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As many of you know, in February I announced my decision to step down as president of Marist College when my current contract expires on June 30, 2016. For the past 36 years, it has been my honor and privilege to serve as president, and during that time we have been able to accomplish extraordinary things. The College today is a strong institution with exciting plans for the future, and for that reason, it seems like a logical time for new leadership.

The search for Marist’s next president is underway and in very capable hands. Vice Chair of the Marist Board of Trustees Ross A. Mauri ’80 is chairing the presidential search committee, and the board has selected the national executive search firm of Isaacson, Miller to assist. I will not be participating in the search, as I believe it’s important for the board, with input from representatives of the College community, to independently choose the next president.

There will be plenty of time to reflect on what we’ve accomplished together over the years, but for now I’d like to extend my sincere gratitude to all the members of the College community who have made Marist the unique American institution it is today. As a college president, I couldn’t have asked for a more dedicated faculty, harder-working staff, more talented students, or more engaged alumni. I’d particularly like to acknowledge those long-serving faculty and staff members who have played a crucial role in Marist’s transformation over the past three decades. I do want to thank the Board of Trustees for their outstanding leadership; they give unselfishly of their time and resources because they believe in the work we do here. Let me also recognize the Marist Brothers, who laid the foundation upon which we have built. Finally, I’d like to thank the people of the Hudson River Valley for their support over the years. I can’t think of a better community in which to build a great college.

I do want to emphasize that I’ll continue to serve as president through June 2016, and we’ll be working just as hard and at our usual fast pace. There’s still much to be accomplished, and I look forward to advancing the College during this period of transition. Over the next year, we will be particularly focused on completing our new allied health building and constructing new student housing at the north end of campus. These are challenging times for higher education, and we must continue our work to position Marist for success.

At the conclusion of my term as president, the board has asked me to stay on in the post-presidency role of president emeritus and professor of public policy, and I’ve enthusiastically agreed to do so. I’ve spent most of my adult life here, and I can think of no better way to finish my career than to support the institution that’s been at the center of my professional life. In my role as president emeritus, I’ll continue to advance the interests of the College by leveraging the relationships I’ve developed to create additional recognition and support for Marist. Marilyn and I plan to continue living in Dutchess County and serving both Marist and the surrounding community.

Again, it’s been my honor to serve as president of Marist, and I thank you for your extraordinary support of the College.

Sincerely,

Dennis J. Murray
President, Marist College
Alvin Patrick ’86, Judy Woodruff, and Al Hunt Address Graduates

Judy Woodruff, co-anchor and managing editor of PBS NewsHour, and Al Hunt, “Bloomberg View” columnist and longtime Wall Street Journal reporter and executive Washington editor, delivered a joint address at Marist’s undergraduate commencement May 23. Both were awarded honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees.

The first husband-and-wife team to deliver the College’s commencement address, each has forged an exemplary journalism career, rising to the top of the fields of national reporting/anchoring and political coverage/commentary, respectively. In addition to their professional accomplishments, they raise funds for spina bifida research and advocate for families who, like theirs, have children with the condition.

The previous day, Alvin Patrick ’86 addressed graduates at the adult and graduate commencement. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumni Medal, the highest award presented to a Marist graduate. As specials producer for CBS News, Patrick works with special correspondent James Brown to craft important, high-profile stories for audiences across all CBS News platforms including iconic programs such as 60 Minutes, the CBS Evening News, Sunday Morning, and CBS This Morning.

President Dennis J. Murray conferred a total of 1,557 degrees during the two ceremonies, which both took place on the campus green. On Friday, 140 adult students received bachelor’s degrees, while 267 students received master’s degrees. On Saturday, 1,150 traditional undergraduates were awarded bachelor’s degrees.

This past fall, Judy Woodruff received the Marist College Lowell Thomas Award, which recognizes outstanding individuals in the communications industry whose lives and work reflect the imagination, courage, ambition, and humanity of the legendary newsman and adventurer for whom it is named. Murray presented the award at a Nov. 19 luncheon at the Metropolitan Club in New York City. Woodruff’s longtime friend and onetime colleague, Barbara Walters—herself a past Lowell Thomas Award honoree—delivered the citation, in which she lauded Woodruff’s continued dedication to objective journalism in the public interest.

Woodruff is the 24th broadcast journalist to receive the award.
Marist College and BlackRidge Technology have announced a research partnership to develop advanced cybersecurity capabilities that provide an additional layer of protection for enterprises that compute “at scale” such as the financial sector, exchanges, and private cloud providers. The capability to provide advanced cybersecurity research was developed in the New York State Cloud Computing and Analytics Center at Marist College. The research environment includes the Software Defined Networking (SDN) Interoperability Lab, where BlackRidge will work in collaboration with eight other major network systems providers.

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Baylor, of Millstone Township, NJ, majored in public relations and Spanish with a global studies minor. She is the fourth this year to win a Fulbright US Student Program grant. The Fulbright Program is the US government’s flagship international educational exchange program. The US Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has identified Marist as one of the US colleges and universities that produced the most 2014-2015 Fulbright students.

The other recent Fulbright awardees are Kelsey Boeshore ’15, Cara Mooney ’15, and Genesis Abreu ’15. Baylor, Boeshore, and Mooney all will travel abroad on their Fulbrights to teach English—Baylor to Brazil, Boeshore to Colombia, and Mooney to South Korea. Boeshore, of Westhampton, NY, majored in Spanish with minors in global studies, social work, and Latin American and Caribbean studies. Mooney, of Delmar, NY, majored in Spanish and psychology with minors in global studies and music.

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Students Place 7th in Global Trading Challenge

More than 500 teams from colleges and universities in 32 countries took part in the CME Group Trading Challenge, a real-time commodities trading competition. Using a simulated electronic platform, the teams traded futures contracts in gold, oil, and other goods for two weeks in February; the top 50 teams continued on to a second round in March. When all was said and done, the Marist College Hedge Jumpers ended with a balance just below $450,000—good enough for seventh place overall.

