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**A Message From Marygrove President David J. Fike**

As we usher in 2013, I share with the entire Marygrove Community a renewed sense of pride for the coming year. As you know, Marygrove College is among only a handful of private colleges in Michigan taking action to support its students who were adversely affected by the Pell Grant restrictions imposed last summer. In keeping with our mission, the College is committed to ensuring that ability to pay will not prevent these students from completing their educations here. We are very proud of this.

Remaining true to the values of our founders and sponsors, the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary (IHM) is congruent with our Urban Leadership vision. It is the scaffolding that virtually surrounds and supports our efforts for transforming the College. Through the years, Marygrove’s loyal alumni and friends have understood how important it is to include and integrate that compassionate mission into everything we do. Belief in our mission is one of the reasons why Nan McDonough Geschke '64 has pledged to match every donation you make to the College from now until June 30, 2013!

As a new member of the Board of Trustees, Nan has taken the lead in challenging all of us to step up and do something to support our students affected by the Pell funding shortfall, a price tag that is estimated to

cost the College \$1.5 million through the 2014 academic year. It’s important to note that Nan has quietly and graciously helped Marygrove students in the past, and has assisted the College in various ways, including funding the writing center dedicated in her name (see related article on page 3.) She has always been in our corner, rooting for our success.

We can’t thank Nan enough for her tremendously generous pledge; it represents the largest single monetary commitment from a living donor in Marygrove’s history. As I’ve said before, Nan’s generosity coupled with the growing support of alumni and friends of the College is humbling, and deeply gratifying. I’m happy to report that through the holiday season we made significant headway toward our goal— but we still have a long way to go.

I urge you to help us give the gift of education to a Marygrove student who is truly depending on it...now. Nan’s matching gift is an excellent way for first-time donors to experience the power of giving! We all have it within us to make this historic pledge work twice as hard for those who need it most. Think of it as a New Year’s resolution worth keeping.

As always, I thank you for your care and concern for Marygrove, and look forward to the exciting opportunities that lie ahead.



## News from Alumni Association President Sherrie Konkus '06

We are deep into the academic year and the campus is buzzing with students pursuing their dreams. Step one: get a great education at Marygrove! It's been a delight to meet some of our new freshmen, see the college anew through their eyes, and encourage them to stay the course.

As alumni, we continue to step up and stay the course, too. Your Alumni Association Board representatives, for example, are actively engaged on campus: meeting freshmen in their IS100 courses, exploring new ways to support students and help them prepare for the marketplace, undertaking several projects with the Student Development Organization, and connecting with faculty, administration, and of course, our alumni. Additionally, as a result of our advocacy, I am pleased to announce that Marygrove Alumni can now enjoy access to Marygrove's Wellness Center. Details can be found on page 3.

We also look forward with great excitement to the publication of *Prayers from the Heart* for students and teachers—a collaborative project between the campus ministries of Marygrove and St. John Fisher Chapel University Parish, and the Agape Community of Oakland University. This collection of prayers, dedicated to **Sr. Mary VanGilder, IHM '56**, is organized by themes including: Study, Purpose, Worth, Struggle, Voice, Balance, Hope, Guidance, Gratitude, Service, and Justice. I have been privileged to be personally involved in this project and am deeply moved by the thought that our students will have a spiritual resource to turn to as they pursue their studies.

For updates on these and other alumni happenings between issues of *The Tower Times*, check out our Alumni News Blog at <http://alumninews.marygrove.edu/>. You can click on the "Follow" icon on that page and new articles will be emailed directly to you when they are posted. Thank you for your continued interest, stewardship, and support of Marygrove College!

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## Free Technology Training Offered for Alums



# Office

Microsoft

The Educational Technology Services department at Marygrove offers free technology training workshops (registration required) to alumni on a variety of topics, including **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 and/or view the ETS calendar at [www.marygrove.edu/ets](http://www.marygrove.edu/ets) and click on STICC Workshops on the right side panel. For the Winter 2013 semester, the schedule should be ready mid-January.



## The Nancy A. McDonough Geschke Writing Center: Advancing the Liberal Arts

by Michael Martin '97, Ph.D.  
Co-Director, Nancy A. McDonough  
Geschke Writing Center

Most Marygrovers, I think, are unaware of what a special place the Nancy A. McDonough Geschke Writing Center is. That's too bad, because what we have in the Writing Center is unique.

Most writing centers on college and university campuses look like clinics. They have a receptionist, examination tables, and a general air of bland utilitarianism. That should come as no surprise, because, essentially, they are clinics: places students go in search of an accurate diagnosis for what ails their writing. That's not what we do.

Our approach to writing center work is intimately related to the English Department's philosophy for teaching writing: that writing is a process; that the writer (the student) is the driver in this process, and that writing is a way of being in the world.

The Writing Center's philosophy augments this project. In the Writing Center we focus on building relationships: between the student and the tutor, between the tutors and the instructors, between the tutors and the directors, and between all of them and the work of writing. This removes any "clinical" aspects of writing center work and focuses instead on the "humanity" part of the humanities.

