A Breath of Fresh Air

Celebrating 10 years of Outdoor Adventure at the Mount
As we opened the academic year this fall, the 206th in Mount St. Mary’s history, I was reminded of our founder, Fr. John Dubois. No doubt, many told him that his irrational idea to start a college and seminary in the wilderness of Maryland would be impossible and his plan would never work. But God was calling his name, and he answered that call with faith and courage, self-confidence and tenacity, humility and plain old hard work.

In this issue of Mount Magazine, you will read about our amazing and nationally recognized Outdoor Adventure program, celebrating its 10th anniversary as one of our dynamic leadership opportunities for students. From caving and mountain climbing, to ropes courses and backpacking, and camping and canoeing, participants are challenged to trust each other, find courage, overcome obstacles and negative thoughts, and strengthen the bonds among team members.

What started as a great way to celebrate the location of the Mount evolved into a program building leaders and changing lives, and fits perfectly with our mission to cultivate a community of learners formed by faith, engaged in discovery, and empowered for leadership in the Church, the professions, and the world.

In many ways, Fr. Dubois’ irrational dream was the Mount’s first true outdoor adventure—a young, 44-year old priest with bold ambition.

Reflect, for a moment, how our country has benefited from Fr. Dubois’ irrational dream. Think about how you developed your vocation, your virtues, your attitudes, knowledge and skills on Mary’s Mountain.

Being a part of the Mount is to be a part of his great legacy. Like him, we must carefully listen to God’s call in our lives and willingly accept the challenges God puts before us. This willingness to unselfishly serve God, as we serve our students, distinguishes our University as a beacon of hope in the academy.

And as we serve and support the Mount community with faith and courage, we are all Fr. Dubois.

Peace.

Thomas H. Powell
University President

“During my visit to the Mount, I saw how they were really trying to invest heavily in student development. I realized that if I took the job I would be getting in on the ground floor of something really special—something that could be an exciting contribution and a difference-maker for students.”

—Ken McVearry, assistant dean of students and director of campus activities and student leadership

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SEARCH RE-OPENS FOR THE MOUNT’S 25TH PRESIDENT

As this issue of Mount Magazine went to press, the Mount St. Mary’s Board of Trustees is in the final stages of its search for the university’s 25th president.

Board member Francis W. Daily, C’68, is chairing the search committee—comprised of 15 members of the Mount community, including trustees, faculty, administration, staff, students and alumni.

“I am honored to serve as the chair as we search for our 25th President,” said Daily. “The team assembled is impressive and I look forward to working with them.”

The committee conducted neutral-site interviews in Baltimore in late October, and will invite finalists to campus in mid to late November, with the hopes of making an appointment in early December. The successful candidate would assume office no later than July 1, 2015.

According to the prospectus, the next President will “be a transformative leader with an entrepreneurial spirit of impeccable integrity, high energy, good humor, exceptional public speaking and communication skills, and financial acumen.”

In addition to significant and successful leadership at the senior levels of administration, key areas of emphasis for the next president include: providing strategic leadership and vision; identifying new sources of revenue to support the Mount’s mission; nurturing and protecting the Mount’s strong Catholic identity; exercising fiscal leadership, a demonstration of superior communications skills; and providing academic leadership.

The Washington, D.C. based firm, Academic Search, is assisting the Mount in this national search—with Dr. Jacqueline Doud and Ms. Maya Kirkhope serving as lead consultants.

For a listing of the committee members and updates on the search, visit www.msmary.edu/Presidential_Search.

WOMEN’S RUGBY FINISHES THIRD IN THE NATION

The Mount’s women’s rugby squad finished third in the spring “7’s” tournament sponsored by the National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO), held at Grand Valley State University, in Allendale, Michigan. After losses to South Dakota State University and Millersville University to open the tournament, the Mount bounced back in pool play to defeat Albright College 27-10. In the semifinals, the Mount fell again to South Dakota State 24-0, but clinched third-place with a 17-0 win over Tiffin University. Scrumhalf Meghan Reed, C’16, earned a spot on the All-Tournament team. The squad completed the 2013-14 season with an 11-2 record in regular and 7’s matches—competing in the Eastern Penn Rugby Union.
Nicholas C. Kierniesky, 70, of Gettysburg, PA, died October 16. He served as professor of psychology from 1971 to 2006. Dr. Kierniesky developed the psychology program and served as Chair from 1980 to 2000. He was responsible for the increase in the size and quality of the curriculum, faculty and laboratory space in the Science Building, and introduced the Senior Research Thesis requirement in 1986.

Dr. Kierniesky published in a variety of psychology journals, as well as completing more than 20 paper and poster presentations. He served in several national and regional organizations including the National Chair of the Council of Undergraduate Psychology Departments and liaison to the American Psychological Association’s Board of Educational Affairs.

Contributions in Nik’s memory can be made to the Emmitsburg Osteopathic Primary Care Center, Inc., P.O. Box 1219, Emmitsburg, MD 21727, or to Music Gettysburg, 61 Seminary Ridge, Gettysburg, PA 17325.

Rev. Paul V. Redmond—
the last surviving member of the Council of Priests, the former governing body of Mount St. Mary’s University, passed away October 19 at St. Catherine’s Nursing Home.

Father “Call Me Paul,” Redmond joined the Mount faculty in 1955, a year after his ordination from the Diocese of Albany, in New York. He was promoted to the rank of professor in 1981, and later awarded the status of Professor Emeritus in 1992. During his time on campus he enjoyed a distinguished career and served the Mount in a variety of capacities, including dean of freshmen, vice president, and theology and philosophy department chair. He also established the Nona S. and Jerome V. Redmond Scholarship in Philosophy.

Father Redmond celebrated his Golden Jubilee as a priest on June 12, 2004 honoring his 50 years of religious service. His dedication and commitment to the Mount and its mission was evident over the years by his active involvement in the religious life of the entire community. In fellowship with seminarians, students, faculty and friends, he hosted countless luncheons, guest visits, and opera nights through the years.

Father Paul was recently honor by University President Thomas Powell with a special recognition—Father Paul Redmond Day, which included the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony for the Rev. Paul V. Redmond Seminar Room, located in the Rev. Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips Library, and a Mass of Celebration in the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, with Archbishop Emeritus Harry J. Flynn presiding.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Nona S. and Jerome V. Redmond Scholarship at Mount St. Mary’s University.

Elizabeth B. “Bettie” Delaplaine, Trustee Emerita at the Mount and former director of special events for the Frederick News-Post newspaper, community activist and patron of the arts, died October 23.

Mrs. Delaplaine immersed herself in the cultural life of the city of Frederick, where she was a community activist and patron of the arts. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and maintained a lifelong interest in history.

She served on the boards of the Frederick Community Concert Association, the Frederick Arts Council, the Maryland School for the Deaf and the Francis Scott Key Memorial Foundation. She was co-chair of the Francis Scott Key Monument, which was rededicated in 1996.

Mrs. Delaplaine was a board member for 16 years at the Mount, where she and her husband, George B. Delaplaine, Jr., were responsible for funding the Delaplaine Fine Arts Building on the university’s campus. She was also a trustee of the family’s Delaplaine Foundation Inc., which helps families and communities, and the driving force behind the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick.
For the first time in its history, Mount St. Mary’s University cracked the top 20 in the 2015 edition of U.S. News & World Report’s rankings of the nation’s best colleges. The Mount was selected 19th 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 fifth-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 “Best Colleges for Veterans” category—ranking third in the North region—one spot better than a year ago.

“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 1,300 schools nationwide, is available at www.usnews.com/colleges.
ALUMNUS MAKES IMPORTANT GIFTS TO THE MOUNT

RAPHAEL DELLA RATTA, C’92, PROVIDES FUNDS SUPPORTING THE UNIVERSITY’S COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

A member of the Mount St. Mary’s class of 1992 is honoring his alma mater, along with a legendary University faculty member, through a series of gifts to the University’s College of Liberal Arts.

Raphael Della Ratta, vice president of Della Ratta Inc. Commercial Management Company, in Silver Spring, Maryland, is providing $50,000 to endow a lecture series supporting the Mount’s common curriculum, the Veritas Program; $15,000 in seed money to back the University’s application to establish a chapter in the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor society; and $10,000 to fund an endowed annual student prize.

“I am overwhelmed with the generosity of Raphael Della Ratta,” said Joshua Hochschild, Ph.D., dean of the Mount’s College of Liberal Arts. “His fondness for the Mount and recognition of our ongoing commitment to excellence in liberal learning inspired him to step forward when he saw what a help these initiatives would be to our campus.

“His gifts are indeed a financial blessing, but they are more than that … they inspire us in the high vocation that is the Mount’s educational mission,” Hochschild said.

The Ducharme Veritas Lectures will be an ongoing series designed to foster integration of learning in the Mount’s flagship liberal arts curriculum, the Veritas Program. The fund is named in honor of the University’s Emeritus Professor of English, Robert Ducharme, who taught at the Mount from 1970-2009, and served as English Department chair for 14 years.

The endowment will annually support one distinguished visiting lecturer, as well as a lecturer chosen from the Mount faculty—each chosen to help students understand how different disciplines are part of a common curriculum.

“The Ducharme Veritas Lectures will be a lasting component of the Veritas Program. By honoring Professor Ducharme, an architect of our original core curriculum and longtime champion of liberal learning at the Mount, the lectures acknowledge the continuity of Veritas with the predecessor core, and affirm our distinctive commitment to the integration of learning,” Hochschild said.

The Della Ratta Award for Excellence in the Liberal Arts is an endowed annual prize for a student who shows outstanding work in the liberal arts. The student will be chosen from the junior class and receive a $500 award and recognition for excellence in the Veritas Program and in coursework towards a major in the arts and sciences.

Finally, Della Ratta’s lead gift for the Phi Beta Kappa Fund will support the university’s application to establish a chapter of the prestigious Phi Beta Kappa honor society.

“Phi Beta Kappa is the national mark of distinction for excellence in the arts and sciences,” Hochschild said. “As this fund grows, and with the assistance of other generous alumni, it will support additional campus initiatives and programs helping us to receive and maintain this national distinction in liberal learning.”

Della Ratta was an English major and philosophy minor at the Mount, and serves on the College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board. Previously, he was a senior researcher and managed the Washington D.C. office of the Partnership for Global Security (PGS), a nonpartisan policy organization leading a global effort to ensure all nuclear material and facilities are secure. He introduced a biosecurity track to the world’s largest annual biotechnology industry conference and managed its execution from 2010-12.

He also published federal budget analyses and spoke at security conferences in Europe, the United States, and the Middle East. From 1996-2000, Della Ratta was the managing editor of the Nuclear Weapons and Materials Monitor, and the Chem-Bio Weapons and Defense Monitor – trade publications dedicated to coverage of the security and dismantlement of weapons of mass destruction.

“The opportunity to serve on the College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board for the past two years provided me with the chance to reflect and take stock of my liberal arts education,” Della Ratta said. “It has served me well over the past 20 years, by providing me with the analytical and communication tools to thrive in a variety of careers—from journalism and publishing, to policy advocacy, and now to financial management.

“And I can think of no other professor from my time at the Mount who has both provided such distinguished service to the college, and who had such a lasting impact on my intellectual development,” Della Ratta said. “It is my honor to provide Professor Ducharme with the recognition he so richly deserves, but might otherwise avoid.”

Read more about the inaugural Ducharme Veritas Lectures, featuring Leon Kass, M.D., Ph.D., on page 11.
MORE THAN 460 GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE DEGREES WERE AWARDED AT THE MOUNT’S 206TH COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES IN MAY.

The Most Reverend Bishop Kevin C. Rhoades provided the Commencement Address, challenging graduates to accept Pope Francis’ call to spread the joy of the Gospel throughout the world. Bishop Rhoades served as a professor and then Rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary from 1995 to 2004, before he was appointed the Ninth Bishop of Harrisburg. He was installed as the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Fort Wayne–South Bend (IN) in 2010.

You can meet many members of the Class of 2014 by visiting www.msmary.edu/Class2014.

FALL COMMENCEMENT HONORS EMERGING LEADERS AND BUSINESS STUDENTS

Fifty graduate students from Mount St. Mary’s University’s Richard J. Bolte Sr. School of Business were awarded degrees at a special commencement ceremony in October.

