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Message from the President David J. Fike

Drawing inspiration from Founders' Day



On November 10 Marygrove celebrated Founders' Day, the date that marks the founding of the IHM congregation 163 years ago in Monroe, Michigan.

It is the day when we honor the religious order of women, known as the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary—formed in 1845 in Monroe, Michigan, who founded and sponsor Marygrove College. We also celebrate their

establishment of Marygrove College in the City of Detroit in 1927.

I believe it is important to celebrate this day for many reasons, but among the most significant is to keep alive the memory of this brave group of women who committed themselves to educating underserved groups of people because they felt strongly that it was the right thing to do. They followed their dream and kept their commitment in spite of political opposition, financial hardship and personal criticism.

I am moved by their courage, actions, perseverance and hope. Today when we look around us at our world—there is still much to be done. There remain many underserved people and a thirst for great leaders. Our IHMs, through their past and current example, show us the true nature of strong leaders.

A great example of this is manifested in Sister Amata Miller, IHM '54, who was the keynote speaker at the Founders' Day convocation. Sister Amata served as Chief Financial Officer of Marygrove College and as Professor of Economics at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, before going to St. Catherine's, where she is Director of the Myser Initiative on Catholic Identity and Professor of Economics. In addition, she has served as Financial Vice President for the IHM congregations and was Education Coordinator and Economic Analyst for NETWORK—a national Catholic social justice lobby in Washington, D.C.

She has written and lectured extensively on economic justice issues, Catholic social teaching and socially responsible investing throughout the United States and abroad. Sister Amata continues to be involved at Marygrove as an instructor in the Social Justice Program and as an active member of the Neighborhood Enhancement and Empowerment Initiative and Institute for Detroit Studies Committee. She is truly an inspirational leader.

Marygrove College continues in the footsteps of our founders and sponsors as we commit to a vision of Urban Leadership. I hope you will join me in being present, engaged and inspired to continue their legacy.

Marygrove adopts new tagline, launches marketing campaign

by Karen Wood, Director of Communications and Marketing

Over the next several months, you will see the Marygrove name on more than just our front gates or as a logo on stationery. Marygrove's new marketing campaign was officially launched on November 4 at a sneak preview for faculty and staff. The external launch began in early November and will run through April 2009. The primary objective of the marketing campaign is to increase Marygrove's name recognition in metro Detroit and ultimately attract more students to enroll.

the same thing and remain in front of the target audience long enough to keep a business's name top-of-mind when a person requires that product or service.

Top-of-mind awareness advertising yields the greatest long-term benefits. Not everyone needs a product or service today, so advertising for a month is generally not effective. Consistently reminding a large group of consumers about a business's unique selling proposition is best.

So what is Marygrove College's unique selling proposition—what sets us apart from our competition and how will we position ourselves in a very competitive marketplace? After researching the college's history, speaking to staff, faculty and students, evaluating our current strengths and looking toward our future, our marketing pieces will convey—whether directly or indirectly—the following messages:

Marygrove's:

- rich Catholic traditions and teachings in Social Justice and the search for Truth;
- student-centered educational philosophy;
- commitment to Detroit;
- focus on developing urban leaders;
- belief in providing a strong, liberal arts education.

It is important to note that this list is not all-inclusive. It does not mean that we will not highlight other aspects of what we offer. But because people make decisions quickly (often based purely on a split-second look at a billboard or Web site) it is imperative that we keep our messages simple and easy to remember. We want, above all, for potential students to remember the Marygrove name and to see what we have to offer when they're deciding on a school to attend.



Determining the audience

Although we would ultimately like to expand Marygrove's name far and wide, this year's campaign will begin by focusing on people who live in and around the City of Detroit. Marygrove always has and will continue to focus on underserved populations, as this is part of our mission. Our location within the city limits as well as our commitment to its residents is a logical place to start.

Here is a breakdown of our primary target audiences:

Undergrads:

- Aged 17-21
- Non-traditional student interests
- Maintain African-American base, but add diversity

Grads:

- Aged 22-50
- Working
- Parents
- Willing to travel within a 35 mile radius

Creating the message

General advertising/marketing guidelines recommend that a business's messages be consistent, constant and cohesive to be effective. In other words, it's key to make sure the elements of a campaign look similar, say essentially



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Mark Bartnik '79

News from the Alumni Association President Volunteer for Marygrove

There are numerous opportunities to volunteer at Marygrove with the Alumni Association and we need each and every one of you. You can participate in a new program at the College or off campus with a scheduled outing. You can come to Marygrove to help new students, arriving for the first time, move into the dorm.

Remember the days of yore when you first arrived at the school and were trying to feel your way around? The students today feel the same excitement and could use a seasoned veteran to help, even if it is just to carry a sack of clothes to the second floor.

The Alumni Association is seeking new board members and volunteers to join one of the ongoing committees. You have talents and interests and we have opportunities! The rewards are awesome and your contributions are greatly needed and appreciated. Just give us a try. Our goal is to place you into an opportunity where you will feel comfortable and challenged. The first thing you can do is think about what type of skills you have that need exercising and then contact myself or Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations. Diane can be reached at dpuhl@marygrove.edu or (313) 927-1443 and I can be reached at bartnikmark@hotmail.com. Please specify 'I want to contribute to MG' in the subject line and I will get right back with you. Our goal is to help make the college experience as rich and rewarding as possible for our future alums.

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Exciting alumni-sponsored trips to

COSTA RICA and Tuscany

planned for 2009 – 2010

TROPICAL COSTA RICA

Nov. 11 – 19, 2009

\$2,449 • Includes roundtrip air from Detroit, hotel transfers, 14 meals and departure taxes.

Travel with Marygrove alumni, family and friends to a land of rich natural wonders teeming with lush forests, stunning waterfalls, rumbling volcanoes, endless coastlines, exotic plants and amazing animals. Our adventure will include the exploration of **Cano Negro**, a 20,000 acre nature preserve and two nights in **Monteverde's** fascinating cloud forest. Participants will have the opportunity to fly through the cloud forest on a zip line canopy tour or take a guided walk among the treetops on a series of hanging bridges. We will also relax in the mineral-rich waters at a family-owned hot springs with views of **Arenal Volcano** and spend two nights at an all-inclusive resort in **Playa Hermosa**, known for its breathtaking beauty and fine sandy beaches.



Discover Tuscany

March 11 – 20, 2010

\$2,849 • Includes roundtrip air from Detroit, hotel transfers, 13 meals and departure taxes.

From the innovations of the Etruscans to the enlightenment of the Renaissance, Tuscany is a region steeped in history and human achievement. On this special journey we will enjoy walking tours in Italy's most charming towns, visit magnificent historic monuments and sample mouth-watering cuisine and wines. Highlights of this trip include **Rome, Assisi, Basilica of St. Francis, Montecatini Terme, Florence, San Gimignano** and **Siena**.



Alumni-sponsored travel is open to all alumni, family and friends of Marygrove College. Special accommodations can be made for people who need a departure city other than Detroit. To request a brochure with the complete itinerary and registration materials, or if you have questions or need more information, contact **Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Annual Giving** at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

2009 Events at a Glance

February

20 • Alumni Book Discussion

March

4 – 15 • Alumni-sponsored trip to Egypt
7 • Detroit Red Wings

April

4 • Dinner/Theater
18 • Lend A Hand – Sandwich to Go Program
24 • Contemporary American Authors Series
30 • Dramafest

May

9 • Campus Beautification
15 • Graduate Luncheon
15 • Opera
16 • Commencement

September

14- 20 • Homecoming Week

November

11- 19 • Alumni-sponsored trip to Costa Rica

Details for these events can be found in this edition of *The Tower Times*.

Marketing (cont from page one)

Defining the visual brand

To create a “look and feel” for Marygrove’s marketing and advertising pieces, you’ll notice some of the following changes:

Expanding beyond the green and gold colors—although our traditional green and gold will still be used (especially for athletics), we’ve expanded the color palette to allow for more versatility.

Bold, recognizable graphic elements—you’ll notice the use of arrows, posterization (making an object look like it’s been sketched), unusual placement of the logo and consistency in the use of fonts, for example.

A fresh clean style, where organization is key—this is especially clear in our billboards and posters (see examples below).

Consistency across communication vehicles—you’ll see common elements on our Web site, billboards, newspaper ads, brochures, etc.

Choosing the appropriate venues

Buses, billboards, radio, ads and collateral materials (e.g. flyers, brochures, posters, etc.) will be the primary ways we will get our message out to our target audiences. Here’s a brief overview:

(1) Bulletin (a.k.a. “billboard”): Marygrove will have one bulletin board placed on the West side of the northbound Lodge Freeway (M-10). Timeframe: Jan. – Apr. (12 weeks)



(20) Posters: These are basically small bulletins and will be placed along major surface streets in Detroit. Timeframe: Nov-Dec (off January) back up Feb. – Apr. (16 Weeks).



