THE WALDRON FAMILY
A Lifetime of Mount Memories
It has been the greatest honor of my professional career to serve as the Mount's 24th President. Over the past 11 years my love for the Mount, our alumni, students, faculty, staff and our supporters has grown stronger every day. Our campus is simply the ideal of an academic community, dedicated to God and our country. As you'll read on page 2, the Board of Trustees this spring extended my term as President to allow more time to search for my successor.

Leading a university is a team effort. During my time at the helm, I have been blessed with the wisdom and support of our Board Chairs, Tom O'Hara, C'64, Gene Waldron, C'64, and now John Coyne, C'77. In this issue you will learn more about Gene, his family and his diligent work to ensure a vibrant future for the Mount. All the trustees who have served the Mount over the past decade have done so with unselfish devotion and commitment to all that is good at the Mount.

Two members of my leadership team deserve special thanks for their extraordinary leadership. Our Executive Vice President, Dan Soller, serves our university with excellence. No university president could have a better Executive Vice President. His commitment and passion for our mission has been an example for all of us. Our Vice President for University Affairs, Pauline Engelstätter, is simply a wonder woman. Her professional skills, dedication and devotion to Mount St. Mary's are unequaled. Nothing we complete on campus is possible without their guidance, support and courageous leadership.

As the Mount continues in its third century of service, let us pledge our continued support and effort to live by our four pillars of distinction. Let us grow in understanding and practice our Catholic faith. May discovery lead us to new appreciation and knowledge of the beauty of God's creation. May our collective leadership allow us to build a more just world. And, let us continue to build an academic community of love and service that can be a beacon to all.

It is a distinct privilege to serve as President of Mount St. Mary's University. I am humbled and grateful the Board of Trustees asked me to remain at the helm while the search for my successor continues. And I know Irene is looking forward to continuing her work with the Mount Family Association, as well as coordinating many internal and external community programs and events.

May the peace and love of Jesus Christ be with you and your families, always.

Thomas H. Powell
President
THE WALDRON LEGACY
For 50 years, outgoing Board of Trustees Chairman Eugene M. Waldron, C’64, and his family have supported the Mount in countless ways—making an impact that will be felt for generations to come. The impact? Immeasurable. The legacy? Secured.

By Susan J. Burlingame

WAS THERE SOMETHING IN THE WATER?
Waldron, O’Hara, Curtin, Gelles, Smith, Finan, Keller, Goes, Campbell, Tinder. The names read like a who’s who of Mount legends, and on the eve of their 50th reunion, graduates from the Class of ’64 are undeniably proud of all they have accomplished—even on and off campus.

By Susan J. Burlingame
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**DR. THOMAS H. POWELL TO CONTINUE AS PRESIDENT AT MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY**

The Mount St. Mary’s University Board of Trustees has re-appointed current President, Thomas H. Powell, to continue in his position for another two years.

“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 John E. Coyne III, ’77, Chairman of the Board. “The Board is steadfast in its commitment to selectivity in its search for an exceptional leader. After careful consideration, the trustees are extending the presidential search process and are very grateful to President Powell for his ongoing service to Mount St. Mary’s University.”

Dr. Powell was appointed President in 2003, and during his tenure, the Mount experienced unprecedented growth and success. In recent years, the University achieved record-breaking student enrollment, an extensive renovation of the historic Terrace Residence Halls and the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center, along with the construction of the new Bicentennial Residence Hall, and the expansion of the University’s Frederick campus. In 2008, the University celebrated its Bicentennial and recently completed the Generations capital campaign, the largest campaign in its history.

President Powell led the Mount’s designation change from college to university status, as well as an academic re-organization. The Mount continues to grow its undergraduate and graduate programs, and the Veritas Program common curriculum and Institute for Leadership are recognized as national models in liberal arts education.

“During President Powell’s tenure, the Mount has experienced impressive growth in nearly every area,” Coyne said. “We are delighted with his decision to continue his work in leading the University to the next level, as it provides time to deepen our search for an extraordinary 25th President. “Working with President Powell the Board is confident we will continue to expand the University’s forward momentum.”

Office of Social Justice Director Awarded State-wide Recognition

Jeff Abel, director of the Mount St. Mary’s University Office of Social Justice, earned the Maryland College Personnel Association (MCAPA)—Dedication to Diversity Award. The award is presented to a faculty member, graduate student, administrator, staff member or student demonstrating a state-wide “commitment to cultural awareness and encouraging a multicultural approach with its staff, students, programming and/or community. The honoree must be in the forefront in promoting diversity in the student affairs arena and must have taken steps to break down walls of misunderstanding and ignorance.”

The MCAPA is a state division of the American College Personnel Association and designed to provide leadership to the student personnel profession through teaching, counseling, research, and commitment to productive change in college student personnel practices; to stimulate the professional development of college student personnel administrators within the state; and, to provide liaison between college student personnel and organizations concerned with higher education.

Under Abel’s leadership, the Mount’s Office of Social Justice oversees the university’s programs for students, faculty, and staff in service, service-learning, international immersion trips and community-based initiatives.

“We are very proud of Jeff’s work and we share his excitement for this well-deserved recognition,” said Dean of Students Michael Taberski. “Jeff not only embodies the spirit of the award in his work, he also inspires the student leaders involved in the Office of Social Justice’s programs to become change agents as well.”
Mount St. Mary’s University ranked fourth in the North Region in U.S. News & World Report’s inaugural rankings of its “Best Colleges for Veterans,” an online guide to help veterans and active service personnel pursuing a college education under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

The guide provides data and information on schools offering federal benefits, including tuition and housing assistance.

“The Mount has a long history of serving veterans, and we’re thrilled to be recognized for our commitment to those men and women who bravely serve our country,” said Michael A. Post, vice president for enrollment management. “Over the past few years, we’ve enhanced our services to recruit and retain traditional students on our main campus and for our non-traditional students on our growing campus in Frederick.”

The Mount, along with the other 233 schools identified in the guide, scored well in terms of graduation rate, faculty resources, reputation and other markers of academic quality measured in the 2014 edition of the “U.S. News Best Colleges” guide. The Mount qualified for the new rankings based on its certification for the GI Bill and participation in the Yellow Ribbon Program, two federal initiatives helping veterans reduce the cost of school.

Additionally, the Mount was recognized for its membership in the Service-members Opportunity Colleges (SOC) Consortium, which works to simplify credit transfers and provides veterans with credit for military training and national tests such as the College-Level Examination Program.

“While all prospective students seek a good education from a reputable institution, our military veterans can take advantage of expanded educational benefits under the Post-9/11 GI Bill,” said Brian Kelly, editor and chief content officer for U.S. News. “We developed these rankings to help them find a top-quality institution that also offers federal benefits that ease the burden of applying, paying for and completing a college degree.”

The Mount has a long history of serving veterans, and we’re thrilled to be recognized for our commitment to those men and women who bravely serve our country.

—MICHAEL A. POST, VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

“None of Us is Stronger Than All of Us”

As this issue of Mount Magazine went to press, the Mount’s men’s club rugby team was preparing to play in the National Small College Rugby Organization (NSCRO) “Final Four” in Glendale, Colorado, in late April—facing New England College in the NSCRO championship semifinals.

At the NSCRO regional tournament in Jacksonville, Florida, in February, the Mount beat Widener University, 23-10, in the Sweet 16; and Loyola University-New Orleans, 24-23, in the Elite Eight, to earn its trip to Colorado. Colin Tirney, C’15, earned tournament MVP honors for his performance and field leadership.

“This win exemplified what our team is about,” said Head Coach Jay Myles. “Our creed is ‘none of us is stronger than all of us,’ and we achieved our goal of playing in the Final Four.”

Myles believes the sacrifices players have made and the improvements in their rugby performance means the team’s hard work is paying off, and he is proud of the commitment and conditioning he’s seen from his team this season—on and off the pitch.

“One of the distinct traits about this team, and ultimately how I like to vision my coaching style, is that we don’t believe in superstars,” said Myles. “Every man should take care of the next man because together, we can accomplish anything.

If we play our brand of rugby, then we should have no problems as long as we stay true to who we are. We have high standards—play hard, play tough, and be strong mentally and physically, but most importantly, be respectful.”

Myles believes it is important that rugby training builds character so the athletes see something bigger than themselves and a higher purpose in life. During the trip to Jacksonville, the team visited Wolfson Children’s Hospital to distribute t-shirts and rugby balls, generously funded by a Mount Rugby alum. The team also coordinated service trips to a local soup kitchen and a wounded veteran center.

In an email to University President Thomas H. Powell, a parent whose daughter was admitted to the hospital the day of the team’s visit expressed, “I have never encountered a group of students who made a bigger or more positive impact than those young men did with everyone they met.” She described the Mount ruggers as “a group of polite, engaging, generous, kind young men who genuinely wanted to be in the room and be a part of what was going on.”

After winning the regional tournament, the team invited the patient to accept the championship trophy on their behalf. “Their enthusiasm was very much contagious—which is the one thing you DO want to catch in a hospital,” the parent said.

You can read about the team’s Final Four experience at www.msmary.edu/Rugby2014
Nine extraordinary alumni were inducted into the Mount St. Mary’s University Dean’s Circle of Excellence on March 8.

The Circle of Excellence recognizes distinguished Mount alumni—particularly those who have achieved significant accomplishments in their professional field or in service to their community.

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS**

**Katherine M. Marshall, C’77**, majored in English and went on to receive her J.D. from the Georgetown University Law Center in 1980, and practiced law in Illinois for several years with the Illinois Attorney General’s Office and Health and Human Services, specializing in litigation and appellate work. She has been an active volunteer for the past two decades, and serves on the Advisory Board to the Mount’s College of Liberal Arts.

**Philip Vincent Moyles, C’54**, majored in history, attained his law degree from the University of Virginia Law School and was admitted to practice in the US Court of Appeals 2nd, 5th and 11th Circuits and the State Courts Circuit of New York. He tried cases in U.S. District Courts in New York, Florida, Texas, and Oregon. He retired from the United States Marine Corps, with the rank of Major, in 2001. He served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, the Mount St. Mary’s Bicentennial Pioneers, and was a donor to the Veteran’s Walkway.

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES**

**Nora G. Dietz, C’00**, earned her degree in elementary education—graduating magna cum laude and was among the first to graduates of the Mount’s Weekend College. In 2005 Nora earned her master’s degree and entered school administration serving as an assistant principal and later as principal of Daly Elementary School, where she continues to serve. She supports the Mount through the School of Education and Human Services Fund for Excellence, as well as the Mount Annual Fund.