“What was particularly satisfying about the team’s performance was that it was our first year taking part in this event,” said Assistant Professor of Finance Brian Haughey, advisor to the team. “The team demonstrated that Marist students can easily hold their own against the best in the world.”

By qualifying to compete in the second round, the students were invited to visit CME Group’s Chicago headquarters and attend a “Day of Market Education,” where they participated in educational sessions, networked with industry professionals and other students, and dined at the John Hancock Center.

All four team members—Cody Capps ’15, Dominick Corradi ’15, David Lin ’15, and Sean Sullivan ’15—took Haughey’s Greystone Equity Class, in which real dollars are invested and managed by the students. “Speaking with the different teams, we were surprised to see that not many schools offered student-run funds,” said Sullivan. “This is really a credit to Prof. Haughey and the School of Management for all of their hard work and support to provide the best experiences for finance students.”

Marist Hosts Learning Analytics and Knowledge Conference

To further Marist’s international reputation in the emerging field of learning analytics, the College’s Office of Academic Technology and eLearning organized and hosted the fifth international Learning Analytics and Knowledge (LAK) conference March 16-20. The event brought more than 315 of the world’s leading learning analytics researchers and practitioners to the College’s main campus for a series of pre-conference half- and full-day workshops, a two-day hackathon, and more than 75 individual presentations. The conference was held in collaboration with the Society for Learning Analytics Research (SoLAR).

The first annual open-source learning analytics hackathon was co-designed and co-led by Sandeep Jayaprakash, Marist’s learning analytics specialist, and Alan Berg, who oversees learning analytics initiatives at the University of Amsterdam. The event brought together, for the first time, open-source software developers from the Apereo Foundation community with learning analytics researchers from SoLAR who spent two days exploring options for visualizing data and displaying results on an open-source dashboard tool. Jayaprakash, Berg, and Josh Baron, assistant vice president, information technology for digital education, also presented a session on the Apereo Learning Analytics Initiative and work that is underway through it to develop the world’s first open-source learning analytics platform.
New Goldman Sachs-Duet Scholarships Established

Don Duet ’88, an alumnus who says his professional success had its roots at Marist, is the driving force behind $354,000 in new computer technology scholarships for incoming Marist freshmen.

Three members of the Class of 2019 will receive full, four-year scholarships from the Goldman Sachs-Duet Family Technology Scholarship Fund. The three will study computer science or information technology and systems. In addition to scholarship funds, students will be mentored by Goldman Sachs technology executives and have opportunities for summer employment with the firm.

Duet is co-head of the Goldman Sachs Technology Division. Three members of the Class of 2018 were the first to benefit from earlier scholarships established with a gift from Goldman Sachs Gives, a donor-advised fund.

“When we established this scholarship fund through Goldman Sachs Gives two years ago, my hope was that it would attract to Marist a more diverse group of talented students to study computer science and information technology and systems,” Duet said. “I am pleased to see that has happened, and I am confident that by helping more students, this additional support will further strengthen Marist and, ultimately, the...
The trust gave students the opportunity to have hands-on exposure to investing by funding the Investment Center in Marist’s Hancock building. The trust has also established the Schlobach Distinguished Chair in Business at Marist.

Murray lauds Dennis’s leadership and the trust’s support of the College, saying both have supported “some of the most impactful and transformative initiatives in our recent history.”

—Kathleen Norton McNulty ’79/14 MA

During a visit this past April to the College, where he spoke to students about his career path, he cited Marist’s tradition of collaboration with outside institutions and its early adoption of technology as major influences. The College’s tradition of ethics was another critical part of his education—a part that has become particularly important at Facebook, where issues related to big data and information sharing have ethical implications.

“There was a definitive sense of right and wrong here, as well as a willingness to tackle difficult ethical issues. I reflect on it pretty frequently, actually,” Buckley said. “There are a host of decisions we all face related to data and the society we currently live in, and I think back often to my time here when confronting those issues.”

While the broader life lessons were important, Buckley also says practical experiences such as being a student pollster for the Marist Institute for Public Opinion, demanding classes such as political science with Dr. Louis Zuccarello, and his time on the Marist debate team, which was then nationally ranked (and beat the Harvard team, as he likes to point out), prepared him with specific skills he could use in the professional arena.

The advice he gives to current students, and those who will benefit from the scholarship, stems from a work ethic formed by watching his grandfather work long days as a butcher in Brooklyn.

“If you find something that gets you excited and gets you jazzed, go crush it. Work your heart out and embrace it.”

—Kathleen Norton McNulty ’79/14 MA
Marist College will present its inaugural Lifetime Excellence in Sports Communication Award to veteran broadcaster Bryant Gumbel at a dinner and ceremony on Oct. 15, 2015, at the New York Athletic Club in New York City.

The award will be given to individuals who have exemplified excellence over time in the broadly defined field of sports communication.

Gumbel is already familiar with Marist, and its students with him. He spoke on campus in recent years, and the HBO program he anchors, Real Sports with Bryant Gumbel, partners with Marist’s Center for Sports Communication and the Marist Poll on sports-related survey research.

One of TV’s most accomplished broadcasters, Gumbel has been honored with numerous awards for outstanding journalism over a career of more than 40 years. Since he began hosting Real Sports in April 1995, the monthly series has captured a total of 28 Sports Emmy Awards and has been a 16-time winner of the Sports Emmy for Outstanding Sports Journalism. The program also has won two DuPont-Columbia University awards for broadcast journalism and a 2012 Peabody Award.

For more than 20 years, Gumbel was with NBC, hosting the Today program for 15 years. His broadcast career began in October 1972 when he was named sportscaster for KNBC-TV Los Angeles.

Gumbel joined CBS News in 1997. There he hosted his own primetime program, Public Eye, as well as the network’s morning news program, The Early Show, before retiring from network television in 2002.

