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Letter from the *President*

MARK LOMBARDI, PhD

DEAR FRIENDS,

The 2013-2014 year is proving to be a year of milestones and robust progress. As we finish up this fall semester, it is important to showcase the many outstanding programs and achievements of our students, faculty and staff.

In this issue you will read about our exceptional nursing faculty, their passionate commitment to excellence as teachers, researchers and practitioners and their innovation in starting two vibrant online graduate programs (MSN, DNP) which serve some 1,400 students in 46 states. You will read about our science faculty, their exciting and engaging teaching and their innovative research here in St. Louis (goats and honeysuckle) and around the world (beluga whales). You will also notice the ever accelerating commitment to integrated technology in teaching and learning in our state-of-the-art classrooms, through the Maryville App and across our campus. These efforts are often led by our own students and their work designing apps and inventing devices.

Please read about the exciting partnership we have forged with Mercy Health to create The Catherine McAuley School of Nursing that codifies a great and historical partnership that is now 40 years young. This partnership helped us break ground and begin construction on Walker Hall, the home of our College of Health Professions. Please check our webcam and follow the progress of this 90,000-square-foot, silver LEEDs certified building.

You will also see that our commitment to sustainability is unwavering. The Center for Sustainability has achieved remarkable results that have impacted our culture, environment and bottom line in many positive ways. And, as always, our athletic programs continue their march to excellence both on the fields and courts and in the classroom. Maryville is now seen as an athletic powerhouse within the Great Lakes Valley Conference.

Whether saluting our alumni and their achievements, honoring our faculty, highlighting our wonderful students or reflecting on our glorious past, Maryville is seizing its future and marching toward a glorious era of national recognition and success making us one of the premier universities in the nation. Each and every one of you is an important part of that trek. And I want to thank you all for your good advice and wonderful support.

WITH PRIDE,

Mark Lombardi



[FeedBack]



SPYHOPPING IN ANTARCTICA: Larry Hays, vice president for Administration and Finance at Maryville, and his wife, Diane '94, took the Maryville brand to Antarctica the summer of 2008 as they worked on a life list to visit all seven continents.

Spyhopping is defined as when whales come up to observe things, and on this particular trip they were interested in their visitors. "We experienced two humpbacks spyhopping around our small zodiac boats for more than an hour, often so close you could almost reach out and touch them. And they were very gentle and never made a wave," Hays said.

The Maryville tradition runs deep in the Hays family. Daughter, Patty, earned a BSN in 1992; daughter, Deborah, earned a degree in marketing in '97; and son, Larry, earned a master's in education in '95 and a EdD in December '13.



AFRICAN ADVENTURE: In August, Tom Eschen, vice president for Institutional Advancement at Maryville, far right, and his wife, Chris, far right wearing red, took a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Africa. The trip was an opportunity to relax and to carry Maryville's story across the Atlantic. The trip included a visit to the Cape of Good Hope and a photographic safari.



MARYVILLE DOWN UNDER: Maryville University Vice President for Enrollment Jeff Miller carried Maryville's brand to Australia this summer, wearing Maryville hats, shirts and pins on his journey. Here he holds a koala at the Lone Pine Koala Sanctuary near Brisbane. It's the world's oldest and largest koala sanctuary and protects, koalas, kangaroos and other Australian wildlife in a free-roaming habitat. Visitors are allowed to hold koalas briefly at the sanctuary—but no koala is held for more than 30 minutes each day.

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NOVEMBER 25: Campus is quiet this week as students are off for Thanksgiving break. What's your favorite holiday memory from when you were a student?

VALERIE BLANKENSHIP:

I loved winter break and being snowed in. We would sit around and run the campus, sing karaoke and eat snack bar every day.

KATIE MESSMER-LUNER:

Christmas tree lighting and dinner.

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[IntheLoop]



DIVERSITY DOUBLE PLAY: This billboard appeared in the St. Louis area last summer as part of a diversity awareness campaign co-sponsored by Maryville University. More than 2,500 posters with the same theme were distributed to schools and businesses.


Maryville Co-Sponsors Diversity Awareness Campaign Featuring Cardinals Icons

"Diversity Double Play" is the theme of a new diversity awareness campaign sponsored by Diversity Awareness Partnership in association with the St. Louis Cardinals and Maryville University. More than 2,500 posters were distributed this summer to schools and businesses throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area to promote the value of diversity and inclusion.

The posters, featuring No. 19 Jon Jay and No. 50 Adam Wainwright, encourage viewers to accept individual differences while relying on "teamwork to shut out discrimination." In addition to the posters, the Diversity Double Play message appeared on St. Louis area billboards this summer and fall.

Maryville University President Mark Lombardi said the posters and billboards "communicate a message of inclusion and diversity that Maryville embraces."


Reena Hajat Carroll, executive director of Diversity Awareness Partnership, noted the Diversity Double Play campaign emphasizes collaboration and engages the entire community in a conversation about the need for diversity and inclusion. With that concept in mind, the St. Louis Cardinals seemed a logical choice to lend relevance to the campaign.

"Inclusion is a team sport that requires us all to participate," said Michael Hall, vice president of community relations and executive director of Cardinals Care. "We are proud to support this important effort to strengthen our community." 

New Maryville Mobile App Debuts

A second-generation mobile app for students, faculty, staff and alumni was released this summer, providing the entire Maryville community better access to services, news, events and activities on campus.

Available for both Apple and Android platforms, the free app also includes links to the campus social media streams, the campus library, admissions and class registration. Sporting Maryville's signature red and white motif, the new app can be located by searching for "Maryville University" in app stores. Phones will download the new app as an update for individuals who already use the first-generation Maryville app.

"Today, students expect to connect, communicate and consume content anytime and anywhere," said Shani Lenore-Jenkins, Maryville's associate vice president for enrollment. "Like all great apps, our app has built-in customization features." 





Who Wrote A Perfect Day For Banana Fish?

Which President Served the Shortest Term of Office?

Who Designed the Jefferson Expansion Memorial Arch?

Brush Off Your Trivia Skills and Mark Your Calendars for

Maryville University's 13th Annual Alumni Trivia Night Saturday, March 8 Gander Dining Hall

Last year's event set records for attendance and fund raising, with nearly 400 players distributed among 46 tables. The silent auction set a new record, grossing about \$10,000 from that aspect of the event alone.

Registration information and other details will be available soon.

MARYVILLE BY THE numbers

5033 Record-breaking fall enrollment

2205 Number of graduate students

409 Number of freshmen enrolled

96 Number of international students this fall

28 Number of countries represented by international students

Maryville Professors Author Nursing Textbook Focusing on Medications

MARYVILLE NURSING PROFESSORS, LED BY PROFESSOR OF NURSING GERALYN Frandsen have completed work on a nursing textbook that educates students about medications, how they work and how to administer them safely.

The book is the 10th edition of *Abrams' Clinical Drug Therapy: Rationales for Nursing Practice*, co-authored by Frandsen and Sandra Smith Pennington, of the Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. The detailed book provides students with case studies about patients, allowing them to absorb information about medicines and how patients are likely respond to them. It walks students through methods for safely administering medicine, ways to assess a patient's response and how a medication should work in a patient's system.

Each chapter includes questions students should be able to answer in advance of taking their state board exams. Each also takes up Quality and Safety Education, an effort to prepare future nurses with the knowledge and skills needed to improve the healthcare systems where they work.


Three other Maryville professors, Clinical Assistant Professor of Nursing Lisa Albers; Associate Professor of Nursing Chelie Muraski, and Associate Professor of Nursing Jacqueline Saleeby, contributed chapters. The book is published by Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

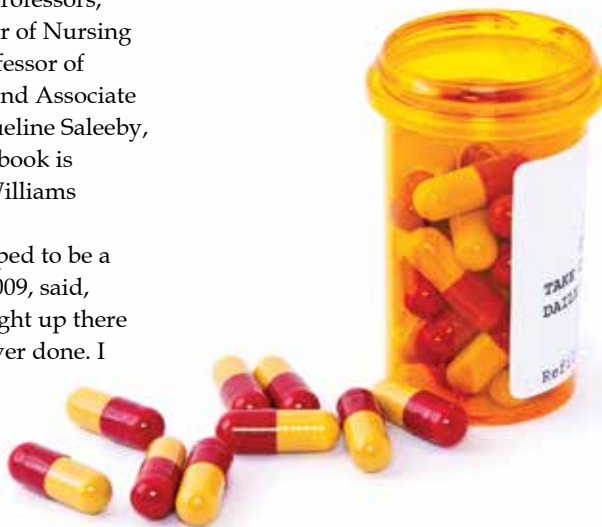
Frandsen, who was tapped to be a co-author of the book in 2009, said, "I have to say this ranks right up there as the hardest thing I've ever done. I couldn't have done it without the support of my colleagues here at Maryville and my dear, dear husband."

Her husband, Gary Frandsen, MSN, works at the University of Missouri-St. Louis and also contributed chapters to the book.

Albers, who wrote a chapter about how medications affect infant and pediatric patients, said, "I like the approach of the book." The professors explained that the case studies allow students to learn with the assistance of storytelling. The professors scoured databases and poured over research to include the most up-to-date information.

While the first version of the book was written in the 1980s, Frandsen said the feedback is that the level of updated research in the 10th edition and the new approach for students brings the book up to where it needs to be for today's nursing students. "This edition became like a first edition," she said.

Frandsen earned her bachelor of science in nursing at Maryville. 



Maryville Talks Women and Leadership Addresses Women's Role in Business World

Maryville Talks Women and Leadership is the latest series to join Maryville University's popular "Talks" programs, which include Maryville Talks Books, Maryville Talks Innovation and Maryville Talks Movies.

The Women and Leadership series addresses the still emerging role of women in business with information, discussion and opportunities for networking.

"We believe Maryville Talks Women and Leadership brings together cutting edge trends with some of the best thought leaders in the region," said Jeri Schultz, director of Maryville's Institute of Continuing Education, Leadership and Professional Development. "We designed the curriculum so those who attend will hear first-hand how other women have developed their career paths."

Edward Jones sponsored and hosted the first session of the series, "Lattices



DISCUSSION: Tom Wilhelm of Elsevier, the world's largest provider of science and health information products, moderates a discussion with women executives from Elsevier during a Maryville Talks Women and Leadership program on May 31 in the University Auditorium. Those participating in the discussion, titled "It's Not a Job, It's an Adventure," were (from left) Nancy Stemme, Toni Clogston, Loren Wilson and Janet Blanner.

and Ladders," April 3, at its headquarters in Des Peres. Featuring some of the firm's top female executives, the panel discussion focused on company organization at Edward Jones that allows employees to move laterally or upward in their career path.

Elsevier sponsored "It's Not A Job, It's An Adventure," the second event in the series on May 31 in the Maryville University Auditorium. The most recent session of the series, "Access, Opportunity and Inclusion: A Focus

on Diversity and Differences," was sponsored by Sandberg Phoenix and von Gontard, P.C. on Aug. 9 at the Missouri Athletic Club.

Tickets for Maryville Talks Women and Leadership typically are \$30 per person, which includes the program, a continental breakfast, free parking and networking opportunities. Each event lasts about 90 minutes. Advance registration is required. 



MEMORIES OF 'STAN THE MAN'

Fans were lining up before 8 a.m. and by the time the doors opened at 9 a.m., the line stretched around two sides of the Simon Athletic Center when Maryville University hosted the Stan Musial Estate Sale on Saturday, July 13. The sale featured common household items once owned by Stan "The Man" Musial and his wife. The biggest sale of the day—a baby grand piano given to Musial's wife, Lil, by a family friend as a Christmas gift. Bob Gray, who used to play piano at the Cardinal Club, bought the instrument after sitting down to play an impromptu version of "Take Me Out to the Ballgame". "He'd always come along and sit on the bench and play along with me with his harmonica," Gray remembered. "It was great. We had a good time together."

SHORT CUTS

MARYVILLE GRADS HOLD 8 OF 16 VA COUNSELING POSITIONS

The Regional Veterans Administration Office in St. Louis didn't have to go far to find candidates to fill available vocational rehabilitation counselor positions, according to Corliss Strathearn, '03, '05, who supervises the Vocational Rehabilitation program.

Eight of the St. Louis Office's 16 counselors are Maryville grads. The reason half of the agency's counselors hold degrees from Maryville is fairly simple, according to Strathearn. "It's the only school in Missouri with a vocational rehabilitation program," she said.



HAUSFATHER RETIRING AS EDUCATION DEAN

With a 43-year career in education—the last eight of which have been spent as dean of the School of Education at Maryville—Sam Hausfather will retire, effective June 30. He and his wife, Pam, will move to Asheville, N.C., to be near their daughter and her family.

Hausfather joined the Maryville faculty as dean of education in July 2006. Previously, he had been

the education dean for five years at East Stroudsburg University in Pennsylvania. His career also spans nearly 30 years as an elementary school teacher.

Hausfather said he expects retirement to give him the time he wants to read, travel and pursue other interests.

"I'm not worried about staying busy in today's connected world," he said. He hopes to do some consulting work with teacher preparation programs at universities around the country and may supervise student teachers in the classroom. He may even find himself teaching an online course or two—possibly as part of Maryville's online faculty.

"I will certainly miss the faculty and staff I have worked with for the past eight years," he said.



VIELE NAMED ADULT AND ONLINE EDUCATION DEAN

Dan Viele joined Maryville as dean of the School of Adult and Online Education in June.

"Our Adult and Online Learning initiative will help meet the needs of our changing workforce," said Maryville President Mark Lombardi. "We are pleased and delighted to have someone with Dan Viele's experience and background at the helm of this important program."

Viele came to Maryville from Webster University, where he developed the university's first online Master of Business Administration program.

MARYVILLE AGAIN MAKES *KIPLINGER'S* LIST

For the third consecutive year, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* has named Maryville University to its list of the country's best values in private colleges and universities. The annual list ranks the top 100 private universities and top 100 liberal arts colleges.

Maryville University President Mark Lombardi said, "For a third straight year *Kiplinger's* recognizes the great value of a Maryville education. With a 76 percent graduation rate and a 94 percent career placement rate, Maryville University delivers an outstanding education to thousands each year, affirming the vitality of a robust university education."

Maryville University and other schools on the list offer top-notch education at a reasonable cost. Maryville students enjoy small class sizes with a student to faculty ratio of 12:1, and the University has a retention rate of 87 percent for first-year students. Maryville is an innovator in tailoring degrees to promising career tracks, and offering classes in formats that are accessible to both traditional college students and working adults.

"Our rankings serve as a valuable resource to help students and families make more informed choices," said Janet Bodnar, editor of *Kiplinger's Personal Finance* magazine. ■

New Outlet Mall Options Debut

Planning a visit to campus? Budget some time for a shopping extravaganza a few exits west of Maryville.

St. Louis Premium Outlets, 18521 Outlet Boulevard, and Taubman Prestige Outlets, 17017 N. Outer 40 Road, opened during fall semester and offer a wide array of shops and eateries. Both are within 10 minutes of campus.