**Mary Lawrence Melvin, C’84**, graduated with a degree in sociology, and earned her MBA from the Mount in 1989. She began her professional career at the Mount as an admissions counselor and is currently president of the Waterford Creek Corporation and owner of the Melvin Group, a company that contracts with colleges and universities to supply microfridges for residence hall rooms. She holds a Certificate in Entrepreneurship from the University of Virginia and a Professional Certificate in Youth Ministry from the Archdiocese of Baltimore.

**SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS**

**H. Stephen Fletcher, M.D., C’63**, graduated with a degree in chemistry, and received his M.D. at the George Washington University School of Medicine in 1967. Dr. Fletcher is an attending surgeon and director of the Vascular Laboratory at St. Barnabas Medical Center in Livingston, New Jersey, where he has also served as co-director of the Intensive Care Unit. For the past 14 years, he has been leading humanitarian missions to Milot, Haiti, under the auspices of the Knights of Malta, and more recently the Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck, New Jersey.

**Salvatore J. Romano, C’63**, graduated magna cum laude with a degree in chemistry. He attended graduate school at Rutgers University and earned his Ph.D. in chemistry in 1968. He then embarked on a long and storied career devoted to developing innovative polymers and biomolecules for the food, biomedical, and pharmaceutical industries. He has held leadership positions in several companies, including Devro, Ortho Pharmaceutical, Ethicon, and Johnson & Johnson. Currently, he serves on the Board of Visitors for the Mount’s School of Natural Science and Mathematics.
MOUNT OFFERS CERTIFICATE PROGRAM IN GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING

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

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics counted almost 500,000 purchasing manager, buyers, and purchasing agent jobs in 2010, with an annual growth of seven percent. And today, job search web sites offer approximately 1,500 contracting job announcements in Maryland alone. In a 2011 National Contract Management Association Salary Survey, 28 percent of those responding were 55 or older and retiring within the next five years. In the same salary survey, respondents with graduate degrees had a median income of $105,000, or 18 percent higher than those with a bachelor's degree.

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

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

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

For more information please visit Government Contracting or contact the Mount’s Terry McCune at mccune@msmary.edu or 301-447-5908.
DEPUTIES TRAIN TO RECOGNIZE AND IMPROVE COMMUNICATION WITH PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES

Mount St. Mary’s University is partnering with the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office on an innovative training program for law enforcement officers—offering best practices on handling incidents involving individuals with intellectual disabilities.

People with Intellectual Disabilities and the Criminal Justice System, provides officers with training to recognize the differences between individuals with intellectual disabilities vs. mental illness, tips on identifying key characteristics, best ways of communicating, basic verbal de-escalation techniques and community resources available for individuals with disabilities.

This specific type of program is the first of its kind in Maryland and, according to Dean Ochoa, “we hope other Maryland agencies and local municipalities take a look at this training and see how it could improve response and an overall awareness for this population.”

Training sessions began in January and run through June of this year. They are delivered as part of the officer’s mandatory yearly in-service training and take place at the Frederick County Sheriff’s Office.

“We have identified a need for this training in law enforcement and public safety, and I am very pleased to be partnering with Mount St. Mary’s University to offer this curriculum,” said Sheriff Charles A. Jenkins. “This block of training could very well be the model for every agency in the State of Maryland.”

The curriculum and training sessions were developed and are co-facilitated by Mount St. Mary’s University President Thomas H. Powell and Gregory Ochoa, dean of the Mount’s Frederick Campus.

Both Mount administrators have adult children with intellectual disabilities and saw an educational lull in law enforcement with this type of special training.

“Throughout our country, people with intellectual disabilities, most of whom live in our communities, need understanding and special support,” said President Powell.

“We hope other Maryland agencies and local municipalities take a look at this training and see how it could improve response and an overall awareness for this population.”—DEAN GREG OCHOA

“It is wonderful that Frederick County is taking the lead to ensure its law enforcement deputies and other personnel are prepared to address the special needs of people with intellectual disabilities.”

Order Your Mount St. Mary’s Transcripts Online!

The Registrar’s Office recently launched a convenient service for current and former University students—partnering with Parchment, an electronic transcript company, to make ordering transcripts much easier. Now you can order transcripts online. Through a simple registration system, students set up an account with Parchment. You can request multiple official transcripts to be sent to organizations, individuals or to yourself—and once your account is set up with Parchment, you can return any time to place additional orders.

Transcripts will be available in both printed and electronic formats. The benefit of the “eTranscript” is the speed at which transcripts can be delivered, directly to the inbox of the recipient. Electronic ordering also includes email order confirmations. Students will no longer have to call the Registrar’s Office to find out if a transcript has been processed or sent. With eTranscripts, you will even receive notice when the recipient has opened the file!

There is no cost to send a printed or emailed transcript. Continuing our current practice, students only pay for expedited (FedEx) delivery of printed transcripts. In the initial phase of implementation, students can expect transcripts to be processed in around 3-5 business days. However, that time will shorten in later stages of implementation.

To order transcripts using this service, visit msmary.edu/transcript
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INaugural Master of Health Administration Class Graduates

Mount St. Mary’s University’s Inaugural Master of Health Administration Commencement took place October 6, at the Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center in Frederick. This first graduating class of 13 individuals earned their degrees as a cohort.

The Mount is home to Maryland’s only accelerated MHA program, which is a two-year program that prepares health services managers to integrate health care delivery systems and technological innovation by providing leadership and ethical decision-making skills for the intensely competitive health sciences field.

Keynote speakers at the ceremony included Mount St. Mary’s University President Thomas H. Powell, William Ward, C’65 (Director of the Master of Health Administration Degree program at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health), and Dr. Rachel Mandel (Assistant VP of Medical Affairs at Frederick Memorial Hospital and one of the MHA graduates).

During the ceremony, Dr. Edward Dolan, C’65, and Professor William Ward, C’65, were both awarded the President’s Medal in recognition of their contributions to our community. Dr. Dolan received the award for his leadership in the development of the Master in Health Administration Program at Mount St. Mary’s University. Professor William Ward received the award for his outstanding leadership and service to the health profession and to Mount St. Mary’s University.

SINGLE STREAM RECYCLING DEBUTS ON CAMPUS

Making recycling easier and sending less refuse to landfills is the goal behind the Mount’s recent switch to “single stream” recycling.

“Through the efforts of the Mount’s Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee, and the cooperation of administration and staff, we are offering single-stream recycling on campus—allowing the university to recycle much more material,” said David Wehner, associate professor of English and chair of the Mount’s recycling committee. “In the past, we couldn’t recycle glass, or paperboard boxes and certain plastics, but we can through the single stream process. The more we recycle, the better it is for the environment.”

Single stream recycling is a system in which all paper fibers, plastics, metals and other containers are mixed in a collection truck, instead of being sorted by the depositor into separate commodities. In single stream, both the collection and processing systems are designed to handle this mixture of recyclables, with materials being separated for reuse at a materials recovery facility.

Wehner says more communities and universities are adopting single-stream recycling because it is easy and it works. Single-stream recycling increases participation and produces, on average, at least 50 percent more collected recyclables.

“Single stream reduces the amount of recyclable material that would usually be thrown into the trash and instead properly manages recyclable materials so they can be reused and prevent further waste from polluting the environment,” said Tony Aliquo, C’14, president of the student-led Environmental Club.

Adopting single stream recycling continues a legacy of environmental stewardship at the Mount, which began in 2007 with University President Thomas H. Powell’s pledge as a charter signatory of the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment (ACUPCC), a national initiative with a goal of carbon neutrality at member institutions.
KIRK DAVIDSON RETIRES AFTER 22 YEARS

University Professor Kirk Davidson, Ph.D., recently retired from the Mount after 22 years. He made an enormous impact on campus, both as a faculty member who embodies the Catholic, liberal arts mission, and for his work in the field of corporate social responsibility (CSR). His work in CSR provided the foundation of the Mount’s business curriculum.

Dr. Davidson taught many Bolte School students that “at the heart of the concept of corporate social responsibility is the search for a value-driven life, a respect for others, the need for a constraint on greed, a putting aside of arrogance, and a pursuit of social justice.”

“Dr. Davidson’s passion for CSR has left a lasting legacy for our students. He brought us the annual academic symposium on CSR in 1995. He implemented changes in the undergraduate business major curriculum and in the MBA curriculum to include a mandatory course stressing the importance of corporate social responsibility in the work place,” said Karl Einolf, dean of the Bolte School.

Dr. Davidson also generously served the university in many capacities including chair of the Department of Business, Accounting, and Economics; chair of the faculty; and as a member of TRAC (Tenure, Rank and Awards Committee), among others.

WARRIORS TO WORKFORCE: THE MOUNT CONTINUES AN IMPORTANT PARTNERSHIP

The Mount welcomed 24 veterans to the third cohort of the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs’ Warriors to Workforce (W2W) program this spring. The trip was the centerpiece of a new course, Global Business and Culture in Russia, which provides a unique opportunity for Mount students to explore Russian customs, business practices, urban life, and more.

The 12-day trip began in Chelyabinsk in the Ural Mountains at the Mount’s sister university, South Ural State University. The group also spent time in St. Petersburg, the ancient capital of the Russian Empire, along the Gulf of Finland. This was the first time Mount students visited St. Petersburg.

Karl Einolf, dean of the Bolte School, travelled with the group to South Ural State University—the first time a dean from the Mount visited the school. “I look forward to furthering our relationship with South Ural and offering a unique global business and cultural experience for our students,” he said.

NEW COURSE FEATURES TRIP TO RUSSIA

Patrice Flynn, Ph.D., associate professor of business, led 11 students on a trip to Eurasia and the Russian Federation this spring. Students take various business, ethics and communications courses from Mount professors as the first step to a career in government procurement or program management. The Mount also offers additional courses allowing veterans to earn a bachelor’s degree in business administration.

More than 40 veterans have completed the Mount’s courses in the last two years. Three W2W veterans received their undergraduate degrees in 2012, and eight others are expected to graduate this May.

“The Mount is honored to be involved in this program,” said University President Thomas H. Powell. “The Warriors are American heroes, and our participation is an important way of giving back to those who sacrifice to protect our nation.”

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Joshua Hochschild, Ph.D., Dean

GRANT WILL SUPPORT ANNIVERSARY DISCUSSION SERIES
The College of Liberal Arts was recently awarded a grant by the Lilly Fellows Program, supporting year-long discussion of the legacy of the Vatican II document, “Gaudium et Spes,” about the Church in the modern world.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the publication of the document, discussion sessions throughout the 2014-15 academic year will consider the impact of the Church’s teaching against students from San Jose State University, Washington University in St. Louis, and the University of North Alabama in the final round of competition. The winners each received a Barnes & Noble gift card and their names are featured on the acknowledgments page of a Norton Anthology of Literature.