Prior to working for NBC News, Gumbel worked for NBC Sports (fall 1975-winter 1982), serving as host of virtually all its primary programs and championship-event broadcasts.

Born in New Orleans and raised in Chicago, he graduated from Bates College and has received honorary doctorates from Bates, Xavier University in New Orleans, College of the Holy Cross, Providence College, and Clark Atlanta University. He serves on the boards of the United Way of New York City, Xavier, and his alma mater.

The Lifetime Excellence in Sports Communication Award will honor Gumbel while also raising funds for creation of an endowment to support the Marist College Center for Sports Communication. A variety of corporate sponsorships, ranging from $5,000 to $25,000, as well as individual tickets are available. For information, please call (845) 575-3412.

Founded in 2011, the Marist College Center for Sports Communication is a global leader in the study of and practice in sports communication, helping to prepare an enlightened and engaged group of future leaders in one of society’s most far-reaching disciplines. The center serves a variety of publics through the creation of important external partnerships, research and creative activity, production of professional sports media, presentations by leaders in the field, instruction and curricular development, and community service as relevant to the discipline.

Since its inception, the center has achieved national and international recognition of its activities, helping to extend the reputation of the College and providing unique educational experiences for Marist students. Marist student interns provide industry-standard support for the center’s work under the guidance of dedicated faculty, allowing students unparalleled opportunities and access. Some center successes include building and hosting a weekly sports show on an ESPN radio station, earning the distinction of academic partner to the industry-leading Sports PR Summit, and supporting the launch of a certificate in global sports communication at Marist’s campus in Florence, Italy.
President Hosts Program in Historic Cornell Boathouse

In appreciation of their leadership for remembering Marist in their estate plans, members of the Marist College Legacy Society were honored April 18 on campus at a special event hosted by President Dennis J. Murray. The theme of the event was “Celebrating the Hudson River Valley’s Great Rowing Legacy,” with guests appropriately gathering in Marist’s historic Cornell Boathouse. The Cornell Boathouse is the only remaining structure from the Intercollegiate Rowing Association’s famed Regatta Row and was renovated in recent years by Marist, which now owns it.

Preceding brunch and a recognition program, Murray told guests the storied history of rowing on the Hudson River and how it helped shape present-day Marist’s riverfront and championship crew teams. The Poughkeepsie Regatta, universally regarded as the greatest rowing tradition in American history, took place from 1895 to 1949, its course passing what is now the Marist campus. In its day, the regatta rivaled the Kentucky Derby, the World Series, and the Rose Bowl as a national sporting event. John Ansley, head of Marist’s Archives and Special Collections, also spoke and presented photos and vintage film footage from Marist’s Poughkeepsie Regatta archive.

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Legacy Society member Frank P. Liantonio ’70 attended with his wife, Maureen, and their daughter, Kiera.

Ron Hicks ’89 was among those inducted at the recent Legacy Society event hosted by President Dennis J. Murray.

Guests had the opportunity to view an assemblage of rare regatta artifacts and to talk with library staff about the history of the event.

The Marist College Legacy Society is a valued circle of individuals who are remembering Marist in their estate plans and encouraging others to follow their example. Membership is open to alumni, trustees, friends, faculty and staff, college retirees and their spouses, and parents and grandparents of students. Individuals automatically become part of the Marist College Legacy Society when the College is notified that Marist is the beneficiary of a planned gift or estate provision. There is no minimum gift amount required for membership in the Legacy Society nor is disclosure of the gift amount required. The College appreciates the completion of a short, confidential enrollment form to ensure its membership records are complete.

Those joining now through Dec. 31, 2015, as part of “The Founding 100 Campaign” are designated in perpetuity as Founding Members of the society. All members are presented with a membership pin and are honored annually at an event hosted by the president. In addition, they are invited to special College events. Individuals who join may also request anonymity.

To notify Marist of your estate plans or for further information on the Legacy Society, please contact Senior Development Officer Shaileen Kopec in the Office of Planned Giving at (845) 575-3468 or shaileen.kopec@marist.edu.
The science and allied health building will be home to two new graduate degree programs—a master’s in physician assistant studies and a doctorate in physical therapy—and will also serve the needs of undergraduate programs in biology, medical technology, and athletic training. Completion is scheduled for January 2016.

The overall market for degrees in healthcare is projected to grow significantly over the next decade, according to a 2012 study by Georgetown University’s Center on Education and the Workforce. “Between 2010 and 2020, healthcare occupations will increase from 10.1 million to 13.1 million jobs,” said the study. “From 2010 to 2020, healthcare production will increase by over 70 percent, from $1.8 trillion to $3.1 trillion. In the same period there will be an estimated 5.6 million healthcare job vacancies.” The largest increase in demand will occur in the “professional and technical” occupations, including physician assistants and physical therapists.
North Campus Housing

The new residence halls will expand the availability of housing on campus by almost 11 percent, eliminating the need to house students at the Residence Inn in Poughkeepsie. The visually striking design of the complex, also by Robert A.M. Stern Architects, will create sight lines to the Hudson River from Route 9. Phase I of the project will include demolition of Gartland Commons and construction of two buildings for a total of 465 beds, with occupancy slated for August 2016 for the first building and January 2017 for the second. Phase II will add two more buildings and 324 beds by August 2017, resulting in a net 483 beds. The complex will include lounges, courtyards, and other gathering spaces.

Both capital projects offer compelling naming opportunities ranging from internal spaces to the buildings themselves. Those interested in learning more are invited to contact Chris DelGiorno, vice president for college advancement, at (845) 575-3412 or christopher.delgiorno@marist.edu.
“Can you help me get my dog?”

That was the simple question 26-year-old Matthew Plumeri, a Marist College student and United States Marine Corps combat veteran, asked at a meeting of the Marist Student Veterans Organization in October 2014.

