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Message from President David J. Fike

"I long to accomplish a great and noble task, but it is my chief duty to accomplish humble tasks as though they were great and noble. The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of the tiny pushes of each honest worker."
--Helen Keller

Like Helen Keller, Marygrove's founders, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, believe in the power each of us possesses to take a simple vision and turn it into something meaningful and life-changing by taking action. They have a long history of teaching us that in promoting the common good, we can make the world a better place for everyone.

Today, Marygrove still believes in the power we create when we come together with a common purpose. And one area where we feel we can truly have a positive impact is in our Urban Leadership Vision—a commitment by the College to capitalize on its location in the City of Detroit in order to develop a national reputation for expertise on contemporary social, cultural, political, educational, and economic issues in urban areas. The vision also seeks to develop students' leadership skills, particularly those skills necessary to lead in urban communities.

While Marygrove's strategic plan provides the framework to achieving our vision of Urban Leadership, our commitment to this vision is evident in our work related to enhancing the intellectual capital of the institution and supporting curricular and co-curricular projects that utilize our intellectual capital to develop students as leaders and the College as an institutional leader.

As a result of the inclusive and collaborative campus-wide planning and program development process for the Urban Leadership Curriculum Initiative, a planning grant proposal was submitted to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and funded for the initial planning phase for the initiative. This funding allowed 42 faculty and staff in nine different project teams to work over the summer to explore ideas and examples of potential "signature" elements of a community-engagement/leadership development curriculum.

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News from Alumni Association President Rita Edgeworth Fields '96, '02



Happy New Year! I hope you had a wonderful Christmas with friends and family, and feel ready to begin 2010 with renewed energy and hope.

The new year is always exciting to me because it's like a blank slate—full of opportunities and possibilities. As your new Alumni Association President, I look forward to accomplishing great things together.

As Marygrove alumni, one of the most important opportunities we have this year is to support future Marygrove students. I think you'll agree with

me that a good education is one of the most important treasures we can have to achieve our dreams. And an educated workforce is critical in helping put Americans back to work.

As we're all keenly aware, however, the economy in Metro Detroit today is especially challenging and for many people, going to college seems like an impossible dream when it's tough just keeping food on the table and a roof above one's head.

The good news is that we can make a difference with our financial support. No amount is too small because when we work as a team, each giving what we're able, the end result is more students having an opportunity to receive what each of us holds so dear—our education.

There are additional ways you can support students. Marygrove can always use your skills to help mentor or tutor someone or perhaps you would like to provide one or more internships in your field to current students. Whatever form it takes, your support is an investment in everyone's future.

If you would like more information about how you can help, please contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Thank you for your support. I hope 2010 brings much happiness, health and prosperity to you and your loved ones.

Marygrove Supplies Detroit Classrooms With Free Computers

Marygrove College's Institute for Arts Infused Education (IAIE), believes it's critical for children to receive a solid education using the arts and modern technology. Now, thanks to the federal program, **Computers for Learning** (CFL) and several corporate partners, their vision has become a reality.

The CFL program was founded by the federal government to support their mandate for a computer in every K-12 classroom nationwide so that every child has the chance to learn how to use modern technology. The IAIE aims to improve educational achievement, create innovative models for teaching and learning, and promote the systemic integration of the arts into the K-12 core curriculum.

"At Marygrove, we feel the arts are tools that can be used to teach many subjects to students of all ages," said **Mary Lou Greene**, Director of Marygrove's IAIE and the driver behind Marygrove's involvement with CFL. The IAIE places artists in classrooms to help teachers give lessons which incorporate the

arts into core subjects like math and science. It also hosts various training opportunities for teachers and artists through workshops and mentorships including programs on art and technology.

Since Greene started working with CFL about a year ago, Marygrove has sent thirty

computers directly to five Detroit schools and another 75 computers will be donated before year's end. The computers amount to over \$130,000 in value.



All of the donated computers are laptops and come from a variety of sources, including the Department of Homeland Security and the General Services Administration, as well as private companies.

These "recycled" laptops, stripped of their data, are obtained either by having them shipped or by driving to the source location in Chicago. When the computers arrive at Marygrove, Greene and her team add an operating system and various types of free software such as music editing programs, paint and graphic programs, and other more basic software. The idea is for teachers to utilize them for student projects like creating computerized poetry books or for composing music around a social studies topic.

Greene is constantly checking for new free software programs so that laptops are up-to-date for students and their teachers. She tries to be a resource for teachers to return to if they need assistance.

"Marygrove is committed to being an education resource for the community," says Greene. "I hope the students who benefit from these computers will be better prepared, more confident adults and that most, if not all, will go on to college."



