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# Letter from the President

MARK LOMBARDI, PhD

DEAR FRIENDS,

While I always have plenty of inspiring stories about Maryville University to share with others, this issue of *Maryville Magazine* is especially infused with news and features about interesting people and innovative programs. You'll also enjoy a rare profile of two extraordinary donors whose gift will – literally – transform our campus.

Over the years, Earl and Myrtle Walker have provided countless educational opportunities for young people throughout the St. Louis region. Here at Maryville, Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker Hall – the planned state-of-the-art School of Health Professions building – will be named in honor of their cornerstone gift. The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, cofounded by Mr. Walker, will move to campus and become an integral part of our community once the building is completed. In this issue, you'll meet this remarkable couple and learn what inspires their selfless dedication to education.

Many of our alumni received their degrees through Maryville's Weekend and Evening College, the first program of its kind in the greater St. Louis region. Beginning this month, WEC celebrates its thirtieth anniversary of providing adults with flexible, top-notch education designed to enhance their professional careers. Four graduates share their educational journeys and provide testament to Maryville's visionary planning.

As a core value of this institution, civic engagement is at the forefront of our learning and teaching activity. Members of our faculty often lead the charge. In this edition we feature two such educators – Peter Henderson, assistant professor of music therapy and well-known classical pianist, and Tom Bratkowski, biology professor and urban activist for neighborhood restoration – both of whom discuss their off-campus pursuits with refreshing energy and enthusiasm.

Our undergraduate student population continues to grow. In fact, enrollment is the highest it's ever been – and our first-year students are choosing to return in record numbers. International students are joining our community in greater numbers, as well. This year, more than 40 students from 16 countries are active in academic and extra-curricular programs. Needless to say, campus life is busier and more exciting than ever.

Of course, you'll also enjoy reading the uplifting stories of alumni whose professional pursuits are making a difference throughout the world. As you move forward through 2011, we hope you'll keep Maryville apprised of your good work – we love hearing from you.

WISHING YOU A WONDERFUL NEW YEAR,

*Mark Lombardi*

EXCITING ANNOUNCEMENT:  
President Lombardi introduces  
Earl Walker to the Maryville  
Community on May 10 while  
Sheri Mistretta, executive  
director of the Walker Scottish  
Rite Clinic, looks on.



Jay Fram

# [YourLetters]

...FOR THE RECORD, I READ MARYVILLE MAGAZINE FROM COVER TO COVER EVERY time it comes. It's so nice to receive it and stay in touch with what's going on. I know it's probably a lot of work and expensive to produce and send, but in my humble opinion it's worth every second and penny. Thanks to everyone that makes it happen!

**Michael Kurtz Jr.**

*Class of 1994*

*Oldsmar, Florida*

*Editor's note: Be sure to read our profile of Michael on page 36 of this issue.*

THE NEW LOOK OF THE MARYVILLE MAGAZINE IS FABULOUS! I KEPT coming back to it, reading more and more of the articles. Great job!

**Colleen "Coke" Hennessy**

*Class of 1963*

*St. Louis*

## CORRECTION

The profile of alumnus Bruce Kintz, '85, appearing on page 38 of the Spring/Summer 2010 issue should have listed his degree credentials as EdD, instead of PhD.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**COVER STORY UPDATE:** Construction of the three-story addition to Gander Hall is well underway and on schedule for completion in May 2011. The new dining hall will be operational by Fall 2011. The addition doubles the size of the building from 8,600 square feet to approximately 19,000 square feet. The building will feature a two-story atrium dining area.

A Heritage Room celebrating the history and traditions of the University will also be constructed in Gander Hall. Archive photos and artifacts, including furnishings from Maryville's original campus in south St. Louis, will be featured, along with video remembrances by alumni. Visit [maryville.edu/construction](http://maryville.edu/construction) for regular project updates and additional photos of construction progress.







GOING GLOBAL: Moroccan educators visit a Parkway School District kindergarten classroom as part of an international exchange program hosted by Maryville's Center for Civic Engagement and Democracy.

## Fostering Civic Engagement *Through International Partnerships*

ALDEN CRADDOCK, PHD, ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF THE Center for Civic Engagement and Democracy (CCED), welcomed a contingent of top-level education administrators and policy-makers from Morocco to Maryville University last fall. They visited local public schools to observe classrooms and meet with educators as part of an exchange program designed to identify best practices in teaching civics, citizenship and democracy.

The exchange program is focused on building global partnerships which nurture the peaceful growth of localized, culturally-specific democracies.

The trip came on the heels of a similar journey in the opposite direction in

Spring 2010, when a select group of participants from Maryville's 2009 'Gateway to the World' citizenship conference visited Morocco.

"We take citizenship for granted," Craddock says. "For educators in the countries we're working with, this is new for them and they're hungry for these conversations. That, in turn, invigorates and inspires our teachers and administrators to think about civics and citizenship and how we can better teach these concepts in our classrooms."

Participants often describe these exchange experiences as some of the most powerful professional development moments of their careers, Craddock says. That has fueled plans for a new graduate certificate program in

Global Awareness and Civic Literacy at Maryville slated to launch in Fall 2011.

The program will likely draw educators from the exchange program, who will in turn draw educator colleagues from wider and wider circles.

Craddock's vision for the future includes educators in partner countries teaching the same lessons while continuing to recognize that many of the core challenges in education (and democracies) are the same: underfunding, overcrowding and the need for parent and key stakeholder involvement.

"We want to create opportunities to institutionalize these collaborations, so this exchange and partnership really does just become part of who we are," says Craddock. ■

# Hausfather Assists with National Effort to Improve Teaching

SAM HAUSFATHER, PHD, DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION, HAS RECENTLY BEEN appointed to a national advisory group for the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (AACTE). Hausfather will be instrumental in helping guide a new initiative for AACTE, a proposed technical assistance program on effective clinical practice.

Maryville was also named a lead institution of higher learning in Missouri by the AACTE, and will serve a major support role in the state for the AACTE's Teacher Performance Assessment Consortium (TPAC). That distinction was conferred with an annual stipend to offset the costs of facilitating communication with member and non-member institutions around the state. All involved institutions will explore methods for training better teachers and begin implementing innovative new means of measuring and overseeing teacher performance.

The AACTE has more than 800 member institutions around the country and in U.S. territories. It is an alliance committed to advocacy, leadership and service as the means to fulfill its mission to "promote the learning of all PK-12 students through high-quality, evidence-based preparation and continuing education for all school personnel."

The University was recently cited in an AACTE profile as one of 67 institutions featuring high quality clinical practice efforts underway in collaboration with local school districts. In 2006, Maryville received the Models of Excellence Award for School Partnerships from the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges for Teacher Education.

"Maryville has long enjoyed an outstanding reputation for training excellent teachers. I look forward to continuing to leverage Maryville's expertise in this area and assist with this crucial effort to enhance our nation's schools," says Hausfather. ■

## First-Year Retention Rate Continues To Climb

Maryville University has announced a record retention rate of 84 percent for returning first-year students.

The accomplishment is attributed to enhanced programs for incoming students and greater campus-wide collaboration to ensure their success.

"This is a tremendous milestone in our efforts to extend Maryville University's historical reputation as a community and institution where faculty and staff invest in the students' lives. Students know they are getting a challenging, valuable education," says Jennifer McCluskey, PhD, associate vice president and director of the Center for Academic Success and First-Year Experience.

Improved communication across campus concerning student needs is

one reason Maryville's retention rate has continued to climb in recent years, McCluskey says. As a result, students have acclimated more quickly and with significantly more academic and personal success, she says.

The University Seminar program, which offers a wide variety of themed courses for first-year students, also contributes to a strong retention rate, says McCluskey. Peer mentors are involved in the program, serving as role models and resources.

"Maryville's continual increase in retention over the past several years reflects the collaboration of our entire campus as it provides many attractive incentives for first-year students," says McCluskey. ■

## MARYVILLE MAKES PRESIDENT'S HONOR ROLL



ZOO OUTING: Students assist residents of Little Sisters of the Poor nursing home on an outing to the Saint Louis Zoo during Maryville Reaches Out 2010.

In 2010, for the first time in school history, Maryville University was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, which recognizes commitment and achievement in community service. More than 1,400 Maryville students participated in such activities during the 2009-2010 academic year, logging nearly 18,800 total hours.

The Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a college or university can receive for volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement activities, and was given to slightly more than 700 colleges and universities last year for exemplary, innovative and effective community service programs.

"Inclusion on the Honor Roll is validation of the good work that our faculty and staff are doing to ensure that community service is part of the entire Maryville experience—both academic and non-academic," says Alden Craddock, associate vice president and director of the Center for Civic Engagement and Democracy. ■

## SHORT CUTS

### MARYVILLE RECEIVES FUNDRAISING AWARD

Maryville University received an Overall Improvement distinction in the 2010 WealthEngine Awards for Educational Fundraising, presented by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE). The award recognizes institutions that demonstrate the highest level of professionalism and best practices in fundraising. Tom Eschen serves as Maryville's vice president of Institutional Advancement.

### COHN TAKES CHARGE

Marilyn Cohn, PhD, distinguished visiting professor of education, was recently named director of the Dr. Mary Ellen Finch Center for Teaching and Learning. The Finch Center provides opportunities for faculty to develop new approaches to teaching issues, then use action research to study the effects on student performance.



Peacock

### A-B PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT MARYVILLE

David Peacock, president of Anheuser-Busch Companies, spoke on campus in Fall 2010 as part of the KMOX/ Business Owners Speaker Series, hosted and co-sponsored by Maryville University, along with Charter Business.

### LOUIE'S MARKET OPENS ON CAMPUS

A convenient new feature opened in the campus Bookstore, located in Donius University Center—Louie's Market. The mini mart offers convenience foods and

merchandise. Kate Ritter, Bookstore manager, says items were selected based on the results of an annual student survey.

### DEAN GULAS APPOINTED TO ADVISORY COMMISSION

Missouri Governor Jay Nixon has appointed Charles J. Gulas, PhD, dean of the Maryville University School of Health Professions, to the Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists. The commission guides, advises and makes recommendations relevant to the physical therapy profession to the Board of Healing Arts. Gulas has been appointed for a term ending Sept. 24, 2013. A board-certified geriatric clinical specialist, Gulas has 34 years experience as a licensed physical therapist and maintains a clinical practice.

### MARYVILLE PARTNERS WITH SLCC DEAF STUDIES

An academic agreement between Maryville University's School of Health Professions and St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley's Deaf Communications Studies-Interpreter

Education Program, gives students pursuing a career in healthcare services an advantage in the job market.

The new program allows students who obtain an associate's degree in deaf communication studies to continue their education for two years at Maryville, earning a bachelor's degree in rehabilitation services.

Students enrolled in the program can also bridge to the master's program in rehabilitation counseling at Maryville.

### PARTNERSHIP FOCUSES ON FINANCE EDUCATION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Maryville University has entered a three-year partnership with Junior Achievement of Mississippi Valley, Inc., in support of the organization's JA Finance Park. The program introduces the concepts of personal finance, decision-making and career exploration to 10,000 students in grades 8-12 annually. Maryville provides a storefront career education program.

## Temme Garner's *Two Teaching Awards*

KIMBERLY TEMME, PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING, HAS RECEIVED THE 2010 Outstanding Educator Award by the Missouri Society of Certified Public Accountants (MSCPA). Temme is also the recipient of a 2010 Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award.

In honoring Temme, the MSCPA noted that her "contributions to accounting education and the profession have influenced countless students, as well as

the landscape of accounting education in Missouri."

In addition, Temme was recognized by the organization for her dedication to the growth of the profession. She has contributed to MSCPA's LEAP initiative, served on the MSCPA Board of Directors and has been active in St. Louis chapter activities.

The nomination for Temme's Emerson Excellence in Teaching Award read, in

part, that Temme "... not only brings her content knowledge and experience in her field to the classroom, she makes the content come alive for students." 🇺🇸



Temme



# ‘Gifted Hands’ Neurosurgeon *Speaks to a Full House*



BEN CARSON, MD, RENOWNED PEDIATRIC NEUROSURGEON, AUTHOR AND PUBLIC speaker, appeared before an overflowing audience in Maryville Auditorium on Nov. 30. Students from local middle and high schools, community members, alumni, faculty, staff and Maryville students were all invited to hear introductory remarks from Carson and participate in a generous question and answer time. Carson was in town to present the St. Louis Speakers Series lecture later that evening at Powell Hall.

In his remarks, Carson reflected on how reading about figures from U.S. history and Biblical stories inspired him and helped him believe there was a way out of the “desperate poverty” of his childhood. He recounted several high and low points during his education, and advised the younger members of the audience to “pursue a career that uses your special gifts and talents.” He remarked that his calm, quiet demeanor—which has been so useful to him as a surgeon—was certainly a challenge for Cuba Gooding Jr., who portrayed Carson in the film *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*.

Many of the younger students who came forward to ask questions wanted

to know how Carson was able to overcome the many challenges of his childhood. Others brought questions about specific surgeries he performed, especially Carson’s landmark procedure which successfully separated Siamese twins joined at the head in 1987. Carson

fielded questions with grace, a touch of humor and a quiet candor.

The talk marked the first of three on-campus special presentations for the lineup in the St. Louis Speakers Series, now in its 13th year. It was also the first chance for select high school juniors, inaugural participants in the Maryville University Scholars program, to attend a lecture. Participants in this new pre-collegiate initiative are encouraged to attend at least one on-campus lecture and write an essay about their experience. Essays submitted to the University will be considered for a \$5,000, one-year scholarship to Maryville.

Carson is the author of four books including: *Gifted Hands: The Ben Carson Story*, *Think Big*, *The Big Picture* and *Take the Risk*. The recipient of numerous awards and more than 60 honorary doctorates, Carson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2008. 🇺🇸

## Grant Helps WEC Nursing Students

A four-year, \$325,000 grant from The Missouri Foundation for Health will help increase the retention rate of non-traditional students in the School of Health Professions’ Weekend and Evening Nursing Program.

The goal of the program is to bring the Weekend and Evening College program in line with the average retention rate of 89.5 percent that exists for traditional undergraduate nursing students in the School of Health Professions. As part of the initiative, the nursing program will hire a full-time retention coach to help navigate the obstacles often encountered by non-traditional students, who range in age from 21 to 57 and often juggle jobs, financial stress, children and other family obligations.

“This is a unique opportunity to intervene at a time when nursing students may feel overwhelmed by outside obligations, and be tempted to leave the program before completing their degrees,” says Elizabeth Buck, PhD, director of the nursing program. “The retention coach will act as part cheerleader, part counselor, and overall mentor—an advocate within the University who understands their situation and can work with them to find viable solutions.” 🇺🇸



# PNC Renews Funding for Preschool Program

GROW UP GREAT, A PROGRAM DESIGNED TO ENHANCE THE ACADEMIC READINESS of preschoolers, received \$50,000 last fall from PNC Foundation to continue curriculum development, mentor and train teachers, engage parents and students, assess the program and expand Grow Up Great to benefit a broader St. Louis constituency.

The funding follows a \$90,000 pilot gift from PNC Foundation to help Maryville University and Grace Hill Settlement House develop the curriculum, in conjunction with other local agencies.

"The pilot program provided the opportunity to build a curriculum that would benefit underserved children, increasing their academic readiness while helping them develop cognitive and social skills, as well. This type of intervention at the early childhood level is a prime focus for the School of Education, so it's an ideal partnership," says Sam Hausfather, PhD, dean of the School of Education.

Parents as Teachers provides parental training and guidance for adults, while Operation Food Search provides nutritional training and supplemental food to participating families. Preschoolers and their parents also enjoy educational field trips to local cultural institutions, including the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, Missouri Botanical Garden, St. Louis Science Center and the Saint Louis Art Museum. Grow Up Great seeks

to measure the impact of these enhanced childhood educational opportunities.

"Building on our long history of involvement in early childhood in St. Louis, this is a great opportunity for Maryville to share its expertise and help make a difference in the lives of those most in need in St. Louis," says Hausfather. ■

**MAKING MUSIC:** A preschooler tries out her violin skills with a volunteer from the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra as part of the Grow Up Great program.



Doug Miner

## MARYVILLE

### BY THE numbers

43

International students enrolled as of Fall 2010

16

Countries represented by international students

2

Average number of suitcases brought by international students

1

International students with relatives who are alumni

8754

Most miles traveled to attend Maryville

14

Students from China

2

International students majoring in Interior Design

## MARYVILLE STUDENTS HOST STATEWIDE SUSTAINABILITY CONFERENCE

The Green Maryville Student Association (GMSA) hosted the third annual Show Me Sustainability conference Oct. 15–17. The conference drew about 125 college student participants statewide.

"Mizzou started the conference, but this year they decided to make it a traveling conference, so more students across Missouri would have the chance

to attend," says Adam Paige, president of GMSA and conference coordinator.

