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On August 28, 1963, hundreds of thousands of Americans arrived in Washington, D.C., to participate in the largest civil rights demonstration in our nation’s history.

The tenor of those attending the “March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom,” demanded a breakthrough in legislation for African-Americans and other under-represented citizens. Demonstrators descended on the Washington Mall, singing and praying and listening to impassioned civic and religious leaders—urging Congress to support the disenfranchised in our country by enacting legislation benefiting the suffering and forgotten.

Late in the day on that humid August afternoon, the Southern Baptist preacher, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered his famous “I Have A Dream” speech from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial, directing the moral compass of the nation toward the cause of justice.

Today, 50 years after Dr. King’s profound dream of a nation where children are judged not by the color of their skin but by the content of their character, the reality is there is much still to do, and the dream that Dr. King and all who marched and worked with him has not yet fully become a reality for many in our country.

In the fall of 1963, Mount St. Mary’s had its first African-American student on campus—John W. Williams, Jr., admitted in 1961. After graduating in 1965, John, or should I say “Commander Williams,” left the Mount and served the United States Navy with distinction before retiring—earning the Mount’s Bicentennial Medal in 2007 for opening the doors of diversity on our campus.

Today, I am very proud that Mount St. Mary’s University is more racially and culturally diverse than ever before, and in this issue of Mount Magazine, you’ll read about our commitment in creating a more welcoming environment for every member of our campus community.

Jesus’ message and teachings can be broken down to two simple things … love and inclusion. Each day at the Mount, we ask: “who haven’t we served?” and we strive to foster a university that answers that question by welcoming faculty, staff, and students from different backgrounds, different countries of origin, different abilities and disabilities.

It is a commitment we continue to pursue, because, in Dr. King’s words, “as we walk, we must make the pledge that we shall always march ahead.”

Peace.

Thomas H. Powell
University President
THE CHANGING FACE OF THE MOUNT

If it were just about the numbers, the Mount would be sitting back and celebrating the fact that 26 percent of its 2013 incoming freshman class identified as “non-white.” But it’s never been just about the numbers.

By Susan J. Burlingame

A comprehensive national search, led by Trustee Scott Wilfong, C’72, and a committee made up of trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni, is currently reviewing applications for the 25th President of Mount St. Mary’s University.
COMMENCEMENT 2013

A total of 394 undergraduate and 69 graduate students received their degrees during the Mount’s 205th Commencement Exercises in May. The Class of 2013 included students from five other countries, was 54 percent female, and 20 percent minority. The class also included the first graduates of the Warriors to Work program—three Marines who received general business degrees.

Commencement speaker Archbishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., ’77, of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, encouraged the graduates to use the tools the Mount has given them to be men and women of virtue when making decisions throughout their lives. “So as this venerable university now sends you forth into the world, your lives will be filled with countless moments—to opt for what is coherent, true, good and beautiful—will enable you to shine as bright lights in a world that sometimes seems in danger of being overcome by the darkness of falsehood and the duplicity of vice.”

The Archbishop commended the Class of 2013 for living their faith by serving others, including volunteering to help victims of Superstorm Sandy in New Jersey, helping poor residents in Belize and Appalachia, and working with Special Olympics.

Archbishop Lori and Marvin and Donna Stocker were awarded honorary degrees. The Stockers, parents of Debbie Stocker Giles, C’95, Jennifer Stocker Buckles, C’98, MBA’00, and Annie Stocker Kalis, C’00, are generous supporters of the Mount. Michael and Stephanie Caulfield and Lt. Col. Paul T. Jackson, former professor of military science, received the President’s Medals.

CLASS OF 2013: LIFE AFTER THE MOUNT

You can find members of the Class of 2013 across the country—in graduate, law or medical school, with employers like the FBI, PricewaterhouseCoopers, and Booz Allen Hamilton, or in service fields like Teach for America or the Jesuit Volunteer Corps.

Meet some of our newest alumni!

Jeff Griffith is attending law school at the Catholic University of America. He says the Mount’s outstanding faculty and small class size were the keys to his success. “I learned so much from having small classes where I felt I was more involved, and challenged to be prepared and participate.”

Kyle Wakayama is the outdoor programs and outreach marketing coordinator at outdoor company REI. A former leader of the Mount’s outdoor adventure program, he says the Mount fostered a love of learning that will continue beyond the classroom. “I learned to never stop growing—that my education does not stop after college but is a lifelong process.”

Tranise Garland is pursuing a masters’ degree in public policy at George Mason University. She says the Mount taught her to think critically about issues on a global, national or local scale. “I am prepared for a world that is diverse and where change is happening fast.”

You can meet other members of the Class of 2013 by visiting www.msmary.edu/classof2013
Mount St. Mary’s University is Top Ranked!

MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY EARNHS HIGH RANKING FROM U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT

U.S. News & World Report’s 2014 rankings of the nation’s best colleges were released today, and Mount St. Mary’s University moved up three spots from last year to 20th among 135 institutions categorized in the North region—placing the Mount second among Maryland’s eight other public and private regional universities.

It marks the fourth-straight year Mount St. Mary’s was selected among the North region’s top 25 colleges and universities. The Mount also earned a place in the magazine’s “A-Plus Schools for B Students” category.

“We are honored to be recognized once again as a standout institution in the North region, and we are proud to be part of this select group of schools from across the nation,” said University President Thomas H. Powell. “Rankings like these are the direct result of a tremendous amount of hard work and dedication from our students, faculty and staff, and our unrelenting commitment to providing the very best academic experience.”

U.S. News rankings are based largely on undergraduate academic reputation, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, assessments from peer institutions, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving.

“I’m thrilled Mount St. Mary’s continues to be recognized by U.S. News & World Report,” says Michael Post, the Mount’s vice president for enrollment management. “However, visiting a campus and meeting the community that puts the heart of these rankings into action is always the best measure of an institution, so parents and students should use rankings like these as just one of many tools when evaluating colleges.”

The exclusive U.S. News list, which includes rankings of more than 1,376 schools nationwide, is available online at www.usnews.com/colleges.
The summer is often a time to take a break—but for some Mount students, it’s a time to get ahead.

Jordan Desilva, C’14, is learning organic and inorganic synthetic techniques for chemistry reactions. He is working in the Mount’s chemistry lab as an intern with the School of Natural Science and Mathematics summer research internship program, creating new molecules to act as better supports for certain metals, so they can serve as catalysts for organic transformations.

“We learned about some of the reactions in my science lecture courses but we did not have the time to actually see them in the lab,” he says. “This internship allowed me to apply the material I only knew from my textbooks and what was written in my notebook to a research project.”

Jordan works directly with Assistant Science Professor Chris Bradley, Ph.D. Dr. Bradley’s research looks for ways to decrease both the cost and energy intensive nature of functionalizing oil derived products, as current methods for such transformations rely on metals such as platinum and iridium, which are either toxic or expensive due to their scarcity.

Dr. Bradley says the internship program gives Mount students one-on-one interaction with faculty-in a research capacity—often not found at larger schools. “Rarely at a large research university would an undergraduate receive direct instruction from a professor; instead they would be paired with a senior graduate student and would rarely even see the faculty member. The program here gives Jordan better access to someone with more experience in the lab,” he says.

“It has been a very rewarding experience to work with a professor one on one,” Desilva, a biology and biochemistry major, explains. “I’m surprised at how much I’ve learned in a short time span. It has opened up my understanding of biology, biochemistry and chemistry. I would definitely like to do more research like this after I graduate.”

Bradley says Jordan's work will help the Mount receive grant funding for future projects. “He is working on a project not currently sponsored by a funding agency, so the results he gets can be used to show proof of concept of our work and often is necessary to receive funding on new projects.”

This summer internship program was made possible by an $180,000 National Science Foundation award that will support three undergraduates over each of the next three summers. Students will complement their training in synthetic techniques with computational modeling of the compounds they prepare. Undergraduates will also have the opportunity to present their research annually at national meetings of the American Chemical Society.

“Involving undergraduates in cutting edge chemical research is my main priority as a research mentor at an undergraduate institution,” says Dr. Bradley. “Through the NSF award, I will be able to further enrich the research experiences of several Mount undergraduates. I feel fortunate to have received this grant, as I think it will stimulate student interest in graduate studies and careers in chemistry.”

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GEORGE WEIGEL
LECTURE EXAMINES
RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
George Weigel, Distinguished Senior Fellow of the Ethics and Public Policy Center and one of America's leading public intellectuals, gave the keynote address at this year's Constitution Day celebration. Weigel's presentation: "Religious Liberty in 21st Century America" addressed the role of religious liberty at the founding and offered observations on the delicate relationship between Church and State and the dangers of impeding the free exercise of religion. Weigel serves on the Mount's advisory committee for the Institute for Leadership and is the author or editor of over 20 books, including a monumental biography of John Paul II, and a recent book about the shape of "Evangelical Catholicism." He has written essays, op-ed columns, and reviews for the major opinion journals and newspapers in the United States, and is a contributor to Newsweek. A frequent guest on television and radio, he is also Vatican analyst for NBC News. His weekly column, "The Catholic Difference," is syndicated to 60 newspapers around the United States. His scholarly work and his journalism are regularly translated into the major European languages.
LIBERAL ARTS IN THE REAL WORLD

Recent Mount grads develop a Catholic film and design company

After graduating from Mount St. Mary’s University in 2012, Billy Phillips, Jennifer Gasse, and Gary Gasse recognized the need for contemporary, authentically Catholic media with the power to engage a modern audience.

Immersed in the Catholic community at the Mount, they learned about who Christ is; in their classes, they learned about the transcendentals of beauty, truth, and goodness. The more they learned about their faith, the more beauty they recognized in it, and the more they wanted to share it.

So they set out to deliver a solution.

The result was Coronation, a Frederick, Maryland-based film and design company they built from the ground up—providing media creation and consultancy tailored for Catholic clients.

While at the Mount, the trio majored in theology, with second majors ranging from philosophy, psychology, or communications. While these areas of study may not seem pertinent to a film and design agency, the Mount grads realized the value of a liberal arts education in their work.

“Our studies in philosophy brought context, psychology brought an understanding of audience experiences, and communications brought creative solutions,” said Phillips.

“And ultimately, it was through our theology studies that each of us found our vocation.”

A typical day in the office involves crafting projects guided not only by their work experience in creating visual media, but also by the liberal arts education that they received at the Mount.

“These things may sound lofty,” Phillips explains. “But this knowledge has propelled us to work for and with amazing people and initiatives.”

Their client list includes the Legion of Christ, Regnum Christi, The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, and many other Catholic groups and missions. Currently, they are gearing up to produce The Multitude, a series of short films—showcasing the lives of the saints, and slated for release with a well-known Catholic publisher.

“We believe the Church needs artists and creators who understand the Gospel in order to create material that is truly set apart,” said Phillips. “We want to see Catholic media succeed in the digital landscape and give clients the creative voice they need to get their message heard.”

Coronation was built to do just that.

You can see their work at coronationmedia.com, and can follow Coronation on Facebook at fb.com/coronationmedia.
CREATING OPPORTUNITY

New Graduate Certificate for a Growing Labor Force

Mount St. Mary’s University is offering a new graduate certificate program in Government Contracting—focusing on the rules and regulations governing federal contracting and the laws associated with contract compliance, socioeconomic programs, policy making, and financial management.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics counted almost 500,000 purchasing manager, buyers, and purchasing agent jobs in 2010, with an annual growth of 7%. And today, job search web sites offer approximately 1,500 contracting job announcements in Maryland alone. In a 2011 National Contract Management Association Salary Survey, 28% of those responding were 55 or older and retiring within the next five years.

In the same salary survey, respondents with graduate degrees had a median income of $105,000, or 18 percent higher than those with a bachelor’s degree.

“With more than $500 billion in contracts awarded each year by the federal government, we recognize the industry’s need for individuals with an expertise in government contracting,” said Karl Einolf, Ph.D., Dean of the Richard J. Bolte, Sr. School of Business. “The Mount’s certificate program will not only advance students’ technical knowledge, it will enlighten students on the ethical challenges that government procurement specialists face on a regular basis.”

The program consists of five graduate courses covering federal laws, cost and price analysis, performance-based acquisitions, administration and negotiation and making sound decisions. These five courses can also be applied toward an MBA degree by completing seven additional courses. Courses are offered in the evening in eight-week accelerated sessions at Mount St. Mary’s University Frederick Campus.

Each program course is Defense Acquisition University equivalent - leading to a government certification in Contracting for Federal Employees. The program is designed to give working professionals the knowledge and expertise necessary to excel in government contracting and is intended for both government and private industry.

For more information please contact Terry McCune, mccune@msmary.edu or 301-447-5908.

NEW NURSING PARTNERSHIP

Students interested in nursing now have another option for obtaining their nursing degree through a partnership with the University of Maryland’s School Of Nursing (UMSON).

The recently signed agreement allows students to earn two undergraduate degrees in just over five years—a B.S. in Biology from the Mount and a nursing degree (B.S.N.) from the University of Maryland. Students participating in the program are required to complete three academic years at the Mount and four semesters at the UMSON.

“The articulation agreement with the University of Maryland successfully combines the Mount’s strong liberal arts curriculum with the health care knowledge and clinical experiences students can only obtain from a hospital-affiliated nursing program.” says Jennifer Staiger, Ph.D, chair of the Mount’s Science Department.