This is Mustang Territory

First year Mustangs win the 2009 USCAA Women's National Soccer Championship

On Sunday, Nov. 8, 2009, the Marygrove Mustangs Women's Soccer team won the 2009 United States Collegiate Athletic Association's (NSCAA) Women's Soccer National Championship in Burlington, Vermont!

What's even more exciting is that this women's soccer team is part of a first year program with a roster of only 12 (11 freshmen). The Mustangs took home the gold at the 2009 USCAA Women's Soccer National Championship behind amazing play over the weekend.

Two wins (2-0 over Unity in the quarterfinals/1-0 over Penn in the semifinals) propelled the upstart Mustangs into the championship game on Sunday. The wins set up a showdown with #8 St. Mary's of the Woods College (IN).

Freshman midfielder **Janina Velasco** struck first in the 37th minute to put the Mustangs ahead, 1-0. The score would hold into halftime as the Mustangs defense stood strong. **Nicole Mabee** (Tournament MVP) hit a bender from 25 yards out to break the game wide open in the 65th minute. Jaci Habel set up Mabee with the assist on the play.

The Mustangs held a two-goal lead with 25 minutes to play and could feel the trophy in their hands already. Velasco struck again for good measure with 30 seconds to play to

give the Mustangs a 3-0 victory and a national championship.

Coach [Tony] Williams took the reins of the new program and believed in their potential



from the start. Williams knew what it would take to sculpt a championship team at Marygrove. He drew on the experience from his 1992 Michigan High School Athletic Association State Champion season as a coach at Rochester Adams High School and his previous success at starting a collegiate soccer program.

The 2009 season of women's soccer will forever go down in history thanks to the efforts of 12 fantastic student-athletes and a coaching staff that instilled confidence from the beginning.

USCAA All-Americans:

Shana DeVoe, Freshman Goalkeeper
Jessie Niemi, Freshman Sweeper
USCAA All-American
Honorable Mention
Sarah Kator, Freshman Midfielder
2009 USCAA National
Championship All-Tournament Team
Ashley Ingsbee, Freshman Forward
Nicole Mabee, Freshman Midfielder
Janina Velasco, Freshman Forward

2009 USCAA National Championship Tournament MVP: **Nicole Mabee**, Freshman Midfielder

Additional Women's Soccer Team Champions

Marguerite Cook: Forward
Karlee Derrick: Defense
Jaci Habel: Midfielder
Deanna Lints: Goal Keeper
Laura Nail: Midfielder
Amber Williamson: Midfielder

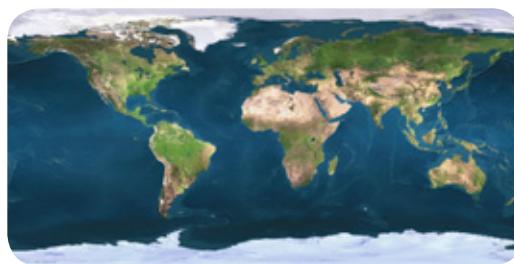
Coaches

Tony Williams: Head Coach
Ragen Coyne: Assistant Coach
Duane Enderle: Assistant Coach
Jim Stachura: Assistant Coach

Study Abroad Celebrates 10th Anniversary and Receives National Recognition

For 10 years Marygrove's Office of International Programs has worked to equip students with the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to become independent, socially committed and globally aware individuals by giving them the opportunity to study abroad. Students have travelled to Brazil to learn about the slave trade and the lasting effects of African traditions on modern day Brazil, and examined apartheid and reconciliation in South Africa. They have climbed the Eiffel Tower, walked among sea iguanas in the Galapagos Islands, visited the Sistine Chapel in Italy, practiced Tai Chi in Beijing and feasted on a variety of culinary delights throughout the world.

This year, Marygrove proudly celebrates the 10th anniversary of Study Abroad by offering



an English Literature course that will travel to London and Stratford, an Environmental Science course in Costa Rica where students will work with sea turtles and manatees, and

an Asian culture course that will take students to China and Japan.

The Study Abroad program, established by former Marygrove president, Dr. Glenda Price, was recently recognized in the Open Doors 2009 Report on International Educational Exchange as one of the top 40 Master's Institutions in the nation for the percentage of undergraduate students that participate in study abroad. Such a recognition points to Marygrove's commitment to preparing its graduates to be leaders in a global context. Marygrove was the only master's degree institution in the State of Michigan to receive such recognition.



Academic Program News

Translation Certificate Programs Now Offered Online

Marygrove now offers online Translation Certificate programs. The programs are open to all qualified students with native or near-native reading and writing proficiency in English and another language (**Arabic, French, or Spanish**).

