

Marygrove College

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Message from President David J. Fike

On Thursday, April 17, I had the distinct honor of representing Marygrove College at a gathering of Catholic educators at the Catholic University of



America to listen to the message of Pope Benedict XVI regarding the role of Catholic educational institutions in the U.S.

I feel blessed to have been able to participate. While the media attention and crowds fostered an aura of historic importance around the Holy Father's first visit to the United States, it was his soft-spoken affirmation of the centuries-old

mission of Catholic educational institutions that moved my spirit and precipitated serious reflection. I was particularly impressed that the most spontaneous and most enthusiastic applause greeted the Pontiff's call for the Catholic community to find ways to continue to serve the people of the inner cities, those of less economic means, and immigrants.

At present, Marygrove College is in the midst of a substantial amount of change: physical changes to our grounds and facilities, new planning processes, changes in organizational structures, new leadership roles, changing expectations on the part of our students, and new expectations from a society which grapples with the environmental, economic, and ethical challenges of our day.

Campus Upgrades: Building on a Strong Foundation

If you haven't had a chance to drive by Marygrove's campus recently, you may be surprised by how beautiful it looks. Although the campus has always been lovely, like all campuses, sometimes a little extra "TLC" is needed to keep it glowing.

"The beauty of the grounds and buildings are incredible gifts from the IHMs and integral to Marygrove's mission," says Dr. Fike. "We know that our job is to continue the legacy the sisters began while continuing to meet the needs of today's students."

FLORENT GILLET LOBBY RENOVATION

A gift in loving memory of **Catherine Callaghan Grisdela, Class of 1948,** has been received to help fund the renovation. Catherine was a devoted alumna and kept Marygrove close to her heart for all of her adult years. At the time of her death on March 20, 2008, Catherine was survived by her eight children and sixteen grandchildren.

The renovation will include a hammered copper feature wall, an updated reception desk topped by a granite counter and a series of computer carrels in the public room directly behind the lobby, where students will be able to connect their laptops. Marygrove College is grateful for Catherine's generosity and grateful to her daughter, Cathy Grisdela Kaiser, who helped steward this gift.

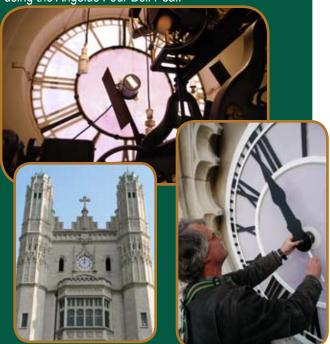


In order to remain competitive, it's important to keep student expectations in mind. Today's students are savvy shoppers and know what conveniences other campuses offer. Marygrove wants to attract these students and let them know that we have a safe, beautiful, state-of-the-art environment that fosters learning.

There are a number of renovation and upgrade projects underway, in various stages of completion, which will bring Marygrove in line with what other colleges have—while maintaining its unparalleled grandeur.

THE CLOCK IN THE CLOCK TOWER

High between the twin towers is the large illuminated clock and clockworks, as well as four great chimes—replicas of the chimes in Westminster Abbey. A hallmark of the college, the bells were meant to recall the Christian story of redemption. With time, however, the bells ceased to function, so an effort was made to repair them. After 35 years of silence, the bells once again ring-in the hour using the Angelus Four Bell Peal.