(100) Interior Cards: Interior Cards are found inside buses and are useful because people have more time to study them. Timeframe: Nov. – Jan. (12 weeks).

(380-410) Tail lights: These are large posters affixed to the back of a bus. Timeframe: March - Apr. (8-Weeks). These will be on every bus in the city of Detroit. Artwork samples



Attend the Opera



Friday, May 15 at 7:30 p.m.
Detroit Opera House

Performed in French with English subtitles

This opera is an audience favorite wherever it is performed. The seductive gypsy Carmen woos the naïve corporal Don Jose and turns his world asunder. Like a moth to a flame, he is drawn to her, unable to escape her siren-like charms. He believes that Carmen brings out the best in him, but when her fickle devotion shifts to the bullfighter Escamillo, Jose’s whole life crumbles. Heartbroken, he makes one last dramatic plea for Carmen’s love and when rebuked, takes her heart as well. The stirring musical score includes the “Habanera” and the “Toreador Song.”

The cost for this event is \$45, which includes a ticket valued at \$85 on the Main Floor, as well as a private gathering on the 3rd level (elevator accessible) at 5:45 p.m. for assorted gourmet desserts and coffee. We will be escorted to our seats at 7:15 p.m.

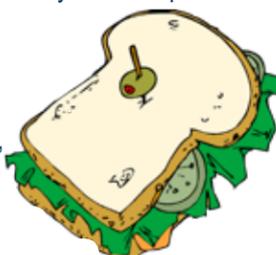
To make reservations for this outstanding event, send a check made payable to Marygrove College, attention **Diane Puhl**, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221 no later than May 4, 2009. For questions about this event, contact **Sheila Keefe '56** at (586) 268-0481 or sheilakeef@aol.com.

Lend a Hand Sandwich to Go Program

Saturday, April 18, 2009
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

The Alumni Association has volunteered once again to assist with the Cass Community Social Services’ Sandwich to Go Program on Saturday, April 18, 2009 from 10 a.m.- 12:30 p.m. at the Scott Center, 11850 Woodrow Wilson Dr., Detroit. Cass Community Services provides food, shelter, medical, mental health, vocational and youth services to hundreds of people daily and this program, which provides meals for detainees, funds a significant number of those projects.

Marygrove alumni and friends will spend the morning preparing sandwiches that will be distributed among Detroit Police Department precincts. If you are interested in volunteering or if you need more information, please contact Diane Puhl at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu. Those who have participated in the past have expressed their appreciation for having the opportunity to bond with their fellow alums while offering assistance to an organization that provides vital services to people in the Metro Detroit area.



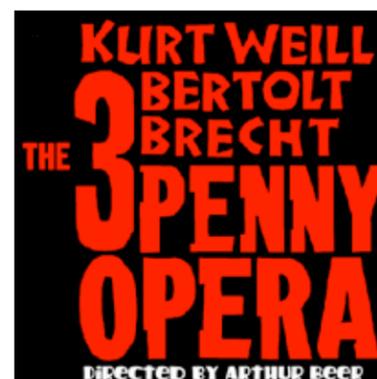
Alumni Night at the Detroit Red Wings



Saturday, March 7, 2009
7 p.m. • Joe Louis Arena

Alumni, family and friends are invited to join us as the Red Wings face off against the Columbus Blue Jackets. The Alumni Association has reserved a block of seats in section 212C. The cost is \$40, which includes a \$38 seat and dinner consisting of a sandwich, salad, chips, cookies, brownies and soda at Joe Louis Arena prior to the game. To register, send a check made payable to Marygrove College, attention Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI, 48221 or call (313) 927-1443 to pay by credit card. Tickets will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis so place your order early.

Dinner and Theater



Saturday, April 4, 2009
Dinner at 6 p.m. Play at 8:00 p.m.

The Dinner/Theater events sponsored by the Marygrove College Alumni Association Program Committee have been some of our most successful events. It is so convenient to come to the college, park once, and enjoy a delicious dinner in Madame Cadillac Hall and walk a short distance to the Marygrove Theater to see a stellar production from the University of Detroit Mercy Theater Company.

In *The Three Penny Opera*, composer Kurt Weill (1900–1950) and playwright Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956) transform saccharine, old-fashioned opera and operetta forms with sharp political perspective and the sounds of the 1920s Berlin dance bands and Cabaret into what *Newsweek* called “the greatest musical of all time.” Weill’s acidic harmonies and Brecht’s piercing texts created a revolutionary new musical that inspired such subsequent hits as *Cabaret*, *Chicago* and *Urinetown*. Don’t miss out on this treat.

The cost is \$35 per person for dinner and a theater ticket. To make reservations, send a check made payable to Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221. Reservations must be received no later than Wednesday, March 25, 2009. If you have questions, contact Sheila Keefe '56 at 586-268-0481 or sheilakeefe@aol.com.

2008 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

MARY D. MOORE HUBBELL '56



A class in radio and television writing and production during her senior year at Marygrove gave Mary D. Moore Hubbell a leg up in landing an advertising job immediately after graduation. After marriage and children she was a stay-at-home mom and volunteer for fourteen years. She became a part-time TV producer for then-Mayor Roman Gribbs' "The Detroit Show."

Next stop was the Detroit Institute of Arts in the Public Relations Department editing the monthly events calendar, other writing assignments and representing the museum to community-based organizations.

In 1979, Mary D. was selected by the newly formed University Cultural Center Association to be its executive director. She describes the 17 member UCCA as "a block club for institutions," concerned with appearance, safety, signage and lighting, among common needs. She was awarded the Paul Lutzier Award by Detroit Renaissance for establishing Children's Day during the annual Freedom Festival. She also planned and promoted Noel Night each December.

In 1985, Mary D. was named Director of Communications for New Detroit, Inc., the nation's first and largest urban coalition. Her varied writing projects included speeches, op-ed pieces for major publications, NOW Magazine, radio and television public service announcements and a public relations guidebook for community-based organizations.

In retirement she continues to volunteer. She was a member of the Public Administration Foundation where she wrote codes of ethics for elected officials and administrators. She also served on United Way allocations panels. Mary D. frequently writes for Marygrove publications and is a member of the Alumni Board.

ELIZABETH WALTERS, IHM '66, '08



A dedicated peace activist, Elizabeth Walters, IHM, earned two degrees from Marygrove, 42 years apart. Although she has devoted her life to bringing about social justice, she returned to Marygrove to undertake its formal study when the college began the new Master of Social Justice cohort program, from which she graduated in May 2008.

Sister Elizabeth has been arrested many times on picket lines at various military installations and has served a total of three years in prison for her protests.

As a member of the Michigan Peace Team, she became deeply involved in her nonviolent work in the Gaza Strip and the disputed West Bank. Beginning in 2001, she spent several summers in the most ravaged areas there living with Palestinian families and protecting them at considerable personal peril at check points. She was a member of the Peace Team in Haiti in 1994 when the United Nations representatives were expelled from the country. Sister Elizabeth's peace activism has been interspersed with her work as a dedicated educator.

In recent years she was the technology teacher at Our Lady of Guadalupe Middle School. The school's mission is to serve economically impoverished families in Southwest Detroit and to provide a Catholic school of excellence for their daughters. She also established technology labs and curriculum at Holy Redeemer High School. That building, also in Southwest Detroit, now houses the new Cristo Rey High School. Sister Elizabeth was on the planning committee for the school which is sponsored by the IHM Sisters and the Basilian Fathers.

Hope Takes Root community garden was the brainchild of Sister Elizabeth who founded it 14 years ago to feed its neighbors and homeless people.

She recently joined the staff of the Michigan Peace Team, which is headquartered in Lansing.

MARY TREPANIER-STREET '71



Early childhood education is both a cause and a career for Dr. Mary Trepanier-Street. She is lauded for her leadership in the field by her colleagues at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and by child development experts throughout Michigan and beyond.

She followed her Marygrove degree in child development and elementary education with a master's in educational psychology at Miami University (Ohio) and a doctorate in education from the University of Rochester (New York).

Dr. Trepanier-Street has two important and distinct roles at UM-Dearborn where she has been a faculty member for more than 30 years. As Associate Dean of the UM-Dearborn School of Education, she supervises student teachers and the undergraduate program. She is also director of the recently enlarged and relocated Child Development Center, a laboratory school. It operates in collaboration with the Oakwood Hospital Center for Exceptional Families. The inclusive education for children with or without disabilities and their families serves the children of students, faculty, staff and the community. It is recognized as a model center, the highest recognition possible from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Her years of advocacy and leadership recently resulted in the State Board of Education approving a major in early childhood education for teacher certification.

Research is a real love for Dr. Trepanier-Street who has written more than forty articles, book chapters and abstracts on child development, education of children with special needs and many aspects of teacher education. She has been a leader in professional organizations and has been appointed to advisory boards including the Dearborn Public Schools.