The answer, it turned out, was yes.

Plumeri had spent two years with Gulliver, the Vizsla assigned to him in 2011 following graduation from Specialized Search Dog Training School, where working dog handlers and their K9 counterparts learn to detect explosives off-leash. Plumeri and Gulliver had trained together at Camp Pendleton in San Diego, CA, and then served together in Helmand Province in southern Afghanistan.

Throughout the seven-month deployment, Plumeri and Gulliver were together 24/7, whether running missions, training, or trying to wind down with their unit after a stressful day.

Plumeri, a psychology major from rural Clinton Corners, 13 miles northeast of Poughkeepsie, would later write eloquently of his experience with Gulliver. “It’s a strange feeling, entrusting your life to a dog. This notion is even stranger when the realization sets in that there is also responsibility for the other 15 to 20 Marines on patrol whose lives depend on you and your K9.

“Gulliver kept me safe for the entire seven months we were deployed. No one who walked behind us on any patrol that Gulliver and I led was ever injured, let alone killed, by an IED.”

Toward the end of their deployment, Plumeri noticed signs of ill health and post-traumatic stress disorder in Gulliver, and when they returned to Camp Pendleton in December 2013, he began exploring the process of adopting a military working dog. However, the Marine Corps did not agree that Gulliver should retire. When Plumeri’s five-year contract with the Marines expired in June 2014, he went home to New York alone.

“Leaving Gulliver behind was one of the toughest challenges I had ever faced in the Marine Corps and was ironically the one for which I had no training,” Plumeri wrote.

Plumeri began classes at Marist in fall 2014 and waited for news. In October 2014, it came: he got the call saying Gulliver would soon be retired. The adoption fell into place as he had hoped.

However, now Plumeri had another challenge. He did not want Gulliver to be flown from Camp Pendleton to New York in a kennel crate in the cargo area of a plane. But traveling with him in the cabin would mean two expensive plane tickets. There was also the matter of a flight to California for Plumeri, a rental car, and a motel room.
From Camp to Campus
Helping Veterans Make the Transition from Service Member to Student:

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Their initial goal was to raise $3,000. In less than a month the campaign brought in nearly $10,000.

“It was pretty overwhelming,” Diesing recalls.

The MSVO also raised money through sales of Marist Fox Company hoodies and T-shirts sold at Marist events including Veterans Day ceremonies, a Marist vs. Army basketball game, and the Music Department’s Red, White, and Blue concert. And President Dennis J. Murray sent a campus-wide email to raise awareness about the fundraising effort.

In January 2015, Plumeri flew to San Diego and brought Gulliver to his family’s home in Clinton Corners. Plumeri now reports that Gulliver’s medication for osteoarthritis and muscle atrophy has had positive results. Gulliver gets along well with the other three dogs at the Plumeri home, where he has the run of five acres and a pool and stream to swim in.

“My entire family loves him like he has been here all along,” Plumeri says. “He is beyond spoiled now, and he truly has the retirement that he deserves more than anything.” The remaining money from the fundraising effort will go toward long-term care for Gulliver, including food and veterinary bills.

Service and Support

The campaign to bring Gulliver home was the highest-profile project of several the MSVO has undertaken during the past year. Active members, who include Plumeri as vice president, Bradley Hunt ’18 as treasurer, and Bob Roberts ’98, also planned a Veterans Day flag-raising and luncheon in 2014 featuring Marist alumnus Capt. Paul X. Rinn, USN (ret.) ’68 as keynote speaker. The event drew more than 80 alumni, students, staff, family members, and friends. The group also held a food drive and has begun volunteering at the VA hospital at Castle Point in Wappingers Falls, NY.

As president, Diesing, who is from Wappingers Falls, represents MSVO frequently. She spoke about the group at an Open House Weekend panel for adult students and worked with Marist’s Financial Aid and Admissions offices to develop informational brochures for veterans. She communicates frequently on the group’s Facebook page and iLearn site. As far as membership, the number fluctuates. The iLearn site has 150 participants on its roster, including staff and alumni who help the organization. Marist’s Office of the Registrar reports that 59 veterans used the GI Bill during the spring 2015 semester, and 89 the previous semester.

At a recent meeting, Diesing asked the handful of veterans present how things were going. She also encouraged everyone to explore a program directed by American Corporate Partners that offers career mentoring for transitioning military. Diesing herself participated in a veterans immersion program offered by ACP at Jon Stewart’s The Daily Show, a seven-week “boot camp” to help veterans enter the TV industry. A political science major, she is serving internships this summer with both Fox News and New York Sen. Chuck Schumer’s Hudson Valley regional office.

MSVO collaborates with Marist administrators to help student veterans navigate the terrain of financial aid and enrollment. Staff members from Marist’s offices of the Registrar and Admissions attend the group’s meetings in case anyone has a question. The College Activities office is always ready to help with setting up MSVO apparel sales at campus events, Diesing says, and Career Services with editing résumés.

“You don’t really know where you fit into it,” Diesing says of entering the world of academia as a veteran. The group’s mission is “to be a welcoming community, a place they can call home here on campus.”

Plumeri has nothing but praise for the MSVO. “I will always be grateful to them, Marist, and President Murray for helping make this reunion with Gulliver and myself possible. It’s something I’ll never forget for the rest of my life.”

Gulliver’s Travels

The goal of the Marist Student Veterans Organization is to advocate for Marist student veterans during their transition from military to civilian student life. So Plumeri approached the group in search of some support.

The MSVO decided to raise money for the travel expenses. On an October day in 2014, Plumeri met in the Marist library with MSVO’s president, Britany Diesing, who will graduate this December, and Marist alumnus Owen Daly ’05, both also Marine Corps veterans. They set up a Facebook account and a GoFundMe site. It was on the site that Plumeri described at length his bond with Gulliver.