“This exciting partnership will help nurses reach their educational goals of a dual degree,” said UMSON Dean, Jane M. Kirschling, Ph.D., RN, FAAN. “We are pleased to extend our nursing program to include Mount St. Mary’s University as part of the University of Maryland School of Nursing’s commitment to quality health care in this region and the state. This innovative agreement will also support education mobility and facilitate the seamless transfer of academic credit between our schools.”

The partnership is similar to an existing agreement the Mount has with Shenandoah University in Winchester, VA. It is anticipated that these programs may enroll as many as 20-30 students annually.

For more information please contact Terry McCune, mccune@msmary.edu or 301-447-5908.

Scan the QR Code with your smartphone to view our brochure on the government contracting certificate.

“The Mount’s Nursing program’s intensive sciences courses and accompanying laboratory work, dedicated professors, and research opportunities create a strong foundation for obtaining a BSN degree. In providing me with these vital resources and experiences, I am confident that I will have a successful career in nursing!”
During the twilight of July 19, the historic Chapel of the Immaculate Conception was spared from tragic and sudden catastrophe. As a thunderstorm passed through the area lightning struck the bell tower of the 103-year-old chapel, sparking a fire in the roof of the tower.

A student witnessed some smoke coming from the bell tower and informed the University’s Office of Public Safety. After investigating the scene from outside, the officer informed emergency officials shortly after 8:30 p.m. Though the university campus and the seminary were mostly empty for the summer, a crowd gathered as word of the fire spread. Fire trucks and emergency responders from Maryland, including Emmitsburg’s Fire Station 6, as well as from nearby Pennsylvania, responded promptly to the mountain campus. In total, 22 fire trucks and 84 firefighters arrived to ensure the safety of the chapel and the rest of the campus. Some students assembled, taking pictures of the blaze that spread to the rest of the students via Twitter and Instagram.

Many from the local communities came by to make sure the chapel would not be lost forever.

The fire appeared very threatening, as the old wooden roof of the bell tower burned brightly. Crowds were kept at a distance and luckily no one was present in the chapel at the time of the blaze. The fire crews were concerned the fire would spread to the rest of the chapel or nearby residence buildings (such as DuBois Hall) or even spread to the tree-covered mountainside behind the chapel. University President Thomas H. Powell thanked the quick responses of the witnesses and the fire fighters for saving the chapel. “We are very thankful for the historic importance of the chapel,” Powell said. Fortunately, the fire never spread to any other buildings and was even contained to the upper part of the bell tower. By 11 p.m., the brave firefighters extinguished the flames and spared the timeless oratory.

The tower roof and its wooden support beams sustained most of the damage. However, the bell itself was undamaged and the structure of the tower was not compromised. Though there was significant water damage in the bell tower, there was no water or smoke damage throughout the rest of the chapel. The damage has been estimated around $750,000. University officials insisted that the tower will be returned to its original grandeur. “We will rebuild, and I am confident it will be as good as new when we are done,” said President Powell. Cleaning and repairs to the bell tower have begun and should be completed by Christmas. Thankfully, the beautiful and historic chapel will continue to be a beacon of hope and soon the bell will again ring out from Mary’s Mountain.

“In good times and in bad,” our wedding ended up being absolutely beautiful.”  
— Ian Hankins and Beth (Neumann) Hankins, C’09
FLYNN TRAVELS TO THE KYRGYZ REPUBLIC IN CENTRAL ASIA

In partnership with Johns Hopkins University and with funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development, Patrice Flynn, Ph.D., associate professor of business, worked in the Kyrgyz Republic of Central Asia this summer on a new five-year program to help strengthen civil society, known also as the private, nonprofit sector.

A key component of the program features collaboration with a consortium of Kyrgyz universities and the Ministry of Education to develop standards for civil society and nonprofit management programs, establish new courses, and enhance academic capabilities and resources for effective delivery at the undergraduate and graduate levels. Another component of the initiative entails working with the Kyrgyz National Statistical Committee to estimate civil society labor demand.

Nestled among China, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan, the Kyrgyz Republic is a beautiful country with rugged snowcapped mountains, lush fertile valleys, and glacial-fed rivers and lakes. Most of the country was annexed to Russia in 1876 and later the Soviet Union in 1936 until independence in 1991. The small nation of 5.5 million people—of whom 33.7% live in poverty—boasts of a literacy rate of 98.7% and 55 public and private universities.

Kyrgyzstan’s human capital and natural resources are attracting massive inflows of foreign direct investment. Hence, the Kyrgyz people’s desire to develop a healthy collaboration among the three sectors of the economy—business, government, and civil society—through this new initiative.

MICHAEL GREEN, C’80, SERVES AS EXECUTIVE IN RESIDENCE

Michael J. Green, C’80, Vice President for Strategic Services for IBM, spent two days on campus this fall as the Bolte School’s Executive in Residence. Green spoke to students about his experience leading areas of IBM transformation, along with sales, technology, consulting, systems integration and outsourcing. His clients have spanned a range of industries, including communications, pharmaceutical and healthcare, government, manufacturing and distribution, electronics, and retail.

Green is focused on developing high performance teams, building client relationships, and enhancing leadership talent within IBM. The Bolte School’s Executive in Residence program brings distinguished business executives to campus for two days each fall and spring to speak with students about various business-related topics.

HELPING THE ORIOLES GO GREEN

The Baltimore Orioles baseball team is known for its orange and black colors, but Bolte School student Justin Byram, C’16, is helping them go green. Byram studied the recycling habits of visitors to Camden Yards baseball stadium as part of an internship with the team this summer. He found changing the locations of the stadium’s recycling bins, the times they were distributed, and even the shape of the bins dramatically increased the amount of recycled materials after each event.

The project was just one part of sport management major’s internship. Byram learned every aspect of working for a professional sports team—from accounting and facilities management to security and game day operations.

“I learned what it takes to succeed in the sports industry, and I got a firsthand look at what a day to day job entails. The experience helped me better understand my career preferences and will help me in my studies as I complete my major,” he said.

The Bolte School of Business encourages all of its students to do an internship to get hands-on experience to complement classroom learning. Alumni are encouraged to contact the Bolte School or the Career Center if they have an internship opportunity for students.

Enactus Team Wins Regional Competition

The Bolte School of Business congratulates the Mount’s Enactus Team for bringing home the 2013 regional championship title. The competition included four universities—Susquehanna University, Elmira College, Ursinus College, and Mount St. Mary’s.

Enactus teams are judged on the collective impact of their community outreach projects while considering the relevant economic, social, and environmental factors. The winners showed they were most effective at empowering people in need by applying business and economic concepts and an entrepreneurial approach to improve their quality of life and standard of living.

Six of the 21 team members qualified for the national championship in May.

David Nixdorf, C’14, Stephanie Bass, C’13, Caroline Tucker, C’14, Victoria Ramsay, C’13, Lauren Brown, C’15, and Rebecca Lynch, C’14, represented the Mount at the competition.

Ethics Pledge Signing

Richard J. Bolte, Jr., C’ 79, President and CEO of BDP International, served as the keynote speaker at the annual Ethics Pledge signing in the spring. Members of the Class of 2013 signed the pledge to always act ethically in the business world, ensuring a strong foundation as they moved from classroom to career.
MAJOR LECTURES ON THE PURSUIT OF TRUTH
The College of Liberal Arts hosted several major speakers this year. In April, Dr. John O’Callaghan, of the University of Notre Dame, gave the spring Veritas Lecture entitled, “Justice: The Crowning Glory of the Virtues?” Freshmen from the Veritas Program attended.

In September, professor John Haldane spoke about the future of the Catholic university. Dr. Haldane is an internationally distinguished philosopher, a member of the Pontifical Academy for Culture, and the Chairman of the Royal Institute for Philosophy.

In October, the Mount hosted historian John Fea, author of Why Study History? Dr. Fea met with history majors and faculty to discuss the importance of reflecting on the past, especially for Christians. He also gave a major lecture for American Experience students, entitled “Was America Founded as a Christian Nation?”

STUDENTS VISIT HISTORICAL ARCHIVES
Students in Dr. Charles Strauss’s class on the history of U.S. Catholicism enjoyed a visit to the Daughters of Charity archives in Emmitsburg. The archives, recently assembled in Emmitsburg and opened for research, are a rich source of primary materials. Dr. Strauss’s students will use the archives for research in the course.

CLASS OF 2017 “BEING HUMAN” ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED
Four members of the Class of 2017 received the top prizes in this year’s “Being Human” essay contest.

Katherine Wu (first prize), Ashleigh Rama (second), and Samantha Solis and Joseph Theis (runners up) wrote about summer reading assignments in connection with the Symposium, explaining how an author’s personal reflections reveal something about the human condition. Wu’s winning essay argued that the role of curiosity in E.O. Wilson’s childhood and career “reveals three aspects of the human condition—the human need for faith in order to find purpose in life, Man’s status as a social being, and the feeling that Man is a stranger in the universe.”

Rama’s essay explored St. Augustine’s account of temptation and conversion, finding that “To be human is to be blessed with a mind capable of thinking both within itself and beyond physical existence.”

A panel of professors judged the essays, and winning students received gift cards to the campus bookstore.

LIGHTED CORNERS TAKES HONORS AGAIN
Lighted Corners, the Mount’s student literary magazine, won First Place with Special Merit from the American Scholastic Press Association—the highest rank awarded. The judge’s notes on the Spring 2013 edition of the magazine stated: “You have mastered not only the elements of a good publication (staff box, table of contents, etc.) but you have also published excellent works from your school population. Lighted Corners is a model for those up-and-coming magazines and inspiration for those magazines that haven’t quite aced the necessary skills.”

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illegal drugs in Cecil County. Both students assisted the state troopers during the arrest process, including fingerprinting and transport to the Cecil County Detention Center.

“I am impressed by the drive, knowledge and work ethic that your students possess,” Trooper First Class Charles Mylin wrote in the commendation letter.

“Ms. Logan and Ms. Grenchik are an excellent representation of the quality of students and education that Mount St. Mary’s University provides. These are individuals I would like to see as future members of the Maryland State Police.”

GRADE 2 AUTHORS
Mount alum Jaci Drass, C’05, and her second grade students at Tuscarora Elementary School in Frederick, MD are award-winning authors. The students wrote The Hairball Hassle based on experiences with the class pet hamster King Biscuit, and entered the book in Scholastic’s 2013 “Kids are Authors” contest. The book was named one of 25 honorable mention winners, out of 7,000 entries.

DELANEY LECTURE SERIES DISCUSSES LAW ENFORCEMENT AND MEDIA
The Mount welcomed Michael Bouchard, Chief Security Officer for Sterling Global Operations, Inc.; David Falls, Emmy Award-winning Investigative Reporter for the Washington Post; Julie Parker, Director of the Media Relations Division for Prince George’s County Police Department; and Emmy Award-Winning News Reporter and Anchor; and Mark Magaw, Chief of Police for Prince George’s County Police Department to campus on April 16th as part of the Mount’s Criminal Justice Student Association’s Delaney Lecture Series.

The spirited presentation gave Mount students a candid, behind-the-scenes look at the relationship that exists between media and law enforcement. Joseph Vince, Lecturer in Criminal Justice, explained, “In order to have a fair and balanced Criminal Justice System in our democratic form of government, it is imperative that we have informed citizens. Media in the United States has been the cornerstone provider of this service to the nation.”

On the importance of exposing students to these lectures, Vince said, “The Delaney Lectures assist students in expanding what they are studying in the classroom with information about the most pressing issues of the day from the persons who are designated as the nation’s problem solvers.”

The lectures allowed students, faculty, and the community to hear from practicing professionals about how they are solving today’s public safety issues. The series also provided valuable insight for students who are pursuing career paths in the Criminal Justice and Intelligence fields.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE STUDENTS HONORED BY MARYLAND STATE POLICE
Two criminal justice students earned commendation letters for their work with the Maryland State Police. Julianna Logan, C’13, and Marian Grenchik, C’15, helped police arrest three suspects for allegedly selling

MOUNT ALUM LEADS SUMMER ROBOTICS CAMP
T. Jason Rubeling, C’93, organized and instructed the first Project Discovery summer camp devoted to robotics. Campers used Lego Mindstorms™—creating their robots the first week, and using them in a series of robotics challenges the second week. Rubeling has worked for the Frederick County Public School system for 20 years, as an elementary teacher, teacher specialist for professional development, and currently as a math specialist. He is a leader in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education and initiatives with the state of Maryland and Frederick County. Project Discovery is a series of summer camps devoted to hands-on learning.

FACULTY NEWS
Caroline Eick, Ph.D., associate professor of education, has been appointed to a three-year term as Chair of the Department of Education. Eick served as director of the Mount’s Honors Program for the past two years.

Barbara Marinak, Ph.D., associate professor of education, examined how teachers can use Google as a powerful tool when creating lesson and unit plans during a session at this summer’s Mount Teacher Institute. The session provided hands-on practice for teachers and was particularly relevant for teachers working with common core state standards.

Laura Frazier, Ed.D., assistant professor of education, was awarded a grant from the Knott Foundation to study one-on-one computing initiatives, particularly the impact of tablets on teacher decision making.

Marty Malone, Ph.D., professor of sociology, has developed new courses for Florence 2014. In the course, “Italy and China: Five Snapshots from a 700 Year Romance,” students will follow the relations between Italy and China from Marco Polo to the contemporary relations of the Neapolitan Camorra and Chinese laborers in the Italian city of Prato. In “Sociology of the Senses: Eating, Seeing, and Listening in Florence,” Dr. Malone taps the culinary and artistic genius of the Tuscany region in this experiential learning opportunity.

