and thinker, but also someone who was immune to the fear of taking intellectual and academic risks.

"In over four decades of college-level teaching, I have had few students who took such pleasure in thinking and learning and who, in turn, make teaching such a pleasure," says Dean of Faculty and Professor of English Frank Rashid.

In addition to holding a 3.9 GPA, Camryn was awarded the English and Modern Languages Department's DeVlieg Scholarship for the promise she showed as a literary scholar. She is also the two-time recipient of the Amy S. McCombs-Frederick P. Currier Writing Award and, most recently, Camryn received the 2016 St. Catherine Medal/Marygrove College Scholarship.

Further cementing Camryn's reputation is her distinguished record of service. She is a member of Sigma Tau Delta, the English Honors Society, and regularly participates in the organization's community service projects. In addition to this, she teaches an after-school Bible class at University Prep Academy, volunteers at International Friends—a program for English language learners—and teaches Sunday school at her church.

The Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Awards are two of the highest honors that can be awarded to graduates by Marygrove College and the Marygrove College Alumni Association. This year, we are proud to introduce you to six award recipients. Be sure to join us Friday, September 16, at 7:00 p.m., in the Marygrove Theatre.

## 2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

# AWARD CRITERIA



The Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni Awards are honors bestowed by Marygrove College and the Marygrove College Alumni Association.

These awards have been established to recognize and honor alumni who have distinguished themselves and their alma mater.

As you hear the compelling and proud stories of this year's Distinguished Alumni, you no doubt have thought about your friends and classmates who are also deserving of this award next year. That's why we've provided the nomination form for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards. All living Marygrove College alumni who have earned undergraduate or graduate degrees are eligible for this award. Alumni, family, friends, co-workers, faculty, staff, and students may submit nominations. Self-nominations are also accepted. The Alumni Association Advisory Council will review nominations and select the award recipients.

The Distinguished Alumni 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 graduates.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented on Friday, September 16, 2016, at a special recognition event during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Please make your nomination using the form below and include the required documentation.

You can also read about past award recipients at [www.marygrove.edu](http://www.marygrove.edu). **Nominations are due by March 31, 2017.**

## MARYGROVE COLLEGE 2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATION FORM

### NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

**Three letters of recommendation.** In addition to the nomination form, a letter from the nominator and two additional letters must be included. Letters of support may be written by the nominee, fellow alumni, family, friends, faculty, staff, students, or co-workers. **Please advise those writing letters to be as specific as possible as to why this person is being nominated and how he/she meets the criteria for the award. Be specific.** Name the organizations the person is or was involved with; state how his/her involvement has impacted the organization; describe how the nominee's involvement exemplifies Marygrove's ideals of competence, compassion, and commitment.

**Supplemental documentation is strongly encouraged**, e.g., vita, newspaper articles. Please return nomination form and letters of support no later than **March 31, 2017**, to:

Marygrove College  
Distinguished Alumni Awards  
8425 West McNichols Road  
Detroit, Michigan 48221-2599

### NOMINEE INFORMATION

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If you have any questions or need more information, contact Jan Machusak, director of Alumni Relations, at (313) 927-1443 or [jmachusak@marygrove.edu](mailto:jmachusak@marygrove.edu)

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If you are a Marygrove College alumna/us:

Graduation year and major \_\_\_\_\_

I have contacted the nominee to inform him/her of this nomination.



# Faculty Spotlight:

**WE BELIEVE THAT EXTRAORDINARY MARYGROVE PEOPLE SHOULD BE HONORED FOR THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS—AND IN THIS ISSUE OF *TOWER TIMES*, WE RECOGNIZE TWO EXEMPLARY MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY.**



## **DR. MICHAEL MARTIN, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHILOSOPHY AND ENGLISH**

We would like to offer our warmest congratulations to Dr. Michael Martin, Assistant Professor of English and Philosophy, whose recent work, “The Incarnation of the Poetic Word: Theological Essays on Poetry and Philosophy/Philosophical Essays on Poetry and Theology,” will see a fall release by Angelico Press.

“The Incarnation of the Poetic Word” will be Dr. Martin’s fourth book release in two years and includes a foreword by Catholic philosopher William Desmond and an afterword by Therese Schroeder-Sheker, musician, author, and dean of The Chalice of Repose Project.