This is not a hit-or-miss relationship-building, either. Unique to the world

of writing centers and composition programs nation-wide, Marygrove College requires all freshman in composition classes (English 107 and English 108) to attend eleven, half-hour sessions per semester, paired with one tutor (or "writing consultant," as we call them) throughout the whole semester. In this way, students become acclimated to the work of writing and form relationships with their tutors. Very often, after students finish the composition cycle, they return to the Writing Center and seek help with papers for other classes in our Writing Assistance

Program, which operates through the Writing Center.

Dedicated in 2009, created thanks to the generosity of Nan and Charles Geschke, our Writing Center is the perfect metaphor for

what we do with our students. In its welcoming space, its thoughtful design, the loving attention to detail we find here, it says to students, "This is a comfortable, safe haven to help you with the transformations you will undergo in your time at Marygrove." The Nancy A. Geschke Writing Center declares to our students that writing is important. It declares that they are important. It is where we take students who may never have traveled beyond a mile of their homes, and we help to give them the world.

The underlying ethos of a Liberal Arts education, going back to its medieval Catholic roots, is to set the human person free (*libera*). That's what we strive to do in the Nancy A. McDonough Geschke Writing Center.



From left: Charles and Nan Geschke, Sylvia Rosales Fike, David Fike

## Athletic and Wellness Center Now Open to Alumni!

We are pleased to announce that beginning January 7, 2013, Marygrove College alums will be able to purchase an Alumni Athletic & Wellness Center membership for the Marygrove College Wellness Center.

**Alumni memberships will be \$50 for 4 months or \$100 for 12 months.** In addition to use of the Wellness Center, your Alumni Athletic & Wellness Center membership will include free admission to men's and women's Marygrove Mustang Basketball home games for the 2012 -2013 season (some restrictions apply.)

The Wellness Center is located in the basement of the Madame Cadillac Building and has an array of weight machines, stationary bikes, treadmills, elliptical machines and an indoor walking/running track.



**Hours of operation are:**  
**Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 10 p.m.**  
**Friday 7:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**  
**Saturday 9 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday – Closed**

**To purchase your Alumni Athletic & Wellness Center membership, visit the Wellness Center Monday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Marygrove cares about the health and well-being of our alumni and the new Alumni Athletic and Wellness Center membership is one way we are proud to show it!

# 2012 Distinguished Alum



**JULIANA CASEY, IHM '62**

Juliana Casey joined the IHMs in 1964. She had already earned a Bachelor of Arts in French from Marygrove College and a master's degree in French, from the University of Michigan.

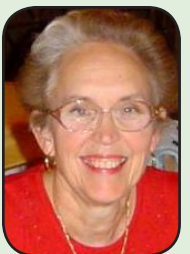
A visionary response to Vatican II by then President Margaret Brennan, IHM '45, was to select several sisters to obtain doctorates in theology. Sister Juliana Casey was among those chosen and was sent to the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. Over the next seven years she progressed from a Baccalaureate in Sacred Theology to a Licentiate and then to a Doctorate in Sacred Theology specializing in the New Testament.

On her return to America, Sister Julie served for six years as Provincial of the Northeast Province of the IHM Sisters in Monroe, Michigan. While she was Provincial, Sister Julie was the Leadership Conference of Women Religious' representative on the Bishops' Committee responsible for the 1983 Pastoral Letter on War and Peace. After her terms of office as Provincial were completed, Sister Julie taught religious studies in the graduate program at Mundelein College in Chicago.

Sister Julie then accepted the position of associate vice-president of the Catholic Health Association (CHA) of America headquartered in St. Louis, Missouri. In 1994, she was named director and later vice-president of mission services for the Sisters of Mercy Health System of St. Louis.

Sister Julie became executive vice-president of Catholic Health East (CHE). She worked with Global Health Ministry (CHE's global outreach program), joined teams of practitioners who served in Haiti and Peru, and helped secure funding for programs, especially those in Haiti.

She officially retired in December 2010, however she continues to write, give lectures and conduct retreats.



**MIRIAM MOHRHOFF POIRIER '62**

Inspired by Sister Mary Cabrini, IHM, with a passion for science and a thirst for more scientific education, Miriam Mohrhoff (Mimi) earned her first degree, a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry, Magna Cum Laude from Marygrove College.

Mimi was awarded a Master of Science in Oncology from the University of Wisconsin (UW), Madison in 1964. She met and married her husband, also a scientist, in Madison. In 1971, Mimi and her husband and trio of children headed south to the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland.

At the National Cancer Institute Mimi undertook her research career as a lab assistant in the Lung Cancer Branch. She also earned a Ph.D in Microbiology in 1977, and was also named head of the newly established Carcinogen-DNA Interactions Section (CDI), a position she continues to hold.

Dr. Poirier has a strong history of developing novel methods to solve research problems thought to be intractable. She is an internationally recognized leader in the field of human DNA biomonitoring who has discovered ways to see inside cells to assess damage or alterations. Much of her work is geared toward making treatment for various cancers and for HIV-1 infection safe for those who receive it and showing the extent of danger from the use of certain drugs or therapies. As a result of her studies with Zidovudine (AZT), the first drug licensed for use in HIV-infection, the US Food and Drug Administration changed the information materials contained in the packaging of that drug, and the CDC altered their guidelines for the use of antiviral drugs in HIV-infected pregnant women.