Kim Hansen, Ph.D., assistant professor of sociology, addressed “The Military Chaplaincy in a Pluralistic Age” at the University of Oslo in May.

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Simmons came to the Mount in 2006 from West Virginia Wesleyan College. He co-founded the Mount’s Environmental Science program, and chairs the Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee. This group of faculty, students and staff makes recommendations to the Administration about how to make the Mount more sustainable. Simmons’ expertise in the field is recognized beyond the Mount as well: he is editor-in-chief of the peer-reviewed *Journal of Freshwater Ecology* and has published extensively on the subject of watershed ecology and human impacts on aquatic ecosystems.

Simmons earned his bachelor of arts in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Rochester. He graduated from Cornell University with both his master of science and doctorate in forest science and watershed ecology and human impacts on aquatic ecosystems.

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GRANT SUPPORTS UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH

Summertime is often a time for college students to take a break. But for Jordan DeSilva, C’14, it was a time to get ahead. DeSilva worked one-on-one with Chris Bradley, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, doing graduate level research—thanks to a grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant supports the work of three undergraduate researchers for three summers.

DeSilva learned organic and inorganic synthesis techniques for chemistry reactions, and created new molecules to act as better supports for certain metals, so they can serve as catalysts for chemical transformations.

“We learned about some of the reactions in my science lecture courses but we did not have the time to actually see them in the lab,” DeSilva said. “This internship allowed me to apply the material I only knew from my textbooks and notes to an actual research project.”

Bradley said the internship program gives Mount students an opportunity that students at larger schools rarely have.

“Rarely at a large research university would an undergraduate receive direct instruction from a professor,” Bradley said. “Instead, students would be paired with a senior graduate student and would never see the faculty member. Our program gave Jordan direct access to faculty with extensive lab experience.”

Bradley says Jordan’s work will help the Mount receive grant funding for future projects.

Three other students worked in the Mount’s labs this summer as part of the School of Natural Science and Mathematics Summer Research Internship Program (SRIP). Students received stipends for their four- to eight-week-long research projects.

- **Dahyana Arias, C’15**, worked with Jen Staiger, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, on a study of the molecular mediators of a key signaling pathway in rat gloma cells.
- **James Shenberger, C’14**, studied how cells respond to shock and inflammation under the mentorship of Christine McCauslin, Ph.D., associate professor of biology.
- **Jessica Boegner, C’14**, worked with Katy Dye, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, to examine the response of cellular proteins to Ebolavirus infection.

The SRIP program is in its second year and is supported by the Dean’s Fund for Excellence and other gifts.
NEW MEN ARRIVE AT THE MOUNT

The Mount welcomed 51 new seminarians from 23 dioceses to begin their studies for the Holy Priesthood. During this academic year the Seminary will educate 167 men from 28 dioceses and two religious communities in the United States and Sri Lanka. In addition, 18 seminarians were born in Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia, Argentina, Venezuela, Argentina, Cameroon, Vietnam and Sri Lanka.

ANNUAL SEMINARY ALUMNI RETREAT HELD IN JUNE

The annual Seminary Alumni Retreat was held at the Mount, June 17-21, with Most Rev. Harry J. Flynn, S’60, Archbishop Emeritus of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, presiding as the Retreat Master. Archbishop Flynn served at the Mount from 1965-79 as Rector, Vice Rector, Dean and faculty member.

This year, 72 priests from 22 dioceses and 41 classes travelled to campus to participate. At the closing conference, Seminary Rector Msgr. Steven P. Rohlfs, S.T.D., P.A, thanked the Archbishop for taking time from his busy schedule to return to the Mount. “Archbishop Flynn played such an important role in the formation for so many Mount alumni on their journey to the Holy Priesthood,” Rohlfs said. “For our alumni, he is a mentor, spiritual confessor and treasured friend.”

The next retreat will be held June 16-20, 2014, with Msgr. Aloysius R. Callaghan, S.T.L., J.C.D., Rector of Saint Paul Seminary in Saint Paul, Minnesota, serving as the Retreat Master. For more information, please contact Phil McGlade, Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations at mcglade@msmary.edu.
FATHER ROBERT J. HOHENSTEIN RECEIVES CARDINAL McCLOSKEY AWARD

The Very Reverend Robert J. Hohenstein, S'68 and a member of the Diocese of Albany, received the 38th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award at the traditional Seminary Alumni Reunion Dinner on October 1. Sponsored by the National Alumni Association, the award is presented to a Mountaineer priest for distinguished service to the Mission of the Church and to the Mount.

Father Hohenstein was ordained to the priesthood on May 18, 1968, by the late Bishop Edward J. Maginn in the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. During his 45 years ministering in the diocese, he has served in many positions, including: pastor of Our Lady Help of Christians Church in Albany for 27 years, Dean of the Albany City Deanery, spiritual advisor to the Catholic Women’s Service League and also teacher and guidance counselor at Cardinal McCloskey High School in Albany. Currently, he is pastor of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Schenectady, member of the Priest Placement Committee and chaplain of the Schenectady Police Department.

REMEMBERING FATHER EDWARD COYNE

Father Edwin J. Coyne, S'62, and a priest of the Diocese of Bridgeport, died July 13. A former Chaplain of the Connecticut Alumni Chapter, he will be remembered fondly by many alumni for his inspirational and heartfelt homilies about the Church and the Mount which he delivered while serving as celebrant at many annual Connecticut Chapter Loyalty events. In 1987, Fr. Coyne received the prestigious John Cardinal McCloskey Award from the National Alumni Association for his dedicated and selfless service to the Church and Mount St. Mary’s.

Before entering studies for the priesthood, Fr. Coyne served with the U.S. Army and was stationed in Panama. He came to the Mount and was ordained on May 26, 1962, in St. Augustine’s Cathedral by Bishop Walter W. Curtis. During his early ministry, he served on the faculty of Immaculate High School in Danbury, CT, chaplain at the Fairfield Hills Hospital and also did volunteer work in the Diocesan Missions in Santa Cruz and Chiclayo, Peru.

In 1970, Fr. Coyne was made responsible for the Spanish Community of Stamford where he was pastor of Our Lady of Monserrat Parish. In 1974, he was transferred to St. Peter’s Parish in Danbury, where he was a driving force in founding Danbury’s Spanish Catholic Community. Father Coyne’s additional diocesan duties included: Chaplain of the Danbury Federal Correctional Institution, pastor of Blessed Sacrament Parish in Bridgeport and Spiritual Director and Chaplain of St. Joseph’s High School in Trumbull, CT.

In 1984, Fr. Coyne became a certified substance abuse counselor in Connecticut, and at that time he was the only Catholic priest certified in the state for drug and alcohol counseling. In 1990, he traveled to the Soviet Union, six months before its collapse, to attend and speak at the International Convention on Alcoholism.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Mary Church in Milford, CT with full military honors.
Mount St. Mary’s University recently appointed Lori Stewart as Director of the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. She will be responsible for the financial and general management of the Grotto and Cemetery, with a strong focus on establishing the St. Bernadette’s Gift Shoppe in the Grotto’s new Richard and Mary Lee Miller Family Visitors Center.

“Lori’s professional experience and dynamic enthusiasm for the Catholic faith make her a great fit to direct our beloved Grotto,” said University President Thomas H. Powell. “We are thrilled she is joining us here at the Mount.”

A resident of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and a MBA graduate of the Mount, Stewart comes to the Mount with more than 20 years in marketing, management and fundraising professions. She earned her bachelor of science degree from Clarion University.

Prior to joining the Mount, she was the Executive Director for the Basilica and National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (Daughters of Charity) in Emmitsburg, Maryland. She was responsible for strategic and operational direction, internal and external relationships, and board and executive committee relationships. Stewart also developed and expanded financial management, fundraising, operations and an assorted mix of programs to attract visitors, donors and volunteers to the shrine.

An active member of her community, Stewart has served on the board of the Emmitsburg Business Professional Association, and is Eucharistic Minister and planner of the young adult ministry at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Emmitsburg.

The National Shrine Grotto welcomes more than 400,000 visitors a year and recently celebrated the opening of the Visitors Center—a 4,000-square-foot facility housing administrative offices, a gallery, gift shop, and museum depicting the history of the Grotto—the oldest known American replica of the Lourdes Shrine in France.

The National Shrine also has a new assistant director, Cindy Kokoski. Cindy has been at the Mount for 10 years in various capacities, most recently in the College of Liberal Arts Dean’s office. Cindy will spearhead the Grotto’s new retreat and pilgrimage program.
MILLER VISITORS CENTER OPENS AT THE GROTTO

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“We have a glorious national shrine on our campus and now we are blessed to welcome the hundreds of thousands who annually visit the Grotto,” said University President Thomas H. Powell. “The generosity of the Miller family enhances the historic landscape of our blessed Grotto and also creates a glorious space for the community—providing a year-round destination spot for the region.”

In April, special honors were presented to Richard Miller, C’74, and his wife, Mary Lee, who provided the lead gift for the Center.

Richard Miller graduated from Mount St. Mary’s in 1974 with a degree in business. Today, he is the chief executive officer of Virtua—a non-profit, multi-hospital healthcare system headquartered in New Jersey. In 2011, he received the Mount St. Mary’s President’s Medal in recognition of his leadership in health care.

“The Grotto is a place of healing, prayer and serenity,” said Mr. Miller. “It is a place where we have always found comfort in times of need, a place where we feel very close to the Blessed Mother and a very special place to pray. I am honored that my family and I will help to enhance the experience of the millions of people who visit the Grotto in times of need or just for peaceful reflection.”
THE
CHANGING FACE
of the
MOUNT

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By Susan J. Burlingame
The Mount's revolutionary new Veritas Program fosters understanding and connectedness in a global society through an innovative common curriculum. And with offices and departments and centers dedicated to creating a diverse, welcoming, and supportive environment comprised of people from all races and religions, backgrounds and traditions, abilities and disabilities, the Mount is holding true to its mission:

“…to graduate men and women who cultivate a mature spiritual life, who live by high intellectual and moral standards, who respect the dignity of other persons, who see and seek to resolve the problems facing humanity, and who commit themselves to live as responsible citizens.”

“The hallmark of a great university is how we welcome people to our campus and how we recognize the many and varied gifts people from all walks of life—different cultures, different faiths, and different racial and ethnic backgrounds—bring to the university,” said University President Thomas H. Powell. “We have been overjoyed that so many people have taken us up on our invitation and made our campus a better place.”

Powell points to the Mount’s 1970s decision to welcome women as the starting point for creating a more inclusive and diverse campus environment. “Adding women made the Mount better, and since then we have increased the number of international students, Native American students, and students from all backgrounds, creating something that more accurately represents American society.”

Michael Post, vice president for enrollment management, who oversees the university’s student recruitment efforts, thinks about diversity in a very global sense.

“We are educating students to be productive and successful citizens in the real world,” Post says. “Diversity is not just about race or ethnicity; it’s about socioeconomic status, religion, nationality, gender, and ability. We need to recruit a student body that reflects our constantly changing society. We ultimately want to make sure students not only learn about diversity but also experience it.”

While always looking for students who will thrive in a private, Catholic, liberal arts community and who want to be active and involved—a goal not defined by gender or ethnicity or socioeconomic status—Post says the admissions team is intentional in its efforts to increase the diversity of the student body despite the Mount’s excellent “numbers.” Admissions counselors travel to and promote the Mount in communities, high schools, and college fairs where there are likely to be greater populations of underrepresented prospective students. They offer creative financial incentives and scholarships to help students afford the Mount (see sidebar on Third Century and Native American Scholar programs), and they help prospective students understand how the Mount welcomes and supports students from different backgrounds through organizations, clubs, and other opportunities.

“Getting students here is one thing, but keeping them here is even more important,” said Post, citing the efforts of his colleagues in student affairs and other university departments.

Susan J. Burlingame is a freelance writer from Centre Hall, PA.
Chianti Blackmon is one such colleague. As director of the Mount’s Center for Student Diversity, which evolved from a more traditional Center for Multicultural Affairs, Blackmon said the Center was established to aid the university in fostering inclusion, collaboration, and relationship building.

“The Center gives underserved students academic, social, and transitional support and provides campus-wide programs and leadership and cultural training and development,” she explained. “We strive to promote the open exchange of dialog among individuals of all backgrounds and identities. Even in a room full of people who look just like you, there is diversity.”

Through seven student-led clubs and organizations (Asian Cultural Alliance, Black Student Union, Hispanic Culture Association, and others), Blackmon and her staff conduct extensive leadership development programs. “While these are the most visible of the Center’s efforts to promote inclusivity, we are also responsible for campus-wide initiatives to celebrate cultural heritage and educate students about other topics related to diversity,” Blackmon added, noting a growing annual Martin Luther King Jr. celebration and the Women’s Empowerment program as two highly visible and successful endeavors.

International studies major Joel Estevez, C’15, president of the Hispanic Culture Association (HCA), is a first-generation American born to Dominican parents. He said the Mount “truly makes all students feel at home. They are always trying to get students out of their comfort zones and broaden their perspectives. Through HCA, we try to spread awareness about Hispanic culture and show how connected we all are to each other. My religion reinforces everything I do even further … my spiritual background reminds me that there is always someone out there, that God is always with us no matter what.”