Dr. Martin’s other publications include “The Book of Splendor: A Sophiology Casebook,” “The Submerged Reality: Sophiology and the Turn to a Poetic Metaphysics,” “Meditations in Times of Wonder,” and “Literature and the Encounter with God in Post-Reformation England.”

You can purchase his books by visiting: <http://amzn.to/2aONLpw>



## **DR. JACQUELINE EL-SAYED, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS & PROFESSOR OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING**

The IHM mission includes responding “to the world’s most pressing needs.” Over the past few years, the IHM Leadership and Marygrove College have made collective statements surrounding refugees, including calling for President Obama’s help. Today’s headlines have been filled with the plight of the Syrian Refugees as they attempt to flee from terrible conditions, making their way across the sea in small boats with their children. Some have perished during this risky journey but many have come to live in the Detroit area, with more refugees on the way. Marygrove’s Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dr. Jacqueline El-Sayed, has been helping area refugees from the start through her community service work as one of the volunteer members of the Syrian American Rescue Network (SARN.) SARN provides humanitarian and economic support to help refugees reach self-sufficiency. Dr. El-Sayed is a member of the SARN Education Committee. The Education Committee provides families with a sense of community, tutoring, English as a Second Language classes, and support for the education for both children and adults. Dr. El-Sayed is the lead for higher education. In this work, she provides the structure to reconstruct the refugee’s history and create a plan for them to move forward in their education to complete their training and degrees to reach their dreams. Her work includes among other things, translation and evaluation of transcripts, assessment of potential institutional opportunities and partnerships, supervision of application/resume preparation and matching refugees with mentors. Last semester, a group of refugees visited Marygrove College to view the campus and speak with Admissions personnel. The refugees had a wonderful visit and loved Marygrove’s welcoming atmosphere. Most recently Dr. El-Sayed was honored by an invitation to the Motherhouse to share her work with the Sisters.



## 12TH ANNUAL GREAT LAKES BIONEERS DETROIT CONFERENCE COMES TO MARYGROVE, OCTOBER 28-30

Bioneers (biological pioneers) is an annual conference, a movement and a way of life! National BIONEERS is in its 27th year and Great Lakes Bioneers Detroit in its 12th year.

“Co-Creating Earth Community – Now is the Time: We are the Ones” is the theme of this year’s conference.

In his book “Change the Story, Change the Future: A Living Economy for a Living Earth,” David Korten says, “We need to come up with a new story, a sacred story, that helps us understand our origin and our purpose, one that draws from all sources: religious teaching, indigenous wisdom, scientific understanding, daily experience, and discovery.” This ‘new story’ connects to a ‘new narrative’ for Detroit, one that supports equity, opportunity, democracy, jobs, fair development, environmental justice, recycling and water as a human right.

Through “learnshops,” youth and adults will be invited to, for example, uproot racism and plant justice; learn about neighborhood organizing; understand water as a human right; create a green team in your congregation or neighborhood; apply biomimicry for social innovation; focus on urban farming, food security, healthy ‘fast food’ media; and learn about ethical finance. Nurture your heart and spirit by awakening life energy in the present, the ritual of oneness, yoga and meditation.

Dr. Brenda Bryant, coordinator of the Marygrove Master of Social Justice Program, said, “We are again delighted to welcome the Bioneers back to Marygrove because the issues they raise and the outcomes they espouse are also those of our own Social Justice program.”

Alumni, family and friends are invited to the Bioneers Conference at Marygrove, October 28-30! Program and registration are available at [www.gldb.org](http://www.gldb.org). Questions? Please contact Sr. Gloria Rivera, IHM, at [river1143@comcast.net](mailto:river1143@comcast.net) or (313) 717-6151. For more information on Marygrove’s Master of Arts in Social Justice, please visit [www.marygrove.edu](http://www.marygrove.edu).

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## MARYGROVE PARTICIPATORY ACTION RESEARCH TEAM HOSTS NEIGHBORHOOD ACTION MEETING

Abandoned houses. Abandoned lots. Inadequate lighting. Tree trimming. Police-resident relations. Youth training programs. Neighborhood watch. Clean-ups. Information sharing. Neighborhood gardens and parks. Murals and fences.

These were a few of the issues tackled on Saturday, July 16, when Marygrove’s Participatory Action Research (PAR) team hosted its second neighborhood action meeting.