**DOROTHY SEEBALDT '66**

Dorothy Seebaldt entered the IHM order immediately after high school and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marygrove, followed by a master's degree in Philosophy from St. Louis University.

She then began teaching in Marygrove's Philosophy Department. Dorothy also spent several years teaching in other Detroit area schools.

Dorothy traveled to France to serve as a live-in assistant at a L'Arche community. The L'Arche international movement was founded by Jean Vanier, as a nurturing place for persons with physical or mental limitations.

She pursued a master's degree in Social Work from Wayne State University and served two years as group home director for Vista Maria, a residential school program for troubled, adolescent girls. She also worked as a Medical Social Worker at Detroit Receiving Hospital helping families deal with loss, trauma, and the need for out-of-home care.

Dorothy returned to Marygrove in the Social Work program and served as its director for over 15 years. During her tenure the Bachelor of Social Work program has become one of the largest of Marygrove's undergraduate programs.

After 25 years as an IHM sister, Dorothy made a prayerful decision to leave the Congregation, but continued in her position at Marygrove. Dorothy created certificate programs in Child Welfare and Gerontology, and is director of both programs. She is a licensed masters social worker (LMSW) by the State of Michigan and is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers of the National Association of Social Workers.



**SHARON RODGERS SIMONE '67**

The day after Sharon was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Biology from Marygrove, she married Patrick Simone. Both were active in the Civil Rights

Movement and pledged to stay in Detroit. However, when her father in law, who lived in upstate New York, was diagnosed with lung cancer they moved to Vermont to be near him.

In 1984, Sharon, Patrick and their six children, set out for Boston -the beginning of 18 years of professional achievement for Sharon which included a master's degree and doctoral studies at Harvard. From 1986 to 1992 Sharon was a Teaching Fellow in curriculum seminars in Science and Humanities at Harvard. She also taught at Lesley Graduate School until 2001.

In 1990, Sharon and her sister sued their father in Denver District Court for childhood physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Their story was told on *20/20 ABC News: Incest A Crime Never Forgotten* and in a CBS television movie: *Ultimate Betrayal* in which Marlo Thomas played Sharon. In 1994, the Child Abuse Accountability Act was passed in the U.S. Congress with the sponsorship of Representative Patricia Schroeder and four years of lobbying—an initiative Sharon pioneered. The law allows federal pensions to be garnished to pay for child abuse judgments.

When Sharon learned of the plans for a new Master of Social Justice degree program at Marygrove, she mobilized a fundraiser and recruitment event. The film *PeaceXPeace: Women on the Frontlines* was shown in the Marygrove Theatre. At Sharon's invitation, producer Patricia Smith Melton and Naomi Tutu (daughter of Bishop Desmond Tutu)



# umni Award Recipients

spoke about the film and the role of women in peace building. Still very involved with the Social Justice program, Sharon co-teaches the Foundations and Reflections courses.

Sharon and her husband relocated to California where they raised their granddaughter after their daughter died. Sharon established Headwaters Productions and collaborated with a program in leadership development, to delve into the theories and practices of healing and peace building.



## FRANCIE KENNEDY '73

In 1968, Marygrove Interim President, Jane Mary Howard, IHM, initiated "68 for 68" - a recruitment program designed to attract 68 additional black students for the fall to make the student population of Marygrove

more reflective of the community surrounding it. Francie Kennedy, was a member of that historic program.

In 1973 Francie completed her studies with a major in economics and a minor in math, later becoming employed with the United States Postal Service.

Cynthia Wilson-Bradford '73 states, "Francie's relationship with her grandmother was so important in her life that she promised herself she would give back the kind of love and attention she received to children who, for one reason or another, did not have parents. She first became a foster parent almost 20 years ago and since then she has helped about 29 children through the most trying times of their young lives."

Francie was a foster parent to children ages newborn to five years old, many of whom remained in her care until they were reunited with family or adopted. She was delighted when she was able to adopt her first daughter, Alysia and soon after she adopted her son Michael. Later she adopted three more children as newborns, twins Michelle and Micha.

While registering Alysia for ninth grade at the Detroit International Academy for Young Women (DIA), Francie signed up as parent volunteer, became treasurer for the Local School Community Organization and a liaison between parents and administration. She believes that every girl should be dressed in dignity, so where needed she uses her own resources to clothe "Lady Panthers."

Francie was an active participant of the Skillman Foundation Review Team, Project Graduation, and is currently involved with the Detroit Parent Network.



## ROCHELLE S. DORNATT '77

Upon graduation from Marygrove in 1977, Rochelle loaded her possessions into her car and headed for Washington, D.C. with \$600 and an urge to serve. Ten days later she was hired as a

junior lobbyist for solar energy.

When Representative Sam Farr of Carmel, California was elected to Congress in 1993 he asked Rochelle to be his Chief of Staff, a position she continues to hold. Rochelle manages the Washington office and a ten member staff known affectionately as "Team Farr" as well as two district offices in California.