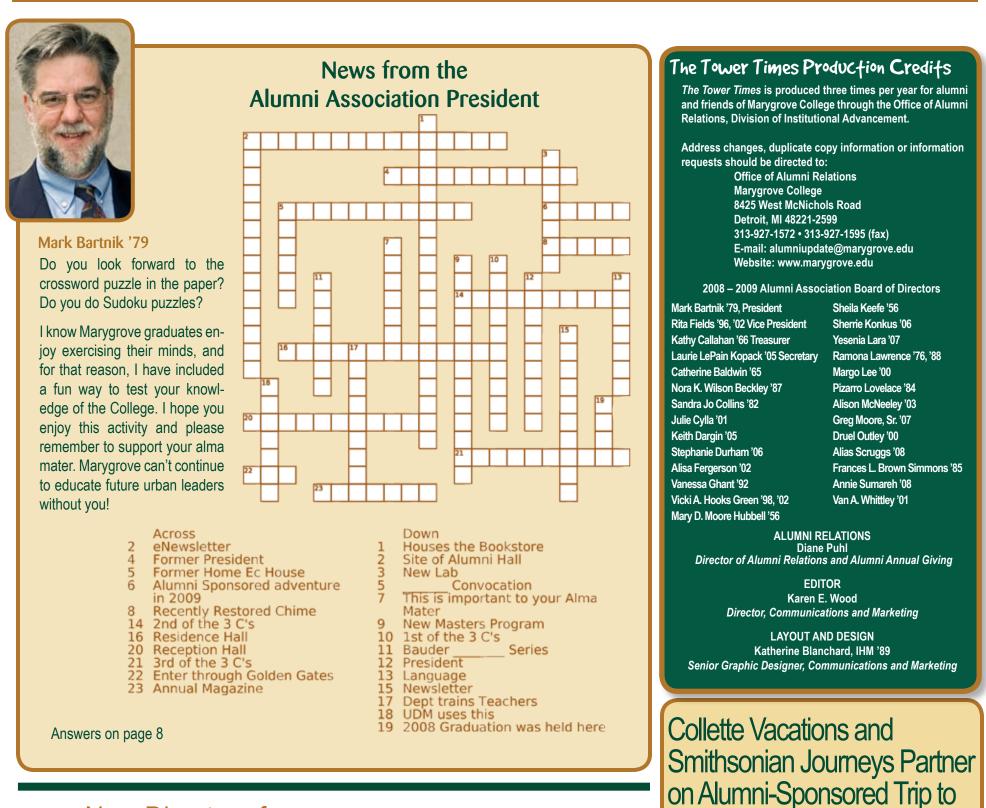


We are an inclusive community of individuals of many faiths and many cultures. As we progress together, respecting each others' gifts and beliefs and building an ever-more vibrant institution to serve the people of Detroit, we will be stronger if we understand the deep and Gospel-inspired nature of Marygrove's origins and if we recognize the profound faith that led the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to found this College in 1927. I look forward to working with the community to deepen this understanding, recognition, and strength.

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New Director of Communications and Marketing announced



Marygrove welcomed Karen E. Wood as its new Director of Communications and Marketing on July 1. Wood comes from Comerica Bank, where she was Vice President, Manager of Editorial Services, responsible for Comerica's written and electronic communications for its employees nationally.

Griot Program Celebrates 10th Anniversary



Step back in time and explore thousands of years of history, legend and lore as we view the timeless wonders of Egypt. Discover the world of the ancient Egyptians as we visit

Splendors of the Nile

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"I am truly honored and excited to be part of the Mary-

grove family," says Wood. "I can feel the peace and caring here, which is very important to me because I need to believe in what I promote."

Wood has an extensive background in communications, including crisis and internal communications, community relations, public relations, advertising and marketing. Prior to her work at Comerica she developed a public relations program at Care Choices HMO, was Director of Public Relations and Marketing at Detroit Receiving Hospital and worked in Media Relations for advanced technology at Visteon Corporation.

Wood is also a professional actor and voiceover talent. She resides in Livonia with her husband and two sons. In 1998 Marygrove began the nationally recognized, innovative, cohort model Griot Program to increase the number of African-American male teachers in urban school systems. Since the program's inception, 119 men have been prepared for second careers as certified teachers, most of whom teach in schools across the Detroit metro region, and in other urban areas across the country. More men are currently being mentored at Marygrove to become certified educators through this unique program.

To honor this anniversary of the Griot Program, the Education Department is planning a 10 year reunion celebration. If you are a graduate of the program, please contact Dr. Chuck Okezie at (313) 927-1794 or <u>cokesie@marygrove.edu</u> or Dr. Harden Graves at (313) 927-1382 or <u>egraves@marygrove.edu</u>.

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Sakkara, the Pyramids of Giza, Luxor and Karnak temples, the tombs on the West Bank and ancient Thebes. Cruise along the legendary Nile River, pass colonnaded temples and stop at the temples of Edfu and Kom Ombo, situated at the crossroads of ancient caravan routes. We'll learn about ancient Egyptian history during lectures in Cairo and on board the cruise from our Egyptologist/National Guide who will accompany us throughout our journey.

Alumni-sponsored travel is open to all alumni, family and friends of Marygrove College. To view the full itinerary for these trips, visit: <u>www.marygrove.edu/</u> <u>alumni/travel</u>. Special accommodations can be made for people who need a departure city other than Detroit. If you have questions or need more information, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Annual Giving, at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Marygrove Welcomes Film Crew

With Michigan's new tax incentives for the movie industry now in place, movie crews see our state as a great place to make films—and it's not just the money. Now that Hollywood is bringing people here, they are beginning to see the beauty and diversity our state has to offer. That's where Marygrove enters the scene.

When Hollywood was looking to film scenes of a French boarding school in the soon to be released movie "Youth in Revolt," Marygrove's stately buildings and campus grounds proved to be an excellent location.

There was an unusual amount of flurry on campus June 9 - 11, as Marygrove hosted the film crew which made a base camp out of the Literature and Arts parking lot. They filmed scenes in select locations on the second and third floors of the LA building, as well as the front conference room of the Student Affairs building and portions of the first floor in Madame Cadillac.

The film crew was gracious in allowing the community to witness the filming and there was little disruption to the campus. Below is a brief synopsis of the film.

