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Message from President David J. Fike



I have some good news to share with you about our urban leadership agenda. Marygrove College recently received a grant award from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to plan a nationally-recognized urban leadership curriculum centered on fostering positive community change

piloted in Detroit. The award is for the fiscal period Jan. 1, 2009 — Dec. 31, 2009.

As you know, Marygrove College's commitment to fostering urban leadership is inspired by the values and beliefs of its founder and sponsor, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) and by the social teachings of the Catholic Church. These teachings direct that we encourage leadership which promotes respect for human dignity, encourages earth-care and sustainable communities, and seeks justice for people and communities who suffer from the actions of more powerful groups. Our focus on developing leadership for urban communities stems from our history of commitment to the

Detroit metropolitan region, an area which exhibits rich expressions of culture, inspiring examples of human and community resilience, as well as some of the starkest urban challenges to be found in this country.

We are extremely pleased and excited to receive this grant as it will help us implement our multi-year faculty and community-wide learning program aimed at developing an urban leadership curriculum. This award is an important step to accomplish a number of important objectives, including:

- Leveraging faculty knowledge about urban issues and of leadership pedagogy to enhance the College's effectiveness in addressing social, cultural, educational and economic issues within the City and metropolitan region.
- Increasing opportunities for students and faculty to engage within and beyond the classroom in activities directed at developing students' ability to provide leadership in urban communities.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support and hard work in helping advance our sacred mission and build a vibrant future. This grant is a wonderful example of what we can accomplish with common purpose guided by faith in our vision.

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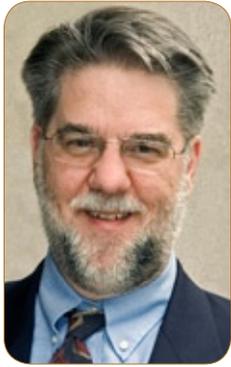
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News from Alumni Association President Mark Bartnik '79

When I graduated from Marygrove I left grateful for a fine education but uncertain as to the path my life would take. Now, 30 years later, I understand much more clearly

how Marygrove equipped me very well for success in my career developing and selling computer programming and consulting services.

At my 25th class reunion, I was asked to join the Marygrove Alumni Association Board of Directors and two years later became board president. My wife, Sandra Jo Collins '82, joined me and a group of very dedicated volunteer board members. Board service has brought an even greater appreciation for this marvelous institution. The educational quality compares with the best, and the people

– staff, faculty, students, volunteers, and especially the alumni—have given me rewards far greater than my own efforts. Each board member has worked to bring you Marygrove campus programs, to connect you with fellow alumni, volunteer opportunities, and to assist the College with financial support.

Because of its size and independence, Marygrove is able to respond to changing conditions: the new master's degree in Social Justice, for example. Marygrove has renewed its commitment to and stress on "Urban Leadership." Its emphasis is imbued in every academic discipline.

As I complete my service as board president, I am so proud of Marygrove and grateful as well. I hope that you too, will become closer to the College. You can contact Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving, Diane Puhl to volunteer. Call (313) 927-1443 or email her at dpuhl@marygrove.edu.

Please tell us where you're @

As you know, postage increases are coming along faster than a speeding train. To a non-profit like Marygrove College, these increases are significant when we have a large and loyal alumni population that we love to stay in contact with. Our future plans include a significant increase in email communication to save stationary, printing, and postage costs. So, we're asking you to help us by making sure we have your current email address. Please send your changes/updates by:

Email to: jkuras@marygrove.edu

Calling: (313) 927-1436

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Thanks for helping us to be good stewards of your generosity!

Technology Training Workshops and Email for Life Offered Free to Alumni



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 or John Stabile at (313) 927-1582.

Important Information about Marygrove Alumni Email Accounts

Marygrove recently made the following changes regarding alumni email accounts.

1. Alums who do not currently have an existing Marygrove email account can now join the Marygrove email community for free. The site to access your new account is

<http://mail.alumni.marygrove.edu>.

• Your username will be determined using the first initial of your first name + your entire last name + the last 4 digits of your student ID number. If you do not know your student ID number, contact the Marygrove Help Desk at (313) 927-1282 for assistance.

