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"This campus has been here 200-plus years and has served our country and our global community incredibly well. It's time to invest back in Mount St. Mary's to make it a world-class university."

Mary D. Kane, C’84  
Chair of the Mount St. Mary’s University Board of Trustees
Dear Alumni, Parents & Friends,

A simple placard on my office windowsill that reads “Forward! Together as One” reminds me every day that our capital campaign requires the commitment of the entire Mount community to achieve our shared vision of strategically growing to educate the next generation of ethical leaders in service to God and others.

In its storied 211-year history, Mount St. Mary’s University has nurtured the mind, body and spirit of thousands and thousands of students, many of whom have gone on to make major contributions to society. Now it is time to strategically grow in mind, body and spirit to prepare for educating the next generation of Mounties in the Catholic tradition.

As we continue to improve and expand our academic programs, the Mount has outgrown the classroom and faculty office space in the Knott Academic Center, our primary academic facility, which is home to the Richard J. Bolte, Sr. School of Business. The building, constructed in 1975, will be renovated and expanded to accommodate our growing student body. More than 75% of the goal for this project has been raised through donations from the Bolte Family Foundation and a state grant. The Bolte patriarch and his seven Mountie sons all exemplify the ethical leadership for which Mount alumni are known.

Another ethical leader, philanthropist George Delaplaine, provided the first major gift to the Forward! campaign. The Delaplaine Family Academic Commons will serve as a collaborative space connecting the current Coad Science Building with the new facility.

The Mount has long recognized the importance of athletics in forming ethical leaders. The Knott ARCC, the central hub of athletics for the university, has remained largely unchanged since it was constructed in 1987. Since that time, we’ve expanded to 22 NCAA Division I athletic programs and more than 450 student-athletes. Planned renovations and additions include construction of the Rooney Performance Center and repurposing of the Dillon Field House as a dedicated indoor track & field practice facility, among other enhancements.

The Mount’s sacred spaces also require care. Our seminarians stoically inhabit a living environment that is in need of many upgrades and repairs. More than one quarter of the funds for the seminary’s segment of the Forward! campaign have been raised, and some repairs have already been completed. Among the planned upgrades are a natural gas generator, a complete HVAC system, water heaters and renovations to St. Bernard’s Chapel. The campaign also seeks funding to refurbish “The Way,” the path that Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Blessed Stanley Rother, S’63, and thousands of others have prayerfully walked from the seminary to the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. Nearly 50% of the goal for this project has been raised.

The Forward! Together as One campaign seeks the support of alumni, parents, friends and benefactors to achieve our shared vision of the university. The future of the Mount begins with your support!

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MOUNT BOWLING’S FACEBOOK LIVE FEED DOESN’T LIE. Through every frame of every game, the women give each other high fives and words of encouragement, whether a bowler nails a strike or spare or leaves pins standing.

This team bond and culture of support, as well as a confident spirit and a talented coach who was named Northeast Conference Coach of the Year, are major factors in the team’s remarkable success in its inaugural year of competition. “We know that whoever is in is always going to do the job for us,” said Barbara Hawes, C’22, from Flint, Michigan. “We’re really close and always cheer each other on even if we’re on the bench.”

The cheering is infectious; the Mount community has fallen for the team with a core group of fans watching through a Facebook Live feed. Made up of eight first-year students from California to Maryland and from Michigan to Louisiana, the team was projected in the preseason to finish in last place in the highly competitive Northeast Conference. Instead the women placed second in the regular season standings and as runner up in the NEC Tournament in late March. Along the way the Mount beat several top 10 nationally ranked teams and recorded the second-highest five-game baker set in the NCAA this season.

The bowling world has noticed; the Mount is currently ranked No. 19 nationally. The team won its first tournament, the Bud Whitman Memorial, in October and has never looked back, placing fourth or higher in five of nine tournaments. Coach Kenneth DeGraaf recalls a team meeting last fall: “They all said that we don’t care that we’re all freshmen and that we’re a first-year program. We look in this room and see very talented bowlers who know that we can beat anyone.”