YOUTH IN REVOLT

The Weinstein Company

"Youth in Revolt" is a hilarious coming-of-age comedy starring Michael Cera (Super Bad, Juno). It is directed by Miguel Arteta and produced by David Permut, with Nan Morales as the executive producer.

Based on the novel by C.D. Payne, "Youth in Revolt" highlights the journals of Nick Twisp, California's most precocious diarist whose ongoing struggles to make sense out of high school, deal with his divorced parents and fall in love, result in his transformation from an unassuming teen into a modern youth in open revolt.

Nick manipulates (and becomes a "wanted man" in the process) his divorced parents, his friends and his neighbors into helping him reunite with the girl of his dreams—the beautiful Sheeni Saunders. Ultimately, Nick learns that his actions have serious consequences, but more importantly, the true value and meaning of love.













Business and Computer Information Systems Department welcomes Rod Meloni, Business Editor, WDIV-TV Tuesday, Oct. 21

First Group of MAT-Online Students to Complete Program in August

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Barbara Bradford, Sara Edmonds, Megan Fleming, Julia Thurston, and Michelle Trejo are members of the first cohort of the new online MAT program. Developed with Teachscape, the program focuses on improving teacher practice by incorporating researchbased practices and up-to-date assignments directly applicable to classrooms, thereby linking theory to practice. The Tower Times caught up with two of these students, Barbara and Sara, as they were finishing their final class.

TT: Why did you select the online MAT program at Marygrove?

SE: The courses are meaningful and research-based, and the textbooks and readings are current and relevant. Although the program allows for a great deal of independence on the part of the student, the course mentors are knowledgeable and provide appropriate support when needed.

BB: This program stands out because it allows students to make connections with their own classroom experiences. What we're learning can be directly applied in our classrooms immediately.

TT: Which course has helped you the most in your teaching?

SE: Effective Assessment, Instructional Design and Meeting the Needs of All Students have been extremely helpful and relevant in my current work coaching teachers.

BB: Foundations of Reading really had a great impact on my teaching. I learned strategies that I've applied in my classroom already, such as ways to develop phonemic awareness.

TT: Have you been able to use what you learn in your work?

SE: The knowledge I've gleaned from my coursework has become pivotal in the feedback I've given to teachers about their instructional practices. I've also been able to use many of the lesson plans and tools I've created as assignment requirements, as exemplars and models to share with my teachers.

To learn more about Marygrove College's online master's degree program, visit: <u>www.marygrove.edu/</u> <u>mat_or call (800) 955-9914</u>.

Technology Training Workshops Offered Free to Alumni



7 p.m. / Denk Chapman Hall

Join the Business and Computer Information Systems department faculty and students for a presentation by Rod Meloni, Emmy Award winning business editor of WDIV-TV news, a job he has held for the past 13 years. An exciting, fun and stimulating speaker, he will focus on the role of small business innovation in southeast Michigan, interact with a panel of entrepreneurial alums, and then entertain questions from the audience.

Meloni came to Detroit after stops in Saginaw, Mich. as main anchor; investigative and street reporter in Tampa and Miami, Fla.; and main anchor and reporter in Portland and Bangor, Maine. He has won numerous awards for Excellence in Automotive Journalism. Rod's passion in his present job is reporting on and talking about personal finance. He did the course work and passed the Certified Financial Planner exam, which is kind of like the bar exam for financial planners. He is the only known working journalist to ever pass this difficult exam. A native New Englander, he is married to his high school sweetheart Karen and they have three daughters.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit the Marygrove Web site at <u>www.marygrove.edu</u> or contact Jane Hammang-Buhl, Chair of the Business and Computer Information Systems Department at (313) 927-1465.



The Educational Technology Services Department at Marygrove is pleased to offer free technology training workshops to alumni on a variety of topics including **Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access** and **Publisher.** These courses will introduce the user to the Office 2007 version of these applications.

Training sessions are offered in the **Student Technology Instruction Center (STIC) located on the lower level of the Library in rooms L011 and L012.**

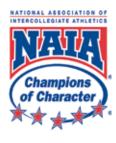
For more information or to register for a workshop, contact Gwen Little at (313) 927-1285 or <u>glittle@marygrove.edu</u>.

More Mustang Student-Athletes to wear Green and Gold in 2009

By Dave Sichterman, Director of Athletics

Over the last eight years I have had the privilege of leading the implementation of an intercollegiate athletic program on our campus. The Mustang Athletic Program began with men's basketball back in 2000 and women's basketball the following year. In addition to the women's basketball program in '01, motivated students formed cheer and dance teams, and took advantage of the basketball games to display their Marygrove Mustang spirit. Over the last five years, the Mustang Athletic Program has had an average of 40 student-athletes participate in the sport offerings on campus. Soon, more Mustang student-athletes will have the opportunity to represent the 'Grove in their sport and on a larger stage.