• Your password will be your student ID.

Example:

jdoe4567@alumni.marygrove.edu

username: jdoe4567

password: 01234567.

2. If you graduated over one year ago and have a Marygrove email account, your email '@marygrove.edu' account has been replaced by '@alumni.marygrove.edu.'

- If you have not done so already, you must log into your new email account through:
<http://mail.alumni.marygrove.edu>.
- Your username and your email address will remain the same, and the password will be your student ID.

Example:

jdoe4567@alumni.marygrove.edu

username: jdoe4567

password: 01234567

- All email in your former account has been migrated to your new '@alumni.marygrove.edu' account.

If you have any questions, problems or concerns please call (313) 927-1282.

Marygrove Dedicates the Nancy A. Geschke Writing Center



Nancy McDonough Geschke '64



*L-R—
Nancy McDonough Geschke,
her husband Charles and
Marygrove classmate
Elizabeth Fischer Richards*

With a generous donation from **Marygrove College alumna Nancy McDonough Geschke '64**, the Marygrove Writing Center recently underwent a major renovation. The new **Nancy A. Geschke Writing Center** was dedicated on Saturday, April 25.

The Center is committed to helping student writers improve their skills at all stages of the writing process. The Center offers assistance to writers at all ability levels in a comfortable, community environment. Center staff members nurture writers individually through encouragement and collaboration in the pursuit of rhetorical excellence. Approximately 300 students pass through this program each year.

The Center has four basic programs:

Writing Consultation Program—intended for students in English 107 and 108 who are required to come to the Center on a weekly basis.

Writing Assistance Program—open to any undergraduate or graduate student who seeks to improve their writing in any course or professional capacity.

Virtual Writing Center—for students enrolled in on-campus graduate programs. Students can submit papers/assignments electronically and receive feedback within 24 hours.

Writing-across-the-College Newsletter—a newly instituted, monthly newsletter to faculty, aimed at assisting them with information and suggestions to help them improve their students' writing.

The Center provides a place where students interact with writing consultants, staff members and each other. The Center staff guide students while encouraging them to question and discover effective means of communicating their ideas. Having a communal space for this interaction is essential to the Center's operations.

The Nancy A. Geschke Writing Center also serves the entire College community through the Writing Assistance Program. Because writing is one of Marygrove's across-the-curriculum emphases, students taking any course can receive assistance. All Writing Assistants are college writing teachers. They work in collaboration with faculty from all fields to ensure that student writers meet discipline- and course-specific expectations. Students receive assistance on diverse writing and research projects, among them reflective essays, business letters, scientific reports, senior seminar papers, and Master's theses.

The Nancy A. Geschke Writing Center is part of the English and Modern Languages Division and is managed by co-directors Michael Martin and Pat Pichurski '73. Hours vary slightly, but typically are:

Mondays through Thursdays: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Dr. David J. Fike presents Nancy McDonough Geschke with her own ID card/key to the center.



L-R— Charles Geschke, Nancy McDonough Geschke, Sylvia Rosales-Fike, Dr. David J. Fike



L-R— 1964 classmates, Nancy Swenor Martin, Elizabeth Fischer Richards, Carolyn Butler Crook, Nancy McDonough Geschke, Susan Babel Willis and Yvonne Lawrence Larabell



Mustang Athletics Continues Growth; Two student-athletes earn national recognition

Marygrove's Mustang Athletics Program recently received commitments from four student-athletes to wear the green and gold next year. On Mustang Athlete Recruit Day in February, Marygrove's volleyball coach, **Karen Graves**, signed student-athletes **Jalissa Favors** and **Marissa Shorters**, both seniors at Southfield High School. They signed letters of intent to continue their volleyball and academic careers at Marygrove College next fall.

Earlier this month, the College received a commitment from its first women's soccer recruit in Mustang sports' history. **Marguerite Cook**, a transfer student from Mary Baldwin College in Virginia, indicated to Marygrove's soccer coach, **Tony Williams**, she intends to enroll this fall.