Though rising senior Micahela Mobley, C’14, felt completely at home when she first visited the Mount, the psychology major—with a mother from Trinidad and a Native American father—was surprised to find the Mount less diverse than the high school she had attended. “My high school was known for being one of the most diverse, and I never felt like a minority. When I realized I was in the minority at the Mount, I was motivated to make a difference. I love helping my community, not just the black community but all people, and I see myself as a global citizen. One of my goals is to get more majority students to attend the events run by Center for Student Diversity clubs like the Black Student Union (Mobley is secretary) and the other cultural organizations. It’s an uphill battle, but the Mount is supporting all the right things, and we will get there.”

“When people think ‘Center for Student Diversity,’ they automatically think ‘color.’ It’s so important to plan programs and invite speakers who address issues related to gender, classism, and other topics that are not always automatically associated with the word ‘diversity.’” —Chianti Blackmon, director of the Center for Student Diversity
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—Whetsel-Ribeau, special assistant to the president for community leadership

“The more diverse community of students, faculty, staff, and administrators we can have, the more we are going to grow and learn together,” Taberski continued. “Because we are upping our game through the Center for Student Diversity, our leadership development and student employment efforts, our community service programs, and even our curriculum, we will be better at graduating self-advocating adults who are able to engage in a global society.”

It’s not just about students.

According to Dr. Paula Whetsel-Ribeau, special assistant to the president for community leadership, the Mount has strategically launched initiatives related to diversity since the mid 1980s. “There have been a lot of phenomenal things going on for a long time,” she said. “We have a wonderful history of talking about and acting on the issue, and President Powell made sure we kept it on the table.”

“It’s not just about or for the students,” admonished Whetsel-Ribeau, explaining that while student recruitment and retention are high priorities when creating a welcoming educational environment, diversity and inclusivity efforts must touch every constituency on campus: climate and group relations (student affairs), education and scholarship (faculty and curriculum), institutional vitality (leadership and university brand), as well as access and success (recruitment and retention).

Despite the university’s positive track record and its excellent numbers in terms of student diversity, Whetsel-Ribeau has been asked to chair a committee—comprised of faculty, staff, students, administrators, a seminary representative, and others—charged with developing a strategic plan for assessing the university’s inclusivity efforts and recommending changes, programs, and initiatives to take the university to the next level.

“Everything we do here is part of the notion of diversity and inclusion, and there’s no doubt in my mind that with a well-crafted strategic plan, we can create a campus at the Mount that is different from any other institution,” she said. “Here, we are not only providing leadership in this important area, we are also preparing leaders who are going to change the world.”

Though optimistic, Whetsel-Ribeau is mindful of the realities related to diversity programming and assessment. “The very word can throw people off sometimes, and we can’t pretend there aren’t issues. Why do people like some people and dislike others? Nobody has the market on inclusivity. Everybody needs to be educated to recognize, acknowledge, and even celebrate each others’ gifts. There’s always more to learn, and we will never be done with this. Creating a more inclusive and welcoming environment is a journey.”

Diversity and the Veritas Program

In the Veritas Program, the Mount’s revolutionary new common curriculum instituted in the fall of 2012, students engage with foundational texts in the Western tradition but also explore texts related to historically marginalized groups and different cultures. Through required courses such as America in a Global Context and Global Encounters, and even through the two-semester foreign language requirement, students encounter differing perspectives, some of which are at odds with their own.

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Training 21st Century Priests

Sensitivity and inclusivity are not optional extras but essential elements of a seminarian’s education, says Msgr. Steven P. Rohls, S.T.D., rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary.

Mount St. Mary’s Seminary is the second oldest seminary in the country, with a centuries-old tradition of educating seminarians to understand, connect with, and serve people from all walks of life and cultures.

“Among our seminarians, there is geographic diversity as well as ethnic diversity—many of Hispanic and Polish descent,” Rohls explains, adding that while the seminary is training priests to serve in United States dioceses, the seminary has over the years trained a few international seminarians from Sri Lanka, Togo, Spain and other countries.

“There may also be diversity in terms of class distinction, but we have gotten so far past the issue that no one knows or even thinks about the socioeconomic backgrounds of others.”

What’s most important for the 167 seminarians at the Mount is that each understands the people in his diocese, explains Rohls. “We concentrate on those whom the seminarian might be more likely to meet when they return to their diocese. If there’s a large Vietnamese population, for example, he learns about their culture. And because about half of all Catholics will be Hispanic in the next 10-15 years, all of our seminarians take Spanish.”

Apparently, the seminarians also connect to each other’s cultures through cuisine. “We often celebrate diversity at the seminary through ethnic food, Hispanic or African culture nights, or Polish or Italian dinners.”

Beyond their formation training and the cultural sensitivity part of their education, Mount seminarians also add a diversity element to the university by interacting with students in a number of meaningful ways.

“There’s a genuine love of the university by the seminarians,” says Rohls. “It’s part of our history.”

Every Mount sports team has its own seminarian chaplain. Seminarians compete successfully in intramural leagues, and pre-theologians (1st and 2nd year seminary students) take philosophy classes alongside University students. Several student organizations—The Militia Immaculata (a student group devoted to the Blessed Mother), the Legion of Mary, the Knights of Columbus, and campus ministry—connect students and seminarians to find common ground.

“Mount St. Mary’s is a Catholic liberal arts university—which means we educate students to be well-rounded individuals, not just intellectually but in their character as well,” concludes Rohls. “While we have a critical mass of Catholics here, we know that Catholicism is about welcoming people, regardless of religion or race or ethnicity. We preach the good news of the Gospel, and we want everyone to hear the good news.”
Pratibha Kumar, assistant professor of communication studies, joined the Mount faculty in 2012. Raised in India by a Hindu mother and a Buddhist father from different rungs of the country’s caste system, Kumar came to the United States to earn her doctorate.

“Because of my upbringing, I have always been curious about different religions,” said Kumar. “I prefer to focus on the similarities among all religions, which fundamentally all teach the same things—compassion and love. The way I see Catholicism is through the message of Jesus. His message was to help people, to include everybody, to love people. Catholicism is all about inclusivity and accepting everybody—seeing each person as a unique individual.

“Even though I am a non-white, non-Catholic woman, I feel welcomed and a part of the Mount and valued for being a good teacher,” she says.

Explaining that students are young and “still trying to find their way through life,” Kumar said she and her colleagues are conscious of their responsibility to help students learn about different people and different perspectives. Kumar teaches a class called Intercultural Communication, to which she invites a variety of guest speakers.

“It is very gratifying to see students open their minds to new people and to fight stereotypes.”

Third Century and Native American Scholars

“The Mount has a great tradition of educating students from all backgrounds,” explained Robert J. Brennan, vice president of university advancement. “It’s important that where you learn and how you learn matches the kind of world you’re going to live in.”

According to Brennan, several donors, inspired by trustee emeritus Joseph Horning, C’53, began to invest in scholarship funds to help students from underrepresented groups afford a Mount St. Mary’s education. “They understand the Mount from the 1950s and 60s is not the Mount we need today,” Brennan said.

The result of the generosity of Horning and others resulted in the Third Century Scholars program, which provides financial, mentoring, and social support to low-income, underrepresented students from the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area.

Administered by Chianti Blackmon, director of the Center for Student Diversity, the Third Century Scholars program seeks students with academic potential and committed to leadership and service. “I’m looking for students who have that burning desire to grow and push themselves to the next level, to strive for academic excellence, to serve as an example and go back to the community to lift up their peers and motivate families and friends,” Blackmon said. “We’re looking for students who embody the Mount’s pillars of faith, discovery, leadership and community.”

Third Century Scholars are given hands-on support during their four years at the Mount. They are required to maintain a certain grade point average as well as participate in service and leadership activities. Of the first class of Third Century graduates, one is currently in law school, and two have earned master of business administration degrees.

A similar program, sparked by Mount President Thomas H. Powell’s connection to the Crow Native American Nation in Montana, has brought several Native American students to the Mount—the first of whom, Karl Little Owl, graduated in 2010 with a business degree.

Financial incentive programs are one of the many ways the Mount admissions office is working to attract a more diverse population of students to the Mount. With the help of generous alumni and friends, the Mount is continue its journey, shaping the face of the campus environment according to more closely match the face of society.

For more information on the Third Century Scholar program contact Bob Brennan, C’85, vice president for advancement at brennan@msmary.edu.

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“Still coming to grips.”

“I think President Obama said it well when he said we are still coming to grips with who we are as a nation,” said President Powell. “It’s only been 150 years since Gettysburg, and we—as a nation and as a university—have a long way to go, but it has to start with people who are coming together to receive a comprehensive education.”

It’s all part of an unending journey … a journey that will make the Mount an even better place.

“The Mount continues to change. The Mount continues to grow,” concluded Powell. “We are not the Mount of the 1960s, and that’s good. We are also not the Mount of the 1990s or even of the early 2000s, and that’s also good. What matters is that we are all committed to Mount St. Mary’s—our faculty and students, our staff and administration, our board, and our alumni—and the fact that diversity is making our campus richer.”

“While we have had a great deal of success attracting a student body that is more diverse, it is significantly more challenging to recruit a more diverse faculty—because of our location and because of the challenges of the higher education market.”

—Provost Dr. David Rehm
The Board of Trustees and the Presidential Search Committee invites applications and nominations for the 25th President of Mount St. Mary’s University.

A comprehensive national search, led by Trustee Scott Wilfong, C’72, and a committee made up of trustees, faculty, staff, administrators, students, and alumni, was appointed this summer, and is currently reviewing applications.

“The 2013-14 academic year promises to be busy and productive as we continue several critical campus projects, prepare for University and Seminary national accreditations, and continue the many objectives outlined in our new strategic plan,” said current President Thomas H. Powell. “Our next President will see a campus actively engaged in developing and implementing programs to enhance the national reputation of the Mount.”

AN AGENDA FOR THE NEXT PRESIDENT

The new President will bring a set of experiences and market perspectives that will help position the University to become a premier academic institution with aspirations for a nation-wide reputation and known for its excellence in providing a Catholic liberal arts education. Key areas of focus will include:

Catholicism
The University has made significant strides in building its Catholic identity. Over the last decade, the University has steered a course aimed at being a contemporary, robust and joyful Catholic university. The University is committed in spirit and letter to Ex Corde Ecclesiae. Catholic identity is integrated throughout the University and engages the world intellectually while preparing students for their vocations.

Seminary
The Mount is privileged to operate one of the largest and most robust Seminaries in the United States. The Mount has made significant strides in solidifying the relationship between the Seminary and University communities. Both the University and the Seminary remain committed to a collaborative union that seeks to preserve the original mission of an institution in the Catholic university tradition.

Enrollment
As a tuition-dependent university, it will be important to continually focus attention on setting reasonable enrollment goals and deploying the enrollment team and resources to enroll new students from a broader geographic pool. Additionally, the University has a goal to improve the freshman retention rate by at least five percent over the next few years. The current freshman retention rate is 78 percent.

Frederick Campus
The Mount has invested a great deal of resources in expanding the institution’s outreach by developing its campus in nearby Frederick. Aggressively marketing the programs offered, strengthening the administration and staff, and fostering stronger relationships between the Emmitsburg campus and the Frederick campus is important. Strengthening relations with the local state delegation and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to help build a stronger presence in the area is a priority.
Resources
As is the case for most colleges and universities, financial management is a major focus for the Mount as it attempts to attract the best faculty, manage tuition costs, provide scholarship support, and generate new programming and learning opportunities. The challenges posed by competitive markets, changing demographics, aging infrastructure, energy and health-care costs, and unfunded student aid point squarely to the need for a higher endowment going forward. In order to be successful in the future, the Mount will need to maintain a solid relationship with its alumni and friends while the President and development staff work to continue identifying new sources of funding and successfully engage the extended community.

Athletics
The Mount’s athletic programs are a source of pride and passion. The University should continue to distinguish itself via intercollegiate athletics, particularly in academic achievement, sportsmanship and the conduct and leadership of student athletes.

Board Development
During the past few years, the Board has begun to raise its level of performance through a structured work plan, more intentional recruitment of new trustees, a proactive involvement of trustees in fundraising, and by exposing Board members to “best practices” in board conduct. The current Board is working toward assisting the University with personal giving and by identifying opportunities for philanthropic support at a level commensurate with the University’s needs and ambitions. The Board is expected to play a very direct and proactive role in future campaign initiatives.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON THE SEARCH PROCESS

Will there be regular updates on the search?
Yes. The search chair will provide regular updates to the Mount community at critical points in the search, via the search website at www.msmary.edu/Presidential_Search for updates.

How can I make a nomination?
There is an online and confidential nomination form on the search website. Please carefully review the presidential qualifications and experiences as laid out in the search prospectus before submitting a nomination. Your nomination will go directly to the search consultants and they will reach out to the nominee. The search consultants will not provide your name to the nominee, but you are free to do so.

Are internal candidates treated any differently than external candidates?
Internal candidates are vetted in the same way as external candidates. All candidates are assessed based on the criteria laid out in the search prospectus. The committee very carefully selects the strongest candidates for further consideration based on presidential search qualifications and experiences.
How will members of the Mount community participate in the search process?

Many members of the Mount community participated in the pre-search visit the consultants held in September. The search consultants were able to gather valuable information and insights about the institution and the presidency from their visit to campus. This information will be particularly valuable to the search consultants during the recruiting phase of the search process.