The majority of the graduates are MBA and Master of Health Administration students, while nine graduates were candidates in the Mount’s Emerging Leaders Master of Business Administration (ELMBA)—representing the first cohort of the intensive one-year degree program.

“The ELMBA students in the first cohort exceeded our every expectation,” said Karl Einolf, Ph.D., dean of the Richard J. Bolte School of Business. “This group of emerging leaders entered the program with a diversity of cultural backgrounds, industry experiences, and business skill sets. They quickly formed a cohesive unit with a collective goal to develop into effective leaders and managerial decision-makers.”

The commencement speaker was acclaimed local business leader and University Trustee Emeritus Peter Plamondon. In 1980, he formed Plamondon Enterprises, which operates seven area hotels and Roy Rogers restaurants. Previously, Plamondon was been recognized for his commitment to Frederick County and the local business community, and in 1995, he was formally recognized as “Business Leader of the Year.”
MOUNT PARTNERSHIP CREATES PATH FOR EARLY LAW SCHOOL ADMISSION

Mount St. Mary’s University is partnering with The Catholic University of America’s Columbus School of Law in a 3/3 program, which permits qualified students to obtain both an undergraduate degree and a J.D. in only six years, saving the cost of a full year of college tuition.

The 3/3 joint bachelor’s degree/J.D. program allows students to double-count first-year law courses toward the completion of a bachelor degree and the start of a law degree. Mount students from any major, who meet the requirements in their undergraduate studies, can gain direct admission into the CUA program after only three years of undergraduate study.

“We are delighted to be partnering with The Catholic University of America in this initiative and offer Mount students a creative option for early law school-admission,” said Edward Egan, director of the Mount’s Pre-Law program. “This agreement gives Mount students a clear and early path to a highly respected law school.”

Students may apply to the condensed dual-degree program if their undergraduate G.P.A. and LSAT score meet program thresholds.

“For Mount students, of course, the prospect of saving a year of college tuition and moving quickly toward obtaining a law degree is particularly attractive. For us, it is an opportunity to further our goal of attracting the best and brightest applicants available to our Law School,” said Daniel F. Attridge, Dean and Knights of Columbus Professor of Law.

“3/3 programs are not for every student. But for a select few, who carefully plan out their undergraduate experience in order to meet the relevant requirements as needed, and who are fully prepared to move on to law school after only three years of college, 3/3 programs represent a great opportunity,” said Dean Attridge.

The Mount’s Pre-Law program is grounded in the university’s acclaimed Veritas common curriculum—which focuses on developing critical thinking and writing skills necessary for success in law school and beyond. The program offers valuable real world experience and exciting internship opportunities with law firms, judges, government agencies, and elected officials. The Mount’s nationally renowned Law Advisory Board and Mount Mentors participants meet and receive counseling by attorneys who are leaders in private practice, government, and public service.
The Mount St. Mary’s University Board of Trustees recently elected John E. Coyne, C’77, as Chairman.

Coyne, Vice Chairman of Brinker Capital, a $16 billion investment management firm based in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, is a long-time member of the Mount’s Board of Trustees, most recently serving as Chairman of the Endowment Committee. He replaces outgoing Board Chair Emeritus, Eugene M. Waldron, Jr., C’64.

“John is a true Son of the Mount and his past leadership on the Board has been significant,” said University President, Thomas H. Powell. “He brings a wealth of energy and commitment to this position, and I’m absolutely certain his alma mater will benefit from his service as Chairman. I look forward to working with John and members of the Board in strengthening the Mount for future success.”

“As our Mission Statement states, for more than 200 years, the Mount has cultivated a community of learners formed by faith, engaged in discovery, and empowered for leadership in the Church, the professions, and the world,” said Coyne. “I am humbled to accept the mantle as Chairman, and I am confident the Mount will continue to expand its forward momentum.”

ADDITIONAL EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE BOARD INCLUDE:

Mary D. Kane, C’84, as Vice Chair of the Board. She is the President and CEO at Sister Cities International in Washington, D.C.

Paul J. Palmieri, C’92, as Secretary of the Board. He is a Venture Advisor at New Enterprise Associates in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Michael R. Holly, C’68, as the Treasurer of the Board. Now retired, he was the Founding Partner and Managing Director of Safeguard International, in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

Solar Charging Station

One of the Mount’s newest projects gave students much more than an educational experience when they used the newly installed solar-powered charging station to juice-up their laptops and mobile devices during a brief campus-wide winter storm power outage in January.

The charging station is located outside the School of Natural Science and Mathematics, and is part of an exhibit which continues inside Coad Hall. The outside area, protected under the canopy of the 8-foot tall solar panel array, provides shade and weather protection with picnic tables, educational displays and a charging station for portable electronic devices—completely powered by solar energy. Inside, the exhibit area contains an additional charging area, a real-time display of the energy produced by the 100-acre solar array on east campus, and information about renewable energy.

“The purpose of these exhibits is to educate our campus community and our visitors about the importance of using renewable energy sources,” said Jeffrey A. Simmons, dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics. “This array is a practical way people can observe the transformation of the sun’s energy into clean, direct power.”
MOUNT ALUM EARN BALTIMORE MARATHON TITLE

Brian Rosenberg, C’99, won the 2014 Baltimore Marathon on October 18, cruising to an unchallenged victory in a personal-best two hours, 33 minutes and 27 seconds.

Rosenberg, of Mechanicsburg, Pa., overtook 2013 marathon champion Dave Berdan, about halfway through the 26.2-mile course.

“At that point, I realized it was my race to win,” Rosenberg said. “But that was no guarantee I’d win. I knew I needed to run smart and summon enough strength to cover the second half of the race without falling apart.”

Rosenberg, 37, finished third in the Baltimore marathon in 2013, running 2:40:07. His previous personal best came last November in Philadelphia, when he finished in 2:34:02.

He well remembers his days running cross country and track at the Mount.

“My Mission Statement asserts that Catholicism is a driving force on our campus and that we are called to help our students mature spiritually regardless of their own faith perspective. Msgr. Swetland’s presence and ministry on our campus strengthened our commitment to help our students prepare to be responsible leaders who live by high moral and intellectual standards.”

He has a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in Politics, Philosophy and Economics from Oxford; a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts from Mount St. Mary’s Seminary in 1991; and earned his Sacred Theology Licentiate and Sacred Theology Doctorate from the Pontifical Lateran University. Msgr. Swetland was named a Prelate of Honor in 2000 by St. John Paul II.

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“I think the best part of my Mount track days was the camaraderie of the team,” Rosenberg said. “Whether distance runners, sprinters or field athletes, we all respected each other and pulled for each other, and I have a lot of good memories involving not just the distance runners but also the sprinters and decathletes and throwers and hurdlers. We really had a lot of dedicated, talented athletes wearing those Mount uniforms.”

Rosenberg is married to Jessica Totaro, C’99. The couple has four children—Leah (age 8), Megan (6), Peter (4) and Luke (2).
RICHARD J. BOLTE, SR. SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Karl W. Einolf, Ph.D., Dean

JOHN BALCH RETIRES AFTER 30 YEARS

Accounting lecturer John Balch recently retired from the Mount after 30 years. Known for his passion for mentoring students and his generous support of organizations such as the Delta Mu Delta business honor society, Balch always lent a hand to any student, faculty or staff member facing tax-related issues.

“John Balch has been a favorite professor of so many students since he came to the Mount. Not only is he passionate about preparing students to be accountants, he also cares deeply about helping students get ready for life after college. His presence on campus will definitely be missed,” said Karl Einolf, dean of the Bolte School.

One of the more rewarding aspects of imparting knowledge to young adults was the opportunity to ‘make a difference’ in their lives; not only within the classroom, but by mentoring, advising, and listening to and caring about their goals and aspirations, their fears and trepidations, and their concerns about what they should do when they ‘grow up,’ Balch said.

“It was very gratifying and fulfilling to witness young freshmen develop into mature college graduates and go on to achieve professional success and personal growth. It is comforting to know that I leave behind a faculty that will continue to make a difference.”

NFL CONCUSSIONS: WHO’S RESPONSIBLE? WHO PAYS?

The 2014 Symposium for Corporate Social Responsibility focused on the controversial topic of concussions for NFL players. The panel featured Tony Agnone, C’75, president and sports agent of Eastern Athletic Services; David Cloutier, Ph.D., associate professor of theology; Kevin Crutchfield, M.D., neurologist at Sinai Neurology Associates; and Arthur McAfee, III, J.D., former counsel for the NFL Players Association.

The Bolte School of Business has held the Symposium for 21 years. The event serves as a bridge between strong business and economics programs, and the liberal arts. The concepts of corporate social responsibility—the search for a value-driven life, respect for others, the need for constraint on greed, putting aside arrogance, and the pursuit of social justice—provide the foundation of the Bolte School business curriculum.

BOLTE SCHOOL HOLDS ANNUAL ETHICS PLEDGE

Charles Haberkorn, C’80, served as the keynote speaker at the annual Ethics Pledge signing in the spring. Members of the Class of 2014 signed the pledge to always act ethically in the business world, ensuring a strong foundation as they move from classroom to career.

FACULTY NEWS

Mike Barry, Ph.D., associate professor of economics, worked with the Ukrainian government during the crisis there this spring and summer. He presented his research on the macroeconomic effects of a shutdown in the natural gas trade between Russia and the Ukraine.

Patrice Flynn, Ph.D., associate professor of business, was recently named the Morrison Professor of International Studies.

John Larrivee, Ph.D., associate professor of economics, has been named to the honorary post of BB&T Scholar. In his new role, Dr. Larrivee will direct the Bolte School’s BB&T Center for the Study of the Moral Foundations of Capitalism.

Cyd Maubert, lecturer in marketing, was named director of the Master of Health Administration program.

Fr. Elias Yelovich, assistant professor of information systems, has joined the Bolte School faculty full-time—teaching information systems and business classes. Fr. Yelovich is a familiar face in the Phillips Library, where he developed the collection in theological studies. He has taught information systems classes in the Bolte School part-time for more than a decade.
LEON KASS

Leon Kass, M.D., Ph.D., renowned scientist, philosopher, bioethicist, and defender of dignity and liberal education, spoke to students, faculty, and staff as the inaugural speaker in a new endowed series, the Ducharme Veritas Lectures.

Dr. Kass is the author and editor of multiple books on topics ranging from food and marriage to American history and the interpretation of Genesis. One volume, conceived when Kass was the Chairman of the President’s Council on Bioethics, is called Being Human: Core Readings in the Humanities. All freshmen read selections from this book before they arrive on campus and read more selections for the Veritas Symposium, a course designed around exploring what it means to be human.

Kass’s lecture, “The Other War on Poverty,” addressed the difficult search for meaning amidst great material prosperity. His lecture called students to find purpose in their lives through meaningful work, love and family, service to country, and the pursuit of truth—themes central to the Mount’s common liberal arts curriculum and its Catholic mission.

MARYLAND STUDENT LEGISLATURE

Kevin Rein, C’15, is the new governor of the Maryland Student Legislature (MSL)—a student-run nonprofit organization providing college students with hands-on experience as members of the state government.

Students are elected each year to delegations, and then simulate the legislative process by researching issues, proposing legislation at the committee level, reporting to the full assembly, and debating and voting on legislation in a full student-legislative session.

Rein, Lieutenant Governor Maria Sofia, C’16, and Speaker of the House of Delegates Ryan Bolger, C’15, make up three of the top spots in the Student Legislature for the coming year.

“We are thrilled that three of the top positions are held by Mount students,” said Maureen Oakley, associate professor of political science. “This is a great learning opportunity where students write and debate their own legislation, and if the legislation is passed by the Maryland Student Legislature, it can be forwarded on to Maryland government officials for consideration.”

Rein is the first Mount student to be elected governor. He won a tightly contested election that required a re-vote, as neither candidate had a constitutional majority in the first round of voting.

3-D TECHNOLOGY AND FINE ARTS

The Mount’s newest art class doesn’t meet in Barrett Hall—it meets in the computer lab in the Academic Center. Students in 3-D Design use special software to create three dimensional images which they can print out using the Mount’s new 3-D printer. The printer creates the objects by layering different materials into a pattern. Nick Hutchings, assistant professor of visual and performing arts, says the printing process is slow—taking between six and 24 hours for each piece. Hutchings thanks Mount alumnus Dr. John Bruno, C’62, for funding the printer’s purchase.