During her time on Capitol Hill, Rochelle has been a major force behind some of the most significant legislation of the last three decades. She was the lead congressional staff member writing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a ground breaking civil rights law that prohibits discrimination and ensures equal opportunity for persons with disabilities.

Another major legislative victory, that also took years, resulted in multiple changes to the laws dealing with the closure of military bases (Base Realignment and Closure or BRAC). Rochelle's first meeting on her first day with Rep. Farr strategized on how to empower the community to take control of the former Ft. Ord in Monterey County California, the nation's largest military base until it was shut down in 1991. The Army intended to sell the base in parcels to the highest bidders, ignoring environmental and economic impact issues. In the case of Ft. Ord, the land is now home to a state park with biking/hiking trails plus a new Cal State University campus. A vibrant new community now includes an equestrian center, youth hostel, housing, a university research park, an industrial airstrip, child care facilities, transition centers for homeless veterans, training centers for the unemployed and 8500 acres of open space park land.

Rochelle mentors young women who plan a career in government through the "Emerging Leaders" program at the Stennis Center and she has been known to shelter homeless women and help them get back on their feet.



## JARELL WILLIAMS '12

Jarell Williams' love of numbers led him to choose a business major in accounting. As a freshman, Jarell asked President David Fike to be his mentor and he agreed to advise the ambitious young student. In turn, as an

upperclassman Jarell has served as a mentor to younger students. He has been involved all over the campus— from manning a shovel on campus beautification days in the spring to serving as a peer leader during new student orientation week. He began working in the Admissions office in 2010 on data entry and special projects and currently handles accounts receivable in the Financial Services Office.

The importance of Jarell's academic leadership is emphasized by Dr. Darcy Brandel, Assistant Professor of English, "I learned to depend on Jarell to model the kinds of study habits and intellectual disposition we seek to teach our students. He consistently brought a level of insight to class discussions that would have been lacking without his presence." Dr. Jerry Peterson, also an Assistant Professor of English, commented, "In our on-line discussion forum, Jarell set the standard for thorough and engaging reading responses, and more than a few students commented on the quality of Jarell's weekly posting and how his work inspired them to step up a notch in their own weekly writings."

Jarell has been on the Dean's List every semester since he enrolled at Marygrove and was the recipient of the St. Catherine's Medal Scholarship.

The youngest of nine children, Jarell is the last one at home and will be the first to receive a college degree. He says he was brought up "... to be a genuine person, trustworthy, honest—a man who is known to say what he means and mean what he says."

After graduation he plans to join his sister in Atlanta, Georgia. He has his eye on becoming a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) knowing that it will require years of field experience and a rigorous examination. Jarell is ready for both.

Complete bios can be found at  
[www.marygrove.edu/alumni](http://www.marygrove.edu/alumni)

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ALUMNI REUNION 2013**  
**September 19-22**

**Thursday, Sept. 19**

12th Annual Sr. Jan Soleau Memorial  
 Swing and a Prayer Golf Scramble

**Friday, Sept. 20**

Distinguished Alumni Award Ceremony  
 and Reception

**Saturday, Sept. 21**

Mass/Lunch/Campus Tours

**Sunday, Sept. 22**

Mass/Brunch/Induction of the Class of  
 1963 into the Fifty Year Club

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2013  
 celebrates the graduating classes of  
 1933, 1938, 1943, 1948, 1953, 1958,  
 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988,  
 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008 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.



The Fine Arts Society of Detroit Theatre Group  
 at the Players Club  
 presents  
***The Last of the Red Hot Lovers***  
 by Mike Nichols

Friday, February 8, 2013

Wine Reception at 7:00 p.m.

Play at 8:00 p.m.

This comedy has both a stage and film  
 version. Barney Cashman, a middle-aged  
 nebbish wants to join the sexual revolution  
 before it is too late. A gentle restaurant  
 manager with no experience in adultery  
 fails in each of three seductions: Elaine  
 Navazio, a sexpot who likes cigarettes,  
 whiskey and other women's husbands;  
 Bobbi Michele, an actress friend who he  
 discovers is madder than a hatter; and  
 Jeannette Fisher, his wife's best friend, a  
 staunch moralist.

The Players is a clubhouse and theatre  
 founded in 1910 by a group of Detroit  
 businessmen. The famous building,  
 located at 3321 East Jefferson, Detroit MI  
 was built in 1925; designated a Michigan  
 Historic Site in 1985, it was placed on  
 the National Register of Historic Places

in 1987. The Fine Arts Society of Detroit  
 was founded in 1906 and in 1926 found  
 its permanent home at the Players Club.

The cost is \$20 which includes a wine  
 reception on the second floor (not  
 elevator accessible) and features art  
 by local artists. Seating for the play  
 on the first floor is at round tables  
 accommodating 4-6 people. Snacks are  
 provided on each table. Wine is available  
 for purchase or you may bring your own  
 as well as additional snacks. Secure,  
 lighted parking is included.