St. Louis Premium Outlets, already planning an expansion, has 90 stores including Ann Taylor, Nike, Vera Bradley, Tommy Hilfiger and Saks Fifth Avenue Off 5th. Taubman Prestige includes Banana Republic Factory Store, Abercrombie & Fitch, Brooks Brothers Factory Store and Brookstone.

If you need a quick pick-me-up while hitting the shopping bonanza, stop by campus and visit Kaldi's coffee house just outside the library entrance. ■

Fast-track Program Results in MBA in One Year

MARYVILLE'S JOHN E. SIMON SCHOOL OF BUSINESS HAS CREATED A UNIQUE fast-track program enabling master's degree candidates to earn an MBA in just one year.

Dustin Loeffler, assistant professor of accounting and business administration in the John E. Simon School, said Maryville designed the new program to meet the needs of traditional students who have recently completed a bachelor's degree in business administration, as well as business degree holders who have already entered the workforce. The program combines online and traditional classes to provide optimum flexibility for working students. Classroom sessions meet once a week from 6 to 9:50 p.m.

The program also offers an alternative tuition-and-fee structure. Students will pay \$9,995 per semester for three semesters to complete the required 36 hours of coursework.

The tuition-and-fees payment includes an iPad and all textbooks in a downloadable format.

Maryville's one-year MBA degree track is a "very good fit for a student who has an undergraduate degree in business and wants to go for their MBA in less time," said Kathy Dougherty, an assistant professor of marketing for Maryville's MBA program. "In some cases a student may already be working, and those students can still take this program to get their MBA."

The MBA is valuable, Dougherty said, because many employers require an advanced degree for advancement. Maryville's John E. Simon School of Business has forged close ties with area business leaders to enable students to form professional networks and pursue career advancement after graduation. Many area corporations also provide tuition reimbursement benefits for those earning advanced degrees. 📌



KICKING CANCER: Occupational therapy student Hannah Foster braces to have her head shaved during a Maryville Kicks Cancer event on April 6. The event featured fund-raising booths and an luminaria ceremony memorializing persons with cancer who have died and honoring those who survive. The day-long event raised \$10,515 for the American Cancer Society, Kids Rock Cancer and an organization sponsoring melanoma research. Foster raised \$4,000 by taking pledges from classmates and others supporting her head-shaving.

University Partners with Business to Offer Financial Services Degree

Financial Services, a new major offered by Maryville University, combines the disciplines of finance and marketing to prepare business students for careers in the growing financial services industry.

According to Melissa Griswold, associate professor of finance, the new degree track is a response to industry demand for graduates who are skilled in finance, but also have marketing and communication skills to promote financial services products in the marketplace. "Based on the positive response to this degree program from local financial service providers, we anticipate a

significant demand and job opportunities for our graduates."

Individuals who hold a financial services degree may enter into careers with financial planning companies, brokerage firms, commercial banks, credit unions or regulatory agencies. Since many of the available careers are commission-based, students will have virtually unlimited potential for income and advancement. A key component of the degree is a required internship, which means financial services majors will have an inside track with potential employers as soon as they earn their degree.

Students enrolled in the financial services degree track will take traditional finance courses, along with courses in service marketing, Internet marketing, professional selling, leadership and interactive marketing. The new major can be paired with accounting, accounting systems and forensics, actuarial science, marketing or Internet marketing for students who want to pursue a double major.

Financial services courses are offered in traditional daytime classes, and in evening and weekend formats for adult students. 📌



BELEAGUERED BELUGAS

BY DAVE AMBROSE

Genetic research spearheaded by Maryville faculty member helped explain a dwindling beluga whale population in Hudson Bay

BEFORE JOINING THE MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY FACULTY AS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of biology in 2011, Gabriel J. Colbeck researched the problem of a dwindling beluga whale population in the southeastern portion of Hudson Bay.

As far as whales go, belugas are on the small side—maxing out at 18 to 20 feet. They are known for their pure white coloration, an adaptation for survival in the frigid arctic regions that comprise their habitat.

They also are in trouble.

Prior to the 1950s, commercial whaling operations aggressively hunted and harvested belugas by the thousands for their blubber, skin and other products. Hudson Bay belugas suffered significantly from North American whaling practices and faced possible extinction. With the cessation of commercial whaling, some beluga populations along the Hudson Bay began to recover while others continued to decline.

Flash forward to 2009 when Colbeck was embarking on post-doctoral work at Laval University, Quebec. In the 1980s, researchers had noticed belugas were disappearing in some of the freshwater estuaries in southeast Hudson Bay, where

belugas bred and raised their young. In an effort to solve the mystery, the Canadian government enlisted the aid of native Inuits to collect tissue samples for analysis. Between 1986 and 2009, the Inuit hunters collected upward of 1,500 tissue samples for the researchers.

"My job was to do genetic analysis of all those samples," Colbeck said.

Though he studied tissue samples from hundreds of beluga whales, Colbeck said he never got the chance to see or approach a beluga in the wild during his time in Quebec.

"I had to devise a new methodology for figuring out relatedness among belugas," he said. Today, Colbeck teaches the techniques he developed in Quebec to scores of young students who are learning the complexities of biological research. "My students here at Maryville are using some of the same tools and methodologies," he said.

At the time Colbeck was in Quebec, a population of belugas on the west side of the bay numbered about 50,000 individuals. At the same time, a beluga population on the east side had dwindled to about 3,000, and their

numbers were continuing to decline, Colbeck said. In the winter, Hudson Bay freezes over, and the belugas migrate into the North Atlantic, returning to the Hudson Bay estuaries in the spring to breed and raise calves. During the winter migration, both populations blend as

"I had to devise a new methodology for figuring out relatedness among belugas. My students here at Maryville are using some of the same tools and methodologies."

they travel through the narrow Hudson Strait on their way to the open sea.

"We wanted to use genetics to figure out who was migrating to where," Colbeck said. Results of the study, published in 2012 in the *Proceedings of the Royal Society*, shed new light on how belugas form social groups and why the eastern Hudson Bay belugas were in trouble. The research revealed that when belugas get ready to migrate, they form close-knit groups of 10 to 20 whales based on kinship. The migrating groups are matriarchal, built around female whales that are mothers,

grandmothers, aunts and cousins of other whales in the pod.

"When they migrate, they stay in tight groups," Colbeck said. When they return to Hudson Bay, they disperse and mingle with non-related whales. "It's like a family going to Florida. They all

get in the same car to travel, and when they get home, everyone goes off on their own. Previous to our work, we had no idea how belugas formed social groups."

The matriarchs apparently are the vital link that ensures the whales return to their own region of the bay.

"You follow Mom," Colbeck said. "If you're born in the western part of the bay, you follow her back home. If you're born in the eastern part, you follow Mom back there."

Because of that tight link, Colbeck said, there is "very little chance for repopulation" once a group of belugas has dwindled to the level of the eastern Hudson Bay population. Still, Colbeck is hopeful the eastern bay belugas will come back from the brink of extinction.

Colbeck knows the research is important.

"The maintenance of an ecosystem is important because we are a part of it," he said. "It's more complex than just a bunch of animals out there. There are many things going on. If you take away one piece, it affects the ecosystem and it affects us." ▮

Dave Ambrose



GENETICS GURU: Before coming to Maryville University, Gabriel Colbeck, an assistant professor of biology, studied the DNA of migrating beluga whales in Quebec. The research was aimed at unlocking the mystery of a declining beluga population in eastern Hudson Bay.

[StudentSpotlight]



APPLE AFICIONADO: Ethan Vaughan works on a mobile app in the lab at Maryville University. As part of his current coursework, Vaughan is researching development of a mobile app to interact with a portable spectrometer developed last year by another Maryville student.

APPLE APP PRO

*18-year-old
Maryville student
wins scholarship
to Apple's App
Developers Conference*

BY DAVE AMBROSE

VISIT THE "APP STORE" ON YOUR IPHONE AND YOU CAN CHOOSE FROM LITERALLY thousands of applications—from video games to specialized widgets to expand the functionality of your smart phone—any of which can be yours for free or for a mere 99 cents.

Those apps come from an army of application developers from around the world, each of whom is paid a percentage of the 99 cents you pay Apple every time you download an app. Since the Apple app store opened its virtual doors in 2009, Apple has paid out \$10 billion to app developers.

"It can definitely be lucrative," said 18-year-old Ethan Vaughan of O'Fallon, Mo.—a first-year Maryville University student who landed a scholarship to attend Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference this past June in San

Francisco. "If you make an app and people love it, and they start downloading it, you can definitely make some money."

While attending the conference, Vaughan met a 24-year-old from Germany who is supporting himself with the revenue he earns from just one iPhone application. Writing the next hot application is the cyberspace equivalent of hitting the lottery.

Vaughan already has one application under his belt—a financial app called "Stingy" which helps users track their income and expenditures. It's a freebie, if you want to go to the app store and download it. He wrote the application while still a 17-year-old high school senior at O'Fallon High School.

He is about to release his second app, called "Lydia," which he wrote for his

older sister, Lydia Vaughan, to promote her fledgling musical career. With Lydia loaded on their phones, iPhone users can follow Lydia on Facebook, watch music videos and buy recordings of her songs. Lydia also is a free app, but there's little doubt that Ethan Vaughan has his eyes on the prize—a wildly popular application that could put him on Easy Street.

Vaughan returned to Maryville this fall as a sophomore, but his interest in all things geeky started years ago when he received a robotics kit for his 13th birthday.

"I started exploring what I could do with robotics," he said. "When you build a robot, you have to program it to tell it what to do. From that I got into programming."

Then he got ahold of a copy of *Programming in Objective-C* by Stephen Kochan to teach himself the programming language for Macintosh computers, and he read *Cocoa Programming for Mac OS X* to learn how to write lengthy strings of code to create applications for Macintosh.

In 2007, when the late Steve Jobs introduced the world's first iPhone, Vaughan was smitten.

"I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I want to learn how to program that, because it looks awesome!,'" he recalled.

"To get a scholarship, you had to submit an app to tell Apple about yourself and why you thought you deserved a scholarship."

He downloaded a financial application and, after using it for a while, decided "this app is OK but it could be better." He refined the concept of the application and wrote the code to support it. The result was his first iPhone app, "Stingy."

With such experiences under his belt, Vaughan longed to attend Apple's Worldwide Developers Conference, but the \$1,600 registration price was a stumbling block. He started exploring Apple's website to research the

availability of a scholarship or grant to attend. Just before finals week at Maryville, Apple announced the availability of 150 convention scholarships worldwide. Apart from the limited number of scholarships (which meant stiff competition), there was another catch.

"To get a scholarship, you had to submit an app to tell Apple about yourself and why you thought you deserved a scholarship," Vaughan said. "Creating an app can take months, and they gave us a week."

And it was finals week.

Vaughan said he talked with his professors, who were supportive of his effort and allowed him to juggle testing requirements with the time he needed to write code for an application.

"It felt really funny working on an

app instead of studying for finals," he said. "I spent several days that week working on the application, and it paid off." Scholarship recipients were to be announced on May 16; it was 7 p.m., before Vaughan got his phone call confirming his successful application.

"I was ecstatic," he recalled. "The whole thing was a surprise. I was shocked."

A month later, Vaughan was in San Francisco rubbing shoulders with app developers from across the globe.

"It was pretty inspiring," he said. "I met a lot of students from around the world—all of them very talented and all of them making really cool apps."

Next up for Vaughan, he said, is looking into the

possibility of an internship with Apple Computers.

In the meantime, Vaughan returned to Maryville this fall to continue working toward a degree in computer science.

Under a dual degree agreement with Washington

University, Vaughan expects to earn a bachelor of science degree from Maryville in three years, before transferring to

Washington for his senior year and a second degree in computer science.

Ultimately, he hopes for a career in software engineering.

No matter where the future takes him, however, he will look back at the Worldwide Developers Conference as a highlight of his life.

"It was a week of firsts," he said. "My first plane ride, my first time traveling out of state alone. It was an adventure." ■



CATHERINE McAULEY SCHOOL *of* NURSING



PARTNERSHIP: Sister Mary Roch Rocklage (right) greets Harriet Switzer, who was serving as president of Maryville College when the two women laid the groundwork for a partnership between Maryville and Mercy Junior College.



CEO COMMENTS: Lynn Britton, Mercy CEO and President, addresses those gathered for the announcement of the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing at Maryville.

Maryville and Mercy Health continue decades-long relationship with naming of nursing program

WITH A STANDING-ROOM-ONLY CROWD PACKED INTO THE MARYVILLE University auditorium, Maryville President Mark Lombardi and Mercy President and CEO Lynn Britton announced on Oct. 10 that Maryville's 40-year-old nursing program has been rechristened the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing. The naming recognizes a generous gift from Mercy and represents the next step in the decades-long relationship between the Sisters of Mercy and the University.

Recalling a "longstanding and robust" relationship between Mercy and Maryville, Lombardi told those gathered for the announcement, "It's appropriate that Maryville's nursing program will henceforth bear the name of a revered and beloved figure in the history of the Sisters of Mercy."

In the 1970s Maryville took on Mercy Junior College to create a college-based nursing program. "There's a pretty good chance we would not be here today if not for that partnership," Maryville Vice President for Institutional Advancement Tom Eschen reminded those attending the announcement. Sister Mary Roch Rocklage, who helped shepherd the Mercy/Maryville partnership through its formative years, thanked Sister Mary Jeremy and Sister Mary Robert, formerly of Mercy Junior College, for having "the vision and the freedom to say, 'We must let go of it as a hospital-based program and let it become a college-based program.'"

"Naming the school after Catherine is a great honor for all of Mercy," Britton noted. "It acknowledges the tremendous influence she and the sisters have had on healthcare, both by the bedside and through the 'Careful Nursing' philosophy that's still taught to Maryville students today. It also honors those who helped make our partnership with Maryville possible, especially Sister Mary Roch Rocklage, whose leadership helped us transition from two schools into an outstanding unified program that's still going strong today."

Britton characterized Sister McAuley as a "builder and a visionary who was also a nurse." She became a nurse at a time when there was no formal training available for nurses. The order she founded, the Sisters of Mercy, was on the vanguard of developing nurses training programs and some of the early practitioners administered care alongside the likes of Florence Nightingale. "It's fitting that we name this School of Nursing for the very first Sister of Mercy, who provided nursing care for so many so well," he said.



Dan Donovan

OVATION: Applauding the naming of the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing during an Oct. 10 announcement at Maryville University are (from left) Charles Gulas, dean of the College of Health Professions; Sister Mary Roch Rocklage, Health Ministry Liaison at Mercy; Vice President for Institutional Advancement Tom Eschen; Mercy President and CEO Lynn Britton; and President Mark Lombardi.

Lombardi thanked Mercy and added, "This partnership will expand Maryville's healthcare education throughout the entire Mercy network and beyond through on-site and online programs that enable us to reach more students than ever before."