To see their award-winning video, visit youtube/2ZW7Vhi31ks

ART EXHIBITIONS FEATURE MOUNT PROFESSORS
Nick Hutchings, assistant professor of visual and performing arts, presented “Beyond the Firmament,” an exhibition of sculpture and drawings reflecting on the concept of the firmament in the first chapter of Genesis. The raqiya or firmament, also known as the “second heaven” in Jewish mysticism, translates as “to beat or spread out.” Hutching’s exhibition in the Williams Art Gallery at the Delaplaine Fine Arts Center explored the idea that the boundaries of our perception and the context of experience frame our understanding of the universe.

Associate Professor Elizabeth Holtry’s work was featured at the Hillyer Art Space in Washington, D.C., in December. Holtry’s ironic or satirical “drawings” include embroidered scenes of hyenas, bringing together two historical miscasts—an inlegant animal, and a domestic practice, both often excluded from the annals of art history. The show was an “editor’s pick” of a Washington Post art critic. See more of Dr. Holtry’s work at www.elizabethholtry.com.

MOUNT FACULTY RETHINKING THE REFORMATION

Mount professors David Cloutier (theology) and Charles Strauss (history) recently organized discussions about an important recent work of intellectual history, The Unintended Reformation: How a Religious Revolution Secularized Society. Thirty-five Mount professors—approximately 1/3 of the full-time faculty—signed up to be part of the discussions, considering theological, philosophical and cultural implications of the origins and significance of the Reformation. The books author, Brad Gregory, will be on campus in late April.

AMERICAN EXPERIENCE CLASS STUDENTS WIN NORTON ANTHOLOGY RECITATION CONTEST
Three College of Liberal Arts students took top honors at the 2013 Norton Anthology Student Recitation Contest. Marcus Dixon, C’15, Jaelan Jones, C’15, and Edmund Piper, C’15, entered the contest at the urging of their American Experience professor, Charles Strauss, Ph.D., assistant professor of history. They collaborated on a video performance of Emily Dickinson’s poem, “Because I Could Not Stop For Death.”

The students competed against students from San Jose State University, Washington State University, and the University of North Alabama in the final round of competition. The winners each received a Barnes & Noble gift card and their names are featured on the acknowledgments page of a Norton Anthology of Literature.

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FACULTY NEWS

Thomas Bligh, Ph.D., associate professor of English, Jessy Jordan, Ph.D., associate professor of philosophy, and Paul Manuel, Ph.D., professor of political science, were awarded tenure.

Mark Carlson, DMA, assistant professor of music, recently released a new album with his group, the Sotto Voce Quartet. The Quartet is the premier tuba and euphonium ensemble in the country. “Take This Hammer” features five original, large-scale compositions.

tubaquartet.com/hammer

Paul Manuel, Ph.D., director of the Institute for Leadership, recently co-authored the book, The Path of American Public Policy: Comparative Perspectives. (Lexington Books, 2013). The textbook examines the question of whether the American constitutional system of government limits the range of options for public policy makers. This is Dr. Manuel’s seventh book.

Dr. Gregory Murry, Ph.D., assistant professor of history, published The Medicean Succession: Monarchy and Sacral Politics in Duke Cosimo Medici’s Florence—first time a Mount professor has published with the prestigious Harvard University Press.

The Medicean Succession traces the unlikely success of a duke appointed by political compromise at age seventeen. Drawing on a wide variety of archival and published sources, Murry examines how Cosimo and his court successfully employed the image of a divinely-inspired monarch. In one of the first reviews, Steve Donoghue, of Open Letters Monthly, calls Murry’s Book “shrewdly intelligent and rollelingly entertaining.”
SEHS INTRODUCES NEW HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAM

The School of Education and Human Services is offering a new program in Human Services for adult students looking to complete their undergraduate degree.

The Human Services degree combines courses from sociology, education, psychology, theology, and business—providing students with the knowledge and skills needed to effectively and compassionately work in various social service agencies and organizations. Examples of such agencies and organizations include mental health centers, drug and alcohol treatment programs, child and family welfare programs, and agencies on aging to name a few.

“The need for well trained, highly educated, compassionate and ethical human services workers is tremendous and well documented. The Mount’s new program in Human Services will help meet this need,” says Tim Wolfe, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology and program director.

Classes will be held at the Mount’s Frederick campus beginning in August 2014. For more information, contact Dr. Wolfe at 301-447-5172, or wolfe@msmary.edu.

SCHOOL HOSTS ALUMNI MAKING AN IMPACT PANEL

Six Mount education alums returned to campus to share their success stories at the first Making An Impact panel discussion. Steven Wernick, C’95, M.Ed., ’98; Katherine Jaffe, C’04; Deveda Coley, C’93; Kate Benninger DiNatale, C’95; Erin Rossetti, C’03; and Beth Kelley, C’00, discussed their experiences as educators, and how being a teacher has made an impact not only on their students, but also on their communities.

LECTURE EXAMINES AMERICAN DRUG COMPANIES

Are drug companies dictating the future of American health care? That’s the question John Abramson, M.D., addressed during a lecture sponsored by the School of Education and Human Services and the Criminal Justice and Sociology Honor Societies. Dr. Abramson is the author of Overdosed America: The Broken Promise of American Medicine, and a Harvard University Medical School faculty member. He argues that marketing efforts by major drug companies, and medical news stories have created a culture where patients demand drugs they have seen in the media rather than trusting doctors’ opinions on the best care.

REVIEW OF EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Education Department recently hosted an accreditation team of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). NCATE (now Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation) works to make a difference in the quality of teaching, teachers, school specialists and administrators by reviewing and certifying that programs meet or exceed the organization’s professional standards. Team members visited Professional Development Schools in Frederick, reviewed documents and interviewed faculty, teacher candidates, and FCPS partners during their three-day visit. The results from the accreditation review will be available in October.

FACULTY NEWS

Carolyn Cook, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Education, received the Citation of Merit Award from the State of Maryland International Reading Association Council (SoMIRAC). The award recognizes Dr. Cook’s outstanding and distinguished service in creating Literacy Educators of MD, a Special Interest Group of SoMIRAC.

Caroline Eick, Ph.D., examines the global classroom in two minutes as a part of Mount Minutes, a video lecture series featuring the Mount’s outstanding faculty. Watch the video and all of the others at msmary.edu/mount-minutes.

Kim Hansen, Ph.D., associate professor of sociology, and Patrick Ryan, Ph.D., associate professor of education, were awarded tenure.

Marty Malone, Ph.D, professor of sociology, spent the spring semester teaching Mount students in Florence. He developed two new courses for the semester abroad: Italy and China: Five Snapshots from a 700 Year Romance and Sociology of the Senses: Eating, Seeing, and Listening in Florence.
SCHOOL OF NATURAL SCIENCE & MATHEMATICS
Jeffrey Simmons, Ph.D., Dean

SCHOOL INTRODUCES TWO NEW PROGRAMS
The School of Natural Science and Mathematics is offering two new programs: an undergraduate major in Health Sciences, and a graduate degree in Biotechnology and Management.

The Health Sciences major is designed to prepare students to work in health-focused careers, including nursing, physical therapy, or occupational therapy. The program has a strong emphasis on biology, with a second emphasis in the social and behavioral sciences—providing students with critical thinking skills, effective oral and written communications skills and a strong ethical foundation.

The Master’s in Biotechnology and Management is the first graduate-level program for the School—intended for scientists and technicians in the biotech field navigating the terrains of both science and business. The hybrid program has a dual focus on biotechnology research and development, and on project management and finance. Like the Health Sciences program, it also includes an ethics component.

“This degree program fills a real need in the region. We have so many scientists trying to start up or manage their own biotech businesses but they don’t have the management training. With this program they can get the training they need to be successful,” says Jeff Simmons, Ph.D., dean of the School of Natural Science and Mathematics.

Matthew Rittler, Ph.D., is the director of the new program. He earned his undergraduate degree from McDaniel College and received his master of science degree and doctorate in biomedical engineering from Virginia Tech. He has worked at the National Cancer Institute and has three years of experience in the biotech industry.

The program consists of 13 courses—four in science, four in business, and five crossover courses. Classes will be held at the Mount’s Frederick campus beginning in August 2014. The degree can be completed in less than two years.

INSPIRING SCIENCE AND DISCOVERY
Dana Ward, Ph.D., associate professor of biology, and Michael Conrad, C’14, recently presented their research in the area of pulmonary arterial hypertension (PAH) at the American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting. The conference, a summit of cell biologists in various fields, was focused primarily on research involving the functions of cells.

Ward has spent several years researching abnormal cell growth in PAH, a type of high blood pressure restricted to the pulmonary circuit between the heart and lungs. Ward has expanded her research, aided by several students working on various aspects of the project, including Conrad. He also participated in an undergraduate poster session at the meeting.

“This project helped me learn a lot about research techniques as well as lab procedures,” said Conrad. “It introduced me to a lot of instrumentation I would have never been exposed to without the ability to participate in this project.”

For Ward, sharing her passion for this research with her students has been one of the greatest takeaways. “It’s very rewarding working with students and getting them excited about the process of science and discovery,” Ward said.

After graduating in May, Conrad will commission into the United States Army as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Chemical Corps. He will attend Officer Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri.

PSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH FEATURED IN POSTER SESSIONS
Nearly 30 senior psychology majors presented their semester-long research projects during a poster session in December. Topics ranged from Immigrant Label and Terror Management Theory Effects on Attitudes to A Content Analysis of Victoria’s Secret Catalogs. Other topics included: Tattoo Placement as a Response to Emotional Events, Helping Behavior Towards Transgender People, and Therapists and Professionals: Who is More Stressed?

FACULTY NEWS
Chris Bradley, Ph.D., assistant professor of chemistry, was featured on the American Chemical Society’s College to Career website. His profile includes a description of a typical day, advice to college graduates working as chemists, and his best productivity trick. His favorite part of teaching? Mentoring Mount students.

Scott Weiss, M.S., assistant professor of math and computer science, recently won the National Brain Game Challenge, a crossword puzzle contest sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America. Weiss completed a multi-layered crossword puzzle in 55 minutes. A multi-layered puzzle includes hidden words—which make a question outside of the grid—that the player must answer.

Msgr. Callaghan, a highly respected retreat master for priests and religious, was ordained for the Diocese of Allentown on December 17, 1971, in Saint Peter’s Basilica, Rome, by the late Cardinal James Hickey. He earned a doctorate in Canon Law from the Lateran University in 1977. During his service in the Diocese of Allentown, he was Secretary to the late Bishop Joseph McShea and Bishop Thomas Welsh, Director of Vocations, Judicial Vicar, member of the Committee for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life, and pastor of Holy Trinity Church in Whitehall, PA.