Left to right, Owen Daly ’05, Bob Roberts ’98, Matthew Plumeri ’16, Britany Diesing ’15, and Brad Hunt ’18 of the Marist Student Veterans Organization.

Plumeri with Gulliver in Afghanistan in support of Danish Special Operations Task Force 7 in November 2013.

Coming Home
For a video of the reunion of Matthew Plumeri ’16 and Gulliver, please go to youtu.be/k4mkJcRoOYk.
FROM SCENES OF ATHLETES SCHUSSING down snowy hillsides to a coach’s inspiring words about his ski team, a documentary created by two recent Marist graduates makes it clear something special is going on at Windham Mountain.


“I could be skiing any day I want,” says Coach Jamie Rich in the film. “I choose to come here and ski with the gang because it’s fun.”

“We have a good time,” he says with gusto. “And that makes everything worthwhile.”

Focusing on the abilities that students bring to the slopes, and not disabilities, is the key, says Mary Weafer, a parent and volunteer who is interviewed in the documentary.

“You cannot go out with a student and at the end of the day on the way home not think this was one of the best days of your life,” she says.

Alejandro Lazare ’15 and Rebecca Losito ’15, with help from Patrick Mullen ’15, made the documentary, which was a capping project that turned into much more. Lazare and Losito worked during the summer after graduation on editing a final version for use by ASF for promotional purposes.

ASF, founded in 1984, serves participants with disabilities that range from mild learning disabilities to more severe disabilities such as paralysis, autism, amputation, cerebral palsy, and traumatic brain injury. It supports a competitive race team and has a companion summer program. It’s also the regional location for Warriors in Motion—a fitness program for troops injured in Afghanistan and Iraq.

ASF has more than one Marist connection. Jim Barnes ’68, a Marist trustee, is also on the ASF Board of Trustees. When the students were filming on the mountain, he introduced them to people in the program and helped them make connections for interviews.

Lazare’s interest in doing the film stems from his personal experience with the program. His sister, Anna, 11, who has Down syndrome, is a participant. The big brother has watched as she’s learned to take on—and conquer—the slopes.

“She’s thrilled with herself,” he says. In the film, Mary Costello Lazare, his mother, relates how her daughter responds when asked about her love of skiing.

“I feel free. I just go. Nothing can stop me,” the young skier replies.

That fearless attitude is what Losito says impressed her most after spending about 10 days filming participants on two skis, sit skis, or snowboards.

“They were doing what many others would be afraid to do,” Losito says.

The new alumni, who are forming a small production company called Half Moon Hudson Media, say the project was more work than they expected but that they got plenty of technical help from the Marist Media Center’s James Duryea, manager of operations and production.

They agreed that besides the achievements of the athletes, the dedication of the volunteer instructors was amazing to see, and they were glad to be able to document that.

In the film, Lazare’s mother notes one of the best things about ASF: that her family has enjoyed the camaraderie among the participants.

“Here,” she says, “you’re not any different than anyone else out there on the slopes.”
Men’s Lacrosse Enjoys Historic 2015 Season

In 2015, the Marist men’s lacrosse team won its first NCAA Tournament game in program history.

On May 2, the Red Foxes defeated Quinnipiac 16-14 to win their third conference championship in program history and clinched an NCAA Tournament berth for the second time. Marist was awarded a preliminary round NCAA game against Bryant, which took place on May 6. Playing before a raucous crowd of 1,873 at Tenney Stadium, the Red Foxes jumped out to an early lead and prevailed 10-6. Marist’s season then came to an end against Syracuse, the tournament’s #2 overall seed, at the Carrier Dome.

The program garnered significant attention nationally. Following the season, Mike Begley ’15 was picked up by the Ohio Machine of Major League Lacrosse. Begley and Patrick Eaker ’15 were named Honorable Mention All-Americans by the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association (USILA). Eaker participated in the USILA North-South All-Star Game, and Dave Scarcello ’15 was named a USILA Academic All-American.

Marist finished the season nationally ranked in both major polls. The Red Foxes finished 19th in the Cascade/Maverik Media Poll and 20th in the final USILA Poll, which was released prior to the start of the NCAA Tournament. They finished the season with a 14-4 record.

Marist Wins Goodworks Challenge

For the third straight year, Marist has captured the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) Goodworks Challenge.

The Goodworks Challenge measures the amount of community service done by a school’s students, student-athletes, coaches, faculty, and administration during the course of an academic year. The winning school receives a $1,000 donation to the charity of its choice. Marist’s donation was made to the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation.

“Our student-athletes devoted so much time and effort, and I’m so proud of them for that,” says Marist Director of Student-Athlete Enhancement Alyssa Gates. “Also the Miles of Hope Foundation is a great organization that we’re happy to have worked with in the past, and I’m excited that they’re receiving the donation. They do outstanding work in our community.”

Marist’s athletic administrators, student-athletes, coaches, and Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) took part in 54 community service events and earned over 6,300 points in the academic year. Marist’s largest amount of volunteered hours in the 2014-15 challenge went to Haviland Middle School Sportsmanship Day. Over a two-day span, groups of student-athletes went to the middle school to speak with each gym class about being a college athlete, the importance of academics, and good sportsmanship. Over 100 student-athletes from different teams participated in this event.

Other community service events included:

- Hagan GREAT USA (Girls Reading Enthusiastically Across the USA) & Hagan Project Mobile
- Visits to Violet Elementary School, Haviland Middle School, LaGrange Middle School, and Poughkeepsie Children’s Home
- Girl Scout Sport Sampler
- Special Olympics
- Habitat for Humanity’s Make a Difference Day
- Bonnie’s Boxes
- Food Bank of the Hudson Valley.

The previous two years, Marist’s donations were made to the Friends of Jaclyn Foundation and the Grace Smith House.
Gaye Makes Program History

Michelle Gaye, who graduated from Marist in May, closed out her terrific career as the most accomplished distance runner in school history.