The Catherine McAuley School of Nursing will move into Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall when it is completed in January 2015. This building will be the new home of Maryville's College of Health Professions, which includes the school of nursing along with physical, occupational and rehabilitation therapy and counseling, as well as music therapy, and speech and language pathology.

It will house more than 70,000- square-feet of teaching space that will utilize state-of-the-art, hands-on technology to facilitate training that is real world.

"Being well prepared for the realities of nursing is key to serving our patients," said Christine Crain, chief operating officer of Mercy Children's Hospital and Maryville alumna. "When I graduated with my nursing degree, I knew I had

the best possible foundation for my career, but this partnership will help ensure future graduates are even better trained."

There are more than 300 Mercy employees who graduated from Maryville.

Jon Swope, regional president for Mercy's central communities in

a commitment to excellence and compassionate care. By working even closer through this new school, we'll ensure that students who will shape healthcare in the future are trained with the best possible academic and clinical resources."

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Arkansas, Southwest Missouri and Kansas, is one of those. He received his degree in management from Maryville. "As a non-clinician, getting my education as part of a program where Mercy's nursing tradition is valued really helped me understand and have a greater respect for what our caregivers do for patients each day. That's the human side of the healthcare business, something Maryville and Mercy have always valued."

Charles Gulas, dean of Maryville's College of Health Professions, said, "Our organizations have always shared

Eschen said the partnership is especially gratifying because it's for the long-term. "Maryville and Mercy have worked together for decades and we've only gotten stronger because of it. As quickly as the world is changing, I'm sure this won't be our last venture together. We look forward to seeing what the future brings and evolving to meet the needs of students for years to come." ■

▶ To view a video of the McAuley School of Nursing announcement, visit <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=coCJpWjRkSU&feature=youtu.be>





Brian Brinkley

It's Official!

Construction on the College of Health Professions long-awaited Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall has begun. BY DAVE AMBROSE

SHOVEL TIME: Dignitaries participating in the groundbreaking ceremony are (from left) President Mark Lombardi, Dean of the College of Health Professions Charles Gulas, Sister Margaret Strom, RSCJ; Sheri Mistretta, executive director, Walker Scottish Rite Clinic; Chris Cedargreen, president/principal Forum Studio; and Joe McKee, CEO, Paric Corp.

WITH A CROWD OF ABOUT 300 ALUMNI, STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF AND DONORS LOOKING ON, MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY officially broke ground for Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall on Saturday afternoon, Sept. 28, in front of the former site of Duchesne Hall. Groundbreaking for the new building, which will house Maryville's College of Health Professions, was a highlight of Alumni Weekend activities this year.

"Think about this," said Maryville President Mark Lombardi during comments leading up to the formal groundbreaking. "Over the next few decades, thousands of nurses, therapists and care givers are going to get a state-of-the-art education in this building. From there, they are going to fan out all over the community and the country to provide the very best in health care to thousands of people from the age of two to 102.

This building and what happens inside it will make this community stronger, healthier and better.”

In addition to doubling the space devoted to the College of Health Professions, Lombardi said the new building will free up space formerly used by Health Professions for the John E. Simon School of Business and other Maryville academic programs.

A generous gift from St. Louis philanthropists Myrtle E. and the late Earl E. Walker paved the way for the \$20 million building that will include state-of-the-art facilities for the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders, along with classrooms, meeting spaces, laboratories, offices and the recently renamed Catherine McAuley School of Nursing. Construction actually began several weeks prior to the ceremony following demolition of Duchesne Hall, the 1960s-era dormitory that formerly occupied the building site.

Chuck Gulas, dean of Maryville’s College of Health Professions, said the new facility is key to providing students with access to best practices in the rapidly changing field of healthcare.

“I cannot tell you how much we are looking forward to the opening of Walker Hall in a little more than a year,” Gulas told onlookers. “Walker Hall will allow us to strengthen the quality of our healthcare education, allow us to



SIGN OF THE TIMES: A large sign heralding the construction of the new home of Maryville’s College of Health Professions—Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall—forms the backdrop as Maryville President Mark Lombardi addresses the crowd immediately before the formal groundbreaking.

strategically add new programs and allow us to augment our community outreach. In short, it will allow us to enhance our premier position in healthcare education for the next generation of healthcare practitioners.”

Gulas said the addition of the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders will be a crucial asset, dovetailing with the College of Health Professions’ development of a new speech and language pathology degree. “For the first time we will have the opportunity for our students to observe and provide services through the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic and the Center of Community Outreach,” he said.

Sheri Mistretta, executive director of the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders expressed gratitude to the Walker family and Maryville University for including the clinic in plans for the building.

Mistretta traced the beginnings of the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic to a quarter-century ago when friends Les Denney and Earl Walker met over coffee to discuss the idea. Walker later called it his “most expensive cup of coffee ever.”

Over the past 25 years, Mistretta said, the clinic has provided services to more than 15,000 children. Helping children learn to speak and communicate, she

said, “seems like a simple task, but it is life transformational.”

One of the Walkers’ four children, Nance Frost of Kirkwood, spoke briefly, noting that her parents would be “incredibly proud to know that future students will be able to study in such a state-of-the-art facility. Being able to provide that opportunity to the next generation meant a great deal to both of them.”

Earl Walker died in 2011 at the age of 91. His wife, Myrtle, was unable to attend the groundbreaking.

Walker Hall will be Maryville’s first LEED silver certified building. General contractor Paric Construction of St. Louis is working closely with the University to incorporate a variety of sustainable practices in the demolition and construction process including recycling materials from Duchesne and incorporating solar energy panels into the new building’s design. ■



DEMOLITION: Workers level Duchesne Hall, a residence hall built in 1960. A key feature of Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall is that it incorporates numerous energy conservation and green construction technologies.

▶ To view a live webcam of Walker Hall construction or a video of the groundbreaking ceremony, visit: <http://www.maryville.edu/walkerhall/videos/>.



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Richard Finke

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FACULTY VISIT: (above left) Faculty and administrators from Mercy Junior College discuss the upcoming nursing school merger with Maryville in February 1970. Those participating, according to a caption that appeared with the photo when it was first published in *The Gong*, were (from left) Sister Isadore, RSM, public relations director at St. John's Mercy Hospital; Miss Obermeyer, RN, instructor; Mrs. William Trigg, Jr., faculty member; Sister Anne Webster; and Sister Humbeline, RSM, registrar.

VISIONARIES: (above right) Maryville President Sister Mary Gray McNally and Sister Mary Ann Hardcastle, president of Mercy Junior College, meet in February 1970 to discuss plans to merge the two schools and create a new school of nursing. "Much is said these days about unnecessary duplication of offerings among institutions of higher learning and of cooperation as the remedy," Sister McNally said at the time. "This merger seems to be a step in the right direction."

WHEN MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY AND MERCY HEALTH ANNOUNCED THIS FALL they were collaborating to create the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing, it was a fitting climax to a year dedicated to celebrating Maryville School of Nursing's 40th anniversary.

Four decades ago, it was the Sisters of Mercy who stepped in to literally rescue Maryville College from an early demise. In the fall of 1970, Maryville was at a financial crossroad. The Society of the Sacred Heart, which had shepherded the girls school through its formative years, announced it could no longer contribute services or financial support to the college. The situation was so dire, some say, that the school, which had moved to its new campus only eight years earlier, was in danger of closing its doors.

Only a few months earlier, in February, Sister Mary Gray McNally, president of Maryville College, had joined with Sister Mary Ann Hardcastle, president of Mercy



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1983 PINNING: (left) Maryville Nursing graduates participate in a traditional pinning ceremony in 1983 at Saint Louis Priory School. Early pinning ceremonies were held at the school located near Maryville's campus.

CANDLES: (below) Graduating nursing students light candles as part of the 1986 Maryville pinning ceremony.



E MARYVILLE'S SCHOOL OF NURSING CELEBRATES FOUR DECADES WITH INNOVATIONS, ADVANCES AND AN EYE TOWARD THE FUTURE.

BY DAVE AMBROSE

Junior College, to announce they would collaborate to create a new program at Maryville—Mercy Department of Nursing. The first classes were to convene that fall—at about the same time Maryville leaders were learning that one of the school's primary sources of funding was about to go dry.

With the college facing an uncertain future, Maryville's new partner, the Sisters of Mercy, stepped up and offered a challenge grant of \$150,000—enough to keep the college's doors open—on the

condition that Maryville would explore with them the possibility of developing other health care programs in addition to nursing. In essence, the nursing program became the basis for today's College of Health Professions. Initially known as the Department of Allied Health, the school offered opportunities to study nursing, respiratory therapy, and therapeutic arts and music (later to evolve into the music therapy program).

In the early days, Maryville offered a "two-plus-two" program for nursing

students. A student could earn an associate degree in nursing, qualifying them to take the state licensure exam in two years. At that point, they could choose to become practicing nurses or opt to attend another two years to earn a four-year bachelor's degree. In the vision of the Sisters of Mercy, students trained in the technical aspects of nursing would be more well rounded, compassionate and understanding if they also had a background in the liberal arts.



TRAINING: (above top) Faculty member Barbara Loeffler watches as a Maryville nursing student practices taking a blood pressure reading from a volunteer.



STUDENT NURSING WARD: (above) Mannequins stand in for real patients as Maryville Nursing students practice their techniques.

Both photos from Maryville University Library Archives

Today's bachelor of science in nursing candidates still get a strong grounding in the humanities. That is an advantage, according to Alice Jensen, associate professor of nursing, an alumna who has taught on campus for the past 25 years.

The liberal arts aspect of nurses' training ensures "the program still has a very caring focus," Jensen said. "Our primary concern is for the patient and caring for the whole person—physically,

socially, psychologically and spiritually. I think that carries over to the way we treat our students as well."

For the first seven years, the Sisters of Mercy managed the program. Sister Mary Robert Edwards served as director until 1971 when the program was taken over by Sister Jeremy Buckman. In 1977, Shirley Martin was the first secular academic appointed to chair the Nursing and Allied Health program.

Also in 1977, Maryville was awarded a five-year, \$1.5 million Advanced Institutional Development Program grant. Administered by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the federal dollars enabled Maryville to develop programs in respiratory therapy, music therapy, therapeutic art and physical therapy. At a time when only two other area institutions offered a baccalaureate degree in nursing, the grant provided the impetus Maryville needed to offer a bachelor of science in nursing degree for the first time. The first class of bachelor's candidates started with just 11 students who received degrees in 1982.

The nursing program quickly established itself as an innovator and as a leader in nursing education in St. Louis. By the end of 1981, Maryville had entered into academic contracts with three St. Louis area hospitals under which registered nurses could take on-site nursing, liberal arts and non-clinical courses leading to a bachelor's of science in nursing. In addition, the University implemented a weekend college program (the first in St. Louis) to provide nurses already in the workforce with a more convenient avenue for earning a bachelor's degree. Today, Maryville's weekend college program for student nurses remains as one of only two such programs in the area.

"In a lot of ways, the bachelor's degree is the foundation of our program," said Elizabeth Buck, assistant dean of nursing. Recognizing a growing need for more highly trained nurses. A study released by the Institute of Medicine on the Future of Nursing in 2010 confirmed that patients generally have better outcomes while under the care of nurses who have baccalaureate degrees, and recommended increasing the percentage of nurses with bachelor's degrees in the workforce from 40 to 80. In part to reach that goal, Maryville secured a three-year Department of Labor grant to help working nurses earn bachelor of science degrees.

Weekend college continues to be a popular way for working nurses to pursue a bachelor's degree with about 60 students enrolling each year. About 24 students are enrolled in a fast-track program that "squishes a four-year program into two," Buck said. "It's very intense and very rigorous."

Within the last decade, the nursing program has added two master's degree tracks for nurse practitioners in gerontology and family practice. As of January 2010, Maryville also offers a doctoral degree in nursing practice.

"The need for nurse practitioners has never been greater," Buck said. An aging population of Baby Boomers and the start of the Affordable Health Care Act mean a greater demand for primary health care providers. "We need more people in primary care and nurse practitioners are a perfect solution."

In one of its more innovative moves, the nursing school began offering nursing degrees online—a program that started with only a handful of students but has since grown to more than 1,400.

"It's been successful beyond our wildest imagination," Buck said. Using the Internet to offer nursing degrees creates educational opportunities for a greater number of students, some of whom live or work long distances from Maryville's St. Louis campus. The programs have proven to be extremely popular among military personnel,

according to Buck. At least one online nursing student is stationed in Alaska. Others are pursuing degrees from as far away as Texas.

By the end of 2014, all bachelor of science, master of science and doctoral degree courses in nursing will be offered online, according to Buck.

About 75 additional faculty members teach more than 100 online nursing class sections. Like the students themselves, faculty members can be located virtually anywhere, with several working from Florida and a number of East Coast venues. The majority of online faculty members hold doctoral degrees.

"Student engagement is critical," Buck said. "They have to interact with the material and with each other. Even though you are online, you have to contribute to the class." For class exercises that require students to demonstrate nursing techniques, students interact with faculty members and the rest of the class via video conferencing.

Now entering its fifth decade, the nursing program faces a bright future. With a gift from Mercy Health, the

former nursing program has become a full-fledged School of Nursing. With the completion of the Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall, the proposed new home for the College of Health Professions,

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the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing will move into expanded state-of-the-art facilities.

The new building will provide three additional laboratories for nursing students, Buck said, and it will quadruple the amount of space available for simulations.

"We integrate simulations into almost every class we teach," she said. With addition of new robotic mannequins, Maryville will be able to simulate situations ranging from pediatric care to maternity and ICU.

Obviously, the nursing program has evolved with new technology, new attitudes and advances in medical

science in the last four decades. But its core values haven't changed since Nursing Department Director Sister Mary Robert called the first classes to order in the fall of 1970.

"It was small, it was friendly and it was enriching," said GERALYN FRANDSEN, who earned a bachelor's of science in nursing from Maryville in 1983, then went on to become a professor of nursing at Maryville. "The faculty was always available. They were all working on their doctoral degrees and they were great role models and mentors. I think that is the 'plus' of Maryville—we're always available to our students and we are interested in helping them succeed." ■

MODERN TRAINING: Contemporary nursing students at Maryville still use mannequins to get critical practice in nursing techniques. In addition to such simulations, students get practical experience by working in hospital environments as part of their practicums. Simulated training opportunities will be expanded when the Catherine McAuley School of Nursing moves into Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall in 2015.



AT MARYVILLE

It's *easy* to *be green*

From goats to solar panels, Maryville's Center for Sustainability is helping students and faculty make a difference on campus and elsewhere.

BY DAVE AMBROSE



TWO YEARS AGO, WASTE HAULER TRUCKS CAME ONTO THE MARYVILLE CAMPUS AT LEAST ONCE, SOMETIMES TWICE, A DAY to empty unsightly dumpsters located behind University buildings. Not only were the rumbling trucks distracting, they also belched exhaust fumes – expanding the size of the University's carbon footprint.