To make reservations, send a check  
 (payable to Marygrove College) no later  
 than February 1, 2013 to Marygrove  
 College, Attn.: Diane Puhl, 8425 W.  
 McNichols Rd, Detroit MI 48221. Dress  
 is business attire.

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

**Help Spread The Joy of Reading!**

The Marygrove College Library will  
 participate in World Book Night April  
 23, 2013.

"On World Book Night, 25,000 book  
 givers each give away  
 20 copies of a specially-  
 printed, not-for-resale World  
 Book Night U.S. edition  
 of a book they have read  
 and loved, chosen from  
 a list of 30 titles selected  
 by a panel of librarians  
 and booksellers. The volunteer book  
 givers personally hand out their copies  
 to complete strangers, people who may  
 never have owned a book of their own."  
 (World Book Night US—Information for  
 librarians, n.d.)



If you or anyone you know is interested in  
 being a Giver on April 23, please apply by  
 January 23, 2013 at:  
<http://www.us.worldbooknight.org>  
 and choose the Marygrove College Library  
 as your pick-up location. After  
 you have applied to be a Giver,  
 additional information will be  
 supplied closer to the date of the  
 event.

For more information, see the  
 World Book Night website:

<http://www.us.worldbooknight.org> or  
 contact Jessica Morales at  
 (313) 927-1498 or  
 jmorales1258@marygrove.edu.



## Alumni and Students—Dust off those Dancing Shoes Because Ballroom Dance Classes are Back!

Ballroom dancing is making a comeback and here is your chance to learn this elegant and graceful art form. The Marygrove College Alumni Program Committee is once again offering eight, 1½ hour lessons followed by a dance where you can show off your newly acquired or finely honed skills.



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

Lessons, which are \$5 for alumni and \$3 for students with ID, will be held in the Main Dining Room in Madame Cadillac Hall from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. the following Thursdays: February 28, March 7, 14, 21, and April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2013 .

The dance will be held in Alumnae Hall on Friday, April 26, 2013. Tickets are \$15 and should be purchased in advance.

Proceeds will benefit the Jan Soleau, IHM Memorial Scholarship Fund. To register for the lessons, purchase tickets 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!

## Institute of Music & Dance students use their passion for the arts to give back to the community



Institute of Music and Dance (IMD) students are taking the opportunity to perform for support organizations that work for our community. They have shown that the arts are transformative... as they uplift the spirit and soul. The students have discussed what it means to become urban leaders and artists as activists. The lessons they learn, through the study of artistic disciplines as well as through sharing their talents, will stay with them as they mature into adulthood. IMD is proud of its students' achievements.

In October 2012, IMD students joined forces with students from Pointe Academy Dance Center, Rochester Hills (Director, MaryBeth Seeger is a Marygrove College Alumna from

the Class of 1988) to support Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit and then coupled with the Marygrove undergraduate Dance Department students to perform at the opening of the annual Focus Hope Walk.

On Monday, January 21, 2013, MLK Day, IMD students will again unite with Pointe Academy Dance Center and the Marygrove dance department to perform for the MLK Celebration at Children's Hospital of Michigan. The students feel that, as opposed to a "day off," this day of recognition for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., should be a "day on" for giving back to the community.



## The Office of Campus Ministry would like to extend an invitation to Marygrove Alums for the following upcoming events:

January 23, 2012



**MLK Day of Remembrance at Marygrove**  
Noon to 1:15 p.m.  
Marygrove College Theater

February 14, 21, 28 and March 14, 2013



**Lenten Soup & Cinema**  
Noon to 1:15 p.m.  
Marygrove College, Student Center Green & Gold Room

May 4, 2013



**Campus Beautification Day and Garden Against Hunger Clean-up**  
9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  
Marygrove College Campus

February 13, 2013



**Ash Wednesday Mass and Distribution of Ashes with Bishop Donald Hanchon**  
Noon  
Marygrove College, Student Center Chapel

For additional information, please contact Jesse Cox, Campus Minister at (313) 927-1404 or jcox@marygrove.edu.

# In Memoriam

(Reported July - December 2012)

## DECEASED ALUMNI

Margaret Mary Kaufmann '34  
Marian Janecek Morrow '35  
Helen Casey Ward '42  
Margaret Leahy Deceballos '45  
Jayne Boyle Newhall '45  
Angela Lasca Hall '45  
Patricia Hassette Marentette '46  
Kathleen Richter Smalley '46  
Therese Martin Hart, IHM '47  
Barbara Baker Heiss '47  
Miriam Lynch Grzybowski '48  
Mary Lou Mosher Staffnik Timma '48  
Margaret Hackenberger '49  
Catherine Baltes '50  
Darlyne Clark '50  
Margaret Rottach, IHM '50  
Patricia Curtin Cole '51  
Nancy Hurley Shoup '51  
Mary Keough Grace '54  
Lucille Smalley, IHM '55  
Therese Bluhm '56  
Mary Jo Quinn Richards '56  
Mercedes Frontera Gilbert '58  
Roberta Schwartz '60  
Marilyn LeBlanc '63  
Mary Kathryn Kramer '65  
Diane Rice Noraas '69  
M. Reginald Zajac, CSB '73  
Jane Osterholt, SP '78  
Mary Lou Raytis Murray '80  
Deirdre Arnold '96  
Peter Karoly '99  
Thomas Forsythe '02  
Rose Krygier '06  
Jermaine Whitfield '11