Conference organizers shared sustainable concepts such as rain gardens with campuses across Missouri through the Sustainability Expo, which featured companies and businesses focused on green efforts. Energizer, Missouri Botanical Gardens and US

Green Builders were among the showcased businesses this year.

In addition to the Expo, keynote speaker Kate Gasner, a graduate of the environmental engineering program at Yale University, discussed how to manage water resources effectively. ■

# [FacultyFocus]

PETER HENDERSON, DM



Doug Miner

PRACTICE IS KEY: Henderson rehearses for a Music at Maryville performance in Maryville Auditorium last fall. He prefers performing without the printed score so he's more "connected to the volcanic stuff on the inside of the music."

## FROM CLASSROOM TO CONCERT HALL

*Peter Henderson, DM,  
strives to convey the  
message of music to  
his students and his  
community audience*

BY JANET EDWARDS

WHEN CLASSICAL PIANIST PETER HENDERSON, DM, REFLECTS ON THE MAJOR INFLUENCE of art music on his life and work, he is thoughtful and earnest, playing improvised piano passages to illustrate one point or another. He speaks as much about the art of communication as he does the art of music. Henderson has plenty of insight to share: at 38, he has already immersed himself in symphonic music for more than three decades.

An assistant professor in the College of Arts and Sciences since 2005, Henderson holds both a master's and a doctoral degree in musical performance from Indiana University-Bloomington, and a bachelor's in music from the University of Idaho-Moscow. Along with teaching music courses tailored for students majoring in Maryville's music therapy program, he coaches small groups, such as chamber ensembles.

Perhaps best known as a popular pianist on the St. Louis classical music scene, Henderson frequently performs with the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra, often presenting pre-concert talks at Powell Hall. He regularly takes the stage of Maryville's Auditorium as a featured musician in the Music at Maryville series and for other events.

"The wonderful part about being involved in a community like Maryville is that I get to share the insights that have meant the most for me with my students," Henderson says. "It feels like you're part of a process; that this idea of interpretation is not something we keep for ourselves, we pass it along and it's more beautiful that way."

Henderson teaches music history and theory. He also works with students to help them develop their own "ear."

"It's not just written musical theory, not just the mathematical symbols written on the page, but (students) also have to practice their singing and their listening—how to



translate something you hear into written notation or transfer written notation into sound."

Practice is key, no matter how much innate talent a student or performer seems to have: Henderson bristles at the notion that one is "born" with musical ability.

"It's funny, being a musician, I tend to think of it as work. People see me at the piano and say, 'Wow, you're so talented, you must have been born with that,' but I just remember three decades of slaving away at it. It all adds up to skill, but it's been a struggle," he says.

Symphonic music captured Henderson's imagination at a young age, thanks to a serendipitous purchase by his father.

"My dad brought home a series of LPs he found on a rack at the grocery store, including a record of Beethoven symphonies," Henderson recalls. "I was four or five years old. I started to wear that thing out. It was the most amazing thing I'd ever heard in my life, the sound of a symphony orchestra. I was just blown away, even at that young age."

He wasn't obsessed yet, however; that came later.

"By the time I was in the eighth or ninth grade, I would ride my bike down to the public library and check out 40 LPs because that was the absolute limit," he says. "I would try to listen to each one of them at least once before they were due two weeks later. So, I would sit in my room listening to LPs for literally 20 hours a week or more. I was just hooked. You could legitimately call it an obsession. But it's love. I love music. For me, it's the most exciting thing."

Popular music, including rock 'n roll, has never strongly appealed to Henderson. With its rigid rhythmic conventions, he says, the genre is not typically complex enough to hold his interest.

"I tend to prefer music that's acoustic and instrumental," he says. "I like poetry and music to be separate."

What does excite Henderson, aside from art music, is "new music" — music that has not yet entered the canon of classics composed by the likes of Bach, Beethoven or Mozart.

"New music is written by composers who are with us today," Henderson says. He first started playing it in graduate school, when Forrest Pierce, a classmate who now teaches at the University of Kansas, asked Henderson to record a composition he had written for competition.

"It's the hardest thing to play outside normal conventions if you're not experienced with that," Henderson says, pointing out the daunting work involved in composing new music.

*"It's funny, being a musician, I tend to think of it as work. People see me at the piano and say, 'Wow, you're so talented, you must have been born with that,' but I just remember three decades of slaving away at it. It all adds up to skill, but it's been a struggle."*

"Composers nowadays try to be novel, but the difficulty is that a lot of stylistic ideas have been tried, so you have to have an increasing amount of knowledge about what's been done ... it's extraordinarily difficult."

Although he has no immediate plans to join the ranks of composers, the Pierce recording project got Henderson interested in the idea that one can make contributions to the future of music literature; it's not just about the past.

"I have to be realistic: I'm not going to equal these great musicians who have their profound insights. But I can build upon their ideas and relate to their ideas and make something that's valid, viable and, hopefully, meaningful enough that it's not just diversion; that it talks about the human condition a little bit. That's the idea of great art of any kind."

Henderson has also performed locally as a member of Ilex Trio, a chamber music group. The trio includes Henderson's wife, violinist Kristin Ahlstrom, and their friend, cellist Anne Fagerburg. Both women are members of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra.

"Working with other musicians is often more gratifying than performing as a soloist," Henderson says.

Trying to maintain a balance between teaching, performance and personal life

is challenging, but Henderson has a few musical tricks up his sleeve while learning the vast number of compositions he performs each year.

"I've always had a pretty good aptitude for sight reading, so in a sense, getting started learning new music, I've been lucky.

Henderson is also blessed with perfect pitch.

"I get recordings of the music I'm playing and listen to them over and over again. I use that in combination with

perfect pitch to help teach myself the notes and rhythms of my music," Henderson says.

He may complicate things by performing solo piano music without the printed score, but he prefers it that way.

"It's good to memorize the music so you know it so well that you don't have to be concerned about notes and rhythms and finger patterns," he says. "You're more connected to the volcanic stuff that's on the inside of the music if you don't have the sheet music up there and it's not visual — it's all about the sound at that point."

Despite his great success, Henderson keeps working to perfect his performance.

"If, as a performer, I can learn to understand the message from the composer that's embedded in the harmony and the texture, and I can more clearly be a messenger on the part of the composer, then people's experience with the music is more immediate and more powerful," Henderson says. "I see my goal as a musician to become more refined and aware, and as a player to have more supple response to that — but it's a lifetime project." ■

# [StudentSpotlight]



Jerry Naunheim

COFFEE CHAT: First-year students Eunice Dalo (Democratic Republic of Congo), Xhong Huan Pang (China) and Nancy Nuyen (Vietnam) meet at Kaldi's coffeehouse on campus.

## SEEKING AN (EXCEPTIONAL) EDUCATION

*Maryville enjoys a recent rebound in its international student population*

BY AMIEE SHANK, '09

WHEN CHEN HUANG GRADUATED WITH HIS BACHELOR'S DEGREE FROM CHINA'S Peking University last year, he was one of more than 5.5 million students to cross a commencement stage in that country. With that kind of competition, Huang knew the chances of landing a position in his field of information management would be bleak. He decided the only way to stand out in the job-seeking crowd would be to travel across the ocean and supplement his education with another degree in actuarial science from Maryville University.

"There were many colleges to look at in America but I came to this university because it was one of the only ones with an actuarial science degree," says Huang. "If I cannot get a degree different from others then I will not find a job in China because there are many people there. Coming to America means that I have something different to offer, something

better than other people looking for work."

For many college-seeking students around the world, the United States offers a unique opportunity for an exceptional education. At Maryville, there are currently 43 active international students, with enrollment increasing each year.

According to Travis Coverdell, director of international admissions, Maryville experienced a dramatic boost in international enrollment in 2010. Eleven foreign-born undergraduate and graduate students came to campus in Spring 2010, while the fall semester welcomed 24 students from countries like China, Bulgaria, Vietnam and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

With such a rapid growth, Maryville has recently established new programs and organizations to help foreign students feel at home on campus and in



the St. Louis area. One of the more important events is the International Student Orientation that takes place on campus several days before traditional New Student Orientation each fall.

Organized by Gayle Dryden, administrative assistant in the Center for Global Education, International Orientation gives new foreign-born students an opportunity to learn more about American culture and educational expectations.

This year, Deborah Knaust, assistant director of the Center for Global Education, spoke with students during fall orientation and advised them on basic lifestyle differences, while Johannes Wich-Schwarz, PhD, assistant professor of English, and Jesse Kavadlo, PhD, associate professor of English, led a discussion about classroom etiquette.

"That was a neat discussion because Johannes and Jesse talked about things from the professor's perspective. But then they asked the students to contribute as well so it was a good dialogue," Knaust says. "We discussed communication and dating, since there can be a lot of misunderstanding in that area. We talked about what some of the dating terms mean, but we were all unsure so I said the safest thing to do is just ask. The students joked and said that asking bluntly wasn't very romantic."

During orientation, students are also given a personal tour of the campus and are introduced to student life and academic offices, where health and educational services are available. Many times, students are not aware that this kind of support exists.

"Most countries don't have academic support so it might take time for them to realize that it's there. Students in other countries might create their own study groups, but it's all student driven. In places where there isn't an office like Maryville's it's sink or swim for them," Knaust says.

When Eunice Dalo, a first-year interior design student from the Democratic Republic of Congo, attended her American-speaking high school in her home country, she had the opportunity to learn a little about U.S.

culture. What she learned in Congo, however, was not the same as what she experienced when she arrived at Maryville.

"People are pretty much kind here but back home, they were more harsh about how things were going to be," Dalo says. "They were trying to prepare us and guide us morally for coming to the United States but they were Americans giving an American perspective. When I got here I saw things from a different angle and it's not nearly as bad as they said. The students here do smile a lot and that's nice to see."

*"Coming to America means that I have something different to offer, something better than other people looking for work."* **Chen Huang**

In order for Dalo and other international students to experience life off campus, Maryville provides weekly transportation to malls, restaurants and tourist attractions.

Nancy Nuyen, a first-year interior design student from Vietnam, takes the Maryville van to Target every weekend and to visit sites downtown. Her favorite places so far are Grants Farm and the Saint Louis Zoo.

On campus, Nuyen is a member of the International Cross Culture Club and

takes advantage of the Academic Support Center that provides daily tutoring for students learning English as a second language.

"Maryville makes it very easy for us. They are very friendly and they help an international group in the library at 8 p.m. every day," Nuyen said. "They help us correct our grammar in our essays or help us to understand our lessons. Student Services is also very helpful. They help us if we don't know something about the school or our school account."

While deciding to leave their families and country to study abroad is a difficult

decision for international students, choosing to attend Maryville helps ease the transition after they arrive.

"I had five choices of colleges when I was looking," Dalo says. "My first choice was SCAD in Atlanta, Georgia, but everything worked out so well here that I chose Maryville. Everyone was so nice and responded so quickly. Travis [Coverdell] was easy to work with so I'm really glad I'm here." 🇺🇸



MEET AND GREET: Sinan (Sunny) Murat and Vladimir-Delyan Nikolov, both from Bulgaria, hang out in Pfaff Lobby during Orientation 2010.

Jerry Naunheim

# SUMMER 'WHODUNIT'

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY AMIEE SHANK, '09

## INVOLVES THREE DISCIPLINES

**L**AST SUMMER, IN A 92-ACRE PLOT OF LAND TUCKED IN THE WOODED hills of Augusta, Mo., three Maryville professors buried a pig for a new course in forensics. The property, donated to Maryville in 2009, is the perfect location for faculty and students to engage in biological and ecological research. It also makes the perfect spot for a fake crime scene.

The project was developed by Geriann Brandt, assistant professor of criminal justice/criminology, Russell Blaine, PhD, assistant professor of biology, and Mary Carol Parker, JD, assistant professor of legal studies. In order to create a course for students interested in learning the complexities behind forensic science and legal studies, the team developed a multi-disciplinary program that follows a murder case from crime scene to courtroom.

During the three-week course, set to launch Summer 2011, students will receive, students will receive hands-on experience collecting evidence from a crime scene, examining DNA in a lab and holding a trial in a mock court. This is the first Maryville course to be cross-listed with criminal justice, biology and legal studies.

"This entire thing started last year when Russell and I were talking about emulating the Body Farm out at the University of Tennessee," Brandt says. "We started with an intro course that I currently teach and took it one step further. The course is called Advanced Criminal Investigation and is a multi-disciplinary look at approaching a crime scene—from the criminal justice, biological and legal perspectives."

Last summer, Brandt, Blaine and Parker set up a trial run for the course.

After leaving a deceased pig buried in a mock crime scene on the Augusta property for approximately three weeks, the group returned to collect

biological and entomological samples. Tissue from the animal was preserved in small test tubes filled with ethyl alcohol. Flies, beetles and maggots were captured in jars. The samples were then taken back to the research lab on campus and prepared for testing.

"Decomposed tissue and entomological samples can reveal many details about a crime scene," Blaine says. "We can estimate time of death within about 24 hours by raising larvae specimens to adulthood. We then use tissue samples from the carcass to extract DNA and identify the body. This is going to give students a chance to work with some real forensic science and forensic entomology."

Once they documented all of the physical evidence, the professors were able to determine what the students could collect, examine and eventually present in a mock trial.

"We want students to understand what really happens with forensic science, not just what happens in a 60-minute crime show," Parker says. "Students in all three disciplines need to







DIGGING FOR FACTS: Maryville Professors collect forensic evidence at the "crime" scene.

understand how the evidence is collected, how it's treated and how it's presented in trial. The legal studies aspect of the course will develop their oral advocacy skills and show them how a trial really proceeds."

Funded by a grant from the Finch Center for Teaching and Learning, the team used the summer project to finely tune not only their new course but also their teaching skills. As the trial run progressed, each professor was responsible for instructing the other two in their respective area of expertise. According to Parker, this was an unexpected benefit of the project.

"We certainly had to get out of our comfort zone," Parker says. "We had to learn procedures and terminology that we're not familiar with. What was most surprising was the evaluation of each other's teaching skills. We didn't think about teaching each other in our own discipline and I think we've really developed an appreciation for each other's style. That has been the biggest eye opening experience so far." 🇺🇸

EVIDENCE: Flies, beetles, maggots and other samples were collected in jars for research and testing.

MODEL STUDENTS: Geriann Brandt, assistant professor of criminal justice/criminology, and Mary Carol Parker, JD, assistant professor of legal studies, examine the biological aspects of the evidence in the laboratory.





# The Walkers

## SUPPORTING EDUCATION,

BY JANET EDWARDS

A NEW BUILDING PLANNED FOR MARYVILLE UNIVERSITY'S SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS, EARL E. AND MYRTLE E. WALKER HALL, IS NAMED FOR THE COUPLE THAT HELPED SET THE PROJECT ON ITS STRONG FINANCIAL FOUNDATION. ALONG WITH THAT ESSENTIAL LEADERSHIP, THE WALKER NAME ALSO SIGNIFIES INTEGRITY, TRUST, VISION, SINCERITY, HONESTY AND COMMITMENT—ALL WORDS USED BY BUSINESS ASSOCIATES AND CLOSE FRIENDS TO DESCRIBE THE WALKERS AND THEIR VERY PERSONAL APPROACH TO PHILANTHROPY.



Photo by Jay Fram

# CHANGING LIVES





EARL E. AND MYRTLE E. WALKER HALL, THE STATE-OF-THE-ART BUILDING planned for Maryville University's School of Health Professions, is yet another example of the vital impact Earl and Myrtle Walker have HAD on the St. Louis community. From preschool to college initiatives, thousands of young people benefit each year from their profound generosity.

The Walkers, both of whom are 90, rose from modest means to build the tremendously successful Carr Lane Manufacturing Company. Married for 67 years and the parents of four children, they still live in Kirkwood, Mo., where they both grew up.

"Between Myrtle and I, neither of us could afford to go to college," Walker says. "We feel everyone should have a chance to get an education. No one should be barred from college because they don't have the money."

Along with providing funding for scholarships and other educational resources, such as a new science wing for Kirkwood High School (where they met in biology class), the Walkers have championed myriad projects, including city parks, hospitals, senior centers and churches, and provided support to many civic organizations, including the YMCA and Girl Scouts.

Walker is especially proud of The Walker Scottish Rite Clinic for Childhood Language Disorders; he enjoys sharing the story of its beginning.

"My friend Les Denney called me one day and said, 'I'd like to have a cup of coffee with you this morning.' That was the most expensive cup of coffee I've ever had," Walker says, grinning at the memory of his good friend, who recently passed away. Together, Denney and Walker created the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic where, 22 years later, more than 14,000 young children in the greater St. Louis area have received professional speech and language therapeutic services at no cost to their families. The Clinic will relocate to Walker Hall upon completion of the building, and

Earl and Myrtle Walker

Maryville plans to integrate a School of Health Professions program in speech and language pathology in conjunction with the arrival of the Clinic.

