

MILESTONE & FAREWELL CELEBRATION



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Program

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RETIREES

John Bainbridge
Francine Barrett
William Brown

Eileen Connolly
Tina Cornell
Karen Feo

John Finnigan
Michael Grodesky
Elvira Heinzinger

Francis Kelly
Raymond Lane
John Misasi
Ronald Nagel

Epifanio Perez
Caroline Rider
Peggy Roush
Ken Sloan

50 YEARS

Lee Miringoff

45 YEARS

Wayne Elmendorf
Roger Norton

40 YEARS

Victoria Ingalls
Brian Letendre
Linda Pisacano
Corinne Schell

35 YEARS

Shawn Ball
Suzanna Beneway
Pau-San Haruta
Sean Kaylor
Timothy Nightingale
Kyle O'Neil
Timoteo Perez
Katherine Storms
Thomas Walsh

30 YEARS

Annamaria Maciocia

25 YEARS

John Ansley
Angel Arriaga
Mark Barron
Justin Butwell
Jean DeFino
Peter del Rosario
Neil Fitzgerald
Kevin Gaugler

Gary Kile
Kate Kozma
Charles Lee
Owen Lee
Elizabeth Mulligan
Della Lee Sue
Ginene Zeyher

20 YEARS

Christie Alfaro
Ashley Anderson
Jeffrey Butts
Lora Gannon
Alyssa Gates
Joseph Giacalone
Christy Huebner
Caridi

Felipe Morales
Jocelyn Nadeau
Emma Perez
Sonia Roy
Cassie Schaaf
Jason Schaaf

15 YEARS

Joseph Augulis
Joseph Benedetto
James Billesimo
Jessica Boscarino
Geoffrey Brackett
Kristina Daddona
Kristin Dragos
Patricia Ferrer
Kathryn Gildard
Brian Haughey
Eva Hernandez
Barbara Mascarenhas
Carolyn Matheus
Bryon Myers
Patrick O'Donnell
Terrance Paskell
Suzanne Schroeder
Benjamin Scott
Xiaoli Wang
Anne Zahradnik

10 YEARS

Janeth Abril
Rebecca Albitz
Christopher Algozzine
Stephanie Bawol
Kim Bodendorf
Melissa Boutot
John Cary
Joanna D'Avanzo
Sherry D'Urso
Christina Fojas
Tyrone Gadsden
Zachary Harkenrider
Brian Havranek
Eileen Hutcher
Joanna Huyck
Rosario Illescas
Thomas Jenks
Byunghoon Jin
Christina Kearney
Nicoline Kiwiet
Frank Merenda
Daniel Meyerson
Marisa Moore
Juan Olivera-Silvera
Matthew Peter
Joshua Stratton
Jennifer Sullivan
Karen Wellwood
Charles Woods
Bowu Zhang

5 YEARS

Harrison Baker
Edward Bowen
Otis Brown
Alfred Coronel Galindo
Michael Craven
Jessica Crawford
Joseph Cuccia
Nael Cummings
Holly Franzen-Korzendorfer
Jamie Freiman
Melissa Goldy
Matthew Hegedus
Ruth Howell-Johnson
John Koleszar
Timothy Lawton
Stanley Martinez
Susan Masciale-Lynch
Jose Perez
Stephen Piehler
Christopher Prisciandaro
Jeffrey Prizzia
Anthony Randall
Nicholas Skidmore
Marina White
Jennifer Winus-Robinson
Claudia Zegans

Program

Welcome

Christina Daniele
Vice President, Human Resources

Milestone Honoree Recognition

Geoffrey Brackett
Executive Vice President, Operations & Community Relations

Catherine Gunther Kodat
Provost and Dean of Faculty

Farewell Retirees

Kevin Weinman
President



Thank you for your years
of dedicated service to
Marist University

Jay Bainbridge, Associate Professor

Jay Bainbridge retires after 16 years of dedicated service to Marist University, serving as an Associate Professor of Public Administration in the School of Management and was deeply involved in the Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. Throughout his tenure, Jay taught courses in public and nonprofit administration, policy analysis, and quantitative methods, helping students connect analytical skill-building with real-world public service challenges.

Known for his thoughtful approach to teaching and his genuine care for students, Jay helped generations of learners understand how data, policy, and compassion intersect in public service. Before joining Marist, Jay served as Assistant Commissioner of Policy and Research at the New York City Department of Homeless Services, experience that shaped his teaching and influenced his internationally recognized research and consulting work.