Gaye became the first Marist women’s track and field athlete in school history to qualify for the NCAA East Regional Championships. Gaye competed in the 10K in Jacksonville, FL, on May 28 and placed 25th with a time of 35:13.64.

Gaye departs Marist as the school record holder in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters indoors, as well as the 5,000 and 10,000 meters outdoors. This year, she broke the MAAC record in the 5,000 at the conference’s outdoor track and field championships. In cross country, she became the program’s first individual ECAC champion and the first to finish in the top 10 of the MAAC Championships four times. Gaye was named Marist Female Sportsperson of the Year at this year’s Senior Awards banquet.

Following the NCAA Regional race, Gaye reflected on what she gained from her Marist experience.

“It shaped who I am as a person,” Gaye said. “I met my best friends, and I met lifelong mentors. I felt so much support from people I didn’t even know knew me.”

Men’s Tennis Captures MAAC Championship

The Marist men’s tennis team won its 12th MAAC championship on April 26. The second seed in this year’s MAAC Championships, the Red Foxes defeated top-seeded Monmouth 4-2 in the final.

“What a wonderful win for our entire team and especially our seniors, Joe (Dube) and Matteo (Giudici); this win personally is the most rewarding and satisfying of any of our conference championships,” said Head Coach Tim Smith following the decisive match. “We went in as the underdog to the team that beat us out for the regular-season championship and the hard work, grit, and determination by the team made this a special victory.”

Rudolf Kurz ’18, who was named the MAAC Player of the Year, also earned Most Outstanding Performer honors at the MAAC Championships.

The MAAC Championship was the Red Foxes’ third straight, and seventh in the last eight years.

Academic All-District Selections

Marist closed out the 2014-15 academic year with eight CoSIDA/Capital One Academic All-District selections. Those were Connor Preece ’15 (men’s soccer), Mackenzie Stephens ’15 (volleyball), Madeline Blais (women’s basketball), Joseph Dube ’15 (men’s tennis), Lexi Brannigan ’15 (women’s lacrosse), Michelle Gaye ’15 (women’s cross country/track and field), Mark Valentino ’15 (men’s cross country/track and field), and Mark Vuono ’16 (men’s cross country/track and field).

Laurino Drafted By Baltimore Orioles

On June 10, Steve Laurino ’15 became the 18th player in the history of the Marist baseball program to be selected in the Major League Baseball Draft. Laurino was chosen in the 25th round with the 763rd overall pick by the Baltimore Orioles.

Laurino enjoyed a memorable senior year in which he hit a walk-off home run in the 10th inning on Senior Day to give Marist a 1-0 win over Fairfield. It culminated with him earning Second Team All-MAAC honors.

Laurino rounded out his career ranking eighth in program history in batting average and second in fielding percentage, putouts, and total chances.
Benson Inducted into Water Polo Hall of Fame

Marist water polo coach Natalie Benson has been inducted into the USA Water Polo Hall of Fame. She was honored at a benefit celebration on May 30 in Costa Mesa, CA.

A great two-way player, Benson was known as one of the best defenders to ever play for the USA Water Polo Women’s National Team, and she established herself as an offensive force as well. Benson was an integral part of two Olympic medal-winning squads for Team USA in 2004 (bronze) and 2008 (silver).

During her collegiate playing career at UCLA, Benson contributed to three national championships. After red-shirting the 2004 season to compete in the Olympics, Benson resumed her position at UCLA and led the team to an undefeated season and another NCAA title in 2005. That year, she earned the Cutino Award as the top collegiate player.

At Marist, Benson has served as head coach for two seasons. In both, she has been named MAAC Coach of the Year.

Marist Has Presence in Walkway Marathon

Marist college had a significant presence at the inaugural Walkway Over the Hudson Marathon on June 13.

Many current and former Marist athletes, as well as several members of the Marist community, also participated in the event. Rising Marist sophomore Steven Rizzo ’18, a Wappingers Falls native and Roy C. Ketcham High School graduate who just completed his first year on the Red Foxes’ cross country and track and field teams, won the 5,000 meters in 15:41. The half-marathon champion was Will Griffin ’12 (1:11.40). Griffin became the first Marist track and field athlete to participate in NCAA Regionals in 2011, the same year he was named Marist Sportsperson of the Year. Marist’s historic Cornell Boathouse served as the start and finish lines.
Olivia Corrigan was just a little girl when she first “attended” Marist as part of a summer soccer camp. She remembered that the grown-up girls who coached the participants were nice and fun, and that Marist College seemed like a pretty cool place.

Fast-forward a decade. Corrigan, now a young adult and a rising sophomore, has gotten to know Marist on a whole other level, an opportunity she says wouldn’t have been possible if not for the Marist Alumni Legacy Scholarship.

Each year, a freshman son or daughter of a Marist graduate is chosen for the award. Olivia’s mother, Jeannine (Liu) ’88 (right) and Bryan Corrigan.

Corrigan and her parents recently attended the annual Alumni and Friends Golf Tournament, which has been the main fundraising event for the Scholarship Fund, so she could offer her thanks in person.

The student says that the scenic campus and the camaraderie among students were two of the main reasons she chose Marist. It wasn’t her first choice since it was so close to home. But a campus visit changed everything. “The second I stepped on campus I was drawn in, mesmerized by the culture and warmth and the welcoming people,” she says. The College’s commitment to rigorous academics was also a major draw.

The number of legacy students entering the Class of 2019 has reached a record number of 50, says Amy Woods ’97, executive director of Alumni Relations. Awards are renewed yearly if a recipient remains in good academic standing.

As of June 30, 2014, market value of the fund was $161,017.

“I’d love for the endowment to be larger and to be able to offer more and bigger scholarships,” Woods says. “Students could really benefit from this.”

To that end, Jim Daly ’72, past president of the Marist Alumni Executive Board and a Greystone Board member, created a fundraising challenge to build the scholarship’s endowment.