Mark Lombardi, PhD, Maryville president, says the Walkers' gift will help the University address the increasing demand for high quality healthcare professionals in the fields of nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, music therapy and rehabilitation services, as well as speech and language pathology.

"The transformative gift made to this institution by Earl and Myrtle Walker not only makes possible state-of-the-art learning spaces and labs, but also provides health professions students from all disciplines with new opportunities for collaborative and interdisciplinary learning that will

prepare them well for their careers," Lombardi says.

Walker anticipates that the newly forged partnership will have a lasting impact on the greater St. Louis community.

"I think it is the greatest thing for the Clinic and the University that the kids, both preschool and college age, will be able to work together to help each other make a better tomorrow," Walker says.

The Walkers are accustomed to nurturing new ventures from the ground up. Carr Lane began in a garage with five employees. The company has evolved over the past 60 years into a multi-million dollar, global operation with more than 250 employees and seven subsidiaries, including Carr Lane Castings, which has produced works by artists Ernest Trova and Don Wiegand,



Courtesy of Commerce Bank

# A GIFT COMES FULL CIRCLE

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*During her final class last spring, Amanda Twillmann's future swerved off its comfortable path onto one more challenging – a course that could make her dream career a reality. She recently discovered, however, that her journey really began 20 years ago, when Twillmann received speech and language therapy at the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic as a young child.*

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BY CHANCE, AMANDA TWILLMANN, THEN A SENIOR PSYCHOLOGY STUDENT, WAS seated in the front row when President Mark Lombardi, PhD, announced last May that the planned School of Health Professions building would be named Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker Hall, in honor of the couple's major gift to the project.

Lombardi also revealed that the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, co-founded by Earl Walker, would move to campus as part of the planned expansion, and that a new academic program in speech and language pathology would be launched.

"When they said Mr. Walker was helping to provide services for students here, and then talked about the 14,000 kids he's already helped through the Clinic – and knowing I was one of them – well, I just can't explain the way it made me feel. Mr. Walker said he had a dream, and I did, too. He inspired me that day to say, 'I can do it,'" Twillmann says.

Twillmann later wrote a letter to Walker, thanking him for giving her early success through his Clinic and for his gift to future health professions students.

"The difference that you have made for Maryville University and for me

personally has given me the determination to make a difference," she wrote.

The class that brought her to the Auditorium that day was Professional and Organizational Development, taught by Barbara DeSanto, EdD, APR, Fellow PRSA, communication program director.

"The very first day we talked about career goals," Twillmann says. "I talked about my dream to open a day care center for children with autism."

Class assignments were relevant to her goal. Twillmann interviewed business professionals, investigated jobs, compared day care facilities and studied autism standards, integrating her research into a business plan.

"Everything changed for me in that class," Twillmann says. "Dr. DeSanto told us that if you're determined and passionate about something, you can do it. All along, she talked to me like it was happening for me already."

Acting on the plan she developed in class, Twillmann is now enrolled in Maryville's master's in education program in early childhood. Along with classes in rehabilitation counseling and autism studies,

she also plans to earn certification as a behavioral analyst.

When everything seemed to be falling in place, Twillmann received yet another surprise. After reading her letter, Walker insisted on meeting Twillmann and hearing about her plans firsthand.

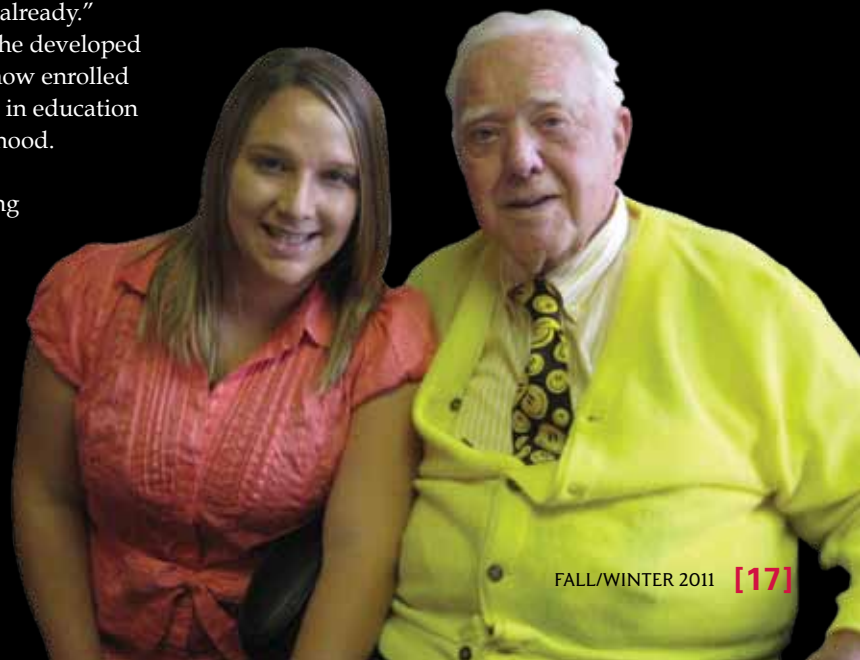
"He felt like a friend I had always known," Twillmann says. "He really pulled out the best in me and made me feel good about myself."

Before last May, Twillmann might have been satisfied with her bachelor's degree and the teaching assistant job she's held for the past four years with Special School District. But when one has mentors like Earl Walker and Barbara DeSanto, she discovered, dreams begin to take shape and grow.

"I now have the will to say 'it can happen, it is possible,'" Twillmann says.

- Janet Edwards

Amanda Twillmann  
and Earl Walker





as well as “Missouri Box Turtles” —large bronze sculptures designed by Myrtle Walker that are installed in Kirkwood parks, Kirkwood High School, Ranken Technical College and at YMCA of the Ozarks.

“If it weren’t for Myrtle, there would be no Carr Lane,” Walker says. “She did all the bookkeeping and payroll for many years.”

With remarkable business acumen, she pioneered the ongoing practice of keeping an inventory of commonly used parts, allowing for same-day shipping. She also created the company’s first catalog, sketching five pages of product by hand. Walker keeps that treasure locked in a safe.

“The more you know him, the more you appreciate all that Earl Walker has done,” says Lanny Lamont, Walker’s business partner and friend for more than 50 years. “It’s not just a

financial commitment, Earl gets involved in the details — he’s very sincere.”

Lamont, president of Carr Lane Castings and founder of Davlan Engineering (also a Carr Lane subsidiary), says he and Walker typically conduct business using the honor system.

“We’ve never had many legal documents, other than those that are required. Most of the time, it’s a handshake. You can absolutely count on his word,” Lamont says.

Lamont’s last remark is important to Walker, who takes pride in never having laid off an employee and who exemplifies the same ingredients for success that he shares with others: “Hard work and honesty, being willing to go the extra mile for your employees and your customers and keeping your word.”

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**Gabe Grossberg**  
President and CEO, Delmar Gardens

Stan Shoun, president of Ranken Technical College, says Walker, a Ranken alumnus, is an exceptional role model.

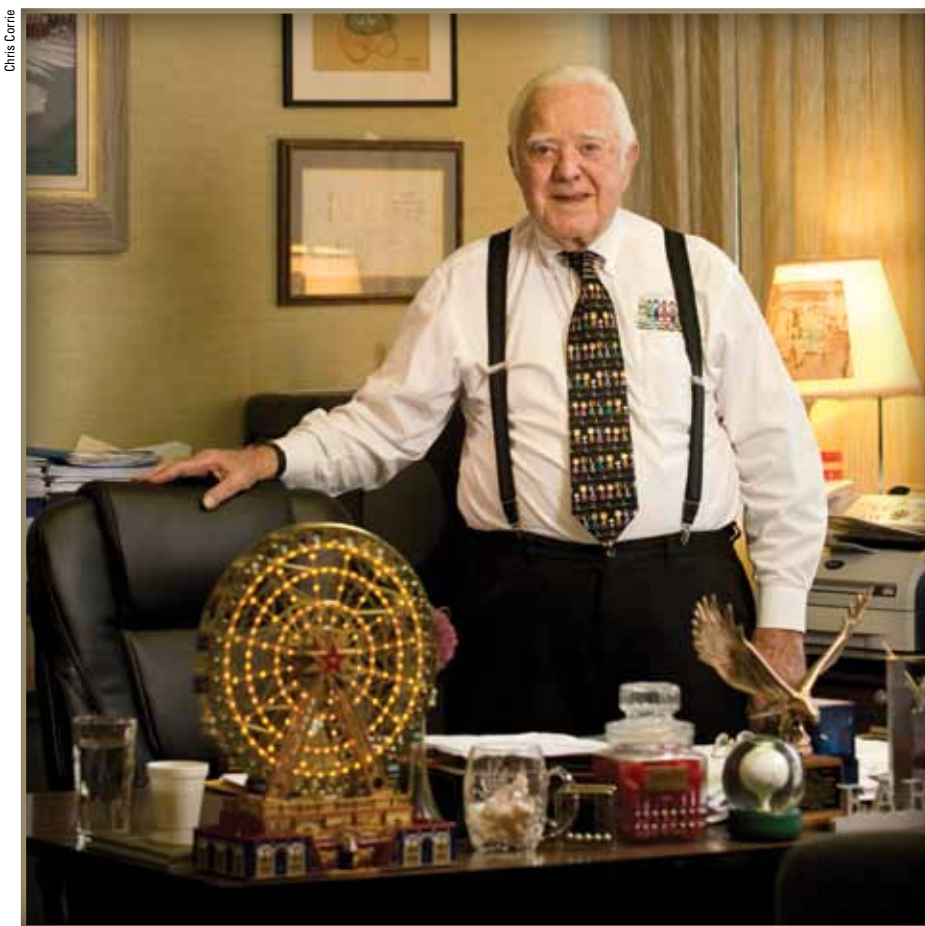
“To us, Earl Walker is the greatest measure of success,” Shoun says. “He is a graduate who has done very well in his industry. He still employs our students and that is essential to us. He’s very generous.”

Gabe Grossberg, president and chief executive officer of Delmar Gardens, marvels at Walker’s ability to find the “spark” in people with whom he works.

“He’s one of the few businessmen I know that looks way beyond the numbers. If he develops trust and confidence in a person, he’ll back them when someone else might not,” Grossberg says. “It’s not your normal business model.”

Although he has not worked directly with Myrtle Walker, Grossberg admires the business relationship shared by the couple.

CENTRAL HEADQUARTERS: Earl Walker stands next to his desk at Carr Lane, surrounded by mementos from the past 58 years in business.



Chris Corrie






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## FUTURE HOME OF THE SCHOOL OF HEALTH PROFESSIONS: EARL E. AND MYRTLE E. WALKER HALL

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DUE TO A SEVERE SHORTAGE OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS PREDICTED through 2050, the recruitment and preparation of students in healthcare disciplines has become a national health priority of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Maryville University and the School of Health Professions are committed to meeting these regional and national healthcare needs. Planning for Earl E. and Myrtle E. Walker Hall—a state-of-the-art academic facility providing students with a high-tech, collaborative learning environment—is underway.

The \$20 million building designed by HOK will encompass approximately

70,000 square feet and become the signature structure on the north entry to campus. It will include classrooms equipped with the latest information technology and instrumentation; practice settings which enable students to learn in simulated, real-life environments; interdisciplinary spaces that allow for strong relationships between varying fields of study to create integrated teams of healthcare providers; and settings that foster constant student-faculty interaction and learning.

- Marty Parkes

Courtesy of HOK

"When I see the respect he bestows upon her, it's inspirational and very refreshing," he says. "Myrtle is a very bright woman, he discusses everything with her and they accomplish great things together."

Sheri Mistretta, executive director of the Walker Scottish Rite Clinic, says she enjoys working with Walker because she learns so much from him.

"Earl is common-sense and straight-shooter personified," she says. "He inspires you to get the job done right, under budget and ahead of time—but, as a man of foresight and reason, he will sincerely listen and take heed if he needs to change his position on an issue. There is absolutely no arrogance in the man."

Walker, who jokes that he's the last of his siblings still living because he's too

ornery for Heaven, tells anyone who will listen to "keep going so you don't get old. Keep active."

Earl and Myrtle Walker also thrive by helping others find a path that leads to greater success in life.

"Too many of us worry about ourselves instead of worrying about other people," Walker says. "We should all do something in our lives to help each other." ■

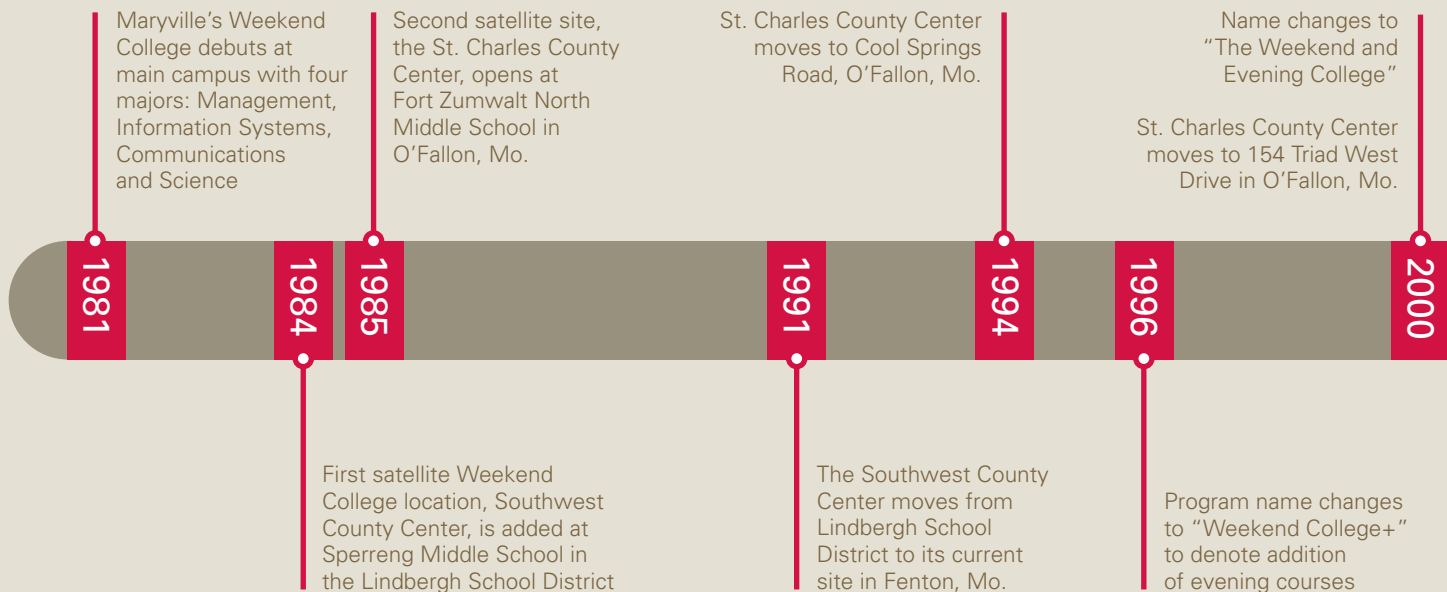


# 30 YEARS AND COUNTING...

BY ROBBI COURTAWAY, '82

When Maryville's Weekend College launched in 1981, the concept of convenient education for adults with busy schedules was relatively unknown.

THREE SUCCESSFUL DECADES LATER, MARYVILLE'S WEEKEND AND EVENING College continues to perfect a quality curriculum that flexes to meet the needs and the convenience of its students, says Denise M. Evans, assistant vice president of adult and continuing education. The average age of the Weekend and Evening College student is 35: many are working full-time jobs and have children and older parents to care for. Many are active in their communities, school districts and churches, as well.



MARYVILLE'S WEEKEND AND EVENING

"We have very flexible scheduling that supports their crazy-busy lives," Evans says. "We have six enrollment periods yearly, every eight weeks, so they can enroll any time. Adults can take as few or as many classes as they want. Our goal is to make their educational journey as smooth and seamless as possible."

The program celebrates its 30th anniversary in January 2011, with 18 undergraduate programs each presented in two eight-week sessions, a certificate program in gerontology and a soon-to-be-launched fully online certificate program in rehabilitation nursing. Some 1,050 students currently are enrolled in the program, which is growing despite the nationwide economic downturn.

To fuel the growth, administrators forge community partnerships with chambers of commerce and form partnerships with local corporations and organizations in the St. Louis metro area to provide cutting-edge training and education. These include a two-year partnership with BJC Healthcare System to provide a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) completion program, and

the University's receipt of a \$4.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to provide nursing opportunities to the unemployed and underemployed.

"In an environment of employers closing down, we're doing our best as a community partner to implement corporation and workforce development initiatives," Evans says. "The federal government has made higher education and degree completion a priority for Americans. We're working to be part of that movement to make higher education possible for as many as we can."