The results of these meetings speak for themselves. So far, PAR members and the local community have collaborated to remove and recycle dumped tires on three lots; cleared brush from several lots in the San Juan Block Club area, which has since been used twice for a Halloween “Trunk or Treat” event; assisted Maggie Lee’s Community Center with back-to-school backpack giveaways; invited neighbors to a sustainable cities meeting with Professor Carolyn Raffensperger; hosted a workshop, Nonprofit Board Leadership and Fundraising; and brought monthly Marygrove Community Association meetings to campus.

This year’s event brought together several active area groups to share concerns, projects, and plans. Among participants were: Gaston Nash, College Core Block Club; Julia Kowalski, UDM’s Design Center; Myles Miller, staff of State Representative LaTanya Garrett; Maggie Hinton of Maggie Lee’s Community Center; Stephanie Harbin and Andrew White, officers of San Juan Block Club; Jay Meeks and Lanette Marshall-Mattison, officers of Marygrove Community Association; and Jacqueline El-Sayed, Marygrove’s vice president for Academic Affairs, who discussed a grant opportunity. Why not consider joining us? Contact Julie Laforet, Social Work research assistant, at (313) 927-1590 or [jlaforet2622@marygrove.edu](mailto:jlaforet2622@marygrove.edu).

We look forward to initiating and completing new projects with our neighbors!

# FALL COLLOQUIUM SERIES COMMENCES WITH GUEST SPEAKERS DR. MARK WENZEL AND DR. MARK HUSTON



*Dr. mark wenzel*

The Philosophy Department will kick off its fall colloquium series on Monday, September 19 with "Gender: What is it? How is It Important to Philosophy?" a presentation and discussion led by Dr. mark wenzel.

During this event, Wayne State University professor and philosopher mark wenzel will illustrate the ideas of gender by showing interconnections between ethics, epistemology, and aesthetics through gendered models of knowing and judging subjects. wenzel considers that the ways we gender bodies (as phenomenological experience of embodiment or as social categories) imply different theorizations of subjectivity. His talk will address the idea of epistemic injustice as one barely noticed consequence of gendering knowers.

The colloquium will meet in LA 241 at 12:30 p.m. on September 19.



*Dr. Mark Huston*

On October 10, the colloquium series will return with Dr. Mark Huston's presentation, "Everything Happens for a Reason: The Cold Comfort of Conspiracy Theories."

Although "conspiracy theory" is often used pejoratively, Schoolcraft College Professor Dr. Mark Huston argues that conspiracy theories are actually useful tools for thinking about the nature of reasoning, argumentation and explanation.

During this discussion, Huston will explore the conceptual nature of conspiracy theories; offer a defense for why they should be explored at the college level; demonstrate how a comprehensive understanding of conspiracy theories needs a philosophical, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary approach; and look at a few examples of conspiracy theories in order to give some practical examples of how different disciplines might approach the issues.

The colloquium will meet in LA 241 at 12:30 p.m. on October 10.

Marygrove alumni are welcome to join the discussions. For more information on these important presentations, contact Sarah Heidt, assistant professor of Philosophy, (313) 927-1840 or sheidt7969@marygrove.edu.



## HELP US HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

So many alumni today are on the go and have little time to read the printed copy of *Tower Times*. Some still prefer the hard copy.

In an effort to help the environment and help Marygrove contain costs, we wish to offer our alums an opportunity to receive *Tower Times* by e-mail or to read the publication online at [www.marygrove.edu/home/news/tower-times.html](http://www.marygrove.edu/home/news/tower-times.html).

Please let us know your preference by sending an e-mail to [towertimes@marygrove.edu](mailto:towertimes@marygrove.edu) and specifying whether you'd like to receive *Tower Times* by U.S. mail, by e-mail or prefer to read it online when it is posted to the Marygrove website.

Thank you!



# Changing the Vibe at 6 Mile & Wyoming

In the spring issue of *Tower Times*, we announced “Connecting, Recognizing & Celebrating Neighborhood Creatives,” a community-engagement initiative and greenspace project headed up by Professors Emeritae Rose DeSloover and Jane Hammang-Buhl.

Beginning in September, Marygrove College will host an ongoing series of events to celebrate this project. We hope that you will join us in the festivities!

- **“A Six-Mile Connection,”** the culminating event in this yearlong community-engagement project, marks the unveiling of the Charles McGee Community Commons centerpiece, a relief sculpture created by Kresge Eminent Artist Charles McGee.