In July 1995, Msgr. Callaghan was released from the Diocese of Allentown to the Archdiocese of Military Services and served as Chancellor and Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General. It was during this time in his ministry he also was an adjunct spiritual director for Mount St. Mary’s Seminary. Msgr. Callaghan was appointed as Rector of Saint Paul Seminary School of Divinity of the University of St. Thomas, by Mountaineer Archbishop Harry Flynn, S’60, Archbishop Emeritus of Saint Paul and Minneapolis, on July 1, 2005.

For more information or to make reservations, alumni priests should contact Phil McGlade, director of seminary development and alumni relations (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu).

PHOTOS FROM HOLY LAND TRIP 2014

Deacons at the Church of Holy Sepulcher: (From L-R): Steve Duquaine, (Lafayette-in-Indiana), Carlos Osorio, (Baltimore), Fr. Samuel (tour guide), Chase Higenbrinck, (Peoria), Matthew Hoelscher, (Peoria), Matthew Capadano, (Omaha). Accompanied by: Fr. Ian Jeremiah, S’08 (Bridgeport) (far right) and Msgr. Steven Rohlfs, Rector

Deacons at the River Jordan: (L-R-back row): Scott Sina, (Arlington), Matthew Capadano (Omaha), Chris Porrella (Bridgeport), Matthew DeFusco (Baltimore), Eric Clark (Lincoln), Corey Krengiel (Peoria), James Boric (Baltimore), Asitha Hettiarachchi (Colombo, Sri Lanka), Brian McAllister (Arlington), (L-R-front row): Carlos Osorio (Baltimore), Kyle Lucas (Peoria), Steve Duquaine (Lafayette-in-Indiana), Zac Barry (Fort Wayne–South Bend), Chase Higenbrinck (Peoria), Canisius Tah (Baltimore), Matthew Hoelscher (Peoria), Eranga DeSilva (Colombo, Sri Lanka). Accompanied by: Fr. Ian Jeremiah, S’08 (Bridgeport) (far right) and Msgr. Steven Rohlfs, Rector

Mount Magazine
Bishop Barry Knestout to be Celebrant at Reunion Homecoming Mass

The Most Reverend Barry C. Knestout, S’89, Auxiliary Bishop of Washington, will serve as the main celebrant for the traditional Homecoming Mass at the Seminary Alumni Reunion, October 7, 2014.

Bishop Knestout is the 50th Mountaineer priest to be elevated to the Episcopacy. “It will be an honor to have Bishop Knestout come to the Mount for the reunion and be the celebrant at the Homecoming Mass, especially since he and his classmates will celebrate their Silver Jubilee,” said Seminary Rector, Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfis, S.T.D., P.A., S’76.

The reunion will also feature the presentation of the 39th Annual John Cardinal McCloskey Award at the alumni dinner and Mass at the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, October 8, 2014.

A block of rooms for the reunion have been reserved at the Sleep Inn–Emmitsburg, located off U.S. Route 15, a mile north of the Mount. For reservations and a special Mount rate, alumni should call 301-447-0044 and be sure to mention the seminary reunion.

For more information about reunion activities, please contact Phil McGlade, Office of Seminary Development and Alumni Relations (301-447-5017 or mcglade@msmary.edu).

In Memoriam: Monsignor Robert C. Gribbin

Monsignor Robert C. Gribbin, C’43B, S’47, a priest in the Diocese of Harrisburg, died on Christmas Day 2013. At the time of his death, he was a senior priest in residence at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Abbottstown, PA, where he assisted Father Kenneth Smith, S’84, pastor.

After receiving his baccalaureate degree from the Mount in 1943, Msgr. Gribbin entered the Seminary and was ordained by the late Bishop George Leech on May 31, 1947 at St. Patrick Cathedral in Harrisburg. During his 66 years ministering in the diocese, he served as principal of Lebanon Catholic, Lancaster Catholic and Bishop McDevitt High Schools and assistant pastor at St. Patrick Parish in Carlisle and St. Joseph Parish in Hanover. In 1964, Msgr. Gribbin was re-assigned to St. Joseph’s as administrator and in 1968 was named pastor, a position he held until his retirement in 1998. While at St. Joseph’s, he worked tirelessly to retire the parish debt and also raised much needed funds to build a new church, school buildings and a parish center.

A native of Shamokin, PA, Msgr. Gribbin received the John Cardinal McCloskey Award from the National Alumni Association in 1994 for his outstanding service to the Church and the Diocese of Harrisburg and for his dedication and loyalty to the Mount during the traditional Seminary Alumni Reunion Dinner. He was appointed an Honorary Prelate to His Holiness Pope John Paul II with the title Monsignor in April 1979.

A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on December 30 at St. Joseph Church in Hanover. Among Msgr. Gribbin’s survivors are his brother, Leo, class of 1963, and his wife, Elaine, York, Pa.

MONSIGNOR JAMES FARMER HONORED

Monsignor James P. Farmer, S’80, pastor of St. John Parish in Westminster, MD, received the Man for All Seasons Award from the St. Thomas More Society, October 27, 2013. The presentation took place at the Catholic Center in Baltimore following the annual Red Mass celebrated in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Archbishop William E. Lori, S’77, was the celebrant at the Mass, which recognizes the opening of the judicial year. This prestigious award is presented by the society to an individual who “embodies the examples and principles demonstrated by St. Thomas More.”

St. Thomas More, a knight and Lord Chancellor of England under King Henry VIII, was martyred on May 7, 1535, rather than violate his conscience.

Before entering the Mount to begin his studies for the priesthood, Msgr. Farmer, an attorney, served as a captain with the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General’s Corps. Msgr. Farmer also serves as a member of the Mount’s President’s Council.
Prayer to Our Lady of Lourdes

Oh, ever immaculate Virgin Mary, you were enriched by God with gifts appropriate to become the mother of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

You know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings.

Look upon me with mercy.

When Did You Last Visit the Grotto? How often do you visit the National Shrine Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes?

I started coming here in 2006. I would visit nearly every other month. I enjoyed walking down the paths, reflecting on the surrounding trees and statues, listening to the birds and ending my visit by saying a prayer and lighting a candle at the Grotto cave.

Now, I have the pleasure of being at the Grotto every day as the director, and appreciate these holy grounds even more. I am amazed how much Our Lady is present here and how she touches everyone who visits.

Our Lady blesses thousands of believers who come from all over the world to visit this wonderful shrine and pray for her intercession. May you soon be blessed with a visit to this holy and newly renovated, sacred place. It’s beautiful during all the seasons!

May God bless you, always.

Lori Stewart
Director of the Grotto of Lourdes

PANGBORN MEMORIAL CAMPANILE 50TH ANNIVERSARY

On May 1, 1964, the 95-foot tall bell tower crown with a 25-foot, gold-leafed bronze figure of the Blessed Mother 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 down on July 4, 1913. Fr. DuBois founded Mount St. Mary’s College and Seminary.

The bell tower is seen for miles across Pennsylvania and Maryland and draws thousands of people to stop and discover the Grotto. The image of Mother Mary shines as a beacon of hope for those who pass this sacred spot. The bells in the tower ring out every 15 minutes to remind us of Our Lord’s light and inspiration.
SEMINARIANS AT THE GROTTO

The Grotto is blessed to have five Mount St. Mary’s seminarians assigned this year as part of their priestly formation.

It is an honor to be around these young gentlemen who are so in love with Jesus and passionate about the mission of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Grotto gives them the opportunity to meet and pray with many people of God from various faiths and cultures.

Seminarian Tuan (Andy) Mai believes his mission at the Grotto helps him to become a better priest—who listens to the people of God to whom he will be ministering in the future. He is currently studying in the fourth theology class and was ordained a deacon on in December of 2013.

Seven Mount undergraduate students are also serving as ambassadors at the Grotto this academic year—creating a pleasant experience for our visitors through the compassion they offer and the personal attention they give to each Grotto pilgrim.

Pictured left to right: Ryan Mattingly, Kenny Roth, Shanaka Mendis, Lori Stewart, Danny McShane and Tuan Mai

VISIT, REST AND SHOP

On June 1, 2013, the Miller Family Visitors Center and St. Bernadette Shoppe opened. The Grotto staff received an overwhelming positive response to his addition and considers it a blessing to the grounds.

Monsignor Steven P. Rohlfis, S.T.D., P.A., S’76, rector of Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, said: “We finally have a place where people can gather and learn about the University, the Seminary, and the Grotto, and also to purchase mementos of their visit to Mary’s Mountain.”

The St. Bernadette Shoppe has distinctive, custom items of our Grotto that can only be found here. There is always something new and exciting. The Shoppe is open seven days a week and accepts phone orders.

The 4,000 square-foot Miller visitors center provides a great resource for meetings, speakers/presentations and retreats. If you have an idea for a pilgrimage, please contact the Grotto at 301-447-5318.

MOUNT ST. MARY’S CEMETERY COLUMBARIUMS

Planning in advance for a death can relieve you or your loved ones the anguish of making difficult decisions while grieving. Consider Mount St. Mary’s Cemetery to assist you in making the difficult decisions about arrangements for yourself or someone close to you. Mount Saint Mary’s Cemetery is a private cemetery with Columbariums (for the purpose of the interment of cremation remains).

Please call (301) 447-5318 or email grotto@msmary.edu for more information.

KEEPING THE GROTTO OF LOURDES BEAUTIFUL

The Grotto has been here for more than 200 years!

Because of your generous donations, the Grotto staff maintains the grounds and provides the spiritual haven and sustenance for thousands of pilgrims annually. Please consider making a gift to the Grotto by visiting www.msmary.edu/give

WE CARE ABOUT VISITOR SAFETY

With all of its recent additions, the Grotto is experiencing growing pains. More and more visitors are coming to the Grotto to seek comfort in a time of need or to search for peaceful reflection. It is not unusual to see large groups of pilgrims visit the Grotto—especially on weekends.

The parking area between the new Mother Teresa Shrine and St. Mary’s Chapel is becoming more of a walkway rather than a place to park. It has become unsafe for our visitors, so all parking (except for a few handicap spaces) has moved to the lower parking lot.

Visitors may drop-off and pick-up at the entrance of the Miller Family Visitors Center. Transportation to and from the lower parking is also available. Please call 301-447-5318 to schedule or stop by the information desk located in the Miller Family Visitors Center.
FOR 50 YEARS, OUTGOING BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIRMAN EUGENE M. WALDRON, C’64, AND HIS FAMILY HAVE SUPPORTED THE MOUNT IN COUNTLESS WAYS—MAKING AN IMPACT THAT WILL BE FELT FOR GENERATIONS TO COME.