The three programs, Arabic, French and Spanish, are some of the most widely used international languages and Marygrove College was the first in the U.S. to offer an Arabic Translation Certificate.

"Marygrove changed this to an online program because we understand that today's students have unique time challenges that require flexibility when it comes to education," said **Dr. Lourdes Torres**, Assistant Professor of Modern Languages, Marygrove College. "We also recognize that Michigan has a large number of displaced workers who are

looking to quickly get retrained. Our one-year translation programs provide a wonderful opportunity for students with strong language skills to get back on their feet quickly and prepare for rewarding careers as professional translators."

Program Overview

These 15-credit, one year certificate programs offer:

- translation certificates in Arabic, French or Spanish
- an overview of professional opportunities and state-of-the-art practices
- practical translation workshops, including Business Translation
- internship opportunities
- scheduling flexibility
- online, individualized instruction
- credits can be counted towards an interdisciplinary bachelor's degree

- translation certificate can be earned at the graduate level

Financial aid is available

Marygrove College's Translation Certificate programs qualify for the State of Michigan's **No Worker Left Behind** funding, which is targeted to dislocated workers (people who are laid off) and/or students from low income families. The program provides up to \$5,000 per year in grant aid (money that does not need to be repaid) for up to two years to students who have financial need left after other forms of financial aid have been exhausted. For more information visit: <http://www.michigan.gov/nwlb>.

For more information about this program, contact Dr. Lourdes Torres at (313) 927-1363, ltorres@marygrove.edu.

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The teams also engaged in preliminary planning initiatives that we hope to fully develop as part of a multi-year, multi-faceted faculty and curriculum development program. It is our intent that this multi-year program will provide the infrastructure necessary to support the faculty with the space, time and resources to do this important work, and also become the hub that embodies the network of numerous initiatives and programs related to our Urban Leadership Vision.

The College has additionally made substantial progress through our neighborhood enhancement and empowerment initiative now known as Our Neighborhood Engaged (ONE). We have built momentum and are moving forward to increase opportunities for students and faculty to engage within and beyond the classroom in activities that provide leadership in the community around the College.

Through ONE, Marygrove remains the driving force behind a strategy to stabilize the area

around the college, economically restructure the business community and revitalize the residential neighborhood.

Some of the important work completed to date includes:

- The volunteer resident committee launched a Clean-Up, Fix-Up, Paint-Up Campaign encouraging both the business and residential community to clean up their own property as well as the vacant and abandoned properties on their blocks.
- Through strategic collaborations with community organizations, two dozen vacant commercial properties now have weekly lawn maintenance and many volunteers, including Marygrove students, have swept the commercial corridors removing illegal signage and posters.
- ONE recently received a mini-grant of \$4,500 from the Detroit Vacant Property Campaign Community and Property Preservation Program to support a graffiti

abatement and neighborhood mural branding project. Several new murals have been painted over graffiti-tagged buildings along the commercial corridors.

ONE also has prepared and distributed two newsletters, created and maintained a Web site, established a telephone hotline, developed a database of stakeholders and communicated with the neighborhood through electronic notices and flyers.

I am proud of the work that has been accomplished and hope you are too. I look forward to the expansion of existing, and the development of new programs aimed at promoting positive community change by building on our relationships throughout the City of Detroit and the surrounding metropolitan region.

Sincerely,

David J. Fike

For more information on ONE, go to: www.OurNeighborhoodEngaged.com

Academic Program News



Marygrove Welcomes 2010 Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series Guest Walter Mosley

The Marygrove College Department of English and Modern Languages is pleased to announce that mystery writer, novelist and social commentator Walter

Mosley will be the 22nd guest—and the first mystery writer—in its *Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series*. He will deliver the Lillian and Donald Bauder Lecture at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 16, 2010, in Alumnae Hall. Afterward, he will sign copies of his works, which will be available for purchase.

Mr. Mosley has written 32 books and his work has been translated into 21 languages. Ten novels and one book of short stories feature private investigator Easy Rawlins, the first of which, *Devil in a Blue Dress*, was made into a movie starring Denzel Washington and

Jennifer Beals. Other Easy Rawlins books are *A Red Death*, *White Butterfly*, *Black Betty*, *A Little Yellow Dog*, *Gone Fishin'*, *Bad Boy Brawley Brown*, *Six Easy Pieces*, *Little Scarlet*, *Cinnamon Kiss*, and *Blonde Faith*. His next series, featuring Socrates Fortlow, includes *Always Outnumbered*, *Always Outgunned*, *Walking the Dog*, and *The Right Mistake*. His third mystery series presents character Fearless Jones in *Fearless Jones*, *Fear Itself*, and *Fear of the Dark*.