## DECEASED RELATIVES OF ALUMNI

### Husband of:

Dorothy Martin Crowley '44  
Rosemary Downs Hatcher '54  
Patricia Dishman McCabe '58  
Gail Navarre Schaefer '59  
Joanne Januszko Sawyer '66

### Mother of:

Sally Koss Myny '69  
Marilynn Schreiner Pavlov '71  
Lou Koss Moss '73  
Margaret Hungerman '83  
Patricia Plotkowski '83  
Robert Plotkowski '86  
Suzanne Plotkowski Dishman '87  
Susan Hunt '04

### Sister of:

John Louise Leahy, IHM '47  
Theresa Koerneke, IHM '66

### Son of:

Patricia Malott Chelsky '60

## Alumni-Sponsored Trip to: Indianapolis, Indiana and the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

April 16-17, 2013

**TRIP COST:** \$259.00\*

Deposit due (\$75): Feb. 27, 2013

Final payment due: March 18, 2013

### Your Bianco Tour includes:

- Round Trip transportation via deluxe motorcoach, equipped with reclining seats, overhead storage and restroom for your comfort and convenience
- Accommodation of 1 night at the Drury Inn located in Indianapolis
- Meals included: 1 Breakfast and 1 Dinner

### Featuring the following:

- \* Sechler's Pickles Factory Tour
- \* DeBrand Chocolatiers Tour and Tasting
- \* Beef and Boards Dinner Theatre featuring "Menopause the Musical"
- \* Indianapolis Guided City Tour
- \* Shopping and Lunch on own at City Market
- \* Easley Winery Tour and Tasting



**Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre** is a professional theatre, providing Broadway shows, concerts and children's theatre throughout the year. It seats

about 450 people in tiered seat levels around a thrust stage. A dinner buffet includes the theatre's trademark hand-carved roast beef.

\* Per person, double occupancy. Single is \$312. Triple \$242 per person.

We need a minimum of 30 passengers on our 56 person bus. 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 Sheila Keefe '56 at (586) 268-0481 or sheilakeefe@aol.com. Let's make it happen!

## Class of 1953 Spring Luncheon



Wednesday, May 8, 2013  
11:30 a.m.

Peabody's Restaurant  
34965 Woodward Ave.  
Birmingham, MI

Please RSVP by May 1 to  
Joann Mularoni Holden '53 at  
(248) 626-4758 or  
jjholden@att.net

With some returning participants and one person who had never attended before, we had fourteen classmates at the Fall Luncheon (see photo). We would love to see even more women from our class in May, 2013!



## Representatives from the Schomburg Center and the Kirwan Institute to speak at Marygrove on January 31, 2013

The Marygrove College Center for Social Justice and Community Engagement and the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion are pleased to welcome to Marygrove College, **Dr. Khalil Gibran Muhammed**, Director of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at the New York Public Library, and **Jason Reece**, Director of Research for the Kirwan Institute at Ohio State University. **They will speak at Marygrove on Thursday, Jan. 31, 2013 from 7 – 9 p.m. in Alumnae Hall.**

Dr. Muhammed will discuss his latest book, *"The Condemnation of Blackness: Race, Crime and the Making of Modern Urban America."* Jason Reece will present the report commissioned by the Michigan Roundtable entitled *"Detroit at a Crossroads: Emerging from Crisis and Building Prosperity for All."* A book signing and afterglow will follow.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information contact Dr. Brenda Bryant, Dean of Community-Based Learning and Executive Director of the Center for Social Justice and Community Engagement at [bbryant@marygrove.edu](mailto:bbryant@marygrove.edu) or (313) 927-1502 or Elena Herrada, Coordinator of the Master of Social Justice Program at [eherrada@marygrove.edu](mailto:eherrada@marygrove.edu) or (313) 927-1418.

## New Professional Development Courses for Teachers

Marygrove College Professional Development for Teachers is pleased to announce that the following instructor-led, graduate-credit courses are now offered in partnership with Learner's Edge, Inc. Courses are available in both print-based and online learning formats. Content is relevant, applicable, practical and interesting! Tuition is \$385 and includes course materials. Courses may be used for teacher re-certification, professional development or salary advancement.

- Fully Wired: Understanding and Empowering Adolescents
- Sticks and Stones: The No-Bully Zone
- Gender Matters: How Boys and Girls Learn
- Across the Spectrum: Teaching Students with Autism
- What Great Teachers Do
- Parent Trap: Dealing with Difficult Parents
- In the Face of Poverty
- ADHD: Focusing, Learning, Teaching

Because requirements vary, classroom teachers are responsible for checking with their state department of education and/or school district/school prior to registering.

Additional new courses are coming soon! Please check the Marygrove College Professional Development for Teachers webpage for timely updates related to additional new courses. Visit: <http://www.marygrove.edu/academics/continuing-education/professional-development-for-teachers.html>

To register, visit <http://www.learnersedgeinc.com>. Select "Partners," "Academic" and then choose Marygrove College as your institution.

