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A Message From Marygrove President David J. Fike



On Thursday, Nov. 10, Marygrove officially dedicated the Keenan Courtyard during the annual President’s Council Dinner. Elizabeth Clinton Keenan graduated with the class of 1929. In May 2010, Ms. Keenan passed away at the age of 103, and bequeathed virtually her entire estate—valued at over \$4 million—to her alma mater, marking the largest monetary gift in Marygrove’s history.

To honor Elizabeth Keenan’s beneficence, the College built a beautiful, award-winning courtyard (see sidebar on page 5) adjacent to the Madame Cadillac Building. The courtyard was designed to be a reflection of her educational values, the things she loved and the way she lived her life.

A bust of Elizabeth is facing a fountain, representing the fact that she was present to witness the building of our beautiful campus. There will be a statue above the fountain (which will be installed in the spring), that is symbolic of the IHM Sisters building Marygrove from the ground up with their bare hands. The fountain contains pebbles that represent each and every graduate that Marygrove has shepherded through. You may be interested to know that Elizabeth had written a foreshadowing passage about herself in a Christmas card from 1964 to her friend and Marygrove alumna Alma Stueve:

“Someday, without knowing it, I will cause positive and lasting change somewhere on this earth. It doesn’t matter where or when it happens, all that matters is that it happened and that little Bette Keenan caused it. Just like a pebble thrown into a still body of water,

I will witness the water change and know, without a doubt, that I have created that change by not remaining stagnant but by taking action.”

The ripples in the water that she refers to are represented in black cobblestone, and there are boulders lovingly selected from Elizabeth’s home town of Holton, Michigan in the Upper Peninsula. Bette—as she was known to her friends—loved fall colors, and the plantings in the courtyard are identical to the ones found in her own garden in Seattle.

The courtyard is intended to be a place for students, faculty, staff and others to gather, study, eat lunch, or to sit quietly and reflect. I encourage you to make a special visit to campus to see the courtyard. We are so grateful to Elizabeth for honoring us with her generous gift and we hope that by simply enjoying this beautiful space, we will be honoring her.



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

As we move into an exciting New Year filled with hope and promise, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the loss of a very special individual who had a profound influence on Marygrove College and the Marygrove College Alumni Association. On November 14, 2011, Jan Soleau, IHM '59 passed away. She was recently honored as a 2011 Distinguished Alumna.



Sr. Jan served as Alumni Director from the early 80s through the mid 90s and later came out of retirement to support the College's fundraising efforts by working part-time in Planned Giving. She was passionate about Marygrove and was devoted to creating positive relationships between and among alumni and with the College. Hundreds of you remember the pleasure of sitting across from Sr. Jan in your living rooms or restaurants and discussing your families, jobs, hopes, dreams, challenges and sometimes even your wills. Sr. Jan brought an enthusiasm for life, a genuine interest and openness, and a way of engaging with others that

was unparalleled. No one instilled more pride in, or was more proud of Marygrove College and its graduates.

On behalf of the alumni board of directors, we recognize and honor Sr. Jan Soleau's contributions to Marygrove and commit to carry on her work and passion for the College in everything we do. Sr. Jan was a mentor, friend and self-proclaimed adopted mother to Marygrove's alumni director, Diane Puhl, so you will no doubt see her spirit in Diane's work (and unfortunately her jokes!) as well.

Save the Date – Homecoming 2012 • September 13-16, 2012

Thursday, September 13 – 11th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble
Friday, September 14 – Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony and Reception
Saturday, September 15 – Mass/Lunch/Campus Tours
Sunday, September 16 – Mass/Brunch/Induction of the Class of 1962 into the Fifty Year Club

Homecoming 2012 celebrates the graduating classes of 1932, 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002 and 2007 however, everyone, regardless of graduation year, is invited and encouraged to attend. Information will be mailed to reunion classes in the spring and specific details will follow in upcoming issues of *The Tower Times* and *Marygrove Minute*. If you have questions or need more information, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Stay in Touch

We welcome news and photos of alumni accomplishments and milestones in the lives of our alumni. In addition to news submitted directly by alumni, we also publish news and information gathered from local newspapers and periodicals. To submit an Alumni Class Note or notification of the death of a classmate or family member, send your information to Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu or submit the information via our website at www.marygrove.edu/alumni-donors/alumni-relations/stay-in-touch.