Stefan McMillan, a senior at St. John's High School near Lansing, is the first to commit to the Mustang men's soccer team led by Head Coach **Matt Johnson**.

Marygrove is moving forward with its plan of growing its intercollegiate athletic program. These five new sports: men's and women's soccer, men's and women's cross country and women's volleyball will join men's basketball and women's basketball to bring the total number of Mustang varsity sports to seven.

A thriving intercollegiate athletic program has much to offer the campus community. More athletic teams offer opportunities to draw from another market of prospective students that will consider Marygrove College as a place to pursue a quality education. And, as the Mustangs compete around the state and Midwest, they will be spreading the word about our great institution and all it has to offer.

As alumni continue to financially support their alma mater, it is the hope of the Mustang student-athletes that the support will spill over to the court and fields. We invite you to attend a Mustang athletic event next year and cheer on the 'Grove.' You can be part of the history Mustang athletics is generating as you personally witness the first goal, spike, and record time.

In addition to the updates on the new teams, two Mustang men's basketball student-athletes earned national recognition for their accomplishments this season. Sophomore forward **Justin McKinney** (Mumford High School) and **Frank Murdock** (West Bloomfield High School) were honored at the United States Collegiate Athletic Association's (USCAA) All-American Banquet in Pittsburgh in early March. McKinney, a 6'6" forward, was named to the 2008-09 USCAA Division I Men's All American Honorable Mention Team for averaging 10.6 points and 7.7 rebounds per game. Murdock was named to the USCAA Division I Men's Basketball Academic All-American Team. The 6'5" forward carries a 3.6 cumulative GPA. On the court, Murdock was a part-time starter and averaged 7 rebounds and 3 blocks per game.

To keep up-to-date on all Mustang athletic happenings, go to www.mustang.edu/athletics. For additional information about the Mustangs, email athletics@marygrove.edu.



Jalissa Favors



Marissa Shorters



Pictured (from left) are: Coach Glen Donahue, Academic All-American Frank Murdock, All-American Justin McKinney, and Athletic Director Dave Sichterman.

Academic Program News

Criminal Justice Program Seeks Internship Opportunities

Since its inception in fall 2006, Marygrove's Criminal Justice program, which emphasizes restorative justice, has 36 declared majors and will celebrate its first program graduate in May!

In an effort to enhance its goal to be an exceptional program of academic excellence and practice, students will be given the opportunity to take an internship course in their fourth year of the program. The 3-6 internship credit hours will assist students in developing urban leadership skills in their chosen field of Criminal Justice by practicing the philosophy of compassion, commitment and competence they learned throughout their program and college experience.

If you have leads for our Criminal Justice students on where they can obtain internships or can provide opportunities through your own workplace, please contact Dr. Catherine Orban, Criminal Justice and Sociology Program Coordinator at corban@marygrove.edu or (313) 927-1288.

New Science and Math Honor Society

Brandolyn Johnson '09 is inducted into Sigma Zeta, the National Science and Math Honor Society by the national president of Sigma Zeta, Jim Hall. Marygrove was the latest college to receive a charter into the organization and inducted 17 students on April 17, 2009.



Partners with Marygrove on Innovative New Program

Marygrove College and the Detroit Science Center are partnering to offer graduate courses in science for educators. Classes include a combination of on-site and online learning, and are designed to fit state mandated, continuing education requirements for K-12 teachers. The courses provide variable credit options to suit individuals' specific needs and help teachers with innovative ways to teach students about math and science.

Course offerings through August 2009 include:

- Space Science Basics (grades 3-6)
- Earth and the Environment (grades 6-12)
- Building Math and Science Connections (grades K-7)
- Forensic Science and Crime Scene Investigation (grades 6-12)

"To the best of my knowledge, we are charting a path no one has charted before," said **Jeanne M. Andreoli, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Biology and Co-chair of the Science and Mathematics Department at Marygrove College. "This joint collaboration unites the strengths of two urban institutions in metropolitan Detroit and affords us the unique opportunity to strengthen science and mathematics teachers' professional development."