Through his teaching, research, mentorship, and service, Jay left a lasting imprint on Marist. He inspired students to pursue public service with rigor and heart, and his colleagues appreciated his generosity, insight, and steady presence. We thank Jay for his many contributions and wish him fulfillment, adventure, and well-deserved rest in his next chapter.

Francine Barrett, Lead Email and Collaboration Support Specialist

Francine Barrett retires after 25 years of dedicated service to Marist University, most recently serving as the Lead Email & Collaboration Support Specialist. In this role, Francine was responsible for the administration and support of the University's messaging and communication systems, playing an essential part in maintaining the reliability and security of campus-wide IT services.

Throughout her tenure, Francine brought deep technical expertise and extensive institutional knowledge to her work, supporting the technology environment relied upon daily by faculty, staff, and students. Prior to joining Marist, she worked as a System Analyst at Central Hudson, experience that strengthened her skills in systems administration and technical support and informed her contributions at the University.

Known for her professionalism, consistency, and commitment to operational excellence, Francine made a lasting impact behind the scenes at Marist. We thank Francine for her many years of service and dedication and wish her the best in her well-earned retirement.

William Brown, Assistant Professor

William Brown retires after a distinguished 25-year career at Marist University, where he served as an Assistant Professor in the School of Management and made a lasting impact through his teaching, scholarship, and mentorship. Over the years, William earned a reputation for engaging lectures, thoughtful discussion, and a classroom presence that blended insight, humor, and life experience.

William was known for weaving history, ethics, and real-world perspective into his courses, helping students see business concepts as part of a larger social and professional context. His willingness to share stories, encourage participation, and support students beyond the classroom made him a memorable and respected faculty member. Students consistently valued his approachability and genuine interest in their success.

Through his years at Marist, William helped shape the academic journeys of countless students and enriched the University community. We thank him for his many contributions and wish him continued enjoyment in retirement.

Eileen Connolly, Administrative Assistant

Eileen Connolly retires after 11 years of dedicated service to Marist University, where she served as the Security Office Administrative Assistant. In this role, Eileen was a vital part of the Campus Safety team, providing essential administrative support that helped ensure the smooth and effective operation of the department.

Known for her professionalism, reliability, and calm presence, Eileen supported officers, staff, and campus partners with care and attention to detail. Her work behind the scenes contributed to a safe and well-coordinated campus environment, and her willingness to assist others was deeply appreciated by colleagues across the University.

As Eileen begins her retirement, the Marist community extends sincere thanks for her years of service and dedication, and wishes her happiness, good health, and enjoyment in the years ahead.

Tina Cornell, *Administrative Coordinator*

Tina Cornell retires after 14 years of service to Marist University, serving as the Administrative Coordinator for the Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) Program in the School of Science in her most recent role. Tina has supported both the academic and clinical operations of the program, serving as a central point of coordination for faculty, students, and clinical partners.

Throughout her career at Marist, Tina brought extensive higher education administrative experience to her work, supporting clinical education, program logistics, and the day-to-day operations essential to a successful learning environment for DPT students. Her attention to detail, organizational skills, and steady presence helped ensure the smooth functioning of a complex and highly collaborative program.

Known for her professionalism, institutional knowledge, and dedication to student and faculty success, Tina made a lasting impact on the DPT program and the Marist community. We thank Tina for her years of service and valued contributions and wish her every happiness ahead.

Karen Feo, *Administrative Assistant*

Karen Feo retires after more than three decades of service to Marist University, having first joined the institution in 1993. Over the years, Karen served in a variety of roles across campus, building deep institutional knowledge and a reputation for professionalism, reliability, and kindness.

Since 2018, Karen served as the Administrative Assistant of International Programs, where she played a vital role in supporting Marist's global initiatives. Working closely with students, faculty, and international partners, she helped expand opportunities for study abroad and international engagement, contributing to the growth and success of Marist's international programs during a period of significant expansion.

Karen was often one of the first points of contact for students considering international programs, offering guidance, organization, and reassurance throughout what could be a complex and exciting process. Karen's behind-the-scenes work made a lasting impact on countless students and colleagues. Her years of service reflect not only dedication to her roles, but also a deep commitment to the Marist mission of global learning, cultural exchange, and community. We thank Karen for all she has given to Marist and wish her enjoyment in retirement.

John Finnigan, *Senior Professional Lecturer*

John Finnigan retires after 17 years of service to Marist University, where he has taught as a Senior Professional Lecturer of Finance and Economics in the School of Management since 2008. During his tenure, John instructed a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses, shaping the academic and professional development of countless students.