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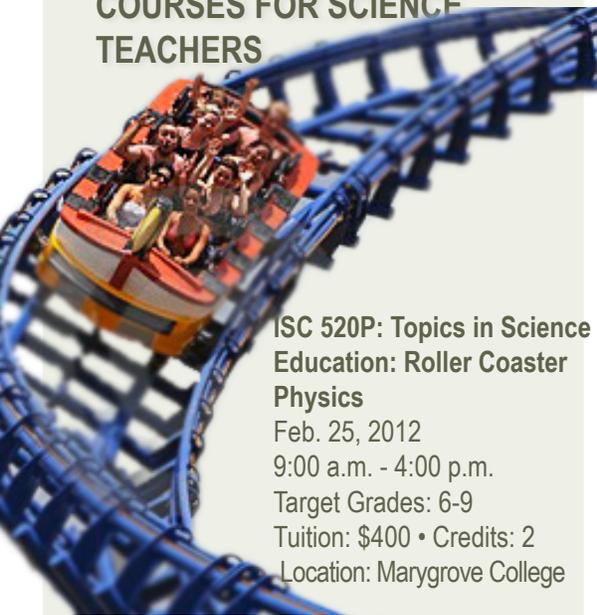
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GRADUATE RECERTIFICATION COURSES FOR SCIENCE TEACHERS



ISC 520P: Topics in Science Education: Roller Coaster Physics

Feb. 25, 2012

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Target Grades: 6-9

Tuition: \$400 • Credits: 2

Location: Marygrove College

This course focuses on the fundamentals of physics as it relates to roller coasters. Participants will engage in a variety of activities which will enhance their knowledge and understanding about momentum, force, acceleration and much more through hands-on inquiry-based activities. Participants will continue their study online (one month) and learn how to integrate it into their curriculum.

ISC 520F: Topics in Science Education: Amazing Astronomy

March 24, 2012 • 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Target Grades: 4-7 • Tuition: \$400

Credits: 2

Location: Detroit Children's Museum

This course focuses on the fundamentals of astronomy. Participants will engage in a variety of activities which will enhance their knowledge and understanding about stars and their life cycles, using telescopes and observing the night sky and much more through hands-on inquiry-based activities. Participants will also receive additional resources to use with their students or group members. Participants will continue their study online (one month) and learn how to integrate it into their curriculum.

For more information or to register, please contact Theresa Jordan at (313) 927-1261.



New Master's in Special Education Builds on Successes of Past Programs

The Department of Education is launching a new **Master of Education in Special Education** with an emphasis in Learning Disabilities. The next few months will see a variety of activities to build cohorts for the new on-campus program.

The Master of Education in Special Education is for individuals who already hold a teaching certificate and wish to add an endorsement in Learning Disabilities. The new program builds on the successful undergraduate major in Learning Disabilities as well as post-degree offerings. Commended by the State of Michigan for its consistent theoretical organization and focus on instructional methods, Marygrove's new program revisions include methods courses for struggling writers and the use of assistive technologies across disciplines.

"Our program not only accommodates students who are teaching full time, but celebrates the wide experiences candidates bring as a strength," says **Dr. Steffanie Bowles**, associate professor of Education and coordinator of the program. *"We make it possible for currently practicing teachers to have practicum opportunities both on the job, and during the summer semesters."* Such a variety of experiences helps to prepare future special educators for teaching students from birth to age 26, in public, private, and charter school settings.

Another innovative feature of the program includes a technology package of hardware and software, designed to enable future special educators to not only utilize assistive technologies in their classrooms, but create learning objects to use with students who need something different in order to learn as well. *"Regardless of what technologies are available in their future classrooms, our graduates will be able to bring tools with them that they are experienced using, to use with students as soon as they walk in the door,"* said Dr. Bowles.

Learn more about Special Education at Marygrove by visiting our blog online at <http://marygrovesped.edublogs.org/>, or like us on Facebook at Marygrove Special Education. Begin your application process with the graduate application at www.marygrove.edu, then click on Future Students, then Admissions.

For questions about the program, contact Dr. Steffanie Bowles at sbowles@marygrove.edu.

Technology Training Workshops Offered Free to Alums

The Educational Technology Services Department at Marygrove offers free technology training workshops (registration required) to Alumni on a variety of topics including Windows XP and Microsoft Office 2010 - Word, PowerPoint and Excel.

Training sessions are offered in the Student Technology Instruction & Collaboration Center (STICC) located in L011 of the Library's lower level. For more information or to register for a workshop, contact the

STICC at (313) 927-1582.



This is Mustang Territory

Mustang Student-Athletes Earn National Recognition

A notable sports commercial sponsored by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) that aired on TV recently, highlighted the fact that many athletes at their schools are going “pro”—not in a sport, but in their chosen profession. Based on national accolades the Mustangs received this fall, Marygrove student-athletes could star in that commercial. At the end of the Fall 2011 sports season, 14 Mustang student-athletes, representing four sports, earned United States Collegiate Athletic Association (USCAA) Academic All-American status and the Mustang Athletic Program was honored by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) by being named a Five Star Champions of Character Institution in 2011.

To be named to the USCAA's Academic All-American Team, a student-athlete must have a 3.5 cumulative GPA after 24 credit hours, while participating in their sport. The Mustang student-athletes earning this honor in the Fall, included: **Women's Volleyball - Megan Gohl** (Junior, Belleville); **Women's Cross Country - Shana DeVoe** (Junior, Ortonville); **Men's Soccer – Ahmed Almoshawi** (Sophomore, Dearborn), **Tyler Arban** (Sophomore, Garden City), **Jordan Largent** (Junior, Mattawan), and **Stefan McMillan** (Junior, St. John's); and **Women's Soccer - Paige Bicoll**

(Sophomore, Warren), **Rebecca Collins** (Sophomore, Garden City), **Ana Guerra** (Sophomore, Flint), **Kristin Jolly** (Sophomore, Livonia), **Colleen Mullen** (Junior, Madison Heights), **Jessica Niemi** (Junior, Swartz Creek), **Nicole Polite** (Senior, Sterling Heights), and **Janina Velasco** (Junior, Sterling Heights).