In early March the Mount bowled in the Intercollegiate Team Championships sectional in Illinois, finishing in fifth of 19 teams and missing out on the opportunity to compete in the Intercollegiate National Championships by just 42 pins. Rebecca Dodson, C’22, of Panama City, Florida, placed fourth of 226 bowlers at the Intercollegiate Singles Sectionals and represented the Mount at the Intercollegiate Singles Championship in Dayton, Ohio, in April. The NEC All-Rookie Team of five included three Mounties: Dodson, Danielle Milo, C’22, and Tamera Stanton, C’22. Dodson also earned a spot on the All-NEC Second Team, and Stanton was named to the NEC All-Tournament Team.

“Even though we’re happy with the ranking and realize it’s a step in the right direction, there’s still more work that we want to put in,” said DeGraaf. “We’re excited, but we’re going to stay hungry.”

Stay tuned for an exciting 2019-20 season. The by-then seasoned sophomores will be joined by at least four freshman recruits from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware and Florida.
Mount Adds Graduate-Level Certificate Programs

THE MOUNT’S FREDERICK CAMPUS is offering two new graduate-level certificate programs to meet the needs of professionals in the region seeking to explore career options in cybersecurity and data science. A certificate in risk management and cybersecurity and a certificate in data science will begin in fall 2019.

“We are constantly reflecting and responding to feedback from our business partners in the Frederick region,” said Jennifer L. Staiger, Ph.D., associate provost of the Division of Graduate, Professional and Continuing Education. “This allows us to offer programs that arm working adults with skills and abilities that may enhance their position in the professional world.”

The need for data science and cybersecurity expertise continues to grow, as 88% of companies spent more than $1 million on preparing for the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and 69% of companies see compliance mandates driving spending, according to CSO online from IDG News Service.

Designed with working professionals in mind, the risk management and cybersecurity certificate will focus on understanding integration between computer architecture, operating systems and application programs. This certificate program is designed for students who do not have advanced technology experience but may be interested in learning network concepts, foundations of the internet and associated risks of being online.

Similarly, the data science certificate is designed for the non-technical professional working in fields such as communication, banking, research, finance, biotechnology, cybersecurity and more. Students will learn statistics, data engineering and data model applications.

“The biotechnology industry has grown exponentially along the I-270 corridor in the last several years,” said the Mount’s Director of Business Development Andi Overton. “As these organizations are performing incredible work for our community, it’s our goal to provide their employees with the knowledge, skills and abilities to understand and interrupt big data while keeping their employees safe online. The Mount’s Frederick campus is proud to offer academic programming to better serve our community.”

Learn more!

Visit frederick.msmary.edu to explore degrees and certificate programs available.
Connecting With the Next Generation of Mounties

Through a Modern Website

DURING A TIME WHEN THE MOUNT is focused on investments to enhance its buildings and facilities, making sure its digital space is considered for upgrades is equally important. That’s why in the spring of 2017, work began to redevelop msmary.edu, the university’s flagship website, to enhance the visibility and reputation of the Mount, facilitate growth in enrollment and retention, and support our fundraising and engagement of alumni and donors.

“We wanted a site that could help prospective students and their families have a better understanding of the academic programs and co-curricular activities offered at the Mount, along with what our alumni are accomplishing, so they could make more informed decisions during their college search process,” said Jack Chielli, Mount St. Mary’s vice president for enrollment management, marketing and communications. “I’d like to thank everyone from our campus community for their input and collaboration in making the site do just that.”

The new mobile responsive site debuted to the public in early October, recently collecting an Education Digital Marketing Award, Education Advertising Award, and American Advertising Federation Greater Frederick ADDY® award. It even was named a Webby Honoree by the International Academy of Digital Arts and Sciences.

Up&Up marketing agency helped to develop the modern and fully ADA compliant site design, while Hannon Hill Corporation supported the back-end development of the new site into its content management system, Cascade Server. The Mount’s Office of University Marketing & Communications in-house creative team developed the site further by enhancing visual and written content across the new platform.

Features include academic program pages highlighting the university’s degree offerings and potential career options, along with examples of organizations and graduate programs where Mount alumni have gone. The condensed navigation provides a cleaner user experience, while content detailing clubs and organizations, service programs, athletics and recreation and even a dedicated Mount news center allows visitors to learn more about campus life.