Mosley has written other works of fiction, including *RL's Dream*, *47, Fortunate Son*, *Killing Johnny Fry*, *Diablerie*, *The Tempest Tales*, and, in 2004, *The Man in My Basement*, which *New Yorker* reviewer Ben Greenman calls "a compelling, peculiar exploration of race and identity." Mosley has also authored three works of science fiction: *Blue Light*, *Futureland*, and *The Wave*, and several works of non-fiction: *Workin' on the*

Chain Gang, *What Next*, *Life Out of Context*, *This Year You Write Your Novel*. He also edited the collection of essays, *Black Genius: African-American Solutions to African-American Problems*. His most recent novel, *The Long Fall*, which begins a new series featuring private investigator Leonid McGill, was published in March 2009.

Mosley has received numerous honors, including an O Henry Award, a Grammy Award, the PEN USA Lifetime Achievement Award, the Sundance Risktaker Award, the TransAfrica International Literary Prize, and an honorary doctorate from The City College. He also received the Anisfield Wolf Award, an honor reserved for works that "increase the appreciation and understanding of race in America."

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

Marygrove Launches New Videomail Tool

In early October and in December, Dr. David Fike emailed video messages to Marygrove alumni. We think this new capability is a great way to share personalized messages with our loyal alumni, and from the response we received, they do too.

Marygrove is continually looking for new ways to communicate and be better stewards of the resources you entrust to us. One area where we can save resources while still communicating important information is by sending email in lieu of letters where appropriate. If we do not have your current email address, please consider sharing it with us. If you aren't sure whether we have your email address or if you simply want to begin receiving correspondences via email, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Third Annual Spring Dramafest Coming In March!



The Department of English and Modern Languages will host the Third Annual Spring Dramafest, an evening of staged readings of original theatrical works, on **Friday, March 19**, in the Marygrove College Theatre. The 7:30 p.m. performance is free and open to the public.

According to Dr. Donald Levin, Chair of English and Modern Languages, "As is our new tradition, this year's Dramafest will present 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 history of offering rich cultural experiences for the entire community."

For information about the 2010 Spring Dramafest, contact Dr. Levin at (313) 927-1205, or dlevin@marygrove.edu.

2009 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS

On Friday, Sept. 18, 2009, Marygrove College held a special ceremony and reception to honor the 2009 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Award recipients. These awards celebrate the ideals of competence, compassion and commitment, qualities that Marygrove has always tried to instill in its students.

"The Alumni Association and the Office of Alumni Relations sponsor a myriad of events throughout the year, but I believe that this one event captures Marygrove's glorious past, vibrant present and promising future better than any other," said Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving. "This is an evening that touches everyone in attendance. It doesn't matter if you are a graduate, family member or someone who has never stepped foot on Marygrove's campus before – you can't help but leave the ceremony with a sense of pride in the institution and a profound respect for the IHM congregation. As in past years, each honoree has a remarkable story that reminds us why the IHMs believed there was a need for Marygrove College in 1927 and why it remains a vital institution in the city of Detroit today."

Brief profiles of the awardees and their accomplishments follow. Complete bios can be found online at www.marygrove.edu/alumni.



Holland



Geschke



Heasley

SHARON HOLLAND, IHM '61

Sister Sharon Holland, one of ten IHM sisters chosen by the congregation's leadership to earn doctoral degrees in theology in the post-Vatican II Council period, was sent to Rome to study Canon Law at Gregorian University. Up to that time very few women religious had been permitted to earn advanced degrees in theological subjects.

Studies completed, Sister Sharon returned to teach Canon Law at St. John's Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, Michigan and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. In 1988 she was tapped again, this time by the Vatican, which invited her to Rome to serve in the Congregation for the Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. Sister Sharon knew that accepting the call would put her squarely between religious called to be prophetic and the Vatican Offices called to preserve the best of traditions. For 20 years, until her retirement in mid-summer of 2009, Sister Sharon has been one of the highest ranking female Vatican officials.

Sister Sharon assisted religious congregations when they sought to make changes in their constitutions. She made sure that revisions concurred with the Code of Canon Law and suggested changes that would bring communities in accord with the mandates of Vatican II.

A number of awards testify to the high regard for Sister Sharon's service. Recently, Sister Sharon received recognition for outstanding work from the Catholic Health Association at a ceremony in Rome. She also was awarded the International Medal by St. John's University in Rome and the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice Cross

for service at the Vatican, a fitting farewell to the end of her work in Rome.

NANCY MCDONOUGH GESCHKE '64

Nan Geschke has always tried to make a difference in every area of her life. After graduating from Marygrove with a degree in History and Political Science, she earned a Master's degree in Library Science at San Jose State University. She worked in corporate libraries and managed the Westinghouse Research Facility Library and also served as sales director and consultant for a library placement firm and was active in a professional association for special libraries.