In the NAIA, Marygrove joins a list of 220 members to be recognized as an institution that exemplifies the promotion of character-driven athletics within the association. To be recognized as a Five Star Institution, a school must score at least 60 points on their Champions of Character Scorecard.

“Marygrove College is proud to be recognized as a Five-Star Champions of Character Institution,” said athletic director Dave Sichterman. “Being named to the list means a lot to our athletics program as we continue our growth within the NAIA and soon the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference. The announcement speaks to the commitment of our student-athletes and institution alike to promote character-driven athletics at Marygrove College.”

Some highlights from the 2010-11 academic year include: Champions of Character awareness at every home contest, having each student-athlete sign a Champions of Character pledge, furthering the development of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and an all-athlete forum that featured former Detroit

Piston and Michigan State University great, GC Kelser, as a guest speaker. Kelser's address focused around his time as a student-athlete and how character plays a vital role in the success of everyone on and off the playing field.

The Scorecard was created to provide a way to measure each institution's commitment to character development and the NAIA's vision toward advancing character-driven intercollegiate athletics. Institutions were measured based on a demonstrated commitment to Champions of Character and earned points in each of the following categories: character training, conduct in competition, academic focus, character recognition, and character promotion. Institutions earned points based on exceptional student-athlete grade point averages and by obtaining minimal ejections/warnings during competition throughout the course of the academic year.

These individual and program honors are significant accomplishments for our student-athletes and our institution. Our student-athletes and coaches are proving that athletics is thriving at the 'Grove and are making us all proud to be Mustangs.

To keep up on all that is happening and to learn more about our student-athletes and teams, be sure to bookmark and frequently visit the Mustang website at www.marygrovemustangs.com.



Almoshawi



Arban



Gohl



Devoe



Bicoll



Collins



Guerra



Largent



McMillan



Jolly



Niemi



Mullen



Polite



Velasco

Attention Playwrights! Call for Submissions for Spring Dramafest 2012

Dramafest is an evening of staged readings of original one-act plays and excerpts from longer works written by emerging and established playwrights from the Marygrove community. Dramafest also encourages and emphasizes the development of new works by women and ethnically diverse playwrights and is another example of the College's long tradition of offering rich cultural experiences for the community.

Past playwrights include: **Donald Levin, Ph.D.**; **Michael Martin '97**, **Thomas Galasso**, **Leslie Love**, **Sharon Wallace '00**, **Oliver Pookrum**, **Diane Reeder**, **Horace H.B. Sanders**, and **Rochelle Riley**.

Alumni interested in participating in the Fifth Annual Spring Dramafest 2012, should send their bio along with 10 pages of their play and a synopsis to llove@marygrove.edu by February 27, 2012.

Friday Lunch and Learn Workshops for Behavioral Health Care Providers

Marygrove College's Division of Continuing Education and the Social Work Department announce the Winter/Spring 2012 Professional Education Series for Behavioral Health Care Providers—Friday Lunch and Learn Workshops. If you are looking for affordable, dynamic workshops on relevant topics, check out these:

- January 20 • **Workplace Violence: Raising Awareness** with Judy Jacobs, Ph.D.
- February 17 • **Cultural Awareness: Sensitivity in the Helping Professions** with Lorraine Mayes-Buckley, Ph.D.
- March 16 • **Legal, Ethical, and Professional Responsibility** featuring Phil O'Dwyer, Ph.D.
- April 20 • **A (W)holistic Approach to Sexual Assault Treatment** featuring Marygrove's own Kalimah Johnson, LMSW, ACSW
- May 18 • **Technology, Social Media and Social Work** featuring Marygrove's Fayette Martin, Ph.D.

Workshops are from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Madame Cadillac Building and the **\$69 workshop fee** includes materials, lunch and parking. Each workshop is worth **5 CE hours** toward the Michigan Certification Board of Addiction Professionals (MCBAP) and the Michigan Social Work Continuing Education Collaborative (MSWCEC) continuing education requirements.

This is a great opportunity to network with other behavioral health care providers and Social Work faculty while earning CE hours and enhancing your career. For more information contact **Regina Gordon**, Continuing Education, at (313) 927-1219.

Keenan Courtyard Receives Gold Award for Outstanding Achievement in Landscape

Marygrove's recently constructed Keenan Courtyard was awarded a Gold Award for Outstanding Achievement in Commercial Landscape Beautification by the Michigan Green Industry Association (MGIA) on December 8 at their annual banquet

Established in 1960, the MGIA is a professional trade association serving the Green Industry of Michigan. Their members range in size and include businesses in Landscape Design and Construction, Lawn and Landscape Maintenance, Irrigation, Tree Care and others.