The project was led by Karlie Herbert, the Mount’s director of web communication and interactive media.

“We’d been communicating to our audiences through a website that was not mobile responsive and more than 12 years old,” said Herbert. “With a growing number of visitors reaching us on a mobile device, it was critical for us to be able to reach people no matter what device they use. The redesigned website meets modern accessibility and security standards, gives us more versatility to showcase important information for our key audiences, and allows visitors to truly feel the beauty of our mountain community reflected on every page.”

For alumni, the site provides more integrated content than ever before. Suggestions on ways to get involved in local chapters, updates on events and traditions and information on how to support the Mount have all been enhanced.

The website even features a new “Lives of Significance” section, highlighting stories of Mount alumni who have contributed to their communities or had major career achievements.

“Our community is consistently referenced as being a formative part of the Mount experience, and there is no better way to showcase the value of this to prospective students than to tell the stories of our Mounties and their success,” said Herbert.

The Mount’s new website is another example of how the university is making strategic investments in recruiting and educating the leaders of the future.

WHAT’S NEW?

- Modern mobile responsive design
- Cutting-edge interactive homepage with video display
- New content management system
- Simplified navigation for ease of use
- Fully ADA compliant and improved online accessibility
- Enhanced security features

Check it out!

Visit msmary.edu to see how the Mount is helping students live significantly.
Driving past the Mount on Route 15 during the next few months, you will see a large sign proclaiming “Mount Philanthropy at Work” next to a building that is under construction. The new 5,700 square foot multipurpose student venue, located near Keelty Towers on the southwestern corner of John Walsh Way and Annandale Road, will open this summer. A ribbon-cutting is planned at the start of the 2019-20 academic year.

With the Mount’s two-year pattern of enrollment growth and projected future growth, more space is needed on campus for social activities and academic collaboration. The open design building, funded in part by an anonymous donor, is flexible to accommodate weekend social activities such as concerts and other large-scale events, as well as provide space for meetings of student life clubs and organizations. In addition, the venue will include space for collaborative academic work and for commuter students to gather. The facility includes rollup doors which can be opened in warmer weather, creating a transitional space to the patio and lawn.

At a groundbreaking ceremony in January, Rob Tsegaye, C’22, president of the Student Government Association, thanked everyone involved in this project as he pointed out the university’s dedication to student life activities that this facility represents. “Never before has student affairs been focused on this much—to the point we have our own building,” he exclaimed.

“This is about our students and those who come after them as we fulfill our commitment to develop ethical leaders who lead lives of significance in service to God and others,” said President Timothy E. Trainor, Ph.D.

The building, designed by Marotta/Main Architects, is constructed by Centurion Construction Group, LLC.

Watch our progress! | Visit msmary.edu/philanthropyatwork
THE FORWARD! TOGETHER AS ONE CAMPAIGN builds on the lasting values of a strong, Catholic, liberal arts tradition. As we look back to affirm our past and ahead to envision our future, we take a moment to look within and meditate on our purpose. Through a commitment to enrich the mind, body and spirit, the Mount is honored and privileged to educate the next generation of Mounties to lead lives of significance in service to God and others.

Join us as we take the next steps Forward! Together as One.

Learn more →
Visit forward.msmary.edu to step forward with your gift today.
Knott Academic Center, the Mount’s primary academic facility and home to the Richard J. Bolte, Sr. School of Business, hasn’t undergone a major renovation since opening in 1975. It contains 21 classrooms, several computer labs, a graphic arts lab and a language lab, the Writing Center and academic offices for communication, English, history and political science.

An addition will house the Richard J. Bolte, Sr. School of Business, multipurpose space, a Bloomberg lab, an auditorium and a welcome center. The project is being funded by a significant gift from the Bolte Family Foundation, a state grant and other gifts.

Renovations will include:
- Modernization of classrooms and technology
- Increased co-curricular learning and collaborative spaces
- Expanded faculty offices
- Upgraded infrastructure to improve heating, cooling and technology efficiencies

Flip to page 14 to read more.

Long-time Mount benefactor George B. Delaplaine was the first to step up with a major gift to the Forward! Together as One campaign. The Delaplaine Family Academic Commons, a collaborative multipurpose space that will connect the current Coad Science Building with a new facility, will enhance the Mount’s community atmosphere and educational experience. The student space will be used for studying, collaborative work, group meetings and recreational activities.