Today, three industrial size compactors collect and compress waste generated by the University. Once about every two months, the compactors are emptied, but the contents of only one goes to the landfill. Compressed cardboard from a compactor behind Donius University Center is sold. Single stream recyclables, mostly from the dining hall, go from a compactor behind Gander Hall to a recycling center. The reorganized waste management program, which includes compactors, pre-consumer composting and increased recycling, has saved the University 50 to 60 percent in trash hauling fees.

Dave Ambrose

LIVEGreen

recycle everything



LIVING GREEN: Peggy Lauer, newly appointed director of Maryville's Center for Sustainability, shows one of the recycling stations located in Gander Hall dining atrium. The station has separate bins for recyclables and for food scraps. Maryville students designed the graphic.

The new way of handling trash is just one success story from Maryville's Center for Sustainability – an initiative designed not only to reduce the University's impact on the environment but also to help students understand that their actions today will have an impact on the world tomorrow, according to Peggy Lauer, director of the Center for Sustainability.

"I have a passion for it," said Lauer, who has worked the past 24 years in the University Library. When the Center for Sustainability was established in June 2011, Lauer divided her time between sustainability initiatives and her library duties. She is the Center's first full-time director.

"I'd say passion and collaboration are the two most important keys for the Center to do what I envision for it," Lauer said. Replacing a multitude of a dumpsters with three industrial compactors, for example, was the idea of Physical Plant Director Tom Benning.

"He came up with this fabulous plan," Lauer remembered. "Not only did it cut our waste management costs drastically, we actually make money on the cardboard we collect and recycle."

Lauer sees sustainability as more than just an issue of promoting recycling. It is a multi-faceted discipline that also touches on social responsibility and financial accountability.

"Sustainability is not an entity in itself," Lauer said. "One of the hardest things about this job has been to get people past thinking that sustainability is only about the environment."

The Center's mission is to promote all aspects of sustainability through education, research and initiatives that put sustainability concepts into play on campus and in the surrounding community. "I see the campus as a working laboratory," Lauer said, where sustainability practices can be put into effect, and where students and others can see the results of their efforts.

While Maryville's sustainability effort may have started small, Lauer said it has quickly grown and its successes are starting to pile up.

The Maryville student Green Team, for example, started with fewer than a half-dozen students. Under the Center for Sustainability there are now three student organizations, including the Green Maryville Student Association, Green Building Council Group and the Maryville Honeysuckle Project, involving a total of about 50 students.

In addition to installing compactors, the Center for Sustainability has launched other initiatives.

Starting in November 2011, Maryville installed hydration stations in campus buildings where employees, students and visitors can easily refill drinking water bottles. Today, there are 11 such stations distributed among the University's public buildings. A digital monitor on each hydration station keeps track of the amount of water dispensed. As of December, the program was responsible for eliminating the equivalent of 193,864 16-ounce plastic water bottles from area landfills.

To reduce the University's consumption of paper, the Center launched a digitization program in June 2012. Faculty and staff members rifled through filing cabinets, discarding documents that were no longer needed and scanning documents that needed to be kept. Discarded files were shredded and recycled. In a year's time, the program reduced the University's consumption of paper by 45 percent.

The initiative also allowed the University to send more than 75 filing cabinets to recycling. "We've actually emptied more (cabinets) than that," Lauer said. Some office workers opted to keep their filing cabinets, she noted, even though the file drawers may be repositories for coffee pots and equipment instead of file folders full of paper.

The Center led efforts to replace incandescent lighting with LED bulbs for significant energy savings. In Gander Dining Hall, food scraps left over from food preparation are composted. Used cooking oil is recycled for biodiesel production. Labeled trash bins in the dining area encourage diners to separate food wastes from recyclables.

"It sounds like baby steps, but it's adding up," Lauer said.

For the recycling stations in Gander, Lauer had students create signage on the theory that students will be more likely to use the centers if they have "ownership" of the project.

"Recycling is one of the hardest things because you're asking people to change their behavior," Lauer said. "But it's exciting to see people realize that they can make a difference. If I can make students see that how they live can affect the world, that's huge. There is a misconception that students have already been taught about recycling, but that's not necessarily true," she said. "Some have the willingness; they just don't know what to do. Part of my job is to educate."

On "move out day," when departing students are clearing out dorm rooms for the summer, Lauer makes sure that Goodwill Industries is on hand to snag used furniture and other usable items before they find their way into the landfill. Goodwill even takes outdated computers, using them to help clients

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learn about computer use and repair. Used cell phones go to a women’s shelter for use by battered women who may need a phone to call legal representation or law enforcement.

Among the more unusual initiatives to come under the Center’s umbrella is the Honeysuckle Project—a student-led effort to control invasive honeysuckle in forested areas of the campus. The Center for Sustainability provided initial funding to buy shovels and other equipment.

In addition to reaching out to students, faculty and staff, the Center for Sustainability also works within the community surrounding the Maryville campus to raise awareness of sustainability issues. Lauer said the Center works with the city of Town and Country’s Green Team to offer a speakers series for persons interested in sustainability. As a part of that

STATION BREAK: Hydration stations installed in campus buildings two years ago have eliminated the equivalent of nearly 194,000 16-ounce plastic water bottles from area landfills.

The Honeysuckle Project seeks to control an invasive shrub while teaching the value of environmental awareness

It all started with an office sticky note.

In 2011, Jeff Webster, '13, then a junior at Maryville, and one of his friends volunteered for a Stream Clean-Up Day on campus. Their assignment: cut down invasive honeysuckle shrubs in the woods. As the piles of honeysuckle grew, Webster got to thinking.

The pair compiled a list of products made from wood – from pencils and paper to fire starters and wood alcohol. Webster then committed the idea to a yellow sticky note, sketching out a bar graph illustrating various products and their potential for income.

When Webster’s yellow sticky note found its way into the hands of Kyra Krakos, assistant professor of biology, she immediately embraced the idea and began thinking of ways to incorporate the project into her environmental sustainability class.

“Once Dr. Kyra got ahold of that note everything just went crazy,” Webster said.

Webster wrote a small grant to obtain enough funding from the University’s Center for Sustainability to buy a few tools and other items needed for honeysuckle removal. He and Krakos worked through the summer devising ways to create useful products from honeysuckle waste. By the time classes started last fall, the Honeysuckle Project was a part of the sustainability course.

Eight students representing such divergent disciplines as environmental science, art and design, business and marketing created a synergy for the project.

“The art and design students could think of things the science students would never ever think of,” Webster said.

As part of the class, the students wrote an application for a \$15,000 EPA “3P” grant. The Ps stand for People, Prosperity and Planet. Successful grants have to incorporate aspects of all three Ps.

“They wrote a beautiful grant,” Krakos said. The application made it through the first round of review but ultimately was rejected at the second level. Still, according to Krakos, students gained valuable experience about grant writing and working as a team.

Students enrolled in the class for 2013 fall semester worked on new grant applications. One student, citing a little-known folk remedy, sought funding for research to determine if chemicals extracted from the honeysuckle plant can be used to quell poison ivy rashes.

While grant funding for the Honeysuckle Project was not awarded, students from Krakos’ class along with a small army of volunteers sponsored several workdays to remove honeysuckle. The class continued to come up with new products and new ways to promote the project. By the end of the academic year, they had

OF GOATS *and honeysuckle*

“There had to be some value to it other than just cutting it and piling it up,” he recalled. If you could make products from honeysuckle, he reasoned, the sale of those products could help subsidize the cost of honeysuckle abatement. Webster and his buddy, Adam Paige, began texting one another, batting around ideas about honeysuckle products.

exchange, Maryville University offers its facilities to screen films dealing with environmental and sustainability topics.

Last year, the Center for Sustainability played a large role in helping Town and Country establish the community's first organic community vegetable garden—a plot of about 36 raised beds available for rent to individuals and families who want to grow their own vegetables. The community garden now has a waiting list of people wanting to participate.

This year, the Center for Sustainability worked with Delmar Baptist Church to establish a community vegetable garden, some of the produce from which will be donated to the Circle of Concern food pantry. The Delmar project exemplifies dual aspects of sustainability—conserving resources while addressing the needs of society.

In the coming months, under the auspices of the Center, Maryville University hopes to install solar panels on several campus buildings to supplement energy needs and reduce

reliance on fossil fuels. The new Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker Hall, now under construction, will be equipped with solar panels and other energy conservation amenities, making it the University's first LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver certified building. In part because of the University's commitment to sustainability and "green" building practices, Green Team students have received approval to form a student chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council—the first such group in the St. Louis metropolitan area and only the second in Missouri.

These days, Lauer's passion for sustainability constantly takes the Center for Sustainability in new directions. Recently, a student stopped by the office to ask if Maryville recycles batteries.

"I'd never thought of it," said Lauer, "but we do now." ■



compiled a list of more than 80 products that potentially could be made from honeysuckle debris.

The most popular (and profitable) of the products turned out to be small fire starters for home fireplaces, made by combining paraffin and honeysuckle material in egg carton compartments. Firestarter sales were brisk enough to fund Goat Week, another aspect of the Honeysuckle Project.

"There are all sorts of people who have goats to rent out to people who have wooded areas," Webster said. The goats are effective for removing understory for woodland management. The question for the group became: Can goats effectively remove honeysuckle?

"There are about two weeks in early spring when honeysuckle tips its hand and it's the only thing growing in the woods," Krakos said. To test the hypotheses, one goat was brought onto campus. A 40-by-40-foot space was cordoned off and the goat was allowed to do what goats do. "It turns out goats eat honeysuckle like champions," Krakos said.

In about two hours, the lone goat had denuded the area of young honeysuckle sprouts. Based on that success, the group launched "Goat Week"—one

week in early spring when five goats owned by class member Melissa Hendrix were brought onto campus to attack honeysuckle sprouts. Apart from being an effective, environmentally friendly way to control honeysuckle, the goats also were a public relations coup.

"People love to come see the goats," Krakos said. Adding to their charm last spring, one of the five goats gave birth



on campus. The newborn—promptly named Baby Barrett—was a huge attraction. "I swear every undergraduate on campus came down to see that goat," Krakos said.

Of course, coming to visit the goats also meant a quick indoctrination about invasive honeysuckle, the amount of damage it causes and the need to control it.

The Honeysuckle Project is likely to be a viable student activity for the foreseeable future, and the grant-writing aspect will continue to be a part of Krakos' sustainability classes. While the Honeysuckle Project has made a dent in the honeysuckle problem on campus, there's still plenty of the invasive pest to keep students busy for a few years. Future students will continue to remove honeysuckle and continue to invent new ways of using it.

Who knows? In time, honeysuckle may be a key component of yellow sticky notes. ■

BABY BARRETT: Goat owner and Maryville student Melissa Hendrix holds "Baby Barrett," a kid that was born during Goat Week this year and promptly named for Sister Patricia Barrett who taught political science for 40 years at Maryville.

Maryville Reaches Out Logs 4,072 Volunteer Hours

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MORE THAN 1,100 VOLUNTEERS REPRESENTING MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY fanned out across the St. Louis region on Sept. 17 for the sixth annual Maryville Reaches Out program – an annual day of community service that integrates civic engagement with academic pursuits.

The volunteers logged 4,072 volunteer hours at more than 80 sites for projects ranging from painting classrooms at a children’s center to bathing puppies and cleaning kennels at an animal rescue facility. Maryville Reaches Out was started in the fall of 2008 as an outward demonstration of Maryville’s mission, vision and core values. The first year’s event drew 870 volunteers who logged 3,024 volunteer hours. Since then the initiative has grown steadily, reaching new records this year. 🍷



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For the Love of Kade

BY DAVE AMBROSE

An accessible playground in Herculaneum will memorialize the son of a Maryville staffer and his wife

IN A LIFETIME THAT WAS ALL TOO BRIEF, KADE BAUMAN FACED obstacles most adults can only imagine. He was never able to speak, never able to walk, never able to sit up without assistance.

Yet when he died at the age of three and a half years, hundreds of mourners whose lives Kade had touched waited in line up to two hours to attend his visitation.

"Kade left a big impact on this area," said his mother, Annette Bauman. "He touched a lot of people while he was here."

Now, those he touched will memorialize his life and his struggle by building an accessible playground with special amenities for kids just like him. Partnering with the not-for-profit group Unlimited Play, the City of Herculaneum, Mo. plans to break ground next year on "Kade's Playground" — a state-of-the-art facility that will meet the needs of children with disabilities without excluding other children.

"It allows kids with disabilities to play side-by-side with other kids," said Kade's father, Josh Bauman, '01, a network infrastructure and security administrator in Maryville University's Department of Planning, Research and Technology. "It also helps other kids realize there are all kinds of kids out there — kids in wheelchairs, kids with walkers."



IN MEMORY OF KADE: Kade's father, Josh Bauman, addresses the crowd during the emotional kick-off of fund raising efforts for Kade's Playground. With Bauman (at right) are his older son, Jackson, and wife, Annette. When completed, the accessible playground will commemorate the memory of the Bauman's son, Kade, who died at the age of three and one-half years.

"Kids with special needs will get acceptance and socialization they wouldn't normally get because they would be sitting to the side in their wheelchairs watching other kids play," Annette said.

The story of Kade's Playground starts in February 2008 when Annette gave birth to the couple's second son, Kade. There were subtle signs something might be wrong; Kade failed to hit some of the milestones parents of newborns anxiously wait for their children to achieve. Mild concern

turned to alarm when a seizure gripped Kade when he was five months old.

The family spent nearly a month at St. Louis Children's Hospital trying to get the seizures under control. By the time Kade came home, his parents had been handed a devastating list of diagnoses—epilepsy, mitochondrial disease, hypotonia, cortical vision impairment and developmental encephalopathy.

"When we came home from the hospital that first time, there was a mourning and grieving process that we went through—knowing that his life was not going to be typical, that there are going to be huge obstacles to overcome," Josh recalled. "That didn't make his death any easier for us, but it made it different. His was not the typical funeral of a three-year-old. It was a celebration—the fight was over."

"We never let it stop us," Annette said of her son's disabilities. "We did everything."

In March 2011, the Make-A-Wish Foundation provided an opportunity for Kade and his family to visit Walt Disney World in Florida. While there, the family stayed at the Give Kids the World Village, which features an accessible playground.

"It was awesome," Josh said. Equipped with ramps to access play equipment and high-backed swings for kids with poor muscle tone "it was the first playground where we could put Kade in a swing and let him swing next to his older brother."

In August 2012, a local newspaper reported that Herculaneum was collaborating with Unlimited Play to build an accessible playground. Though the Baumans do not live in Herculaneum, they reached out to the city and volunteered to help in any way they could.

"I started emailing them right away, saying, 'Hey, you're doing the right thing'," Josh said. "When they took their final vote, we filled their room with supporters, and it passed unanimously." In October, the day before the first

anniversary of Kade's death, the Baumans learned that the city and Unlimited Play had decided to name the playground in memory of their son—Kade's Playground.

"It was awesome, but it was also overwhelming," Annette said. "It was very emotional for us."