The partnership aims to give educators a unique opportunity to learn science content and methods of teaching science through hands-on exploration in both the formal learning environment as well as in the world we see around us every day.

The courses and experiences are organized to develop an understanding of structures, skills, core concepts, ideas, values, facts, methods of inquiry, and uses of technology needed by today's teachers. Additionally, the teacher learns how to integrate content within the sciences as well as throughout non-science disciplines.

"This is an exciting opportunity for both institutions to help educators gain a better understanding of science with the kind of hands-on experiences other colleges in the area do not offer," said Julie Johnson, Associate Director of Education Programs, Detroit Science Center. "We believe the educators going through this program will be given an advantage not only in the general science methods classes, but also in how to incorporate other resources—such as cultural institutions, into their curriculum."

For more information, contact Donna Kerry, Program Coordinator, Professional Development for Teachers at (313) 927-1276 or dkerry@marygrove.edu.

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Alumni Class

(submissions from November 2008 through March 2009)



Julia Skiffington Cotter '31 celebrated her 100th birthday at the Detroit Yacht Club on Belle Isle. **Sr. Jan Soleau '47** and **Diane Puhl**, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving attended the festivities.

Pauline Boucher '52 became an IHM Associate on October 4, 2008. The theme of her associate ceremony was "Being an Instrument of Peace."

Donna Darin Sullivan '53 and her husband Richard and six children relocated to W. Germany in the early 70's for Richard's job with General Motors. What was originally slated for a two year commitment turned into 10 years. During her time abroad and upon her return, Donna's varied interests led her to take classes in accounting, architecture, theology, library science, gardening and floral design, to name a few. For 15 years she has been the owner and top designer of a floral design business. Donna proudly states that she has accepted the universal call to love and to serve.



Edith LaFramboise Joppich '53 was selected as the sole juror for the Celebration of the Arts Festival in Grand Rapids, which is one of the nation's largest spiritually themed juried art shows.



Patricia O'Neil Foley '53 shared that on October 19, 2008 a group of 1953 grads and their spouses gathered to celebrate the recently released movie "A Flash of Genius" which tells the story of the Robert Kearns family and his invention of the intermittent windshield wiper. The men arrived at the party in tuxedos and the women wore black and white as they walked up the red carpet to enter the home of **Rita Terriere Kerr '53** for a mock premier featuring champagne toasts, an elegant dinner, dedication speeches, popping flashbulbs, stars, glitter and glamour. The attendees and their spouses were all members of a "Potluck Club" that has been getting together since shortly after their 1953 graduation from Marygrove.

Pictured above: (back row) **Mary Hettel Doyle**, **Phyllis McElwee Kearns/Hall**, **Rita Terriere Kerr** (middle row) **Joyce Miller Meyer**, **Jean Byrne Smith**, **Pat Martin Thurber**, **Pat O'Neil Foley** (front row) **Joanne Foley Donohoe**, **Pat Hilbert Jacoby**, and **Jo Grotenrath Yagiela**.



Gabriel Baker Burton '60 recently had her memoir "Searching for Tamsen Donner" published by University of Nebraska Press. It is available in www.nebraskapress.unl.edu. She also has a novel "Impatient with Desire" slated to be published in January 2010.



Vicky Czarnocki Eicher '66 gave a wild bald eagle its freedom in June 2008. She and her husband regularly take volunteer vacations in Sitka, Alaska where they work at the Alaska Raptor Center, a hospital for sick and injured birds of prey. This year the Center selected Vicky to release one of the healed birds. Her story about the experience received front page treatment in the Center's quarterly newsletter, *The Mew Review*.

Susan Conroyd '70 was appointed executive director of the River Raisin Institute. She had been working as the interim director for a year prior to the appointment. The Institute, which was founded by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 2003, is an independent nonprofit educational organization that promotes transformational learning and sustainable communities.

Lois Kerschen '72 recently rejoined the Board of Directors of Democrats for Life of America, (DFLA) the organization she co-founded 10 years ago. Currently she serves as the State Chapter Coordinator. DFLA (www.democratsforlife.org) is the organization for pro-life Democrats that initiated the Pregnant Woman Support Act now pending in the U.S. House and Senate.