Beyond the classroom, John was deeply engaged in advising and student life. He served as an advisor to the MBA Program, as well as a faculty advisor to the Business Club and Beta Alpha Psi honor society. He also championed experiential learning opportunities, leading annual student visits to the New York Stock Exchange and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which helped students connect theory with real-world financial practice.

John founded the ASPIRE Program, an international study initiative designed to accelerate academic progress for finance and accounting students while providing global learning experiences. Prior to his academic career, John worked in the financial services industry, including serving as a Vice President at Morgan Stanley, bringing valuable professional insight and credibility to his teaching.

Known for his rigorous coursework, commitment to financial literacy, and emphasis on discipline and analytical thinking, John leaves a lasting mark on Marist. The University thanks him for his many contributions and wishes him continued fulfillment in his well-earned retirement.

Michael Grodesky, *Systems Programmer*

Michael Grodesky retires after 20 years of dedicated service to Marist University, where he has supported the institution's enterprise technology environment as a Systems Programmer since 2006. In this role, Michael was responsible for the administration, maintenance, and support of critical academic and administrative systems that are central to daily University operations.

Michael brought deep technical expertise to Marist, including work with Ellucian Banner ERP systems, Oracle databases, and IBM mainframe and z/OS environments. His careful attention to system reliability, data integrity, and performance helped ensure the stability of mission-critical platforms relied upon across campus.

Prior to joining Marist, Michael built a long and varied career in industry, holding roles at IBM and Thomson Consumer Electronics where he worked as a system programmer, application programmer/analyst, and mechanical CAD administrator. This diverse professional background enriched his contributions at Marist and strengthened the University's technology infrastructure.

Through his technical skills, problem-solving ability, and steady commitment, Michael played an often unseen but essential role in supporting Marist University's operations. With gratitude for his years of service, we wish him the very best in this next chapter.

Ellie Heinzinger, *Administrative Coordinator*

Ellie Heinzinger retires after 23 years of service to Marist University, having joined the institution in 2002 as an Administrative Coordinator. Throughout her tenure, Ellie provided essential support to academic programs, including the Fashion Department, working closely with faculty, students, and academic leadership.

In her role, Ellie coordinated departmental operations, managed communications, and served as a steady and trusted resource for those around her. Her deep institutional knowledge and strong organizational skills helped ensure the smooth day-to-day functioning of academic offices, particularly during periods of growth and change as Marist evolved from a college to a university.

Known for her professionalism, kindness, and commitment to helping others, Ellie built lasting relationships across campus and was deeply valued by colleagues and students alike. We are grateful for her many years of service to Marist University and wish her a wonderful retirement.

Brother Francis Kelly, *Head Chaplain*

Bro. Francis “Frank” Kelly, FMS, is a Marist Brother and longtime member of the Marist University community, where he has served as Director of Spiritual Life. As a spiritual leader, educator, and pastoral presence on campus, he supported students, faculty, and staff through worship, service, and community engagement initiatives. He studied at Marist College, completed formation and seminary training with the Marist Brothers, and served in teaching and ministry roles prior to returning to Marist in a leadership capacity within the Department of Spiritual Life and Service.

As Director of Spiritual Life and Service, Brother Frank emphasized service to others, social justice, faith formation, and community outreach. One of the most visible expressions of his ministry was his leadership of Marist’s annual Giving Tree program, which for decades provided holiday assistance to local families and children in need through partnerships with regional service organizations.

Widely known for his approachability, compassion, and deep commitment to Marist traditions, Brother Frank’s ministry left a lasting impact on generations of students and colleagues, strengthening Marist’s foundation of faith, service, and community. With gratitude for his ministry, we wish him every blessing in this next chapter.

Raymond Lane, *Manager, Postal Services*

Raymond Lane retires after 35 dedicated years of service to Marist University as Manager of Postal Services, where he oversaw campus mail and postal operations supporting academic, administrative, and residential departments across the University. In this role, Raymond played an essential part in ensuring the timely, secure, and reliable delivery of mail for the campus.

Known for his attention to detail and dependable service, Raymond managed daily operations, coordinated departmental and bulk mailings, and helped maintain compliance with postal regulations. His work supported countless campus functions and contributed to the smooth flow of communication across Marist.

The Marist community thanks Raymond for his service and commitment and wishes him all the best in his well-earned retirement.

Jay Misasi, *Chef II*

Jay Misasi retires after a remarkable career at Marist University, having served as a valued chef since 1990. For more than three decades, Jay played an essential role in nourishing the Marist community, preparing meals that supported daily campus life and helped create a welcoming, home-away-from-home experience for students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Throughout his years of service, Jay was known for his dedication to quality, consistency, and teamwork. His culinary skills, strong work ethic, and pride in his craft contributed to the success of Dining Services and to the positive experiences of countless members of the Marist community.