Kade's Playground will be fully accessible to all children, encouraging them to play together in an integrated environment.

Making a playground accessible involves issues most people would not think of, according to Josh. For example, most contemporary playgrounds have plastic slides because they retain less heat in the summer. However, a truly accessible playground must have at least one metal slide for the benefit of kids with cochlear implants who cannot use a plastic slide because of the static electricity it generates.

When Kade's Playground becomes a reality, the Baumans plan to visit often—along with their older son, Jackson.

"He's so excited. He's ready to play on it today," Annette said. "It will be hard sometimes, but in a good way. It just shows that Kade left his legacy." ■



Kade's Playground

To date, supporters have raised about 48 percent of the expected cost for Kade's Playground—including more than \$100,000 taken in during the kick-off event in 2012. Additionally, local unions—including bricklayers, electricians and plumbers—have agreed to donate labor for the project. A local excavating company will donate site preparation work. The City of Herculaneum plans to break ground for the project in 2014.

Those who would like to support the effort may donate by sending a check to Unlimited Play, 4140 Old Mill Parkway, St. Peters, MO 63376 (note "Kade's Playground" in the memo section), or by visiting Unlimited Play's website at <https://unlimitedplay.org>.



VESUVIUS: A scale model of the Italian volcano, Vesuvius, dominates an architect's rendering of what Kade's Playground will look like when finished.

SOCIAL MEDIA DOs



Your smart phone isn't smart enough to

Social media—from Facebook and Twitter to LinkedIn—is an extension of oneself, according to Leilani Carver, director of the communication graduate program at Maryville University.

Because of that, what you say and do online can have an impact on your personal reputation, the future of your business or the security of your home and private information.

A misstep in the world of social media can change the way you and/or your company are perceived. It can have an impact on whether or not you get a job you are seeking, or are able to keep the job you have. When you go onto Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, LinkedIn, or any of the dozens of other social media sites that come and go, you are building your image and establishing your “brand.”

For such reasons, it behooves social media users to know what is permissible, what is advisable and what is out of bounds in cyberspace.

“The key thing to remember is that social media is a set of tools that can benefit you and your organization, or it can harm you,” Carver said. “You want to be very careful about what you post.”

Carver teaches social media courses at Maryville, guiding students to use social media to their benefit and how to avoid pitfalls that can cause damage to themselves and others. Earlier this year, she participated in a Maryville-sponsored leadership event for St. Louis Rams team members, advising the players on how to protect their reputations online.

The dark side of social media lurks in three areas, according to Carver. A misstep while using social media can pose a risk to one's personal security and safety. Even more likely, a misguided post can harm one's professional standing or personal reputation. Once you hit the “send” or “post” key, Carver warned, the damage is done and impossible to repair.

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“You can't take it back,” Carver said. “We call it the ‘digital footprint.’ Once it's out there, it never goes away. You can delete your Facebook account, but it never actually goes away.”

HERE ARE 10 OF CARVER'S “DO'S AND DON'TS” FOR INTERACTING WITH OTHERS ON THE INTERNET.

1. “Don't post pictures of yourself that you wouldn't want on the front page of the newspaper,” is Carver's test for photo appropriateness. It goes without saying that provocative or suggestive photos are off limits. There are other things to consider.

“You might not want to post multiple pictures of yourself with a glass of wine because it could lead people to think you drink too much,” she said. The idea is to make sure the photos you post project the public image you want to portray.

2. For the sake of personal security, do not post your home address or your phone number. Such casual posting of personal information could lead to unwelcome phone calls or an unwelcomed visitor on your doorstep. Never share that you're going to be on vacation or otherwise away from home. That's the equivalent of an electronic billboard for burglars and thieves.

3. If you have young children, don't post pictures of them on your social media site. “I would keep those private or send them via email to specific people,” Carver said. By the same token, be careful about “tagging” other people in photos; the person being tagged may not find the photo flattering or amusing. And, by all means, don't post pictures of your children or grandchildren that you think are cute, but would be embarrassing to the child when they are grown.

4. Don't “overshare” personal information. Social media are for posting information, but make sure what you post is actually interesting to people in your audience. “It's important to share things people

AND DON'Ts



BY DAVE AMBROSE

keep you out of trouble if you don't pay attention to what you say and do online.

actually want to know," Carver said. "Nobody wants to know what you had for breakfast or that you've got a blister on your foot that is starting to fester."

5. Be positive, never go negative. Negative comments can come back to haunt you, Carver said. "That doesn't mean you can't complain," she noted. "Complaining is okay if you do it in a professional manner and direct your complaint to the source of the problem." If you have a problem with your cable television provider, for example, go to the company's Facebook page to register the complaint.

6. Don't post extreme views on race, politics or religion. "Think about your audience before you post something or forward a post from someone else," Carver said. "Ask yourself, 'Does this contribute to the conversation?'"

7. Don't post content about other people that is embarrassing or inappropriate. "Be careful about what you post," Carver said. "You could be sued for libel."

8. Use privacy settings to protect your personal information. Most social media, like Facebook and Twitter, have privacy settings to limit the public's access to your content and to protect your private information. Be aware of this caveat: some social media sites periodically reset the settings on all accounts. Check your settings occasionally to make sure the information you want to be private remains so.


9. Never leave your smart phone unattended, especially in a public setting like a restaurant or bar.

While you're in the bathroom, according to Carver, someone else can pick up your phone and send an inappropriate message or photo to everyone in your address book in a matter of minutes.

10. Keep the conversation about your workplace professional and civil. "Never post comments like 'I hate my job' or 'I hate my boss,' even though those might be common comments to make," Carver said. "When you're looking for a new job, you don't want a potential employer to Google you and find those kinds of comments."

Speaking of Google, Carver recommended "Googling" yourself occasionally, especially if you have a common name. A friend of hers was having trouble finding a job a number of years ago. When he did a Google search, he found that his name was also the name of a convicted sex criminal. To eliminate the confusion, he started using his middle initial for job applications and social media accounts to avoid confusion.

Above all, Carver counsels Internet users to embrace social media.

"I was a little reluctant myself at first," she said, "but I came to realize the power of social media. People shouldn't avoid social media simply because of the risks. It really can be a wonderful way to communicate. Just make sure you use it appropriately." 

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TWEET

Carver



MIN DENG

Professor of Mathematics and Actuarial Science



WHILE SOME PEOPLE DREAD THEIR LONG COMMUTES TO WORK, MIN DENG, PROFESSOR of mathematics and actuarial science at Maryville University, warms up for her day by singing in the car. And the music she performs is not the typical “singing-in-the-shower” type of fare. During the Cultural Revolution in the mid 1960s and early 1970s in her native China, Deng trained as a classical opera singer.

Her childhood love of singing went to the back burner as Deng turned her attention to the pursuit of academics. She obtained an advanced degree in China and arrived in the United States in 1985. In America, Deng continued her studies and established tenure at two American universities. All the while, her affinity for singing never subsided.

In 2003, Deng resumed her opera training at St. Charles Community College and spent the rest of the decade perfecting her performance of Italian and French classical love ballads. She has even performed on campus for several international student events, channeling her inner youth to perform timeless pieces made famous by the Beijing Opera.

So the next time you find yourself drudging through rush hour, consider Deng’s often-quoted proverb. Turn up the radio and, “sing about how beautiful life is.”

FACULTY TRIVIA 102

INTERESTING AND LITTLE-KNOWN FACTS



ABOUT MARYVILLE FACULTY AND STAFF

BY GABRIEL STEPHEN

LINDA PITELKA

Professor of History

“IT WAS JUST A DIFFERENT TIME BACK THEN, IN THE LATE ‘60S AND EARLY ‘70S,” recalled Linda Pitelka. Before she was a professor of history at Maryville University, Pitelka was a proud owner of a small chain of independent movie theaters in Arcadia, Calif.

After majoring in drama as an undergraduate, she and a few of her friends had an adventurous idea to rent a movie theater. For just 99 cents, moviegoers enjoyed a double feature. Scores in the northern California college town lined the block to watch an eclectic mix of films, ranging from Humphrey Bogart classics to foreign films and musicals.

Over the next eight years, the rented 350-seat cinema turned into a modest chain of small theaters – including a drive-in. To entertain herself during this period, Pitelka took history classes for fun. Soon her husband followed suit, and they found their new passion. They moved across the country to complete their graduate degrees at the University of Massachusetts – Amherst and the rest is history.

Forty years later, if you ask about her years in northern California, Pitelka will tell you, “It was just a different time behind the ‘Redwood curtain.’”



THOMAS SPUDICH

Associate Professor of Chemistry and Forensic Science

MARYVILLE STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF ARE USED TO SEEING ASSOCIATE Professor of Chemistry and Forensic Science Thomas Spudich, (on the left in the photo at right) in running gear pushing the limits of his endurance on a daily basis on campus. But it would come as a surprise to most that he also “enjoys” participating in Tough Mudder events – 10- to 12-mile runs featuring 20-30 military-style obstacles. We use the word “enjoys” with reservation – Tough Mudder is known for devilish twists such as leaping over fires and forging through electrified barriers. The challenge isn’t so much to finish first as it is to simply finish at all. “The challenge is for

everyone to complete the event, look out for others and help them, if needed,” Spudich said. “You have to put teamwork and camaraderie first. No whining and no fears.” When he was an instructor at West Point, Spudich recalled, his colleagues challenged him to participate in a Tough Mudder but he never felt compelled to take the bait. Soon after coming to Maryville, he decided to refocus on fitness by running, eventually working his way up to five miles and more each day. That’s when he realized he was up for the Tough Mudder challenge – a culmination of his intense training, and the perfect test of his grit. Spudich has been a Tough Mudder for the past two years, leading a team of St. Louis police officers through a course in Montgomery City, Mo.. So what was the reward for finishing the harrowing course? Spudich received a t-shirt, a headband, a beer and a three-day hot shower to cleanse himself of all that mud.



SHIRLEY ASHAUER

Assistant Professor of Psychology and Organizational Leadership

BEFORE SHE WAS AN ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND ORGANIZATIONAL leadership at Maryville, Shirley Ashauer, learned lessons for life as competitive tennis player.

She started competitive play while still in high school and continued to play for 14 years in the St. Louis circuit of the U.S. Tennis Association. As a doubles player from 1991 to 2005, Ashauer learned to study her opponents’ strategies and body language as she clenched victories both locally and throughout the Midwest. Her tennis coach, a sports psychologist, inspired her career path toward organizational psychology.

Now that competitive tennis is in her past, the lessons learned from those years on the hard court help Ashauer guide the next generation through the mental game of life.



KENT BAUSMAN

Associate Professor of Sociology

IN 2007, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF SOCIOLOGY KENT BAUSMAN’S CREATIVE restlessness led him to abstract painting. Venturing into a crafts store, he bought his first paints and paper. Back in his garage Bausman channeled creative energy with calming blues, non-traditional painting tools and multiple layers of paint.

His abstract works seem to be manifestations of his subconscious: blue for his sober demeanor, geometric shapes for his desire for organization, and graphic textures that reflect his yearning to leave a conscious imprint on the world around him. “I just want my little girl to be proud of me,” he said.

As Bausman’s painting collection grew in the garage, his wife urged him to bring some pieces inside. Family and friends inquired about the art on the walls and he started giving his paintings to loved ones. The groundswell of encouragement led him to the Third Degree Glass Factory in University City where he mounted his first exhibition in 2012 – “A Symbolic Interaction.”

These days, when Bausman is not lecturing about sociology, he continues his journey into self-exploration by applying paint to canvas. □



Q & A

A CONVERSATION WITH

Kirstin Kahalooa

Director of International Admissions

Native Hawaiian Kirstin Kahalooa came to Maryville in May 2012 as director of international admissions.

Recruiting international students and helping them adjust to life on campus in the Midwest is a role she sees as crucial to the well-being of the University.

This fall, nearly 100 international students representing 28 countries attend classes at Maryville.

International students attending Maryville are required to be proficient in English before being accepted. That means Kahalooa faces no language barrier communicating with potential students. Talking with parents, however, can be another matter. She often uses an interpreter when she meets with a student's family.

While the job entails a great deal of travel, Kahalooa attributes much of the program's success to Maryville's commanding presence on the Internet and its proficient use of social media. The Internet allows Maryville to reach potential students in the far reaches of the globe—including China, where the government restricts access.

Kahalooa recently sat down with Dave Ambrose for a detailed conversation about what she does, why she does it and how it benefits Maryville students across the board.



What attracted you to working with international students?

It goes way back to college when I was a new student. I lived in a dorm where there ended up being a higher concentration of international students. Being from Hawaii, I had a lot in common with them. Most of the minority students were international students, so I got involved in programs with them. I met a lot of people from all over the world and I became interested in global studies.

What is the value of bringing international students to a campus in St. Louis?

Access to the Internet and technology has made the world a smaller place. To prepare college students for the world, we need to prepare them to have intercultural competence. What we're doing by bringing international students here is exposing American students to the rest of the world, giving them a chance to interact with people who have different viewpoints. Global competence is something you can't learn by just reading a book. You really have to experience it, make mistakes, adapt and adjust, and grow.

What about the benefit to international students?

International students are great students and they believe an American education is the best education in the world. I believe we are giving them perspectives to positively shape their own countries. They get to see a different view of the world that they can apply to their home countries. I believe the cues they get by studying in the United States will help them be better citizens when they go home.

What is it about Maryville that international students find attractive?

We have an international business major that is very attractive to international students. Regular business administration, accounting, information systems and actuarial science are key majors for them. We have a bunch of international students in the sciences, primarily on a pre-professional track in biomedical science, biology or chemistry. We have people who study everything, but those are the key majors.

How do they find out about Maryville?

One thing that is a challenge is that nobody knows about Maryville University out there in the world. Previously, Maryville wasn't actively recruiting international students. We were doing armchair recruitment where you try to bring students from around the world without leaving your desk. Last year was the first attempt to physically go and meet students where they are. I represent Maryville at college fairs and high schools. We also work with the Department of State's Education USA Centers all over the world.

An international student coming to the United States to study is bound to face some culture shock. What are some of the differences they are likely to encounter and how does Maryville help them cope?

The American education system is different from a lot of systems around the world. Even in the United Kingdom you can finish college in three years because you study your major and that's all you study. The United States is one of the only countries in the world that has this well-rounded education system, which is why I think our education system is coveted. Some international students fail to understand that and when we want to put them in a sociology class or a humanities class, they look at us like, 'But I'm in engineering.'

The relationship with professors tends to be challenging because they are not used to being able to approach a professor. That's one of the biggest culture shocks they face. We have a fitness club here that faculty, staff and students use together. I don't think international students can always fathom that.

What's the University's role in helping them adjust?

It's not just getting them accepted, they have to get approval from the U.S. government to come here. They have to go through a Visa process, and we work with them on that. Once a student has applied, I work with them—typically through email—to get them through the admissions process. I may spend three to six months working with a student before they come here.