Marygrove has recently hired coaches to lead new sports programs on campus. In the fall of 2009 we will be able to watch Mustang student-athletes compete in women's volleyball and soccer, men's soccer, and men's and women's cross country.



In 2002, we elevated our program by affiliating with 60 other U.S. colleges by joining the newly formed United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA). The USCAA gave our athletic program instant credibility and allowed us to begin competing

against the likes of Wayne State, Madonna, Siena Heights, Grand Valley and Oakland University. Last fall our Mustang teams moved into the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The NAIA, the oldest national athletic association, has approximately 300 member institutions across the U.S. and Canada. This fall will be our first year as a full member in the NAIA and our teams and athletes will be eligible for post season competitions and national honors. Marygrove is the ninth school in the state of Michigan to join the NAIA (www.naia. org). A primary reason for Marygrove to join the NAIA was the NAIA's Champions of Character Program (C of C). The Champions of Character Program was developed because the NAIA recognized the deteriorating values and conduct in sport. In 2000, the NAIA decided to go public with the C of C program and has made it a mission to change the culture of sport in society by promoting character and leadership development. The five core values of the C of C program are Respect, Responsibility, Integrity, Servant Leadership and Sportsmanship. While sports do not teach character, it is an arena where positive values can be promoted, learned, practiced and developed.

Each NAIA institution is asked to put character development at the forefront of its athletic program by educating its coaches and student-athletes and reaching out to other sport and non-sport organizations to promote positive personal qualities and values. Our Mustang Athletic Program is going to go one step further by becoming a Champions of Character Program Center for our region. This center will be a resource for on- and off-campus groups to learn about the benefits of character and leadership development.

While implementing the Mustang Athletic Program I have been, and always will be mindful of the college's mission of educating through the principles of competence, commitment and compassion. From the start, the college's mission has been integrated into the mission of the Mustang Athletic Program through the Mustang 3-C's—Commitment, Character, Champions.

I encourage our alumni to support our studentathletes and coaches by attending a ball game this year and getting involved in our program. Opportunities exist to share your personal and professional experiences with our student-athletes through the Champions of Character Program, the annual Mustang Athletic Banquet and other campus events. Keep up-to-date on Mustang Athletics by clicking on <u>www.marygrove.edu/athletics</u> or contact me at (313) 927-1391 or <u>dsichterman@</u> <u>marygrove.edu</u>.





Iend a Hand Sandwich to Go Program

Saturday, Oct. 18 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

The Alumni Association has volunteered once again to assist with the Cass Community Social Services' Sandwich to Go Program on Saturday, Oct. 18 from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Scott Center, 11850 Woodrow Wilson Dr., Detroit. This program, which provides meals for detainees, funds a significant number of Cass Community Social Services' projects.

We will prepare hundreds of sandwiches that will be distributed among Detroit Police Department precincts. This is a great way to carry out the mandates to feed the poor and visit (figuratively) those in prison. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact Diane Puhl at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Those who have participated in the past have expressed their appreciation for having the opportunity to bond with their fellow alums while offering assistance to an organization that provides vital services to thousands of disadvantaged people in Detroit.

Make a Difference Day

As Marygrove graduates, you are the perfect source of wisdom and inspiration for current students to believe they can make it to the

finish line. The events listed below are part of an ongoing effort by the Office of Campus Ministry to keep Marygrove's mission vibrant and encourage our students to do the same. We hope you will join us in these meaningful endeavors.



'Make a Difference Day' will take place Saturday, Oct. 25. The objective of this year's event is to help landscape and tidy-up the neighborhood surrounding Marygrove, including abandoned properties. So, in



6 p.m. – 11 p.m. Main Dining Room, Madame Cadillac Hall

Disco is back and hotter than ever. Put on your polyester clothes and your platform shoes and check out the popular dances of the 70's including the Street Hustle, Latin Hustle, Night Fever Line Dance, Bus Stop, Four Corners, Soul Train, the Bump and many more. DJ Ron Jackson '07 will be spinning the tunes and prizes will be awarded for the "best dressed" male and female of the 70's.

The cost is \$10, which includes admission and light refreshments. This program is sponsored by the Marygrove College Alumni Association Program Committee. To purchase your tickets send a check made payable to Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI, 48221. Tickets will be available for \$15 at the door only if the event is not sold out in advance so register early to secure your spot on the dance floor. If you have questions or need more information, contact Margo Lee '00 at (313) 538-8611 or margolee2000@sbcglobal.net.



addition to people, we may need a few lawnmowers and trimmers as well.

The Office of Campus Ministry is also pleased and proud to once again lend our support to 'Angel Tree' —a national project whose mission is to assist the children of incarcerated parents. We are looking for alumni and students who are willing to purchase Christmas gifts which will be given to the children in their parent's name. Additionally, Marygrove will host a holiday celebration at which time the gifts will be presented to the children.