Gold is the highest award given by the MGIA and the comments from the judges were stellar. When the photos were displayed on the large screen at the banquet, you could hear the attendees catch their breath!



2011 Distinguished Alumni



**ANN BURGER
KLOCKE '56**

After graduating, Ann Burger Klocke '56 returned to Buffalo to teach in an inner city elementary school while earning a Master of Science in Education

at Buffalo State College. She left teaching to raise a family of five – “my proudest achievement.” At St. Gregory the Great in Williamsville, NY Ann taught religious education classes, served as lector and Eucharistic minister, assisted in the parish renewal and Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) programs. In 1990 Ann earned a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry from Christ the King Seminary in the Buffalo diocese and was asked to join its Board of Trustees. She gave the seminary’s commencement address in 1993, the first woman to do so.

In 1988, Ann organized the Food Shuttle of Western New York after reading in The New York Times about a similar service. The all-volunteer organization picks up surplus food from supermarkets, restaurants and other providers and delivers it to soup kitchens, shelters and food pantries using a need-to-match system devised by Ann. The Food Shuttle continues to flourish.

Another of Ann’s commitments grew from a combination of encounters with panhandlers and reading about an innovative program to help the needy in Berkeley, California. She developed and organized Chicago Shares. Volunteers convince merchants to accept \$1 vouchers with the promise that they will be redeemed at face value by the Chicago Shares organization. Vouchers are sold to parishioners at downtown churches and synagogues who give them out to street people. They use the vouchers at any of 20 merchants for food and necessities. The downtown Jewel Supermarket redeemed \$69,000 in vouchers in four years.



**JANICE SOLEAU
IHM '59**

In 1943, just after graduating from St. Mary Academy on the campus of the IHM Motherhouse in Monroe, Michigan, Janice Soleau took a long step of only a few

blocks to enter the IHM community.

After her initial formation Sister Jan (then known as Sister Nivard) went off to teach school. Later she earned a master’s in Education from Wayne State University and also studied at Marymount College and the University of Chicago.

Sister Jan returned to Marygrove in 1983 as Alumni Director for another 13 years. A “fund raiser” and a “friend raiser,” Sister Jan allegedly retired but she moved down the hall in Madame Cadillac to work half-time in the Development Department making those one-on-one calls to individuals and companies who could be enlisted to contribute to Marygrove

When Dr. Glenda D. Price came to Detroit from Atlanta in 1998 to become President of Marygrove, Sister Jan, who no longer worked at Marygrove, took it upon herself to organize luncheons, accompany her to visit alumni, fill her in on people she was likely to meet and share engaging stories about the College. Dr. Price says, “No institution has a better ambassador than Sister Jan Soleau, IHM.” (Sr. Jan passed away on Nov. 14, 2011.)



**JUDITH TOMLANOVICH
MILLER '61**

Judy Tomlanovich Miller '61 includes among her fond recollections of Marygrove the encouragement to question what one has

read or heard as well as the emphasis on social service.

After several early moves about the country her family settled in Gaithersburg, Maryland where Judy became immersed in St. Rose parish life serving on the religious education

committee among others. In the early 1980s, Judy co-founded a group called Wise Women, to enable women to learn, share, explore and deepen their spiritual life. Judy also served as chairperson of food donations and distribution for Gaithersburg Help.

Judy, a former teacher, became attracted to the field of aging. She earned a master’s degree and Certificate in Gerontology from the University of Maryland-College Park. She served as a county social worker and later became the director of the Friendly Visitor and Pets on Wheels Outreach Programs of the Mental Health Association of Montgomery County from 1984-2000.

When the sexual abuse crisis by the Catholic clergy burst upon the front pages of the newspapers in 2002, Judy immediately decided that something had to be done. She led several dozen Catholics to establish an affiliate of the national organization Voice of the Faithful (VOTF) in Montgomery County. Judy served as president of the VOTF affiliate until she left the area. She testified in the Maryland Legislature in support of reform legislation including strengthening reporting requirements for institutions and individuals of suspected sexual abuse of children.



**MARY CALLAGHAN
LYNCH '76**

Mary Callaghan Lynch '76 has sung for a pope and first lady, for family and friends and thousands of strangers.

As the founding director of The Motor City Lyric Opera, Mary has used her talents, education and the rich legacy of her late parents to bring music to those who might otherwise have missed the experience.

A theater major, Mary Callaghan was singing professionally even before earning her Bachelor of Fine Arts from Marygrove, appearing in Michigan Opera productions beginning with a small role in “Naughty Marietta.” She soon was singing major roles with Michigan Opera Theatre and also appeared with the Dayton Opera, Toledo Opera and the Glimmerglass Opera of New

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York. She starred in the hit musical, "Do Patent Leather Shoes Really Reflect Up?" She's also performed at the Village Gate Theatre in New York City, Northlight Theatre in Chicago and L'Opera de Montreal. Over time she starred in more than 40 productions.