Our international students usually don't have a parent bringing them to Maryville. They come on the plane by themselves and they can only bring two suitcases. Oftentimes they need a bedding set or other essentials, so we take them to Wal-Mart or Target. Our office becomes the surrogate parents.

One sad statistic came out last year that only 25 percent of international students have visited an American home while studying in the U.S. for a bachelor's or master's degree. We are trying to work on that so we expose more students not just to campus but also the community. Maryville is starting a host family program where international students get partnered with American families, whether they are faculty, staff, community members or alumni. Hopefully our international students will be able to say they have all been to an American family's home and had a meal.

How do you feel about your job at Maryville?

I'm thrilled to be at Maryville and to have the opportunity to bring more international students to campus because I know how much it will enrich the campus. It makes a more vibrant campus and provides a better student experience for all students at Maryville. 🍷

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BREASTSTROKE STANDOUT: Freshman Sam Gach powers her way down the lane during practice for the Maryville swimming and diving team at Westminster High School.



Women's Swimming Team Takes to the Water for First Season

WITH 12 REGULARLY SCHEDULED SEASON MATCHES AND NINE WOMEN ON THE roster, Coach Mandy Chun expects an inaugural season for Maryville University's women's swimming and dive team that is both exciting and challenging.

Chun came on board in February to kick-start the University's first women's swimming and diving team. For the first year of competition, she has recruited eight swimmers and one diver, nearly all of whom are from the Midwest. There are five first-year students, forming a strong foundation for the program's future, she said, plus

one sophomore, one junior and one senior.

"I think we'll have a good season," Chun said. "We're small in terms of roster size, but we have a lot of strengths. We have a couple of freshmen who are showing great promise."

Olivia Shannon, a first-year student from Fortville, Ind., is extremely strong in the breaststroke, according to Chun, and Jessica Miller, a first-year student from Lake Mary, Fla., shows promise in the individual medley and butterfly stroke. In addition, Tom Lucido, assistant diving coach, identifies Shawn Gans, a sophomore from Kansas City, as

a promising diver who is likely to turn heads in competition.

With no pool on campus, the team gets practice time in the water at nearby Westminster High School and at the Chesterfield YMCA. The team is using the pool at the St. Peters RecPlex to train for diving.

Chun said the team practices six times a week in the pool, with each session lasting about two hours. At the beginning, team members were swimming about 4,000 yards per session and expected to work up to 6,000-8,000 yards by the time of their first match in October. In addition, team members

participate in four dryland practice sessions weekly, which include cardio workouts, power lifting and core work.

Chun acknowledges her swimmers are facing challenges as they hit the water for their first season.

"We're small in terms of roster size, but we have a lot of strengths." **Coach Mandy Chun**

"We're in one of the most competitive conferences in the country," she said. Drury University in Springfield, for example, is the defending national champion in women's swimming. The university's women's team has won the national championship for four years running. "Being up against the reigning national champion is great for us,"

Chun said. "It's good competition and it is extremely exciting for us."

In addition to physical training, Chun said she is working to make sure the team is mentally conditioned for competition as well. That includes building team camaraderie and building a strong support system for the individual athletes.

Originally from Hawaii, Chun said she "grew up swimming." For her first year of college, she swam competitively for the University of Indiana. She then transferred to Lindenwood University in St. Charles, where she was a part of the swimming team for three years and completed her bachelor's degree in 2008. She currently is completing a master's degree in teaching, also from Lindenwood.

Previously, Chun was the head boys and girls swimming and diving coach

at Francis Howell High School in St. Charles. She also worked as an assistant swim coach and camp counselor at the University of Texas Swim Camp.

With Maryville's first swimming season barely underway, Chun said she already is recruiting for next year's season, contacting swimmers as far away as Texas, Arizona, California and even Canada.

"It may be interesting to see what kind of swimming program we have next fall," she said. 🇺🇸

For meet schedule and other information, visit www.maryvillesaints.com.



SWIM TEAM: Members of Maryville's new women's swimming and diving team are (from left) Coach Mandy Chun, Freshman Kelly Nuetzel, Freshman Sam Gach, Senior Alyssa Cradic, Junior Chelsey Gerber, Freshman Jessica Miller, Senior Lucy Helzerman, Sophomore Shawn Gans, Freshman Olivia Shannon and Freshman Jill Johnston. Dive Coach Tom Lucido was unavailable for the photo.

Duethman, Four Others, Recognized During Athletic Hall of Fame Ceremonies

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL STANDOUT ABBY DUETHMAN, '13, WAS INDUCTED INTO THE Maryville Saints Athletic Hall of Fame during ceremonies held Thursday night, Sept. 26, in the University Auditorium.

Induction usually is reserved for alumni who graduated a minimum of five years earlier. That requirement was waived for Duethman, who set scoring and rebounding records for the program last year and was named the Great Lakes Valley Conference Player of the Year. In addition, Head Women's Basketball Coach Chris Ellis announced that Duethman's jersey, No. 42, has been permanently retired in recognition of Duethman's legacy.

"Abby was a great teammate," Ellis noted. "And because she was a great teammate, we became a great team."

Duethman is Maryville's all-time leader in scoring with 1,463 points and rebounding with 633. She is a three-time All-Conference selection and was named Second Team All American for her final season.

Along with Duethman, cross country superlatives and twin sisters Maggie Conley, '06, and Maureen Conley '06, were inducted. Torrey Welsch, '03, became the first golfer to enter the Hall of Fame, and veteran Maryville athletic trainer Scott Harley received the Lonnie Folks award.

Maggie Conley is one of only three SLIAC runners to reach the NCAA National meet, and was a two-time All-Midwest selection. She still holds the school's record in both the 5K and 6K. Conley holds the Maryville record for the indoor and outdoor 3,000-meter, and the outdoor 10K. She and her sister are members of the school-record indoor medley relay team.

Maureen Conley now serves as assistant coach for the Saints' cross country and track and field teams. As an undergraduate at Maryville, she earned



HONOREES: Scott Harley (center) was named recipient of the Lonnie Folks Award during Maryville Athletic Hall of Fame inductee ceremonies. Inductees for 2013 include (from left) Maureen Conley, Maggie Conley, Torrey Welsch and Abby Duethman.

first-team All-SLIAC cross country honors all four years and helped the Saints win the 2003 league title. She was the SLIAC Runner of the Year and the conference individual champion in 2004. Conley was a three-time NCAA Midwest All-Region selection. She holds the school record for the indoor 800, mile and 5,000. She holds outdoor Maryville records in the 800, 1,500 and 5,000.

Welsch was a four-time, first-team All-SLIAC selection for the men's golf team. He was both the SLIAC Player of the Year and the Newcomer of the Year during 1998-99. Welsch helped the Saints win three consecutive conference titles. In 2001, he paced the squad to its first appearance in the NCAA Men's Golf Tournament.

Harley, recipient of this year's Lonnie Folks award, has served as the head

athletic trainer at Maryville since 1994. Harley plays an integral role in the management and development of athletics department facilities, and he was instrumental in the expansion/renovation process of the fitness and functional exercise facilities in the Simon Athletic Center.

"I feel very privileged and very honored," Harley said of the award. "This is a bit unexpected. We trainers usually try to stay in the background."

The Folks award is named for Lonnie Folks, '82 and '88, who was a member of the men's soccer and baseball teams and was named the men's soccer Freshman of the Year in 1978. He later coached the women's soccer, women's basketball and softball teams. ■

Maryville Saints Basketball Squads Look Forward to Stellar Seasons in 2013-14

After posting their most successful seasons ever as NCAA Division II members, the Maryville Saints men's and women's basketball programs are poised for even greater accomplishments in the 2013-14 season.

This season, Saints men's basketball will return to the courts with nine of its top 10 scorers. Heading the returning players is honorable mention All-American Asa Toney. The senior guard, a unanimous first-team All-Conference selection, averaged 14.6 points and 4.4 rebounds a game and finished with 134 assists last season. Also among the returning players is Armon Provo. One of the conference's top three-point shooters, Provo nailed 56 from beyond the arc a year ago, including a memorable seven-of-seven performance at Missouri S&T.

In addition to the return of 13 players from last season, head coach Kevin Carroll and the coaching staff have brought in four outstanding newcomers,

including Division I transfer Harrison DuPont as well as freshmen Marvin Grant-Clark, Jeff Leeson and Forrester Sims.

Though absent second-team All-American Abby Duethman, who graduated in May, the Saints women's squad is poised for a deep run in the GLVC tournament. Leading the returning players is second-team All-Conference guard Shelby Miller. The junior guard averaged 11.5 points per game last season while hitting 67 three-pointers and shooting 84 percent from the free-throw line. Headlining the front court will be senior forward Samantha Robison and junior center Rita Flynn.

Boosting the outlook for the season is one of the largest and most talented recruiting classes signed by head coach Chris Ellis. Division I transfer Alex Hillyer as well as sophomore Jordynn Martin will look to make an immediate impact for the Saints. In addition, five freshmen will have opportunities to see playing time. Emily Clayton, Alexis Libenguth, Hayley Maystead, Morgan Myers and Alex Wolf could form a starting five as freshmen.

Complete rosters and game schedules can be found at www.maryvillesaints.com. ▀

SAINTS FANS: CATCH JAN. 25 GAME ON CBS

CBS College Sports will broadcast the Maryville University men's basketball team's game against defending national champion Drury University on Saturday, Jan. 25. The Great Lakes Valley Conference tilt starts at 11 a.m. in the O'Reilly Family Event Center in Springfield, Mo.

"It is an honor to have the CBS College Sports Network pick our game for national television," Saints Head Coach Kevin Carroll said. "This will be a wonderful showcase for Maryville University, our basketball program and our outstanding student-athletes." Maryville University Athletics Director Marcus Manning said the nationally televised game will promote the University and spotlight Maryville's student-athletes.

"I'm sure our campus community, alumni, and fans share in our excitement," Manning said. "Many thanks to Drury's Director of Athletics Pat Atwell and the CBS College Sports Network for giving Maryville University this opportunity."



SAINTS STANDOUT: Senior Asa Toney, a unanimous first-team All-Conference selection last year, averaged 14.6 points and 4.4 rebounds a game and finished with 134 assists.



ON GUARD: Junior Guard Shelby Miller returns as the Maryville Saints open the 2013-14 season. Miller was designated a second-team All Conference team member last year and averaged 11.5 points per game while shooting 84 percent from the free-throw line.

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REVERED PROFS: Dennis Wachtel and John Wickersham were honored for having taught for 50 years at Maryville University during an Awards and Recognition Program held during Alumni Weekend in September.

Veteran Professors, Outstanding Alumni Honored During Alumni Weekend

STORY BY DAVE AMBROSE, PHOTOS BY JERRY NAUNHEIM

TWO PROFESSORS WHO HAVE TAUGHT ON THE MARYVILLE CAMPUS FOR 50 YEARS were recognized during 2013 Alumni Awards and Recognition program on Saturday evening, Sept. 27, in the Maryville Auditorium.

The program is a highlight of Alumni Weekend each year.

Dennis Wachtel, professor of history, and John Wickersham, professor of philosophy, were cited for their half-century of teaching at Maryville. Maryville had been on its current St. Louis campus only two years when the pair first arrived as part-time instructors in 1963.

Patricia M. McCarthy, '63, received the Centennial Award, recognizing an alum whose lifestyle best exemplifies the values of the Sacred Heart tradition. Previously honored with Maryville's Outstanding Alumnae Award for Career Achievement, McCarthy had nearly a 30-year career in corporate marketing and promotion before becoming coordinator of campus ministry in 2003 at Blessed Trinity Catholic High School in Roswell, Ga.

Elizabeth Erickson Arway, '05, president of Creative Entourage, was recognized as this year's Volunteer of the Year, and Derek M. Kueker, '05, was

presented with the Young Alumni Award, which recognizes alumni who bring distinction to themselves, and their professions, community and alma mater.

Arway serves on the Young Alumni Board, co-chairs the Duchesne Society Associate program and participates in the College of Arts and Sciences National Leadership Council. In 2012, she chaired the committee that produced the first LouieFest, a family-oriented event for Alumni Weekend. Kueker is head of RGA Reinsurance Co.'s U.S. experience studies team, is a member of the Maryville Actuarial

Science Advisory Board and co-chairs the Duchesne Society Associate program.

Casie Gambrel Ocampo, '99, received the College of Arts and Sciences Dean's Award. The School of Education Dean's Award went to Barbara Kohl Finbloom, '77, '83. Terri McLain, '86, received the College of Health Professions Dean's Award, and the John E. Simon School of Business Dean's Award went to Keith Pittillo, '97. 🇺🇸



Patricia M. McCarthy, '63



Elizabeth Erickson Arway, '05



Derek M. Kueker, '05



Casie Gambrel Ocampo, '99



Barbara Kohl Finbloom, '77, '83



Terri McLain, '86



Keith Pittillo, '97

Alumni Weekend 2013 September 26-29

With more than 1,200 people in attendance, Alumni Weekend was again a resounding success. This year's event was highlighted by the groundbreaking ceremony for Walker Hall, the new home of the College of Health Professions, and celebration of the nursing program's 40th anniversary. At right above, Lonnie Folks, '82 and '98, laughs it up with Dewayne Crumpton, '82, who was a member of the 1978-79 Saints basketball team. At right, Chigozic Obi, '01, (right) with wife, Yashica Obi. Below, Anne Schmitt Cochran, '85, and husband, John Cochran, '83, share a relaxing moment on the quad. Make plans now for next year's Alumni Weekend, set for Sept. 25-27. 🇺🇸



To view a slide show of photos from the 2013 Alumni Weekend, visit: <http://tinyurl.com/qxjyd3m>





COMING HOME: Tom Eschen, Maryville's vice president for Institutional Advancement, greets Vivien Betances Keane, '63, who returned to the Maryville University campus for the first time in five decades for her class's 50-year reunion.

My Maryville

Returning to the Scene Vivien Betances Keane, '63

WHAT A DIFFERENCE 50 YEARS MAKES.

Vivien Betances Keane, '63, readily admits she felt some trepidation about attending her 50-year class reunion during Maryville University's Alumni Weekend last September. Born and raised in Puerto Rico, Keane was a student at the College of Sacred Heart in San Juan during her freshmen year. When her father was transferred to St. Louis, Keane was able to fulfill her dream of attending college on the U.S. mainland. But it wasn't exactly as she had imagined.

"To me everybody was blond-haired and blue-eyed and here I was with dark hair and dark eyes, with a little accent and a suntan."

She arrived just one year after Maryville College had moved to its new campus in west St. Louis County. Keane quickly discovered she was unprepared for the many cultural differences and language barriers.

"To me everybody was blond-haired and blue-eyed and here I was with dark hair and dark eyes, with a

little accent and a suntan. It was like I had come from a different planet," she said. It didn't help that *West Side Story* was a popular film at the time, or that she lived with her parents, rather than boarding on campus, Keane says.