If you are interested in volunteering for either of these projects, or would like more information, contact Delphine Reed, Servant Leadership Project Coordinator at (313) 927-1584 or <u>dreed9413@marygrove.edu</u>.

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CAFETERIA

Although the cafeteria served us well for many years, it was showing signs of its stalwart service. This summer the space is in the process of a major modernization. When all is complete, the cafeteria will feature such amenities as:

- Made-to-order stations for all meals
- Bread, soup and salad bar station
- · Bigger and brighter serving area
- Completely open dining area with new lighting, flooring and furniture







FITNESS CENTER

The gymnasium is being converted into a contemporary fitness room to accommodate the training needs of Marygrove athletes. In addition, open hours are being discussed so that all students, faculty, and staff can benefit from the upgraded facility.

CAMPUS FENCING





While helping to define the campus grounds, the wrought iron fencing also adds some mystery to those who wish to cross beyond it. The fence should not, however, detract from the campus and while the green and gold paint it had for a number of years helped identify our college, it had the effect of stopping the eye from "seeing through." Therefore, the fencing was painted its original black once again and the change is remarkable.

The angle of the fence at Wyoming and McNichols has been changed to a diagonal, rather than being squared at the corner. A beautiful new flowerbed is already thriving and there are plans for custom signage to be installed at that corner.

NEW BOOKSTORE

Plans have been established to move the bookstore to the main hall of the Liberal Arts Building in the area currently occupied by the business offices. Besides being a beautiful and welcoming focal point for those entering the building, the bookstore will house Marygrove College items for purchase and feature a Starbucks counter to give it a café feel.

WOODED AREAS

Perhaps the most visible change on campus, the areas formerly known as "heavily wooded" are being groomed and thinned. Marygrove reached out to the IHMs to find a botanist to help determine which trees could best sustain the beauty of the wooded areas, and how to repopulate these areas for the enjoyment of campus and community members for generations to come.

Although there has been some concern that Marygrove is simply cutting down the trees—we are, in fact, removing dead material, stumps and sick trees. This restores the beautiful site lines to the campus and makes the woods safer. Grass and wildflowers will be planted to add a lovely bed of color between the trees.

The much anticipated path through the wooded areas is mostly complete. The wood chips are still settling and there remain a few opportunities for grooming (and for litter pick up), but overall, the path makes for a very pleasant walk.



Marygrove hosts Town Hall Meeting as part of a Neighborhood Empowerment and Enhancement Initiative

Marygrove is pleased to announce that with the support of a planning grant from the Community Foundations' Donor-Advised Fund we have made significant progress on our Neighborhood Enhancement and Empowerment Initiative.

Marygrove hosted the first of two Town Hall Meetings on July 29, 2008 at the Northwest Activity Center located at Curtis and Meyers in Detroit. This meeting was a brainstorming session involving residents and businesses within the neighborhood. We were very pleased to have over 200 residents from the neighborhood in attendance and were able to engage the residents of the neighborhood in initial steps toward developing a vision, and launching an initiative to incrementally institute programs and projects to realize the vision. The initiative will be a grass roots effort involving all parties – not one where the college decides what is needed to be done and when.

The college will help launch and support the neighborhood initiative through student, staff and faculty assistance.

An official organizational structure will be established with a Board of Directors and various committees. The college will document the process of the initiative and establish a model that can be replicated in other neighborhoods throughout the city.

If you are a resident of the neighborhood initiative area, or simply have a desire to volunteer, contact Jo Ann Cusmano '76, Vice President for Strategic Initiatives. Jo Ann can be reached at: (313) 927-1434 or jcusmano@marygrove.edu.

Over the past year, the Steering Committee (consisting of faculty, staff and outside consultants) focused on what the role of the college should be in the effort and developed the following parameters:

A neighborhood area has been established extending on the south and west of the campus to the John C. Lodge Expressway, on the north to 7 Mile and on the east to Livernois. The organization will be a 501 (c)(3) organization, in order to take advantage of foundation and government grants.

The entire neighborhood will be invited to develop a vision for the neighborhood and help prioritize projects and programs to attain that vision.

The initiative will likely achieve results with incremental successes over time, so it's important that everyone understands that change won't happen overnight.

Board members of the organization will consist of leaders from within and outside the neighborhood. Committees made up of neighborhood residents and business owners will advance projects and programs, which will be approved annually. For more information on the Neighborhood Enhancement and Empowerment Initiative, go to www.ourneighborhoodengaged.com.





Over the last several years, the Dinner/Theatre events sponsored by the Marygrove Alumni Association Program Committee have met with great success. This season we are pleased to bring you an exciting play from the UDM Theatre Company in the Marygrove Theatre, preceded by dinner in the Main Dining Room in Madame Cadillac Hall.