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M. Renée Ahee '72 was selected as one of the 2009 Top 10 Michigan Business Women by the National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO) as the Diversity Champion. It was

awarded to "a woman, organization or business that has promoted and facilitated diversity."

Deborah Spears Hunter-Harvill '77

has been selected to lead the Westwood Heights School District in Flint, MI. She also serves as President of the National Alliance of Black School Educators.



Mary Hansknecht Massaron Ross '82 a partner of Plunkett and Cooney, one of the Midwest's oldest and largest law firms, was recently named as one of the Michigan Lawyers Weekly 2009 Leaders in the Law. Criteria for

nominating an attorney for the Leaders in the Law honor include winning cases and solving problems with the utmost integrity; inspiring and leading others with their skills and character; mentoring; and defending clients and the community passionately and aggressively.

Michelle May '85 is a member of Musique Noire, an acoustic string and percussion world fusion ensemble that was formed in 2005. Their debut CD, "Good Hair" was independently released in October 2008.

Richard Bloodworth '99 was inducted into the Lake Michigan College Athletic Hall of Fame. He coached the LMC women's basketball team from 1987 through 2006 and compiled a 359 -190 overall record winning

five conference, four state and four regional championships. He was a four-time Michigan Community College Athletic Association (MCCAA) Coach of the Year and was named four times as the Region XII Coach of the Year.

Denise Norris Hayes '01 was named Principal of Hopewell School in West Chester, Ohio in January 2009. She had served as the Assistant Principal at Hopewell since 2005. Denise is a National Board Certified Teacher in Early Childhood Education, holds a Bachelor's degree from Youngstown State University in Elementary Education and a

Master's degree in Teaching and Educational Leadership from Miami University and a Master in the Art of Teaching degree from Marygrove.

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

Paula Murphy '06 was inducted into the Springfield High School Hall of Fame on February 13. She was honored for her athletic accomplishments in high school and at Ohio University, where she received her undergraduate degree.

In Memoriam

(reported November 15, 2008 through March 24, 2009)

DECEASED ALUMS

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| Jane Ayers Fellrath '39 | Gilda Sferrella Pace '52 |
| Rita Otto Schroeter '39 | Ruth Phelps, IHM '52 |
| Winnogene Beyer Ruthven '40 | M. Patricia Seiler Foley '54 |
| Rita B. Campbell '41 | Catherine Weibel, IHM '54 |
| Christa DePrimo, IHM '41 | Mary McClellan, IHM '55 |
| Anna Mary Waickman, IHM '42 | Eleanor Sekol, IHM '56 |
| Joan Windisch O'Malley '43 | Patricia O'Toole, IHM '57 |
| Eleanor Grillo Gusmano '44 | Eleanor Madonna Krug '59 |
| Agatha Kelley '44 | Virginia Pokriefkie, IHM '60 |
| Josephine Peters Tedesco '46 | Ann Marie Schumacher Uicker '60 |
| Rosaline Mogg, IHM '46 | Mary Catherine Cooney Storen '63 |
| Rose Marie Hauke Powers '48 | Patricia Ann Kidder, IHM '63 |
| Cynthia Czarniecki Tegel '48 | Alice Miller, IHM '63 |
| Wilhelmina Miner Steffes '49 | Mary Ann (Michael Marie) Szmania, IHM '63 |
| Beatrice Faucher, IHM '50 | Kay Collins Kaiser '65 |
| Beverly Eidt Remus '51 | Ronald Stinson '73 |
| Virginia Gullo Guarnaccia '52 | |

Correction • **Caroline Suminski Dodson-Olberding '83** was erroneously listed as deceased in the winter edition of *The Tower Times*. We are happy to report that Caroline is alive and well and living in Kentucky.