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

## Marygrove College Dance Department Events



### Emerging Force

Annual dance department concert performed by the Marygrove College Dance Company II.

Friday, March 22, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, March 23, 2013 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.  
Marygrove College Theatre  
Admission: \$15 general / \$10 students and seniors



### Leading The Way

Annual dance department concert performed by the Marygrove College Dance Company, featuring guest choreography by Kevin Iega Jeff (Artistic Director, Deeply Rooted Productions).

Friday, April 12, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday, April 13, 2013 at 2:00 & 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday, April 14, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.  
Marygrove College Theatre  
Admission: \$15 general / \$10 students and seniors

For more information contact Jonathon Cash at (313) 927-1838 or [jcash5001@marygrove.edu](mailto:jcash5001@marygrove.edu)

## Art Tour at the Historic Art House May 4, 2013

10:30 a.m. - Noon  
59 Alfred Street, Detroit 48201



Art House (originally the Elisha Taylor home) is a Gothic Revival home completed in 1872. It is located in the historic Brush Park neighborhood just north of downtown Detroit. Since 1981 it has served as a center for art and architectural study.

Professor Michael Farrell leads a tour of the public rooms which preserve original fireplaces, mirrors, woodwork, decorative plaster, stenciling, Minton floor tiles, parquet floors and etched glass. Three floors (not elevator accessible) are filled with period furnishings, and artworks and artifacts spanning 2000 years.

The 1 ½ hour tour is done in groups of 20 for \$20/person. There is also a gift shop (cash and checks only). Parking is on the street. For those who are interested, following the tour we plan to have lunch at the Traffic Jam Restaurant at Second and Canfield, which has secure parking, and a varied menu.

To make reservations, send a check (payable to Marygrove College) no later than April 26, 2013 to Marygrove College, Attn: Diane Puhl, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit MI 48221.

If you have questions, please contact Elaine Sullivan '69 at (248) 549-4464 or [evsullivan26@yahoo.com](mailto:evsullivan26@yahoo.com) or Lillie Smith Foster '99 at (313) 898-6802 or [lilliefoster@ameritech.net](mailto:lilliefoster@ameritech.net).

## Alumni Book Discussion *The Warmth of Other Suns*

by Isabel Wilkerson

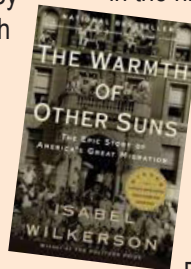
National Book Critics Circle Award Winner  
A New York Times Top 10 Best Book of the Year  
Sunday, February 17, 2013 • 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Marygrove College • Liberal Arts Building

From World War I to the 1970s, some six million black Americans fled the American South for an uncertain existence in the urban North and West. They left all they knew and took a leap of faith that they might find freedom under the Warmth of Other Suns.

Their leaving became known as the Great Migration. It brought us James Baldwin, Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Richard Wright and the forebears of Michelle Obama, Toni Morrison and most African-Americans in the North and West. It set in motion the civil rights movement and contributed to our cities and art forms.

This is the story of three who made the journey, of the forces that compelled them to leave and of the many others—famous and not so famous—who went as far as they could to realize the American Dream.

Isabel Wilkerson, who spent most of her career as a national correspondent and bureau chief at *The New York Times*, is the first black woman to win a Pulitzer Prize in the history of American journalism and was the first black American to win for individual reporting. Inspired by her own parents' migration, she devoted fifteen years to the research and writing of this book.



Dr. Loretta Woodard, Associate Professor of English will facilitate the discussion.

To register or for more information contact Druel Outley '00 at (313) 342-3208 or [drueloutley@ameritech.net](mailto:drueloutley@ameritech.net) or Sheila Keefe '56 at [sheilakeefe@aol.com](mailto:sheilakeefe@aol.com) or (586) 268-0481 by February 13, 2013. We look forward to a great turn-out and stimulating conversation!

## Alumni-Sponsored Community Service Project

### Gleaners Community Food Bank Saturday, April 13, 2013 9:00 a.m. - Noon



For more than 35 years, Gleaners Community Food Bank has been "nourishing communities by feeding hungry people." Last year, Gleaners distributed 45 million pounds of emergency food to over 600 partner soup kitchens, shelters and pantries in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Monroe counties. Gleaners alleviates hunger by providing the equivalent of 97,344 meals per day to people who otherwise cannot afford the food they need.

The Marygrove College Alumni Association will participate in a community service project with Gleaners Community Food Bank at 2131 Beaufait, Detroit, MI 48207.

Join other alums in sorting and packing food items. Wear closed toe shoes and, though not required, please feel free to bring a pair of work gloves to work in.

If you are interested in volunteering for this worthwhile project or need more information, contact Frances Simmons '85 at (248) 546-2876 or [francesimmmons@prodigy.net](mailto:francesimmmons@prodigy.net) no later than March 30, 2013.



