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Dear Marist Women's Soccer Alumna:

I hope this letter finds you in good spirits and eagerly anticipating the fall soccer season! The team and coaches would like to recognize all of the Marist Women's Soccer alumnae in the program's 15th year on **Sunday, September 27**, when the Red Foxes take on the Peahens of Saint Peter's College at **1 p.m.** This will be our first weekend of MAAC opponents and we hope you will join us at our beautiful home field at Tenney Stadium. We invite you to step on Leonidoff Field at half-time to be recognized by the team and fans. If you are able to attend the game, kindly notify me via e-mail at Elizabeth.Roper@marist.edu with the heading "Alumnae Game." Please include your full name and graduation year in your response.

The Red Foxes are looking forward to their most demanding schedule in program history and a successful run in the MAAC Tournament being held at Disney World, October 29 – November 2. With an injury-plagued 2008 season and some unlucky results, the Red Foxes are looking to rebound in 2009 and finish the regular season in the top of the conference for a solid standing in the MAAC Tournament. The team is returning a majority of starters and four players are returning from their season-ending injuries.

Seven new players will be joining the Red Foxes this season hailing from six different states:

- **Jessie Arabia**, from IL, won the National Championships with her Eclipse team and will bring her winning abilities and attitude to our defense and midfield;
- **Chelsea Botta** from East Longmeadow MA has been a steady defender for her regional powerhouse Stars of Mass team;
- **Jackie Frey** will be coming from Monroe, NY less than an hour from campus. As the Section IX player of the year, Jackie's quality finishing will bring more to our offensive attack.
- Energetic and smart, **Nikki Kuhar** will add to our play in midfield or forward. She comes from Seaville, NJ.
- Also from New Jersey is **Jackie Sabia**, who has been a play-maker and scoring threat for the nationally recognized Montclair Aristocats.
- In goal, freshmen **Caitlin Landsman** from Burke, VA and **Courey Schaetzle** from Erie, PA will provide depth in the keeper position. Caitlin played for the regionally ranked FCV Netforce and Courey played for the Erie Admirals.

The Red Foxes opened at home this season on August 21, defeating Youngstown State 2-0. The team enjoyed a trip to northern California, spending time in San Francisco and facing the University of San Francisco and UC Davis. The Red Foxes and the Dons were scoreless until the 82nd minute, when USF scored off a corner kick. The final score was 2-0. Against UC Davis, Marist held the lead two different times during the game, but were scored upon on a direct kick and penalty kick resulting in the Aggies' 3-2 win. After the start of classes the first week of September, the Red Foxes will prepare to face nationally ranked Boston College on the afternoon of September 11. Next, the Red Foxes will face three Patriot League foes in Colgate (home, September 13), Bucknell (away, September 18), and

Lafayette (home, September 20). Marist will then begin their MAAC schedule of games, with two Ivy League opponents also in the mix during the month of October (Columbia at home on Tuesday, October 13 and away at Yale on Wednesday October 21). Please see all the games and dates for the 2009 season on the athletic website:
www.GoRedFoxes.com.

Marist Women's Soccer continues to maintain a high record of accomplishments, both on and off the field. There were twelve members of the team recognized on the 2008 MAAC All-Academic team, more than any other team in the conference. Junior and team captain Teresa Ferraro was also recognized as an Academic All-American District Third Team by *ESPN The Magazine*.



I hope you can join us on September 27 and please know that you are welcome to ALL of our games. Thank you for your continued support of Marist Women's Soccer!

Regards,

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