By Susan J. Burlingame

Three stints and 22 years served as a member of the Board of Trustees (seven as chair or vice chair), National Alumni Association President and host of alumni gatherings up and down the East Coast. Member of the Generations Campaign President’s Cabinet and several Mount executive committees.

And generous philanthropist—founder of three scholarships, as well as the lead gift for the Waldron Family Stadium.

In February, Eugene M. (Gene) Waldron, C’64, completed his term as chair of the Mount St. Mary’s Board of Trustees. And 50 years removed from receiving his Mount degree—after a lifetime of devoted service to his alma mater—he was asked a simple question:

WHY?

Why did he do it? After all this time, what led him to stay connected with the Mount?

“Because the Mount changed my life,” said Waldron. “It’s that simple. It changed my life.”

Such a phrase might be considered hackneyed or cliché, yet Waldron—and his more than half-century commitment to the Mount—is anything but.
By his admission, Waldron was neither an outstanding athlete nor a student leader, but the Mount gave him focus, and more importantly, a set of values he carries with him today.

“I was at best an average student,” Waldron said. “I probably didn’t deserve to get into the Mount, but they took a chance on me, and I’ve never forgotten that. They gave my son (E. Matthew Waldron III, C’92) a chance too, and I’ve never forgotten that. The camaraderie was intense, and the friends I made then are still my very close friends 50-plus years later.”

Waldron dreamed of entering the investment business from a very young age and studied economics at the Mount. He earned his MBA from the City University of New York in 1972 and became a chartered financial analyst (CFA) in 1975.

“The Mount prepared me well,” says the retired senior vice president of Capital Guardian Trust Company. During his 50-year career in the investment business, Waldron also held executive positions at Fidelity Investments and T. Rowe Price Associates. “The Mount taught me how to compete—whether in the classroom or playing sports or playing cards. I learned both how to win and how to lose, which served me well in a career that involves a lot of losing,” he joked.

Waldron loved his vocation, adding, “it never felt like work.” Claiming success in part because he was in the business when the markets did well, Waldron said his career gave him the means to support causes and institutions that mattered to him. Most of his philanthropic contributions have been to education.

“I love supporting schools like Mother Seton Academy and Jesuit Academy because they do such magnificent work giving inner city kids a chance,” he explained. “Our family has supported the Mount because we believe it’s important to provide other students with the same opportunity I had.”

Waldron has a three-generation connection to Emmitsburg: his mother and several aunts attended St. Joseph’s High School or College, and Waldron, his brother, son, nephew, and several cousins are Mount alumni.

Gene and his wife, Renee, now split their time between Annapolis/Washington, D.C. and South Carolina. Along with their son Matt, the Waldron’s raised two other children, Emily and Peter, and are the very proud grandparents of six grandchildren.

“Mount St. Mary’s has been such an important part of our lives, our family’s lives,” expressed Renee Waldron when reflecting on the many years she has been the wife of such a devoted alumnus. “The education Gene received shaped him into the wonderful man, father, and grandfather he became. I love the fact that he has been so committed to a place where he could make a real difference; the Mount has always been one of his highest priorities.”

“Gene has had as much impact as any one individual can have on an institution,” said Thomas O’Hara, C’64, former Mount St. Mary’s board chair, current trustee, and Waldron friend. “There aren’t too many people who
have served the way he has and also who have given as much financially. The combination of his service and his generosity will be his legacy.”

What many don’t know about Waldron’s generosity, explained O’Hara, is that in addition to funding the stadium and three scholarships, Waldron has helped individual students who have run into financial difficulties. “He’s that kind of person. Quietly supporting students in need. Always willing to step up.”

O’Hara described Waldron’s leadership style as “what you see is what you get. He is open and honest and has always tried to do what is best for the Mount.”

“Gene was always very loyal to the Mount, and he is one of the most generous alumni we have from any class year,” said classmate George Gelles, C’64, retired former director of auxiliary services at the Mount and current vice president of the National Alumni Association. “His impact is not just finances, though, because he provided service and leadership. As a board member, he was very, very active. Even when he lived in Baltimore and in New England, he was involved in the local alumni chapters.”

“As a student, Gene was happy go lucky,” remembered Gelles. “He was very friendly, very outgoing, very hardworking, but no one could have predicted what he would go on to do for the Mount.”

Waldron credits his ability to spend so much time at the Mount to great people and great support staff, both in his professional life and in his leadership roles at the Mount. “When you love something, you make time for it,” he said. “You figure it out, and I’ve been surrounded by people who have made it possible for me.”

Waldron also enjoyed working to further his alma mater, he added, because of the combination of love of the institution and an interest in seeing how it works.

“I find it very interesting that academic institutions are not a business. There are so many more moving parts than if you’re just making widgets and trying to improve your widgets and sell more from year to year,” Waldron said. “I have enjoyed that dynamic, which is so different from corporate America. The Mount is so much healthier today, especially in the 11 years since President Powell came on as president, and I want to see it continue to change lives like it did mine.”

“Gene was on the board when I came to the Mount in 2002,” remembered Mount St. Mary’s President Thomas H. Powell. “I have been very, very fortunate to have had him as chair. Were it not for his and Tom O’Hara’s leadership, none of the accomplishments I have had would have happened.”

“Gene is a doer,” Powell added. “He’s never been one to waste a lot of time. After he got all of his information, he was never afraid to make decisions—even when they weren’t popular. Because he had the respect of the board, however, Gene was able to pull the trigger on some really important projects.”

Waldron was instrumental in several major accomplishments during his tenure as board chairman, including the restructuring
of the university into the College of Liberal Arts, the Bolte School of Business, and the Schools of Education and Human Services, and Natural Sciences and Mathematics; revising the Mount’s common curriculum and establishing the Veritas Program; and overseeing the development of the Miller Family Grotto Visitors Center as well as four residential cottages.

Through the years, the Waldron family has also created three academic scholarships, the Julia V. Waldron Nursing Scholarship, in memory of Gene’s sister; the Eugene M. Waldron, Sr. and Julia Mohler Waldron Education Scholarship, in memory of his parents; and the LTC John Gregory Heck, USA Leadership Scholarship, to honor the memory of their nephew, who died suddenly in 2011 after serving for 20 years in the U.S. Army. LTC Heck was awarded the Bronze Star for his service during Desert Storm in 1991.

“Gene is the consummate alum,” stated Powell. “He exemplifies two characteristics that set the example for all alumni. First, he loves his alma mater, and second, he knows how to translate that love into a great deal of leadership. He has been a really good steward, recognizing that since the Mount served him so well, he had a responsibility to make sure the Mount remained vibrant for future generations.

“Most alumni won’t have the material blessings Gene has, but Gene wants people to know there are many ways to show your love for and advance your alma mater,” continued Powell. “He went to the Mount during the early 60s, during the election and assassination of JFK and the founding of the Peace Corps. The issue in the country was ‘what are you going to do to make the world a better place?’ Gene has been blessed in many ways, and he knows it, but he has recognized the fact that he can use those blessings to give back, to make sure the Mount is the same type of place it was when he was a student.”

“Gene’s legacy will be that he is truly a son of the Mount,” remarked yet another of Waldron’s classmates, Robert J. Smith, C’64, former vice chair of the board of trustees. “He made extraordinary contributions in terms of his level of involvement and generosity. It’s a standard to live up to. Gene certainly set the example for the rest of us.”

“There was something about Mount St. Mary’s when we were there in the early 60s,” said Dan Curtin, C’64, former alumni president and former board chair. “It was all men, and it was very small, but there was a spirit on that campus—a spiritual spirit but also a spirit of achieving the best you can with the God-given gifts you have. We saw what a wonderful experience we had—religiously, academically, and socially, and it made us want...
to keep coming back, to stay in touch with the place, to make it a better place. Gene Waldron is an example of the whole spirit of Mount St. Mary’s.”

At the Mount’s commencement exercises this spring, President Powell will present an honorary doctorate to Waldron. “Of course, even though he has stepped out of his board role, we are going to figure out something else for him to do,” Powell said. “He could never cut ties with the Mount. It’s too much a part of him.”

“I could never just walk away from the Mount. It changed my life and it’s changing people’s lives today, which is why I will continue to support it. I think the Mount is a very strong, robustly Catholic, small college, and that’s exactly what I want it to be,” Waldron concluded. “It’s a magical place. It became part of my life.”

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"There must have been something in the water," joked Dan Curtin when contemplating the impact members of the Class of 1964 have had on Mount St. Mary's University. “The priests and the faculty lived the spirit of the place. They made us want to do our best, and we all wanted to stay connected. After I graduated, I would come up with any excuse to visit.”

Curtin is one of three members of the Class of '64 to serve as chairman of the board, along with Tom O’Hara and Gene Waldron. Three members have been alumni association presidents, two were employed at the Mount (one an administrator and one a faculty member), and others have served the Mount through the years.

“Our class was unique in a lot of ways,” said George Gelles. “We all got along, and many of us have maintained close ties for these 50 years.”

“No class has done what our class has done,” said Gene Waldron, who, despite his legacy of service takes no credit for getting classmates involved or encouraging them to take on leadership roles. “We all just have a love for the school.”

“You can just go down the list of people who have accomplished something in their career,” said Waldron, “but I have no idea why our class has represented itself so well.”

“We were pretty much unconnected,” added Tom O’Hara, who says in many ways it was a matter of timing. “When you come to that time in your life when all your energy doesn’t have to be devoted to job and family, you have the opportunity to make the kind of commitment many of us did to the Mount. We were fortunate to have that ability, and we got involved, but not because there was any sort of organized group effort.”

Class of ’64 members have been instrumental in making the Mount the highly regarded Catholic, liberal arts institution it is today—transitioning from college to University, growing enrollment, improving facilities and campus overall, and instituting the new core curriculum, to name a few of their many accomplishments. Whether it was because of “something in the water” or any number of other reasons, the Class of ’64, arguably, has contributed more time, talent, and treasure to the Mount than any other graduating class.

The members of the class would be happy to relinquish the title, however.

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“I would love to see more alumni step up to support the Mount in any way they can,” concluded Waldron. “It’s an important institution that changes lives. I am proud to be a Mountie, but I’m really proud to be a member of the Class of ’64.”

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Mount Athletics

HOOPS SEASONS TO REMEMBER

The Mount’s men’s and women’s basketball teams returned to Northeast Conference prominence this season, with the men receiving a berth in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 2008, while the women battled for league honors all season before bowing out in the NEC tournament semifinals while earning a berth in the NIT tournament.