On Campus

FACULTY NEWS

A book on the death penalty edited by Trudy Conway, Ph.D. (philosophy) and David McCarthy, Ph.D. (theology) recently received two awards. Where Justice and Mercy Meet received first place in the Faithful Citizenship category in the 2014 Catholic Press and Book Awards, and third place in the theology category in the 2014 Excellence in Publishing Awards from the Association of Catholic Publishers. Nearly a dozen Mount faculty members from various disciplines contributed to the publication.

Studying abroad in Salzburg, Austria this summer, several Mount students and program director Andy Rosenfeld, Ph.D., associate professor in the visual and performing arts department, had the opportunity to perform twice alongside Austrian citizens, during Mass at the neighborhood Maria Hilfe Church, and the following week during Mass at the Franziskanerkirche (Franciscan Church) in a performance of Haydn’s Missa in Tempore Belli.

History professor Charles Strauss, Ph.D., led a special weekend trip for twelve honors students to New York City. Building on the Veritas Program’s “American in Global Context” course, the group’s visit included a tour of the Tenement Museum, a concert in Carnegie Hall, and Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral.

Scan here to watch the lecture or visit msmary.edu/VeritasLecture
SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES
Barbara Martin Palmer, Ph.D., Dean

On Campus

TEACHERS OF PROMISE
Outstanding future teachers of Mount St. Mary’s University, Rachel A. Baranoski, secondary math; Maria K. Myron, secondary social studies; Laura E. Michelli, elementary/special education; Michelle A. Butler, elementary; Megan C. Lynch, elementary/special education; Kathleen Mallow-Sager, art; and Michael DeLizia, secondary social studies, represented the Mount at the 2014 Teachers of Promise Institute. It was a day of learning as some of the nation’s top educators addressed the group. Sean McComb, 2014 Maryland Teacher of the Year and National Teacher of the Year, addressed the group of Maryland pre-service teachers. Each pre-service teacher was paired with a mentor, a current or former Maryland Teacher of the Year, to provide support beyond the Institute into the first year of teaching. The Institute is intended to attract and maintain the best and the brightest teachers to Maryland public schools, and the Institute is sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education, Maryland Independent Colleges and Universities, SMART Technologies, and Comcast.

NEW DEPARTMENT CHAIR
Barbara Marinak, Ph.D., was recently appointed to a three-year term as chair of the Education Department. Dr. Marinak came to the Mount in 2011 as an associate professor, with previous university experience in literacy education at Millersville University of Pennsylvania and Penn State Harrisburg. Her P-12 teaching experience includes both instruction and administration. Dr. Marinak has written more than 40 publications on topics including motivation to read, response to intervention, children’s literature, and engagement. She is a member of the National Joint Commission of Learning Disabilities and the Literacy Reform Task Force of the International Reading Association.

“St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was a great witness for not only Catholic education, but also the faith,” said Mucci. “I look forward to continuing my teaching, scholarship and service in the spirit of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.”

Mucci teaches special education courses at the Mount. While completing her master’s degree, she was a special education teacher of second- and third-grade students with emotional or behavioral disorders.

Her research interests include disability and Catholic social teaching, inclusive education in Catholic schools, and teacher education.

CJSA SPONSORS PURPLE HEART CAR SHOW
The Criminal Justice Student Association is one of the most active student groups on campus. In September, the group sponsored a car show to benefit injured men and women of the military and law enforcement. Proceeds support the Mount’s Purple Heart Scholarship Fund for Veterans continuing their education. The event, now in its sixth year, draws exhibitors and spectators from the tri-state area. In 2013, the car show attracted an exhibitor from California who wanted to honor a fallen comrade.

FACULTY NEWS

Layton M. Field, Ph.D., joins the SEHS as assistant professor of sociology. He earned his Ph.D. at Texas A&M University, and will teach research methodology, statistics and introduction to sociology.

Ernest Solar, Ph.D., joins the SEHS as assistant professor of education. Prior to the Mount, Dr. Solar served as a special education teacher managing students in secondary school with emotional disabilities in Loudoun County Public Schools, Virginia.

Patrick A. Ryan, Ph.D., earned tenure and promotion to associate professor of education. Dr. Ryan teaches foundations of education classes as well as the secondary methods class for teaching social studies. Dr. Ryan serves as the advisor to the education honor society, Pi Lambda Theta. He is co-editor of a volume on the representation of teachers in media.

Kim P. Hansen, Ph.D., earned tenure and promotion to associate professor of sociology. Dr. Hansen teaches a variety of sociology classes and annually presents a public lecture on the principles of non-violent protest comparing Martin Luther King, Jr. to Mahatma Ghandi. His book, Military Chaplains and Religious Diversity, has garnered wide acclaim, leading to many national and international speaking engagements.
Jeffrey Simmons, Ph.D., Dean

MOUNT ALUM PUBLISHED IN JOURNAL SCIENCE

Ariel Wirchianski, C’13, is part of an international team of scientists whose research on a deadly virus similar to Ebola could help save thousands of lives.

The deadly disease is called Lassa Fever and is found primarily in West Africa. It causes an estimated 100,000 deaths annually and in March 2014 was diagnosed in an individual in the U.S. Wirchianski works in the virology lab at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases (USAMRIID) at Fort Detrick in Frederick, Maryland.

Wirchianski, along with three other team members, studied the way the Lassa virus infects healthy cells—discovering that the virus uses a two-step process when attacking those cells. Their work confirmed similar studies by scientists at the Netherlands Cancer Institute, Harvard Medical School, and the University of Kiel in Germany, and their findings were recently published in the prestigious journal Science. Wirchianski was hired by the USAMRIID researchers after visiting the lab on an immunology class field trip because of the insightful questions she asked.

“Science is recognized globally as one of the top-tier scientific research journals, and when your work is recognized in its pages, it is quite an accomplishment,” said Katy Dye, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology.

MEREDITH LECTURE

Dr. Frank Delmonico, C’66, presented this year’s Meredith Science and Culture lecture. Delmonico, professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School-Massachusetts General Hospital, spoke on the connection among organ donation, human rights, and social justice. He is the medical director of the New England Organ Bank, the immediate past-president of The Transplantation Society, and an advisor to the World Health Organization in matters of organ donation and transplantation.

New Chemistry Instruments

Chemistry students will be using two new state-of-the-art instruments in lab, an ultraviolet-visible wavelength spectrometer and a potentiostat, thanks to grants from the John J. Leidy Foundation and the Spectroscopic Society of Pittsburgh. The grants were obtained by Dr. Christopher Bradley. The instruments will be used to quantify and identify chemical compounds in liquid samples.

MATHEMATICS MAJORS CHOSEN FOR PRESTIGIOUS SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAMS

Three Mount students recently participated in high-level research projects at three universities. They describe their work:

Michelle Rose, C’15
Rochester Institute of Technology

My partner and I studied unit bar visibility graphs and combined this idea with bar visibility numbers to create the unit bar visibility number of a graph. We calculated the unit bar visibility number of several types of graphs and made an algorithm that informs you of the lowest number of unit bars needed to create and simplify the graph.

Camille Sanchez, C’15
North Carolina State University

My project group focused on developing and refining 3-D models for curvature mappings of the cornea. These maps and validation models will allow optical coherence tomography imaging machines to produce more accurate and higher resolution images.

Alexandra Van Neste, C’15
Carnegie Mellon University

My research focused on making a Trinomial model and programming with Maple to compute current values of call options in the stock market. I not only loved digging deeper into mathematics, but also learning about finance and computer programming.
NEW SEMINARIANS
The Mount welcomed 37 new seminarians from 15 dioceses to begin their studies for the Holy Priesthood. During this academic year the Seminary will educate 160 men from 27 dioceses and two religious communities in the United States and Sri Lanka.

MSGR. THOMAS J. TEWES RECEIVES CARDINAL McCLOSKEY AWARD

Monsignor Thomas Tewes, C’59, S’63, also studied at the North American College in Rome. He received the 39th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award at the traditional Seminary Alumni Reunion Dinner on October 7. 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. Monsignor Tewes was ordained to the priesthood in 1963. While a seminarian at the Mount, he was the student in charge of the Grotto, and made several improvements during his tenure, as well as developed a close friendship with Father Stanley Rother.

During his 51 years of ministering in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, he has served in various parish communities: Associate Pastor, All Saints Parish in Baltimore, and Pastor at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish in Govans, Church of St. Michael the Archangel in Overlea, and Our Lady of Hope Parish in Dundalk. He is recently retired from the Archdiocese but will be remembered for his faithful generosity to his parish communities and the Mount over the years.

A new statue of Cardinal John McCloskey, America’s first cardinal, Albany’s first bishop and graduate of the Mount, has been placed on the plaza outside O’Donnell Lecture Hall, with gratitude to the generosity of some of our Diocese of Albany Mountaineer priests. The blessing of the statue was done by Archbishop William E. Lori, S.T.D., S’77, of Baltimore.
OVER THE SUMMER:
ANNUAL SEMINARY ALUMNI RETREAT

The annual Seminary Alumni Retreat was held at the Mount, June 16-20 with Monsignor Aloysius Callaghan, S.T.L., J.C.D., Rector at Saint Paul Seminary in Minneapolis, MN, presiding as the Retreat Master.

This year 55 priests, representing 31 years and 20 dioceses, traveled to campus to participate. It is always a time of spiritual and emotional renewal for many of the alumni priests who attend, away from the business of parish life.

The next retreat will be held June 15-19, 2015, with Fr. Michael Champagne, CJC. He serves as the Retreat Master at the Community of Jesus Crucified, Our Lady of Sorrows Retreat Center in St. Martinsville, LA.

For more information, please contact Mary Anne Shields, Administrative Assistant of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations at shields@msmary.edu.

IMPROVEMENTS

A number of enhancements and repairs have been made to the Seminary Gardens recently. St. John's Well has undergone substantial upgrades and is sure to be a great place for meditation as well as summer wedding photos. The statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary, along the Parents’ Walkway, has been turned inward towards the mountain along with a few benches and landscaping. This will now be a quiet place of meditation, known as Mary’s Garden. The short flight of stairs that leads up to the Stations of the Cross, has been repaired along with added railings for support. And the Stations of the Cross themselves, have also been improved with new paint and lighting.

IN MEMORIAM

Fr. James J. Murphy
Seminary Class of 1945
Archdiocese of Philadelphia
March 7, 2011

Fr. Howard T. Clark
Seminary Class of 1957
Diocese of Wilmington
September 8, 2014

Fr. Peter Herhenreader
Seminary Class of 1957
Diocese of Scranton
May 15, 2014

Father Joseph V. Messer
Seminary Class of 1961
Archdiocese of Baltimore
July 16, 2014

Fr. Thomas J. Kerestus
Seminary Class of 1969
Diocese of Allentown
September 17, 2014

Fr. Richard J. Dair
Seminary Class of 1980
Diocese of Arlington
May 21, 2014

Fr. John Markell
Seminary Class of 1984
Diocese of Pittsburgh
March 31, 2014

Msgr. John R. Pennington III
Seminary Class of 1979
Archdiocese of Washington
October 7, 2014

May they rest in peace.

Priests from the Diocese of Metuchen attending the retreat:
THE NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES CONTINUES TO GROW

“The Grotto has always been a place for growth in spirituality and appeal,” said Lori Stewart, Director of the Grotto. “The visions and generosity of our benefactors have physically grown the Grotto especially within the past year by adding the Miller Family Visitors Center.” The visitors center provides a central point of information, restrooms and custom momentos available in St. Bernadette’s Shoppe.

The growth has provided additional hospitality to thousands of visitors and received an overwhelming positive response; however, with this growth, the Grotto experienced growing pains. The National Shrine welcomes nearly 2,000 visitors on weekends. Congested traffic and heavy pedestrian crossing has caused a concern in areas especially in the upper parking lot in front of St. Mary’s Chapel where Mass is celebrated at least once a week. In consideration of visitors’ safety, the lot was closed earlier this year.

Fortunately, a plan to repurpose was strategically planned two years ago during the Miller Family Visitors Center construction. The area between St. Mary’s Chapel and entrance to the Rosary Lane path is an ideal location for additional gardens and shrines to continue the Marian theme of the national shrine.