PATRICIA NEWMAN BRASSEUR '73



Providing opportunities for children has been the focus of Patricia Newman Brasseur's professional and volunteer life since she graduated from Marygrove in 1973. Even as a student she was committed to the Girl Scouts of America as a counselor in Flint, Mich., following the example of her mother.

Currently, she chairs the Kalamazoo Girl Scout Council's Capital Campaign which has raised more than \$9.5 million for their Program and Training Center and for camp improvements. Pat has served in many capacities from troop leader to board chair. She has assisted the troop led by her daughter, Jodie Mrak, for thirteen years.

She was named to the Board of the Battle Creek Community Foundation in 1992 and has chaired the scholarship committee for a dozen years, spending countless hours reviewing scholarship applications.

When the W.K. Kellogg Foundation marked its 75th anniversary by establishing the Legacy Scholars Program with an \$8 million contribution, Pat was a natural choice for Chair. The program guarantees sixth graders from the Battle Creek and Lakeview school districts two years of tuition at Kellogg Community College if they continuously attend and graduate from the district's schools. The Legacy program offers hope to parents as it begins to prepare children for college seven years before graduation.

Pat serves on the finance and program committees of the board of Starr Commonwealth, a multi-faceted, youth serving agency based in Albion, Mich. She has been a board member since 1999.

Other commitments include the American Association of University Women, the Calhoun County Communities in Schools, Mental Health Profession Associates and the Battle Creek Child Guidance Center. She also manages public relations for McDonald's Restaurants of Calhoun County owned by her husband, Jim Brasseur.

PATRICIA MUCCI LoRUSSO '77



Finding a cure for cancer is the driving force in the life of Dr. Patricia Mucci LoRusso. Recognized among her peers as one of the top cancer researchers in the nation, Dr. LoRusso began her research career while a student at Marygrove. Her student internships, arranged by Marygrove, began at Ethyl Corporation followed by Ford Motor Company. Veronica Maher, IHM, introduced

Pat to cancer research during her final undergraduate internship at the Michigan Cancer Foundation (now the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute).

Dr. LoRusso earned her medical degree at Michigan State University School of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her internship and residency in Internal Medicine at Riverside Hospital in Trenton, Mich., and followed with a

**Nominations for 2009
Distinguished Alumni
Awards are due
May 31, 2009**

2008 Distinguished Alumni Award Recipients

fellowship in the division of hematology and oncology at Wayne State University School of Medicine and the Detroit Medical Center's Harper Hospital.

Since 1989, Dr. LoRusso has taught several courses related to cancer treatments and drug therapies at Wayne State University School of Medicine and is a tenured professor in the division of hematology and oncology. The National Institute of Health, the National Cancer Institute and various pharmaceutical companies have awarded her dozens of grants for cancer research and development of new treatment drugs. Her work has been included in hundreds of articles and abstracts on treatments for many types of cancer.

Despite the emphasis on research, Dr. LoRusso never loses sight of her patients and how the disease affects them. While still a student at Marygrove, she was "hugely influenced" by Patricia Cooney who taught theology. She learned the importance of giving patients faith as well as treating their disease, which still guides her in her practice.

SHARNITA C. JOHNSON '87



Since her graduation from Marygrove College, Sharnita Johnson has worked on both sides of the philanthropy business—raising money and giving it away. Her expertise in both areas is highly sought after.

Sharnita presently manages a \$10 million grant portfolio for the Skillman Foundation, a Michigan foundation devoted to improving the

lives of children. As a program officer, she is in charge of all elements of the foundation's Culture and Arts, and Youth Development grant-making, including evaluation, communications and building the capacity of grant recipients. The current trend in philanthropy is to work closely with grantees to help them effectively use grant funds and provide them with any technical assistance they need. The Skillman Foundation concentrates on six Detroit neighborhoods, making them good places for children to achieve their goals in a safe environment. Sharnita administers grants in two of them, the North End and Osborn neighborhoods.

From 2001 to 2004, Sharnita managed a \$3.3 million grant portfolio in the arts, culture, and community engagement for the Flint-based Private Family Foundation.

On the fundraising side of giving, Sharnita has worked for Detroit Public Television, Children's Hospital of Michigan, Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts and the Museum of African American History (now the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History).

Sharnita recently completed a master's degree in Public Administration at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. She earned a certificate in Magazine Publishing Procedures at Howard University, Washington, D.C. "As I reflect, the college was an oasis where I felt a sense of belonging," says Sharnita of her Marygrove years.

DEBRA S. BARASH '09



Debra Barash, who was named Distinguished Alumna of Tomorrow by Marygrove last September, says, "My success at Marygrove started the day I stepped on campus." Prior to enrolling she had already amassed decades of experience.

She earned an associate degree from Oakland Community College. Debra has also built spec

homes in the Dryden, Mich. area and keeps her builder's license current. For five years Debra coached Varsity Track for both boys and girls at Dryden High School, expanding the program to include more than ten percent of the student body.

She has pursued her social work degree at Marygrove with the same vigor and now is president of the Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society. In 2007, she conducted a college-wide coat collection for the COTS homeless shelter. She prepared five mother and baby layette baskets that served as centerpieces at a social work conference held at Michigan State University and then gave them to new moms. As a research assistant, Debra works with nearly one hundred social agencies to line up internship slots for social work students and manages the complex internship database. She has participated in several service learning projects including teaching English as a Second Language at a Hispanic center in Southwest Detroit.

Debra, who is on Marygrove's Dean's List as well as the National Dean's List, already is investigating programs and requirements for a master's degree at several universities. A particular interest is advocacy for the rights of students with emotional disorders or other special needs. In summing up her philosophy, Debra says, "I believe attitude is everything. We have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change what people say or how they act. The most important thing is how we react to it."



2009 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.

All living Marygrove College alumni (those 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 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), commitment (the capacity to care about and respect the worth and dignity of people), and compassion (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. These awards honor graduates who have made significant contributions and demonstrated leadership in any of the following areas:

1. Professional, educational or artistic endeavors
2. The community through government service and/or civic organizations (such as Lions Club, City Planning Commissions, government committees, etc.)
3. Political action, social justice or volunteer activities in schools, hospitals, etc.
4. Marygrove College

Based on the number of qualified applicants, up to six awards will be given annually. For **one** of these awards, special consideration will be given to alums who graduated within the last 15 years. All nominations will remain on file and will be reconsidered for two consecutive years.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented on Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, at a special recognition event during Homecoming weekend.

Please make your nomination using the form on page 12 and include the required documentation. You can also read about past award recipients at www.marygrove.edu/alumni.

Nominations are due no later than May 31, 2009.

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NOTES
Alumni Class

(Submissions from spring 2007 to November 2008)



Julia Skiffington Cotter '31 celebrated her 99th birthday on February 8, 2008. At Homecoming 2007, Julia mentioned to Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations that she loves bridge but no longer plays because she has no one to play with. As a birthday gift from Marygrove, Diane brought Dr. Brenda Bryant (renowned bridge player and Marygrove's Dean of Extended Learning) to Julia's

home for an afternoon of bridge. Rita Walker and Bridget Schipper completed the foursome. A wonderful time was had by all!

Joan Stanko Hyde '41 was diagnosed with ovarian cancer July 2007. There were those who would have set her up with hospice and called it a day. God had other plans. She has just completed her 12th and hopefully last necessary chemo treatment for ovarian cancer. Her birthday is June 12th and with the grace of God, Joan is looking forward to a full recovery in her 89th year. She is most grateful for all the prayers. God still works miracles!

Jeannette Fehner '42 joined the VFW Color Guard to play "Taps" at military funerals. Rain, snow, blazing sun: nothing stops the 85-year-old musician from helping area families pay their last respects to a veteran. The Traverse City Noon Rotary Club and the Cherryland VFW Post 2780 recognized Jeannette for her five years of service as an honorary member of the Color Guard, for playing her trumpet at nearly 50 funerals a year. The Noon Rotary Club named Fehner a Paul Harris Fellow; an honor named after club founder, and bestowed upon her the Service Above Self Award.

Claire Bergevin Nixon '46 continues to water ski in the summer and downhill ski two to three days a week in the winter. She has been featured in the Traverse City Record Eagle several times for her continued athletic prowess.

Jane A. Conley Williams '47 received the 2007 Marco Island Civic Association's Humanitarian of the Year Award for her 21 years of service to Meals on Wheels.

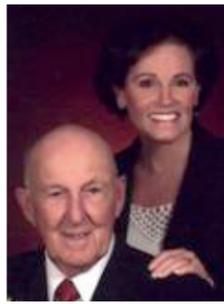
Doratheia E. Mossett Brady's '49 family planted a tree in memory of Doratheia and her husband, Joseph on her birthday which was August 21, 2007 on the campus of Marygrove College. Rebecca Brady and Sabina Brady and their two daughters, Erin and Sarah gathered with Doratheia's sister Katherine and her husband Art and her brother, Fr. Robert Mossett to remember and celebrate the lives of Doratheia and Joseph. The service was followed by a lunch and a tour of the campus.