The accomplishments of our basketball teams this season were historic, and a real credit to the hard work of our student-athletes and coaches,” said Lynne Robinson, director of athletics. “To have both teams advance to post-conference competition in the same year hasn’t happened since 1995. It was truly an exciting and very proud time for our basketball programs and the support of the Mount Community, our students, alumni, and fans was incredible. It was great to have March Madness at the Mount.”

For Men’s Coach Jamion Christian and his senior-dominated squad, the run through the 2014 NEC tournament was reminiscent of last year’s campaign—when the Mountaineers parlayed a late-season nine-game winning streak to earn a spot in the conference championship game, before suffering a 91-70 loss at the hands of LIU-Brooklyn.

After suffering a shocking 72-65 loss at home to NEC also-ran Sacred Heart on February 27, the men bounced back two days later with a 78-55 win against Saint Francis (PA) on Senior Day at Knott Arena—finishing the regular season at 13-16 overall, 9-7 in the NEC—good enough for a fourth-seed in the conference tournament.

The Mount hosted fifth-seeded St. Francis Brooklyn in the NEC tournament quarterfinals on March 5—beginning a two-week, inspiring run to Dayton, Ohio, and the NCAA tournament.

And it all began with a little of Christian’s characteristic Mount Mayhem!

NEC QUARTERFINALS, MARCH 5
Mount St. Mary’s 72
St. Francis Brooklyn 71

In one of the all-time great comebacks in Mount basketball history, senior guard Rashad Whack’s 3-pointer with 2.4 seconds left capped a furious rally to lift the Mount to victory—crawling back from a 19-point deficit with 9:15 left in the game for the win.

“I always thought we were going to win it because I was looking at the clock and we were getting some timely time outs where we could set our pressure up,” said Christian. “We waited to the last second and a lot of credit goes to Rashard for just having the poise. When he elevated, honestly, I thought it was going in.”

NEC SEMIFINALS, MARCH 8
Mount St. Mary’s 77
Wagner 72

Led by Whack’s team-high 21 points, the Mount defeated Wagner at the Spiro Sports Center. Senior guard Julian Norfleet chipped in 16 points and seven assists in the see-say battle, while senior guard Sam Prescott finished with 16 points. Sophomore forward Gregory Graves had a solid contribution off the bench with 12 points and seven rebounds.

“I was just so proud of our guys, we stay really closely connected and talk a lot about being on top,” Christian said. “At the beginning of the year we challenged ourselves to come back and be back on top. I’m really proud of our guys. They took a lot of punches today.”

NEC CHAMPIONSHIP, MARCH 11
Mount St. Mary’s 88
Robert Morris 71

To prepare for the Mount’s second consecutive trip to the Northeast Conference title game, Christian looked back on his performance last season, when he thought he over-coached the championship game.

This time, he called just four plays in the matchup against Robert Morris, and it worked to near perfection. The Mount used a wave of 3-pointers to knock off the top-seed and qualify for the NCAA tournament. Five Mount St. Mary’s players scored in double figures, led again by Whack with 20 points, to give the Mountaineers their fourth NCAA berth in school history.

“You saw a team really connected, and really doing whatever they could to win a championship,” said Christian. “I knew after we beat Wagner we were going to win this game. We had a lot of confidence. There was a calm to these guys, especially leading up to the game. When you have great leaders, you put them at the forefront and they make plays.”
SELECTION SUNDAY, MARCH 16—ON TO DAYTON!
More than 200 players, coaches, family members, athletics department personnel, and interested students and staff gathered in Knott Arena late in the afternoon to learn their opponent in the opening round of the NCAA’s “Big Dance.”

And it didn’t take long for the Mount to appear on the CBS Sports telecast.

Shortly after the show started, CBS anchor Greg Gumbel announced the news—the Mountaineers were headed to Dayton, Ohio, to play Albany, the America East Conference champion, in a “First Round,” or play-in game, on March 18, with the winner getting the unenviable task as the South Region’s 16-seed to face the tournament’s No. 1 overall seed, the University of Florida, in Orlando, two days later.

Even with the weight of the NCAA tournament looming over those in attendance, Christian had his team and the community watch the entire selection show.

“I really wanted to give them an opportunity to sit down and enjoy the moment,” Christian said. “They are kids, and they should enjoy the moment as much as they can. And that was a big moment for them and something they will never forget.”

NCAA TOURNAMENT | FIRST ROUND, MARCH 18
Albany 71
Mount St. Mary’s 64

In a wild game of incredible turnarounds and comebacks from both teams, the Great Danes’ DJ Evans scored 22 points, including two clinching free throws with 12.6 seconds left, to lead Albany’s win over the Mount. Albany bolted to leads of 13-0 and 21-2, only to have the Mountaineers bounce back with a 21-2 run of its own midway through the first half.

Albany led by four at the half, and like a couple of heavyweight punchers, the teams kept trading flurries in the second half. Down 45-41, Albany went on a 10-1 run. Trailing 60-53, the Mountaineers scored nine of the next 12 capped by several dazzling 3-point baskets by freshman guard Will Miller that kept the game tight to the very end.

“A lot of teams would have folded,” said Christian. “But our guys didn’t do that. They took the punch and they bounced back. Our team has a lot of character. I’m going to give a lot of credit to Albany. They did an outstanding job tonight and they deserved to win.”

The loss marked the last game played by the Mount’s three senior leaders: Whack, Norfleet and Prescott. Each scored more than 1,000 points during their playing careers, and not only provided offensive and defensive pressure contributing to Christian’s “Mayhem” philosophy, but maturity and leadership off the court.

“Our seniors really helped put Mount basketball back on the map and I have so much respect for their journey as people and student athletes,” said Christian. “I’m proud because each took a step back to allow the others light to shine on a nightly basis and that is really hard to do. I will always remember Rashad for his big brother qualities to our team; Julian for his unselfishness is tough moments; and Sam for his ability to do anything at anytime on the basketball floor. They will forever hold a special place in my heart for their willingness to appreciate the Mount.”

WOMEN’S BASKETBALL MAKES A TOURNAMENT RUN AS WELL!
After starting the NEC schedule at 5-4, the Mount women’s basketball squad won eight of their final nine conference regular season games to earn the No. 2 seed in the NEC tournament. The Mount defeated seventh-seeded Wagner 75-66 in the NEC quarterfinals before falling 68-63 at home to Saint Francis University in the semifinals.

Following the loss, the Mount was selected to play in the Women’s National Invitational Tournament—drawing Duquesne University in a first round game.

March 11. Junior guard Jacqueline Brewer’s second career double-double (10 points, 10 rebounds) was not enough as the Mount suffered a 62-52 loss in their first WNIT appearance and first postseason since the 1995 NCAA tournament.

Senior guard Sydney Henderson was awarded for her standout season as a First Team All-Northeast Conference by the league’s coaches—the first Mount player to earn First Team All-NEC since Dita Kramperga in 2007.

“I am very proud of our team, we gave it a great fight,” said Mount Head Coach Bryan Whitten. “They reinvigorated the program and left a high standard for players to live up to.”
MOUNT ST. MARY’S UNIVERSITY ALUMNI HOUSE

*Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, Maryland*

The Mount Alumni House—where everybody knows your name.

We are thrilled to share that for the first time on the Mount St. Mary’s campus, we have an Alumni House. Located on Alumni Court, the Alumni House is the benchmark cottage in our newest residential community. Alumni House is the large tan house located right off Morgan Field on Old Emmitsburg Road. This house has been a cornerstone of the Mount’s campus for many years—what a great place for all alumni to call home!

In order to name this house, the University is asking the National Alumni Association to launch an effort to raise $100,000. While this may seem like a large number, there are opportunities for our 18,000+ alumni to make a gift that fits both their interest level and their budget.

There are a number of naming opportunities in the house including the deck, rooms, benches and even the balusters around the house. The best part is, every alum who participates will have their name represented on the Wall of Names!

Visit [www.msmary.edu/alumnihouse](http://www.msmary.edu/alumnihouse) to add your name to the wall!
WE'RE #1! (BUT WE ALREADY KNEW THAT!)

Dear Alumni,

For some of us it has been more than 50 years since we walked across that stage to receive our diplomas and for others it was only a year ago.

Our students aren’t much different than we were. They come to the Mount for the close-knit community, the beautiful campus, the strong academic programs, the Division I athletics, and the faithfully Catholic environment.

The Class of 2013 set the bar high for class participation—74% of their class supported the Mount during their senior year! If current students can give at such a high rate, we can surely do the same! It is up to us to lead the way by increasing our class participation rate.

We were recently ranked as #1 in the U.S. News & World Report for alumni participation in our region, at 23%! Thanks to you we are ahead of Villanova, St. Joseph’s and St. Bonaventure.

To hold onto this position we need to be at 25% this year. This means that more than 3,600 Mounties need to support the Mount. A gift of any size to the area of your choice counts you in as a donor.

Make your gift today and let’s make history!! www.msmary.edu/give

Go Mount!

Pat Goles, C’64; Kelly McLaughlin Catania, C’90; and Rob Weed, C’93
Annual Fund Co-chairs

WARNER PAVILION OPENS

The Matthew and Marybeth Warner Pavilion inside Waldron Stadium opened in March—hosting pre-game socials for Mount family and friends during men’s lacrosse home games.

Warner Pavilion offers a special game day experience for Mount family, alums and friends to support our student-athletes. The pavilion offers the best seat in the house and is equipped with heaters and a deck with Adirondack chairs to enhance the overall environment and game day experience at Waldron Stadium.

Socials are catered by Glory Days Grill in Frederick, MD, and opens an hour before contests begin, as well as during halftime of the games—offering food and soft drinks, a cash bar and a “chalk talk” from one of the Mount’s coaches, previewing the opposing team and game plan.

The ribbon cutting was held Monday, April 14. In attendance was The Warner family including Marybeth, Mary (who got to cut the ribbon) and Mason. Also Tony Agnone, C’75, Board of Trustees; Jaynee Agnone, Tony’s sister Ann Marie Klibert, Frank Klibert, Tony’s Daughter Blakely Rollin, Chris Rollin and Donnie Rollin.

Yearly membership is $100 per person, with proceeds benefiting the men’s lacrosse program. To join the pre-game socials or to purchase an Adirondack chair with nameplates, please contact Michael Paulus, director of athletic development, at paulus@msmary.edu or contact the Mount Club office at 301-447-5035.

Alumni Participation in the North Region according to U.S. News and World Report

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Dear Alumni,

What an exciting time for the Mount!! It was great to watch the men’s basketball team win the NEC Championship! I am so proud of our team and Coach Jamion Christian.