“The Catholic Church is growing worldwide especially in Asia and Africa. The Grotto, as a part of the Mount community, embraces diversity and welcomes Catholic tradition diverse geographic, economic and racial backgrounds,” said Stewart. “What a perfect place to continue to honor our patron saint, Mary, by possibly adding depictions of her apparitions in India, Egypt and Japan.” Our Mother Mary is a figure of perfection as she embodies ideals such as purity, free of sin and a loving mother. New representation of Mary will attract more pilgrims to identify and associate with her image.

The goal is to grow the area, with gifts from generous donors, and complete the project within a few years.

ST. JUDE SHRINE REDEDICATION

The St. Jude statue and its newly surrounding shrine was rededicated in August.

The statue was installed in the late 1990s through the generosity of Dr. Vincent and Mrs. Amy Pisula. The Pisula family has had a great devotion to St. Jude, patron saint for desperate situations, for many years.

The Staten family has also had a great dedication to St. Jude. Joe Staten, Mount St. Mary’s University alumni (class of 1989), often walked the Grotto grounds when he attended the Mount. Today, Joe’s daughter, Mary Catherine, is a student. The continuing legacy of Mounties and his love for the Grotto made Joe realize this national shrine is the best place to memorialize his father, Robert Shekletski.

The Staten and Shekletski families made it possible for the St. Jude statue, given by Dr. and Mrs. Pisula nearly 20 years ago, to be commemorated with a patio and walls. The area now has become a shrine for the popular saint.

The rededication began with the celebration of Mass in St. Mary’s Chapel, a blessing at the St. Jude Shrine and ended with a private reception. Dr. and Mrs. Pisula, Mrs. Grace Shekletski (wife of the late Robert Shekletski), Mr. and Mrs. Joe Staten and other family members attended.
LARGE SCALE MAY CROWNING AT GROTTO

The Pangborn Memorial Campanile topped with the image of Mother Mary shines as a beacon of hope for those who pass this sacred spot and is seen for miles across Pennsylvania and Maryland.

Fifty years ago, on May 1, 1964, the 95-feet high bell tower crown with a 25-foot, gold-leafed bronze figure of the Blessed Mother, Our Lady of Grace, was dedicated to the visitors of the Grotto of Lourdes as a gift of the Pangborn Foundation of Hagerstown, Maryland. The Pangborn Memorial Campanile stands on the site of Father John DuBois’ original Church on the Hill, which burned on July 4, 1913.

The May Crowning, the feast that recognizes Mary as queen of heaven and earth, is a tradition carried through the years since the 18th century. “Our university motto proclaims Mary ‘Spes Nostra,’ Mary our Hope, and crowning her celebrates our faith, identity, and community under her guidance,” said Fr. Dan Mindling, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary Academic Dean.

“Finding the crane company was our first hurdle, but it was the biggest. I really think we can make this happen!” said Cindy Kokoski, Assistant Director of the Grotto. Steve Gregory (husband of alum Cecilia Wivell Gregory, C’89) owner of Big Hook Crane and Rigging, will donate the use of the crane. “We are now looking for someone who can make the crown and be assured that it is secured well to survive the weather elements throughout the month.”

The May Crowning is scheduled to be held Sunday, May 3, 2015, at 1 p.m. (Date and time will be confirmed early next year at www.msmary.edu/grotto or call 301-447-5318.)

The estimated circumference of Our Lady is 12 ft. (making the diameter roughly 3.8 ft.) The florist, Will from Flower Fashions Inc., will be making the crown out of silk flowers so they will last throughout the month of May. They will come attached, like a piece of garland, on a 12 ft. zip-tie.

This Christmas, Give the Gift of Prayer

This Christmas, remember your loved ones with the gift of prayer from the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Enroll your loved one to be remembered during the Christmas Eve Mass at the Grotto of Lourdes, St. Mary’s Chapel on the Hill, December 24, at 4 p.m.

Light a votive to shine as a beacon of hope for your loved one during this Christmas Season. Visit www.msmary.edu/grotto

MOUNT ST. MARY’S CEMETERY

Located on St. Mary’s Mountain, the Mount St. Mary’s Cemetery is a private cemetery available to the Mount and Grotto of Lourdes communities.

Cremation niches are available in the Seton Columbarium as well as several cremation burial plots.

Opportunities are also available to memorialize a loved one with the purchase of a granite bench at the Columbarium.

For more information please contact 301-447-5318 or email Cindy Kokoski at kokoski@msmary.edu.

Grotto of Lourdes Christmas Ornament

As we prepare for the birth of Christ, let us honor Our Blessed Mother in our homes.

“The Immaculate Conception” St. Bernadette Shoppe 301-447-5444
It started innocently enough.

Thomas H. Powell, the relatively new president of Mount St. Mary’s University, viewed the pastoral landscape surrounding campus and liked what he saw … pristine mountainsides, beautiful terrain, world-class fly fishing, trails and streams and rock formations.

“As educated people, our students should understand they are part of this great world we live in,” said Powell. “I thought it was important to capitalize on our location and give students the opportunity to enjoy it.”

An avid outdoorsman himself, and having started a successful outdoor program at his previous university, Powell set out in 2004 to develop a program at the Mount. Soon after, he hired Ken McVearry, now the Mount’s assistant dean of students and director of campus activities and student leadership, who had built a similar program at Loyola University.

“I was fortunate that Loyola embraced my vision for building something more than a weekend trip program—a program that could give kids real direction,” said McVearry, who in his college days had been more rebel than leader. “If I had been a part of a program like this as an undergraduate, I might have been saved from myself much earlier.”
At the urging of his father (Kenneth L.), a 1967 Mount alumnus and Trustee Emeritus of his alma mater, McVearry agreed to a meeting with President Powell. “I was happy at Loyola and thought the meeting was about sharing information,” McVearry said.

Little did McVearry know, President Powell had a more potent agenda—hiring McVearry not only to develop an outdoor adventure program, but to take it to another level.

“I wasn’t sure I was ready to start all over,” McVearry admitted. “But during my visit to the Mount, I saw how they were really trying to invest heavily in student development. I realized that if I took the job I would be getting in on the ground floor of something really special—something that could be an exciting contribution and a difference-maker for students.”

So McVearry said “yes,” and ran with it.

“When I was in the early stages of conceptualizing what I wanted, I did not envision it to be the leadership program it has become,” said Powell. “Ken and Chris (Chris Duffy, now director of the program) have taken it to a level I could never have imagined. They took a good idea and built it into a big, successful program that really transforms students’ lives. No president could talk about a better team. I can’t believe it’s been 10 years.”

Much More than a Field Trip —

The Mount’s Outdoor Adventure program is for avid outdoor enthusiasts and for people open to new experiences. It’s for people in excellent physical condition and people who aren’t. It’s on-campus and off … a few hours, or several days.

Outdoor Adventure expeditions range from daylong team-building exercises on the Mount’s ropes course to weeklong fall, spring, or summer-break trips. The locations are endless and there is much to choose from … Costa Rica or Belize, Maine or West Virginia, or some other interesting destination. There is caving and mountain climbing. Ropes courses and backpacking, and camping and canoeing.

Participants range from incoming freshmen, to students at any point in their academic journey, to intercollegiate athletics squads. Even Mount faculty and staff members are benefitting from the program. Participants certainly have fun, but Outdoor Adventure is much more than recreation. It is about empowerment and leadership—challenging people to trust each other, find courage, overcome obstacles and negative thoughts, build relationships, celebrate differences, and strengthen the bonds among team members.

It is an intentional way of helping students discover who they are and see the meaning in their lives, and it has grown over the course of a decade to the point where waiting lists for some of trips and activities are common.

Oh, and it is run entirely by student leaders.

Yes, students. Not Mount staff members. Not “adult chaperones.” Outdoor Adventure leaders are undergraduate students who complete a vigorous and rigorous yearlong training program encompassing the full spectrum of what they need to know. They must develop a proficiency in every activity they might lead, and they must be proficient in first aid, safety and emergency response, group facilitation, risk management, and more.

“Outdoor Adventure leaders are really para-professionals,” said McVearry, explaining that students not only lead expeditions, they also plan the adventures, suggest new training modules and activities, interview candidates, and talk about the program to prospective students. “There is tremendous responsibility associated with leading students on expeditions, keeping them safe, and fostering the kind of reflection that fosters meaningful realizations and outcomes. Our leaders are prepared to handle any situation.”

“AS LEADERS OF THE PROGRAM, WE ARE SORT OF A BIG FAMILY. WE LIKE TO INVITE OTHERS INTO THAT FAMILY WHEN WE GO OUTSIDE.” – Caitlin Gagnon, C’15.
“The training program is pretty intensive,” said Outdoor Adventure leader Caitlin Gagnon, C’15. “It requires a lot of commitment, but it prepares us to create powerful experiences for the participants.”

Recalling a student on a climbing trip who panicked on her way to the top, Gagnon said she realized the program’s capacity to transform someone’s attitude or confidence level.

“It’s ok. I’ve got you,” I said. And then she gave me this look that said she knew she was safe.

“It was a big confidence-booster for the student, and I realized that being a support system for someone can be as simple as helping someone up a climbing wall or offering emotional support,” Gagnon continued. “As leaders of the program, we are sort of a big family. We like to invite others into that family when we go outside.”

Echoing her sentiments about family, leader Bobby Tennesen, C’16, said the program transformed him from a “pretty insecure person” into someone who really knows his self worth. “I learned I am part of a community that supports and loves me—that you get stronger when you step out of your comfort zone. That it’s ok to fail because there are people there to back you up,” he said, adding that he passes on these lessons when leading other students.

Leader and recent graduate Katie Scott, C’14, got hooked on the program when she participated in a Mountward Bound Exploration adventure, one of the Mount’s pre-orientation programs for first-year students. The trip introduced her to unfamiliar outdoor experiences and, she said, helped her find a deeper meaning.

“I remember a moment when I was rock climbing on the highest crag in Maryland. I was almost at the top, and it was very scary. I was 70 feet in the air. I didn’t think I could do it, but I mentally powered myself up and over and immediately felt a sense of empowerment,” Scott said.

The experience motivated Scott to become a leader as well.

“Coming in as a freshman—to a university where you don’t know anyone and joining a program that pushes you beyond your limits—you learn to be confident in yourself as an individual, whoever that individual is,” Scott said. “Through training and leading trips, I realized the best way to successfully lead other people was to be the person you were created to be.”
Faith. Discovery. Leadership. Community —

“Mount St. Mary’s uses adventure expeditions to open people up and ask bigger questions,” explained Duffy. “The program fits perfectly with Veritas, our common curriculum, and with the four pillars of the Mount—faith, discovery, leadership, and community.”

Believing the program has evolved into one of the best in the country, Duffy said they are working to meet the more than 200 standards necessary for accreditation by the Association of Experiential Education (AEE), a highly regarded international professional organization. When accredited, the Mount will be one of only 13 colleges in the country to achieve the distinction.

“We chose to seek accreditation to both strengthen our program and provide it the national recognition it deserves,” Duffy said.

Taking on Clients —

Interested students aren’t the only ones benefitting from Outdoor Adventure. More and more, campus groups and departments are turning to Outdoor Adventure to facilitate retreats and group experiences.

“We were exploring ways to bring our faculty and staff together to kick off the academic year,” explained Karl Einolf, Ph.D., dean of the Mount’s Bolte School of Business. “We wanted something that would be low impact but meaningful—a way for us to come together as a team and as a group. Outdoor Adventure put together a program that was perfect for our needs.”

The Outdoor Adventure leader facilitated creative activities to help the Bolte faculty and staff work together, think about their mission, and learn it is okay to ask for help. “I think the lessons stayed with us the entire year,” Einolf said, adding he looks forward to making it an annual event. “We were particularly pleased because a student led the activities, and it was clear to us that she is the kind of person we want to graduate from this university. Poised and confident, she was in her element, and the faculty got a lot out of the experience.”

Another “client” of Outdoor Adventure was the Mount’s men’s basketball team, which participated in a two-day camping trip in a remote area in the mountains of West Virginia, without cell phones, or any technology, for that matter.