DECEASED RELATIVES OF ALUMS

Husband of:

- Patricia Dean Phillips '56
- Carol Baron Wiseman '58
- Marcia Adamo Closson '60

Sister of:

- Jean Campbell Ballew '43
- Arlene Schumacher Martin '57
- Josephine Sferrella, IHM '57
- Rochelle Dornatt '77

Mother of:

- Joan Cesarz Kovacs '65, '70

Brother of:

- Helen Shondell, IHM '56

Marygrove's Top Students Recognized at 2009 Honors Convocation

Nearly 400 people came to the Marygrove College campus on Sunday, March 29 to show support for students who demonstrated academic excellence in the 2008-2009 school year. Of the students being honored, however, five individuals received Marygrove's top honors. The following are descriptions of the awards and the deserving students who won them.

SR. JOHN CLEMENT HUNGERMAN SCHOLARSHIP

Eleanor Ivey

The Sr. John Clement Hungerman Scholarship is a grant that pays for tuition and fees at Marygrove College and is presented annually to a sophomore or junior with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better that has successfully completed at least 24 hours of study at Marygrove.

Eleanor is a junior majoring in mathematics and has earned a 3.739 GPA. She has been an outstanding student in all of her mathematics classes and is able to relate the ideas presented in class to new situations through her critical thinking skills.

SHAY FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Jay Biernat

The purpose of this award is to provide a scholarship to a returning Marygrove student who has demonstrated academic excellence, leadership ability, and high ethical standards of conduct.

Jay is a junior majoring in biology and has earned a 3.705 GPA. In his first semester at Marygrove, he earned a 4.00 GPA and was the recipient of the Marie Louise DeMarco McLeod Scholarship as the first-year, full-time student with the highest GPA.

He was elected treasurer of the Science and Math Club and has been an active member of the Marygrove Honors Society.

THE BRIGGS-FISHER FOUNDATION ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP FOR URBAN LEADERSHIP

Kimberly Claxton

This award is a scholarship established by the Foundation to assist students from the metropolitan Detroit area who, after graduation, plan to remain in the area, and through their future achievements and civic leadership contribute to effecting positive change in the city of Detroit and for its citizens.

In addition to maintaining a full-time course of study, the winner of this scholarship must have graduated from a metropolitan Detroit area high school and maintained a GPA of at least 3.0.

Kimberly is a junior majoring in International Studies and has earned a 3.979 GPA. She is an excellent student, a mother and a full time professional French translator.

THE ST. CATHERINE MEDAL

Mara Kirn

This medal is presented by Marygrove College through Kappa Gamma Pi, a national Catholic honor society, to further higher ideals in and greater appreciation for a Catholic college education. The award is presented annually to a sophomore or junior who has achieved a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and who has performed outstanding service to the college.

Mara Kirn, is a junior majoring in social work and has earned a 4.00 GPA. Mara is also a person with great determination, individuality and has a strong belief and commitment to do the right thing.

THE DISTINGUISHED STUDENT AWARD

Amy Pavlov

The Distinguished Student Award honors one outstanding graduating senior with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better for academic excellence, leadership ability, and service to the community.

Amy is majoring in English and has earned a 3.904 GPA. She is an Honors Program student who always comes to class prepared, demonstrates superior critical thinking skills and contributes insights to class that raise the standards of learning. She has earned many Marygrove honors, among them the St. Catherine Medal and the McComb Currier Award.

Her contributions to Marygrove College are many. She has been a student representative on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, on the Academic Events Committee, and on the Presidential Search Committee. She started the Peer Mentoring program of the Science and Math department and tutors and runs a quiz section in biology. In addition, she has presented at two national conferences and has published one paper.

Ivey



Biernat



Claxton



Kirn



Pavlov



Growth at Marygrove Offers Additional Opportunities for Support

Over the last several years, Marygrove has initiated curriculum enhancements to incorporate urban leadership into every discipline; developed and expanded social, academic and athletic programs for its students; renovated and updated the grounds and facilities; and offered a plethora of programs and events designed to support life-long learning for the personal and professional growth of our alumni and friends.