When finalist candidates are selected, the Mount community will be strongly encouraged to meet with each of the finalist candidates. In addition to a campus wide forum, finalist candidates will meet with all key constituent groups. There will be multiple opportunities to meet with the candidates. An online feedback form will be distributed to all individuals who have met with the finalist candidates to ensure that we gather feedback on the finalist candidates. Feedback from the Mount community will be shared with the search committee as they deliberate on the strengths and concerns of each of the finalist candidates.

Will I have an opportunity to share my opinion of the finalists with the Search Committee?

Yes, in addition to sharing your feedback on finalists through the online feedback form, you can also share your thoughts with members of the search committee.

When will the next president take office?

The next president is expected to take office by July 1, 2014. The new president may be visible and meet with individuals on campus earlier in the summer, but the official start date will likely be at the beginning of July.

MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE

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SEARCH TIMELINE

October–December 2013

• Presidential Search Committee reviews applications
• Committee shortlists candidates for reference checks. Search consultants and the Search Committee conduct reference checks.

January–February 2014

• A smaller group of semi-finalists are invited for initial off-campus interviews with the Presidential Search Committee.
• Presidential Search Committee selects finalists.

February–March 2014

• Finalist(s) are invited for campus visits.
• Following visit(s), Search Committee and Academic Search consultants meet to discuss the finalist campus visits. Information about finalist candidates is shared with the Board of Trustees.
• The Board of Trustees selects the next President at Mount St. Mary’s University.

The new President is expected to begin work in summer 2014.
Mount Athletics

Mount Selected Third in NEC Preseason Poll; Henderson Named Preseason All-Conference

Mount St. Mary’s guard Sydney Henderson earned preseason All-Northeast Conference recognition, while the Mountaineers placed third in the annual NEC women’s basketball preseason coaches poll, announced at NEC Social Media Day at the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, NY.

The third-place selection is the best in Head Coach Bryan Whitten’s seven-year tenure for the Mount, which is one year removed from the team’s first NEC semifinal berth since Tiffany Green in 2005. Individually, Henderson became the first Mountaineer to secure a spot on the five-player preseason All-NEC team since Tiffany Green in 2005.

Henderson is one of two returning starters for the Mount this season.

Mount St. Mary’s Men’s Basketball Picked Sixth in Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll

Mount St. Mary’s has been picked to finish in sixth place in the annual Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll.

The Mountaineers went 18-14 last season. The first win over a Big East opponent in 1988-89 and an upset of third-ranked Connecticut were key moments of the season, highlighted by the program’s first NEC semifinal berth since 1988-89.

The Mount opens the 2013-14 season at West Virginia on Friday, November 8, at 8:00 p.m.

2013-14 MEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT TIME
Nov. 8 at West Virginia 8 P.M.
Nov. 13 at Villanova (TV: CBS Sports Network) 7 P.M.
Nov. 15 at Brigham Young 9 P.M.
Nov. 17 at UMBC 2 P.M.
Nov. 20 at Maryland-Eastern Shore 7 P.M.
Nov. 23 American 4 P.M.
Nov. 26 Bucknell 7 P.M.
Nov. 29 at Michigan St. (TV: Big10 Network) 1 P.M.
Dec. 4 Binghamton 7 P.M.
Dec. 7 Loyola (TV: MLSN) 2 P.M.
Dec. 22 at Penn State (TV: Big10 Network) 2 P.M.
Dec. 30 at Texas Tech (TV: Fox College Sports) 8 P.M.
Jan. 3 at Norfolk St. 7 P.M.
Jan. 9 at Fairleigh Dickinson 7 P.M.
Jan. 11 St. Francis Brooklyn 2 P.M.
Jan. 16 Wagner (TV: MLSN) 7 P.M.
Jan. 18 Robert Morris 2 P.M.
Jan. 23 at Saint Francis (PA) 7 P.M.
Jan. 25 at LIU Brooklyn 4:30 P.M.
Jan. 30 Fairleigh Dickinson (TV: PNC Night) 7 P.M.
Feb. 1 LIU Brooklyn (TV: Homecoming) 2:30 P.M.
Feb. 6 at Sacred Heart (TV: MLSN) 9 P.M.
Feb. 8 at Bryant 4 P.M.
Feb. 13 Bryant 4 P.M.
Feb. 15 at Robert Morris 4 P.M.
Feb. 20 at Cent. Connecticut St. (TV: MLSN) 7 P.M.
Feb. 22 at Wagner 4 P.M.
Feb. 27 Sacred Heart 7 P.M.
Mar. 1 at LIU Brooklyn (TV: NEC Championship Game) 7 P.M.
Mar. 5 at NEC Quarterfinals TBA
Mar. 8 at NEC Semifinals TBA
Mar. 11 at NEC Championship Game TBA

Mount St. Mary’s Women’s Basketball Picked Sixth in Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll

Mount St. Mary’s has been picked to finish in sixth place in the annual Northeast Conference Preseason Coaches Poll.

The Mountaineers went 19-11 last season, including a fourth-most in a season since the school moved to NCAA Division I in 1988-89.

The Mount opens the 2013-14 season at West Virginia on Friday, November 8, at 8:00 p.m.

2013-14 WOMEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

DATE OPPONENT TIME
Nov. 12 Davidson 7 P.M.
Nov. 19 at Lehigh 7 P.M.
Nov. 23 Campbell 12 P.M.
Nov. 26 at Pittsburgh 7 P.M.
Dec. 3 at Navy 7 P.M.
Dec. 7 Loyola 4:30 P.M.
Dec. 16 at American 7 P.M.
Dec. 21 Maryland-Eastern Shore 1 P.M.
Jan. 1 at Boston College 1 P.M.
Jan. 4 at St. Francis Brooklyn 7 P.M.
Jan. 10 at LIU Brooklyn 7 P.M.
Jan. 11 Sacred Heart 4:30 P.M.
Jan. 13 St. Francis Brooklyn 7 P.M.
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Mar. 1 at Wagner 1 P.M.
Mar. 3 at Robert Morris 7 P.M.
Mar. 9 at NEC Quarterfinals TBA
Mar. 12 at NEC Semifinals TBA
Mar. 16 at NEC Championship Game 3 P.M.

* - Northeast Conference Game | All dates and times are tentative
KELLY CONROY EARNs ALL-AMERICA AT-LARGE THIRD TEAM RECOGNITION

Former Mount St. Mary’s women’s tennis player Kelly Conroy, C’12, MBA’13, was chosen as a Capital One Division I Academic All-America At-Large Third Team honoree, as selected by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).

Conroy became the first Mount athlete to receive Academic All-America status since men’s soccer player Eric Detzel took home First Team honors in 2010. The Tallahassee, Fla. native is the 13th Mount student-athlete to earn the honor and the first ever tennis player to represent the school on the Academic All-America list.

To be eligible for Academic All-America consideration, a student-athlete must be a varsity starter or key reserve, maintain a cumulative G.P.A. of 3.30 on a scale of 4.00, have reached sophomore athletic and academic standings at his/her current institution and be nominated by his/her sports information director.

She graduated with a 3.97 grade point average with a bachelor’s degree in communications and recently completed her MBA.

Throughout her undergraduate career, she has been a consistent member of the NEC Academic Honor Roll as well as the NEC Commissioner’s Honor Roll.

On the court, Conroy helped lead the Mountaineers to the NEC quarterfinals in each of her four seasons, including a 16-win campaign as a freshman in 2009-10. The 16 wins were the second most since the Mount moved to Division I in 1988-89.

At the conclusion of her career, Conroy’s 68 singles victories rank her fourth in Mount history. Her senior season in 2012-13 consisted of 17 singles victories, including a perfect 6-0 record in NEC play. Conroy came out on top in 61.5 percent of her No. 1 singles matches last season, which ranked second among NEC players. She also led the conference with an 85.7 winning percentage at No. 2 singles.

As a junior, Conroy posted a team-best 19 singles wins, which tied for the 10th most in school history for a single season. She put together a 16-3 record at No. 2 singles and was part of the Mount’s No. 1 doubles team that went 12-5 on the year.

Mount St. Mary’s baseball player Mark Quaranta capped his four-year career by being selected as the 2012-13 Northeast Conference Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

The Scholar-Athlete of the Year, which is given out by the NEC and its Faculty Athletic Representatives, is awarded to the male and female student-athletes who have exhausted their athletic eligibility, graduated and compiled the highest grade point average in the Conference at the conclusion of the academic calendar.

Quaranta excelled in the classroom with a 3.98 GPA while majoring in Economics and Business. For his efforts, he was named a First Team CoSIDA Academic-All District 2 honoree. Quaranta also qualified for the NEC Academic and Commissioner’s Honor Roll during all four years of his Mount career.

At the annual Blue and White Banquet in April, Quaranta was honored as one of the four recipients of this year’s Sheridan Award, annually presented to the Mount St. Mary’s student-athletes, who, through athletic and academic achievement, has exemplified the spirit and dedication demanded by intercollegiate athletics, and who, through such activity has fostered the ideals of Monsignor John L. Sheridan and Mount St. Mary’s University.

On the field, Quaranta was named First Team All-NEC at the utility spot as a senior following a Second Team pick as a catcher in 2012. His senior numbers included a .280 batting average with 10 doubles, three home runs and 29 RBIs. The Virginia Beach native led the Mountaineers with 26 walks and a .369 on-base percentage. He finished his career ranked first all-time in program history in walks (76), fourth in games played (185), fifth in at bats (605), sixth in hits (188) and doubles (37), and eighth in total bases (255).
INTRODUCING NEW DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

Mount St. Mary’s University is pleased to welcome Michael Paulus to serve as director of athletic development. In this position, Paulus will work to expand the base of support available for Mount Athletics through increasing membership in the Mount Club and cultivating relationships with donors interested in providing leadership gifts to Mount Athletics. He comes to the Mount from Virginia Commonwealth University where he led all day-to-day operations of the Athletic Fund and was responsible for personally soliciting gifts at various levels. As a student, Paulus was a quarterback at the University of North Carolina, and was later a two year letter winner and starting quarterback at the College of William and Mary where he earned his B.A. in Kinesiology and Health Sciences. He also earned his M.Ed in Sport Leadership from Virginia Commonwealth University.

In order to remain competitive as a Division I University, it is essential that alumni and friends of the Mount St. Mary’s University Athletics program contribute financially to our success. We are excited to build on the foundation of support that has been established in recent years.

To learn more or become a Mount Club member, contact Michael Paulus at Paulus@msmary.edu or 301-447-5035.

NEW ADVANCEMENT STAFF

Kaitlin Hallahan, C’09
Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

Michael Rath, C’12
Assistant Director of Annual Giving

Lucy Witt
Advancement Services

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION

The Mount’s newest housing opportunity, the Residential Cottages at Alumni Court opened this fall. Each cottage houses 10 students in single bedrooms, has two ADA accessible bathrooms, features a laundry room, a great room and full kitchen with a peninsula.

Campaigns are now underway by the classes of 1964, 1968 and 1973 as well as the Board of Trustees to name each of the four new cottages located along Old Emmitsburg Road. In addition, the white house next to the cottages currently housing the Summit Program is a part of this renovation. The National Alumni Association has taken on the challenge of naming this house to be called the Alumni House. When complete, 50 students will be living in Alumni Court.

“The Cottages certainly add to our housing experience and are distinctive to the Mount. You don’t see residential cottages on many college campuses and we are excited to develop this new living learning community,” said University President Thomas H. Powell.

These campaigns are ongoing and will be completed by June 2014. The dedication of the Cottages will take place at the Alumni Reunion in early June.
NEW MEMBERS
APPOINTED TO
THE BOARD OF
TRUSTEES
The Mount St. Mary’s University Board of Trustees appointed several new members at its October meeting.

Anthony Agnone, C’75, lives in Hunt Valley, Maryland, and is the President of Eastern Athletic Services. Agnone is a former ex-officio member of the Mount’s Board of Trustees and a recipient of the President’s Medal.

David Conaghan, C’81, lives in Avon By the Sea, New Jersey, and is an Executive Director at CIBC World Markets. He is also the former President of the National Alumni Association.

The Rev. Kevin Farmer, C’87, lives in Frederick, Maryland, and serves as the Pastor of Frederick’s St. John’s Catholic Church. Rev. Farmer serves as the Chaplain of the National Alumni Association.

C. Gregory Kallmyer, C’72, lives in Baltimore, Maryland, and is a Vice President at UBS Financial Service, Inc. Kallmyer is the former Chairman of the Mount’s President Council.

Gracelyn McDermott, C’93, lives in Mt. Airy, Maryland, and is a Vice President of Business Development at ICON Development Solutions. McDermott most recently served the Mount as a member of the President’s Council.

Paul Palmieri, C’92, lives in Hunt Valley, Maryland, and is the Co-Founder, President and CEO of Millennial Media. A member of the President’s Council and the Bolte School of Business Advisory Council, Palmieri was a 2013 inductee into the University’s Dean’s Circle of Excellence/Alumni Hall of Fame.

The Board also appointed two Ex-Officio members (with voting privileges) who were recently elected to University leadership positions. Ellen Callahan, C’81, of Wilmington, Delaware, serves as President of the National Alumni Association; and Mark Riggs, C’98, MBA’02, of Hanover, Pennsylvania, serves as Chairman of the President’s Council.
GET YOUR REUNION PHOTOS!

We are happy to announce that MSM Reunion 2013 images by Tom Lesser Photography are available for online viewing and purchasing! You can access the images by visiting www.msmary.edu/reunion — follow the link to Reunion 2013 Photos.
2013 BRUTÉ MEDAL
Ed Kuhn, C’63 and R. Frances O’Brien, C’78 were the 2013 recipients of the National Alumni Association Bruté Medal. All Bruté Medal recipients attending the Reunion banquet are pictured with Ed and Fran.