It's a natural progression for The Weekend and Evening College, which began as the first program of its kind on Saturdays and/or weeknights in the St. Louis metropolitan area.

As trailblazers in 1981, the faculty and staff were challenged to rethink the traditional structure of higher education, recalls Bebe Nickolai, now associate dean of Maryville's College of Arts and Sciences. Nickolai was one of a committee of staffers charged with orchestrating The Weekend and Evening College.

"Other schools were saying, 'Students don't want to come to school on Saturday,'" Nickolai says. "We decided to try it. At that point it was every other weekend: every other Friday night, Saturday or Sunday." Condensing coursework into eight-week sessions required an adjustment in strategy, Nickolai says.

"The students were wonderful, because they really wanted to get these degrees. They really wanted to learn," she says. "It made us zero in on what was important to do in the classroom and what the students could learn on their own. We were to provide the opportunities and structure, so that they could teach themselves some of the materials when they weren't in class with us."

Nickolai was on hand as the program expanded to include satellite locations in St. Charles County and Fenton.

"Gradually, we added majors that would be available through the weekend college program," she says. "There was just a real sense of pride in what we were doing: we were doing adult education well."

Number of course offerings grows to 18 majors and two certificate programs

2008

2009

2010

The Weekend and Evening College moves under the umbrella of "Adult and Continuing Education"

Pinnacle Honor Society established for academically excellent WEC students

The Weekend and Evening College's Nursing program awarded \$4.7 million Department of Labor grant

The Weekend and Evening College moves O'Fallon site to Lake Saint Louis; Plans underway to offer MBA courses in addition to adult undergraduate courses at this location

The  
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and  
Evening  
College 30 YEARS



As The Weekend and Evening College observes its thirtieth anniversary, four graduates of Maryville's groundbreaking program reflect on the major career advancements they achieved after earning undergraduate or graduate degrees as adult students. Balancing family, work and education proved not only convenient and manageable, but also rewarding—both personally and professionally.

BILL BROWN, '97

## *Seeing the Whole Package*

WHEN IT COMES TO BUSINESS ACUMEN, BILL BROWN, '97, HAS IT WRAPPED UP: literally. With 39 years of experience in the packaging industry, Brown, 60, knows all the ins and outs.

"If it wasn't interesting, I would have left a long time ago," he says.

A 1968 graduate of Lindbergh High School, Brown spent a few semesters in college but soon opted instead for real-life experience. He landed a job with American Can Co. in Waukegan, Ill., and later moved to Utica, N.Y., Gurnee, Ill., Edison, N.J., and finally back home again to St. Louis and a career at Anheuser-Busch. Along the way he'd take a course here and there, and after returning to St. Louis he completed an associate's degree in business management at St. Louis Community College-Meramec.

As senior technical analyst at Anheuser-Busch, Brown assisted the company's 12 breweries in troubleshooting problems with packaging equipment. He also wanted to advance his education, and learned about The Weekend and Evening College at Maryville University.

"The Weekend College was great," he says. "I was traveling every week, and having classes on Saturday and Sunday allowed me to travel during the week and still go to school. Without a program like that, I would have been struggling."

Brown earned a bachelor's degree in business management in 1993; in 1994, he was promoted to manager of package development and plant support. With further career advancement in

mind, he began studying for his master's in business administration at a local university, but the hours didn't mesh with his travel schedule. So he returned to Maryville in 1995, and in 1997 earned his MBA. He was promoted to director of packaging quality and technical services in 2002, serving in that role until 2008.

"Now, I'm working for PneumaticScaleAngelus, a division of the St. Louis-based Barry-Wehmiller," Brown says. "We make, believe it or not, packaging equipment."

For the past three years, he has also served on the Leadership Council for Maryville's John E. Simon School of Business. Among those he's inspired are his daughter, Robin Kaiser (see accompanying profile), who earned a degree in paralegal studies through The Weekend and Evening College.

"I view this as an opportunity to give back to the school," he says. "The Weekend College and Maryville's MBA program really helped my career."

A ham radio operator and budding golfer, Brown and his wife, Adele, have been married 39 years. They have another daughter, Jennifer, a speech therapist for the St. Clair School District, and enjoy visits from their three grandchildren at their High Ridge home.

ROBIN KAISER, '00

## *On a Mission to Help Families*

HELPING OTHERS HAS BEEN A RECURRING THEME IN ROBIN KAISER'S LIFE, FROM leadership in church affairs to walks, fundraisers and estate planning.

"My husband (Jim Kaiser), my mom (Adele Brown) and I participate in walks for different benefits throughout the year," Kaiser says. "In 2006, my mom, my aunt and a friend went to Washington, D.C. to participate in the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, which is a 40-mile walk. We also participate regularly in the Susan G. Komen walk."



Kaiser and Brown

Kaiser's daughter, Alex Jett, a sophomore at the University of Missouri-Columbia, has marched the last two summers with the Colts Drum and Bugle Corps in Dubuque, Iowa. Kaiser volunteers her time during camp weekends and over the summer during tour.

Kaiser, 38, was a single mom working 40 hours a week as a secretary in a law firm when she decided to further her career. After earning her associate's degree in paralegal studies from St. Louis Community College – Meramec, she enrolled in Maryville's Weekend and Evening College.

"At the time, there weren't that many programs in St. Louis that offered a four-year degree in paralegal studies," she says. "I really liked the format of the Weekend College. Being a single mom, I was able to take classes during the weekends when my daughter was with her dad. My dad (Bill Brown) attended The Weekend and Evening College, which was one of the main reasons I first looked at Maryville. I fell in

love with the University. It was really welcoming. At some colleges you get the impression, you're 'just an evening student.' You don't get that feeling at all at Maryville."

Kaiser graduated from Maryville in December 2000, and earned her Juris Doctor (JD) degree from Saint Louis University School of Law in 2005. As an attorney with The Corley Law Firm, PC, Kaiser focuses her practice on estate planning and implementing trusts and wills. She also helps families administer estates after loved ones die. She transferred to estate planning after practicing family law for two years.

"I like dealing with families and helping them through their problems,"



she says. "That's the thing I like the most, working with our clients to make sure they accomplish their goals."

Kaiser lives in Crestwood. She is active in her church, where she served on the council for three years, two

as president. She enjoys spending time with her family and taking tap and jazz dance lessons each week.

"I am so grateful for Maryville's Weekend College program," Kaiser says. "It was a nice stepping stone to help me achieve the goals that I had."

RICK NADLER, '91

## *Extraordinary Service is Secret to Success*

A FEW YEARS AGO, RICK NADLER APPLIED FOR FUNDING TO EXPAND HIS SMALL business, Grand Rental Station, in Fenton, Mo. The bank's appraiser reported that Grand was the best-operated equipment rental company he had ever seen.

"That felt pretty good," recalls Nadler, 59.

Now in its sixteenth year, Grand Rental is by no means the only party equipment rental business in the St. Louis area—but its mission is to be "the absolute best," Nadler says.

"We clean every table and chair, inspect every fork and knife, make sure everything is clean, operational and aesthetically pleasing," Nadler says. "We count the numbers of items three times. Our goal is to provide a strong comfort level, knowing our customers have received everything they need."

It is this attention to detail that landed Grand Rental the 2010 Small Business of the Year Award from the Fenton Chamber of Commerce.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF MARYVILLE'S WEEKEND AND EVENING COLLEGE PROGRAM

- Prospective students are linked to an advisory team that remains with the student through graduation to provide firsthand support. At other universities, students may be "handed off" to other advisers after the admissions period has ended.
- Because financial aid opportunities are fewer for older students, advisers strive to identify aid opportunities and provide as accurate as possible an estimate of the cost to complete a program.
- A Saturday Weekend and Evening College orientation session in the fall and spring semesters introduces students to everything from course management and computer skills to peer tutoring and writing skills.
- Many faculty members are still employed in their fields of study or have completed successful careers. In addition, each of the schools with majors in WEC—Health Professions, Arts and Sciences and Business—has a National Leadership Council of corporate and business leaders who infuse real-world knowledge into curriculum and program development.

Grand Rental Station was launched in part with a business plan Nadler learned to draft while attending Maryville's Weekend and Evening College. He graduated with a BS degree in management and a minor in marketing in 1991.

"I carried a solid 4.0 when I was there," says Nadler, who served as president of the Fenton Chamber of Commerce from 2006 through 2008. "Because I'd worked in the business world for 18 years or so, it was straightforward and easy to do. I probably got a better education than the kids who went in straight out of high school because I was doing what I was learning."

A native of Gray Summit and graduate of Washington High School, Nadler spent two years at the University of Missouri-Columbia studying engineering, but ran out of money and entered the work world. He started out in power plant construction, then worked for a welding equipment company that eventually was purchased by a British oxygen corporation known in the states as AIRCO. AIRCO encouraged its employees to further their education; Nadler settled on Maryville. He liked both the convenience of The Weekend and Evening College and the ability to test out of basic coursework by proving his proficiency.

"I was a very non-traditional student," he recalled, adding he never felt self-conscious about it. "Life's too short to worry about that. I think there were actually quite a few of us who were in our 30s."

Nadler is very close to his sons, David and Matt, who are co-owners of Grand Rental. Five or six years ago they bought a farm in Rosebud, Mo., where they grow grapes. This summer, they harvested and sold 16.9 tons to the Adam Puchta winery in Hermann, Mo. Nadler also enjoys cooking, reading, gardening, fishing, hunting and woodworking, and spending time with his fiancé, Donna, and grandchildren Alison and Blaine.

## TRACY PERRY, '06

### *Calculating a Successful Accounting Career*

ACCOUNTING WASN'T TRACY PERRY'S FIRST CHOICE FOR A PROFESSION, BUT it proved to be the vocation that best fit with her talents.

She had studied aviation at Central Missouri State University, but found the numerous takeoffs and landings made her sick to her stomach. She later studied psychology at St. Charles County Community College, but soon found herself struggling with her coursework.

A sharp-eyed guidance counselor at St. Charles pointed out she was getting A's in the accounting classes she was taking, and helped her focus on a new career path that led to an associate's degree in accounting. She was then encouraged to consider colleges with weekend and evening programs.

*"The Maryville option worked so well with my schedule and home life, it seemed doable,"*

**Tracy Perry**

Perry narrowed them down to two options, one of which was Maryville's Weekend and Evening College.

"The counselor at Maryville put together a program and outlined classes for me," recalls Perry, 36, now director of finance for the city of Des Peres. "It was very low-pressure, whereas at another college they wanted me to quit my job, move on campus and attend full-time."

That wasn't an option, as Perry lived in St. Charles County with her husband, Brett, and young son, Zion.

"The Maryville option worked so well with my schedule and home life, it seemed doable," she says. "You're going to school from 6 to 9 p.m. every other week, with a short break. If you're taking two classes, you're actually going every week."

Perry credits one of her teachers at Maryville with encouraging her to sit for the Missouri Certified Public Accountant (CPA) exam. Certification required additional classes beyond the bachelor's degree she had earned from 2003 to 2006, and a four-part proficiency test that required eight hours

to complete. Once licensed, CPAs must complete 120 hours of additional study every three years.

"I was able to apply what I was learning to my job," Perry says. "Throughout the entire three years I was there, it never seemed overwhelming. The teachers were very supportive; they were always willing to help you."

In her job, Perry is in charge of all city finances, from accounts payable to accounts receivable and payroll. She oversees two accountants, various budget processes, bank reconciliations and the preparation of monthly financial statements. She also has some human resources responsibilities and handles health insurance bids.

Previously, she served as comptroller for Congregation B'nai Amoona and as accountant for Mirowitz Real Estate Investments.

When off the clock, Perry spends time with her family and enjoys running in half-marathons, relaxing and reading. Not surprisingly, she also handles the family finances.

"Brett wants no part of it," she says. ■





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Doug Miner

POWER PLAY: Freshman Zach Perkins of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., attempts a shot against Lewis University.

## Saints Men's Basketball *Committed to Sound Execution*

"WE WANT TO BUILD OUR BASKETBALL PROGRAM UPON THE PRINCIPLE OF sound execution in all that we do," says Kevin Carroll, Maryville's new head men's basketball coach. "As we make progress and win games, our players will come to understand better our system on both ends of the court and embrace what we're trying to achieve."

This philosophy underlies all that Carroll and his staff do as they look to bolster Maryville's men's basketball program. That task will be challenging as Maryville is now a member of arguably the premier NCAA Division II men's basketball conference in the nation, the Great Lakes Valley Conference. (Just to prove that statement

is no idle boast, four men's teams from the GLVC defeated prominent Division I opponents on the road in exhibition games at the start of this season.)

The new coaching staff has formulated a list of seven pillars of Maryville basketball and this list is posted prominently on the wall of the team's locker room: Toughness, Unity, Unselfishness, Enthusiasm, Communication, Self Motivation and Personal Accountability.

Carroll, who most recently served as an assistant coach at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Col., believes steadfastly that his team must execute well on both the offensive and defensive ends of the court on each

possession to achieve success. He likens his basketball offense to football's triple option attack, where precise timing, concise movement and deft passing are required.

The players embrace Carroll's emphasis on hard work, sound execution and commitment to high standards.

Ryan Shotkoski, a sophomore from Albion, Neb., notes: "We are not anywhere near where we need to be yet, but we're very excited about the future and have high energy at all times."

Carroll has received positive feedback and encouragement from many quarters so far. One nod came from his cross-town colleague Rick Majerus, the highly



regarded coach from St. Louis University who has achieved great success at the Division I level. Mindful of Carroll's pedigree at the Air Force Academy and commitment to sound execution, Majerus said: "I'd pay money to watch Maryville play this season."

Carroll considers solid fan support as an essential element in his program.

"I consider the very good level of play in the GLVC as a drawing card for our fans and as a motivating factor in providing our players a standard to strive for and aspire to reach,"

Carroll says. ■

- Marty Parkes

Katie Jo Kuhens



**DIVISION II ACADEMIC CHAMPIONS:** The 2009-10 men's golf team was named the GCAA Academic National Champion for NCAA Division II by the Golf Coaches Association of America this summer. This marks the first team academic award for the men's golf program while two individuals, Nick Profancik and Sam Carlson, collected three Academic All-American honors. Team members include: Brad Howell of Troy, Mo.; Brandon Monzyk of Chesterfield, Mo.; Cory Scott of Hannibal, Mo.; Eric Shubert of Red Bud, Ill.; Jesse Weller of Ballwin, Mo.; Michael Fowler of Centralia, Ill.; Paul Greffet of St. Louis; Rob Maruska and Tom Whitaker of St. Charles, Mo.; and Sam Carlson of Lake Saint Louis, Mo.

## Women's Basketball 'Reaches Out' to Wren Hollow Elementary

For Maryville Reaches Out 2010, head women's basketball coach Chris Ellis, '84, knew exactly where he wanted to take his girls—back to Wren Hollow Elementary School. He knows the road there quite well, since he taught fifth graders there for 24 years. Ellis opted for early retirement to take the head coach position at Maryville in 2001.

During their day of service at Wren Hollow, the 14 players and the team manager spent most of the day putting on a basic skills clinic for the more than 400 students at the school. In addition to the team and small station drills they conducted, the Saints enjoyed lunch with the fourth graders and visited each classroom after the clinic.

The team talked with the young students, gave away Maryville gear and signed plenty of autographs.

"Our girls really represent the University in a great way. They enjoyed being with these kids, and the kids really made our ladies feel special. We gave to them and they gave to us, and that's really what these service projects are about," says Coach Ellis.

He has reason to be proud of his team: the players' performance is even brighter in the classroom. For the past six years they have ranked among the top 10 in the nation for the Team GPA Award given by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association,

and were ranked #1 in the nation in 2009. In addition to the Maryville Reaches Out project, the team hosted a free clinic for 55 high school coaches last fall. ■

- Michael Dechane



**LEADING BY EXAMPLE:** Courtney Peterson wows Wren Hollow youngsters.

FALL/WINTER 2011



# Q&A

A CONVERSATION WITH

Tom Bratkowski, PhD

*Professor of Biology*

*During his 35 years of instructing Maryville students about the life cycles of organisms, Tom Bratkowski's lifelong neighborhood of Old North St. Louis has provided parallel lessons in transformation and renewal – of buildings, parks, people and resources. His home is his laboratory, too: he's a do-it-yourselfer, a gardener, a clever recycler.*

*Bratkowski spread his "gospel of green" in a recent conversation with writer Janet Edwards.*

**CLICK HERE:** Visit [maryville.edu/QandA](http://maryville.edu/QandA) to see Bratkowski's interview online.



***How far back do you remember science being important in your world?***

All the way back to kindergarten. I was always curious about insects and things: finding and identifying them or looking at various ways of figuring out what they were—then, raising them and seeing how that worked out.

***How do you engage students in science?***

I ask them what they're most interested in—what's *their* hook, rather than mine. I can put data out there, but if they're not interested that won't go very far.