Catherine Baltes '50 hosted the Akron Chapter Spring Luncheon at Gus' Chalet in Akron on Saturday, May 17, 2008.

Maureen O'Ryan Gawne-Ybarra '51 is happy to be living in Maryland with her son William and his wife Paula.

Gilda Sferrella Pace '52 and her husband, Joe hosted the Marygrove Akron Chapter at their home in August for their annual summer event. It was quite an Italian feast and Gilda attended to every detail from her memorable invitations, to the etched wine glasses and the wooden napkins rings with the Marygrove insignia to the culinary delights that more than satisfied everyone's palate.

Anna Lee Cleary '47 and her husband, Frank, **Emily Butler Petrarca '61** and her husband, Tony, **Catherine Baltes '50**, **Loretta Schietroma '55**, **Kathleen McCabe Markovich '51** and **Marge Wozniak Burkley '56** and her husband, Tom joined Gilda and Joe.



Mary Jane Gagnier Gelpi '53 and her husband, John celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 19, 2008 at St. George's Parish in Baton Rouge followed by a cocktail reception at the Baton Rouge Country Club. They relocated to Baton Rouge, LA in January 2007 after 53 years living in New Orleans. They miss New

Orleans but enjoy being near their son, Dr. Gregory Gelpi, a pediatrician in Baton Rouge. They have two granddaughters in Baton Rouge. One started LSU last fall and the other is a Junior at St. Joseph Academy. Emilie, the Junior, placed fourth in the team division of the 57th Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Albuquerque in May 2007. Their daughter, a dietitian, in Houston has three children.

Lois A. Ouellette Girardot '53 was inducted along with 21 other Brother Rice High School staff and faculty into the Edmund Rice Silver Society created to recognize those faculty and staff members who have provided 25 years or more of service to the Brother Rice community. Lois who is connected with the Guidance office has been at Brother Rice since 1980.

Peg M. Slinger-Twyman '53 is enjoying retirement after a teaching career of 45 years. She is involved in a Book Club, Writers Group, Opera Workshop and of course beach walks. After a wonderful 18 year marriage she lost her husband, Vinton Lee Twyman in October 2006. A sudden cardiac arrest in their home caused his death. He is deeply missed by Peg and all who knew him.

Charmaine T. Kaptur '56 an artist and a member of the Grosse Pointe Art Association since 1990 was featured in the *Detroit Free Press* along with other local artists who are trying to sustain the new home of the Grosse Pointe Art Center. It has recently relocated to 15001 Kercheval and is need of volunteers and support.

Anna Mary Hrycyk McDonough '56 and her husband, Tom celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May.



Halina Swiatek Williams '56 and her husband, Clyde celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 18, 2007. They were surprised by the presence of Mary Anderson Walker '56, the maid of

honor and two other members of their wedding party. The festivities began with liturgy and renewal of vows with the Bishop of Phoenix as the presider. This marriage is guaranteed for another 50 years. Her mother passed away March 3, 2008.

Members of the class of 1956 gathered for one of their seasonal luncheons at the Brighton Bar and Grill to catch up with one another.



Left to right: **Helen Shondell, IHM**, **Virginia Bremiker Martin**, **Anne Rogers Schlick**, **Carol Ratty Skruch**, **Adrienne Wisneski Melena**, **Mary D. Moore Hubbell**, **Mary Ellen O'Connor Shaughnessy** and **Sheila Keefe**.

Roberta Cardamone Donaher '57 retired in 1993 and is leading a busy life. She had a long career in social work at a state mental facility. She served as Director of Social Services in two nursing facilities for several years during

retirement. She is currently enjoying her grandchildren and many activities including oil painting, golf and gardening.

Barbara Sutton Sullivan '57 returned from a pilgrimage to Poland and Eastern Europe. Her group was privileged to visit the home of Pope John Paul II, the convent of St. Faustina, and the Church of the Infant of Prague all of which proved to be very significant experiences. In September 2008, Barbara joyfully welcomed classmates **Ila Mae Sarchet Lancendorfer**, **Gloria Tesner Maksymiuk** and **Mary McCartney Greer** to her home on Cape Cod. The four dined on lobster and clam chowder, visited various museums, Martha's Vineyard and the beach. They also found time to fit in a few games of bridge while catching up on family and friends.

Marguerite A. Pitock Laginess '58 visited with **Joan Boudrie Gazdik '58** at her home in California and with Shirley Fraser Pritchard in Lebanon, Ohio. She also had lunch with her "little sister" Rosemary Kuzewski Rogalle Pietras last spring.

Larnice (Lani) Swann Eklund '59 who owns, operates and restored the historic Inn at Locke House has been named chairwoman of the Lockeford Municipal Advisory Council in Lockeford, California. She has taught in primary, middle and high schools in Michigan, Pennsylvania, Virginia and California, and for the Department of Defense.



Janice M. (Nivard) Soleau IHM '59 enjoys retirement immensely, but misses all of her Marygrove alumni friends who endeared themselves to her during her years as Alumni Director. There are several with whom she visits, lunches, and phones. She does think of you all and remembers you in her prayers and warm memories.

Mary Ellen (Jeremy) Sheehan, IHM '61

celebrated 50 years as an IHM sister in July 2007. A wonderful family and friends party was held at Marygrove in June, bringing together family from all over the USA and from Ireland and friends from all parts of her life. While "officially" retired from teaching theology at the Toronto School of Theology and designated now as Professor Emerita, she continues to teach contractually and to write and lecture widely.



Annemarie (Marie Juda) Askwith, IHM '63 created a supportive website for those searching for critical perspectives regarding ourselves in relationship to the Earth. Take a look at www.earthspiritinc.com.

Valerie Klopocz Naegeli '63 and her husband, Terry enjoy hosting foreign students at Kenyon College where Terry is the Math and Physics Lab Director. This year they are hosting two from Romania, one from Bulgaria, and one from Macedonia. They belong to a Community Singing group and Valerie is president this year.

Rosaline Donna Secrest '63 became an Associate of the Sisters of Providence, Terre Haute, Indiana in October 2007 and serves on the congregation's Peace and Justice Committee. She's looking forward to the 2008 Homecoming.

Ilene Peters Watts '63 retired from St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth, TX, in August 2005, where she had served as the Director of Religious Education for a number of years. Before that she was the DRE at Most Blessed Sacrament Church in Arlington, TX. She received a Masters in Religious Education from the University of Dallas in Irving, TX in the 1980's. She is married and has two daughters

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and four grandchildren. She serves on the Board of the Cardinal Newman Institute in Arlington, TX. In spring 2007 she traveled with her sister-in-law, Dianne Peters, of St. Clair, MI., on a group pilgrimage to France, including a stop in Lourdes, Paris, and other sites.

Yvonne H. Ortega '65 is the author of "Hope for the Journey through Cancer," which was recently published by Revell. She is a six and a half year cancer survivor. Yvonne has also been published in *The Quiet Hour*, *The Secret Place*, and other magazines. Additionally she is contributing author to the book, "The Embrace of the Father."

Miriam E. Torres, MD '65 is presently working for Visiting Physicians Association in their Saginaw office and is anxious to hear from classmates.

Alice Beasley '66 and David Cohn were married on August 18, 2007 at the home of **Gerri Felling Walsh '67** in Lagunitas, California. Professionally she has been making fabric portraits in the San Francisco Bay Area since 1988. Visit her website at www.alicebeasley.com.

Kathleen Holland Corbett '66 welcomed her new grandson, Sam, into the world on May 17, 2007.

Vicky Czarnocki Eicher '66 had her first solo photographic exhibit in Richmond, Virginia, in July 2007. The exhibit featured images of penguins, seals and glaciers, taken during a three week photographic/eco-tourism cruise from the Falkland Islands to Antarctica in December 2005. She is a member of the Board of the Virginia Opera and the Charlottesville Committee on Foreign Relations. On Election Day, she worked at the polls as an Albemarle County, VA Election Official. She spent last summer training for the Charlottesville Women's 4-Miler, a race that supports the University of Virginia Hospital's Breast Cancer Unit. She's not a runner and walked the distance.

Barbara J. Vervenne '66 is working in Austin, Texas at AMD, but planning to semi-retire in 2008. She would love to connect with fellow Marygrove grads in her area.

Mary Ann Graff DeMattia '66 and her husband, Robert Gorlin were featured in a *Detroit Free Press* article about the Detroit Institute of Arts Renovation because of their generous support of the DIA and the renovation.

Beth A. LaBeau Dusseau '67 was named 2007 Alumna of the Year by St. Mary Catholic Central High School, Monroe, MI. She was the first female principal of the high school and served in that position for eight years.

Martha Hayes Franks '67 teaches English and Theatre at Twinsburg High School in Twinsburg, Ohio. She has two grown sons and three grandchildren. She is President of the local teacher's union. Marti has been married to Dale for 39 years.