# 2013 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

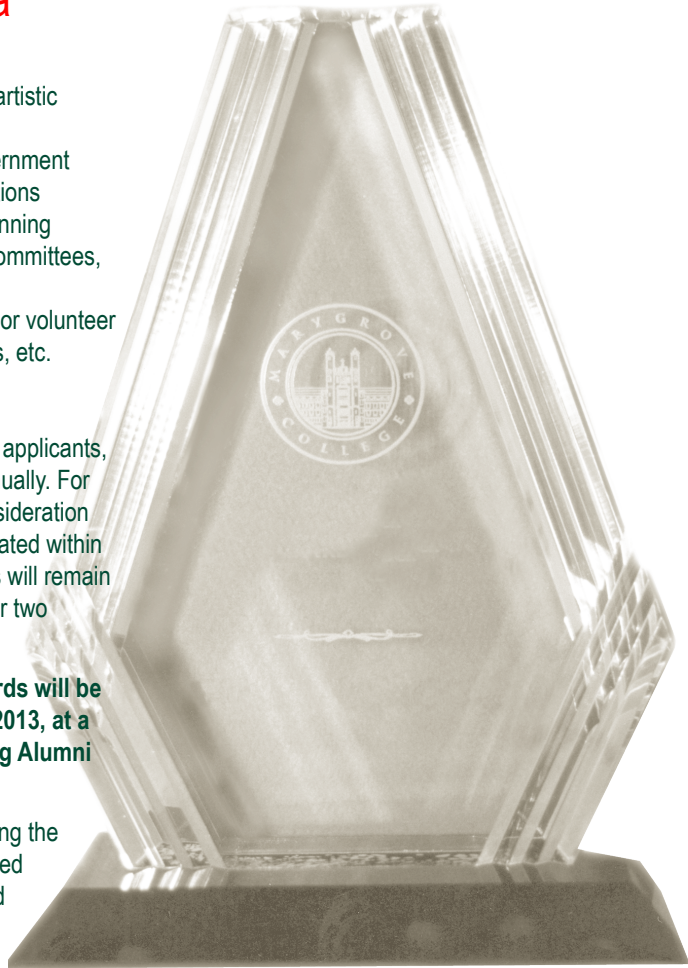
following areas:

- 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. 20, 2013, at a special recognition event during Alumni Reunion 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](http://www.marygrove.edu).



**Nominations are due by May 31, 2013**

## Marygrove College 2013 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, 2013, 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](mailto:dpuhl@marygrove.edu).

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## 2013 Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series Celebrates its 25th Year with Guest Terrance Hayes



The Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series began over twenty-five years ago when former Marygrove trustee Frederick P. Currier attended a reception on campus and remarked that Marygrove should consider bringing a national writer

to Detroit. Mr. Currier's financial support soon followed, and in 1989, nearly 600 guests heard Gloria Naylor inaugurate the series. Since then, the series has welcomed to Marygrove three National Book Award recipients, three American Book Award recipients, two Pulitzer Prize winners, seven MacArthur Award grantees, the 1993-5 Poet Laureate of the United States, and the 2008 Presidential Inaugural Poet.

Through the generosity of corporations, foundations, alumni and other friends of the College, Marygrove has been able to bring outstanding writers to Metro Detroit, enhancing the cultural vitality of the entire area. Since its inception, nearly 10,000 people have enjoyed the work of these award-

winning authors at the public reading, book signing and reception while Detroit area high school students have benefited from a special "master class" with the author. In addition, hundreds of Marygrove students have studied our visiting authors in specially designed courses devoted to their works while competing for the Amy S. McCombs and Frederick P. Currier Writing Awards presented as part of this series. Again this year, through the increased generosity of long-time series supporters Lillian and Don Bauder, the College will hold the Mary Helen Washington Writing Awards contest for high school students named after the great scholar and longtime Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series consultant. The recipients of these awards will be recognized prior to the Bauder Lecture on April 19.

This year's silver anniversary event features National Book Award winning poet, author, **Terrance Hayes**, the author of four collections of poetry: *Muscular Music* (1999), *Hip Logic* (2002), *Wind in a Box* (2006), and *Lighthead* (2010). Hayes's work is distinguished for the precision of its language and sound and for its often startling elements of surprise. Cornelius Eady proclaims, "First you'll marvel at his skill, his near-perfect pitch, his disarming humor, his brilliant turns of phrase. Then you'll notice

the grace, the tenderness, the unblinking truth-telling just beneath his lines, the open and generous way he takes in our world." Megan Simpson adds that "Hayes is by turns brilliantly playful and profoundly serious."

Along with the National Book Award, Hayes has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation, the Kate Tufts Discovery Award, and a Pushcart Prize, among other recognitions. A native of South Carolina, he now lives in Pittsburgh where he is Professor of English at Carnegie Mellon University.

**Terrance Hayes will read and sign copies of his work at 8 p.m. on Friday, April 19 in Madame Cadillac Hall on the Marygrove College campus, 8425 West McNichols Road. The event is free and open to the public. Books will be available for purchase.**

In recognition of the 25 years of the series, the Marygrove College Art Department will also host a traveling exhibit of visual art inspired by the works of the writers who have visited Marygrove over the past quarter century.