“I think it’s really important to give our guys experiences they wouldn’t normally have—to let them experience adversity,” explained Head Coach Jamion Christian, C’04. “We spend a lot of time playing basketball, but that shouldn’t be what their whole experience is about. As an educator, I have a responsibility to push them out of their comfort zones, force them to work together in different ways, and help them develop an appreciation for people around them. The Outdoor Adventure program made a big impression.”

“Through training and leading trips, I realized the best way to successfully lead other people was to be the person you were created to be.” — Katie Scott, C’14
Team members were given a backpack containing something important for the group. After hiking to a campsite in the rain, the team used the contents of their backpacks to set up camp. “We had to pitch tents, purify water, make our food,” said Christian. “We had a lot of fun and learned to work together. Outdoor Adventure was excellent with us. They allowed our guys enough leeway to learn but to think their way through obstacles and lead on their own. It was interesting to see the group dynamics—how different guys responded to the challenging situations. It was an experience the team will talk about forever.”

Intended Consequences —

“Outdoor Adventure is a wonderful, true, transparent example of our integrated curriculum,” Post continued. “Yes, these are fun activities, but so much emotional intelligence and self exploration and faith journey occurs. It’s something prospective students get excited about and something current students really embrace.”

Alumni of the program point to their Outdoor Adventure experiences as pivotal to their future success. Bennett Myers, C’09, is a resident in emergency medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center.

“All of my best friends, all of my best stories, and even my career decision came from my experience with Outdoor Adventure,” he said. “I really thought I wanted to be a physical therapist, but the first responder training I received shifted my interest to emergency medicine. As leaders, we felt we were part of something important. We could lead trips and be confident in our abilities and in each other. We grew as people through our varied experiences with CRUX, and through the trips we led we were able to help promote the personal growth of others.”

Grace Andrews, C’13, had never been camping when she went on a Mountward Bound Exploration trip before her freshman year at the Mount. “I absolutely fell in love with it because of the faith the trip leaders had in us and how they saw our potential. I still look back on it as being very formative for me.”

Now a graduate assistant for the outdoor adventure program at the University of Nebraska, while she works on her master of arts degree in political science, Andrews believes she will find a way to integrate her Mount experiences in leadership development and outdoor adventure with her future plans.

“It’s a little bit of a different path, but I see a lot of middle ground between outdoor adventure and government work. I’d like to one day work for a non-governmental organization focused on leadership. You never know what the future holds, but I’m sure the Mount Outdoor Adventure program prepared me for whatever I’ll do.”
Another Decade of Adventure and Transformation to Come

It started as a great way to celebrate the location of the Mount. It evolved into a program building leaders and changing lives, and fits perfectly with the mission of the Mount, which reads, in part: “we seek to cultivate a community of learners formed by faith, engaged in discovery, and empowered for leadership in the Church, the professions, and the world.”

“When students look back on their time at the Mount, I hope they will say these were the real formative days of their lives—that this was a time of growing and discovering what’s in their heart, what they want to be, and the kind of virtues they want to live by,” said Powell. “Outdoor Adventure is one of the ways the Mount prepares students to be contributing members of society.”

MOUNTWARD BOUND

—Transitioning to College in the Wilderness—

Exploration is one of five pre-orientation programs offered to incoming freshmen. Run by Outdoor Adventure leaders on the beautiful lands surrounding campus, Exploration uses camping, canoeing, hiking and other adventures to ease students’ transition from home to college and help them build a social network before classes begin. Outdoor Adventure leaders answer questions, foster friendships and trust, and challenge students to know themselves as well as each other as they prepare for their college experience.

“The program is incredibly transformative,” explained Chris Duffy, program director. “The difference in students’ confidence levels from day one to day five is just incredible.”

“Exploration was, for me, undoubtedly one of the best decisions I’ve made. It has contributed not only to making me a lot of new and incredible friends, it has also helped me to get involved and feel more comfortable on campus—making the college adjustment so much easier than I could’ve ever hoped.”

—Aimee Solano, C’18

“I thought this trip was just going to be about canoeing, caving and rock climbing, but I was very wrong. I found myself frightened about these next four years but the group I was with made me feel very comfortable about coming into college. The trip taught me the past is the past and the Mount is a place for me to start a new chapter in my life. I cannot wait to see what this university and God has in store for me.”

—Anthony Coulson, C’18

“I can’t even put into words how incredible my Mountward Bound trip was. I was terrified coming into a school where I didn’t know anyone, so being able to form deep connections with a small group of people and our trip leaders took a great weight off of my shoulders, knowing that I had people who had my back.”

—John O’Connor, C’18
Let the Mount Mayhem Begin

The Reining Northeast Conference Champions
Mount St. Mary’s men’s basketball Coach Jamion Christian will test his team with a challenging schedule. The reigning Northeast Conference champions will play six of their first seven games on the road, including games at Arizona, Wake Forest, Seton Hall and Notre Dame. The home opener is slated for November 19, against Maryland-Eastern Shore.

“Our team has been hard at work since our NCAA tournament game in March and we are very excited about the challenging schedule ahead,” said Christian. “Each season when we start our new journey we look to play against the very best in the hopes of learning about our team in the best environments. We are continuing to strive to be the type of program who thrives in competition. Without question this schedule will be as challenging as any schedule in our league and will prepare us for the tough slate ahead in Northeast Conference play.”

Women’s Basketball Reveals 2014-15 Schedule
Coming off the program’s best season in 15 years, Mount St. Mary’s women’s basketball Coach Bryan Whitten announced the team’s 2014-15 schedule. The arduous slate features eight games versus teams that played beyond their conference tournaments last year, including matchups with Maryland, Fordham and N.C. State.

“Coming off a very good year, we enter the season with energy and enthusiasm, and a few question marks,” Whitten said. “Anytime a team loses five seniors, there’s going to be some question marks, but I can tell you, this team has worked extremely hard in the offseason and began our fall workouts with a lot of excitement. I’m anxious to see which returners take on new roles and how our talented freshmen class transitions. I am definitely looking forward to getting started.”

NEW ADDITIONS TO MOUNT ATHLETICS

Lauren Schwarzmann
Women’s Lacrosse Head Coach

Stephen Notebaert
Strength and Conditioning Coach

Hannah Thomas
Student-Athlete Academic Success Coordinator

Mount Athletics

2014-2015 MEN’S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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WINTER HOMECOMING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

Save-the-date to cheer on the men’s basketball team as they take on St. Francis (Pa.) and the women’s basketball team takes on St. Francis University. All are invited to attend a pregame social sponsored by the Office of Alumni Relations. Check your e-mail for further information as the event approaches!
Mount Athletics

STUDENT-ATHLETE ACADEMIC HONORS

Mount Women’s Swimming Wins CSCAA Scholar All-America Honors

The Mount St. Mary’s women’s swimming team was honored for excellence in the classroom by earning the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Team Scholar All-America Award.

The Mount received the award after posting a 3.34 team grade point average for the spring semester. During the fall, the team also earned the honor after combining for a 3.30 GPA.

The Team Scholar All American Award is presented to college and university swimming and diving teams, who achieve a team grade point average of 3.0 or higher. The award is presented twice annually, once in the fall semester and again in the spring to recognize teams achieving a 3.0 in the semester coinciding with the NCAA/NAIA/NJCAA/CCCAA Swimming and Diving Championships.

Mount Track and Field Freshman Julian Woods Earns USTFCCCA Academic Honor

Mount St. Mary’s track and field standout Julian Woods, C’17, (Sykesville, Maryland / Century) added to his growing resume by earning a place on the U.S. Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team.

Woods, who recently completed his freshman season at the Mount, won gold medals at the Northeast Conference outdoor championships in the 110m hurdles and the 400m hurdles as well as the 60m hurdles at the NEC indoor championships. Woods advanced to the NCAA Quarterfinals in the 400m hurdles during the outdoor season.

Woods has a 3.71 grade point average, and qualified for the USTFCCCA All-Academic Track and Field Team by surpassing the minimum GPA of 3.25, in addition to meeting the requirements on the track.

Student-athletes must finish the regular season ranked in the national top 96 in an individual event or ranked in the national top 48 (collective listing) in a relay event for the indoor season, or participated in any round of the NCAA Division I Championships during the outdoor season.

A total of 496 men’s track and field athletes from 165 schools met the qualifications. Woods is the first Mount runner to take home the honor since Gigi Gibilisco was recognized in 2011 and 2012.

Danaher, Brown Earn Spot on NABC Honors Court For Classroom Excellence

Mount St. Mary’s men’s basketball players Taylor Danaher, C’15, (Fredericksburg, Virginia / Fredericksburg Christian School) and Aaron Brown, C’15, (Fort Worth, Texas / Fort Worth Country Day) were recognized for their work in the classroom during the 2013-14 season by earning a place on the National Association of Basketball Coaches Honors Court.

Danaher and Brown, who were part of the 2013-14 squad that won the Northeast Conference championship and earned a berth to the NCAA tournament, were among the record number 895 student-athletes honored by the NABC.

Mount St. Mary’s was one of the 335 colleges and universities from across the nation to place at least one player on the NABC Honors Court.
YOU DID IT!  
THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING IN THE MOUNT!

Thanks to the Mount community, our alumni and friends raised $8.9 million to enhance the Mount mission. Mount alumni pulled together to reach a remarkable 24% alumni participation, inching past last year’s 23%. 6,804 alumni, parents, employees, students, friends and organizations stood up and said, “I ❤️ the Mount!”

Donors who support the Mount faithfully year after year help to ensure the university has the resources needed to effectively fulfill the educational mission, prepare leaders for a better society and maintain our mountain home.

MOUNT CLUB TOUTS RECORD BREAKING YEAR, ANNOUNCES “I MOUNTED UP” INITIATIVE FOR 2014-15

The Mount Club, the University’s athletics official fundraising arm, concluded the 2013-14 fiscal year in record-breaking fashion. The department touted all-time highs in dollars raised, annual memberships, and major gift commitments towards annual fund and capital projects. Additionally, participatory giving programs such as “High Five The Mount” and “MOUNT Madness” raised more than $10,000 for Mount student-athletes.

To continue building upon the generous support of Mount family and friends, the Mount Club has announced the ‘I MOUNTED UP’ initiative for the athletics annual fund. The initiative encourages increased support for the 2014-15 fiscal year (July 1, 2014-June 30, 2015) with specific giving programs tailored to every level of supporter.

“The tradition of outstanding athletics at the Mount began modestly on Echo Field. Today, we are very proud of our student athletes and our beautiful athletic facilities at the PNC Sports Complex. However, the continued financial support of our alumni, friends and benefactors is critical in order to achieve exceptional results in the classroom and on the athletic field” says Robert J. Brennan, C’85, Vice President for University Advancement.

To view the Time To Mount Up! annual report and learn more about the initiative, why your support matters, and the different ways you can impact Mount student-athletes visit www.mountathletics.com/mountclub

NEW ADVANCEMENT STAFF

Amanda DeFalco  
Kimberly Johnson  
Gayle Luksic  
Administrative Assistant, Development  
Director of Development  
Administrative Assistant, Alumni Relations

Patrick McAuliffe, C’81  
Emily Myers, C’13  
Luke Reetz  
Director of Gift Planning  
Assistant Director, Annual Giving  
Director of Seminary Development Alumni Relations

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MOUNT CLUB ANNOUNCES CAR RAFFLE TO BENEFIT ATHLETICS

Mount St. Mary’s University is once again teaming with Shockley Honda in Frederick—sponsoring a car raffle benefitting the Mount’s intercollegiate athletics program.

Shockley Honda provided a 2015 Honda Fit EX for this year’s raffle, with proceeds supporting the Mount’s 16 Division I athletics teams—enhancing the experience for more than 300 Mount student-athletes.

“The Shockley family has very generously supported the Mount and our athletics program for more than 30 years,” said University President Thomas H. Powell. “It means so much to continue this relationship and we are grateful for (General Manager) Mike Shockley’s friendship, and for everything his family continues to do on behalf of our student-athletes.”

Mike Shockley is a Mount graduate (MBA’90).

The Honda Fit EX features a one-touch power moon roof, air conditioning, Bluetooth streaming audio, and a multi-angle rearview camera. The Fit boasts an eco-friendly miles per gallon rating of 32 in the city, 38 on the highway.

Frederick-based Signs By Tomorrow provided the exterior promotional vehicle signage.