During Winter Homecoming on February 1 we held the 2014 Hall of Fame Induction Luncheon. Congratulations to Heather Wable DeWees, C’95, basketball; Sean Patrick Elder, C’00, lacrosse; Jay Kalis, C’69, baseball; and John Moore, C’88, basketball for their achievements as student athletes. And to Erv, C’52, & Ella Straw, recipients of the inaugural Father John “Spike” Cogan Award for exemplary support and contributions to Mount Athletics. I was so impressed with the stories of their time at the Mount and what it means to them to be inducted into the Hall of Fame. I want to thank all the members of the Hall of Fame Committee and their Chairman Rob Herb for all their work to make this event special.

On March 8 the Mount inducted the second class of honorees into the Dean’s Circle of Excellence/Alumni Hall of Fame. This award honors alumni who have shown excellence in their careers and service to their community. It was a pleasure to meet these eight distinguished alumni. Learn more about this award and this years honorees on page 4.

Reunion 2014 is June 6-8. Friday evening, during the Alumni Banquet, the National Alumni Association will present two distinguished alumni, Fr. Tom Mulelly, C’74, and George Gelles, C’64, with the Brute Medal, the association’s highest honor. This year marks the 50th reunion for the Class of 1964, a class that has been generous with both their time talent and treasure; we thank them for everything they do. This event will kick off what I know will be a great Reunion Weekend. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

I want to remind you of the National Alumni Association Awards that are given to very deserving and true friends of the Mount each year. It is important that we are always considering our alumni for these honors. If you have someone you would like to nominate please visit www.msmary.edu/alumni and follow the links to the online nomination form.

Mount Alumni Awards

The Simon Brute Medal is the highest honor given by the National Alumni Association to an alum.

Athletic Hall of Fame honors exceptional Mount St. Mary’s Athletes.

Bishop James E. Walsh Award is given by Alumni Chapters to an alum who has shown outstanding service to their community.

John Cardinal McCloskey Award given to Mountaineer priest for outstanding service to the Church.

I would encourage all alumni to visit Mount Online at www.msmary.edu/MountOnline and connect to the Mount St. Mary’s Alumni Linkedin page. Our students and young alumni are encouraged to use these online networking opportunities as resources to engage alumni, it is important that as alumni we are accessible to them.

This is everyone’s Alumni Association. We do not charge dues to belong as many universities do. This is an all-volunteer group that loves the Mount and wants her to be a viable university for the next 206 years.

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

To the Mount!

Ellen Callahan, C’81
President
National Alumni Association

1948

Reunion 2013: James Henderson, C’48, represented his class at Reunion 2013. Many thanks to Mr. Henderson for traveling all the way from his home in Chicopee, MA to attend Reunion 2013!

1961

Members of the class of 1961 and friends honored the legacy of Coach Jerry Savage, C’61, as they attended the dedication ceremony at the Loyola Blakefield High School basketball game on January 19, 2014. The school’s basketball court was dedicated to honor the long time and winning coach, Jerry Savage. Coach Savage patrolled Loyola’s sidelines amassing more than 600 victories en route to six championships. More importantly, Coach Savage is a tremendously generous man who had a very positive impact on the lives of countless Dons.

1965

William Ward, C’65, delivered the commencement address to the Mount’s first MHA graduating class in October, 2013 and received the Mount’s prestigious President’s Medal for the honor. Bill was elected to the Board of University of Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health System in Harford County, Md., in June 2013 and was elected to the Board of Al Noor Hospitals Group in Abu Dhabi in June 2013.

1974

Robert Halstead, C’74, was elected as City Councilman for the City of Bridgeport, Conn., in November of 2013. Photo: Robert is sworn in by his wife, Atty. Joan Carty. Bob has three grown children.

1965

Michael Fitzgerald, S’65, was awarded an M.A. in theology by St. Leo University in Florida and was ordained to the permanent diaconate by Bishop Francis X. DiLorenzo of the Diocese of Richmond. Fitzgerald has been assigned to parish ministry at St. Thomas Aquinas in Charlottesville and continues to serve as Defender of the Bond in the Office of the Tribunal.
1974

Goodwill Industries of Southern N.J. & Philadelphia honored Virtua President & CEO Richard P. Miller, C’74. Miller was recognized for his many outstanding contributions to the South Jersey community that help make it a great place to live, work and thrive. Through his visionary leadership style, Miller forged an alliance in 1998 with Memorial Health Alliance and the West Jersey Health System to form Virtua.

1975

C. Newton Weaver, Jr., C’75, recently graduated from the Ocean City, Maryland Citizen’s Police Academy, an intensive 10-week course with seminars in criminal law, community policing in establishing neighborhood watches, crime scene investigations, evidence collecting, and firearms safety and training with emphasis on the justification of using lethal force involving the 21 foot rule. Weaver was also recently elected as Vice President of the Worcester County Historical Society putting his history degree from the Mount to good use.

1976

Members from the Class of 1976: Brian Barry, Mike Casey, Jack Causa and Ralph Roarty attended Winter Homecoming on February 1, 2014.

1977

Daniel Sinnott, C’77, has written his second book The Intersection- Ensuring the Future of Your Business and Career Through Succession Planning.

1980

Marty Brunk, C’80, has been elected by McGladery to serve on the firm’s 12-member Board of Directors. Brunk, who will serve a four-year term, is the managing partner for McGladrey’s Baltimore office and is a member of the firm’s Southeast region leadership team.

1982

James P. Lawler, C’82, was appointed senior relationship manager in December 2013 by ENY Mellon, the global leader in investment management and investment services. Lawler is now the senior relationship manager in its corporate trust business, where he is responsible for relationship and risk management for corporate and insurance clients throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio, New York and New England.

1990

Todd Offut, C’90, has been named Harbor Master and Commercial Harbors Manager for the State of Hawaii (Oahu District). In this capacity he oversees maritime traffic carrying more than 98% of all goods shipped to Hawaii.

1995

Justin Babula, C’95, is the 2013 Warren County (N.J.) Farmer’s Fair Open Vegetable Show Zucchini Division Champion. Justin also won in the Eggplant Category, as well as placing in yellow squash and varietal tomato. In 2014 Babula hopes to compliment his “Best” Zucchini award with the “Largest” Zucchini as well!

1997

Mike Baynes, C’97, recently started his own financial company called AmeriHome Financial. When he’s not working he’s spending time with his wife Casey and three young children while also volunteering at the charity he and his wife founded, the Casey Cares Foundation. The charity provides uplifting and ongoing programs with a special touch for critically ill children and their families. Founded in 2000, he has helped Casey Cares grow from serving families in Baltimore to now helping families throughout the mid-Atlantic.

2002

Fr. Jerome A. Magat, S’02, is a candidate for the Society of St. Sulpice and serves as Director of Liturgy and Professor of Homiletics at St. Patrick Seminary and University in Menlo Park, Calif. St. Patrick Seminary is the seminary for the Archdiocese of San Francisco and serves nearly a dozen other dioceses in the West.
2004
Nathan L. Fissel, C’04, recently completed the Masters of Science in Taxation program at the University of Baltimore. He serves as a firm-wide tax resource for complex tax planning and compliance issues at Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC.

2006
Kim Waeber, B’06, and younger sister Kristen Waeber, started a new company called Kidogo Kidogo. The idea is to sell cell phone cases, initially online. For every case that Kidogo Kidogo sells, a cell phone or phone credits are donated to a woman in Tanzania (think of it as Tom’s shoes, but with cell phones). The phones will then be distributed to the women through established non-profit partners already working in Tanzania.

2008
Jon Pressimone, C’08, signed a contract with the DC Breeze in 2013 to play professional Ultimate Frisbee in the American Ultimate Disc League. He was ranked in the top 10 nationally for goals caught and was named to the All-East Second team. Pressimone was also named Captain of the Breeze for the 2014 season.

2011
Nicholas Raines, C’11, U.S. Army First Lieutenant, was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and returned this summer from a deployment to Afghanistan with 1st Brigade. The photo is of Nick (L) and 1LT Dan Griffin, C’11, (R) posing for a quick Class of 2011 reunion in Afghanistan.

2010
Karen Shore, C’10, received her Master of Science degree in Arts Administration from Drexel University on September 7, 2013. She participated in the commencement on June 15, 2013.

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARD NOMINATION PROCESS
Mount St. Mary’s University and the National Alumni Association are always eager to recognize successful and outstanding alumni from all walks of life. We continuously showcase graduates of the university who have distinguished themselves in their career or through community service. We encourage alums of all ages to submit their nominations for achievement in vocational or artistic pursuits, volunteer service, public service organizations, civic functions or service to the University. Our alumni continue to honor the university through their achievements and we wish to recognize those individuals. If you would like to nominate a fellow classmate, please visit www.msmary.edu/alumni and click on “National Alumni Association” and follow the links for more information and to download a nomination form or submit your nomination online.

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1940s
Mr. Edward T. Burns, C’40
December 27, 2013
Dr. Joseph James Velky, C’43
January 13, 2014
Mr. John M. McLarnon, Jr., C’47
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Mr. Raymond J. Hartman, Jr., C’47
October 26, 2013
Rev. Msgr. Robert C. Gribbin, S’47
December 25, 2013
Mr. William S. Holland, C’47
January 24, 2014

1950s
Mr. John Frederick Doyle, C’50
February 7, 2013
Mr. John J. McLean, Jr., C’50
December 24, 2013
Dr. Harold Russell Ratchford, C’51
November 7, 2012
Rev. Martin J. Dennehy, S’51
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Dr. Michael R. Durishin, Jr., C’51
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Mr. Theodore John Kachnowski, C’53
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Mr. Carroll Thomas McCourt, C’53
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October 20, 2013
Col. Michael F. Scanlon, USMC, C’61
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Dr. Joseph Giangiaco, C’64
March 12, 2013
Mr. Christopher T. Coleman, C’65
December 9, 2013
Mr. Donald P. Palmisano, C’67
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Mr. James W. Bowles, Jr., C’68
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1970s
Mr. Dennis M. Urbanski, C’71
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Rev. Joseph William Hines, S’72
February 28, 2014
Mr. Daniel N. Marshall, C’73
February 23, 2013
Mr. Thomas F. Sauer, C’73
October 18, 2013
Mr. Robert G. Cofenas, S’73
December 14, 2013
Mr. Harry W. Rhodes, C’73
February 21, 2014
Mr. Thomas A. McCune, S’75
February 14, 2014
Rev. Domenic Francis Mancini, S’76
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Mr. Edward C. Scarp, S’77
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Rev. Terril Cramer, S’79
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Rev. G. William Evans, S’78
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Mr. Michael E. Merritt, C’79
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Rev. Larry J. Hess, S’79
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1980s
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Mr. Richard C. Fitzpatrick, C’82
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Rev. John J. Herbert, S’83
September 14, 2012
Mrs. Frances S. Bittle, S’85
January 10, 2014
Mr. Thomas W. Armbruster, S’87
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1990s
Rev. An N. Vu, S’95
February 5, 2014
Rev. Terry Cramer, S’99
November 7, 2013

2000s
Rev. Lorenzo Gonzalez, S’03
March 15, 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.
Thomas Mariani, C’89
Jeremy James Mariani
September 20, 2012
In photo Jeremy is 16 months old.