Josephine Lane Griffus '67 retired from teaching Special Education in Michigan and moved to Tucson, Arizona with her husband Neil to take care of her daughter's two infant sons.

Eileen Maddox Heasley '67 and her husband, John who are members of the Troy Rotary Club, have collected enough funds and filters to provide fresh water to more than 10,000 people in five villages in Nepal. For more information go to <http://avisionforcleanwater.blogspot.com/>



Susan Rakoczy, IHM, Ph.D., '67 is celebrating 25 years of ministry in Africa. She went to Ghana in September, 1982 and South Africa in October, 1989. Her most recent book is "Great Mystics and Social Justice: Walking on the Two Feet of Love."



Justice Maura D. Corrigan '69 spoke at the Women's Equality Day in Grosse Pointe, Michigan in August 2007.

Christine M. Harris '69 returned to school in her forties to change careers after working in accounting, education and engineering. A brief encounter with breast cancer delayed the start of her new career as an architect. She worked at several large firms before joining a small new firm last year. She says it took a long time for her to find her niche, but she loves what she does now! She has two bright and beautiful children who are a never ending source of maternal pride. Life is very busy and she never seems to have any free time, but managed to spend ten days in Paris in April to celebrate the big six-0.

Katharine D. Dunworth Preston '69 shared that ten members of the class of 1969 celebrated 42 years of friendship and turning "Sixty in Seattle" by renting a house on Whidbey Island in July. They were looking forward to reminiscing "old" memories and creating "new" memories...to treasure for another 42 years.

Tesh Maddock Hannah '70 has been a language arts teacher at St. Michael School in Sharonville, Ohio for the past 16 years. She and her husband have 4 children and 2 grandchildren. They have written and illustrated a humorous children's poetry book called "The Endless String," which was published recently. It was a dream of theirs for over 20 years, while they were busy raising their children, who ultimately were the inspiration for many of the poems. For further information about the publication or to purchase it, go to www.tomandtesshannah.com.

MaryElna Lawson Vrtis '70 is working as a web and health technician. She has three grown children, two daughters and a son and three grandchildren. She has been married to her husband, Nick Vrtis for 38 years. Her father Frank Lawson died just before Lent.

Mary Trepanier-Street '71 was named dean for the University of Michigan-Dearborn School of Education.



Elizabeth A. Burns, MD '72 was honored on September 29, 2007 at the Women's Health Connection in North Dakota for her many accomplishments and most for receiving the 2007 Marygrove Distinguished Alumni Award. In May 2008 Beth was named the new Assistant Dean, President and CEO of the Michigan State University Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies.

After twenty-one years, it was like no time had passed. On the weekend of November 9-11, 2007 suitemates, **Kathy McGrath Morris '73**, **Liz VandenBrooks Foley '73**, **Janet Godbout Seefried '73**, and **Carolyn Breen Huff '73** met in "Old Town" Alexandria, VA. Kathy, Janet, and Carolyn flew down from the Detroit area, and Liz drove up from Hampton, VA. Everyone brought their old Marygrove photo albums and recent photos of family. Just like in Madame Cadillac and Florent Gillet everyone stayed up until 2 a.m., sharing stories and reminiscing about Marygrove and the years since. There was shopping and eating and talking. The weekend ended with Sunday Mass and promises to do it again in 2008.

Irma Valdez Reyes '73 was featured in the *Detroit News* in October 2007 for her work as a team leader-teacher at the Migrant Even Start program run by Southwest Solutions an agency that works to improve the lives of residents in Southwest Detroit.

Darlene Roff Van Tiem '75 was elected president-elect of the International Society for Performance Improvement. She will serve 2008-2009 as president-elect, then 2009-2010 as president, and 2010 - 2011 as past

president. Darlene is associate professor emerita for University of Michigan Dearborn. She is also the coordinator of the Performance Improvement and Instructional Design graduate program and she teaches Application of Instructional Design for K-12 teachers in the Educational Technology master's program. In addition, she grades comprehensive exams and chairs dissertation committees for Capella University. All this and she is retired part time! They live in Florida from mid-October to May and in Port Huron June to mid-October.

Dr. Victoria Jones '76 made a presentation at Macomb Community College in March 2008. The topic was "Diversity in the Global Workplace" and she was well received by the students.

Deborah Hunter-Harvill '77, '84 received the "Women of Excellence" award from *The Michigan Chronicle* in February 2008. The award recognizes women who are courageous, extraordinary and uphold the highest levels of conviction.

Patricia LoRusso '77 is currently a Professor of Medicine with Tenure at Wayne State University. She authored or co-authored in excess of 100 manuscripts on cancer drug development and runs one of the largest Phase I Clinical Trials programs in the United States. She has had multiple peer-reviewed grants rewarded and has served on several national committees for cancer research and peer-review. Patricia helped to take new cancer agents from the lab into man.

Diane R. Zedan '78 has been promoted to Interim Special Education Director for Washtenaw Intermediate School District. She has worked for WISD for one year and previously was the Special Education Director in Romeo for ten years.

Brother Dennis W. Moses '79 is teaching 8th graders at SS. Cyril & Methodius School in Lakewood, OH.

Linda M. Badura Weir '79, is in the process of opening a school in her home called Nanny's Place after working 14 years as a teacher in a public school system.

Michael Pieper '80 recently relocated to New Albany, Indiana to help friends develop and launch a bee keeping business and pursue his passion for photography. He has a gallery and store front at Lulu <http://stores.lulu.com/magikrhino> His youngest daughter, Heather is 18 and attends MSU majoring in Veterinary Science and his oldest daughter, Melanie is 22, married and the mother of five.

Mary Ellen Shindel Shuffett '80 married Paul Shuffett on July 22, 2006.

Yvette Person Merchant '82 is married with three children and one step daughter, and two grandchildren. She plans to enter nursing school in the fall. Yvette completed a medical assistant program at Everest, where she was the valedictorian of her class and a member of the National Honor Society.

George Grant '83 was named dean of the College of Community and Public Service at Grand Valley State University.

Denise J. Bryson '84 credits her experiences at Marygrove in assisting her in attaining her job at Northwest Airlines, while her major in Art has allowed her to pursue many different avenues. Currently she is trying her hand at writing a novel.

Ann M. Rajnicek, Ph.D. '84 went immediately to Purdue University where she received her Ph.D. in 1990 in Developmental Biology and then moved to a postdoctoral appointment at the University of Aberdeen in Scotland. It was meant to be a three year appointment but she has

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been there for 17 years and has led her own research group for the past five years. She and her husband, Scott have two children, ages 9 and 12. Her position has offered her so many opportunities to see the world. This past year she traveled to Hawaii, Japan, Greece, Spain, and Romania.

Beatrice M. Jackman Cuthbertson '85 was named Homemaker of the Year at the New Fowlerville Family Fair in Michigan. Contestants submitted entries in various categories such as baking, crafts or canning, to name a few.

Nora Katharine Wilson Beckley '87 participated in the National Senior Olympics in Louisville, Ky. where she placed 5th in the 200 yard Breaststroke and she broke her own record by 14 seconds. She did both only six weeks after have major shoulder surgery. She also signs for the deaf. She teaches elementary school music in two different districts, and all her students know how to sign. Kathy became a grandmother on Friday May 2, 2008 to twins.

Margaret Simonson-Costello '88 is working as a Development Manager at the Speed Art Museum in Louisville, Kentucky and is engaged to be married in 2009.

Dora L. Ricks '90 and her eight year old son recently published "Children and God." It is a record of their conversations about God. The book has already been distributed in Russia, Connecticut, and Florida.

Janise Dybalski '91 is teaching in a resource room at Detroit Community High School. She is currently working on a Master's of Education in Special Education/Learning Disabilities at University of Detroit-Mercy and two additional certifications in Autism Spectrum Disorder and Emotional Impairment at Wayne State University.

Monique Kelly Brown '93, one of Marygrove's longest serving alumni board members, and her husband John welcomed their son, Jonathan Elijah Brown into the world Friday, March 28, 2008 at 5:11 a.m. "Little" Jonathan was 20 ½ inches long and weighed in at 9 pounds, 9 ounces!! Hopefully Marygrove will have a football team by the time he is 18 years old.

Sandra Brown-Ali Harris '93 moved to Florida 13 years ago. She met a wonderful man at her church and got married 4 1/2 years ago. She is the proud mother of four children and four grandchildren. She is employed by the State of Florida and looking forward to retirement when she can take her grandchildren on long road trips in a luxury motor home.

Hakim Shahid '95 earned a Ph.D. in Reading Education from Oakland University in August 2008.

Rita Edgeworth Fields '96 '02 has been promoted to the position of Vice President, Talent Management & Workforce Strategies for Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital. In her role she will be responsible for the entire scope of human resources for this new \$400 million facility, including staffing for approximately 1800 positions. She was also selected as one of *Crain's Detroit Business's* 40 Under 40.