When Keane, who now lives in Louisville, Ky., received her reunion invitation, she called former classmate Patricia Krygier Scott, '63, to reminisce. She did not intend to return to Maryville five decades after graduating, but Scott convinced her she needed a fresh perspective.

Arriving a day early, Keane spent time exploring campus—marveling at how much expansion has taken place since her student years. She wandered first into the John E. and Adaline Simon Athletic Center.

"A gentleman walks up to me and says, 'May I help you?' and I reply, 'I'm here early, just looking around,'" she recalled. "It turned out he was the President [Mark Lombardi]." They exchanged greetings, and then she was introduced to Athletic Director Marcus Manning, who gave her a tour of the facility.

As it happened, she had arrived just before the annual Athletics Alumni Reception and Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony—and was

encouraged to stay for the event.

"They introduced me to every Tom, Dick and Harry," she says. "Somebody was next to me the whole time. It was truly fun. That was my first day [back] at the Maryville I had hoped for. It was such an eye-opener. Everyone was funny and delightful. I truly am glad I went," she said.

Alumni Weekend allowed her to reconnect with classmates and cast a revisionist eye toward her student memories, which had been fraught with the distress of being an "outsider." Those early impressions have now given way to a new appreciation for Maryville.

"I just can't emphasize enough what an incredible institution Maryville is, and what it did for me, in a roundabout way as I look back. It exposed me to a world that was so different but it taught me perseverance," she says. "Adversity brings out the best in people; I was exposed to something I was totally unprepared for, yet I had this idea that I wanted it. I conquered my own demons. I have the most wonderful memories now." ■

— Janet Edwards

'50s

Barbara Lamy Cooney, '58, of Sedalia, Mo., administers her Cooney Endowment for the Arts and Camp Blue Sky, a fine arts camp for children four to 14 years old. Cooney was named 2012 Alumnus of the Year by Sedalia's Sacred Heart School and received the 2011 Missouri State Arts Award.

Marcella Fritschie Gordon, '58, of Lake St. Louis, Mo., is treasurer of the Lake St. Louis Historical Club and treasurer of the SSM St. Joseph Hospital Auxiliary. Her son, John, has an MBA from Maryville; daughter-in-law (Beth Gordon) is in the Maryville nurse practitioner program; and she has a grandson who is scheduled to start at Maryville.

'60s

Constance Moeller Bachmann, '68, of Wildwood, Mo., received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. She teaches art at Most Sacred Heart School.

Dorothy Howe Brooks, '66, of Punta Gorda, Fla., published her first full length poetry collection titled *A Fine Dusting of Brightness*.

Patricia O'Brien Dolan, '68, of Houston, Texas, is a docent at Bayou Bend in the Decorative Arts Wing at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.

Mary Gavin Hoog, '63, of St. Louis, recently was named General Diagnostics Medical Technologist of the Year.

Vivien Betances Keane, '63, of Louisville, Ky., works part time as a Spanish interpreter for local judicial and police organizations, and special needs children.



Hall of Famer

KELLY POLKINGHORNE BEHLMANN, '88

In 1997, Kelly Polkinghorne Behlmann, '88, was working as a physical therapist providing services to children. She longed, however, to do something that went beyond "fixing what was broken." The answer literally came to her in a dream.

She awoke from the dream about 3:20 one morning and immediately jotted down the basic concept of the Disabled Athlete Sports Association. Naming herself president and listing her parents and a few neighbors as board members, Behlmann succeeded in securing a charter for a not-for-profit corporation. Her first clients were five wheelchair basketball players who held practice sessions in her driveway. Sixteen years later, DASA works with upward of 450 athletes with disabilities nationwide.

"As a physical therapist, we were always working on the 'dis' of their disability," she said. "I wanted the focus to be on their 'ability'."

In August, Behlmann was inducted into the St. Louis Amateur Hockey Hall of Fame largely for her efforts to develop a sled hockey program for the St. Louis area. Behlmann learned about the sport in 2002, when the USA National Sled Team won its first gold medal during the Paralympic Games at Salt Lake City. That summer, Behlmann traveled to Nashville, Tenn. for a USA Hockey sled hockey clinic, where she learned the fundamentals of competitive sled hockey and even had herself strapped into a sled to gain first-hand experience. She returned to St. Louis convinced of the need for a local sled hockey program.

Less than a decade after the program began, the DASA-St. Louis Blues sled hockey team produced two gold medalists at the 2012 Paralympic Games in Vancouver. Both will compete in March as part of the USA Team for the 2012 Winter Paralympics in Sochi, Russia. While DASA has been instrumental in grooming sled hockey competitors and other adult athletes, the program's focus is on children five to 18 years of age who have physical or visual disabilities. The goal is to provide opportunities for young athletes with disabilities to experience camaraderie and teamwork, cultivate self esteem and improve fitness through exercise.

"Not all children will become paralympians," Behlmann said, "but they will be stronger and healthier." While she appreciates accolades such as the Hall of Fame induction, she doesn't dwell on them.

"My kids are my reward," she said.

— Dave Ambrose



A Champion for Vets

CARRIE GEGG, '05

Maryville graduate Carrie Gegg, '05, never really expected to be recognized for doing work she truly loves. So it came as a surprise when she was tapped as the nation's top Veterans Affairs Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor in August.

"I was shocked, surprised and very humbled," she said. "I was shocked to even be nominated. When they told me I had won, I thought, 'Okay, I won in Missouri,' and they said, 'No, you won.'"

After earning a bachelor's degree in 2000 from Southeast Missouri State University, Cape Girardeau, Gegg enrolled in Maryville University, earning a master's degree in rehabilitative counseling in 2002. She was part of the second class of vocational rehabilitation degree holders to graduate from Maryville. She worked five years for Missouri's Office of Vocational Rehabilitation before landing her dream job at the Regional Veterans Administration Office in St. Louis.

"I absolutely love what I do," she said.

Gegg's Supervisor, Corliss Strathearn, '03 and '05, said Gegg "exemplifies what

a good vocational rehabilitation counselor should be." Strathearn nominated Gegg for the national award, citing her "commitment and genuine concern."

Two years after joining the VA, Gegg took over providing services for seriously injured veterans, many of them returning from action in Iraq and Afghanistan. Angry, depressed and sometimes suffering from post-traumatic stress, seriously injured vets can be difficult clients. Despite those challenges, Gegg has seen veterans so seriously disabled that they could not or would not leave their homes become well-educated, productive members of the workforce. Several are seeking careers in nursing, business management, engineering and other professions. One is finishing up his first year of law school.

"These veterans are amazing," Gegg said. "There's no greater satisfaction for me than to work with a veteran for three to six years, help them pick a career, get an education and find their dream job."

While Gegg's caseload hovers around 150 injured vets, she found time last year to embark on yet another project to serve returning U.S. veterans. Some veterans were traveling three to four hours for counseling services at the Regional VA Office. Many of them didn't want to leave the house, let alone travel into downtown St. Louis. As a result, some missed appointments or dropped out of the program.

In May 2012, she found spare office space at a VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Farmington, Mo. She now spends three days a week at the CBOC facility, counseling veterans who travel only an hour or so.

When given a chance to reduce her caseload by assigning some of her seriously injured clients to other counselors, Gegg declined. "Working with these veterans is a challenge, an honor and one of the most rewarding aspects of the position," she told her supervisors.

— Dave Ambrose

Marilyn Lorenz-Weinkauff, '68, of St. Louis, is a program coordinator for St. Louis Interfaith Committee on Latin America.

Jane K. Hollo, '68, of St. Louis, celebrated her retirement from Cassidy Turley after 30 years as a broker.

'70s

Michael J. Haubner, '77, of Clovis, Calif., was appointed to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C.

'80s

Deborah Tansil Graham, '80, of St. Louis, was appointed executive director of development for the Salvation Army Midland Division.

Terrence "Terry" D. Likes, '85, of Nashville, Tenn., received four Tennessee Associated Press awards, Journalism Educator of the Year and a National Broadcast Education Award.

Mary Pfanstiel Heger, '86, of St. Louis, was named among *St. Louis Business Journal's* Most Influential Business Women. She is the vice president of information technology at Ameren Corp.

Terri L. McLain, '86, of St. Louis, was named a *St. Louis Business Journal* Most Influential Business Women. She is president of administration at Mercy Hospital Washington.

Cheryl Hale Hughey, '89, of Ballwin, Mo., is the marketing coordinator for the Continental Title Co.

'90s

John M. Exley, '90, of St. Louis, is an adjunct professor at Maryville University Simon School of Business.

Amy Holmes Brinkley, '95, of Wentzville, Mo., is the department assistant in the admissions office at Maryville University.

Mary Robke Colombara, '96, of Troy, Ill., is an executive recruiter at Brooke Chase Associates, Inc.

Ellie Poulis Wideman, '97, of High Ridge, Mo., is an assistant professor of psychology at Maryville University College of Arts & Sciences.

Jason J. Bahnak, '98, of Ballwin, Mo., is the owner

of Abstrakt Marketing Groups, which is the fastest growing company in St. Louis according to the *St. Louis Business Journal*.

Osman Batu Saglikva, '98, of Istanbul, Turkey, announced the birth of a son, Liman Saglikova, on Sept. 3, 2012.

'00s

Thomas P. Berkbigler, '00, of Ballwin, Mo., is a physical therapist at Des Peres Hospital.

Brandon J. Raphael, '00, of Upland, Calif., is the associate athletic director of development at the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Susan L. Schultz, '01, of St. Louis, is an interior design professional at HOK.

Christopher K. Buehler, '01, of St. Louis, is the founder and CEO of Scorch Agency. His agency specializes in digital marketing and interactive design and provides high-end services to local and national brands such as Anheuser-Busch InBev and Marketo.

Angela Roeder Earlywine, '01, of St. Louis, is an associate director at Jones Lang LaSalle.

Patrick J. Holleran, '02, of Chesterfield, Mo., vice president of Holleran Duitsman Architects, Inc., in partnership with The Beer Alliance, opened a new market specializing in facilities for beverage wholesalers.

Rachelle Bollinger Pinkston, '02, of St. Louis, is the

contract administrator at Monsanto.

Deanne Forhertz Figura, '03 and **Christopher C. Figura, '12**, of St. Louis, announced the birth of their daughter, Brooklyn Grace.

Margaret "Maggie" Friedhoff-Clark, '03, of Overland, Mo., is an assistant auditor for First Bank.

Melissa C. Pisoni, '03, of O'Fallon, Mo., married Mark Hall on April 13, 2013. The bride is the data quality supervisor at BerkleyMed. Her husband is a senior system administrator for Edward Jones.

Janene Dumas Reeves, '03, of Ferguson, Mo., received the Helen May Bradley Award at

CHARITABLE GIFTS THAT GIVE BACK

“For me, establishing a charitable gift annuity is as much about finance as it is about my longstanding commitment to my university.”

JEAN FERRIS RAYBUCK, '51

Charitable giving can have a way of giving back, too. Maryville Alumna Jean Raybuck has found the ideal mix of philanthropy and finance. Her Maryville University gift annuity supports her alma mater while also providing income that will continue throughout her lifetime.

“A sizable portion is tax-free each year,” Jean says. “And the charitable deduction for a portion of my gift to the University reduces my tax liability.” Generous, age-based, fixed payout rates for Maryville charitable gift annuities for seniors range from 5.8 percent (age 75) to nine percent (age 90).

Jean invites all other alumni to join her in supporting Maryville—the No. 1 Overperforming University in the country.

For more information, please contact: Mark R. Roock, CFRE; Development Director - Planned Giving, Maryville University; 314.529.9674 (office); 314.368.1002 (mobile); or mroock@maryville.edu.



the Maryville Department of Physical Therapy Convocation. The award recognizes an individual's outstanding achievement in physical therapy.

Holly Nichols Chisholm, '04, of St. Louis, announced the birth of a son, Nolan Xavier, on May 21, 2013. Nolan joins big brother, Jonah.

Francesca Varvaro Mattina, '04, of Fenton, Mo., announced the birth of her daughter, Giulia Rose, on April 8, 2013. Giulia joins big brothers, Alessandro and Massimo.

Sarah Stawiznyk Peniston, '04, of St. Louis, has a daughter, Hannah, and is a physical therapist at Mercy Therapy Services-Tesson Ferry satellite clinic.

Jason M. Rubel, '04, of Chesterfield, Mo., is a vice president at SSM Rehab.

Stephen H. Schwartz, '04, of Ballwin, Mo., received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. He also was nominated for Missouri State Teacher of the Year for 2012-13.

Matthew S. Silva, '04, of Ballwin, Mo., is the CEO of Midwest Institute for Addiction.

Abbigail K. Brockfeld, '05, of Lake Saint Louis, Mo., married Troy Strother on Sept. 8, 2012.
Andrew Brockfeld, '12, was in the wedding.

Laura Muff Dalpiaz, '05, '07, of St. Peters, Mo., is the owner of LEM Business Solutions, LLC.

Derek M. Kueker, '05 and **Melinda Magee Kueker, '06**, of St. Louis, announced the birth of their son, Brayden Matthew, born on June 14, 2013.

Jessi Meyer Plut, '05, of St. Charles, Mo., has been appointed to the Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council.

Brooke S. Backsen, '06, of Batavia, Mo., married David Hopper on Aug. 25, 2012.

Joseph F. Doney, '06, of St. Louis, completed his Master's of Science in Counseling Psychology with Avila University.

Jenny Bristow Dibble, '06, of St. Louis, was named a 2013 *St. Louis Business Journal* 30 Under 30. She is the director of marketing and communications at Coolfire Solutions.

Kate Wenger Gutknecht, '06, of McKinney, Texas, is a senior consultant for Aspen Healthcare at MedAssets.

Julie M. Wiese, '06, of St. Ann, Mo., is a graphic designer at Fontbonne University.

Corey S. Baker, '07, of Villa Ridge, Mo., is an assistant director of transfer recruitment at Maryville University.

DeAnna R. Booker, '07, of Memphis, Tenn., is a research scientist for Merck.

Sara M. Hotze, '07, of Tolono, Ill., is a financial associate at YG Financial.

Heather Hanshaw Ludwig, '07, of Troy, Mo., is a physical therapist at Advance Hannibal Regional Hospital.

Katherine Messmer Luner, '07, of St. Louis, announced the birth of a son, Joshua James, born Aug. 12, 2013.

Ryan P. Duncan, '08, of Belleville, Ill., is an instructor in physical therapy and neurology at Washington University School of Medicine. His recent

article was published in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*: "Senior Focus: Staying Active Reduces Falls in Older Adults."

Laura Oetjen Saleem, '08, of Frisco, Texas, earned her board certification in Orthopedic Physical Therapy.

Kayla Crocker Townley, '08, of Bertrand, Mo., announced the birth of a son, Noah Lee, born Aug. 22, 2013.

Katrina I. Sommer, '08 and **Adam M. Sommer, '07**, of Brentwood, Mo., announced the birth of a daughter, Willow Kathe, born Aug. 24, 2013.

Lindsey N. Amling, '09, of Pana, Ill., married Clint Oesch on Oct. 6, 2012. She is employed as a physical therapist at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Ill.