What people need to know is that science isn't all fast and tied down—a lot of it is still being debated. It's in process; it's in the moment.

***What words would your students use to describe you?***

You should probably ask them, shouldn't you? Well, I guess *straight-laced, mechanistic, organized ...*

***Organized? I'm looking around your office and ...***

Well, it's like this. If I have time to straighten it all out, then I don't have time to do other things. Once in a while the dean will stick his head in here and say, "Clean this mess up." Who am I cleaning it up for—me? If I can keep it orderly and know what stacks of papers I've got and what books, that's as far I need to go with that.

***You've been called Maryville's 'Mr. Sustainability' ...***

I guess I come by that naturally. I tend to be a person that looks at the way things are put together. I support all recycling efforts. I feel somewhat miffed that sustainability is stretched and poked around and used commercially. The term is losing some of its meaning.

***So, what is sustainability?***

Living with what we need, but not to the extent that we make it impossible for future generations to have the resources they need. In other words, not borrowing from the future by wasteful approaches to using resources today.

***What were you doing before anyone else?***

I was recycling here on campus and taking things off campus to recycle way before we had a sustainability committee. That goes back more than 10 years.

And I've been encouraging people in the (Old North St. Louis) neighborhood to recycle and reutilize resources. Realize that anyone who is a rehabber is making a big commitment to recycling—they're recycling a whole building. We're recycling a whole neighborhood.

***You've seen a lot of neighborhood change over the years ...***

I've seen it bottom out, then get back on the upswing in amazing ways, truly amazing ways. I've seen the resurrection of some buildings and young people coming in, taking risks financially and physically ... that's inspiring.

Do you know that Operation Brightside started out in our neighborhood back in the spring of 1981? We started with a vacant triangle, a piece of ground that was strewn with rubble and crap, where buildings had been knocked down. We dedicated it as Wingmann Park after Jeanne Wingmann, who spent 50 years teaching and then serving as the librarian at Ames School, down the street. She was a great mentor. You know, the real thing—the person that lives the plan rather than goes and lives somewhere else.

***What's the weirdest thing you've brought for Show 'n Tell?***

My wife, Gloria, and I, went to visit my son in Carbondale, (Illinois), and stayed in a motel. We woke up in the night and thought, "Oh no, this can't be" ... turned the lights on and there were bed bugs biting us. I brought them into class and people gasped, "They're alive." Well, yeah, they're alive and if you put one on your arm they'll feed on you. These are true insects and they have piercing, sucking mouthparts. The good news is they haven't been associated with a particular disease. The bad news is you never know where they fed last.

Here's another good story: There was a party here at Maryville. I made some "chocolate chirp" cookies. They were made with chocolate chips and crickets ... most people that ate the cookies didn't know. When I told them, they said, "Oh, yuk." That was 10 years ago, but ever since then, when there's an event and I bring cookies, they ask, "Well, are there any insects in it?" It's going to be an eternal question. I don't know how much it added to the overall panache of the event, but it was different.

***Let's talk monarchs. Each fall, you invite the campus community to tag them.***

Since 1995 we've had good luck tagging them through Monarch Watch, but (2010) is the first year we've had a poor hatch. In a good year, we tag about 200.

***You traveled to Mexico to see the monarchs ...***

Yes, I took a sabbatical in the spring of 2004; my wife, Gloria, and I traveled on our own to the small village. We see the monarchs leaving every year; we wanted to see where they go.

During the winter, the monarchs hang up in the trees in bundles—it looks like the fir trees are covered in brown leaves; they're also piled on the ground, they're everywhere. I looked around, knee-deep in butterflies, to see if I could find a tagged one, but there are millions—millions—of them. Over the years, some of our tagged butterflies have been identified, though.

***You always wear a red baseball cap ...***

Sometimes my hat is mistaken for a flower and butterflies will land on it. Once, I was in the Butterfly House (at Faust Park in Chesterfield, Mo.) and a butterfly landed on the hat, then pooped on it. I don't know if there's a statement in that, but true story. ■



# [AlumniNews&Notes]



ITALIAN EXCURSION: Alumni and friends enjoy a classic boat ride through the canals of Venice: (front of boat to back) Larry Quatmann, Clare Eschmann Quatmann, '69, Erin Verry, director of alumni relations, Jack Stein and Julie Johnson Stein, '68.

## History Comes Alive *During Alumni Trip to Italy*

ON JUNE 11, A GROUP OF 28 ALUMNI, FACULTY, STAFF AND GUESTS SET OFF for Italy on the first-ever alumni trip abroad. From the ruins of Pompeii to the quaint city of Siena to the Colosseum in Rome, Italy is full of destinations for curious travelers to visit; the entourage from Maryville sampled quite a few.

The 17-day trip was planned by James Harf, PhD, associate vice president and director of the Center for Global Education.

"There has been talk of an alumni trip for the twenty-one years I've been here," says Erin Verry, director of alumni relations. "But it never occurred until Jim made it happen."

The trip was a big success, she says. Not only did the travelers get to experience Italy, but they also had the chance to meet other alumni from various age groups.

"We had graduates from '07 to '68, but everyone blended well together. Some had not come back to Maryville until now. It wasn't just that we enjoyed another country, but we enjoyed each other's company."

Among the travelers were Maryville professors John Wickersham, PhD, professor of philosophy, and Dennis Wachtel, PhD, professor of history. Verry says having faculty along added something extra to the trip.

"John had the best time reading Latin and translating it for the alumni, and Dennis was able to tell us a lot about the history of the places we visited," Verry says. "They helped us extract significance out of what we were seeing."

The group visited many historical sites in Italy, including the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Colosseum in Rome and the Duomo Cathedral in Florence. Visiting Siena was one of Verry's favorite excursions.

"Siena is very quaint. It's made up of seventeen districts and each has its own identity and flag. The city is best known for its unusual clam shell shaped plaza



where the annual Palio de Sieni horse race is run around the perimeter," she says."

Another popular part of the trip for many alumni was the Trinità dei Monti church in Rome, which houses a painting called the "Mater Admirabilis." The painting, created in 1844 by Pauline Perdrau, features the Virgin Mary and is often associated with the Society of the Sacred Heart.

Near the end of the trip, the travelers also visited Pompeii, site of the famous eruption of Mount Vesuvio.

"At Pompeii you could actually see the rut of the chariots they used in the

roads. You could also see paintings in the houses and signage on the shops. It was like stepping back in history," Verry says.

Verry notes that Italy was always on the top of her list of places to go and she was more than ready to see what she had read about in real life.

"I expected a lot, but I wasn't disappointed," Verry says. "Italy far exceeded my expectations."

With the successful Italy trip under his belt, Harf is planning a second alumni trip—this time a 14-day jaunt through France. 🇫🇷

- Elizabeth Williams, '10

## Young Alumni Show Their Saints (and Cardinals) Spirit

IT WAS A SELLOUT FOR MARYVILLE'S SECOND ANNUAL YOUNG ALUMNI NIGHT at the Ballpark held Aug. 20 at Busch Stadium. Planned by the Young Alumni Board, the event featured a match-up between the St. Louis Cardinals and the San Francisco Giants. Although the Cards lost, the event proved to be another winner for the many alumni who attended and reconnected with former classmates. 🇺🇸



SAINTS CHEER CARDS: (Back row, left to right) Sheri Vahlkamp Mertens, '07, '09, Malia Dunbar, '05, '06, Katie Messmer Luner, '07, Holly Nichols Chisholm, '04 (baby boy Jonah Nicolas Chisholm was born on Dec. 11) and Mark Denk, '02; (Front row) Janene Dumas Reeves, '02, '03, Jason Reeves, '01, baby Jason Reeves II, Frank Williams, '02, and Lauren Curtis, '02, '03



Gidionsen

## AASH HONORS TWO MARYVILLE ALUMNAE

Rosemary Gidionsen, '50, has received the Cor Unum Award for the Southern District from the Associated Alumni of the Sacred Heart (AASH). The award recognizes women who exemplify "Excellence in one's work—Loyalty to Sacred Heart values—The gift of self in service to others." Along with being a valued alumna, Gidionsen is a former executive assistant to the president at Maryville and a former director of alumni relations. She will receive her award during the AASH national conference planned for April 7–10, 2011, in Miami, Fla.

Helen Rosenthal, RSCJ, '50, will also be honored during the AASH conference. She is the recipient of the 2011 Woman of Conscience award. In addition, Sr. Rosenthal will present a session on "The Adventures of Lucile Mathevon, RSCJ—Early Companion of Philippine." 🇺🇸

## RGA Connections

A reception for Maryville alumni who are also RGA colleagues was held on Oct. 12. The event was initiated by Kathryn Cox, '91, chair of the Arts and Sciences National Leadership Council, and Derek Kueker, '05, member of the Young Alumni Board, and included Guangwei Fan, PhD, professor of actuarial science. Maryville enjoys a growing partnership with RGA, which contributes an annual Actuarial Science Scholarship and employs dozens of Maryville alumni and student interns. 🇺🇸

Doug Miner



## My Maryville

Ron Landolt, '80, Reflects  
on Rare Opportunities and  
Lifelong Friends

DURING MY FRESHMAN YEAR I COMMUTED FROM ST. CHARLES EVERY day to take classes and play soccer. I had a reasonably good year, but I didn't feel connected to the campus—I could tell I was missing out on many opportunities. I moved into Mouton Hall for my sophomore year and it made all the difference. Matt Crawford, '81, [soccer teammate] was my roommate, and we had a blast. I made friends with people on my floor that I never would have met otherwise.

I also met my wife [Karen Reker, '80] that year; I was a sophomore and she was a first-year nursing student. We met, became friends, started dating and never looked back. We've been married 28 years now and have three boys: Ryan (senior at Maryville this year), Clayton and Jordan.

Moving to campus also allowed me to build better relationships with my professors. It's a cliché, but at Maryville it's true: students are names, not numbers. I ate lunch side by side with the faculty in the cafeteria and watched Monday Night Football with faculty at the Ranch House [now McNally]. Knowing my professors that well outside the classroom inspired me to succeed

inside the classroom. The small campus and general sense of community between students, faculty and staff make it feel like a thriving and hardworking academic "hub," where everyone works together to produce good work and succeed.

In fact, both faculty and staff helped me in large and small ways that led me to the life and career I have today. As a student I worked on campus through the work/study program to help defray cost, and was assigned to campus facilities [physical plant] due in part of my construction background. I learned more about maintaining the facilities along the way, working under Bob Rau, facilities manager. Then, during my

*"It's a cliché, but at Maryville it's true: students are names, not numbers."*

senior year, Korte Construction began building the gymnasium [now Moloney Arena]. Both Bob Rau and Bill Heitholt [then athletics director] knew I had construction skills and that I would soon be graduating with a degree in management, and

suggested that I send them my resume. Korte offered me a position as an estimator and I'm sure that recommendations from Bob Rau and Bill Heitholt were huge factors in that decision.

That kind of personal attention is rare. I was given leadership opportunities that many students at larger universities don't receive. My son Ryan has had similar experiences—he travelled abroad with John Lewington—and my second cousin Joey Landolt, '06, now works for Cassidy/Turley following an internship he landed through Maryville.

The flip-side of these priceless opportunities are the friends I met at Maryville. My college buddies: Matt Crawford, '81, Doug Johnson, '79, Dan Kirner, '81, Dan Sydow, '83, Joe Winkler, John Cochran, '83, and Steve Disch, '80, to name a few, are still my friends today. We escape for an annual weekend trip to my farm near Hermann, Mo., to fish, bbq, golf and, of course, tell many Maryville stories. The bonds we made as college students are just as strong today and I am grateful to Maryville for those friendships. ■

—as told to Laura Josehart



## Fundraisers Held To Benefit Vogl Scholarship

A craft fair held on campus in September supported the Max Vogl Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship. Combined booth rental and concession sales raised funds for the scholarship, named in honor of business student Max Vogl Jr., who passed away during his junior year at Maryville. The craft fair was one of three events scheduled this fall. A Poker Run for Cars and Motorcycles, sponsored by the Vogl family, was held in October and the Maryville Business Organization sponsored a trivia night on Nov. 6. Matching funds in the amount of \$30,000 were pledged in support of these events. 🇺🇸



INAUGURAL RECIPIENT: Steve McAllister, recipient of the Max Vogl Jr. Endowed Memorial Scholarship, poses with Barbara Petzall, PhD, professor of management.



RED LION ROUND-UP: A group of Simon School of Business alumni congregated on July 21 at the Red Lion restaurant in Maplewood. Barry Strange, '87, owner of the establishment, was joined by Saints Athletics Hall of Famer Lonnie Folks, '82, '88; Mike McMonigle, '91 and Mark Denk, '02, among others. Staff and faculty members also attended, including Rich Kilgore, PhD, Mary Albrecht, PhD, and Felix Kwan, PhD. The group enjoyed an opportunity to reconnect and reminisce. (left to right) Lauren Spielberg, Tony Spielberg, '96, and Megan Over, development director of Institutional Advancement.

## Alumni Gather for Herbal Treats Prepared by Alumna

LIZA RAE, WIFE OF PRESIDENT LOMBARDI, HOSTED A SPECIAL GATHERING OF more than 30 Maryville alumni and friends at the Kitchen Conservatory in Clayton on Aug. 25. The event celebrated Maryville alumna Stephanie Prade, '96, co-author of *Herbal Cookery: From the Kitchens and Gardens of the St. Louis Herb Society*. *Herbal Cookery* has won five prestigious awards, including the Gourmand Award at the Paris Cookbook Fair. Maryville alumnae Barb Finbloom, '77, Mary Hammer, '87, and Barb Ottolini, '90, assisted Chef Elisabeth Ottolini, '95, as she prepared and presented a five-course meal featuring lemon verbena champagne cocktails, cream of roasted tomato soup with fennel crostini, summer ravioli and basil corn salad. 🇺🇸



COOKING FOR A CROWD: Chef Elisabeth Ottolini, '95, prepares a dish from *Herbal Cookery* by Stephanie Prade, '96.

Amiee Shank



# Reunion Revelers Gather for Alumni Weekend 2010

ABOUT 500 PEOPLE GATHERED ON CAMPUS SEPTEMBER 23–25, EAGER TO REUNITE AND catch up during Alumni Weekend 2010. The bonds formed at Maryville are forever strong, and the classmates and their families who travelled to St. Louis from as far away as Alaska and New Jersey — and 15 states in between — are proof of those lifelong connections. Highlights of the weekend included the Athletics of Hall of Fame Dinner, President's Reception, Young Alumni Bash and the traditional Golden Circle Luncheon. The Alumni Award Ceremony honored alumni for their past and present contributions to the Maryville community and beyond. 🍷

David Ulmer



DEANS AWARD RECIPIENTS: (left to right): Shirley Bradford Johnson, '87, '90, '91, School of Health Professions; Mary Ann "Sully" Sullivan Boyce, '60, Centennial Award; W. Joseph Hatley, '82, College of Arts and Sciences; Timothy D. Fagin, '77, Volunteer of the Year Award; Sherry Miller Brereton, '86, '90, John E. Simon School of Business; and Madeleine T. Schmitt, '65, School of Education.

Jerry Naunheim



CLASS ACT: Graduates of the Class of 1960 gathered for their 50-year reunion photo. Class members were inducted into the Golden Circle during the traditional Golden Circle Luncheon.

Jerry Naunheim



ALL SMILES: Edna Stevens, '65, and Lucie Nordmann, RSCJ, '68, pose for a photo before the Alumni Award Ceremony.



BASH PHOTO BOOTH: Front row: Greg Schwartz, '10; middle row (left to right): Kelly Winking, '10, Megan Barbeau, '08 and Lauren Keppel; back row (left to right): Justin Langrehr, '10, Meg Kurtz, Alan Probst, '09 and Jacob Grosser.



MEET THE FAMILY: Claire Frandsen, '08, reunites with Susan Wells Pendergrass, '08, and family.



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KURTZ FAMILY: (left to right, back row) Michael, daughter Katlyn (17), Michael's wife Amy, daughter Phoebe (15); (front row) sons Taylor (12) and Tristan (8)

## Career Path

### *Curveball*

**MICHAEL KURTZ JR., '94**

IT'S NOT A TYPICAL JOB, BUT MICHAEL KURTZ JR., '94, LOVES WHAT HE DOES FOR Nielsen Media. The odd hours, extensive travel and international connections make for interesting and exciting work, he says.

"Previously, I was the chief information officer for MEDai and Enviro-Tec and a senior director of IT at WellCare Healthplans. Now I work for Nielsen Media, best known for the TV Nielsen Ratings, though that is about 10 percent of what they measure and do worldwide," Kurtz says. "I love my job."

Kurtz was recently promoted to executive director of IT and global engagement leader for the Shared Platforms groups, a position which focuses on aligning the proper Nielsen technologies to enterprise projects internationally.