For a three-year period, Jim and his wife, Christine ’08 MA, have offered to match gifts received from alumni, dollar for dollar, up to $25,000. When the challenge is successfully met, the scholarship’s endowment will grow by an additional $50,000.

Daly, a former Marist vice president and dean of admission and the father of Marist graduates Owen Daly ’05 and Catherine Daly Scanlon ’15 MA, says the family wants to help more children of Marist alumni achieve the goal of a degree from a school that has not only a national reputation but also a welcoming and inspirational atmosphere where friendships are made and continue long after graduation.

“Marist has been very important in my life and I’m grateful to the College for so many things,” Daly says. “Chris and I feel really good about doing this.”

Daly says people who have held alumni leadership positions, such as former alumni presidents who comprise the Greystone Board, are among those who have taken up the challenge. In a bit of irony, Daly was the dean of admission when Corrigan’s mother entered Marist.

Corrigan, who lived in Marian Hall her first year, says she hopes that Marist alumni will remember their own campus experiences and consider donating to the scholarship fund. “The alumni know what a great school it is. I was really able to make connections, meet new people, and grow socially. It was the experience I was looking for.”
Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Set for Sept. 25-27

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ave the date and reserve your hotel rooms for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Sept. 25-27.


The weekend was full of special tributes. On Saturday morning, three extremely dedicated alumni were honored with Alumni Awards: Marist Trustee Timothy G. Brier ’69 received the Dr. Linus Richard Foy ’50 Outstanding Alumnus Award; former Trustee Mary (Monsaert) Joyce ’74 (left) received the Marist College Distinguished Service Award; and Amanda (Augustine) Kane ’04 (right) received the Marist College Young Alumna Award.

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President Dennis J. Murray presented Marist watches to members of the Class of ’64 during a reception to honor their 50-year reunion. Members attending were (standing) John Depew, Kevin Finn, Bro. Rene Roy, John Doss, Deacon Peter R.C. Haight, Patrick Berardi, Fr. Edward Doran, Stephen Slack, Fred Weiss, Gerry LaForge, David Flynn, (seated) Daniel Vernico, John King, Ronald Diss, John Reynolds, Deacon Philip Hannigan, Paul Margentino, and Don Murphy.

Later on Saturday, a packed house of alumni and friends of the College paid tribute to Gerard A. Cox ’55 when the Theatre Lounge in the Student Center was dedicated in his honor. Cox retired from Marist in 2001 after 34 years of service as a faculty member, administrator, and longtime advisor of MCCTA (Marist College Club on Theatre Arts), including 22 years as vice president and dean of student affairs. Among the many special guests at the event were Jerry’s wife, Peggy ’73, the couple’s three children, Stephen ’95, Anne Marie ’99, and Anthony, and their six grandchildren.

Following the dedication, four alumni were inducted into the Marist College Theatre Hall of Fame. The honorees were Nancy Dean Thomas ’75, David Laffin ’93, Keith “Sonny” Sunderland ’98, and Stephanie Speranza ’07.

On Sunday, the College dedicated the International Programs Suite in the Hancock Center in memory of Bro. Joseph L. R. Belanger ’48, the legendary Marist figure who in 1963 founded the Marist Abroad Program and served as its director for 17 years. Over 50 years later, more than 6,500 Marist students have studied around the world. Twenty-six members of the Belanger family joined an enthusiastic crowd of Marist Brothers, alumni, and members of the College community in celebrating this special occasion. Tim Brier, who studied at the London School of Economics, and Mary Joyce, who studied at the American College, L’Etoile, and the Parisian Center for Ballet Dancers in Paris, gave moving tributes to their mentor.

To read more about Jerry Cox and Brother Joe and the scholarships named in their honor, please visit maristconnect.marist.edu/coxandbelanger.
It’s not very often that an alumnus and trustee of a college or university opens his mountain and ski lodge unconditionally to graduates, parents, families, and friends. But for the third year in a row, the Marist College community received this special opportunity.

On March 1, all Marist guests were given exclusive access to the Hermitage Club at Haystack Mountain’s new, private, 80,000-square-foot clubhouse by founder and owner Jim Barnes ’84.

Close to 1,000 members of the Marist community traveled to Deerfield Valley, VT, to partake in a variety of complimentary winter activities including downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, snow tubing, and more. For those who preferred a more temperature-controlled environment, the clubhouse offered a fitness center, spa, movie theatre, pool, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, and mini bowling alley.

All guests who attended Marist Day at the Hermitage Club and also supported the College’s annual giving campaign, the Marist Fund, between July 1 and March 1 were entered in a drawing for one of two gift baskets full of Marist and Hermitage Club goodies. The winners were Ron and Margaret (Saltarelli) Marchand ‘91/’92 and Michael and Allison (Clifford) Uttley ‘07/’07.

Marist would like to offer a huge thank-you to Jim and Donna Barnes and the entire staff at the Hermitage Club.

Record Crowd Attends Marist Day at the Hermitage Club

Activities on Marist Day included downhill skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, ice skating, and snow tubing.
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Adjunct Instructor of Physical Education (1980-2014)

Chris McCann ’83’s 1-800-Flowers.com Acquires Harry & David

As president of 1-800-flowers.com, Chris McCann ’83 directs the world’s leading florist and gift shop. In September 2014, that empire expanded as the company announced it had completed its acquisition of Harry & David Holdings, Inc., a leading specialty retailer and producer of fruit, gourmet food products and other gifts marketed under the Harry & David, Wolferman’s, and Cushman’s brands.

“This combination will propel our total annual revenues to more than $1.1 billion and offers numerous opportunities to accelerate our top and bottom-line growth going forward,” said Chris’s brother, Jim McCann, CEO of the company.

The signature Harry & David product line includes its flagship Royal Riviera pears, Fruit-of-the-Month Club products, Tower of Treats gifts, Moose Munch caramel and chocolate popcorn snacks, Wolferman’s specialty English muffins and other breakfast products, and Cushman’s HoneyBells citrus gifts, among other items.