For over a decade Mary has served as voice coach for Aretha Franklin. She prepared Aretha to sing Luciano Pavarotti's signature aria "Nessun Dorma." At Pavarotti's request Aretha performed the aria at the New York's Waldorf in 1998 and a week later at the Grammy Awards to great acclaim.

As a benefit for the Immaculate Heart of Mary Sisters (IHM), she produced the one-act opera, "Amahl and the Night Visitors." The performance at the IHM Motherhouse in Monroe, Michigan, was such a huge success that it was presented again at the Music Hall Center in 2001, the 50th anniversary. Composer Gian-Carlo Menotti came from abroad to direct.



VIRGINIA WADSWORTH '86

Virginia Wadsworth '86 who grew up near the campus chose Marygrove to complete a degree in Computer Science and was named

commencement speaker for her class.

She earned a Law degree from Wayne State University in 1990 and joined the Office of the General Counsel at the Ford Motor Credit Company where her practice areas included litigation, insurance, regulatory compliance, governmental affairs, employment law and contract drafting and negotiations. Virginia managed Ford Motor Credit Company's Regulatory Compliance Office for the company's Extended Service Plan warranty sales worldwide.

In June 2004, Ford Motor Company appointed Virginia as the General Counsel & Corporate Secretary of the Automobile Protection Corporation (APCO), a Ford subsidiary located in suburban Atlanta, Georgia. In 2007 in connection with Ford's divestiture of APCO, Virginia was named

APCO's Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary by new owners, Stone Point Capital, a private equity group.

APCO's recognition for ethical business practices by the Better Business Bureau in May 2011 was confirmation of Virginia's insistence on absolutely honest and ethical performance within APCO.

Virginia also is the current and first African American President of the 790 member Association of Corporate Counsel (ACC), Georgia Chapter.



SHANELLE JACKSON '07

Shanelle Jackson won a seat in the Michigan House of Representatives in 2006 at the age of 26, the youngest woman

of color ever elected to either chamber of the Legislature. A Democrat, she represents the 9th District covering northwest Detroit. Shanelle is on a mission: to improve the job climate, especially in Detroit; to ensure equitable funding for education; reform discriminatory insurance practices; and to make Detroit a magnet for business development. Previously she was deputy chief of staff for Representative Virgil Smith.

Shanelle lobbied hard to defeat the bill that would have ended the Michigan State Tuition Grant that leveled the playing field for students attending private colleges and universities through grants to offset higher tuition. She is particularly proud of brokering a bill that allows Cobo Center to remain the property of the City of Detroit while permitting the city to lease the center to a regional authority.

Representative Jackson has served four years as Associate Speaker Pro Tempore of the House and Executive Vice-Chair of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus. She sits on the Appropriations Committee and several sub-committees.



BRITTANY MACK '12

Brittany Mack, who will graduate from Marygrove in May, embodies the concept of Distinguished Alumna of Tomorrow with her academic achievements, campus leadership and services.

Her Marygrove degree will include double majors in Political Science and Business. A savvy student, Brittany, converted her minor in Business to a major. She dreams of becoming a lawyer.

Brittany campaigned for an elected (formerly appointed) student government and won election to the presidency in April 2011. She and the remaining three officers see student government as "the voice of the students and a conduit to President David Fike and the administration." They expect to increase student retention and to foster cross cultural experiences.

Brittany took the initiative to establish a Marygrove chapter of Pi Gamma Mu, the International Honor Society in Social Sciences, the first chapter chartered in Michigan.

According to Brittany, Marygrove offers personal attention that is not usual in the other colleges and universities she considered. She says, "We are in constant contact with our professors in person or via email. Even faculty who have never taught you, know who you are and are ready to help." She also notes that the College sends student leaders to training programs. Brittany says that every student at Marygrove is groomed for leadership; it is imbedded in every class and discipline.

Brittany was selected as the Business Department's Comerica Scholar for 2011."

Complete bios can be found at
www.marygrove.edu

American Dance Theater: Alvin Ailey The Detroit Opera House

March 30, 2012 • 7:30 p.m.

Led by Artistic Director Robert Battle, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has performed for an estimated 23 million people in 71 countries on six continents. The company has earned a reputation as one of the forerunners of modern and classical dance while promoting the uniqueness of the African-American cultural experience.

Join us for this thrilling performance in the magnificent Detroit Opera House. We will meet in the 3rd Floor Lomason Lounge (3rd level-elevator accessible) at 5:45 p.m. for wonderful hors d'oeuvres, desserts and coffees. There will be a cash bar.

The cost for this event is \$43, which includes a main floor ticket as well as the reception. Parking is available in the Opera House Garage or in nearby parking lots. To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) no later than **March 16, 2012** to Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit, MI 48221, attention: Diane Puhl. For questions about this event, contact **Sheila Keefe '56** at (586) 268-0481 or sheilakeef@aol.com.



Class of 1955 Spring Luncheon

The class of 1955 will host their first annual spring luncheon. We hope many classmates can attend to renew friendships and enjoy good food.