L to r: John Walsh, C’58; Frank Merolla, C’63; Judy Mazzeo Zocchi, C’80; Ed Kuhn, C’63; Fran O’Brien, C’78; Jack Bransfield, C’63; Dan Monagle, C’58 and Dr. Bill Meredith, Professor Emeritus.

PRESIDENT’S MEDAL
President Thomas H. Powell presented outgoing National Alumni Association President, David Conaghan, C’81 with the President’s Medal for his four years of dedicated service as president. Pictured with David is Vice President for Advancement Robert Brennan, C’85.
Dear Fellow Mounties,

It is hard to believe that soon we will be counting down to Christmas — where does the time go?

I am grateful for the opportunity to represent all Mount Alumni as President of the National Alumni Association. The Executive Committee, National Alumni Council and I are committed to keeping you informed and engaged. To that purpose, a NAA electronic newsletter will be distributed quarterly to all alumni, please be sure we have your email address so you can stay informed!

There are many opportunities for you to join your fellow Mounties at events both on campus and regionally. You will find a full listing of alumni events on the back cover of the magazine. Please consider joining us at one of these events.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the Hall of Fame Luncheon and Winter Homecoming on February 1, 2014! We will present our 2014 Hall of Fame Class at the luncheon and welcome all alumni home for the Winter Homecoming Social. The day features a basketball doubleheader with our women facing Robert Morris and the men facing LIU Brooklyn. Come on out for a great Mount day!

I would encourage all alumni to register with our online community, Mount Online, and connect with your fellow alumni through the Mount St. Mary’s Alumni LinkedIn page. These are great resources and are great ways to stay in touch with the Mount and Mount alumni. Our students and young alumni are encouraged to use these online networking opportunities as resources to engage alumni, and it is important that as alumni we are accessible to them.

The National Alumni Association is your Alumni Association. We do not charge dues to belong as many universities do—all alumni are members! This is an all-volunteer group that loves the Mount and is committed to ensuring that the Mount is a viable University for the next 205 years.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns or suggestions. My email address is ellen289@verizon.net.

To the Mount!!!

Ellen Callahan, C'81
President
National Alumni Association

1954

Maurice Gable, C'54, and Pittsburgh Steelers legendary running back Rocky Bleier served as co-hosts of a unique Shooting Clays Tournament, held to aid New York 9-11 first responder families and severely wounded military veterans. The event was held at the world-renowned Greenbrier Resort in White Sulphur Springs, WV. Maury is on the far left.

1963

Members of the Class of 1963 extended their reunion seven more days with a trip to Ireland organized by Joe Wayne. This photo was taken at the Mount Juliet Golf resort—a place any golfer would want to play. Pictured are: Pat Nolan, Charles Hemmings, Joe Wayne, and Dave Clautice all Class of 1963.

1964

Daniel F. Curtin, C'64, former executive director of Chief Administrators of Catholic Education (CACE) at the National Catholic Educational Association (NCEA) and currently a consultant for Catholic education at the Diocese of Arlington, received the F. Sadlier Dinger Award.

1965

Tom Payne, C'65, taught English at the Yuxiu University of Foreign Languages in China. Since his retirement from the U.S. Government in 1997, Tom has enjoyed substitute teaching.

St. Mark’s High School, Wilmington, DE recently redesigned the gymnasium floor and named the court after its former athletic director, Tom Rosa, C’65. Tom retired in 2012 after 41 years at St. Mark’s, with the last 31 as athletic director. Wilmington Bishop W. Francis Malooly blessed the new court. St. Mark’s High School was founded by Fr. Jim Delaney, C’50 (D).

1966

On October 10, 2013, the USMC officer training class of April 1967 gathered at Quantico, VA, to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice in the Vietnam War. Their names are engraved on two monument plaques. One is on base and the other at the Marine Corps Museum. Among the honored is Frank A (Tripp) O’Brien III, C’66 (D)

Michael D. Schorn, C’66, is the education coordinator for the city of Reading. Mike taught in Reading, PA. schools for 32 years; in 2006 he developed the program “Environmental Respect.” The program goal is to teach children to respect our environment through recycling. Students are invited to join “The Mayor’s Kids For a Clean(er) City” which has has more than 1,400 student members.

1967

Patrick O’Connor, C’67, is in the process of retiring. He sold his liquor store and is planning to travel visiting various bucket-list destinations including visiting his three sons who live in New York, Wyoming, and California. Safe travels Pat!

1969

Bill Klimas, C’69, was recently awarded the Gene “Red” Littler Official of the Year Award by the New Jersey Track and Field Officials’ Association State Executive Board. Bill recently retired from the Plainfield (NJ) School district after 44 years of service as an English teacher. His extra-curricular activities included coaching the boys and girls cross
country, indoor and outdoor track teams. Many of his athletes and teams went on to win state and national titles. One former runner earned a berth on the U.S. Olympic team. Bill was a member of the Mount cross country and track teams under Coach Jim Deegan. He was also a member of the relay team known then, as the “Four Horsemen.” Among his career accomplishments as a track and field official, Bill has organized and directed the N.J. state sectional track meets and the Union County Spring Relays. He is also a former track and field coach of the year. Recently, he caught up with one of his “Four Horsemen” teammates, Bob Keogh, at one of his “Four Horsemen." Among his career accomplishments as a track and field official, Bill has organized and directed the N.J. state sectional track meets and the Union County Spring Relays. He is also a former track and field coach of the year. Recently, he caught up with one of his “Four Horsemen” teammates, Bob Keogh, at one of his “Four Horsemen." Among his career accomplishments as a track and field official, Bill has organized and directed the N.J. state sectional track meets and the Union County Spring Relays. He is also a former track and field coach of the year. Recently, he caught up with one of his “Four Horsemen” teammates, Bob Keogh, at one of his “Four Horsemen." Among his career accomplishments as a track and field official, Bill has organized and directed the N.J. state sectional track meets and the Union County Spring Relays. He is also a former track and field coach of the year. Recently, he caught up with one of his “Four Horsemen” teammates, Bob Keogh, at one of his “Four Horsemen." Among his career accomplishments as a track and field official, Bill has organized and directed the N.J. state sectional track meets and the Union County Spring Relays. He is also a former track and field coach of the year. Recently, he caught up with one of his “Four Horsemen” teammates, Bob Keogh, at one of his “Four Horsemen." Among his career accomplishments as a track and field official, Bill has organized and directed the N.J. state sectional track meets and the Union County Spring Relays. He is also a former track and field coach of the year. Recently, he caught up with one of his “Four Horsemen” teammates, Bob Keogh, at one of his “Four Horsemen." Among his career accomplishments as a track and field official, Bill has organized and directed the N.J. state sectional track meets and the Union County Spring Relays. He is also a former track and field coach of the year. Recently, he caught up with one of his “Four Horsemen” teammates, Bob Keogh, at one of his “Four Horsemen.”

### 1972

**Philip Krepps C’72**, played the organ and conducted the 69 voice choir celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, on the field beside the new St. Francis Xavier Parish Center on Tablerock Road in Gettysburg on July 6. Timothy M. Cardinal Dolan was Celebrant. Cardinal Dolan’s homily can be found on YouTube. The Cardinal is pictured with the choir in the background.

**Jim Hurley, C’72**, is currently a high school softball coach and volunteers for the New York City Board of Education. Jim lives in Rockaway Beach, NY, and is still recovering from Superstorm Sandy. He reports that “Rockaway is stronger than the storm.”

### 1977

**Patrick Neury, C’77**, writes, “Hi, I’ve been trying to remain busy with accounting and nursing work. I have two grown sons, Stephen (29), James (26); I’m engaged to Jennifer Sue Ewing-Karpinski; and I enjoy outdoor activities and reading, etc. Hope everyone’s doing fine.”

### 1981

**This summer, Greg Azcuy, C’81**, and his wife, Mary Kate hosted a mini Class of 1981 reunion at their home in Rumson, NJ. It was a wonderful evening visiting with old friends and sharing Mount Memories! Pictured are: John Sullivan, C’81; Diane Ducey, C’81; Joe Hamlet, C’81; David Conaghan, C’81; Greg Azcuy, C’81; Peter Quinn, C’81; Ellen Callahan, C’81; Judy Masso Zochi, C’80; Jim Plant, C’81; Maureen Plant, C’82; Stephanie Swenarton Englestad, C’81, Gary Engelstad, C’79 and Mary Loughran, C’81

**Steve Rossignoli, C’81**, received the Distinguished Northeasterner Award from Reading, PA Northeast Middle School Alumni Association. The award was presented in May at their annual awards breakfast.

### 1982

**Joe Barrett**, C’82, joined Peapack-Gladstone Bank as vice president, concierge banker. Joe has 30 years of banking experience; he volunteers at several food banks and shelters and is a member of the Knights of Columbus. Joe lives in Budd Lake, NJ.

**John Graham, Rich Bowers** and Gene LaCroce, all Class of 1982 are pictured after finishing the 2013 Spartan Race held in Amesbury, MA on August 10. They are classmates and former roommates

### 1985

**Dave Hagur, Tom McKeon, Bill Waller, Tom Arrowsmith** all C’85, met in Hilton Head, SC, for a week of golf. The group played Harbour Town and proudly wore their Mount Golf Shirts and Mount hats!

### 1986

**On March 21, 2013 Rev. Edward Seton (Jim) Fittin, O.S.B., C’86**, marked 25 years of profession as a Benedictine monk of St. Mary’s Abbey. Pictured are (L-R) Fine Arts Professor Emeritus Fr. Dan Nusbaum, ESF, Lisa Dimaio Iekel C’86, Mrs. Sandra Fittin and Alexandra Fittin, C’87, who gathered for a photo op after the Abbey Jubilee Celebration, June 8, 2013. Fr. Edward Seton teaches Religious Studies at Delbarton School, Morristown, and chairs the Religious Studies department. In the Abbey he serves as Liturgy Director and Councelor to the Abbot, and is a weekend assistant at St. Paul Catholic Church, Clifton, New Jersey. Fr. Edward Seton thanks the Mount for its role in fostering his vocation to consecrated life and the priesthood.
Fred Oweusu and Maureen Sehl-Oweusu both, C’86 recently moved to Coachella Valley, CA. Fred joined the Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs as Chief Human Resources Officer; he holds a Master’s of Healthcare Administration degree from the University of Minnesota, a Juris Doctorate from the William Mitchell College of Law in Saint Paul, MN.

1987

LTC Matthew P. Sprenger, C’87, was promoted to the rank of Colonel in the United States Army National Guard on August 6, 2013. He has been on active duty with Army National Guard since February, 1998. Matt received his MBA from Troy State University in 2002 and a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the United State Army War College, Carlisle, PA in June 2013. Matt is currently assigned to the National Guard Bureau Headquarters in Arlington, VA, as Chief, NG-J8 Capabilities and Planning Division.

Matt lives with his wife, Kimberly and daughter Victoria in Alexandria, VA.

On September 18th, Marla Streb, C’87 was inducted into the 2013 Mountain Bike Hall of Fame. During her 16-year racing career, Marla won the X Games championship, a UCI World Cup in downhill, three U.S. national downhill championships and two singlespeed world champions. She currently works as a media liaison and coach with Team LUNA Chix, instructs for the nonprofit Bike Maryland, which teaches cycling safety to underprivileged youth, and owns a bike park construction company called Streb Trail Systems. Congratulations Marla!

1989

Unwritten:: A Story of Discovering How to Live a Happier, More Meaningful Life, by Jofi Baldrich, C’89 is available in paperback on Amazon. After his family sold their insurance business, Jofi took time to examine his life and explore his life’s goals and choices. This book is the story of how he was able to reframe his way of looking at life and finding a meaningful balance.

1994

Timothy Gadziala, S’94, writes, “Ordained for the Archdiocese of Atlanta and with the lawful permission of the Archbishop of Atlanta, I have been working on “loan” as a Vicar General and Judicial Vicar for the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica. I have been in Mandeville for the last two years.”

1998

Lieutenant Colonel Erik Krivda, C’94, has taken command of a Stryker Battalion in Fairbanks, Alaska.

The Stryker is a fast moving armor combat vehicle. Prior to taking command, he was the Professor of Military Science, ROTC, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA. He served two tours in Iraq and has obtained two masters degrees.

1996

Lori White Hockley, C’96, MBA’98, completed a doctor of management degree from University of Maryland University College with specialty in community college policy and administration and was inducted into Phi Kappa Phi academic honor society.

 Alumni and future Mounties gathered at Brendan, C’96 and Christie Moag’s home for their Annual Mason Dixon Classic celebratory party. Alumni who attended are: Patrick, C’97 and Bridget, C’96 Fick; Jamie, C’97 and Laurie Fick; Brendan, C’96 and Christie Moag; Tim and Ellen Murray, C’96; Todd, C’96 and Elaine Sauer.

Pictured are their wonderful children!

1999

Greg Kirby, C’98, joined PK Law’s Litigation Group as an associate. Greg is a civil litigator with a focus on the defense of medical malpractice, personal injury. Greg and his wife Caitlin live in Catonsville, MD with their three children.

2000

Jessica Guarducci DiDatasi, C’00, is an attorney with the Essex County Prosecutor’s Office in Newark, NJ. Jessica and her husband Jeffrey live in Westfield, NJ.