Saturday, Nov. 15 Dinner 6 p.m. Stage Play 8 p.m.



How I Learned to Drive is a wildly funny, surprising and devastating tale of survival as seen through the lens of a troubled relationship between a young girl and an older man. How I Learned to Drive is the story of a woman who learns the rules of the road from life behind the wheel. Winner of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. The cost is \$30 per person, which includes dinner and a theater ticket. Space is limited and reservations must be received no later than Monday, Nov. 3. To make reservations, send a check made payable to Marygrove College, attention Diane Puhl, 8425 West McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221. If you have questions, contact Frances Simmons at (248) 546-2876.



TARGARET GARNER by Richard Danielpour

Friday, Oct. 24 – 7:30 p.m.

This beautiful, moving and tragic opera, sung in English, had its world premiere at the Detroit Opera House in 2005. Greatly acclaimed at that time, it played to sell-out audiences. Now it returns for another engagement at the glorious Detroit Opera House. The Marygrove Alumni Association has reserved a block of 20 seats on the sides of the main floor.

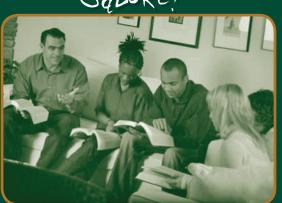
Based on historical events, Margaret Garner, was composed by Grammy Award winner Richard Danielpour with libretto by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Toni Morrison. The opera is based on Morrison's novel Beloved. Fleeing her slave-owner in Kentucky in 1856 to Ohio, Margaret Garner made the horrific decision to sacrifice her own children when facing recapture, rather than see them returned to the bonds of slavery. Her trial became the subject of intense national debate, addressing crucial issues in constitutional law and posing key questions at the core of the rift in the Union.

The cost for this event is \$35 per person (regular ticket price is \$85). Space is limited and reservations must be received no later than Oct. 15, 2008. To make reservations, send a check made payable to Marygrove College, attention Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221. For questions about this event, contact Sheila Keefe '56 at (810) 241-3588 or <u>sheilakeef@aol.com</u>.



Join us for an evening of reflection designed especially for Marygrove College Alumni. We will gather within a prayerful setting as we hope to discover what the special season of Advent has to offer us this year and bring our concerns and those of our world to prayer. This evening will be facilitated by Mary McDevitt, IHM '58, coordinator of Visitation-North, an IHM-sponsored spirituality ministry located at the former convent at Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills. Cost for the event is \$20. To register, contact Mary McDevitt, IHM at Visitation-North, 7227 Lahser Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48301 or (248) 433-0950 or <u>Maryihm@comcast.net</u> no later than Nov. 26.

Book DISCUSSIONS Galore!



The Complete Persepolis By Marjane Satrapi

Tuesday, Oct. 7 • 6:30 – 8 p.m. Faculty Lounge • Liberal Arts Building Basement

The Complete Persepolis, Marjane Satrapi's bestselling, internationally acclaimed memoirin-comic strips, is the story of her unforgettable childhood and coming of age within a large and loving family in Tehran during the Islamic Revolution; of the contradictions between private life and public life in a country plagued by political upheaval; of her high school years in Vienna facing the trials of adolescence far from her family; of her homecoming-both sweet and terrible; and finally, of her selfimposed exile from her beloved homeland. It is the chronicle of a girlhood and adolescence at once outrageous and familiar, a young life entwined with the history of her country yet filled with the universal trials and joys of growing up.

Edgy, searing, observant and candid, often heartbreaking but threaded with raw humor and hard-earned wisdom—Persepolis is a stunning work from one of the most highly regarded, singularly talented graphic artists at work today.

Time Magazine writes, "A memoir of growing up as a girl in revolutionary Iran, Persepolis provides a unique glimpse into a nearly unknown and unreachable way of life...That Satrapi chose to tell her remarkable story as a gorgeous comic book makes it totally unique and indispensable." Now also a major motion picture, the 2007 Academy Award nominated film has won numerous international awards, including the 2007 Cannes Film Festival Jury Prize.

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Wednesday, December 10 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Elegant Dinner and Wine Tasting Sunday, October 19, 4-7 p.m. Forté Restaurant 201 S. Old Woodward Avenue Birmingham Enjoy dinner with wine tasting at one of the most popular and vibrant restaurants in Birmingham. Family, friends and alumni are welcome. The \$45.00 price per person includes a four-course dinner with 12 different wines, surprise wine gift, tax and gratuity— a \$75 dollar value! Space is limited and we anticipate an enthusiastic response.

To register, send a check made payable to Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221 by Oct. 8. For more information, contact Mark Bartnik at (248) 689-9782. Dr. Darcy Brandel, Assistant Professor of English, will facilitate this discussion. To register, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Save the date!