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 • 1:00 p.m.

Peabody's Restaurant: 34965 Woodward Ave., Birmingham, MI

Please RSVP to **Carolyn Blinzley Gayde '55** at (248) 543-3487 or **Glenda Krause Boyd '55** at (586) 778-1590 or gkboyd34@comcast.net.

More information will follow via email/phone/mail after Feb. 15.

We look forward to many positive responses!

Lend a Hand Sandwich-to-Go Program

Saturday, March 24, 2012 • 9:30 a.m. – Noon

The Alumni Association has volunteered once again to assist with the Cass Community Social Services' Sandwich-to-Go Program on Saturday, March 24 from 9:30 a.m.-Noon at the Scott Center, 11850 Woodrow Wilson Dr., Detroit. This program funds a significant number of Cass Community Social Services' projects including homeless services, medical services and mental health services.

We will prepare hundreds of sandwiches that will be distributed among Detroit Police Department precincts. This is a great way to help feed the less fortunate and visit (figuratively) those in prison. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, contact **Alisa Ferguson '02** at (313) 452-3560 or amfergerson@hotmail.com.

Past participants 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.

Fine Arts Society Theatre Group at The Players

presents

The Birdcage

by Mike Nichols

April 27, 2012, at 8:00 p.m.

The Birdcage is a 1996 American comedy remake of the 1978 Franco-Italian film, *La Cage aux Folles*, by Jean Poiret and Francis Veber. (Mature themes)

Armand Goldman owns a popular drag nightclub in South Miami Beach. His long-time lover Albert stars there as Starina. Their son Val (actually Armand's son from a fling 20 years before) comes home to announce his engagement to Barbara Keely, daughter of Kevin Keely, US Senator and Vice President of the Committee for Moral Order. The Senator and his family descend upon South Beach to meet Val, his father and "mother" ... and what ensues is comic chaos.

The Players is a clubhouse and theatre founded in 1910 by a group of Detroit businessmen. The famous building at 3321 East Jefferson was built in 1925. It was designated a Michigan Historic Site in 1985 and listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1987. It is a wonderful venue for this play put on by the Fine Arts Society Theatre group.

The cost is \$18 and includes a wine reception at 7:00 p.m.

To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) **no later than April 18, 2012** to Marygrove College, attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit 48221. Dress is business attire.

For more information, contact **Sheila Keefe '56** at (586) 268-0481 or sheilakeef@aol.com.

In Memoriam

(Reported from July-December 2011)

DECEASED ALUMNI

Mary Buekers Griffin '38
Lillian Theriault Kreger '40
Aurelia Panfil Amnotte '41
Jean O'Flaherty Hamel '41
Betty Swain Welton '42
Rita Sunday Goll '43
Alice Diehl Hagerty '43
Helen Hoffman Roddy '43
Theresa Parson Neville '44
Rita Fitzgerald Howard '47
Frances Rollins Kohler '47
Katherine Kleekamp Schmahl '47
Jane Garvin Arbour '48
Mary Helen Welsh Pelchat '49
Mary Reuter, IHM '50
J. Rose Raggio White '50
Rosemary Kronner Bustamante '55
Janice Soleau, IHM '59
Marian Kreger Ray '62
Patricia Augustyn Kramer '68
Moirra Harrington Vilardo '73
Connie Walker '93
Tony Laing '97
Carolyn McCants Strickland '00

DECEASED RELATIVES OF ALUMNI

Husband of:

Dorothy Jones Sweeney '48
Mary McDonough Riordan '51
Joan Buda O'Brien '52
Marlene Fischetti Geis '56
Ila Sarchet Lancendorfer '57
Sandra Farran Eberhard '59
Mary Moesta Donnelly '60
Margaret Lehner Leazer '61

Mother of:

Marian Kreger Ray '62
Judith Griffin Mulkerin '63
Yvonne Lawrence Larabell '64
Patricia Griffin Roberts '65
Lauran Howard '68

Son of:

Betty Sarvene Champlin '46

Sister of:

Geraldine Augustyn Minerd '65
Helen Allen Bradley '72

Brother of:

Frances Gabrielle Hess, IHM '49
Beth Wood, IHM '58

Alumni-Sponsored Trip to Niagara-on-the-Lake (Canada) and The Shaw Festival June 13 – 14, 2012

TRIP COST: \$285*

\$75 deposit due March 26, 2012 – Final payment due May 1, 2012

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip deluxe motorcoach from Marygrove.
- 1 night accommodations at the Sheraton on the Falls - Niagara Falls, Ontario.
- Dinner at the Tower Hotel (formerly the Minolta Tower) with breathtaking view of the falls.
- Ticket to *Ragtime* at the Shaw Festival
Ragtime is the celebrated Tony Award-winning adaptation of E.L. Doctorow's ground-breaking novel. Directed by Artistic Director Jackie Maxwell, the Terrence McNally/Lynn Ahrens/Stephen Flaherty musical epic traces the roots of 20th Century America through the complex stories of three very different families.
- Shopping or time to visit sights in Niagara-on-the-Lake.
- Stop at winery on return trip.