2001

Ken Burdette, C’01, was recently featured on Colorado’s Best TV. Ken is the Principal at Venture Prep High School in Denver, CO. Venture Prep High School is a public charter school that is dedicated to prepping young minds to succeed and be ready for college. Ken attended UMBC and Johns Hopkins for his post-graduate studies. He began teaching in Baltimore City and moved to Colorado in 2007.
2004

**Kevin Nicholas, C’04,**
works in institutional sales at Goldman Sachs & Co. Since graduating, Kevin has held various roles in sales and trading within the financial services industry, and he is currently a Level 3 candidate in the CFA Program. Kevin and his wife, Emily, currently live in New York City.

2006

**Jeanette Beigel, C’06,** is in her sixth year of teaching first grade at The Key School in Annapolis, MD. She is working toward her Masters in School Counseling at Loyola University.

2007

**Katherine Schmidt, C’07,** recently earned an MA in Theological Studies. She is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Theology at the University of Dayton in Dayton, OH, where she lives with her husband Jordan.

2008

**Tanika McIntosh, C’08,** is a member of the Peace Corps graduate school program and is enrolled at George Washington University. After studying sociology and French at the Mount, Tanika now serves the Peace Corps in Benin as a health volunteer. At the same time, she is working toward her graduate degree from GWU in Behavioral Public Health.

2009

- **Bobby, C’14,** and **Kaitlin, C’09, Hallahan** showing their Mount Pride at the top of Wheeler Peak, NM 3,167 feet above sea level!

2010

**Kasey Burst, C’10,** is the Assistant Lacrosse Coach and Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Admissions at Clarkson University. He has held the coaching position for three years, and has been Assistant Dean since August, 2013.

2012

**Jon Adams, C’12,** completed his 10 month program at Americorps NCCC, where he was certified as a Wilderness Fire Fighter and fought several forest fires in northern Colorado during the spring and summer of 2013. He is currently WWOOFing on an organic farm on the island of Oahu.

**Nicholas Lee Droll, S’12,** was ordained a priest of the Roman Catholic Church by the Most Rev. Frederick F. Campbell, Bishop of Columbus, on Saturday, May 25, at St. Joseph Cathedral. A native of Upper Sandusky, Father Droll graduated from Upper Sandusky High School in 2000 and earned a bachelor of arts in philosophy from The Ohio State University, Columbus, and a Master of Divinity from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. His first Mass was celebrated at St. Michael Church, Worthington, on Sunday, May 26.

2013

- **Alec Scheuer, C’13,** is working for Reach Youth Ministry in Helena, MT. Reach is a volunteer organization that works with middle school and high school students to bring Christ into their lives.

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FY14 CLASS AGENTS AND REUNION REPRESENTATIVES(*)

1944
Robert Nevins
1949
John Burkhard
Thomas Grasberger
1950
Bernard Jacobs
1951
Eugene Bogatko
1952
John O'Neill
J.R. Ridenour
1953
Leo Gribbin
1954
Thomas Brown, III*
Senator Leo Green*
1955
John O'Neill
1956
Timothy Boyle
1957
Benjamin Ciocca
John Graham
Jim Quinn
1958
Daniel Monagle, Jr.
1959
John Bailey*
James Ganley
1960
1961
William McCarron
Sr.
Karl Miller
Charles Shimkus
1962
Michael McCarthy
Stephen Weber
William Zimmerman
1963
Col. John Lauer
1964
George Gelles*
John Hogan*
Ron Krilla*
Dick Wagner*
1965
Nicholas Orzel
1966
John Kaheny
Michael Sneed
1967
John Toale
1968
Bartholomew Dixon
John Gallagher
Harry Slaughter
1969
Thomas Pruitt
1970
James Clarke
Lawrence Donato
1971
John Ellis, Jr.
Joseph Kallick
George Savastano, Jr.
1972
Frank Lidinsky
James Mannion
1973
Norman Abess
Joe Dowd
Thomas McKeever
John Suchy, III
Mark Sweley
1974
John Jaffee*
Dan Lee *
1975
Michael Connolly
George Randall
1976
Jack Causa
Charles Gouldsbury
Anne Marie Cohee
Hallinan
1977
John DuPont
1978
Robert Kane, Jr.
1979
David Cohill*
1980
Timothy Dec
Charles Haberkorn
Judy Zocchi
1981
Patricia Parrish Bay
Ellen Callahan
David Conaghan
Susan Janowiak
1982
Michael Cory
James Sullivan
1983
David McCauley
Joanne McShalley
1984
William McNamara
Michael McNamara
Kathleen Mihich
1985
Thomas Arrowsmith
1986
David Bartolini
John Singleton
1987
David Coulbourne
Beth Anne Heine
1988
Dedie Jones
Campbell
Patricia Kunzman
Kathleen McDermott
1989
Lorraine Knepple
Julie Wright Hyland*
Donald Ryan*
1990
Kelly Catania
Brian King
1991
John Bransfield, III
David Cassese
1992
Joseph Dowd, Jr.
1993
Robert Weed
1994
Bridget Kelly
Michael Zinzi*
Colin Ward*
1995
Stella Barry
Elizabeth Matthews
1996
Brendan Moag
Jennifer Sprunle
1997
Sarah Brion
1998
Alice (Wylie) Baumer
Harry Benjamin, Jr.
Greg Kirby
Michael Kirby
1999
Tara Bunchalk-Orefice
Cynthia Laura
Kevin Kalis*
2000
Jaime Conti
2001
Patrick McCuen
2003
Nick Meekins
2004
Kevin Nicholas
Andrea Consolvo
Reed*
2005
Rebecca Burke
2006
Alba Alvarez
Irvin Johnson, Jr.
Michael Sullivan
2008
Emma Dusenbery
Sara Garbarini
Jessica Halliday
Andrea Padamonsky
Kaitlin Hallahan*
2010
Anne Costigan
2011
Jeffrey Cook
Hannah Dell
2012
Gabriella Colaruso
Michael Rath
Christopher Wild
2013
Emily Myers
Hannah Dann
MPAS
Katy Maybush
MBA
William Houdler II
2002
2007
2008
Missing Agents
From left, Dr. Lory Richter, Genevieve McBryan and Erica (Boyle) Hilliard, all class of 2003, examine the muddy contents of their re-discovered, completely saturated, time capsule.

MOUNTIES—THE BOUNTY HUNTERS

By Jamie-Leigh Bissett

When our group trekked up the mountain in search of a buried treasure trove of memories, it was hard to shake the feeling of doubt in our head.

“What do you think the odds are we actually find this thing?” asked Dr. Lory Richter, a Mount St. Mary’s alumnae, with a skeptic’s smirk on her lips. Lory, like the rest of us, graduated from the Mount in 2003 and was spending her Saturday of Reunion Weekend hiking the woods around Indian Lookout, a one-mile, 571-foot vertical climb up the Catoctin Mountain from The Grotto, for a time capsule the group buried a decade earlier.

“I give it a 50 percent chance,” I said confidently, knowing the collective abilities of those around me. As confident as I was, though, I also knew that 10 years was a long time between memories, especially when said memories are relying on our head. As confident as I was, though, I also knew that 10 years was a long time between memories, especially when said memories are relying on our head.

“I think it was something we never thought we’d find even as we were burying it, but the idea that we left something behind gave us all special connection to the school, the mountain, and each other,” said Melissa (Phelan) Quinn, a high school math teacher, track and swim coach.

Mrs. Quinn said it was her special connection to her fellow Mounties that motivated her to leave her home in West Islip, N.Y., before dawn that Saturday morning to make it for the hike.

For Dr. Richter, who lives in Baltimore and works as an associate dentist in Bel Air, Md., Indian Lookout was the “natural choice” for the interment, despite its camouflaging tendencies. “It was where we went to gain perspective on our lives at
that time. It was a sanctuary ... behind a sanctuary.” Genevieve McBryan, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL., who made the hot and muddy climb four-and-a-half months pregnant with her second child, said the adventure had a lot more to do with re-discovering friendships than finding material objects.

“I think it was important for us (to search together) because it showed the solidarity we had in our group,” she said. “I may have had my doubts about actually finding our treasure, but I never doubted that we would come together as a team and try. And that, in it of itself, is a treasure.”

Luckily for Genevieve, and the rest of us, we found both buried treasures that day. And although the material may have been marinating in a stinky, brown muddy soup for the last decade, the experience was more than enough to carry us through to the next decade and beyond.

“When we actually found it, I felt SO accomplished. I was quite literally overwhelmed with happiness,” said Dr. Katie Staab, an assistant professor at McDaniel College who lives in Frederick. “I was so happy that we followed through 10 years later and that we worked so well together to achieve a common goal.”

“Ten years out of college, you really lose some of that carefree, fun attitude you once had,” said Erica (Boyle) Hilliard, a special education teacher who lives in Lutherville, MD. “Hiking up and actually finding our stuff, I think, gave us all a little renewal of faith in our past, our friendships, and our bonds to The Mount. It gave us the thrill and energy we needed to walk back down the mountain and back to our lives 10 years later.”

Jamie-Leigh Bissett is an award-winning, former journalist who works as a freelance photographer in Edgewater, MD. For additional images from the class of 2003’s treasure hunt, visit www.multipleexposuresphotography.com and click the “Event” gallery.
**Births**

Susie Rowley Beccaria, C’95 and her husband David
Ellie Lourdes Beccaria
December 17, 2012
Ellie joins her big sister Avery Grace

Shannyn Mundie Hyland, C’95, and husband John
Margaret Anna Hyland (Maggie)
January 3, 2013
Maggie joins big brother Teddy (3) and big sister Lucy (17 months).

Michael Kirby, C’98, and wife Erica
Allison Grace Kirby
July 17, 2013
She joins big sister Megan (5) and big brother Cameron (2)

Kathleen Cuoco Serafina, C’00 and her husband Michael
Sophia Concetta Serafina
January 27, 2013

TJ Burns C’03 and Alexis Ott Burns
C’09 & MBA C’13
Tierney Eileen- March 2, 2011
Keane Thomas- May 16, 2013
Ryan Murphy and Laura Adams
Murphy, both C’04
Chase Austin Murphy
May 6, 2013
Chase joins Big Sisters Cameron and Mackenzie

Lauren DeVito Schlogl and Colleen
Moughan Lesovitz, both C’04, were roommates at the Mount for all 4 years of college. They both had their first babies within weeks of each other in September 2012. Their names are Thomas Schlogl and Cailin Lesovitz.

Jen Martin Diffenderfer, C’05, MBA’07 and Andrew Diffenderfer, C’05, MBA’07
Miles Andrew Diffenderfer
July 27, 2013
Kathleen Coleman Entwistle, C’06 and Joe Entwistle, C’07
Emma Jane
August 5, 2013

Meghan Brown Fulmer and Harry Fulmer, both C’06
Frances Jill Fulmer
December 20, 2012
Correction: The last issue we swapped the labels on two photographs. Our apologies, see correct below.

Kirsten Toth VanWagner C’06 and her husband Corey
Jackson Montgomery VanWagner
June 18, 2013

Adam Lawrence, C’12 and his wife, Erin Rose
Weylan Abraham Lawrence
August 2, 2013

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Kevin Merlini, C’03, and Lauren
McBride Merlini, C’04
Thomas James Merlini
October 10, 2012

Jeffrey Hagood, C’04, and Ashlea
Colbert Hagood, C’04
Owen Thomas Hagood
June 7, 2012

Mount Magazine
Elizabeth Malia, C'87, and Daniel Calhoun
June 22, 2013
Bethesda, Maryland
Msgr. James Beattie, S'61 concelebrated the mass. Pictured from Left to Right (all class of '87) Michael Schwartz, Erin O'Donnell Kirchner, John O'Gorman, Tom Cahill, John Kirchner, Daniel Calhoun, Elizabeth Malia Calhoun, Rich Sweeny, Frank Signorello, Tommy Rafferty, Katie Doyle, Tina Saura Jackson, Janine Boggs Fiske

Elizabeth Thomas, C'08, and Pavan Purswani
June 23, 2013
Mounties in attendance included Nick Ferrari, C'07; Nathan Thomas Jr., C'08; Megan Homan Urgo, C'09; Michael Urgo, C'09; Aaron Landers, C'09; Kevin McPherson, C'09; Amanda Blaugher, C'09; Christina Caspersen, C'09; and Ashley Thomas, C'12.

Emma C. Dusenbery, C'09, and James M. Wilson
June 8th, 2013
Cumberland, MD
There were ten Mounties in attendance; their nineteen month old daughter, Lily served as the flower girl.

Kate Cuoco Serafina, C'00, and Michael Serafina
March 23, 2013

Joe Kotula, C'06 and Amy Rice
May 4, 2013
Lancaster, PA at the Hamilton Club

Regina McBride Geeverd, C'08, and John Geeverd
October 20 2012
Avalon Yacht Club, Avalon New Jersey
Mounties at the wedding: Krissy Scieska, C'08; Colleen DeFoney, C'08; Marie Graney, C'08; Danielle Korte, C'08; Courtney McEntee, C'08; Nicki Togno, C'08; Dan Long, C'07; Dimitra Gerasimidis Reidy, C'08; Kevin Reidy, C'08

Jessica Sharp Mahfoudi, C'08, and Tarik Mahfoudi
September 8, 2012
Potomac, Maryland
They currently reside in Rockville, Maryland. Princess Omotade and Valerie Mocca both class of 2008 were part of the bridal party! They then had a second wedding a week later in Morocco, which is where Tarik is from, and went to the Canary Islands and Amsterdam for their honeymoon!
ALUMNI IN COSTA RICA

This year the Mount St. Mary’s Alumni Office is partnering with Professor Diana Rodríguez-Lozano to offer our inaugural Alumni Travel experience. From seasoned travelers to those who have never traveled to Central America before, this trip is designed to fit any lifestyle, travel interest and budget.