Nan became a full-time volunteer in the mid-90s. Her leadership with the City of the Los Altos Historical Commission led her to produce 50 episodes of a very successful television program, launch a permanent local history museum, and initiate and chair periodic exhibitions to showcase the significant social, scientific and literary contributions of residents.

Additionally, the Geschke's generosity brought a writing center to Marygrove nearly two decades ago. Recently renovated, the Nancy A. McDonough Geschke Writing Center in the Liberal Arts building offers students individual help with assignments and tutoring.

Nan applied her organizational talent to the restoration of the historic Nantucket Atheneum building, and arranged an annual summer event that features a European-style circus. She also revived a dormant lecture series that brings speakers of national note to the library each summer.

Closer to home, Nan proposed and organized a series of dinners with leaders of other faiths and ethnicities (e.g. Buddhists, Jews, Greek Orthodox, Afghans, Japanese, Polish) at her home parish, St. Nicholas. Her friends say that whenever Nan sees a need she steps up to determine what can be done about it.

EILEEN CONNELL HEASLEY '67, '72

A cup of clean water to drink. Eileen Connell Heasley has made that simple request a reality for thousands of people throughout the world.

Her mission began in 2002 when the Heasleys visited a son living in Nepal. They were appalled at the lack of clean, safe drinking water in the entire region. When they returned home they learned of the BioSand filter, a low cost technology which uses no chemicals or electricity. It had been thoroughly researched by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Eileen and her husband John donated two BioSand filters to an orphanage in Nepal that year. That donation was far from the end of the story.

The Heasleys were trained and certified in the construction, installation and maintenance of the filter system. They formed a non-profit organization, A Vision for Clean Water, to provide clean water to thousands more people. They also joined the Rotary Club of Troy which has partnered in their efforts. Each year they return to Nepal at their own expense. In 2004, 25 filters were donated to homes and schools; the next year 20 schools in Katmandu received BioSand filters and a toilet was built for a leper colony. And the list goes on. More than 10,000 children and adults in Nepal now have clean water thanks to the

2009 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD RECIPIENTS



O'Reilly



Lange



Williams

Heasleys. Eileen also has traveled to India, Honduras and Lebanon for clean water and other aid projects.

Eileen has made other contributions. When she retired from teaching she began training women at Gilda's Club to operate computers. She also produced an award-winning series of television programs for teachers called "Let's Talk Technology."

KATHLEEN O'REILLY '68

Following her degree from Marygrove, Kathleen O'Reilly entered Georgetown University Law Center and was the first woman named Georgetown's "Best Advocate." She has lived up to the title in more than 30 years of advocacy for consumers and the powerless.

After a stint in private practice, Kathleen became the legislative director and later executive director of the Consumer Federation of America. She drafted pro-consumer amendments, lobbied and gave expert testimony more than 200 times before congressional and state legislative bodies. She also appeared as a regular guest on the PBS "MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour." She produced and appeared in segments on health, safety, insurance and antitrust issues on NBC's "Today Show," and was often a guest on the ABC "Good Morning America" program.

In 1983 Kathleen became the executive director of the Wisconsin Citizens Utility Board, the state's 96,000 member consumer organization. She is credited with saving consumers millions of dollars through advocacy for utility policy changes.

Kathleen returned to private practice in Washington, D.C. in 1991 and has represented a number of public interest organizations before Congress as well as state regulatory commissions.

Currently board president of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, Kathleen has

served on more than a dozen non-profit boards and also has provided pro bono service to a number of Washington area non-profits. She is Special Counsel of the Inspector General of the Federal Communications Commission advising on the prevention and identification of fraud, waste and abuse in several federal programs.

Kathleen's husband, Reuben McCornack, a developer of non-profit housing for the poor and disabled, has enlisted her compassionate expertise on behalf of enterprises and individuals who needed jobs or help fighting bureaucracies.

AMY LANGE '08

Last spring FOX2 News investigative reporter Amy Lange returned home after emceeing a charity fundraiser, hurried up the stairs and caught her heel in her gown. She tumbled down the steps crashing into the wall. The broken neck she suffered was not diagnosed or treated for several days. She turned her experience, which included painful traction and spinal surgery into a cautionary tale broadcast last summer. While Amy raised awareness of falls, her true passion lies in telling the stories of those without a voice – the homeless, youth in foster care, adolescents aging out of foster care and a host of other community problems.