Seating is limited. Every traveler must have a passport or enhanced driver's license. To make reservations, send checks (payable to Marygrove College) no later than the dates indicated above to: Marygrove College, attn: **Diane Puhl**, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221. For questions about this trip, contact **Frances Simmons '85** at (248) 546-2876 or francesimmons@prodigy.net, or **Sheila Keefe '56** at (586) 268-0481 or sheilakeefe@aol.com.

* Per person based on double occupancy. The cost for a single is \$323 and triple is \$272 per person.

The Office of International Programs and the Center for Social Justice and Community Engagement Host Fundraising Events at the Detroit Repertory Theatre

Burying the Bones



BY M.E.H. LEWIS

Sunday, March 18, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

\$20 (Includes champagne and hors d'oeuvres)

Proceeds will benefit the Marygrove College Study Abroad Scholarship Fund. For more information or to purchase tickets contact

Michelle Cade, Director, Office of International Programs at (313) 927-1485 or studyabroad@marygrove.edu.

Dead and Buried

by James McLanden (World Premiere)

Sunday, April 1, 2012, 2:00 p.m.

\$20 (Includes champagne)

Proceeds will benefit the Marygrove College Center for Social Justice and Community Engagement. For more information or to purchase tickets contact

Elena Herrada, Coordinator of the Master in Social Justice Program at (313) 927-1418 or eherrada@marygrove.edu.

The Detroit Repertory Theatre, located at 13103 Woodrow Wilson, Detroit, MI, 48238, is recognized for its pioneer efforts in all phases of theater and its strong community involvement. Born and bred in the heart of Detroit, the Repertory, since its inception, has remained in the theater vanguard by staunchly advocating interracial casting, creating novel audience development techniques, stressing theatrical relevancy, inventing an array of cultural and educational community services and playing an active role in neighborhood revitalization.

Ballroom Dance Classes!



Learn the elegant and graceful art form of ballroom dancing. The Marygrove College Alumni Program Committee is offering eight, 1.5 hour lessons followed by a dance where you can show off your new talent.

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

Lessons are \$5 for alumni and \$3 for students with ID, and will be held in the Main Dining Room in Madame Cadillac Hall from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. the following Thursdays: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and April 12, 19, 26, 2012. The dance will be held in the Main Dining Room on Friday, April 27, 2012. Tickets are \$15 and should be purchased in advance.

To register for the lessons, purchase tickets for the dance or for more information, contact **Margo Lee '00** at (313) 402-7776 or margolee2000@yahoo.com or **Diane Puhl** at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu. Let's show those "Dancing With The Stars" celebrities they have nothing on Marygrove Alumni!

Southwest Detroit Bus Tour Sponsored by Southwest Solutions

**Saturday, May 19, 2012
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.**

Southwest Solutions, a non-profit organization, is a leading provider of human services and affordable housing as well as economic development. Southwest Counseling Solutions offers services for the community in the fields of psychiatry, psychology, social work, counseling and education. Southwest Housing Solutions provides the community with quality and affordable housing for low income families and also facilitates the process for first time home buyers among other services.

Join us as we learn more about how Southwest Solutions is improving the quality of life in Southwest Detroit. We will visit sites such as the Whitdel Building, which not only provides residents with affordable housing but also houses the Ladybug Gallery in the basement; Piquette Square, which is a veteran's housing facility that houses homeless veterans; and the Go-Getters Center, which provides homeless people with food, clothes, shower facilities, a laundry facility and also learning facilities.

On May 19, 2012 at 10:00 a.m., we will meet at Go-Getters Center, 2640 West Vernier, Detroit 48216 for a 1.5 hour bus tour. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch at Mi Pueblo Restaurant, 7273 Dix Rd., Detroit, MI 48209. The bus tour is free but lunch will be at your own cost. To register or learn more, please contact Yesenia Lara '07 at yesi2118@gmail.com or Diane Puhl at (313) 927-1443.



Piquette Square

Marygrove College Spring Chorale Concert

**Saturday, April 21, 2012
7:00 p.m. • Sacred Heart Chapel**

The concert will include sacred and secular music by master composers performed by the Marygrove College Chorale, directed by **Ellen Duncan '82**, and guest musicians. The Marygrove College Chorale is a mixed ensemble comprised of students, staff, alumni and community residents. For more information contact **Ellen Duncan '82** at (313) 927-1254 or eduncan@marygrove.edu.

The Marygrove College Chorale Thanks Our Alumni

We appreciate your enthusiastic response to the article in the last issue of *The Tower Times*. Several alumni joined the Chorale and sang with us at our Christmas concert on December 17. It's not too late for you to join in. We have big plans for the future, and we'd like to include YOU.

How can you still get involved?

Depending on your interest, you could:

- Join the Chorale as a singer
- Help identify prospective singers (students or not)
- Applaud enthusiastically at our on-campus concerts, and bring others
- Help publicize the Chorale and its performances
- Provide performance opportunities at alumni-sponsored events
- Provide contacts for other possible performance or tour opportunities
- Network with our students to provide real-world perspectives about careers
- Participate in a Chorale advisory board to generate ideas about any or all of the above

How do you get more information or communicate your ideas?