COSTA RICA TRIP DETAILS

The trip will span nine days/eight nights—six nights at both Costa Rica Marriott (San José) and Marriott Los Sueños, one night at Arenal Paraíso Hotel, one night at Hampton Inn and Suites. All breakfasts are included.

Dates: August 3–11, 2014

Cost: $2,015 per person, single occupancy
      $1,380 per person, double occupancy
      Group airfare is also available at additional cost

Registration: Download the Trip Information and Reservation Form or Register Online at www.msmary.edu/CostaRica

Contact Us: Maureen Plant, Director of Alumni Relations
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COSTA RICA TRAVEL ITINERARY

Sun., Aug. 3     Arrival in Costa Rica
                Stay at Costa Rica Marriott (San José)
Mon., Aug. 4     Noon departure for Marriott Los Sueños Ocean & Golf Resort
                Afternoon free
Tues., Aug. 5    Optional Morning Excursion ($10) to Manuel Antonio National Park/Beach
                Afternoon free
                Stay at Marriott Los Sueños Ocean & Golf Resort
Wed., Aug. 6     9:30 a.m. return to San José; Afternoon—3 hours free time to explore San José recommended visits to Teatro Nacional and Museo del Oro (entrance fees not included)
                Stay at Costa Rica Marriott (San José)
Thurs., Aug. 7   Day Free—5:30 p.m. Ram Luna dinner show
                Stay at Costa Rica Marriott (San José)
Fri., Aug. 8     La Paz Waterfall with lunch & Doka Coffee Tour
                Group Dinner
                Stay at Costa Rica Marriott (San José)
Sat., Aug. 9     Departure for Sarchí and Arenal, lunch included
                Tabacón Hot Springs with dinner
                Stay at Arenal Paraíso Hotel Resort & Spa
Sun., Aug. 10    Malekus Village visit/Lunch in La Fortuna town
                Stay at the Hampton Inn and Suites near the airport
Mon., Aug. 11    Return to the U.S.A.
Thanks to all that came out for Mountoberfest—it was a huge success. Go online to msmary.edu/mountoberfest to view all our photos or scan the QR code. Photos can be downloaded from the Mount’s Flickr account.
CAROLINA’S CHAPTER

Members of the Carolina’s Chapter met for a day of golf and an evening social at the home of Tom, C‘81, and Trish, C‘82, Looney. Chapter leaders, Tim Buck and Tim Bahr worked with volunteers to organize a great day of golf at The Country Club at Landfall. Later a multi-generational Mount Social was enjoyed by all. Alumni represented the 1950’s, 1960’s, 1970’s, 1980’s, 1990’s and 2000’s. Old friends and new enjoyed sharing stories and Mount Memories!

Pictured are: Tim Bahr, C’84; Suzanne Bahr; Tim Buck, C’87; Sandra Buck; Colleen Buck; Kathleen Buck; Michael Buck; Marty Davey, C’83; Matt (Davy Guest); Mike Dugan, C’92; Lori Dugan; Kathleen Hobbs, SJC’69; Bernie Karam, C’69; Eileen Karam; Brendan Killeen, C’77; Carol Killeen; Trish Looney, C’82; Tom Looney, C’81; Bill Loudermilk, C’64; Jack Martini, C’56; Patricia Martini; Favio Osorio, C’09; Jim Plant, C’81; Maureen Plant, C’82; Matt Sanicola, C’08; Katie Walton, C’02; Nancy Zimmerman; William Zimmerman, C’62.

DELWARE CHAPTER

The Delaware Chapter had a busy year! From Happy Hour for a Cause to the Annual Delaware Chapter Beach Picnic, alumni from the great state of Delaware make us proud!

1. Iron Hill for Happy Hour for a cause
2. Famous Tim’s for the Mount basketball championship game
3. Jackson Inn for Happy Hour

BALTIMORE CHAPTER

Baltimore Crab Feast

The 40th Annual Baltimore Crab Feast was held on August 18th at Ocean Pride Restaurant in Lutherville, Maryland. The event brought Mounties and friends together for a great day of pickin’ crabs! Pictured is a group of loyal Mounties from the Class of 1971.

Orioles Game

Orioles vs. Red Sox was not just a great night for Baltimore Baseball, it was a great night for Mounties! 200 Mounties gathered to celebrate birthdays, anniversaries, and Mount friendships! A great time was had by all!

SUMMER SEND-OFFS

Members of the Class of 2017 and their families were welcomed into the Mount Family through three Summer Send-Off events. Questions were answered, nerves relieved, and friends were introduced as families prepared their incoming students for the transition to college life.

Welcome to the Mount Family!

Many thanks to our hosts!

• LONG ISLAND, Theresa and Kevin Mahoney – parents of James, C’14
• JERSEY SHORE, David Conaghan, C’81
• FREDERICK, The Mount’s Frederick Campus

Scan the QR code to see photos from the Orioles event on Flickr.
WOMEN RUGGERS!

Do the words scrum, maul, ruck, line-out or prop mean anything to you?—Were you on the Women’s Rugby Team?

Over the years, the team has been active and inactive—well they’re back!

If you were on a Mount Women’s Rugby team—we want to hear from you!

Please send us your Name, Current Address, Email Address, to alumni@msmary.edu and let us know the years you played and the position you played.

There will be a random drawing of all responses for some GREAT Mount Women’s Rugby gear. Please respond by January 30, 2014 to be considered for the drawing.

Coach Scott Stratton, Head Coach
Women’s Rugby

2013 FRIENDS OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION, FREDERICK, MD

Proud Mounties gathered at the 2013 Friends of Catholic Education McElroy Dinner in Frederick on September 26, 2013. Archbishop William Lori, S’77 was the keynote speaker at the event that celebrates Catholic education in Frederick County.

BISHOP JAMES E. WALSH AWARD

The Bishop James E. Walsh Award, sponsored by the National Alumni Association, is presented to a Mountaineer for outstanding dedicated service to the Mount, the Church, one’s community and our beloved nation. This year, we recognized two graduates who truly epitomize the very foundation of this prestigious alumni honor and who, for many years, have been a role model for service to others.

Ken Pringle, C’79 was awarded the Bishop James E. Walsh Award at the Belmar Fishing Club in January 2013 by the National Alumni Association Jersey Shore Chapter. Pictured are Ellen Callahan and David Conaghan, both C’81, and Ken Pringle.

On July 9, 2013 Gene Sullivan, C’60, was awarded the Bishop James E. Walsh Award for his dedication, work and commitment to the Connecticut Chapter and to the Mount.

The award was presented to Gene at the Donald P. Quinn, Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament which benefits the Connecticut Chapter’s Msgr. William Culhane Scholarship Fund. Pictured: Emmet Sullivan, C’61; John McKee, C’65; Dick Hart, C’65 and Connecticut Chapter President; Charlie Shimkus, C’62; John Sullivan; Gene Sullivan, C’60 is seated.

FR. FIVES ALUMNI SCHOLARSHIP

This year, six students and two seminarians from the Class of 2014 were awarded Father Fives scholarships. Each undergraduate award is $4,300 and the two seminarians were awarded $2,150 at the annual Priest reunion in October; a total of $30,100 was awarded.

This year’s undergraduate awardees are, Rachel Baranoski, Nicolasa Chavez, Ashley J. Crosby, Brenda Cuello, Jennifer G. McSparron, and Jeremy D. Sazegar. Deacon Eranga de Silva (Colombo, Sri Lanka) and Deacon Asitha Hettiarachchi (Colombo, Sri Lanka), both Class of 2014, were the seminary recipients.

For photos and quotes from recipients please visit www.msmary.edu/FrFives

CREDIT CARD DISCONTINUED

ATTENTION! Bank of America has discontinued the Mount St. Mary’s University Affinity Credit Card Program!

If you have a Bank of America Mount credit card, please note that it no longer benefits the Mount’s Fr. Carl Fives Scholarship program. Because of privacy laws, the Mount was not provided a list of alumni who hold this card.
A MARATHON UNLIKE ANY OTHER

The 2013 Boston Marathon marked the 20th long-distance race for Byron Stay, Professor Emeritus of Communication Studies. It became memorable for all the wrong reasons.

By Byron Stay

The great runner Clarence DeMar once wrote that the marathon is the most unpredictable athletic event in the world. Absolutely anything can happen during the 26.2 miles. The only constant, he felt, was the utter exhaustion every marathoner feels in crossing the finish line.

The events at this year’s Boston Marathon would have been unthinkable to DeMar.

Every marathoner dreams of participating in the Boston Marathon. It’s the only marathon in the world (aside from the Olympics) that requires a qualifying time. It’s also the oldest yearly-held marathon, so it was with great anticipation that I looked forward to entering it this year—my fourth Boston and 20th marathon overall.

My wife, Claire, and I had driven to Boston via western Massachusetts and made reservations at the Park Plaza Hotel right at the finish line to make reconnecting afterward much easier. Because Boston is a point-to-point marathon beginning in the town of Hopkinton, to the northwest, busses had to be boarded early in the morning for the long ride out of town, and we encountered nearly perfect running conditions—a cool morning with cloudless skies.

My race began around 10:30 in the third and final wave. At first the marathon seemed to progress rather normally, although early on I felt some minor abrasion in my left foot. This is a concern because every marathoner knows that a minor inconvenience through the first 13 miles can become huge by mile 20.

By the halfway point the foot chafing became so severe that, in desperation, I sat down on the curb, removed my left shoe and sock, and decided to run the rest of the way sockless. This was not wise. Now the chafing in the left foot began in earnest, and it began interfering with my ability to maintain my marathon pace. I had gone through the half pretty much as planned in two hours and nine minutes, but by the time I reached Heartbreak Hill at mile 18 I had to slow down.

By mile 23 it became clear that something was very wrong.

I began hearing sirens and I assumed that perhaps a marathoner was down. When the sirens persisted, I thought that perhaps there was a major fire. The police lining the course seemed rather agitated. At mile 24, however, something very strange happened. The police yelled to everyone to get to either side of the course. We obliged and watched as a caravan of perhaps a dozen unmarked cars raced up the middle of the street, sirens blaring and lights flashing.

When I was no more than a mile from the finish, I saw a man checking a cell phone. When I asked him what was happening, he said that a bomb had gone off in a trashcan in front of the Lenox Hotel and that there were casualties. This was partially correct, although the Lenox Hotel sits opposite from the actual bombing area.

The course at this point became so clogged with runners that it was clear the marathon was over for me. A mile from the finish runners go under an overpass, then right for two blocks then left onto Boylston Street. At the underpass police ushered all runners off the course and onto Newbury Street, which parallels Boylston. Walking past trashcans on Newbury Street was more than a little disconcerting.

Once the marathoners reached Berkley Street we could at last cross over to Boylston and retrieve our checked bags. By the time I reached the Park Plaza Hotel it was nearly five o’clock in the evening.

Claire arrived at the hotel shortly after I did (she had gone back out to try to find me) with a story scarier than mine. She had been attempting to get to a drug store on Boylston. However, because of the heavy crowd, she ultimately gave up and instead went into a mall near the finish line. Suddenly, the mall became filled with panicked spectators. Someone told her there was a gunman firing shots. Had she been successful at getting to the drug store, she would have walked right past the bombsite.

On the other hand, had I managed to finish at my intended time of 4:14, I would have been at the finish at the time of the blast. We were both spared by our inability to do what we had intended. That night we never left the hotel room and consumed only marathon swag—energy bars and crackers—that we received at the marathon exposition.

Instead, we watched the police action outside our hotel window and watched the news. Local news became world news, and we watched and listened in horror as details of the event emerged. The events of the day still seemed surreal.

The blisters have subsided and the quads have stopped throbbing, but the horrible events of April 15 still haunt us. The cruelty and pain during that day changed the course of many, many lives. The bombings resulted in three deaths and 260 injuries. Most were there to watch their friends and family members cross the finish line. We were the lucky ones.
Jim, C’66, and Betsy, SJC’67, McAveney

Jim, C’66, and Betsy, SJC’67, McAveney are committed to making the Mount a better place. For more than four decades, they have been generous supporters of the Mount by giving of their time, talent, and treasures—they are truly an example of dedication, loyalty, and generosity.

Recently, Jim and Betsy decided to take their financial support to the next level by joining the 1808 Legacy Society. They have provided a bequest in their will, which allows them to maintain financial security while also benefiting the Mount in the future. And, they have created a Charitable Gift Annuity, which is a unique way to provide for the Mount while also receiving guaranteed income for life.

This is how a Charitable Gift Annuity works:

- Provide a gift of cash or marketable securities of $10,000 or more to Mount St. Mary’s University.
- The Mount pays you quarterly payments for life beginning at age 65 or older.
- When the income recipients pass away, the Mount uses the remaining funds as you direct.

You are invited to join Jim and Betsy in caring for the Mount now and in the future. To learn more about joining the 1808 Legacy Society, comprised of a distinguished group of people who have included the Mount in their estate plans, contact Frank Sneeringer, Director of Development, at 301-447-5361 or sneeringer@msmary.edu.

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For the Moments that Define You as a Mountie.
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