**Sunday, September 11 – October 12, 2016**

- **Opening Exhibition at The Gallery**  
Metro Detroit artist Rose E. DeSloover curates this exhibit of mixed-media artwork from artists who live or work in Northwest Detroit.

**September 11, 2016 • 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. • The Gallery  
4th Floor, Liberal Arts Building**

- **Music, Spoken-Word and Dance Performances**  
A performance featuring Zen Zdravec and local area musicians; choreography by Kresge fellow Tracy Halloran Pearson with the Marygrove College Dance Company; and storytelling led by Satori Shakoor.

**Friday, September 23, 2016 • 7:30 p.m. • Marygrove College Theatre**

- **Make A Parade:** Friends and families are invited to join us in creating a parade to celebrate the completion of the Charles McGee Community Commons.

Come in costume! We will have face painting, banner-making activities, and music. The parade will conclude on the Marygrove campus with cider and donuts.

**Saturday, September 24, 2016 • 10:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

## ABOUT THE CHARLES MCGEE COMMUNITY COMMONS

The Charles McGee Community Commons is named for and celebrates the eminent Detroit artist Charles McGee, whose studio had been across from Marygrove College for more than 50 years. The significance of his artistic excellence was recognized in 2008 when he was named the first Kresge Foundation Eminent Artist. His career has been recognized nationally and we are thrilled to celebrate his legacy in the community in which he has works.

The Commons is a new space at the northwest corner of the campus at the intersection of McNichols and Wyoming. In addition to Mr. McGee’s 17’ x 7’ die bold aluminum sculpture in his iconic style, the space features:

- A Healing Garden, whose theme is particularly important to the community
- Seating area and paved walkway with environmentally sensitive choices: low maintenance plants; drip irrigation and other water management features; solar power; and low voltage LED lighting
- Technology access for community stories about the creative history of the neighborhood

For more information about the events, contact Katherine Johnson at (313) 927-1538 or [kjohnson17@marygrove.edu](mailto:kjohnson17@marygrove.edu).



# MARYGROVE HOSTS ARTISTS- IN-RESIDENCE LEVI PHILLIP MARSMAN AND ROGER C. JEFFREY

Beginning in October, Levi Philip Marsman will share his talent and creativity with the Marygrove College Department of Dance and various high schools in the community by teaching master classes and setting choreographic work. Marsman's residency will be followed up in January by artist-in-residence Roger C. Jeffrey.



## About the Artists

**Levi Phillip Marsman** is currently in his third year as Choreographer in Residence at the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School for the Arts (Florida). He has trained extensively at the Boston Arts Academy, OriginNation Cultural Arts Center, and Jeanette Neill Dance Studio. A graduate from the Walnut Hill School of the Arts (Ballet), Levi continued his formal training as a fellowship student at The Ailey School. He received his B.F.A. from Fordham University. Levi has helped set works for companies nationally and internationally such as Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Cape Dance Company (South Africa), and Movements Dance Company (Jamaica), to name a few.



**Roger C. Jeffrey** was born and raised in New York City where he began his training at Bernice Johnson Cultural Arts Center in Jamaica, Queens. A graduate of Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and the Performing Arts, he received his B.F.A. from The Juilliard School and has performed in the companies of Bernice Johnson, Kevin Iega Jeff, Obediah Wright, Earl Mosley, Zvi Gotheiner, Twyla Tharp, the Metropolitan Opera Ballet, and many more. Inspired by his mentor Kevin Iega Jeff, continues to explore his artistic potential as both an instructor and choreographer with various conservatories and universities.

## NEW ONLINE CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEGREES AT MARYGROVE



### Restorative Justice the Focus

Read the daily headlines or listen to the voices of the people, especially minorities, who are experiencing mass economic, social, and judicial injustice, and you will surely agree that the gospel-inspired mission of our IHM Founders is perhaps needed now more than ever.

Our institution has always worked in pursuit of justice and reconciliation—and this fall we will continue this tradition by offering new online programs in criminal justice with a Restorative Justice focus. This program, offered at the undergraduate and graduate levels, is currently accepting applications for the cohorts beginning October 31.

“In this time of crisis, where there is distrust between law enforcement and the community,” says Marygrove College Interim Provost Dr. Sally Welch, “our institution is prepared to help bring about peace and reconciliation through its online program in criminal justice based on Restorative Justice principles.”