Please contact Ellen Duncan '82 at:

- (313) 927-1254
- eduncan@marygrove.edu
- Ellen Duncan, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit MI 48221

2012 Distinguished Alumni Award Criteria

The Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni Awards are honors bestowed by Marygrove College and the Marygrove College Alumni Association. These awards have been established to recognize and honor alumni who have distinguished themselves and their alma mater.

All living Marygrove College alumni who have earned undergraduate or graduate degrees are eligible for this award. Alumni, family, friends, co-workers, faculty, staff and students may submit nominations. Self-nominations are also accepted. The Alumni Association Advisory Council will review nominations and select the award recipients.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards celebrate the ideals of **competence** (the ability to understand and participate effectively in the promise of our evolving world), **compassion** (the capacity to care about and respect the worth and dignity of people), and **commitment** (the will to act responsibly based upon one's beliefs and to contribute to the building of a more just and humane world), qualities that Marygrove has always tried to instill in its graduates.

These awards honor graduates who have made significant contributions and demonstrated leadership in any of the

following areas:

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

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

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented on Friday, Sept. 14, 2012, at a special recognition event during Homecoming weekend.

Please make your nomination using the form below and include the required documentation. You can also read about past award recipients at: www.marygrove.edu.



Nominations are due by May 31, 2012.

Marygrove College 2012 Distinguished Alumni Nomination Form

Nominee Information

Name _____
 Year of Graduation _____
 Major _____
 Street Address _____

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

Nominator Information

Submitted by _____

 Street Address _____

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

If you are a Marygrove College alumna/us:

Graduation year _____ and major _____

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

Nomination Requirements

Three letters of recommendation. In addition to the nomination form, a letter from the nominator and two additional letters must be included. Letters of support may be written by the nominee, fellow alumni, family, friends, faculty, staff, students or co-workers. Please advise those writing letters to be as specific as possible as to why this person is being nominated and how he/she meets the criteria for the award. For example, it is not sufficient to say your nominee is a wonderful person who has been involved with many organizations. Be specific. Name the organizations the person is or was involved with; state how his/her involvement has impacted the organization; describe how the nominee's involvement exemplifies Marygrove's ideals of competence, compassion and commitment.

Supplemental documentation is strongly encouraged, e.g., vita, newspaper articles.

Please return nomination form and letters of support no later than May 31, 2012, to:

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

If you have any questions or need more information, you are strongly encouraged to contact **Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations**, at 313.927.1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

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2012 Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series Guest Paul Beatty



Novelist and poet Paul Beatty will be the twenty-fourth guest in Marygrove's Contemporary American Authors

Lecture Series. **He will deliver the Lillian and Don Bauder Lecture at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, April 20, 2012.**

Beatty is the author of three novels: *The White Boy Shuffle* (1996), *Tuff* (2000), and *Slumberland* (2008), and two books of poetry: *Big Bank Take Little Bank* (1991) and *Joker, Joker, Deuce* (1994). He also edited *Hokum: An Anthology of African-American Humor* (2006). He was the recipient of the first Grand Poetry Slam Championship of the Nuyorican Poets Cafe in 1990.

Beatty's work is funny, edgy, and controversial. He bravely dives into stereotypes and attitudes in often disconcerting ways, forcing us to question

society's values and our own. He has no sacred cows. *The Washington Post* claims, "What Gore Vidal did for sex and gender constructs, Beatty does for race and prominent black Americans, with sacred cow-tipping on nearly every page. Waterfalls of wordplay that pool and merge like acid jazz on the page." *The Denver Post* adds, "Beatty is an acute observer of stereotypes and delights in examining them and then twisting them around," all while he "captures the problems and challenges of young blacks with a precision that ought to put most sociologists to shame." Beatty's work confronts us and makes us uncomfortable, implicating us in the stereotypes we find funny and exploding those same images as we read on. Jessica Hagedorn has suggested, "like a nineties Richard Pryor speaking ecstatically on acid, Paul Beatty wreaks havoc with the English vernacular and captures the deadly cool beneath the heat of L.A.'s volatile landscape."

The careful craft Beatty employs in his language use has contributed to his prominence as a key writer of our time. According to *The New York Times*, "Mr. Beatty's blunt, impious, streetwise eloquence has a transfixing power." *USA Today* notes that "when Beatty writes, it's hard not to pay attention." *The Village Voice* calls him, "one of the most talented young writers to come along in years," and adds that he "has the guts and verve and genius of a Tiger Woods on paper." *The Los Angeles Times* refers to him as "an uncategorizable underground hero with a loyal, loud, smack-talking cult following." Adam Mansbach puts it simply, "nobody riffs like Paul Beatty."

Beatty has master degrees in creative writing from Brooklyn College and psychology from Boston University. A native of Los Angeles, he now lives in New York City.