When Amy enrolled in Marygrove's Master in Social Justice Program she already had plenty of firsthand knowledge from ten years of reporting for FOX2 News on the pressing social problems in the Detroit area. Nonetheless, she was eager to learn about root causes and systemic injustices that lead to the situations she covers every day and ways of solving what appear to be intractable problems.

Fellow classmate Kim Redigan says, "Her story about people living under Detroit's viaducts and local efforts to help them transition into independent or assisted living, helped educate the public to a reality that is often hidden." Amy's features on the homeless led to two Emmy nominations and a seat on the board of the Homeless Action Network of Detroit (HAND).

"Because of the field I'm in, I have an amazing platform from which to do the work of the Marygrove Social Justice program and bring it to the public's attention," says Amy with

sincere humility.

Amy and her husband Michael Shore, a professional photographer, are working together on a project called Portraits in Social Justice which will feature photographs and biographies of those who have made significant contributions to social justice in the area and hope it will be exhibited at Marygrove.

BRIANA WILLIAMS '09

Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow is an award of hope and promise. According to those who have known and worked with Briana Williams at Marygrove, both are present in her in abundance.

In describing Briana's gifts, Professor Donald Levin says, "Her insights about literature are astute, and she articulates those insights in writing with grace and power." Briana is a multiple winner of the Amy S. McCombs/Frederick P. Currier Writing Award. In a contest sponsored by Chrysler LLC, Briana won the grand prize of a \$5,000 scholarship for her essay, "The D and Me." It describes her experience moving from Nashville, Tennessee to Detroit when she was ten years old and how she came to know the city and erased the stereotypes she had when she arrived. She was also presented with the DeVlieg Foundation English and Modern Languages scholarship for "a student who demonstrates great promise as a scholar of literature and language" at the 2008 Marygrove Honors Convocation.

Briana was selected for an internship at Tulane University in New Orleans. She is enthusiastic about her experience which included a class in the history and culture of the city as well an opportunity to work in a summer camp program which aimed to change the culture of violence beginning with children. She also assisted in projects to help hurricane Katrina victims, noting the gratitude of the people that received help.

On campus, Briana works about 10 hours a week in the newly renovated Nancy A. McDonough Geschke Writing Center. She finds that much of the time she is helping students build their confidence in their own ideas and skills, passing on the confidence-building she received from her Marygrove professors.

Nominations for 2010 Distinguished Alumni Awards are due May 31, 2010.

Alumni-Sponsored Events

Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital Tour

Saturday, March 13, 2010
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Rita Fields '96, '02, Marygrove College Alumni Association President and Vice President of Talent Management and Workforce Strategies at Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, will lead us on a behind-the-scenes tour of the new state-of-the-art facility. We will discover what the designers were thinking when they were planning the new facility and we will have an opportunity to visit the beautiful retail and dining areas, as well as patient rooms.

The tour will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. There is no charge but space is limited to 25 alumni and guests. Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital is located at 6777 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield, MI. To register, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Save the Date – Homecoming 2010

September 16-19, 2010

Thursday, Sept. 16: 9th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble
Friday, Sept. 17: Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony and Reception
Saturday, Sept. 18: Mass/Lunch/Campus Tours
Sunday, Sept. 19: Mass/Brunch/Induction of the Class of 1960 into the Fifty Year Club

Homecoming 2010 celebrates the graduating classes of **1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000** and **2005**, however, everyone, regardless of graduation year, is invited and encouraged to attend. Information will be mailed to reunion classes in the spring and specific details will follow in upcoming issues of *The Tower Times* and *Marygrove Minute*.

Alumni Day at Marygrove College Mustangs' Game

Men's Varsity Basketball Game
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010,
3:30 p.m.



Come support the men's basketball team for their final home game of the season! The Mustangs are playing Rochester College at the University of Detroit Jesuit High School gym, located at 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit. Admission is \$2. Join your fellow alums as we wave pom-poms, have fun and cheer our Mustangs on to victory!

Back by Popular Demand Detroit Architecture Walking Tour and Lunch

Saturday, April 24, 2010
11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Marygrove alumni, family and friends are once again invited to take a guided walking tour of the downtown Detroit business district, followed by lunch at one of the area's most popular restaurants. The tour will be conducted by Inside Detroit, a non-profit organization whose mission is to educate the public about Detroit's history, culture and livability through customized tours.

This in-depth tour will feature the fabulous architecture of downtown Detroit's buildings, both inside and out, as well as major historical landmarks. Immediately following the tour will be lunch at Foran's Grand Trunk Pub. Foran's is located in what was once the Grand Trunk

Railway Ticket Office and has retained much of the original early 1900's architecture. The cost for the outing is \$30 which covers the tour, lunch and gratuities. The meeting place for the tour will be the Michigan Welcome Center, 1253 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

If you have questions or need more information, contact Yesenia Lara '07 at (313) 587-2914. To register, make checks payable to Marygrove College and mail to Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 West McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221-2599. Deadline to register is Thursday, April 15, 2010.