Restorative Justice is a victim-centered response to crime that views criminal behavior not as a violation against the state, but one against people and relationships. As a result, those who practice Restorative Justice respond to crime by transforming the traditional relationship between communities and government, giving all stakeholders—both the victim and perpetrator—the opportunity to identify and take steps to repair harm.

For the convenience of our students, Marygrove's bachelor's and master's degrees in criminal justice are offered completely online and designed for those interested in law enforcement, corrections, parole, probation, fire science, education, social work and non-profit careers, to name a few. Marygrove also offers an on-campus undergraduate bachelor's degree in criminal justice, which starts September 6th.

Are you interested or do you know someone who is? To learn more about Marygrove College's online BA in Criminal Justice, visit [marygroveonline.com](http://marygroveonline.com). For the MA in Criminal Justice, visit <http://onlinegrad.marygrove.edu>. Our Admissions Office would also be delighted to help you if you call (313) 927-1240 or e-mail [info@marygrove.edu](mailto:info@marygrove.edu).

# Mustang Report



Alumni and Friends, the Marygrove Mustangs are galloping into a new season of excitement. Below we've printed the game schedule of our Women's and Men's Soccer teams and our Women's Volleyball team. It would mean a great deal to our student athletes to see have you out there rooting for them. Please know that you're all invited.

## Go Mustangs!

### 2016 Men's Baseball Weekend Series Games

9/24 @ Rochester College-double header- Two nine-inning games 2 p.m.  
9/25 @ Rochester College-one single nine-inning game 1 p.m.  
10/1 @ Aquinas College-double header- Two nine-inning games 2 p.m.  
10/2 @ Aquinas College-one single nine-inning game 1 p.m.  
10/8 Home (game location TBA) Lourdes-double header- Two nine-inning games 2 p.m.  
10/9 Home (game location TBA) Lourdes-one nine-inning game 1 p.m.

### 2016 Women's Volleyball Schedule

8/23 Grace Bible College @Marygrove 7 p.m.  
9/7 U of M Dearborn @ Marygrove 7 p.m.  
9/10 @ Rochester Cram Quad  
9/14 Marygrove @ UNOH  
9/16 Sienna Heights @ Marygrove 7 p.m.  
9/17 Lourdes @ Marygrove 1 p.m.  
9/21 Indiana Tech @ Marygrove 7 p.m.  
9/28 Marygrove @ Lawrence Tech  
9/30 Marygrove @ Concordia  
10/1 Marygrove @ Davenport  
10/5 Marygrove @ Madonna  
10/12 Marygrove @ U of M Dearborn  
10/19 UNOH @ Marygrove 7 p.m.  
10/20 @ Rochester College  
10/21 Marygrove @ Cornerstone  
10/22 Marygrove @ Aquinas  
10/26 Marygrove @ Wright College  
10/29 Lawrence Tech @ Marygrove 1 p.m.  
11/2 Madonna @ Marygrove 7 p.m.

All home games are played at: Northwest Activities Center,  
18100 Meyers Road, Detroit, MI 48235

### 2016 Women's Soccer Schedule

8/17 @ University of Saint Francis Indiana 4 p.m.  
8/30 @ Goshen College 7 p.m.  
**9/3 vs. Huntington University noon**  
**9/7 vs Cleary 4 p.m.**  
9/10 @ Blufton College 2p.m.  
**9/14 vs University of Saint Francis Chicago 2 p.m.**  
9/28 @ Lawrence Tech TBD  
10/1 @ Aquinas College 3 p.m.  
**10/5 vs Davenport University 4 p.m.**  
10/8 @ Lourdes University 2 p.m.  
10/12 @ Cornerstone University TBD  
**10/15 vs Indiana Tech noon**  
**10/19 vs University of Northwest Ohio 4 p.m.**  
**10/22 vs Sienna Heights University noon**  
10/26 @ Concordia University 1 p.m.  
**10/29 vs Madonna University noon**