Raffle tickets are $20 each and available at most Mount St. Mary’s home intercollegiate contests throughout the 2014-15 season. The car will also be featured at various special events around campus and throughout the surrounding communities.

The winner will be drawn during the Mount’s Reunion Weekend on June 6, 2015.

For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Michael Paulus, director of athletic development, at 301-447-5705, or visit the Mount Club online at www.mountathletics.com/mountclub/index.

$20 COULD WIN YOU THIS 2015 Honda Fit EX

BUY YOUR Raffle Tickets

IN PERSON: At most home Division I athletic events through the 2014-15 season

BY PHONE: Mount Club Office at 301-447-5705

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Creating a Legacy—Albert J. Laun, P’34

Albert graduated from the Mount’s prep school in 1934 and later earned a B.A. from Villanova University. He remained a lifelong Mountaineer until his death at the age of 95.

Al’s younger brother, Joseph P. Laun, followed him to the Mount. Joe was in the prep class of 1936 and the Mount class of 1940. Together Al and Joe formed the Laun Brothers Lumber Company in Baltimore, Maryland, still in business today.

Al began a pattern of contributing to the Annual Fund every year until his death. The highest level of giving is signified by the John Dubois Society for gifts of $10,000 and up, and Al met or exceeded that mark every year. The Mount’s archives show that Al and Joe contributed to the Mount’s loyalty fund back in the 1950s. Msgr. Hugh J. Phillips sent ‘Thank You’ notes to the Laun brothers and explained that the funds were being used to finance the construction of the library and the science building. The Laun’s played a big part in making that happen.

Al also named Mount St. Mary’s University as one of the beneficiaries in his will for a multi-million dollar gift. What a wonderful way to remember the Mount and leave a lasting legacy for future generations!
REUNION 2014—More than 800 alumni and friends gathered at the Mount, June 6-8, 2014 for the Annual Reunion Weekend celebration. Highlights of the weekend included the dedication of the Residential Cottages, Mass and presentation of the Golden Mountaineer Medals to the Class of 1964, the Bruté Medal award ceremony; the Annual Reunion Golf Tournament, Elizabeth DiNunzio Memorial 5K, academic presentations, the traditional reunion festival, the Silver Anniversary Social on Bradley Porch, class socials and dinners and our newest tradition—the Night on the Mount, featuring live entertainment and delicious food right from the Bada Bing Food Truck.
THE COTTAGES AT ALUMNI COURT
Alumni, staff and friends gathered for the dedication and blessing of the Cottages at Alumni Court on June 6. Completed in the fall of 2013, the Cottages now house 40 students. President Powell expressed his deepest appreciation to everyone that helped make the Cottage vision a reality including members of the Board of Trustees, the Classes of 1964, 1968, 1973, the National Alumni Association and Warner Construction – the builder and designer.

JOSEPH F. MARCEY, JR., SHADOWBOX & CLASS OF 1959 BENCH
Members of the Class of 1959 attended the blessing and dedication of the Shadowbox and Class bench during reunion weekend. Marcey’s shadowbox holds memorabilia from his time at the Mount including his student handbook and other yearbooks and school publications.

CLASS OF 1960 CLOCK
Several members of the Class of 1960 were in attendance for the dedication and blessing of the Class of 1960 Clock. Located near Patriot Hall, the Class of 1960 Clock has become a favorite meeting spot on campus for students and visitors. President Powell recognized the Class of 1960 as having great leadership and loyalty to the Mount.

GOLDEN MOUNTAINEER MASS AND DINNER

2014 BRUTÉ MEDAL
George Gelles, C’64, and Msgr. Tom Mullelly, C’74, were awarded the National Alumni Association Bruté Medal at the Golden Mountaineer Dinner.

Call for Nominations—Every Year the National Alumni Association presents the Bruté Medal, McCloskey Award, and Bishop Walsh Award to deserving alumni. In addition, the association selects worthy alumni for the Athletic Hall of Fame. Nomination forms and deadlines are posted on the National Alumni Association section of our website – visit msmary.edu/alumni for more information.
Hello Fellow Mount Alumni,

As I write this letter, the 2014 fall semester is in full swing! Everyone on campus is enjoying the beautiful fall colors on Mary’s Mountain. I am sure you remember the beauty that the autumn season brings to the Mount.

I have completed my first year as President of the National Alumni Association, and enjoyed attending many alumni functions in our regional chapters and on campus! The most enjoyable part of this role has been meeting many of you!

For those that attended Reunion Weekend in June—I am sure you would agree the weekend was a great success. During the Alumni Reunion Banquet we celebrated our newest Golden Mountaineer Class - the Class of 1964 and our 2014 Brûté Medal recipients, George Gelles, C’64 and Msgr. Tom Mulchelly, C’74. Congratulations to both of these well deserving alumni! Many thanks to everyone who made Reunion 2014 one of the best reunions ever.

On August 16, I was privileged to attend a Mass and Reception honoring Phil McGlade, C’70. Phil retired after 39 years of service to his alma mater. He served as Alumni Director for 28 years and most recently as Director of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations. Thank you Phil for all you did for the Mount and especially for the National Alumni Association.

Our Chapter Leaders continue to work hard to keep our alumni connected with their alma mater. I want to personally thank them for their commitment and dedication to the National Alumni Association. It is through their hard work that our association continues to grow.

Each year, the NAA presents candidates for the Brûté Medal and Athletic Hall of Fame. Please help us identify worthy alumni for these prestigious honors. Nominations can be submitted online or by contacting the Alumni Office.

This spring the National Alumni Association will hold an election for our officers and council. If you are interested in becoming involved, please consider submitting your name for our ballot. If you would like to nominate an alum, please follow the instructions outlined at www.msmary.edu/vote; nomination forms and election needs are available on this webpage.

I hope you and your family enjoy a happy and blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

To the Mount!!!!

Ellen M. Callahan, C’81
President, National Alumni Association
Ellen289@verizon.net

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1959
In May 2014, Tom Leonard, C’59, and his daughter Stacy Holden, ventured from their home in Florida to explore Tom’s roots. After a health scare a couple of years ago, Tom offered to take Stacy on a trip anywhere she’d like to go. Stacy decided she wanted to revisit his history and where he came from by traveling to the places of meaning in her dad’s life.

They went to New Jersey where he grew up stopping along the way to visit friends and his alma mater. They visited the Grotto with John Bailey, C’59, and met up with Alan Klug, C’57, and his wife who also happened to be visiting. They shared stories and took photos before continuing on their journey.

1960
Gene Sullivan, C’60, and Shirley Sullivan spent a weekend visiting with Leo Quinn, C’60, and his wife, Ann Quinn in Ballston Spa, NY. Together they attended the running of the Travers Stakes Derby at Saratoga Springs. Gene also had a recent visit at his home in Connecticut from Rev. Gregg Elliott, C’60.

1962
The St. Thomas More Society of the Diocese of Wilmington honored F. Edmund Lynch, C’62, at its annual dinner in May 2014. The St. Thomas More Society is an ecumenical group of lawyers and other members of the judiciary that promoted More’s ethical practice of the law and steadfastness in his faith. Lynch was honored for his dedication to his family, career and church.

1963
Edward J. Kuhn Jr., C’63, was awarded the inaugural Distinguished Alumni Award by the Wyomissing Area Education Foundation. The honor was presented at the foundation’s scholarship and awards celebration at Wyomissing High School on April 30, 2014.

1965
Bob Diegelmann, C’65, and Dave Davenport, C’65, attended the Wound Healing Society (WHS) meetings in Orlando in April. Diegelmann is the past president of the WHS and Davenport is currently legal counsel for the society.

1969
Mr. John J. Farley, C’69, was ordained a permanent deacon for the diocese of El Paso, TX in June 2014.

1974
John Jaffee, C’74, and wife Belinda, C’74, visited the Grotto for the first time since their plaque was installed and were able to take a selfie with it during Reunion Weekend.

Frank Kruppenbacher, C’74, was appointed by Florida Governor Charlie Crist and reappointed by Governor Rick Scott to the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority Board and elected as Chairman. Kruppenbacher practices law in Orlando, FL.

1977
Scott A. Hoover, C’77, Secretary, Treasurer and Managing Partner of Ira G. Mohler and Son Inc., was featured in the Reading Eagle Correspondent as he assumed part ownership of the Shillington Insurance Agency.

Fall 2014
1978

Barbara Spartana Conticelli, C'78, earned a master's degree in theology with honors from Franciscan University of Steubenville, in May 2014. Conticelli is teaching adult and high school religious education at St. Brigid Catholic Church in Johns Creek, GA.

1979

Tom Delmoor, C'79, and Ramie Delmoor celebrated more than 30 years of marriage together in 2014. The couple recently welcomed their fifth grandchild and eagerly await the arrival of their sixth later this year.

1980

Judy Mazzeo Zocchi, C'80, visited the Mount with 18 teens from Camp Jinka, the summer camp founded by Zocchi. Camp Jinka is a free summer program offered by the David S. Zocchi Brain Tumor Center to kids and teens whose lives have been impacted by a loved one's diagnosis of a brain tumor. Judy's husband, Dave Zocchi, C'82, died of a brain tumor in 2005.

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1983

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1984

Head Coach, John Ford, III, C’84, lead St. Theresa’s boys’ CYO high school team to a victory in the Diocesan Championship against Harrisburg City Catholic, 42-32. The team moved on to compete for the high school state title in Greensburg, PA.

1985

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1990

Tracey Yoho McCormack, C’90, adjunct media professor at UCLA, was selected to receive the UCLA Extension Distinguished Instructor Award for 2014. Established in 2006, the Distinguished Instructor Award recognizes exemplary teaching, professional knowledge and standing and outstanding commitment to students. This award celebrates the best of UCLA instructors, promotes excellence, and acknowledges McCormack’s personal role in supporting UCLA Extension’s important educational and public service goals.

UCLA also introduced the Tracey McCormack Scholarship fund in May of 2014. The McCormack Scholarship fund is a legacy scholarship in place to support students who desire an education at UCLA Extension in the marketing and advertising department. The scholarship is a symbol from UCLA Extension of the appreciation of Tracey’s 20+ years of service.

Tracey’s work at UCLA Extension was also recognized last November as she received the “Lifesaver Honor” from the Los Angeles’ premier charity, Ad Relief. Pictured, Midge Leys, Sister of Dennis Rogers, C’88; Liz McCabe Rogers, C’88; Tracey McCormack, C’90, and Marybeth Rogers were all present to celebrate Tracey’s life accomplishment during the ceremony in Beverly Hills.

For negotiating and creating solutions for large business customers around the world. She recently celebrated 30 years of service.

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Brig. Gen. Phillip M. Churn, C’83, stood before family and friends as his son, Phillip Churn, Jr. pinned the rank of Major General on his father’s uniform during a promotion ceremony on September 6. Confirmed by the 113th Congress and by the order of the Secretary of the United States Army, Churn now wears an insignia on his shoulders bearing two stars and is the Commanding General of The Army Reserve’s 200th Military Police Command. As the commanding General, Churn leads the largest military police organization in the Department of Defense and perhaps the world with more than 13,000 Army Reserve MPs living in 44 states. Responsible for leading, training, commanding and deploying over 97 percent of the U.S. Army Reserve’s Military Police Units, they are known as “Champions of Character.”

Major General Churn earned a B.S. in economics from the Mount and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery following his graduation. He also holds a Master’s in Strategic Studies from the United States Army War College. Churn’s previous assignment as commander / brigade task force commander, 333rd Military Police Brigade of Farmingdale, NY was recently deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. He is a highly decorated Officer and has been awarded over 13 medals including the Bronze Star.

“We are Soldiers, and the American public looks toward us to make sure everything stays right. Our mission is to ensure our American way of life endures.”—Major General Phillip Churn

1990

Jack Ruddy, C’90,
Lieutenant Colonel, recently completed the Mexican 1000 off road race from Ensenada, Baja, CA, to San Jose del Cabo, Mexico. Jack and his team placed fourth in their class. He is a pilot for both FedEx and the Air National Guard, and lives in New York with his wife Tracey Ruddy, C’90, and their two children, Piper and Jack.