Each and every one of these projects and improvements resonate with individual alumni on different levels. For example; the state-of-the art renovation of the science and math wing engaged and excited alumni who graduated in those disciplines; the new fitness center did not come soon enough for the student-athletes who had no practice or workout facilities on campus; the Clock Tower renovation spoke to alums who remember stopping in their tracks at 4:00 p.m. to listen to the Salve Regina over the PA; the Class of 1967 was so moved by Marygrove's urban leadership vision that they organized a campaign to raise \$100,000 to endow a scholarship for a young urban leader.

Over the next several years, Marygrove will continue to make improvements and enhancements to the curriculum and facilities to ensure that we remain a relevant and vibrant institution in Detroit, and our alumni and friends will be invited to support our efforts. In addition to the fall annual fund and spring scholarship appeals you currently receive, you may also periodically receive an invitation to support one of our special projects—supplemental requests for support if we have reason to believe that you may have a particular interest in the project.

Regardless of whether you choose to make a contribution, we hope you will appreciate receiving the information so you can remain proud of the difference your alma mater is making in the lives of our students and in the city of Detroit.

YOUR MARYGROVE ALUMNI TRAVEL AGENCY

Make Plans to Travel with Marygrove Alumni and Friends

COSTA RICA and Tuscany



Tropical COSTA RICA • November 11 – 19, 2009

\$2,349 – Includes roundtrip air from Detroit, hotel transfers, 14 meals and departure taxes.

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



Discover Tuscany • March 11 – 20, 2010

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

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

Collette Vacations is the official partner for Marygrove College alumni-sponsored travel. Collette has been in business for over 90 years and trips offered by Collette include knowledgeable tour guides, as well as accommodations that are historic, luxurious and unique to the region.

Alumni-sponsored travel is open to all alumni, family and friends of Marygrove College. Special accommodations can be made for people who need a departure city other than Detroit. To request a brochure with the complete trip itinerary and registration materials, or 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.**

Alumni-Sponsored Trip to Egypt

Alumni and friends recently returned from an exciting and educational alumni-sponsored trip to Egypt. Pictured during a sand storm in front of the Giza Pyramids and Great Sphinx are (Left to Right): **Diana Beldham, Dr. Brenda Bryant**, Dean of Extended Learning, **Kay Hughes '66, Margaret Lee, Grace Felice '47, Rita Walker, Diane Puhl**, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving and **Martha Grix Bay '51.**



2009 Homecoming Schedule of Events

Thursday, September 17 8th Annual Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble

11:00 a.m.
St. John's Golf and Conference Center,
Plymouth, MI



This event includes 18 holes with cart, lunch at the turn, buffet dinner, two drink tickets and contest prizes. The format will be best ball/scramble. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$50 for dinner only. You may register individually, with a partner or with an entire foursome using the form on page 12. If you have questions, contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.



Friday, September 18 Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception

7:00 - 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, September 19 Registration and Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Madame Cadillac Hall

Mass

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel
An alumni choir will sing at this mass and you are invited to join them.

Class/Group Pictures

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Liberal Arts Building
Pictures will be taken of classes whose graduation year ends in 4 or 9 (1954, 1959, etc.) and of groups from the 80s through present.

Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Alumnae Hall

Campus Tours

2:15 - 3:30 p.m.
Madame Cadillac

Sunday, September 20 Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass honoring the Class of 1959

11:00 a.m. - Noon
Sacred Heart Chapel

Brunch and Induction of the Class of 1959 into the Fifty Year Club and recognition of those who graduated prior to 1959

Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Main Dining Room

Registration materials will be mailed to all reunion class members in July, however everyone, regardless of graduation year, is invited to attend. **For more information contact Diane Puhl, Director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving at (313) 927-1443 or dpuhl@marygrove.edu.**

Marygrove Students Strengthen Urban Leadership Skills by Mentoring Area High School Students

As part of Marygrove's larger focus on urban leadership, the College has formed what is known as the Marygrove Urban Agenda initiative (MUA). MUA was developed to help local high school students develop leadership skills to find ways they can have a positive impact on the communities where they live and go to school.



Tal Levy (center) and Neighborhood United Community Block Association (N.U.C.B.A.) Chairman, Lewis Colson (standing right), discuss peer mediation at the Marygrove Urban Agenda Symposium in Alumni Hall with Mumford and Cody high school students.