"My team is stationed all over the U.S. and the world. It means a substantial amount of travel and a lot of conference calls at odd hours," he says.

Kurtz attended Maryville with an entirely different career path in mind, however.

"My whole life I was told I was going to be a doctor and that was the plan when I came to Maryville," he says. "I was attracted to Maryville because of its small size and focus, combined with its strong science programs. Computers were always my hobby and I was blessed when I realized my hobby could become my career."

Ironically, Kurtz says, he never took an IT class in college, however, he was involved in international and diversity programs at Maryville.

"Those experiences, along with my studies in cultures and religions at Maryville, have provided me with some great background to help with communication with my peers and employees in Japan, India, Europe and elsewhere," he says. "In fact, an ESL student I met my freshman year (Seiji Sakai) is still a long-distance friend in Japan. We still exchange emails and Christmas packages."

On the home front, Kurtz and his wife, Amy, live in Tampa, Fla., and have four children, ages 16, 14, 12 and 8. Along with his two daughters, he performs weekly in a contemporary Christian band. He also coaches his 12-year-old's select soccer team.

"As if we didn't have enough going on we have a large collection of pets — English Mastiffs, cats, assorted reptiles (bearded dragons, uromastyxs, corn snakes, several species of lizards), toads and frogs," Kurtz says. "Some are pets, others are my youngest child's catch of the day (to be released at bed time), including a crab, a hermit crab, and last, but not least, a pygmy hedgehog."

- Janet Edwards

## '40s

**Nadine Beardslee Donahue, '43**, of St. Louis, is a docent with the St. Louis Cathedral.

**Mathilde McDuffie, RSCJ, '47**, of Grand Coteau, La., has retired from her position of director of the boarding school with Grand Coteau and will move to the RSCJ retirement home in Atherton, California.

## '50s

**Madonna Buder, SFCC, '52**, of Spokane, Wash., is the oldest competitor to complete an Ironman triathlon. She celebrated her 80th birthday last July and published her latest book, *The Grace to Race*. According to reviewer Dava Toprres, "Sister Madonna proves you can make records, and break them all over again, at any age. Her spirit is without limits."

**Helen E. Rosenthal, RSCJ, '57**, of Miami, Fla., retired this May after 60 years in religious life and nearly as many as an educator, the last 24 at St. Thomas University. Sr. Rosenthal plans to continue writing her blog, "Reflections of an RSCJ."

## '60s

**Constance Dryden, RSCJ, '60**, of Jinja, Uganda, East Africa, is teaching in the novitiate and serves as bookkeeper for the primary school.

**Ellen Hannigan Ribaud, '60**, of St. Louis, is proud to announce her daughter, Nellie, was appointed associate circuit judge for St. Louis County 36th division.

**Mary Lucy Flynn Dunker, '68**, of Chesterfield, Mo., is co-chair of the fundraising committee with Women's Connection Network.



**Terry Reichardt Morrow, '68**, of Reston, Va., recently retired and wanted to find a job that would allow her to give back. With over a decade of experience in accounting and office management, she now handles all the general accounting responsibilities, working part-time for Our Military Kids as account development coordinator. In her free time, Terry is an avid reader and world traveler.

**Marilyn Lorenz-Weinkauff, '68**, of Chesterfield, Mo., is a program coordinator for St. Louis Interfaith Committee on Latin America.

## '70s

**Marguerite Kaulakis Potter, '71**, of St. Louis, served on the Board of the Island Schools in Boca Grande, Fla.

**Katherine Federer Kuster, '73, '09**, of Ballwin, Mo., is a clinical training specialist with Well Point.

**Jane Griffin Baars, '76**, of Douglas, Ga., began teaching high school art in 1999, the year after achieving the honor of being only the second art teacher in the state of Georgia to receive certification by the National Board in Adolescent/Young Adult Art. Jane received her master in art education in 2002 and Educational Specialist in Leadership in 2004 from Valdosta State University. In 2007, Jane placed second in 3-D at the Albany/Flint River Aquariums show, and has won several honors in shows sponsored by the Georgia Art Education Association (GAEA). Jane was the featured artist for the Wiregrass Art Guild in Douglas in 2008 and had several ribbons at the 2008 Georgia National Fair.

## '80s

**Angela M. Casimere, '84**, of St. Peters, Mo., is senior director of housing services with St. Patrick Center. Having made her way to top management, she is responsible for one-third of the agency's services. The programs under her purview, some of which she has designed, are integral to St. Patrick Center's housing-first focus and its efforts to end chronic homelessness by 2015.

**Deborah A. Zeman, '84**, of St. Louis, serves on the board of directors with American-Czech Educational Center.

**Martha Hudak, '85, '90**, of West Hollywood, Calif., is employed with Channel Law Group in Long Beach, Calif. Prior to that, she served as in-house counsel at Adelphia Communications Corporation both in Santa Monica, Calif., as senior regional counsel and Coudersport, Pa., as staff attorney.

**Thomas A. Menary, '87**, of Manchester, Mo., plays the drums with Gene Dobbs Bradford and Blues Inquisition. The band was the closing performance at the Whitaker Music Festival at Missouri Botanical Garden in August.

**Michael D. Porterfield, '87**, of Florissant, Mo., is a faculty member with the Pontifical Paul VI Institute for Catechetical and Pastoral Studies in St. Louis.

**John P. Spellman, '87**, of St. Charles, Mo., joined Coldwell Banker Gundaker's St. Peters office.

**Karen Mennemeyer Katsion, '88**, of Fenton, Mo., is the controller and office manager with Rebuilding Together in St. Louis.

**Beth Sobbe Lochmoeller, '88, '92, '08**, of St. Louis, is an intensive in-home specialist with Family Facets.

**Cynthia Brock Tench, '88**, of St. Louis, is a nurse practitioner with Mercy Medical Group at Des Peres Internal Medicine South and has more than 12 years experience as an internal medicine nurse practitioner.

**Robert G. Wagner, '89**, of St. Louis, served two terms as mayor pro tem of University City and was elected to City Council for six terms. Robert is also involved in charity activities with Beyond Housing, Habitat for Humanity, 100 Neediest Causes and Big Brothers of America.

## '90s

**Michelle Nesbit Lehman, '90**, of Peoria, Ariz., is project manager of renewable energy programs with Arizona Public Service.

**John J. Cleveland, '91, '92**, of Tempe, Ariz., is a music therapist with St. Dominic Savio Academy, Arizona's school for autistic children. Jay's agency, Music on the Move, was established in 1998. When not providing music therapy services in the classroom or in-home setting, or teaching music two days a week at the Awakening Seed School in Phoenix, he enjoys reading and spending time with his family.

**Lisa Winkler Hays, '91**, of Ballwin, Mo., is secretary of the St. Louis chapter of the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.

**Margaret Knight Lewis, '91**, of St. Louis, is an adjunct professor with the Saint Louis University School of Health Professional Studies teaching for the renaissance program in education.

**Janice West DeMasters, '92**, of Chesterfield, Mo., has been appointed dean of the St. Louis campus with Chamberlain College of Nursing. In this role, DeMasters will oversee implementation of the curriculum, delivery of student services, growth and development of clinical partnerships and management of the day-to-day operations.

**Debra Souder Wannstedt, '92**, of Ballwin, Mo., has been named sales manager with NetEffects. Wannstedt previously served as manager of the new business development team at NetEffects.

**Mikel J. Hagedorn, '93**, of Louisville, Colo., is director of information technology with Western Sugar.

**Beth S. Williams, '93**, of Grover, Mo., owner of Cuisine D'Art, opened her third restaurant, Table Three.

**Allison J. Foley, '94**, of St. Peters, Mo., married Brian J. Moore on Aug. 14, 2009.

**Michael J. Kurtz, '94**, of Valrico Fla., is a global leader in shared technology services for Nielson Media Research.

**Joyce M. Yahl, '94**, of St. Louis, is an accountant with Kantar Health.

**Julie Beckerman Fernandez, '95**, and **Sergio C. Fernandez, '95**, of Dardenne Prairie, Mo., announce the birth of a son, Sergio Emanuel XXXIV, on July 12, 2010. Baby Fernandez joins big sisters Maria, Ava and Anna. Julie organized the first Walk for Williams Syndrome on May 15, on Maryville's campus. Despite the rain, there were 100 participants and the event raised \$3,200 for the Williams Syndrome Association (WSA).

**Sherri R. Jaudes, '95**, of Marthasville, Mo., is a metals instructor with Chesterfield Arts and has taught metals for 13 years. Her extensive exhibiting resume includes regional, national and international shows.

**Mary E. Oswald, '95**, of Clearwater, Fla., is a clinical applications analyst and team leader with BayCare Health System. Oswald earned a master's degree in nursing with Walden University in 2010.

**Barry A. Chelist, '96**, of Chesterfield, Mo., is a benefits consultant with Summit Benefits Group. He is married and has three beautiful girls.

**Diane Harris Yanczer, '96**, of St. Louis, was appointed board member with the Richmond Heights Chamber of Commerce.

**Brett A. Parker, '97**, of Fenton, Mo., is a certified financial planner and advisor with Premier Financial Partners. In his time off, he is head coach for his son's baseball team.

**Clarence B. Bonham, '98**, of Ballwin, Mo., plays bass with Gene Dobbs Bradford and Blues Inquisition. The band was the closing performance at the Whitaker Music Festival at Missouri Botanical Garden in August.

**Jennifer Scholbe Canbek, '98**, of Delray Beach, Fla., was awarded \$10,000 by the HPD Educational Research Grant to pursue her research project titled, "A Tale of Two Case Methods: Investigating the Student Learning Outcomes of Two Teaching Strategies Designed to Enhance Clinical Reasoning." Jennifer is expected to present her research at the next HPD Research Day, Feb. 10, 2012.

**Ke Gao, '98**, of Middlesex, N.J., is a salesman with Shaanxi Getwick Nonferrous Metals Company.

**Mark R. Feinstein, '99**, of O'Fallon, Ill., is a business development manager with Computine, Inc.

**Diana Hughes Guth, '99**, of Ferguson, Mo., is a music teacher for general music, the recorder and the guitar with Assumption Parish.

## '00s

**Christina Cantu Brooks, '00**, of Lake Saint Louis, Mo., welcomed a daughter in June 2010.

**Korisa Sorrell Carbone, '00**, of Kirkwood, Mo., announces the birth of a daughter, Lillian Elizabeth, on Sept. 20, 2010. Lily joins big brother Alex, age 2.

**Susan Stickford Cassimatis, '00**, of Chesterfield, Mo., is owner and licensed professional counselor with Pathways for Change. She is a member of the American Counseling Association, the American Counseling Association Missouri and Psychotherapy St. Louis, serving as membership chair since 2008.

**Perry D. Osterloh, '00**, of Ballwin, Mo., is a retail accounting manager with Kellwood Company.

**Matthew S. Rubel, '00**, of Cape Girardeau, Mo., is a physical therapist, certified ergonomic assessment specialist and rehabilitation director of Cape Girardeau and Ste. Genevieve Clinics with Mid America Rehab.

**Laura Wehner Bequette, '01**, of Festus, Mo., graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry as a member of the Beta Sigma Kappa

International Honor Society. Bequette received The William Feinbloom Low Vision Award while in optometry school and works for Clarkson Eyecare.

**Mark A. Crow, '01, '06**, of Troy, Mo., is a professional consultant with Personal Consulting Company.

**Charles J. Gulas, '01**, of Wildwood, Mo., was appointed to the Advisory Commission for Physical Therapists by Missouri Governor Jay Nixon. The Commission was created to guide, advise and make recommendations relevant to the physical therapy profession to the Board of Healing Arts.

**Angela Roeder Earlywine, '01**, of Maryland Heights, Mo., was featured in an article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* discussing how she "helps workplace and workforce fit together."

**Susan L. Schultz, '01**, of St. Louis, is a designer and production artist with Centric Group.

**William D. Bassman, '02**, of O'Fallon, Mo., is web designer and marketing consultant with Engage Media. Previously, Bassman served as committee chairman with Cub Scout Pack 987.

**Michael A. Brown, '02**, of St. Louis, announces the birth of a daughter, Concetta Lucia, born Jan. 23, 2010. Concetta joins older siblings Anthony and Gianna.

**Karen Hunter Colarelli, '02**, of St. Louis, serves on the board of directors with Fostering Hope Foundation, which supports and advocates for foster parents and their foster families. She also volunteers at her children's school and is a Girl Scout leader and active church member.

**Patrick J. Holleran, '02**, of Chesterfield, Mo., was promoted to vice president at Holleran Duitsman Architects.

**Dustin R. Loeffler, '02**, of O'Fallon, Mo., married Lea Thompson on Sept. 4, 2010. Dustin has accepted a new position with Boeing as systems engineer manager in Dallas, Texas.

**Anna Schaefer Millar, '02**, and **Justin T. Millar, '04**, of St. Louis, announce the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Paige, on July 29, 2010. Lindsey joins siblings Kaitlin and Natalie.

**Janene Dumas Reeves, '02, '03**, and **Jason A. Reeves, '01**, of St. Louis, announce the birth of a son, Jason Alan Reeves II, on July 13, 2010. Jason joins big sister Salena. Jason is a financial advisor for VALIC.

**Charisse Baker Rickles, '03**, of Eureka, Mo., announces the birth of a daughter, Hayden Ella, on Sept. 10, 2010. Hayden is the third child for Charisse and her husband, James.

**Joseph M. Bieser, '04**, of Highlands Ranch, Colo., is a group benefit consultant with Sun Life Financial.

**Judith L. Fine, '04**, of St. Louis, married Lowell B. Schneiderman in November 2007. She is a fifth grade teacher at Green Trails Elementary School in the Parkway School District.

**Holly Nichols Chisholm, '04**, of O'Fallon, Mo., announces the birth of a son, Jonah Nicholas, on December 11, 2011. Jonah is the first child for Holly and her husband, Jared.

**Terra Mowery Gegg, '04, '05**, and **A.J. Gegg, '04**, of Springfield, Mo., announce the birth of a daughter, Chloe Martha-Mae, on June 14, 2010. Chloe joins big brother Preston.

**Jennifer Olsen Phillips, '04,** and **Joel D. Phillips, '05,** of Kirkwood, Mo., announce the birth of a daughter, Audrey Helene, on June 18, 2010. Audrey joins big brother Everett.

**Alisha E. Rees, '04, '05,** of Maywood, Mo., married Vic Schroeder on June 24, 2010, in Nassau, Bahamas.

**William M. Senti, '04,** of Wildwood, Mo., is assistant principal for Northeast Middle School in the Parkway School District. He served as the 8th grade principal for the 2009-10 school year, and is working with 6th graders for the 2010-11 year.

**Abrea Saltzman Da Lay, '05, '07,** of St. Louis, is director of education with Chesterfield Valley Sylvan Learning Center. She worked in the Rockwood School District before joining Sylvan. In her spare time, she enjoys going to the gym, cross-stitching and spending time with friends.

**Malia A. Dunbar, '05, '06,** of St. Louis, is an adjunct professor of biology with Maryville University.

**Kristina Ash Hampton, '05,** of St. Louis, is a doctoral student in history at Saint Louis University.

**Kelly Engelmeyer Hawkins, '05, '06,** of O'Fallon, Mo., announces the birth of a son, Jackson Robert, on June 7, 2010.

**Gail R. Heuschober, '05, '06,** married **David A. Johnson, '05, '06,** of Springfield, Ill., on June 5, 2009. She is a physical therapist with Midwest Rehab.

**Sonja E. Houston, '05,** of St. Louis, is the founder and president of the Christian Sisters Organization. She has been employed by Special School District for more than 18 years and has been in



**MAGIC METAL:** Mary Ernst, '48, and her husband Richard stand next to one of her sculptures during the Faculty and Alumni Art Show during Alumni Weekend 2010.

## Art: The Love *of a Lifetime*

**MARY ERNST, '48**

ACETYLENE-OXYGEN WELDING IS FRAUGHT WITH DANGERS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH is the 6,000 degree fahrenheit flame the torch throws—one of the hottest of any gas mixture for welding. Dangerous or not, it is the method of choice for metal sculpture artist Mary Moser Ernst, '48. It's also her only option for making her inspired metal creations—other welding techniques were ruled out after she received her pacemaker.

Now in her mid-80s, Ernst is a bright example of the virtue so many Maryville graduates have held close all their lives: the love of learning. She may have completed her undergraduate degree in art history more than 60 years ago, but that didn't stop her from signing up for a sculpture class last fall (or encouraging her husband to join her). Her years at Villa Duchesne and then Maryville instilled a life-long thirst for exploration and learning in the field in which she has always been passionately engaged: art.

Ernst continued to take painting and art classes after graduating from Maryville. It was a jewelry making class

that first sparked her interest and desire to move from the painter's canvas to the world of metal fabrication. It was a crucial discovery in her journey as an artist.