1991

A group of 1991 Alumni gathered for a mini Mount reunion in Long Beach Island, NJ, over Memorial Day Weekend 2014. Mike Russo, hosted Dave Mackie, Dave Tebbens, and Dave Cassese, as they assembled for “Mike Russo’s down the Shore Jam featuring Dave, Dave, Dave & Friends.” The class of 1991 band mates were reunited after over 20 years and played a marathon jam session into the night. Special guest appearances included fellow classmates, Craig Gilinger, Mike Maryanski, Pete Sukosky, and Mike Connors.

1992

Gloriana Lopez-Lay, C’92, was appointed President of Del Campo Saatchi & Saatchi in Buenos Aires, Argentina. A 20 year industry veteran, Ms. Lopez-Lay takes the reins of the Network’s creative center of excellence and perennial industry hot shop that was named Ad Age International Agency of the year in 2011.

1994

Rev. John Williamson, C’94, was praised by The Catholic Review for overcoming two bouts of cancer within a four year time span. Almost one month to the day after completing chemotherapy, Father Williamson celebrated four Masses Easter weekend, then five Masses, two weddings and a first Communion the following weekend.

2001

St. Theresa’s head varsity basketball coach Jason Grace, C’01, lead his team in a religious education and team building trip to the Grotto of Lourdes.
2002
Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, has appointed John D’Adamo, C’02, as the next principal of St. Ursula School in Parkville, MD. John previously served as assistant principal of Immaculate Conception School in Towson, and was an English teacher at Archbishop Curley High School for 10 years. He began his new position July 1, 2014. John continues to live in Baltimore with his wife and daughter.

2003
Baltimore’s The Daily Record has named DeWitt Bauer, C’03, Business Development & Marketing Manager for Wilmot Modular Structures to the 2014 VIP List—Very Important Professionals Successful by 40 awards. Winners are selected on the basis of professional accomplishments, community service and a commitment to inspire change. Suzanne Fischer-Huettner, publisher of The Daily Record said, “The Daily Record is honored to recognize these young professionals who are making significant contributions to their professions and to the overall quality of life in Maryland.”

2007
Candace Masson, C’07, Marketing Director at Brown Schultz Sheridan & Fritz (BSSF), was awarded the Shining Star Luminary Award from the West Shore Chamber of Commerce near Harrisburg, PA. The award is presented to a business woman who excels within her work environment and community. Recipients of this highly respected award are recognized for their outstanding character, commitment, professional achievement, stellar performance and attitude. A major journey to note: in 2013 she led a team of 12 runners not only through a 199-mile relay race in Oregon, but they also raised $196,620 for the American Cancer Society.

2008
Meredith Pirone Cordisco, C’03, was appointed Directors Program Manager and Deputy Ombudsman at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, D.C. In this role, Cordisco is responsible for developing and implementing the policies and procedures regarding the selection, appointment, and eligibility of Federal Reserve System directors.

2008
Lauren Neville Neighbours, C’08, received her Ph.D. in microbiology and immunology from the University of North Carolina’s School of Medicine in April 2013.

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Heather LeGate, C’08, celebrates her son’s, Aspen Thomas, 5th birthday this year! Aspen is on the autism spectrum, but was able to celebrate his special day with Heather at Busch Gardens.

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Criminal Justice and Psychology
New Castle, DE
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Benjamin McNamee, C’15
Accounting
Sharpsburg, MD
“I am both honored and grateful to be a recipient of the Carl J. Fives Alumni Scholarship. I cannot express the amount of gratitude for the support for students like me. I am a first generation college student and I look forward to joining the alumni community.”

Nicole Presti, C’15
Elementary and Special Education
Baltimore, MD
“It is truly an honor both to receive this scholarship and to be able to call the Mount my home. I am confident that the experiences and the knowledge I have gained here will help me make a difference in the lives of my future students.”

Christina Siebertz, C’15
Economics / German Minor
Ipswich, MA
“I am honored and blessed to receive such a prestigious award from the Mount St. Mary’s National Alumni Association. My personal and professional aspirations to positively impact society through the lens of economics has now been furthered by the generous alumni of our wonderful university. I plan to reflect the Catholic spirit of the Mount in all that I hope to achieve. I will forever hold the spiritual and intellectual tradition of the Mount close to my heart.”

Connecticut Chapter Scholarship Recipient
Kristina Caravelli, C’15
Biology
Ridgefield, CT
“I cannot begin to express the many ways this scholarship will assist me in pursuit of my educational goals here at the Mount and beyond. I would like to thank the Connecticut Alumni Chapter for selecting me as the 2014 recipient of this scholarship. I am very humbled by the receipt of this award and thankful to all those who made it possible. The support and strength of the Alumni Association is just another example of the strong community atmosphere that continues after graduation and I look forward to one day becoming an active member and contributing to this legacy.
I am very grateful for this opportunity and I am excited to represent this program in my academics, athletics, as well as with my involvement in the Mount community.”

Baltimore Chapter Scholarship Recipients
Casteel Johnson, C’16, and Alexandra Van Neste, C’15

Stephanie Townsend, C’15
Business Finance
Mechanicsville, MD
“Helping others is a lifelong passion of mine. Receiving this scholarship allows me to fully embrace my experiences at the Mount and use my knowledge and wisdom I have gained to help others throughout the rest of my life.”

Alexandra Van Neste, C’15
Mathematics
Fallston, MD
“Receiving this scholarship is an amazing honor for me and also a great financial blessing for my family. I am so thankful that this will help me complete my mathematics degree at such a wonderful university.”

Seminary Recipients
Deacon Shanaka Mendis and Deacon Gerald Ferreira, both Class of 2015, studying for the Archdiocese of Colombo, in Sri Lanka. The announcement was made at the annual Priest Reunion Dinner on October 7.
**Births**

**Edward A. Everett, Jr. C’95, and Amy Everett**  
**Joseph Daniel Everett**  
April 5, 2014  
8 lbs., 6 oz.  
Joseph joins his two sisters, Morgan (12), Grace (8), and brother Samuel (10).

**Heath Tarbert, C’98, and Kate Tarbert**  
**Nathaniel Prescott Tarbert**  
September 7, 2014  
7 lbs., 10 oz.  
Nathaniel joins his brother Ben.

**Peter Mannix, C’01, and Marleen Mannix**  
**Peter Michael Mannix**  
November 23, 2013  
Peter Michael loves his sisters Grace (7), Abigail (7), and Sarah (4). He was baptized on March 15, 2014 at St. Veronica Parish in Chantilly, VA., with the Rev. Michael Isenberg, S’13, concelebrating.

**Erin Woerner, C’01, and Patrick Woerner**  
**Callahan Patrick Woerner**  
April 2, 2014, 5:49 p.m.  
8 lbs., 13 oz., measuring 22 and 1/4 inches long.

**Jason Mitchell, C’03, and Laura Jezek Mitchell, C’06**  
**Morgan Anne Mitchell**  
May 1, 2014  
Morgan is pictured with her big brother Andrew.

**Jillian Gladhill Yoingco, C’04, and Dennis Yoingco**  
**Ava Elizabeth Yoingco**  
March 31, 2014, 8:33 a.m.  
4 lbs., 15 oz., measuring 18 inches  
Bethesda North Hospital, Cincinnati, OH

**Lauren Smarkanic Lang, C’05, and Chuck Lang, Jr.**  
**Katelyn Ann Lang**  
July 25, 2014  
Katelyn joins her big brother, Ryan (3).

**Jonathan Davis, C’06, and Christine O’Brien Davis, C’06**  
**Brayden William Davis**  
December 25, 2012

**Erin Shoop Clark, C’09, and Joshua Clark**  
**Taylor Jane Clark and Camden Derek Clark**  
June 28, 2014  
Hagerstown, MD  
Taylor 5 lbs., 3 oz., measuring 19 inches  
Camden 5 lbs., 2 oz., measuring 18 inches  
Pictured are the newly born twins with Taylor on the left and Camden on the right.

**Melissa Phillips Matesa, C’07, and Noah Matesa**  
October 5, 2013  
National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Emmitsburg, MD  
Included in the wedding party are alumni Lucas Matesa, C’99; Julie Arnold McIntosh, C’07; Meghan Rueter McMahon, C’07; and Jennifer Sabo Saxton, C’08.
Jillian Driscoll, C’08, and Patrick Thumm
April 27, 2013
Alumni Emily Fiorenza Wallace, C’08; Ashley Wentzel, C’08; and Shane Delaney-Lazar, C’08, served in the wedding party.

Megan Corbett, C’11, and Jesse Ziegler, C’09
May 3, 2014
Danbury, CT.
Alumni in attendance pictured are: Logan Tell, C’08; Kacie Mulligan, Hannah Delli, C’11; Allison McNulty, C’10; Robert Sabo, C’11; Angela Craig Vazzana, C’12; Sarah Silviak Sabo, C’11; with daughter Jane, Derek Bridge, C’11; Megan Corbett Ziegler, C’11; Jessie Ziegler, C’09; Amanda Althoff, C’11; Regina Hinkle, C’11; Caroline Kenwell, C’10; Nadia Saleh Smith; Jen Sabo, C’08; Greg Pollack, C’05; and Jen Fox, C’06.

Erin Shoop Clark, C’09, M’12, and Joshua Clark
October 19, 2013
St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Silver Spring, MD
Alumna Christina D’Agostino, C’09, served as a bridesmaid in the wedding party.

Chelsea Johnson Osorio, C’10, and Favio Osorio, C’09
May 25, 2014
Albemarle, NC.
Alumni in attendance pictured from left to right: Eddie Barahona, C’11; Jim Ganley, C’09; Nick Regester, C’09; Amanda Kingston C’09; Katie Fives, C’09; Jillian Cardina, C’09; Matt Logie, C’09; Mike Ruth, C’12; Joanna Hallahan, C’81; Meredith Mahr-Eddums, C’10; Jaime Narbon, C’10; Abigail Narbon, C’10; Jessica O’Connor, C’11; Favio Osorio, C’09; Chelsea Johnson Osorio, C’10; Sam Walton, C’09; Brendan Tewey, C’08; Julie Novinskie, C’09; Alissa Thayer, C’09; Matt Sanicola, C’08; Robert Hallahan, C’13; Carly Landini, C’13; Taylor Place, C’13; Sam Kacyon, C’09; and Kaitlin Hallahan, C’09.

Meghan Brown Marinucci, C’11, and Andrew Marinucci, C’11
July 5, 2014
Chapel of the Immaculate Concepcion, Emmitsburg, MD
The couple was married by Rev. Neil Pettit, S’13.
Alumni in attendance pictured are: Gary Phinith, C’10; Matt Cech, C’10; Todd Westen, C’10; Molly Kristiniak Westen, C’12; Alison Werden Reeves, C’11; Amanda Cooper, C’11; Danielle Miller Brusauskas, C’11; Ariel Wirchanski, C’13; Phil Marron, C’11; Matt Brusauskas, C’11; Kyle Kane, C’11; Kevin Abdo, C’11; Buzzy (Christopher) Arthur C’10; Andrew Marinucci, C’11; Meghan Brown Marinucci, C’11; Matt Tuman, C’11; Tony Quaranta, C’11; Claire Hofmann, C’11; Emily Bolchaz, C’11; Tim Evelius, C’10; Heather Kurtzman Arthur, C’11; Emma Haley, C’11; Jeanne Benedetti, C’11; Sean Kearney, C’11; Sam Walton, C’09; Matt Blake, C’13; Elise Rudziel, C’11; Phil Tavares, C’11; Mike Salomon, C’13; Kelly Conroy Salomon, C’12; Taylor Place, C’13; and Carly Landini, C’13.

Sara Demes, C’12, and Richard Creek, C’12
July 19, 2014
Gettysburg, PA.
Alumni in attendance pictured from left to right: Qaeda Johnson, C’11; Sydney Jeter, C’12; Kaneisha Richardson, C’13; Edwina Barber, C’12; Sara Demes, C’12; Richard Creek, C’12; Michael Kram, C’12; Ryan Brophy, C’12; Katie Deane, C’11; Drew Spriggs, C’12; Vinny Cherry, C’13; Kacee Windsor, C’13; Jen Gasse, C’11; Gary Gasse, C’12; on the floor: Jake Nichols, C’12. Not pictured: Dr. Conway and Dr. Samples.
Chapter Notes

Baltimore Chapter

Annual Baltimore Chapter Golf Outing
The 8th Annual Baltimore Chapter Golf Outing was held April 28 at the Hunt Valley Golf Club. The event hosted more than 60 golfers and helped raise money for the Baltimore Chapter Scholarship. Pictured at the putting challenge: Brian Melody, C’99; Jeremy Trimble, C’98; Michael Smith, C’97; and Kevin Kalis, C’99.