Alumni-Sponsored Events

Alumni Book Discussion *Devil in a Blue Dress*

By Walter Mosley

Friday, Feb. 19, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Liberal Arts Building, Room 225

Walter Mosley's *Devil in a Blue Dress*, the first in a series of seven novels, introduces Ezekiel "Easy" Rawlins, an intelligent, young, tough veteran, who has recently been fired from his job on the line at an aircraft plant. With an impending mortgage payment, he is convinced to take the job of locating the beautiful, mysterious Daphne Monet. Set in Post-World War II Los Angeles in 1948, the novel explores a number of social concerns, including racial tensions, gender, and cultural history, as the protagonist's search involves him in a chain of events. Ultimately, his search leads him deeper into his own quest for social and cultural identity.

A reviewer for *The New York Times* writes, it is "A suspenseful novel of human detection ... and ...[Mosley is] a talented author with something vital to say about the distance between the black and white worlds, and with a dramatic way to say it."

On Friday, Feb. 19 from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., the 1995 film version of *Devil in a Blue Dress* will be shown, starring Denzel Washington as Ezekiel "Easy" Rawlins, Jennifer Beals as Daphne Monet, and Don Cheadle as Mouse Alexander. Speaking of the movie version, film critic James Berardinelli notes "The most interesting element of [the film] is not the whodunit, but the 'whydunit.' Finding the guilty parties isn't as involving as learning their motivation, which is buried in society's perception of racial interaction."

Dr. Loretta G. Woodard, Associate Professor of English and Director of the Honors Program, will facilitate this discussion. To register, contact Druel Outley '00, at (313) 342-3208 or drueloutley@ameritech.net.

Dinner and Theatre

Recent Tragic Events

By Craig Wright

Directed by Andrew Huff

Saturday, Feb. 13, 2010 • Marygrove College

Dinner at 6:00 p.m. • Play at 8:00 p.m.

It is the morning after September 11, 2001 in Minneapolis. Waverly, a young advertising executive hasn't heard from her twin sister who lives in New York City. With news coverage of 9/11 playing on the TV, Waverly is questioning life and love but doesn't have time to process what is happening because she is about to go out on a blind date. This unusual date turns into a gathering of her crazy musician neighbor, Ron, his girlfriend and a surprising visit from her great aunt, Joyce Carol Oates (played by a sock puppet).

Recent Tragic Events is a production by the University of Detroit Mercy Theatre Company.

The cost is \$35 per person for a wonderful dinner and a theatre ticket. Dinner will be in Madame Cadillac Hall, followed by the play in the Marygrove Theatre.

To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) no later than Wednesday, Feb. 3, 2010 to Marygrove College, attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 West McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.

If you have questions, contact Sheila Keefe '56 at (586) 268-0481 or at sheilakeef@aol.com.



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dpuhl@marygrove.edu and she will send you the details when they become available. Details will also be published in the *Marygrove Minute* enewsletter.



In Memoriam

(Submissions from July 26 through December 30, 2009)

DECEASED ALUMS

Lenore Collins Marshall '34
Helen Roska Maddock '36
Dorothy Loveley Sweeney '38
Joan Stanko Hyde '41
Margaret O'Neill '42
Elizabeth Doyle Gibson '44
Patricia Schreoder '44
Adele DuRoss, IHM '46
Ann Marie L'Esperance, IHM '46
Zenia Panfil Lowe '47
Margaret Greeley Currie '51
Marjorie Baltes Schmitt '51
Noraleen Smith, IHM '51
Rita McFarland, IHM '56
Mary Faith Hughes, IHM '57
Antoinette Ruedisueli, IHM '58
Marie Sweeney, IHM '60
Eileen Shaughnessy, IHM '63
Mary Olenik Blake '65
Mary Ann Pelczar Rejefski '65
Catherine DeSloover Gruber '66
Geraldine Raszkowski '66
Ava Rodgers '09

DECEASED RELATIVES OF ALUMS

HUSBAND OF:

Gladys Halstead Dudash '44
Agnes Toal Flannery '47
Mary McBride Mies '49
Eleanore Ciolek Haight '50
Frances Sayed Culver '56
Mary Roberti '58
Frances Pelham Carnaghi '65

MOTHER OF:

Ellen Cameron '61
Janet Cameron '67

DAUGHTER OF:

Patricia Fitzpatrick Hines '46

SISTER OF:

Winifred Keenan Glass '44
Janice Lauer Hutton '54
Kathleen Pfander '97

BROTHER OF:

Winifred Keenan Glass '44
Velda Culver Holtgreive '56

Alumni-Sponsored Events

Travel with Marygrove Alumni, Family and Friends to Greece in 2010!