"I realized that I could do anything with metal that I wanted to. I just opened my eyes and I began thinking about things that could work as sculpture. I realized there really were no restrictions. It's not like work at all, it's just play for me," she says.

Soon after beginning to work with metal she turned to larger pieces, especially vessels and forms related to seeds and seedpods. Without initially intending to, she earned an MFA from Washington University in 1982.

Ernst is a founding member of the Society for Midwest Metalsmiths and has been exhibiting her work for more than 50 years. She and her husband, Richard E. Ernst, MD, continue to live in St. Louis, where they raised their four children.

- Michael Dechane





## Leadership Lessons

**MARK ANDERSON, '01**

AS A COLLEGE STUDENT CONSIDERING HIS FUTURE CAREER, MARK ANDERSON WAS certain of only two things: he wanted a job that would allow him to make a difference in the world and, whatever it was, he wanted to enjoy doing it. Anderson is making good on both counts as president of Whitfield School, a private, coeducational institution in West St. Louis County for students in grades 6-12.

Since 1998, when he first arrived at Whitfield, Anderson has served as teacher, coach, admissions representative, dean of students and dean of faculty. He was named the top administrator in 2004.

"Many people know from childhood what they want to be when they grow up," says Anderson. "I wasn't one of them."

During his undergraduate years, he first declared Spanish as his major, even though he was equally interested in science and humanities. Having already ruled out a career in business, Anderson also considered becoming a lawyer. While helping a friend who struggled with math studies, however, his future began to add up.

"A friend who was having trouble passing freshman college algebra asked me to tutor him," Anderson recalls. "I rolled up my sleeves and got to work because I knew that I could teach it to him. What I discovered was that I really enjoyed helping him get over the hurdles. It was an epiphany. I realized then that I wanted to pursue a career in teaching."

After earning his bachelor's degree in education at the University of Missouri – Columbia, he taught fifth grade in the public school system of Liberty, Mo. Halfway through a master's program, Anderson was introduced to Mary Burke, PhD, who was then president of Whitfield. He was impressed – and so was she.

"We had only been talking for about half an hour when she said, 'Come work for me,'" Anderson says. Already familiar with Burke's "out-of-the-box" thinking, he accepted the offer and moved back to west St. Louis County, where he had grown up and attended Parkway schools.

While teaching, Anderson chose to complete his master's in education studies at Maryville University in the School of Education's Teacher as Leader program.

"It helped me interpret the ins and outs of what I need to know to run a school – the relational aspects of working with parents, faculty, students and alumni," he says.

Anderson was not yet 30 years old when he became president of Whitfield. His predecessor, Burke, had served as a friend and mentor. Before she retired, Burke told him: "Hire people that you'd really enjoy having dinner with – look for that spark, that connection, that energy that you can feed on."

As he looks back with pride on the past seven years of his administration, Anderson figures he has learned that lesson well.

"I'm most proud of the faculty that I've built," he says. "I've surrounded myself with great people; they're the cream of the crop in connecting with students and delivering an experience that is transformational."

- Janet Edwards

*Who's Who Among Teachers in 2003-2004 and 2004-2005.* In her spare time, she coordinates the Christian Sister's Organization and works in ministry at her church. She also enjoys reading, scrapbooking, traveling and board games.

**Amanda L. Meyer, '05, '06**, of St. Charles, Mo., married **Timothy M. Sarlone, '01**, of Washington, Mo., on Nov. 28, 2009. She is a physical therapist for Howard Park Center working with special needs children and he is a controller with Interim Healthcare. **Samantha Meyer Sims, '05**, sister of the bride, served as maid of honor and **Matthew J. Apprill, '03, '04**, was best man. **Danielle Fallert Apprill, '04**, **Holly Nichols Chisholm, '04**, and **Kelly Engelmeyer Hawkins, '05, '06**, were bridesmaids.

**Arie V. Poremba, '05, '06**, of St. Louis, is a licensed physical therapist with extensive experience treating patients with orthopedic and sports injuries. In addition to his long-time engagement with the St. Louis running community, Poremba has also been working with elite athletes to help them maximize their performance level. Poremba earned a doctorate in physical therapy at Massachusetts General Hospital Institute of Health Professions in Boston, Mass.

**Gordon G. Stuart, '05**, of St. Louis, married Callie Reed on Aug. 29, 2009. He is the owner of Stuart Lawn and Land in St. Louis.

**Judith R. Belanger, '06**, of O'Fallon, Mo., works in government sales with Herndon Products.

**Ajna Dedic, '06**, of St. Louis, married Adis Dzafic on April 25, 2009. She is a cardiac

sonographer with St. Anthony's Medical Center and owner of Endless Memories, an event services company.

**Emily K. Fallwell, '06**, of St. Louis, is showroom manager with Global Total Office.

**Kassy M. Harness, '06**, married **Jonathan R. Boland, '06**, both of Eureka, Mo., on Nov. 7, 2009.

**Keenan R. Lersch, '06**, of St. Charles, Mo., is a faculty member with Saint Louis University School of Professional Studies in computer science technology. He is also network and security manager at American Railcar Industries, a railcar manufacturing company.

**Brandi Schrage Sauer, '06, '09**, of St. Louis, is employed with Crescent Electric Supply.

**Michelle A. Schmersahl, '06**, of Lake Saint Louis, Mo., married Bryan Frazier on May 3, 2008.

**Heather K. Simonds, '06**, of Fenton, Mo., is a project accountant at Maritz.

**Julie M. Wiese, '06**, of St. Ann, Mo., accepted a new position as a visual designer at 4orce Digital. Julie also enjoys performing with the St. Louis Osuwa Taiko, a not-for-profit group of community members who study and perform the art of Taiko locally and internationally. She has traveled to Suwa, Japan, where Taiko was created, and performs at the Missouri Botanical Garden Japanese Festival.

**Allison Bergheger Bash, '07**, and **Stephen M. Bash, '05, '10**, of Mascoutah, Ill., announce the birth of a son, Nolan, on June 18, 2010. Nolan is the first child for Allison and Stephen.

**Stacey L. Fritz, '07, '09**, of Chesterfield, Mo., married Tom Schutte on July 31, 2010.

**Alecia C. Gierer, '07**, of Washington, Mo., married Caleb B. Turner on April 18, 2010.

**Curtis A. Graham II, '07**, of St. Louis, is a teacher in the Hazelwood School District.

**Keelyn N. Harris, '07**, of St. Louis, is a business development executive with Office Essentials.

**Sara M. Hotze, '07**, of Normal, Ill., accepted a position with the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana as the assistant general manager and director of residence life for a private housing option on campus. It is a 752-bed unit and Hotze oversees all of the residence life options within the building, as well as overseeing leasing and marketing.

**Katherine Andrews Louthan, '07**, of Manchester, Mo., announces the birth of a son, Jackson Blake, born on June 1, 2010. Jack joins big sister Maya.

**Lacey Meschede Majors, '07**, of Arnold, Mo., announces the birth of a daughter, Iris Anna, born Dec. 22, 2009.

**Jessica A. Newsham, '07**, of St. Charles, Mo., married Shawn N. McGuire on May 22, 2010. She is employed by ProRehab of Chesterfield, Mo., as a physical therapist.

**Erin Guyer Schreiber, '07**, of Creve Coeur, Mo., was welcomed into the National Council of Jewish Women in St. Louis as a leader in community service.

**Robert A. Srote, '07, '09**, of Ellisville, Mo., wrote a book on the recession that was

released in January 2011. The book is titled *Wildfire: The Legislation That Ignited The Great Recession*.

**Andrew E. Tessier, '07**, of St. Louis, married Courtney J. Hackney on Aug. 7, 2010. He is employed with Signature Health Services and is currently completing an MBA at Saint Louis University.

**Roberta Trost, '07**, of Defiance, Mo., is director-at-large of corporate and individual membership of the St. Louis chapter of the Healthcare Businesswomen's Association.

**Derrick A. Wolk, '07**, of Ste. Genevieve, Mo., is a physical therapist with Therapy Solutions.

**Agatha D. Brockie, '08**, of Louisville, Ky., is a physical therapist with Professional Rehabilitation Associates.

**Lindsey M. Howard, '08**, of Ballwin, Mo., married Eric J. Illinger on June 13, 2009.

**Jaime Smullen Kleekamp, '08**, of O'Fallon, Mo., is an executive assistant with Insituform Technologies, Inc.

**Phillip M. Kleekamp, '08**, of Washington, Mo., married Mary C. Stock on June 26, 2010. He is employed by Trident Steel Corporation as an inventory accountant.

**Jennifer L. Laurentius, '08, '09**, married **Michael J. Parmeter, '09**, both of St. Louis, on June 19, 2010. **Laura E. Amelung, '08**, was maid of honor, **Ashley N. Bates, '08, '09**, **Kelly L. Hutcheson, '08, '10**, and **Alison T. Kunsemiller, '09**, served as bridesmaids. **Steven J. Pearosn, '09**, was also a member of the wedding party.

**Erin R. Magrew, '08**, of St. Charles, Mo., married Brian Gaddis on July 31, 2010.

**Jessica L. Smith, '08**, of Hillsboro, Mo., married Kyle Jahns on July 23, 2010.

**Melissa A. Stelmacki, '08**, of Chesterfield, Mo., received her master's degree in political science from University of Missouri-Columbia and is working on her PhD.

**Amy Veasman, '08**, of Union, Mo., married Jeremey Heisel on May 15, 2010. She is employed by Mederi Home Health.

**Tracy L. Welsh, '08, '09**, of Florissant, Mo., is a teacher at Francis Howell High School and is also a medical technician at Barnes Jewish Womens Care Hospital.

**Alexandria J. Wilhelm, '08, '09**, of St. Louis, is a fifth grade teacher with Wren Hollow Elementary School.

**Katherine Dover Angus, '09**, of St. Louis, is a unit secretary with Barnes Jewish Hospital.

**Kristi M. Bade, '09**, of Beaufort, Mo., married Dustin Gerling on May 15, 2010. She works at Missouri Baptist Medical Center in St. Louis.

**Stacy Brown Baker, '09**, of Villa Ridge, Mo., is an occupational therapist with Shriner's Hospital and Milliken Hand Rehab Center.

**Abbigale Murphy Billings, '09**, of Killeen, Tex., announces the birth of a son, Connor Lewis, on April 22, 2010.

**Laura C. Bleckman, '09**, of Washington, Mo., is a nurse in the emergency room with St. John's Mercy Hospital-Washington.



## The Douglas G. Johnson Endowed Scholarship

A scholarship has been established in memory of Douglas Johnson, '79, who passed away in June. As a student, Johnson played soccer and baseball; he was also a resident assistant and engaged in campus life. As an alumnus, he was a member of the John E. Simon School of Business National Leadership Council and an active former athlete.

Stephen Musial, '79, '81, lived next door to Johnson in the residence hall during their college days and admired him as a student who was driven to succeed.

"Doug would never say anything negative, no matter what he thought of a person. He was someone that you just met, talked with for 10 minutes and felt, wow, this is a very genuine individual," Musial says.

The Douglas G. Johnson Endowed Scholarship has been established by his wife, Anita, and his family and friends. Through this scholarship, Johnson's legacy will live on at Maryville through the countless students who will benefit from this fund for generations to come.

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650 Maryville University Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141*

**Amy Blumenkamp, '09**, married **David T. Vinyard, '09**, both of Fenton, Mo., on July 2, 2010. **Aimee P. Degraaf, '09**, **Amanda C. Hoff, '09, '10**, **Daniel L. Hoover, '09**, and **Jamie E. Luetkemeyer, '09**, served as attendants.

**Ashley N. Braun, '09**, of Freeburg, Ill., married **Lance E. Fix** on July 17, 2010. She

works in human resources with KDK Trucking Inc.

**Elizabeth A. Butts, '09**, of Steelville, Mo., is an occupational therapist with RehabCare at Phelps County Regional Medical Center,

**Tim W. Butts, '09**, of St. Louis, married **Rebecca K. McBrady** on Sept. 18, 2010. He is a financial services

representative for Vantage Credit Union.

**Amy AuBuchon Collins, '09**, of Jackson, Mo., is a nurse at Chateau Girardeau.

**La Toya Scruggs Conway, '09**, and **James M. Conway, '12**, of Florissant, Mo., announce the birth of their daughter, **Jamie Michelle**, born March 5, 2010.

**Kellye J. Cramsey, '09**, of Quincy, Ill., is resident manager with Ball State University.

**Michael A. Dragoni, '09**, of O'Fallon, Ill., an art teacher at Buder Elementary in the Ritenour School District, was selected for the First Class Teacher Award. This award recognizes the district's most outstanding first-year elementary or secondary educator.

**Jared K. Dougherty, '09**, of Columbia, Ill., is a home office broker for Edward Jones.

**Cori McCormick Engle, '09**, of St. Louis, married **Joshua Deitz** on June 6, 2009. She is employed by the St. Louis Special Education District, working as a behavioral therapist with special needs children and in graduate school at the University of Missouri - St. Louis pursuing a master's degree in counseling

**Rebecca A. Flader, '09**, of St. Louis, married **Brian E. Montgomery** on Sept. 12, 2009.

**Mary Thompson Flieg, '09**, of St. Louis, is a nurse at SSM-St. Clare Medical Center.

**Courtney M. Foust, '09**, of Fulton, Mo., is an accounting analyst for the state of Missouri Division of Youth Services.

**Jena M. Gass, '09**, of Millstadt, Ill., is an actuarial analyst at WellPoint.

**Abby Butler Hall, '09**, of O'Fallon, Mo., was featured alongside her mother and sister in the Lifestyle section of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. The article celebrated Mother's Day and featured mother-daughter look-alikes.

**Jessica M. Harrington, '09**, of Fenton, Mo., announces the birth of her daughter, **Maddison Marie Miley**, on May 26, 2010.

**Kimberly A. Jung, '09**, of Maryland Heights, Mo., is a teacher in the Parkway School District.

**Aaron B. Junk, '09**, of Saint Charles, Mo., is client vice president advisor at JP Morgan Chase.

**Andrea R. Jury, '09**, of Richmond Heights, Mo., is a nurse with Barnes Jewish Hospital.

**Amanda L. Klahs, '09**, of Fenton, Mo., is a nurse at Saint Mary's Health Center in the labor and delivery area.

**Jamie Boitnett Koepke, '09**, of Oakville, Mo., is a human resources administrator for Barry-Wehmiller Designer Group.

**Phylicia D. Little, '09**, of Creve Coeur, Mo., is a nurse for DePaul Health Care Center.

**Kimberly C. Lutz, '09**, of Lake Saint Louis, Mo., is an interior designer with CI select.

**Margaret A. McKnight, '09**, of St. Ann, Mo., works on global teams in virtually all regions of the world providing synergy savings analytics for the Pfizer Global Operations project supporting the integration of Wyeth. Her specialty is training users in

new data analysis tools helping them to maximize the reports generated to drive their business unit cost reduction targets. She also continues to be very involved in community service, devoting up to 30 hours per month and has added kayaking, zip-lining, and trail biking to her love of outdoor sports. Her most memorable trip this year was to Bethel, New York—the site of the original Woodstock Festival.

**Miranda A. Miller, '09**, of St. Louis, married Tom Schaab on May 15, 2010. She is employed by Massage Envy as a sales associate.

**Joshua B. Pennington, '09, '10**, of St. Louis, is a tech at DaVita Inc.

**Joshua L. Price, '09**, of Bonne Terre, Mo., is an actuarial analyst with Excellus BCBS.

**Jane M. Radisauky, '09**, of Bridgeton, Mo., is an accounts payable specialist with Panera.

**Carolyn M. Ranck, '09**, of Indianapolis, Ind., is an analyst for Towers Watson.

**Heather Buchmann Riley, '09**, of Imperial, Mo., is a senior business analyst at WFA.

**Megan L. Schmidt, '09**, of Madison, Wis., married Jeff Christianson on July 25, 2009. She is the associate director of accounting with Blackhawk Church.

**Tracey L. Schrock, '09**, of Fenton, Mo., is an ABA therapist in the Special School District of St. Louis.

**Nicole E. Seibert, '09**, of Wildwood, Mo., married Sam A. Reiss on July 3, 2010. She is an art teacher with the Fort Zumwalt School District.



OFF THE BEATEN PATH: Koenig, '04, pauses for a photo with children playing in the village of Nakabango, Uganda.

## Grinding Beans, *Breaking Poverty*

**JOE KOENIG, '04**

INSPIRATION COMES IN MANY FORMS—EVEN A HANDFUL OF AVOCADOS. FOR JOE KOENIG, '04, a handful of avocados fell in a fateful moment while visiting a tiny church in Uganda and his reality was forever changed.