Annual Baltimore Chapter Crab Feast
The 41st Annual Baltimore Crab Feast was held August 17 at Ocean Pride Restaurant in Lutherville, MD. Mounties and friends filled Ocean Pride for a fun afternoon of crab pickin’ and beer drinkin’!

Orioles Game
Rain or shine, Mounties came out in full force for the annual Orioles bullpen picnic and game. More than 150 Mount alumni, friends and family gathered to watch the O’s take on the Yankees! Many of our new alumni from the Class of 2014 attended, including: Mike Rath, C’12; James Bartolozzi, C’14; Claire Higgins, C’14; Melissa Hilleary, C’14; Jordan Bode, C’14; Alexis Hussey, C’14; Sarah Swope, C’14; Aubrey Rubino, C’14; John Dant, C’14; and Mike Zabetakis, C’14.

Carolina’s Chapter

Charlotte Knights Game
Mounties gathered in the heart of Charlotte, N.C., on May 10 for a night of baseball at the brand new BB&T Stadium to watch the Charlotte Knights take on the Buffalo Bisons!

Day of Service
Carolina’s Chapter Leader, Tim Buck, C’87, joined the Notre Dame Club of Charlotte in their annual community service event at Holy Angels. Tim and the Notre Dame Club sanded, primed and painted doors at Holy Angels main building.

Connecticut Chapter

Donald P. Quinn Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament
The Connecticut Chapter held its annual Donald P. Quinn Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament in West Hartford, CT, on August 5. Proceeds from the tournament benefited the Connecticut Chapter’s Msgr. William Culhane Scholarship Fund. That evening the Chapter hosted this year’s scholarship recipient, Kristina Caravelli, C’15, for a post tournament dinner. Pictured are: Kevin Finn, C’82; John McKee, C’65; NAA EVP George Gelles, C’64; Kristina Caravelli, C’15; Nick Dalidowitz, C’05; CT Chapter President, Dick Hart, C’65.

Bishop James E. Walsh Award
The Connecticut Chapter also honored Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Motta, S’72, with the Bishop James E. Walsh Award. This award was presented for his outstanding dedicated service to the Mount, the Church, his community and our beloved nation.

Pictured are Roger Schmiedel, C’59; John McKee, C’65; Charlie Shimkus, C’61; NAA EVP George Gelles, C’64; Msgr. Mike Motta, C’68, S’72; Nick Dalidowitz, C’05 and CT Chapter President, Dick Hart, C’65.

Delaware Chapter

Delaware Summer Beach Picnic
Alumni from the Mount and St. Joseph’s College gathered with friends, family and classmates for a day at the beach on July 13th. The group met at the beautiful beaches of Cape Henlopen for a mini summer reunion.
IN MEMORIAM

Below is a listing of alumni, who we learned died, since our last magazine publication (through October 16, 2014)

1930s
Dr. Albert S. Zdanis, C’39
February 19, 2014

1940s
Mr. George F. Combs, C’42
February 11, 2014
Mr. James W. Hafey, Sr., C’44
January 2, 2014

1950s
Rev. Salvatore Profeta, S’50
January 23, 2014
Dr. John J. Gable, C’50
February 19, 2014
Mr. Robert Joseph Vetrini, C’51
July 30, 2013
Dr. Robert F. Niedererr, C’53
May 23, 2013
Mr. John A. Mathis, C’53
July 2, 2014
Mr. Joseph E. O’Donnell, C’53
July 18, 2014
Mr. Edmund P. Karam, Jr., C’54
August 18, 2014
Col. Peter Joseph O’Hagan, Jr., USMC (Ret.), C’54
April 12, 2014
Dr. Andrew J. Peters, C’55
July 18, 2014
Dr. Elliott C. Flick, C’56
March 10, 2014
Rev. William H. Hart, S’58
March 31, 2014

1960s
Mr. William T. Kinneally, C’62
March 13, 2014
Mr. Stephen J. Marchant, C’62
April 26, 2014
Col. Richard A. Boaman, Jr., USAF (Ret.), C’62
July 23, 2014
Mr. Richard H. Spiegel, C’63
April 5, 2014
Mr. Richard Lawrence Graves, C’65
April 2, 2014
Mr. Thomas W. Bruner, C’65
August 8, 2014
Dr. John R. Cowden, C’67
August 15, 2014
Mr. Rocco F. Verrengo, S’68
October 1, 2013
Mr. James H. Snead, C’68
April 30, 2014

1970s
Col. Anthony I. Skur, Jr., C’72
September 21, 2014
Mr. Archie P. Owens, C’73
March 29, 2006

1980s
Mr. Robert J. Wicinski, MBA’80
April 9, 2014
Mr. John G. McMahon, C’80
September 21, 2014
Mr. James A. O’Donnell, C’86
April 20, 2014

1990s
Mr. Maurice L. Deprey, MBA’98
December 2, 2012

2000s
Mrs. Kelly L. Hale, MBA’07
August 29, 2014

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace, Amen. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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FREDERICK CHAPTER

Frederick Keys Game!
Mounties gathered at Harry Grove Stadium over Labor Day weekend to watch the Keys take on the Potomac Nationals in a doubleheader!

PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

The annual Philadelphia Chapter Family Picnic was hosted at the home of Kelly, C’90, and Joe, C’93 Catania on September 6. The picnic brought many families together for an afternoon of food, games and fun!

NEW YORK & NEW JERSEY CHAPTER

Organized by Marcie Blanco, C’93, Mounties from the New York and New Jersey area gathered for a happy hour and social on Park Avenue in July. The group took a break from the heat under the canopy at Naples 45 for drinks, food and fun!

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Dec. 2, 2014
Men’s BB vs. Seton Hall University Game & Pre-game Social
Dec. 2, 2014
Boston Chapter Kickoff Social & MSM Game Watch
Dec. 2, 2014
Denver Chapter Kickoff Social & MSM Game Watch
Dec. 6, 2014
Catholic Clash! Men’s Basketball vs. Loyola Game & Baltimore Chapter Social

Dec. 10, 2014
Delaware Chapter Happy Hour with a Purpose
Dec. 11, 2014
Carolina’s Chapter Meeting
Dec. 20, 2014
Men’s BB vs. American Game & Post-game D.C. Chapter Social
Feb. 28, 2015
Baltimore Chapter Winterfest
Feb. 26, 2015
Carolina’s Chapter Meeting
Mar. 7, 2015
NAA Leaders Meeting
Apr. 30, 2015
Carolina’s Chapter Meeting
Editor’s Note: Pat Decker, C’13, majored in psychology and was a student leader in CRUX, the Mount’s Outdoor Adventure program. He is serving in his second year as Director of Retreat Ministries at Toledo Catholic Schools in Belize, as part of the Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC).

It’s 95 degrees today and I have traveled approximately 40 miles over a 3-hour stretch. I was lucky and didn’t get the truck stuck in any muddy banks on the road. The last 10 minutes of my journey were spent climbing a steep hill to Sacred Heart Catholic School, my final destination. Upon my arrival I enter a classroom and already need to take my dress shirt off and sit for a minute. I feel sweat running down my forehead and cheeks.

In just a few minutes, 15 teachers join me in a circle of chairs—chairs that are much more appropriately suited to fit second grade students. One of the teachers cleans a small pile of bat droppings off my desk as a chicken crosses the classroom floor. It’s time to start the retreat—my second teachers retreat of the school year. I will lead 24 more before the school year is over.

I begin the teachers retreat much like I began almost every teambuilding I led with CRUX (Challenging Recreation, Unleashing Experience) at the Mount. After sharing our names, I ask the teachers to stand up and join me in a circle. I enthusiastically introduce the icebreaker, “We’re going to play ‘Thumb Grab!’” Blank stares. It’s my first time here and these teachers don’t know me. Skeptically, the teachers follow my instructions. My smile hides my nerves; I start the game. Boom. Instant laughter. We do it again—the laughter grows. We play three more times and the teacher’s still haven’t had enough.

My confidence soars and for the next five hours laughter permeates as we discuss the realities of teaching in the Toledo District of Belize. Here I am—a stranger, a foreigner, a privileged white man—listening to teachers twice my age, with years and years of classroom experience, share their realities—their lives—with me. It’s time to hear from Sacred Heart’s principal. She speaks about the challenges she experiences on a daily basis. Her responsibilities not only include administrative work for the school, but also teaching students in grades six–eight in one classroom at the same time. She talks about her struggles working with both the village council and the PTA—both groups have questioned her authority as principal because she is a woman.

As these teachers continue to share I sit in almost complete silence. What do I have to offer them? Who am I to be here? I’m only 23 years old and for the past four years I have lived in rural Emmitsburg, Maryland. I don’t know anything about what it’s like to be a teacher in Belize. As the conversation wanes, and the heat of the day reaches its peak, I do what I do best—I lead a teambuilding. Just like in CRUX. Just like I am back at the Mount. Instant laughter.

I learned a lot about myself in CRUX, and the most important thing is how to have confidence in myself. As a leader I was responsible for the mental and physical well-being and safety of hundreds of Mount students, professors and staff. In Belize, my responsibilities have only grown. The leadership development I experienced in CRUX allowed me to be myself and to laugh and learn with the teachers of Belize.

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David P. Conaghan, C’81

My time at the Mount gave me a great sense of pride and humility. My formation as a student enabled me to pursue a career in finance and serve the Mount in various capacities. I am honored to have earned my degree here and to have served as the Mount’s National Alumni Association President.

The Alumni Association is linked by generations of classmates, roommates, and teammates—life long friends, and legacy families—alumni who live their lives demonstrating the pillars our university was founded on.

I am fortunate to have traveled the world with our alumni and students, to witness their compassion, leadership and love of the Mount. I know with absolute certainty the Mount's commitment to faith, discovery, leadership and community will continue well into the Mount’s third century of service, and I believe my planned gift, and the additional support of fellow alumni and friends, will enable our blessed mission to continue.

—David P. Conaghan, C’81
Executive Director, CIBC Markets
Member of the Mount Board of Trustees
Former President of the Mount’s National Alumni Association

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Dec. 7, 2014**  
  - Seminary Open House
- **Jan. 24, 2015**  
  - Winter Homecoming
- **Mar. 7, 2015**  
  - NAA Leaders Meeting
- **Mar. 7, 2015**  
  - Deans Circle of Excellence/Alumni Hall of Fame
- **Apr. 21-23, 2015**  
  - SPARC Festival
- **Apr. 25, 2015**  
  - Around the Mount Triathlon
- **May 9, 2015**  
  - Baccalaureate Commencement
- **June 5-7, 2015**  
  - 2015 Reunion Weekend
- **June 15-19, 2015**  
  - Priests’ Retreat

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**SAVE THE DATE: APRIL 25, 2015**

The Around the Mount Triathlon took place on April 26 with 170 registered participants made up of alumni, students, seminarians, faculty, staff and community members. The race, a brainchild of **Colin Ward, C’94** and **Mike Zinzi, C’94**, included a .25 mile swim, 12.8 mile bike and 3.1 mile run. It was developed to challenge a seasoned triathlete but also be a good introduction to those new to the sport. The triathlon sold out in five days with an extensive waiting list. For more photos from the inaugural triathlon, visit msmary.edu/triathlon

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**REUNION TICA**

**Save-the-date**

**July 13-24, 2016**

In 2016 the Mount will celebrate 20 years of our summer Costa Rica program. As part of this celebration, a trip is being planned. Any student who studied with the Mount Costa Rica Program is invited to apply. Family and Friends will also be welcome. The cost will be announced in the Spring 2015 Mount Magazine. Application and first payment are due in June 2015.

If interested send an email to Dr. Diana Rodriguez-Lozano (lozano@msmary.edu) to be placed on the list to receive information directly.

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“**We were blessed to have excellent weather, a beautiful course, an enthusiastic crowd, and the post-race picnic was fun! We expect this will become a must on everyone’s spring calendar.**” — Colin Ward, C’94