Abby Allen-Murphy '97 was promoted to represent Macomb County as a liaison with the Michigan Prisoner Reintegration program through the Department of Human Services.

John E. Kiger '98 was approved as the new assistant principal for the East Liverpool, Ohio middle school and high school. He is leaving his positions as special education teacher and athletic director to assume this position. He has been a teacher in East Liverpool for 20 years.

Khris Nedam '98 was honored with the National Award for Citizen Diplomacy from the U.S. Center for Citizen Diplomacy in Washington, D.C. on February 12, 2008. Khris, along with her sixth grade students, founded Kids4AfghanKids, a non-profit organization whose goal is to re-establish educational facilities for boys and girls in Afghanistan. Within three years they had raised enough money to build a six-room schoolhouse in Afghanistan.



Linda D. Rizza '98 graduated with a BFA in studio art with a concentration in ceramic sculpture. She began teaching at Cranbrook in 1999 where she teaches K-4th Art at Brookside in Bloomfield Hills, MI. She was awarded Art Teacher of the Year by ArtServe Michigan in 2005 and was invited to participate in the People to People Ambassador Program to China.

Kathryn Fleming '99 loves to write songs and this year she has written "Hallelujah to Peace" and "Seasons Greetings and Givings." Currently she is working on "Aloha Kohala" and a petite sonata and a rap song.

Wendy Thornton '99 has been named Director of Academic Excellence for White Hat Management. She has also published her first novel, "Forgiving Rage" and is currently studying for a doctorate in education with a specialization in curriculum and instruction.

Myrtle W. Beall '00, an art instructor at Coschocton High School in Ohio has influenced many students throughout her 23 years in the field. Her goal is to prepare her students for college-level course work in art. This year seven of her students are going on to major in fine art or art-related fields.

Granville Caldwell '00 along with his co-author Ryan Marshall had a book signing at Barnes and Noble on Saturday, May 3, 2008 in Charlotte, NC. "Thoughts & Lamentations of Urban Education" is the saga of a year in inner-city schools, told through poetry, news flashes and takeoffs on pop songs. The book signing was part of the celebration of Educators Appreciation Week at this particular store. Grandville says, "As a 2000 graduate of the Griot program, naturally, I am very excited about this opportunity to become the latest Marygrove alum to make 'mother' proud!"

Deacon Pamela Major '00 is the Director of Jennifer's Joy in the City Pre-School Academy. They are applying for NAEYC accreditation. She has been named to the Heritage Registry of "Who's Who" 2008-2009.

Rita Terry '01 was selected as Teacher of the Year at East North Street Academy of Mathematics and Science in Greenville, SC.

Ruth Belli-Geci '02 a.k.a. "Ruthie," is now known to her 22 month old son, Juliano, as "Mommy." Yes, she is married and has a child! She is also substitute teaching part time so that she can be with her little boy.

Pamela F. Harrison '04 teaches second year language arts at the Sallie B. Howard School for the Arts and Education in North Carolina.

Chad T. Lower '04 and his wife, Susan had a baby girl, Alessandra Chadee Lower on August 6, 2007 and in fall 2007 he began a new teaching position at the Pennsylvania College of Technology as a math professor.

Donna Wanshon '04 received a Master of Social Work degree in Interpersonal Practice Mental Health Social Work from the University of Michigan in December 2005. 1st Lieutenant Donna Wanshon is a newly appointed active duty clinical social worker for the United States Air Force in the Biomedical Sciences Corps. Lt. Wanshon and her family are stationed at Hurlburt Field Special Operations Base in the Panhandle of Florida. She was named Employee of the Month in March 2007 for her positive and very teachable attitude and hard work ethic. She was recently selected to be included in the Cambridge "Who's Who Among Executives and Professionals." Her daughter, Suzanne recently graduated for high school.

Jessica M. Nelson '05 received a full scholarship to Morgan State University to pursue a master's degree in music based on her singing talents, musical abilities and her grades from Marygrove. She is also receiving a stipend for two years to assist with her education.

Rosa Lee Smith '05 was honored with an award for music service in the City of Detroit at the Detroit Musicians Association Honors Luncheon, Saturday, October 13, 2007 which was held at the Focus Hope Conference Center.

R. Morrison Borders '06 has been named as one of two new assistant principals at Howell High School. He attended the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, earned a bachelor's degree in physical education at Wayne State University, and received a master's degree in the art of teaching from Marygrove College. Currently, he is enrolled in classes leading to an education specialist degree at EMU. He has taught physical education and served as a building-level assistant athletic director at Farmington Public Schools.

Eddie M. Dixon '06 was appointed by the Michigan Rehabilitation Advisory Council to represent current or former applicants for, or recipients of, vocational rehabilitation services for a term expiring in September 2008.

Darnell McClellon '07 is a member of the Forces of Nature Dance Company in New York City.

Kieara Malone Patterson '07 is working on her MBA at the University of Phoenix. She also owns a woman's accessory line called La'Jah Enterprises and works at a marketing and PR company called Ministry Marketing Solutions.

Angela Pope '07 moved to New York after she graduated. She dances with the "Forces of Nature" company, and was recently featured on a giant billboard in Times Square.



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The Alumni Office welcomes news and photos of alumni accomplishments and milestones in the lives of our alumni. In addition to news submitted directly by alums, we will also publish news and information gathered from local newspapers and periodicals. **To submit an Alumni Class Note or notification of the death of a classmate or family member, send your information to Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Annual Giving, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.**

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Janet Nelson Steiner '33
Anne Byrne McGrail '34
Margaret Monaghan '34
Mary M. Schutz HVM '36
Mary Jane McCarthy Townsend '37
Miriam Joseph Baumann, IHM '38
Elizabeth Malone Castellaneta '38
Rosemary McMillan '38
Regina Price Buse '39
Elizabeth Feeney Kerr '39
Margaret E. Schmoll '39
Winnogene Beyer Ruthven '40
Davidica Cronin IHM '40
Elizabeth Kennedy Nienstedt '40
Jane O'Hara Schallert Spehar '40
Catherine Fitzgerald Vieson '41
Fern Hartman Fetter '42
Betty H. Mc Clain Lustig '42
Helen McGann '42
Margaret M. O'Loughlin Shea '42
Audrey Cousino IHM '43
Jerellen Deswysen '43
Sally Smith Lape '43
Marie Madeline Phillips IHM '43
Eileen R. Armbruster Embach '44
Marie Baron Laughna '44
Kathryn Hermann Prusinskas '44
Mary Leon Robb IHM '44
Dolores Kaptur Garascia '45
Marie Louise Davitt '45

Eleanor Macholl Dreyer '45
Doris Henn IHM '45
Mary Cabrini Hohl IHM '45
Helen Ann Fitzgerald Horgan '45
Maurine Mahoney IHM '45
Elise Flemming '46
Loretta Gilloe '46
Eileen Gallagher Hand '46
Paula A. Minzing '46
Patricia Smith Balch '47
Gloria Steffey Curtin '47
Rosemary Chavre Donohue '47
Helen Jedlinski Hill '47
Margaret Heaney Isbell '47
Mary Claire Kelly Minten '47
Pauline Rosa Nolte '47
Alice Zoya '47
Catherine M. Callaghan Grisdela '48
Rose Marie Hauke Powers '48
Mary Zachary Hurley IHM '48
Jeanne M. Schultz Temmerman '48
Rose Ange Abraham IHM '49
Lois M. Murphy '49
Janet LaFramboise Slavin '49
Dorothy Gilmore '49
Katherine Mary Kearns, IHM '50
Dorothy Korte Michaels '50
Donna Dilworth Ryan '50
Mary Therese Brady '51
Eileen R. Foley Collins '51
Stella M. Dolan IHM '51

Norma C. MacDonald '51
Helen Glaser IHM '51
Catherine J. Clark Hall '51
Agnes Siefker IHM '51
Virginia Gullo Guarnaccia '52
Jeanine Petrikin IHM '52
Nancy Casey Daufenbach '53
Eileen Walter Hayes '53
Muriel Fulford Mercer '53
Mary E. Cronin McGovern '53
Marie Ellen Moir IHM '53
Rita Beck Soullier '53
Bridgid Mullane '54
Jean Brinkman Sloan '54
Ann C. Zdunic '54
Nancy J. Gregorik Manser '55
Angela Rees, IHM '55
Joan Higgins Angermann '56
Roberta Riedinger Gall '56
Nancy Nemeth '56
Suzanne Griffin Totte '56
Nancy Primeau Martin '56
Eleanor Sekol, IHM '56
Germaine Detlof, IHM '57
Ellen Peltier Flynn '57
Constance Parran IHM '57
Gail Iavelli Remick '57
Joyce Simonds, IHM '57
Mary Ciochetti Zander '58
Ellen Baker IHM '59
Elizabeth Coughlin Durst '59