Koenig is the founder of Three Avocados ([threeavocados.org](http://threeavocados.org)), a non-profit coffee company partnered with Ugandans in a threefold mission: give a fair wage to workers for a sustainable, renewable product; raise money for clean water initiatives; and provide unique, fresh-roasted coffee to U.S. markets. Koenig founded the company after a recent mission trip to Nakabango, Uganda, where his church has partnered with members of the village to provide relief in the country.

His website recounts the moment that inspired the company: "It had been a long day, we were all tired and eager to get back to the comfort of our hotel in Jinja. And then it happened. As the offering basket was passed around, a poor widow placed three avocados in the basket. It was literally all she had. And she gave it up, all for the sake of others. You see, in

Uganda, the pastors do not receive any pay. The food they eat is given through the offering as they visit different villages. That widow had given all she had to ensure someone else could eat. What a beautiful gift."

The idea for the company came to fruition quickly. The mission trip was late January 2010. Three weeks later, Three Avocados was incorporated. Six months later, nearly half the funds needed for a clean water well had been generated, Three Avocados coffee was available at six Dierberg's supermarkets in the St. Louis area and sales began to pick up.

Koenig has done all this while continuing his full-time work as a partner at Creative Anvil ([creativeanvil.com](http://creativeanvil.com)), a local web development firm. He and his wife, Jennifer, are also busy raising three children.

Three Avocados is only the beginning of Koenig's longterm plans in Uganda. He hopes to partner with other growers in South America, Asia and other regions.

- Michael Dechane





## Keen Sense of Drama

**KEENAN HENSON, '00**

Many creative professionals point to a particular moment in time that solidified their career path. Keenan Henson, '00, remembers when his gifts and interests aligned and everything became clear for him. He was five. Cast in the proverbial church play with a non-speaking role, his best friend did have some lines and Henson noticed that he liked the looks of the spotlight. After the play, he asked the director (his friend's mother) if he could have some lines in the next play.

Nearly 30 years later, if you want to get in touch with Henson, you can find contact information for his Los Angeles manager or agent on his website ([keenanhenson.com](http://keenanhenson.com)). After earning his bachelor's in communication from Maryville, Henson spent five years in New York City, moving to L.A. in 2005.

Over the years Henson has worked behind the camera as a director of photography, a cameraman and a

photographer. He is a creative executive for On the River Entertainment. His acting credits include theater roles, commercial work, television and short films, and he has done extensive training and coaching. Last year, Henson landed a role in an episode of CBS's program, *The Mentalist*—it was a big break that bodes well for his future. Henson also recently finished work on the set of a film where he played a WWII pilot. It is slated to make the rounds at film festivals in coming months. He was also featured recently in a national commercial for Wendy's.

"This is such a bizarre career," Henson says. "When I started out in this business, people told me, 'Be prepared to work for 15 years before you really start getting steady work,' and I think that's accurate. You will be on a set for days, and just loving it [acting], and the day the shoot wraps, you're unemployed. Again. That's the beauty and the strangeness of it. I really am in the game now, though, and I'm working with my friends—you just can't beat that."

- Michael Dechane

**Rebecca P. Seibert, '09**, married **Adam J. Schweizer, '08**, both of St. Louis, on July 11, 2009. She is a gifted education teacher at LaSalle Spring Middle School in the Rockwood School District and he is an assistant principal at Rockwood Valley Middle School in the Rockwood School District.

**Samantha M. Smith, '09**, of St. Louis, is a teaching and learning facilitator with the St. Louis Public Schools.

**Mary Cecilia Thompson, '09**, of St. Louis, married Tony F. Flieg on Feb. 12, 2010. She is a nurse with St. Clare Medical Center.

**Samantha M. Turner, '09**, of Festus, Mo., married Nathan Craden on May 15, 2010.

**Dorothy A. Williamson, '09**, of Fenton, Mo., is a nurse at Mercy Health Plans.

**Daniel J. Brinkmann, '10**, of St. Louis, married Emily R. Tobben on June 19, 2010. He is employed with Walgreens.

**Mark A. Dragoni, '10**, of Moberly, Mo., will enter the doctoral program in history at Syracuse University in August and will work as a teaching assistant.

**Casey L. Jansen, '10**, of Effingham, Ill., married Evan C. Lee on July 31, 2010.

**Premmie Stevenson Muhammad, '10**, of St. Louis, is a registered nurse manager.

**Jason R. Panches, '10**, of Defiance, Mo., is a web graphic designer with SteadyRain and creates online experiences utilizing various platforms.

IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE YOU WITH THE MOST UPDATED INFORMATION, effective January 2011 all condolences will be posted exclusively on Maryville's alumni website: [alumni.maryville.edu](http://alumni.maryville.edu).

As always, all alumni are encouraged to submit condolences, class notes or other alumni information via the website.

*We're waiting to hear from you!*

## CONDOLENCES

Ruth Prange Hanses, '49, and Rosemarie Prange Striegel, '49, on the death of their husband and brother-in-law, Rev. Eugene J. Hanses.

Maryann Weick Kane, '55, Joan Kane Ryan, '49, Georgene Weick Frazier, '58, and Margaret Kane Mannion, '58, on the death of their husband and brother, John M. Kane.

Zelia Stewart Lebeau, '50, Betty Stewart Robert, '52, and Therese Adele Lebeau, '79, on the death of their sister and aunt, Margaret Stewart Johnson, '49.

Linda Belinsky Al Eryan, '60, on the death of her mother, Carol Belinsky.

Joan Baumstark Schnoebelen, '65, and Judith Baumstark Ross, '60, on the death of their husband and brother-in-law, Richard M. Ross.

Margaret McGinness Liggett, '61, on the death of her husband, Hiram S. Liggett.

Barbara J. Wenger, '62, and Susan Wenger Gummersbach, '67, on the death of their son and nephew, George Hickenlooper.

Jacqueline McCoy Kaiser, '64, Patricia McCoy Fehrenbacher, '75, Kathleen McCoy Scholten, '80, Mimi Webster Murphy, '68, Michi Korst McCoy, '73, Mary Lou Gavin, RSCJ, '56, Mary Fuegner Murphy, '59, and Patricia Forrestal Conway, '60, on the death of their mother, mother-in-law and aunt, Loretta Murphy McCoy, '41.

Margaret Nusrala Hensler, '67, and Mimika Garesche Nusrala, '62, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Amelia Nusrala.

Barbara Schilling Dowd, '67, and Mary Schilling Walsch, '72, on the death of their husband and brother-in-law, Patrick C. Dowd.

Francine Diebold Smith, '67, on the death of her mother, Rita Diebold Murphy.

Christine Broeckling Angeli, '70, '78, Gregg Allen Angeli, '90, Adam Ryan Angeli, '95, and Caitlin Angeli Imaki, '95, on the death of their mother, mother-in-law and grandmother, Mary Fitzgerald Broeckling.

Rosemary Liss Krekeler, '70, '93, on the death of her mother, Leona M. Liss.

Christine A. Crain, '73, on the death of her mother, Lu Ellen Smallwood Crain.



## Verna Kerans Edleson, '28 (1907-2010)

Verna Kerans Edleson, '28, who faithfully attended Alumni Weekend for the past six years, died July 25, at the age of 103. She was believed to be the University's oldest alumnae, and was certainly one of the most active and beloved.

In keeping with her vibrant personality, wonderful sense of humor and overall zest for life, Edleson was fond of telling people she spent eight years at Maryville—four years at the Academy and four years at Maryville College, says her daughter, Verna Alice Kerans.

Edleson, a professional violinist, enjoyed a successful and diverse musical career. In the 1930s and '40s, she was a member of the Musical Pirates—an all-female group. She was also a member of the St. Louis Women's Symphony and the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra. Edleson later became a third grade teacher at Garfield School in the Normandy School District.

Edleson is survived by her daughter, Verna Kerans, Webster Groves; her son, John Kerans, Des Peres; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Ann Cameron Higginbotham Niederman, '74, on the death of her father, Bruce S. Higginbotham.

Norma Flores Vogel, '74, and Carmen Flores, '74, on the death of their son and nephew, James E. Vogel Jr.

Mary Lammert Hittler, '75, and Sarah Lammert Clare, '91, on the death of their husband and brother-in-law, Joseph W. Hittler.

Michael M. Kryzanowski, '76, on the death of his father, Dr. Michael M. Kryzanowski.





## Barbara Parker (1945-2010)

Barbara Parker, PhD, CRC, LCPC, associate professor and director of the rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation services programs, passed away on July 31. She had been a member of the Maryville University faculty for 10 years.

One of the first educators hired for Maryville's graduate program in rehabilitation counseling, Parker helped to establish the undergraduate program in rehabilitation services in 2005. She was an innovative leader who helped expand the depth and outreach of both programs.

Parker was a recipient of the School of Health Professions Distinguished Faculty Award and the President's Award for Excellence in Community Service.

"Barbara lived life to the fullest, her passion to help others made her an outstanding friend, colleague, counselor and teacher," said Chuck Gulas, PhD, dean of the School of Health Professions.

"As students, we have been energized through her spirit and determination. Dr. Parker's influence will be with us for as long as we share what we have learned and continue to do the work of a rehabilitation counselor," said Randy Keys, '09.

Along with her teaching and administrative roles, Parker worked in private practice with agencies such as the St. Louis Public Schools, Metropolitan Workforce Partners of St. Louis, ARCHS, St. Patrick Center, Opal's House and Connections to Success.

She is survived by her husband, Neil Parker; her children, Sandra (Mark) Hinderliter, Taylor (Gwen) Parker and Sarah Parker; eight grandchildren; her father, Thomas Taylor; her mother, Jane Buchanan; a brother, David (Debbie) Taylor; and two sisters, Pat Seck, and Diane (Vern) McBride.

**Joan Flood McVoy, '76**, on the death of her mother, Mary Ann Flood.

**Nancy Ahner Endres, '77**, on the death of her father, Harold H. Ahner.

**Susan Donnell Scott, '77**, on the death of her mother, Elizabeth Posch Donnell.

**Mary Kirchhoff Braun, '78**, on the death of her mother, Mary Wahoff Reineke.

**Mary Brennan Jotte, '78**, on the death of her mother, Darline Jenkins Brennan.

**Katherine Ahner Cammon, '79**, on the death of her mother, Lorraine A. Ahner.

**Shirley Parnas Adams, '81**, on the death of her son, Jeffrey K. Adams.

**Mary Elizabeth Sachs, '79, Kathleen McAuliffe Desloge, '40, and Suzanne Desloge Weiss, '68**, on the death of their mother, sister and aunt, **Mary McAuliffe Sachs, '42**.

**Daniel E. Kirner, '81**, on the death of his wife, **Kathleen Baer Kirner, '81**.

**Susan M. Cacciatore, '82**, on the death of her father, Frank J. Cacciatore.

**Jeanne Lattinville Vogel, '82**, on the death of her mother, Marie K. Lattinville.

**Joseph L. Feise, '83**, on the death of his father, Paul J. Feise.

**Margaret Maurer Lang, '83, and Lisa Waltenberger Maurer, '89**, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Margaret A. Maurer.

**Laura Nations Lazeckho, '83**, on the death of her father, Gus O. Nations.

**Kelly Long Studdard, '83, and William P. Studdard, '85**, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Barbara Dieckhaus Long.

**Michael L. Haskin, '84, '09**, on the death of his son, Brandon M. Haskin.

**Jacqueline Holstein Klees, '84**, on the death of her husband, Daniel C. Klees.

**Susan N. Luning, '84**, on the death of her mother, Arlene Laspe Luning.

**Timothy J. McCoy, '84**, on the death of his father, John P. McCoy.

**Ingrid Casey Bremer, '85**, on the death of her mother, Valerie Brinkman Safron.

**Scott F. Modde, '86**, on the death of his father, Leo S. Modde.

**Gregory M. Blakely, '87**, on the death of his mother, Elizabeth K. Nyman.

**Kristen Dutton Lund, '87**, on the death of her father, John H. Dutton.

**Lisa Wolken Groves, '88, and Christopher A. Groves, '96**, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Marion Meystrik Wolken.

**John vonMaur Morse, '93, and Stacey E. Morse, '96**, on the death of their father, John von Morse.

**Mary Jo Lang Wagner, '88, and Margaret Maurer Lang, '83**, on the death of their father and father-in-law, James J. Lang Sr.

**Anita Scott Johnson, '89**, on the death of her husband, **Douglas G. Johnson, '79**.

**Stacey Corbet Morse, '89, and Stuart H. Morse, '89**, on the death of their mother and mother-in-law, Phyllis Corbet.

Barbara Reber Ottolini, '90, Elisabeth Marie Ottolini, '95, and Alice Ottolini O'Grady, '96, on the death of their mother and grandmother Catherine Wessels Reber.

Michael M. Fridley, '91, '93, '96 and Amy Kohler Fridley, '95, on the death of their father and father-in-law, Donald G. Fridley.

David M. Lovelett, '91, on the death of his father, Earl J. Lovelett.

Marie A. Scheiter, '91, on the death of her mother, Anna Stichling Petsch.

Carol Benes Buzolich, '92, on the death of her father, Paul V. Benes, and brother, Steven P. Benes.

William F. Simokaitis, '92, on the death of his father, William S. Simokaitis.

David M. King, '93, on the death of his mother, Mary Jane Helm King.

Cynthia Goulet Langness, '93, on the death of her husband, David G. Langness.

Jane B. Lindner, '93, on the death of her father, Erwin Lindner.

Mary McWilliams Templemire, '93, on the death of her mother, Claydine Sloas.

Karen Stanberry Bevolo, '94, on the death of her father, Charles E. Stanberry.

Nancy Feters Portscheller, '94, on the death of her father, George E. Feters.

Alexander DeMatteis, '95, on the death of his wife, Deborah Bretz DeMatteis.

Kelly McCready Kallaos, '95, on the death of her father, Robert D. McCready.

Lisa Schorb Meyer, '95, and Christine A. Schorb, '01, on the death of their father, Eugene J. Schorb.

Timothy D. Souers, '95, on the death of his mother, Ella Fleming Souers.

Karen Cochran Dunne, '96, on the death of her mother Eileen O'Donnell Cochran.

Judith Klasek Medley, '96, on the death of her mother, Lorraine Klasek.

Patricia A. Snodgrass, '96, on the death of her father Elmer M. McCoy.

Christine E. Travaglini, '96, on the death of her father, James J. Travaglini.

Mary Ann Stoff Warfield, '99, on the death of her mother, Ethel Takacs Stoff.

Theresa Schneider Weber, '99, on the death of her husband, Eugene Weber.

Susan Volmert Eschbacher, '99, '01, on the death of her mother, Paula Groves Branneky.

Robert A. Grana, '01, on the death of his mother, Marion Bajohr Grana.

Jan Frink Dominguez, '03, on the death of her son, Jeffrey M. Dominguez.

Steven G. Ogolin, '03, on the death of his father, Earl J. Ogolin.

Nicholas W. Kollmeyer, '06, and Michael C. Kollmeyer II, '08, on the death of their father, Michael C. Kollmeyer.

Lauren C. Roemerman, '08, on the death of her mother, Sandra Prater Roemerman.

## In Memoriam

### 1920s

Verna Kerans Edleson, '28  
Beatrice Fehlig George, '29

### 1940s

Loretta Murphy McCoy, '41  
Mary McAuliffe Sachs, '42  
Wilma J. Crotty, '43  
Mary Tierney O'Neal, '43  
Claire Elmore Grindon, '47  
Maria Musick Brennan, '49  
Margaret Stewart Johnson, '49  
Ilene Lee McGinn, '49

### 1950s

Charlotte White Padon, '50  
Margaret McGee Shields, '50  
Nancy Murnane Heneberry, '52  
Marjorie A. McEnany, '58

### 1960s

Patricia Steffen O'Neill, '62

### 1970s

Dennis G. Schafer, '76  
Mary H. Reeves, '77  
Douglas G. Johnson, '79

### 1980s

Kathleen Baer Kirner, '81  
Cheri Rabicoff Seddon, '86  
Penney M. Painter, '89

### 1990s

Timothy G. Creaghan, '91  
Melissa Duncan Sherwood, '98

### 2000s

Katie Cavanaugh Clavin, '07



# [InRetrospect]

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UNIDENTIFIED STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE ANNUAL "BED RACE," WHICH TOOK PLACE ON CAMPUS DURING SPIRIT WEEK. The photo is credited to Renee Hein, but the year it was taken is unknown. If you recognize anyone in this photograph, or can provide additional details about the annual event, please write to Maryville Magazine at [editor@maryville.edu](mailto:editor@maryville.edu) or visit [alumni.maryville.edu/retrospect](http://alumni.maryville.edu/retrospect) and leave a comment.





LOUIE IN THE CITY: Mascot Louie has a little fun on a recent visit to City Garden in downtown St. Louis. To see more photos capturing "Louie Unleashed" and to find out how you can join in the fun, visit [maryville.edu/unleashed](http://maryville.edu/unleashed).





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