Mark R. Lamb, '09, of St. Louis, has been named dean of education at Greenville College, Greenville, Ill.

Michael J. O'Hara, '09, of Ballwin, Mo., announced the birth of a daughter, Laylah, born Sept. 5, 2012.

Melora Pruneau, '09, of St. Louis, received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. She teaches second grade at Old Bonhomme Elementary in the Ladue School District.

Lisa N. Strauther, '09, of Florissant, Mo., is an assistant superintendent of the Hazelwood School District.

David T. Vineyard, '09, of Fenton, Mo., is a senior financial markets specialist for Thomson Reuters.

Nina Zimmerman, '09, of Arnold, Mo., is a nursing adjunct instructor at Maryville University.

'10s

Christian A. Burrus, '10, of St. Louis, is a senior service technical specialist at Edward Jones.

Jessica A. Crain, '10, of St. Louis, is the showroom manager of Global Industries.

Claire DePrimo, '10, of St. Louis, married Adam M. Bridwell on June 15, 2013.
Greg Schwartz, '10, was in the wedding.

Goeffrey L. Enders, '10, of Jackson, Mo., is a physical therapist at Select Physical Therapy.

Luke Hofmann, '10, of St. Louis, is a nurse in the pediatric oncology department at Children's Hospital, helping kids with cancer still be kids.

Samantha L. Hoffman, '10, of Ballwin, Mo., married Brett T. Stuppy on July 13, 2013.

Sheri L. Jones, '10, of O'Fallon, Mo., is a nursing adjunct instructor and a clinical nursing instructor at Maryville University's College of Health Professions.

Erik A. Judson, '10, of St. Louis, married Anne Goedeker on Oct. 6, 2012. He is an occupational therapist at ProRehab.

Allison Foston Love, '10, of O'Fallon, Mo., has received the Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award. She is an instructional coach at Sorrento Springs Elementary in the Parkway School District.

Joseph L. Pindell, '10, of Chesterfield, Mo., is the owner and president of Wichita B-52s.

Caitlin Willhoit Rosentreter, '10, of Edwardsville, Ill., announced the birth of a son, Connor James, on July 27, 2013.

Robert A. Gail, '11, of St. Louis, is the associate product manager of disinfectants for Betco Corporation.

Stacey A. Jackson, '11, of Fenton, Mo., married James K. Barry on Sept. 10, 2012.

Rodney S. Lewis, '11, of O'Fallon, Mo., is an elementary principal (K-6) with Ferguson Florissant School District.

Kari Blankenship Nolting, '11, of Owensville, Mo., is the head volleyball coach with Owensville High School.

Mitch T. Seward, '11, of St. Louis, is an associate at CliftonLarsonAllen.

Suzanne E. Ward, '11, of St. Charles, Mo., is an accounting associate at Weekends Only, Inc.

Hussain S. Ahmed, '12, of Ellisville, Mo., is a system administrator-programmer at Maryville University.

Brittany L. Logan, '12, of St. Louis, is a data entry/marketing support specialist at Mueller Prost PC.

Timothy K. Lyons, '12, of Maryland Heights, Mo., is a customer service associate at The Dirt Collectors.

April M. Meyer, '12, of Jonesburg, Mo., is a physical therapist at Lakeshore Physical Therapy.

Valerie Taylor, '12, of St. Louis, is the principal of Jamestown Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District.

Bettina H. Vinson, '12, of St. Louis, has been appointed by Governor Jay Nixon to the Missouri Statewide Independent Living Council.



Something's Brewing

RYAN LANDOLT, '11

What is it about a Maryville business degree and brewmasters? This spring *Maryville Magazine* profiled Derek Kueker, '05, an MBA grad, who recently opened the Kaskaskia Brewing Co. in Red Bud, Ill., with his brother, Jared. Now comes Ryan Landolt, '11, who is thought to be the youngest brewmaster in the St. Louis area.

It has not been confirmed by Guinness (the record book, not the stout), but Landolt says he knows virtually all of the brewmasters in and around St. Louis. And, at age 24, he is the youngest of the lot.

His status as brewmaster at the Ferguson (Mo.) Brewing Co. resulted from being "in the right place at the right time," Landolt said. He had apprenticed at the brewhouse for a year and a half when the brewmaster resigned to move with his wife to a new job in Great Britain.

"I was familiar with the equipment and I was next in line," Landolt shrugged.

Landolt's interest in brewing craft beers started in college, though he insists that he did not start home brewing until after his 21st birthday. Working toward his business degree, Landolt had to write a business plan "for any company that

interested us." What interested Landolt at the time was beer.

"The craft brewing industry is growing about 10 percent in volume every year," he said. "People are looking for something different and they are getting more adventurous. This is something new for them, and it actually has flavor."

While brewing craft beers involves a good deal of science, including biology, microbiology and chemistry, Landolt says he considers himself more of an artistic brewer. As brewmaster, he is responsible for shepherding all of the house beers at Ferguson. The brewhouse produces nine varieties year round, ranging from the Golden Blond, a lightly flavored beer, to the robust Munich Dunkel and Pecan Brown Ale, created by adding pecans directly to the mash.

In addition, the brewery produces four seasonal beers, including Watermelon Caisson, a French farmhouse ale made with locally grown watermelons in the summer; and Pumpkin Beer, spiced with hints of nutmeg and cinnamon in the fall.

At any one time, the bar has 14 craft beers on tap, Landolt said.

— Dave Ambrose



Julie Johnson Stein (1946-2013)

Julie Johnson Stein was one of Ann Gais Boyce's dearest friends. They met in late summer of 1957 just before starting sixth grade at Mary Queen of Peace School in Webster Groves, Mo.

"I could see Julie's front door from the back door of my house, and we had a cut-through path that we used every day on our walk to school," Boyce remembered. Their friendship stretched from those grade school days to Maryville University and beyond, lasting 56 years. Stein, a long-time religious educator and volunteer, died on Aug. 20, 2013. She was 66.

"She was such a wonderful person and she gave so much back. It's hard to believe she's gone," Boyce said. "We had so many shared memories. Julie introduced me to Tchaikovsky's First Piano Concerto in B-flat Minor shortly after Van Cliburn (a 23-year-old from Longview, Texas) played it and won the first quadrennial International Tchaikovsky Piano Competition in Moscow."

Boyce remembers going to high school with Stein at Nerinx Hall – also in Webster Groves. After high school, Stein enrolled at Webster College and Boyce followed her family's Sacred Heart tradition at Maryville. While Boyce felt immediately at home at Maryville, Stein felt Webster was not all that she had hoped for in her college experience. She joined Boyce often at Maryville events and by the time sophomore year started, Stein had transferred to Maryville. Both majored in English and minored in elementary education.

"Julie was very well read and enjoyed spending hours in the library," Boyce said. "She was a true Renaissance woman with a great deal of knowledge and many varied interests. She loved her Maryville years and that is why she was so active later at Maryville."

After graduation in 1968, they were in each other's weddings and Boyce started teaching at an elementary school. Stein and her husband, Jack, moved to Las Vegas where he was a member of the Public Health Service and Julie taught school.

Stein's volunteer work for Maryville was truly extraordinary. It started when Stein and Boyce co-chaired their 10th year reunion in 1978. Stein went on to chair Maryville's National Leadership Council (2010-2012) after serving on its forerunner, the Maryville Alumni Association Board in a variety of leadership positions for nearly two decades. She served on the inaugural Century II Society Board (now the Duchesne Society), chairing the group from 2006 to 2012. Stein received Maryville's Volunteer Achievement Award in 2001 and the Volunteer of the Year Award in 2008.

Whether as a Maryville Ambassador or a member of the 125th Anniversary Committee, Stein led her fellow alumni

in helping to build support for future generations of students. Maryville President Mark Lombardi said, "Julie was a leader. She had a wonderful way of engaging individuals and then gathering a group to work on an important cause. She also was an inspiration to everyone she touched. Maryville misses her very much."

Boyce misses her too, but keeps her memory alive, sharing wonderful stories with Stein's family—husband, Jack, children, Jenny and Andy, grandchildren, Abby and Jack, and her siblings, David and Suzy. For example, Stein was born a St. Louis Cardinals fan. "She went to the World Series (in utero) in 1946," said Boyce.

The two also were charter members of a dinner club begun in February 1972. The club, all members of the Maryville Class of 1968 and their spouses, lives on after starting with four couples and expanding as new couples joined the group. "This is the first loss among all of us," Boyce said. "It's hard, but we remember how she loved living. She enjoyed collecting everything from Blue Willow China to lovely art in all mediums to Madonnas from across the world, and most of all, a host of friends. She was a great lover of laughter, animals, the beauty of nature, the home she and Jack designed and their extensive travels including her favorite destination, Hawaii. We also remember how deeply she loved her God, her family, her many treasured friends, her Godchildren and how dedicated she was to her work as a religious educator and a volunteer at various schools and for many charitable boards. She truly made a difference."

— Sue Davis

In Memoriam

1930s

Ruth Gander Pfeffer, '34
Anna M. Marheineke, '38
Bonnie Dewes, '39

1940s

Emily Brown Murphy McCaffrey, '41
Susan F. Roberts, '44
Rosario (Sarina) Coppolino Biskar, '45
Carmela M. Wood, '45
Elizabeth Jones Mudd, '46
Dorothy Mauntel Geisert, '47
Katherine Kerwin Ryan, '47
Katherine Knox Thorp, '47
Grace Drochelmann Bleikamp, '48
Barbara Hardy Warner, '48

1950s

Mary Elizabeth Neher Goodall, '50
Mary Padberg Beck, '52

Mary Joyce Bokern, '52
Dolores Jackson King, '52
Jane Riley Pendry, '52
Carolyn Awalt Davis, '53
Lois Gronemeyer Egelhoff, '54
Bernice Taylor Hild, '55
Tina LoPiccolo Niemann, '55
Margaret Bolin Culp, '57
Willow Shoemaker Head, '57
Dorothy Whelan Winograd, '57
Nancy Greene Frederick, '59
Alice Arth Sammon, '59

1960s

Elizabeth Vogt Love, '60
Sue Schoepf, '60
Laverne H. Duvall, '61
Margaret McNulty Green, '61
Nancy A. McNamee, '62
Julie Johnson Stein, '68

1970s

Zita Witte Pojeta, '74

Kathleen Fries Cabral, '75
Benny L. Green, '75
William S. Landrum, '78

1980s

Nancy Klotz Renner, '81
Jacqueline Sheehan Hartz, '80
Lynne Goldstein Levin, '80
Aubrey Alfred "Buck" Miller, '86
Mary Brewer Schulze, '88
Larry D. Daniele, '89

1990s

Ralph R. Vehlewald, '91
Patrick J. Guittar, '92
Leslie Armontrout, '94
Cynthia Anderson Gentsch, '95
Charles J. Robinson, '95

2000s

Nicole Boyer Durst, '04

Bethany A. Walter, '12, of Webster Groves, Mo., is a customer experience manager at Color Art Integrated Interiors.

Aaron R. Weston, '12, of St. Louis, is a human resource assistant at Tenet Healthcare.

Kathryn Peterson Wiles, '12, of Farmington, Mo., announced the birth of a daughter, Kathryn Grace.

Evelyn Woods, '12, of Florissant, Mo., is the principal of Grannemann Elementary School in the Hazelwood School District.

Brice J. Dailey, '13, of St. Louis, is a sales operations analyst at Equifax Workforce Solutions.

Kathryn E. Frey, '13, of Maryville, Ill., is a marketing assistant at Northwestern Mutual.

Joshua D. Lanier, '13, of Lake St. Louis, Mo., is a sales account specialist at Gateway Motorsports Park.

Andrew "Andy" D. Oldenburg, '13, of St. Louis, is the communications coordinator for Reno Aces.

Morgan E. Pollman, '13, of St. Louis, is a sales support business intern at Jordan Lawrence.

Kathleen R. Sanfelippo, '13, of Jefferson City, Mo., is an occupational therapist at University of Missouri Health Care.

Scott M. Toman, '13, of St. Louis, is a mortgage loan originator at PrimeSource Mortgage.

Kelly M. Ward, '13, of St. Louis, is an interior designer at Lawrence Group.

Ruth Gander Pfeffer (1912-2013)

Ruth Gander Pfeffer, '34, of St. Louis—Maryville University Trustee Emerita and daughter of Gander Hall namesake Joseph Gander—died Monday, Dec. 2, 2013.

She served on the Maryville Board of Trustees from 1972 through 1991, providing insight and expertise as the institution transitioned from a college into a nationally ranked university. An accomplished equestrian, Mrs. Pfeffer served as president of the women's division of the St. Louis Exhibition Horse Show Association, which raised funds to support Boys Town of Missouri. She also was involved in the St. Louis Charity Horse Show supporting the Kilo Foundation in its study of diabetes.

She was named a Woman of Achievement by the now defunct *Globe-Democrat* newspaper.

Mrs. Pfeffer was preceded in death by her husband, Francis Joseph Pfeffer. Survivors include two children, Joseph G. Pfeffer and Margaret P. Gilleo, a 1960 graduate of Maryville.

Mrs. Pfeffer's father was a major contributor to Maryville College when it moved to West St. Louis County. He was president of the Bank Building and Equipment Corporation of America that designed and built the present campus, and played a large role in the decision to purchase land in West St. Louis County for the new location.

[InRetrospect]

A BUILDING CAN BE MORE THAN BRICKS AND MORTAR, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT serves as a home away from home for college students. In May 2013, 50-year-old Duchesne Hall came down to make way for Myrtle E. and Earl E. Walker Hall, future home for the College of Health Professions. While Duchesne is gone, the memories of life within the walls of the University's first residence hall still resonate among Maryville alumni. Duchesne saw Maryville transform itself from a college to a university; it housed young men when the college first became coed. It stood in the background of late-night study sessions, first dates and world events such as Neil Armstrong taking the first steps on the moon. In the mind's eye of its former residents, Duchesne will remain for many years to come. Bricks may give way to a wrecking ball, but memories are more resilient.

"In Retrospect" shares archived and recently rediscovered photos from Maryville's past. If you can provide any additional details about the photos in this or any previous issue, please email your information to magazine@maryville.edu.



ON THEIR WAY: Graduates, friends and family members take a final stroll across the Maryville campus on their way to commencement ceremonies on Saturday, May 4. The University conferred 937 degrees during two ceremonies—each of which featured a commencement address by Anthony Thompson, Chairman and CEO of Kwame Building Group, Inc. There were 662 bachelor's degrees, 202 master's degrees and 73 doctoral degrees awarded. Excerpts from Thompson's speech can be viewed at <http://www.kwamebuildinggroup.com/philanthropy/mentorship/commencement.php>.



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FOUR STARS: Gander Hall is the first campus dining facility to be certified by the St. Louis Green Dining Alliance (an initiative of St. Louis Earth Day) as a four-star facility for fully embracing “norms for sustainable restaurant management and operations.”

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