Brian T. Davis, C’97, and Caroline S. Davis
Tate James Davis
Tate joins big brother Shepherd (3).

Colleen Wenthon Lembo, C’00, and Michael Lembo
Anthony Michael
June 4, 2013
Ridgewood, N.J., The Valley Hospital, weighing 7 lb., 7 oz.

Michael Freundel, C’02, and Erika Freundel (Gundersen), C’02
Jackson Peder Freundel
August 13, 2013

Brendan McMahon, C’03, and Jennifer Haenn McMahon, C’04
Abigail Imogene McMahon
March 21, 2013

Edward Wright, C’06, and Jennifer Lenfant Wright
Keela Aurora Wright
December 3, 2013
Weighing 8lbs. 13 oz. and measuring 21 inches.

Michael Volkwine, C’07, and Anna Falkenstine Volkwine, C’08
Paige Annabelle
May 25, 2013

Joshua Madden, C’11, and Megan Madden, C’11
Felicity Perpetua Madden
October 20, 2012

Submit Your Births/Weddings
Send your updates and photos to alumni@msmary.edu for submission to the Mount Magazine!
Anne Sluck, C’97, and Andrew Becker
September 14, 2013
Haw River Ballroom in Saxapahaw, N.C.

Pictured: Anne (Sluck) Becker, C’97, and Malia Bloom Hill, C’97

Brian Crum, C’02, and Erin Thomas (Current MBA student)
November 9, 2013
Lansdowne Resort in Leesburg, Va.

Paul Noel C’08, and Bridget Karwacki, C’08
June 7, 2013
St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Allentown, Pa.

More than 40 “Mounties” were on hand to help them celebrate including members of the wedding party, parents and classmates. All alumni in attendance posed for this group photograph during the reception at Lehigh Country Club.

Katherine Major Nwachukwu, C’08, and Joseph Nwachukwu
September 7, 2013
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mount St. Mary’s University
Fr. Thomas Smith, S’82 officiated.
Teresa Buchheit, C’13, was the bridesmaid, Venise Darisme, C’09, served as cantor, Beth Hankins Neumann, C’09, and Corine Schuster, C’10, were guests.

Brian Acton, C’10, and Kristen (Waters) Acton, C’10
November 9, 2013
Chapel of the Immaculate Conception, Mount St. Mary’s University

Included in the photo are other Mount Alum: Heather Harbold, C’10, (far left) and Andrew Vink, C’10, (2nd from right)
2013 MOUNT HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Mount St. Mary’s inducted four individuals and one couple into the Athletic Hall of Fame, which held its induction ceremony on February 1, 2014, at the Mount’s Winter Homecoming celebration.

This year’s class of inductees included:

Heather Wable DeWees, C’95, basketball; Sean Patrick Elder, C’00, lacrosse; Jay Kalis, C’69, baseball; John Moore, C’88, basketball; and Erv, C’52, & Ella Straw, inaugural recipients of the Father John “Spike” Cogan Award for exemplary support and contributions to Mount Athletics.

Established in 1971 by the National Alumni Association, the Mount St. Mary’s Sports Hall of Fame recognizes annually former athletes who have exhibited athletic prowess of an outstanding nature in an intercollegiate sport.

The late Monsignor John L. Sheridan, former President and star athlete on the Mount basketball and football teams, has the distinction of being the first athlete elected to membership into the Hall of Fame. Since that auspicious beginning, the Hall of Fame has inducted other former basketball and football standouts, as well as representatives from the baseball, cross country, boxing, soccer, track, tennis, lacrosse, decathlon, field hockey, and softball and golf teams.

Inductees include one other former president, the late Dr. John J. Dillon, Jr., and several coaches and individuals who have made significant contributions to the athletic program. Four teams have been enshrined, notably the 1962 NCAA College Division Basketball Champions.
MOUNT FANS ARE THE BEST!

Many thanks for organizing, attending, cheering, supporting, and enjoying MOUNT MAYHEM 2014. What a great ride to the NEC Championship!

GAME WATCHES 2014!

The Ott House
Emmitsburg, MD

Magoo’s Pub
(Owner: Jennifer Dougherty, C’83)
Frederick, MD

Alexanders Tavern
(Owners: John & Kathleen Burke, C’94)
Baltimore, MD

The Pratt Street Ale House
(Owner Don Kelly)
Baltimore, MD

Looney’s Pub
Fulton, MD

Town Hall
(Owner: Tim Walsh, C’97)
Washington D.C.

Crystal City Sports Pub
(Owners: Bill Bayne, C’86, Jim Madden, C’86, & Art Dougherty C’88)
Arlington, VA

Hard Times Cafe
Fairfax, VA

Hudson Tavern
Hoboken, NJ

Allendale Bar & Grill
(Owners: Craig C’91 & Chris Kunisch, C’90)
Allendale NJ

O’Flanagan’s
New York, NY

Zebbs Grill & Bar
New Hartford, NY

Jackson Inn
(Owner: Fred Bourdon, C’72)
Wilmington, DE

Fox & Hound Pub
King of Prussia, PA

MaGerks
Fort Washington, PA

La Porta Ristorante
Media, PA

Quaker Steak & Lube
Mechanicsburg, PA

Arooga’s Grill House & Sports Bar
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Tyber Creek Pub
Charlotte, NC

Sneakers Sports Grill
Jacksonville, FL

National Alumni Association Awards
Visit www.msmary.edu/alumni make your nomination for the Athletic Hall of Fame, Bruté Medal, John Cardinal McCloskey and Bishop James E Walsh Award. There are many deserving alumni – please submit your nomination today!
Conventional wisdom says that these are tough times for liberal education.

Today, the “STEM” fields get all the attention, and a very public figure recently dismissed the value of studying art history. Everyone is betting against the liberal arts.

If liberal education were a stock, the savvy investor might start to think that this is an excellent time to buy.

Tight economic times make us focus on employable skills, and some people seem to think that liberal education is a luxury for the already secure. But, as we’re seeing in debates over education, economic insecurity is just as likely to prompt reflection on what is truly valuable, what is worth dedicating one’s life to, what is the source of true happiness—in other words, the deeply humanistic questions that are the purview of traditional liberal education.

But more to the point, if employability is what matters, let us not forget that liberal education does produce valuable skills. Basic intellectual abilities—to understand and interpret, to evaluate and criticize, to analyze and persuade—are a very strong and stable currency. Wherever that currency is originally acquired—from investments of time and effort reading medieval literature, studying military history, or grappling with the arguments of ancient philosophers—it is easily convertible to other areas of life.

(An executive at a large accounting firm recently told me that after he interviews a potential employee, he asks the applicant to write him an e-mail summarizing their conversation. The hiring decision is made on the basis of that email, which gives concrete evidence of a candidate’s ability to explain, interpret, and communicate clearly.)

In fact, the valuable skills that are the fruit of liberal education don’t just make someone employable, they can make someone powerful and responsible—the kind of person who can find consensus, persuade others, see farther than peers, make decisions, and adapt in dynamic conditions.

Technical skill makes one suitable to repeat a discrete exercise. Intellectual virtue makes one visionary and versatile, entrepreneurial and fit to lead. It is no wonder that MBA programs have been reconnecting with the liberal arts.

Of course, not all liberal education is equal. Over the last few decades the humanities acquired a reputation for frivolity and political correctness, for self-indulgent theorizing and ideological indoctrination. There are indeed trendy movements in the humanities that deserve this reputation; these are part of the “education bubble,” and demand for them will decrease as the bubble deflates.

But genuine liberal education is aimed at the truth, and the traditional humanistic disciplines—history and politics, language and literature, philosophy and theology—encompass bodies of knowledge with rigorous methodology. Studying them has the power to illuminate the human condition and refine the intellect. Demand for that is not likely to decrease, and indeed is poised for growth. Given how cultural and technological changes are diminishing habits of reading and writing, I predict that the well-trained mind is only going to increase in value.

Submissions for First Person can be made via email to themagazine@msmary.edu or in writing to the Mount’s Office of Communications, 16300 Old Emmitsburg Road, Emmitsburg, MD 21727.
For **Susan Janowiak**, giving back to her alma mater was an easy choice.

“My time at the Mount were the best four years of my life,” says Janowiak, a regional comptroller with the Environmental Protection Agency from Philadelphia, PA. “I developed life-long friendships at the Mount, learned how to live on my own, and participated in the sports I loved while doing well academically.”

In 1993, Susan received the Mount’s Distinguished Alumni Award. A three sport student-athlete at the Mount, she was recognized for her basketball prowess in 2006 with her induction into the university’s Athletic Hall of Fame. Susan has stayed active with the Mount through the years—and currently serves as Vice President for the National Alumni Association.

Susan has been a faithful and generous supporter of the Mount for many years. She gives every year to the Mount Annual Fund and is an avid supporter of the Athletics program. Recently, Susan became a member of the 1808 Legacy Society by providing a bequest in her will—allowing her to maintain financial security while benefiting the Mount in the future.

“I’ve been blessed with a long and successful career at the EPA, and I don’t think I would have gotten to where I am today without my Mount education and experiences,” says Susan. “I support the Mount because if you have a great college experience, as I did, the least I can do is give back. I hope when other Mounties see what I’ve done, they will also consider making an estate gift as well.”

An estate gift to Mount St. Mary’s is easy to arrange, will not alter your current lifestyle in any way, and can be easily modified to address your changing needs. You are invited to join Susan in caring for the Mount now and in the future. To learn more about the 1808 Legacy Society, contact Rachel Pease, Interim Director of Development, at 301-447-5294 or pease@msmary.edu.

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April 28 8th Annual Baltimore Chapter Golf Outing
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May 10 Carolina’s Chapter, Charlotte Knights vs Buffalo Bisons
June 26 Carolina’s Chapter Meeting
July 13 Delaware Chapter Beach Picnic
August 17 Baltimore Chapter Crab Feast
September 13 Orioles Bullpen Party
(Orioles vs. New York Yankees)