\*\*\*\*\*Home games in bold\*\*\*\*\*

### 2016 Men's Soccer Schedule

8/20 @ Roosevelt (IL) noon  
8/24 @ Cleary 2 p.m.  
**8/25 vs Huntington (IN) 4 p.m.**  
**9/3 vs Point Park (PA) 3 p.m.**  
9/6 @ Rochester 3 p.m.  
**9/10 vs Taylor (IN) 3 p.m.**  
9/20 @ WV Tech (WV) 2 p.m.  
9/24 @ U of M Dearborn 3p.m.\*  
**9/28 vs Lawrence Tech 4 p.m.\***  
10/1 @ Aquinas noon\*  
10/5 @ Davenport 7 p.m.\*  
10/8 @ Lourdes 5 p.m.\*  
**10/12 vs Cornerstone 4 p.m.\***  
**10/15 vs Indiana Tech 3 p.m.\***  
10/19 @ UNOH 4 p.m.\*  
**10/22 vs Siena Heights 3 p.m.\***  
**10/26 vs Concordia 4 p.m.\***  
**10/29 vs Madonna 3 p.m.\***

Home games in bold \*-WHAC Conference Game

## Marygrove College 2016-2017 New Student Athlete Recruits

Below is a complete list to date of new Marygrove Mustang Student Athletes. These students signed a Letter of Intent to play in their chosen sport for the upcoming academic year. We are proud and excited to have them be a part of our Marygrove College family!



Marco Capizzi	Baseball	Shelby Township, MI	Warren De La Salle High School
Jacob Nabozny	Baseball	Trenton, MI	Trenton High School
Antonio Carta	Baseball	Livonia, MI	Allen Park Cabrini High School
Hernan Solis	Baseball	Holly, MI	Holly High School
Eric Bezel	Baseball	Center Line, MI	Center Line High School
Michael Victory	Baseball	Warren, MI	Fitzgerald High School
William Da Costa	Baseball	Ontario, Canada	St. Jean De Brebeuf CHS
Nolan Addington	Baseball	Memphis, MI	Memphis High School
Kevin Daucher	Baseball	Milford, MI	Milford High School
Collin Skorupski	Baseball	Warren, MI	Warren Mott High School
Marco Solis	Baseball	Lansing, MI	Lansing Community College
Jonathan Starks	Baseball	Romulus, MI	Wayne County Community College
Jared Ward	Baseball	Centerline, MI	Centerline High School
Casey Nwamba	Men's Basketball	Southfield, MI	Southfield High School
Ernest Zimmerman	Men's Basketball	Inkster, MI	Taylor Trillium Academy
Justin Penn	Men's Basketball	Detroit, MI	University High School
Angus Bennett	Men's Basketball	Battle Creek, MI	Kellogg Community College
Jason Watts	Men's Basketball	Macomb, MI	St. Clair County Community College
James Burton	Men's Basketball	Clarkston, MI	Cornerstone H & T High School
Corey Wells	Men's Basketball	Detroit, MI	Douglass Academy
Louis DeJesus	Men's Basketball	Chesterfield, MI	Anchor Bay High School
Tris'styn Williams	Women's Basketball	New Baltimore, MI	Anchor Bay High School
Charlika Stubbs	Women's Basketball	Farmington Hills, MI	West Bloomfield High School
Sami Abadi	Men's Soccer	Dearborn, MI	Dearborn High School
Jad Elarab	Men's Soccer	Dearborn, MI	Fordson High School
Melyssa Olmstead	Women's Soccer	Barrie, Ontario	Bear Creek Secondary School
Whitney Cole	Women's Soccer	Westland, MI	Westland John Glenn High School
Chelsea Cole	Women's Soccer	Westland, MI	Westland John Glenn High School



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# THANK YOU FOR RISING TO THE MARYGROVE CHALLENGE!

You may recall our exciting announcement back in May that Marygrove received a Challenge Grant from an anonymous donor for \$500,000!

The idea behind this donation was exactly as the name suggests: it was a three-month fundraising challenge to alumni, friends, and supporters of the college in hopes that they would "rise to the Marygrove Challenge" and, together, match the \$500,000 anonymous donation.

And rise to the challenge you did. From May 1 through July 31, your gifts poured in. Approximately 600 individual donors participated in the Marygrove Challenge with gifts totaling \$1.5 million!

As part of the campaign and to reach an even wider group of donors, the college created an online crowdfunding campaign through GiveCampus for the first time. As a result, we were able to raise nearly \$10,000 from over 100 online donors!

We sincerely thank you all who believe in our mission, donated, and spread the word about the Marygrove Challenge. You are the reason for our success! Our students are the ones who'll benefit. Please continue to support our students with your online secure donation at [www.marygrove.edu](http://www.marygrove.edu) or mail your donation to Marygrove College, Institutional Advancement, 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221.