Arlene Jackson '60
Mary Louise Markey IHM '60
Mary Murphy Bolduc '61
Sally A. Bondie Gacioch '61
Marilyn Schneider, IHM '61
Suzanne M. Koester Berger '62
Rosemary Blomme '62
Joanne Chiaverini IHM '62
Jane T. Burns '63
Phyllis Emanuele Lopez '63
Susan Miller '66
Rita F. Kivlin Flattery '67
Jean Noel '68
Aida M. Barquet '69
Ann Murphy Naddeo '70
Dolores Brudecki '72
Marian Stronske Fleming '72
Paulette T. LeDuc '72
Linda J. Monte Schmidt '73
Y. Beth Graves '78
Sharyn Daykin Susinko '79
Caroline M. Suminski Dodson '83
Joyce Smythe Mason '83
Theron Beaver '87
Judy S. Sturman Kelterborn '89
Glennis Harvey '96
Nancy Berry Blakemore '99
Barbara DeRosa Cannon '99
Constance Sawyer '01
Dorothy E. Cuyler Smith '05
Cathy Reed '05
Maureen Reid '05

DECEASED RELATIVES OF ALUMS

Mother of:

Dorothy Jones Sweeney '48
Halina Swiatek Williams '56
Margaret Sullivan '58
Barbara Jean Nienstedt Buttell '65
Suzanne LaLonde Larabell '65
Kathleen Holland Corbett '66
Virginia Weisse Gerstner '67
Dolores Coulter '68
Carol Gaynier Greening '68
Ann Fetter Cherundolo '68
Theresa Coulter, IHM '70
Joan Fetter '71
Mary Beth Celer '72
Marianne Gaynor, IHM '72
Melanie Stachura Snyder-Lindblom '72
Carol Juhasz '90
Druel Outley '00
Tia Littlejohn-Taylor '06
LaToya Jackson '06
Tresa Meyer '07

Father of:

Margaret Callaghan Guest '59
Barbara Jean Nienstedt Buttell '65
M. K. Callaghan Callahan '66
Rita Garliauskas Sakkab '67
Margaret Dixon Kronk '68
Mary Jo Durivage '71
Kathie Gerbig Koval '70
Mary McSorley Daly '72
Kathleen Skolnicki Blake '72
Celeste McKenna Lynch '72
Clare Callaghan Jorgenson '73
Joyce Friedman Steinberg '76
Mary Callaghan Lynch '76
Debbie Hillebrand '05

Husband of:

Cornelia Derry Sapiro '37
Margaret Murray Dixon '41
Mary Schrot Audette '42
Mary Jane Duffey Mace '45
Joan Grace Carry '45
Virginia Lauri Palazzola '45
Mae Barko Foley '45
Maureen Kirchman Boyle '46
Patricia Madden Syring '46
Betty Sarvene Champlin '46
Jean Fitzgerald Fitzgerald '46
Rosemary Reilly Harm '49
Patricia Howard Mallos '51
Jane Field Bennett '53
Dorothy Ryan Langan '53
Mary Jane Fisher Budai '54
Virginia Everett Burlage '55
Mary D. Moore Hubbell '56
Barbara Zolnay Boyd '59
Janet Ritchie Francis '60
Barbara Surbis Kondalski '61

Daughter of:

Marie Passarelli Mullen '56
Tana Curaba Louria '63

Son of:

M. Walsh Girardot '46
Margaret Johnson Parent '49
Mary D. Moore Hubbell '56
Virginia Guzicki Filar '62
Jane Harris Furtaw '65
Diane Banks '94

Sister of:

Catherine Fitzgerald Vieson '41
Maureen Ryan Burkhardt '45
Patricia Howard Mallos '51
Dorothea Murray Krieg '52
Edith LaFramboise Joppich '53
Joanne Foley Donohoe '53
Judith Woods Schoenherr '58
Janice Soleau, IHM '59
Marilyn Brinkman Schneider '60
Janet Hunt '66

Brother of:

Mary Schrot Audette '42
Nora Schrot Hainline '43
Ann Gabriel Kilsdonk, IHM '45
Patricia Howard Mallos '51
Sheila McAlinden '53
Dorothy Vince Bishop '55
Patricia Aseltyne '55
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Rosalyn Hengstebeck '59
Kathryn Kilsdonk Marchetti '60
Marcia Pais Bothwell '64
Colleen Sheridan '65
Margaret Pais Rettof '71
Kathleen Kniaz Anderson '83
Michelle Anderson '98
Felicia Davis Hunter '06

How You Can Make a Difference

Most of us want nothing more from life than to make a difference – to contribute in some way great or small to the betterment of society. For our loyal and supportive alumni, we offer one of the best ways to make a difference!

Marygrove has undertaken an initiative to incorporate urban leadership throughout our curriculum. Our goal is to graduate leaders who will return to their communities with the skills and ability to affect change where they live and work. In today's society, could there be a more important, far reaching, and long term benefit to a Marygrove education?

Your support enables us to offer this opportunity to more students, and every student who receives a Marygrove education is a potential leader making a difference at all levels of society.

In the current economy, your dollars are **critical** to our success. You have the power to extend the benefit of a Marygrove education to current and future students by making a donation today. Please send your contribution to Marygrove College, Development Office, 8425 W McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221-2599. Thank you for your generous support of Marygrove College, past, present, and future!

Questions? Concerns? Want to make your contribution by credit card? Contact **Janet Kuras**, Chief Advancement Officer at (313) 927-1436 or jkuras@marygrove.edu. Please visit our redesigned Web site at www.marygrove.edu, and return often to see improvements and additions as they happen!



Master of Arts in English Degree Update

This winter, the English Department will continue its history of responsive innovation by offering a Practicum in Teaching along with more familiar courses on Women in Literature, the Harlem Renaissance and Literary Criticism.

Dr. Don Levin will engage students in praxis in the practicum course, integrating theory and best practices of teaching. **Dr. Darcy Brandel**, **Dr. Loretta Woodard**, and **Dr. J.P. Song**, will offer the three other courses which are a sample of the more than 20 graduate courses developed by the department in response to student interest and need since the inception of the program in 2005.

Last fall, the program offered Foundations of Graduate English and the Novel and the Nation with **Dr. Song**, Adolescent Literature with **Dr. Pat Pichurski**, and Witchcraft and Gender with **Dr. Brandel**.

Designed for busy, working students, the Master of Arts in English curriculum is a 33-credit hour program that can be completed in two years or less. All classes are offered at night at Marygrove.

All courses and related activities emphasize the rich and rewarding joys of studying literature and writing in small group settings that focus on students' needs. The MA in English offers a flexibility that enables students to create a personal plan of work in consultation with the faculty of the Department of English and Modern Languages.

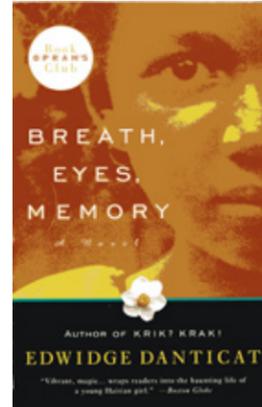
"If you've been thinking about going back to get a master's degree to further your education in teaching literature and writing in high school or community college, to get ready for doctoral studies in literature or writing, or simply to pursue a love of literature and learning, this is the program for you," said **Donald Levin**, associate professor of English and past director of the program.

New students can begin their personalized program in any semester. The process starts with the graduate application, available from the Office of Graduate Studies on Campus or online at <http://www.marygrove.edu/graduate>.

The program director, **Dr. J.P. Song**, is always willing to answer any questions about the program. He can be reached at (313) 927-1435 or csong@marygrove.edu.

Alumni Book Discussion *Breath, Eyes, Memory* By Edwidge Danticat

Friday, Feb. 20, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, Liberal Arts Building



Drawing on her own experiences as a Haitian-American, Edwidge Danticat's "Breath, Eyes, Memory" chronicles the coming-of-age of Sophie Caco, who must navigate her way from childhood to womanhood in the impoverished, dictatorship village of Croix-des-Rosets, where she is raised by surrogate mothers; and later in New York City, where she must begin a new life in a

different country, with a mother whom she barely knows, and confront the horrific circumstances of her past, before she comes to terms with her own identity. Though her struggles are bittersweet, "Breath, Eyes, Memory" records the strength and courage of a young life forever bonded by love and history in a nurturing community created by Caco women.

Dedicated to "the brave women of Haiti," for whom Danticat gives a voice, "Breath, Eyes, Memory" is a powerful, impressive first novel from one of the most prolific, gifted writers hailed by *Publishers Weekly* as "a distinctive new voice with a sensitive insight into Haitian culture." Told in four flowing parts, this heart-wrenching narrative is both painful and emotional, yet it is written with a style that is extraordinarily colorful and magical.