Alumni winter book discussion Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, 6:30 – 9 p.m. **Breath, Eyes, Memory** by Edwidge Danticat Facilitated by Dr. Loretta Woodard

Marygrove College Visual & Performing Arts Events Calendar 2008-2009 Season









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Marygrove College Chorale

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SEPTEMBER

September 14 – October 12, 2008 Lynn Galbreath & Andrea Eis Reception: Sunday • September 14, 2008 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. • The Gallery Paintings of Lynn Galbreath and photography of Andrea Eis. Both artists use contemporary and historical references as their language. Past and present are fused together. Contact: Jim Lutomski 313.927.1337

jlutomski@marygrove.edu

September 16, 2008 Welcome Back Recital: Alvin Waddles

Tuesday • 12:00 noon • Denk Chapman Hall Detroit's Alvin B. Waddles, III performed at the 2004 Ford International Jazz Festival, the Detroit Taste Fest, and "Too Hot to Handel." Mr. Waddles will perform classical and jazz works. Contact: Joanne Clark 313.927.1255 jclark@marygrove.edu

September 26, 27, 28 • October 3, 4, 5, 10,11, 12, 2008 The Sunshine Boys By Neil Simon

Performance Times: Friday and Saturday • 8:00 p.m. Sunday • 2:00 p.m. Performed by The UDM Theatre Company @ Marygrove College Theatre A one-time vaudevillian team who, over the course of forty-odd years grew to hate each other. It is now 1972 and CBS is inviting the team to reunite for a special on the history of comedy. This hilarious comedy is sure to be a hit!

Contact: UDM Theatre Box Office 313.993.3270 theatre@udmercy.edu

October 7, 2008 Canada to Germany: Concertizing in Europe, Frederick Mooney

Tuesday • 12:00 noon • Sacred Heart Chapel Frederick Mooney of Ontario, has taught at l'Université Laval and Wilfrid Laurier University and appeared frequently on CBC Radio. Since 1997 he has been Music Director of Assumption in Windsor. Contact: Joanne Clark 313.927.1255 jclark@marygrove.edu

OCTOBER

October 19 – November 16, 2008 Marygrove Art Faculty Exhibition Reception: Sunday • October 19, 2008 • 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. • The Gallery Contact: Jim Lutomski 313.927.1337

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October 24,25,26, 2008

Eve of St. Agnes - with Sue Carman Vian Performance & Master Class

Performance Times: Friday & Saturday • 8:00 p.m. • Sunday • 4:00 p.m. • The Theatre The Eve of St. Agnes is about memory and language. Taken from a romantic poem by John Keats, original music, rap singing, costumes and digitally projected stage effects are part of the production.

Contact: Jim Lutomski 313.927.1337 jlutomski@marygrove.edu

October 31, 2008

Ballet Master Class with Ricardo Moyano

Friday • 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. • Liberal Arts Building • Room #211

Ricardo Moyano, a native of Argentina, danced with the Chicago Ballet, San Diego Ballet, Dayton Ballet, the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater and with the Hubbard Street Dance Company. He is co-director of DanceWest Ballet and School of DanceWest Ballet in Illinois.

Contact: Judith Molina 313.927.1306 jmolina@marygrove.edu

NOVEMBER

November 7, 2008 Modern Dance Master Class

with Kim Bears Bailey Friday • 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. • Liberal Arts Building • Room #211 Kim Bears Bailey, a native of Philadelphia, is an Associate Professor at the University of the Arts, Assistant Artistic Director/PHILADANCO, and conducts residencies and master classes across the globe.

November 14, 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 2008 How I Learned to Drive By Paula Vogel

Performance Times: Friday & Saturday • 8:00 p.m. Sunday • 2:00 p.m. Performed by The UDM Theatre Company @ Marygrove College Theatre A wildly funny and devastating tale of survival. A woman who learns the rules of the road from life behind the wheel. Winner of the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for Drama. Contains adult content.

Contact: UDM Theatre Box Office 313.993.3270 theatre@udmercy.edu

November 21, 2008

Vocal Music Master Class

with George Shirley

Friday • 10:00 a.m. • Denk Chapman Hall Tenor George Shirley, the first African-American member of the U. S. Army Chorus and first prize winner of the Metropolitan Opera auditions, in a vocal master class for students at various levels of vocal development. Contact: Victoria Bigelow 313.927.1372 vbigelow@marygrove.edu

DECEMBER

December 5 & 6, 2008 Senior Student Dance Showcase

Friday • 8:00 p.m. • Saturday • 2:00 & 8:00 p.m. Thursday • December 4, 7:00 p.m. • Open Dress Rehearsal • Marygrove College Theatre

The annual fall dance concert featuring an eclectic collection of choreography by senior dance majors Cierra Frazier, Kiah Furcean, Justine LaRose, and Megan Smallridge.