Exploring Greece and its Islands Oct. 8 – 22, 2010

\$3,799 - Includes roundtrip air from Detroit, hotel transfers, 23 meals and departure taxes.
(\$250 deposit due 4/9/10)



Discover the magnificent ruins of ancient Greece in their tranquil Mediterranean settings. This well-paced 15-day journey balances expeditions to Greece's most important Classical Age monuments with ample time to wander the winding streets, vineyards, boutiques, marketplaces and beaches on Mykonos and Santorini. We'll enjoy Greek food, wine and entertainment at a taverna in the lively Plaka district in Athens and learn from a local expert on a tour of Athens' cache of historic monuments and the famed Acropolis.

During our 15-day adventure we'll visit Athens, The Acropolis, Thermopylae, Kalambaka, Metéora, Delphi, Arachova, Olympia, Mycenae, Epidavros, Nauplion, Mykonos and Santorini.

Alumni-sponsored travel, offered in partnership with Collette Vacations, 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, if you have questions or need more information, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Hold Your Next Alumni Gathering at Marygrove

If you are one of the many groups of Marygrove College graduates who continue to get together with your former classmates on a regular basis, consider having your next gathering at Marygrove. Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving, will graciously host your group and for a nominal fee (usually less than you would pay in a restaurant) you will enjoy a great meeting space with wonderful food and an opportunity to tour the campus and see the exciting new renovations.

In October, the Class of 1951 held their fall luncheon at Marygrove and you'll see from the photos what a great time they had! If you are interested in scheduling a gathering or would like more information, please contact Diane Puhl at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.



2010 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 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), 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:

- Professional, educational or artistic endeavors
- The community through government service and/or civic organizations (such as Lions Club, City Planning Commissions, government committees, etc.)
- Political action, social justice or volunteer

activities in schools, hospitals, etc.

- Marygrove College

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 alumni 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. 17, 2010, at a special recognition event during Homecoming 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/alumni.

Nominations are due by May 31, 2010.



Marygrove College 2010 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 _____

If you are a Marygrove College alumna/us:

Graduation year _____ and major _____

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

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, 2010, 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**, at 313.927.1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Dust Off Those Dancing Shoes! Ballroom Dance Classes Are Back!

Ballroom dancing is making a comeback and here is your chance to learn this elegant and graceful art form. The Marygrove College Alumni Program Committee is offering eight, 1.5 hour lessons followed by a dance where you can show off your newly acquired or finely honed skills.



Reuben Collier and Margo Lee '00, both experienced instructors who love to dance, will guide you through the lessons and have you dancing like Fred or Ginger in no time. In addition to being fun, ballroom dancing is also very healthy, as it has physical, mental and social benefits. You can register on your own or with a partner. Leather bottom shoes are required.

Lessons, which are \$5 for alumni and \$3 for students with ID, will be held in the Main Dining Room in Madame Cadillac from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. the following Thursdays: March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 8, 22 and 29. The dance will be held in the Main Dining Room on Friday, April 30, 2010. Tickets are \$15 and should be purchased in advance. To register for the lessons, purchase tickets for the dance or for more information, contact Margo Lee '00 at (248) 893-7594 or (313) 402-7776 or margolee2000@sbcglobal.net or Diane Puhl at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu. Let's show those "Dancing With The Stars" celebrities they have nothing on Marygrove Alumni!

Marygrove Day at the Spa

Sponsored by
Macy's Premier Salon
at Lakeside Mall
Thursday, March 25, 2010

1:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Enjoy your afternoon or evening at Macy's Premier Salon at Lakeside Mall in Sterling Heights being pampered with the finest spa treatments at 25% off regular prices. Treat yourself and your family or friends to a pedicure, manicure, facial, massage or hair cut and style. All customers are eligible for a complimentary paraffin treatment and a ticket for a gift basket.

Reservations are required. To set up an appointment call Macy's at (586) 566-2777 and mention the "Marygrove Day at the Spa" special. If you have questions or need more information contact Mark Bartnik '79 at (248) 689-9782.

Class of 1953 Luncheon

Members of the Class of 1953 have once again organized a spring luncheon for classmates who are interested in staying connected with one another.

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
11:30 a.m.
Peabody's Restaurant,
34965 Woodward Ave., Birmingham

Please RSVP no later than May 7 to:

Joann Holden at (248) 626-4758 or
Pat Johnson at (248) 879-9329.

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