Jay's long tenure reflects a deep commitment to Marist University and its mission. His contributions span generations of students, many of whom came to recognize familiar faces and flavors as part of their time spent at Marist. The Marist community is grateful to Jay for the care and pride he brought to feeding others over the years and wishes him a happy retirement.

Ron Nagel, *Warehouse Receiver*

Ron Nagel retires after 12 years of dedicated service to Marist University, where he worked as a Warehouse Receiver. In this role, Ron was an essential part of the University's operations, helping ensure that campus departments received the supplies and materials they needed to function efficiently.

Known for his reliability, strong work ethic, and attention to detail, Ron played a behind-the-scenes role that supported daily campus life and the broader Marist mission. His steady presence and commitment to doing the job right were appreciated by colleagues across departments.

As Ron begins his retirement, the Marist community thanks him for his service and wishes him good health, happiness, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

Epifanio Perez, *Construction Mechanic/Grounds*

Epifanio “Epi” Perez served as a longtime member of the Marist University facilities and grounds team, where he has spent more than three decades helping shape and maintain the beauty of Marist’s campus along the Hudson River. His work has played a significant role in earning Marist national recognition as one of the most beautiful campuses in the United States.

Epi is best known for leading the planning and installation of Marist University’s iconic holiday tree lighting, a beloved campus tradition illuminated by 78,000 LED lights each year. Through meticulous planning, craftsmanship, and teamwork, he and his crew transform the campus centerpiece into a symbol of community, pride, and seasonal celebration each holiday season.

Beyond the holiday tradition, Epi’s career reflects a broader dedication to campus stewardship, safety, and aesthetics. His contributions help create a welcoming environment and a strong sense of place at Marist University.

Caroline Rider, *Associate Professor*

Caroline Rider retires after an impactful 43-year career as an Associate Professor in the School of Management. Since coming to the University in 1982, Caroline taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses in business law, international trade, and global business. Through her teaching, she helped students understand how law and ethics shape business decisions in an increasingly global world.

Her scholarship focused on international small- and medium-sized enterprises, strategic alliances, and global competitiveness, with research presented internationally. In addition to her teaching and scholarship, Caroline served the University as Liaison to the City Fellows Program, reflecting her commitment to leadership development and inclusion.

Caroline’s reflections on her time at Marist—her career, her students, and the University’s growth—are preserved through the Marist Heritage Oral History Project. We are grateful for her many years of dedication, her influence on generations of students, and the thoughtful presence she brought to campus life. We wish Caroline joy, relaxation, and all the best as she begins retirement.

Peggy Roush, Assistant Vice President, Information Technology

Peggy Roush retires after a distinguished career at Marist University, where she most recently served as Assistant Vice President for Information Technology. In this leadership role, Peggy played a key part in advancing Marist's technology strategy and strengthening the enterprise systems that support teaching, learning, and daily campus operations.

Throughout her time at Marist, Peggy held several leadership positions within the Office of Information Technology, including Director of Enterprise Solutions, where she led large-scale systems initiatives, integrations, and operational technology projects serving both academic and administrative needs across the University. Her work was instrumental in modernizing Marist's digital infrastructure and ensuring its reliability and security.

A proud Marist alumna, Peggy earned her degree in 1990 and maintained a deep and lasting connection to the University throughout her professional career. Peggy's leadership, technical expertise, and institutional commitment have left a lasting impact on Marist University. We thank her for her contributions to Marist and wish her fulfillment in her well-earned retirement.

Ken Sloan, Associate Professor

Ken Sloan retires after many years of dedicated service to Marist University, where he joined the School of Management faculty in 2003. During his tenure, Ken taught a wide range of undergraduate and graduate courses, including leadership, management, human resources, and analytics, and made a lasting impact on students across the MBA, MPA, and undergraduate programs.

Before coming to Marist, Ken enjoyed a distinguished 20-year career with Bristol-Myers Squibb, where he rose to the position of Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resource Officer for the Worldwide Pharmaceutical Group. He brought this deep executive and organizational experience into the classroom, enriching students' learning through real-world insight and applied leadership perspectives.

At Marist, Ken was deeply engaged with the regional business community, conducted annual wage and benefits surveys for local organizations, and served as an executive coach. His teaching, scholarship, and mentorship reflected a strong commitment to ethical leadership and experiential learning.

We thank Ken for his many contributions to the School of Management and the Marist community and wish him continued success in his retirement.