Dr. Loretta Woodard, Associate Professor of English, will facilitate this discussion. To register, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Renovations UPDATE

It's official – Marygrove now has a new bookstore! It is located on the first floor of the Liberal Arts building to the left of the foyer as one walks into the main entrance near the Sacred Heart Chapel. The bookstore has many features that add to Marygrove's appeal, including:

New bookstore

An attractive, inviting space with a student lounge where people can sit and relax. A coffee bar and snacks. Clear glass doors, etched with the Marygrove logo and natural lighting invite you into a spacious, open setting.



Fitness Center

The area that was formerly the gymnasium is being converted into a contemporary fitness center to accommodate the training needs of Marygrove athletes is now completed. The doors are in, walls have been moved and painted, and new lights have been installed. It features a running track, various fitness machines and locker rooms.

Here is a sneak peek.



Marygrove Minute E-newsletter is Coming Back!

After a brief hiatus, the Marygrove Minute electronic newsletter will come back in 2009. The e-newsletter, which is published once a month, provides a great way to stay abreast of news, events and happenings at the College. If you are interested in receiving the Marygrove Minute, please send an email to **Diane Puhl** at dpuhl@marygrove.edu and indicate your desire to be added to the list.



New Look for *The Tower Times* in 2009

To better align with Marygrove's new marketing and branding strategy, and to be good steward's of the college's resources, *The Tower Times* will be redesigned for the spring 2009 issue. We look forward to sharing it with you!

Marygrove Welcomes 2009 Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series Guest Elizabeth Alexander

"Her poems bristle with the irresistible quality of a world seen fresh." —Rita Dove

The Marygrove College Department of English and Modern Languages is pleased to announce that poet and essayist Elizabeth Alexander will be the twenty-first guest in our Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series. She will deliver the Lillian and Donald Bauder Lecture at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 24, 2009 in Alumnae Hall.



Kenyon Review, The Village Voice, The Women's Review of Books, and The Washington Post.

Dr. Alexander has been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, two Pushcart Prizes, the Quantrell Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching at the University of Chicago, the George Kent Award, and a Guggenheim fellowship. *American Sublime* was one of three finalists for the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for poetry. She is an inaugural recipient of the Alphonse Fletcher, Sr. Fellowship for work that "contributes to improving race

relations in American society and furthers the broad social goals of the U.S. Supreme Court's *Brown v. Board of Education* decision of 1954." In 2007, she was named the inaugural recipient of the \$50,000 Jackson Poetry Prize.

Born in New York City, Alexander was raised in Washington, D.C. She attended Yale University, Boston College, and the University of Pennsylvania, where, in 1992, she received a Ph.D. in English. She has served on the faculties of Haverford College, the University of Chicago, New York University, and Smith College, where she was Grace Hazard Conkling Poet-in-Residence and first director of the Poetry Center at Smith College. She is now Professor of African American Studies at Yale.

This event is free and open to the public. Please plan to join us!

Dr. Alexander is the author of four books of poetry: *The Venus Hottentot* (1990), *Body of Life* (1996), *Antebellum Dream Book* (2001), and *American Sublime* (2005). She has also written two books of essays, *The Black Interior* (2003) and *Power and Possibility: Essays, Interviews, Reviews* (2007). She collaborated with Marygrove's 2007 guest author, Marilyn Nelson, on *Miss Crandall's School for Young Ladies and Little Misses of Color*, a book of sonnets for children. Her poems have been widely anthologized, and she has edited collections of poems by Gwendolyn Brooks and Melvin Dixon and has published fiction and criticism in *Signs*, *The Paris Review*, *American Poetry Review*, *The*

Mark Your Calendars for the Second Spring Dramafest!



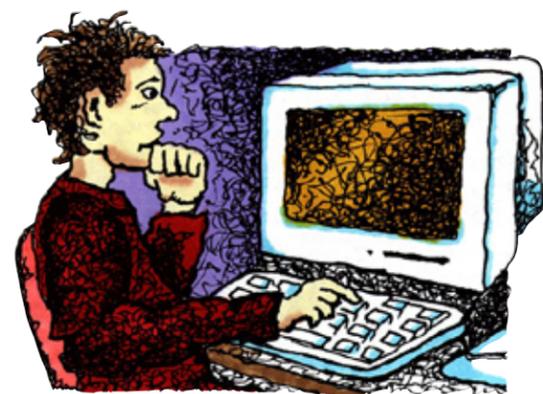
The Department of English and Modern Languages will host the second annual Spring Dramafest, an evening of staged readings of original theatrical works, on **Thursday, April 30, 2009, in the Theatre on Marygrove's campus. The 7:30 p.m. performance is free and open to the public.**

According to **Dr. Donald Levin**, Chair of English and Modern Languages, "This year's Dramafest will present new, original one-act plays and scenes from longer plays written and performed by Marygrove faculty, alumni, staff, and students. It's another example of the College's long tradition of offering rich cultural experiences for the entire community."

These works will include full casts in Marygrove's intimate theatre located in the Liberal Arts building.

For information about the 2009 Spring Dramafest, contact Dr. Levin at (313) 927-1205, or dlevin@marygrove.edu.

Technology Training Workshops Offered Free to Alumni



The Educational Technology Services Department at Marygrove offers free technology training workshops to alumni on a variety of Microsoft applications: Windows and the Office 2007 versions of Word, PowerPoint, Excel and Access. These hands-on courses introduce the user to the current version of the applications.

Training sessions are offered in the Student Technology Instruction Center (STIC) located on the lower level of the Library in room L011.

The calendar for these classes will be available at the beginning of the winter 2009 semester. For more information or to register for a workshop, contact Gwen Little or John Stabile at (313) 927-1582.

Who Needs Hollywood When We Have Marygrove

On September 23 and 24, Marygrove welcomed the film crew of *Gifted Hands* – a story about Dr. Ben Carson who is known around the world for breakthroughs in neurosurgery that have brought hope where no hope existed. He grew up in inner-city Detroit and went on to become director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institution at age 33. In 1993, Dr. Carson received a Doctor of Humane Letters from Marygrove College. *Gifted Hands* will premiere on TNT in February in honor of Black History Month.

It was an amazing and exciting two days on campus. Cuba Gooding, Jr. who plays Carson, was on site. Denk Chapman Hall was turned into a

recreation room; Alumnae Hall became a classroom; the women's lounge area on the first floor of Madame Cadillac was a bedroom; and the hallway leading to the Main Dining Room became a library; and the outside lawn in front of Liberal Arts saw movie extras in their 1970's fashions along with classic cars parked in the background.



This is the second major production filmed at Marygrove in 2008. *Youth in Revolt*, a hilarious coming-of-age comedy starring Michael Cera and Ray Liotta, includes several scenes which were filmed at Marygrove in June. *Youth in Revolt* opens in theaters in April.



Homecoming 2008 Was a Great Success and Planning Is Underway for 2009

By Ken Malecke, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Homecoming week is always a special time at Marygrove and September 15 – 21, 2008 was no exception.

More than 700 alumni, family members and friends joined in the festivities. The week began with thought-provoking poetry readings by our faculty, students and alumni. We cheered and roared as Marygrove alumni, faculty and staff “battled” on the court in the annual Alumni Green and Gold basketball game. We were quiet on the course as birdies, eagles and chip shots were made at the 7th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble. This year’s outing, which benefits the Alumni Association, netted more than \$11,000 which will be used to provide support for the Mustang Athletic Program and scholarships for deserving students.

Homecoming weekend included a ceremony and reception honoring the 2008 Distinguished Alumni Award recipients. Their bios can be found on pages 4-5. These women are remarkable leaders and their lives embody Marygrove’s mission. We appreciate their contributions to Marygrove and our communities. They have made the world a better place to live and we are extremely proud to call them members of the Marygrove family.

Throughout the weekend there were over 170 alumni from the graduating classes ending in 3 or 8 (and one from 1931!) reminiscing about their college days. They toured campus and were excited about the recent renovations. The weekend came to a close on Sunday with members of the Class of 1958 being inducted into the Fifty-Year Club.

Homecoming celebration reminds us that Marygrove is so much more than its name – it is home for the hearts and souls of people who have come to know and love it.

Save the Date:

Homecoming 2009 - September 14 – 20, 2009

Planning has begun for Homecoming 2009 honoring the graduating classes of 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999 and 2004. If you are a member of one of the reunion classes and are interested in helping organize your class, please contact **Diane Puhl**, Director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.



Marygrove College 2009 Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Name _____
 Year of Graduation _____
 Major _____
 Street Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone () _____
 Business Phone () _____
 E-mail Address _____

Nominator Information

Submitted by _____

 Street Address _____

 City _____
 State _____ Zip Code _____
 Home Phone () _____
 Business Phone () _____
 E-mail Address _____

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. For example, it is not sufficient to say your nominee is a wonderful person who has been involved with many organizations. 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 May 31, 2009, to:

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

If you have any questions or need more information, you are strongly encouraged to contact **Diane Puhl**, Director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Annual Giving, at (313)927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

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

If you are a Marygrove College alumna:
 Graduation year _____ and major _____