“Combined with our expanded family of great gourmet gift brands, including Fannie May, Cheryl’s, the Popcorn Factory, FruitBouquets, 1-800-Baskets.com, and Stockyards.com, the acquisition of Harry & David will increase our revenues in the gourmet food gift space to nearly $650 million, making us a leading player in this growing, multibillion dollar category,” said Jim McCann in a company news release.
Alumni Authors

G. Patrick Gallagher ’57 has written his second book on a critical subject for law enforcement: Successful Police Risk Management: A Guide for Police Executives, Risk Managers, Local Officials, and Defense Attorneys (lulu.com). Gallagher has conducted training sessions in all 50 states, performed audits and management studies of police departments, and been involved as an expert witness in a number of police cases.

William Reger-Nash, EdD ’65, has published Foundations of Wellness, a text for university health and wellness courses. The book focuses on mindfulness and positive psychology, recommending standard wellness practices within a mindful context. Reger-Nash taught at the West Virginia University School of Medicine and School of Public Health, where he is a professor emeritus, for 21 years. The book is available through www.humankinetics.com or standard retailers.

Jerry Della Rocca ’71 has written two books about what to do when faced with early retirement after a 30-year career: “Still on the short side of his fifties, and accepting that it’s too soon to put away his briefcase, he diligently searches for a new occupation/profession/job, one that will fulfill the passions that he didn’t know he had. But in between here and the perfect career is one obstacle — the unending Honey-Do List.” No More Ties... But Will There Be Donuts? and its sequel, Too Few Donuts... Too Many Honey-Do Lists, are available at amazon.com.

Gary W. Griffen ’72, who has produced four national award-winning TV specials on whitetails for the Discovery Channel, recently published Whitetails in America. Through images and more than 30 years of studying and filming whitetails, Griffen examines the natural history, behavior, and conservation of white-tailed deer. The book and companion DVD can be purchased at www.griffenproductions.com and an ebook version is available at Apple iBooks.

In his book Turn Back, John (Jack) Fagan ’74 presents the findings of his 14-year exploration into the validity of his concerns that the true meanings of some Biblical verses have been taught incorrectly or lost to history. The book is available through Dorrance Publishing Co. (www.dorrancebookstore.com).

Jim DeFelice ’77 has written more than 50 books, 15 of which have been on the New York Times best-seller list. DeFelice co-authored American Sniper, the autobiography of former US Navy SEAL sniper Chris Kyle, and more recently American Wife with Taya Kyle, the widow of Chris Kyle. At press time both books were on the New York Times best-seller list. Look for a feature about DeFelice in a future issue of Marist magazine.

Sharon Struth ’81 signed a deal with Kensington Publishing for three books in her Blue Moon Lake Novels series. Book One, Share the Moon, was released in August 2014 and is available at amazon.com and other retailers.


John Roche ’87 has written a crime novel, Bronx Bound (Black Opal Books). It was among the top 100-selling books on barnesandnoble.com after its release this past spring. Roche teaches journalism at Marist as an adjunct faculty member in the School of Communication and the Arts.

Sheila (Clancy) O’Donnell ’91 has written a children’s book about a Donegal, Ireland, girl who is half-American. Princess Alexandra Rose of No Fixed Abode follows the girl’s experiences in Ireland and the USA. The book is available through stores listed on its Facebook page of the same name and at www.princessalexandrarose.com. A portion of proceeds from sales goes to the Marie Keating Foundation and the Michaela Foundation, charities in Ireland.

John Wiley and Sons recently published Measurement Madness: Recognizing and Avoiding the Pitfalls of Performance Measurement by Andrey Pavlov ’02/’03 MBA. The book, about measuring performance in organizations, “aims to help leaders avoid the dysfunctional and often bizarre unintended consequences of relying on performance indicators,” Pavlov says. “It does so by using real-life examples of performance management measurement gone mad from the US, UK, and around the world.” Houghton Mifflin Harcourt will publish The Ashes of Fiery Weather by Kathleen Donohoe ’94 in spring 2016. The novel is about the women of a Brooklyn, NY, family of firefighters whose stories interconnect across time.

Abdul Lloyd-Bey, Esq. ’94 has released No Throwaway Boy, recounting the journey of a young man who served nearly 13 years in New York prisons before becoming a criminal defense lawyer. The book is available at amazon.com.

Gretchen E. Schultek ’06 has published Elementary EDUC 101: What They Didn’t Teach You in College (Outskirts Press), offering tips based on her experiences in the elementary school classroom. Schultek earned a master’s in curriculum and supervision from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, has attained national board certification as an early childhood generalist, and has taught second, third, and fifth grades. The book is available through outskirtspress.com and amazon.com.

Pari Forood ’15 MPA has written The Gates of Light, a novel about immigration, based on her life and that of her family. The book jacket describes part of the story: “While working in Washington, DC, in 1984 as a press secretary for Congressman Hamilton Fish, Jr., Pari Forood gets a phone call from her father. Her 17-year-old Iranian cousin has been drafted during the Iran/Iraq war. He must flee from Iran or face an almost certain death. ... Forood uses her ties in Washington to help extricate her young cousin whom she has not seen in 14 years. Ms. Forood was born to an immigrant Muslim Iranian father and American mother who can trace her lineage back to this country’s early American settlers.” The book is available at www.westcormwallpublishing.com.
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Join the Marist College Legacy Society by December 31, 2015, to become part of “The Founding 100” leadership group.

If you have already included Marist in your estate plans, thank you and please let us know so we can welcome you into the Legacy Society. If you would like information about how planned gifts can help Marist, please contact Shaileen Kopec, Senior Development Officer for Planned Giving and Endowment Support, at (845) 575-3468 or Shaileen.Kopec@marist.edu.
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