With help from a grant from Campus Compact and program leaders Marygrove professor Tal Levy and Neighborhood United Community Block Association president and former police officer Lewis Colson, 50 students from Mumford and Cody high schools came to Marygrove to discuss the concept of peer mediation as a way to find solutions to the problems of learning in their schools—specifically violence.

As these students are trained in peer mediation, they learn practical ways they can take control and manage difficult and/or violent situations. These “peer mediators,” then discuss the ideas with other students to advance the concept.

Levy's inspiration for the MUA evolved from a Wayne State University Urban Agenda (UA) program. The original UA program was created by his mentor and friend, the late Otto Feinstein, a political scientist and activist for social justice from Wayne State University, Levy's alma mater. The UA program was originally an exercise in political and civic literacy—it called for enhancing students' understanding of the political process by participating in political gatherings with students from other colleges and universities.

When Levy started teaching at Marygrove in 2005, he introduced students of his introductory political science class to the UA program. After meeting with Colson, Levy decided to create a program to fit the needs of Marygrove and its surrounding communities. Together they redesigned the UA program into the MUA.

“I especially like the idea of bringing local high school students to Marygrove and helping them try to solve some of the problems they experience at their respective schools and communities,” said Levy. “The students suggest fresh ideas to address problems and effective techniques to implement them. I also like the fact that Marygrove students participate in the program as role models for the high school students.”

Levy and Colson are also launching the Marygrove Urban Teaching Agenda (MUTA), also available by a grant from Campus Compact which just began this year.

“We are looking for both undergraduate and graduate Marygrove College students who have experience in tutoring Math and English,” said Levy. “We want them to volunteer their time at Mumford High School to help students who have difficulties in those subjects and one way to do it is by getting student tutors involved.”

For more information or if you know a student interested in tutoring, contact Tal Levy at tlevy@marygrove.edu.

Relay For Life of Detroit June 20-21, 2009 Marygrove College Campus

The American Cancer Society's (ACS) annual Relay For Life of Detroit will be held for the seventh year on the beautiful grounds of Marygrove College. Relay For Life is a walking event organized to celebrate cancer survivorship and life, as well as bring our community together to learn more about cancer while raising money to help find a cure.



Relay For Life takes place over a 24-hour period. Interested participants put together teams of 10 or more people and each team is responsible for raising funds before the event. The teams will camp-out for 24 hours at the Relay location and members of each team take turns walking, running, or jogging around the track. Entertainment and special activities will be provided throughout the 24 hours.

Not only does this event raise money for a great cause, it's a wonderful way to meet new people and have a great time. There is a Marygrove team comprised of faculty, staff, students and alums called The Grover's. If you would like to join the team or make a contribution, please visit the ACS Web site at www.relayforlife.org/detroitmi.



8th Annual Marygrove College Alumni and Friends Golf Scramble

Thursday • September 17, 2009 • 11:00 a.m. • St. John's Golf and Conference Center • Plymouth, Michigan

Cost: \$125 per person and includes:

- 18 holes of golf with cart
- Lunch at the Turn
- Buffet dinner
- Two drink tickets
- Contest prizes
- Door prizes

\$50 Dinner Only

Mix, mingle, and golf with Marygrove College alumni, faculty, staff, friends, and family. All skill levels are welcome. You may register individually, with a partner, or with an entire foursome. The format will be best ball/scramble. We guarantee lots of fun and surprises! If you need more information or have questions, contact Diane Puhl at (313) 927-1443.

Name _____ Marygrove Graduate? Yes No Year _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____ Business Phone () _____ E-mail _____

Payment Method: Check Enclosed Visa MasterCard Amount \$ _____

Make Checks Payable to: Marygrove College (Tax-deductible acknowledgements will be issued to guests making payment directly to Marygrove College.)

Card No. _____ Exp. Date _____ / _____ Cardholder's Signature: _____

If you are paying for more than one person, list names here: _____

I would like the following golfers in my foursome: 1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____

I would like to be placed on a team.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
Friday, August 21, 2009
Space limited so act quickly!

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