Contact: Susan Panek 313.927.1568 spanek@marygrove.edu

December 14, 2008 Christmas Chorale Concert

Sunday • 5:00 p.m. • Sacred Heart Chapel The concert includes festive music, handbells, and audience participation in carol singing. The Marygrove College Chorale, a mixed ensemble of students, staff, alumni, and community residents. Contact: Ellen Duncan 313.927.1254 eduncan@marygrove.edu

Contact: Judith Molina 313.927.1306 jmolina@marygrove.edu



Lynn Galbreath

UDM Theatre Company

Homecoming Week

Monday, Sept. 15 POETRY READING

7:30 - 9 p.m. • Denk Chapman Hall Enjoy an evening of reading and discussion of original poetry written by alumni, current students and faculty.

Tuesday, Sept. 16 7[™] ANNUAL ALUMNI GREEN and GOLD BASKETBALL GAME

7- 9 p.m. • U of D Jesuit High School 8400 S. Cambridge, Detroit Come to play or come to cheer! Whether you were on a team during your college years or not, ALL alumni are invited to play. Current Marygrove Mustang players will coach, referee and keep score.

Thursday, Sept. 18 7[™] ANNUAL ALUMNI and FRIENDS GOLF SCRAMBLE

11 a.m. • St. John's Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth, Mich.

This event includes 18 holes with cart, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, two drink tickets and contest prizes. Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$50 for dinner only.

Friday, Sept. 19 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS CEREMONY and RECEPTION

7-10:30 p.m. • Marygrove College Theatre and Denk Chapman Hall

The Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni Awards were established to recognize and honor alumni of distinction. These awards celebrate Marygrove's ideals of competence, commitment and compassion. All alumni are invited to attend the award ceremony in the theatre and then enjoy refreshments, conversation and live music at the reception that follows in Denk Chapman Hall.

Saturday, Sept. 20 **REGISTRATION and CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST** 8:30-9:30 a.m. • Madame Cadillac Hall

LITURGY

10-11 a.m. • Sacred Heart Chapel

CLASS/GROUP PICTURES

11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. • Liberal Arts Building Pictures will be taken of classes whose graduation year ends in 3 or 8 (1953, 1958, etc.) and of groups from the 80s through present.

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12:30 - 2 p.m. • Alumnae Hall

ALUMNI MUSICAL CELEBRATION

2:30 - 4 p.m. • Sacred Heart Chapel This performance will showcase the musical talents of Marygrove College alumni, students and faculty. The celebration will feature performances by Mary Walton '89 and '97, piano; Ron Jackson '07, trumpet; Megan Higle '07, vocal; Glen Holcomb '94, vocal; Michelle Farnsworth '08, organ; Deborah Podolka, flute, and more!

Sunday, Sept. 21 LITURGY 11 a.m. - Noon • Sacred Heart Chapel

GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION HONORING the CLASS of 1958

Noon - 2 p.m. • Main Dining Room Brunch and induction of the Class of 1958 in the Fifty-Year Club and recognition of those who graduated prior to 1958 To register or for more information contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations and Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Award recipients

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September 15-21, 2008 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

UPCOMING ALUMNI RECEPTIONS

Social Work Alumni Reception

Friday, Sept. 19 • 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Madame Cadillac 3rd Floor Foyer and Room 359

All Social Work Alumni are cordially invited to a reception in your honor, as part of the 2008 Marygrove Homecoming Celebration! Come meet old friends and make new ones, network, learn about new Social Work Department happenings and help dedicate the Michelle Ventour Social Work Resource Room. Professor Ventour, who passed away in 2006, was a passionate member of the Social Work faculty for 17 years and served as Department Chair and director of the field practicum during her tenure.

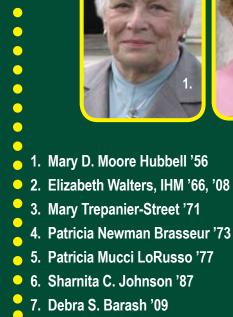
Immediately following the dedication, at 7 p.m., will be Marygrove's 2008 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception, where "one of our own" will be honored. Debra S. Barash '09 has been selected to receive the Distinguished Alumni of Tomorrow Award. For more information or to RSVP, contact Nedra Turner at (313) 927-1482.

Science and Mathematics Alumni Reception and Tour

Friday, Sept. 19 • 5:30 – 6:45 p.m. Liberal Arts 3rd Floor Foyer

To celebrate Homecoming week, all science and mathematics alumni are cordially invited to a reception to learn about the exciting happenings in the Science and Math Department, and tour the newly renovated, state-of-the-art labs and classrooms. Immediately following the reception and tour at 7 p.m., will be the Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception, where biology major Patricia Mucci LoRusso '77 will be honored. For more information or to RSVP, please contact Teri Miller at (313) 927-1333.









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