Read more on page 16.
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- Repurposing of the Dillon Field House as a dedicated indoor track & field practice facility
- A new sports medicine area to account for the growth in athletic programs
- An expanded strength and conditioning area
- Modernization of the entrance to the Knott ARCC to showcase our tradition of excellence in athletics

Read more about the expansion and other Mount athletics stories starting on page 18.

NATIONAL SHRINE GROTTO

More than a century apart, the first native-born American to be canonized a saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, and the first U.S.-born martyr, Blessed Stanley Rother, S’63, walked the land between Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes. A planned project will help us care for “The Way” so that thousands of people each year can enjoy a more prayerful journey from the seminary to the National Shrine Grotto. The pathway will offer places for reflection with benches and memorials dedicated to saints.

SEMINARY

The seminary prepares men for the priesthood while forming them to have an integrated core of human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral virtues modeled by Jesus Christ. The passion instilled in our seminarians during their priestly formation allows them to become devoted shepherds of the Catholic faith. Last year, seminary and university leadership identified certain projects as priority needs and estimated a total of $1.25 million to fund a new HVAC system, water heaters, showers, partial window replacement and repairs to the front porch of McSweeny Hall.

Read more on page 24 & 25.
The Bolte and Connors brothers, all seven of whom received their undergraduate degrees at Mount St. Mary’s University, faced a difficult decision to cut 400 employees to ensure the company’s continued viability. They instead chose the ethical path, instituting executive-level pay cuts in order to save hundreds of jobs. The brothers reached a humane and compassionate business management decision that their father, Richard “Dick” J. Bolte Sr., and their Mount professors would have advised.

AN ETHICAL LEADER

Richard J. Bolte Sr., a brilliant logistics pioneer who started his Philadelphia-based company with a $1,200 home improvement loan and a Royal typewriter while raising four of his sons as a single father, strongly believed in three principles forged from his Catholic faith: education, respect for humanity and ethical leadership. In his company’s early days, he befriended a homeless man whom he had encountered on the street, giving him a job and renting an apartment for him. The man worked for BDP for seven years without anyone in the company being aware of how he landed the job and achieved upward mobility. Bolte Sr’s sons have unearthed numerous examples of their father’s unpublicized generosity to people who needed a helping hand.

From the moment his oldest son, Richard Jr., decided that he felt at home at the Mount and wanted to pursue his education in Emmitsburg in 1975, and as each ensuing son decided that he liked the idea of having at least one brother on campus and wanted to be a Mountaineer, Bolte Sr. dedicated his time and treasure to the university that he came to love as he served on the board of trustees and made significant donations to scholarship and other programs. Bolte and Connors men were enrolled at the Mount for 17 years with Richard Jr. graduating in 1979, John in 1982, Tim in 1984, Frank in 1987, Bill in 1989, Mike in 1991 and Rob in 1992.

As the last son graduated, the Mount honored the elder Bolte with an honorary doctorate of humane letters in recognition of his selfless service to the university. The family has continued to lend their talents to the Mount, with Richard Jr. as an emeritus member of the board of trustees, Tim as a current board member and Frank as a member of the Bolte School’s board of advisors. Sheila A. (Breschi) Bolte, C’85, wife of Tim, and two members of the next generation, Richard J. Bolte III, C’08, and Erin R. “Rosie” Bolte, C’17, are also Mount alumni.
DICK BOLTE’S LEGACY

Bolte Sr., who passed away in 2006, continues to leave his imprint on campus with the naming of the school of business in his memory in 2011. The gift resulted in enhancement and support of the Mount’s focus on ethical leadership in business and creation of a graduate certificate in logistics.

Through the years, BDP has hired several dozen Mounties who have proven not only to be skilled, but also ethical decision makers. Now the Bolte family, through the Bolte Family Foundation, is recommitting to the Bolte School in their father’s honor. President Timothy E. Trainor, Ph.D., recently announced that the Bolte Family Foundation is donating $3 million to help expand and renovate Knott Academic Center, home to the Richard J. Bolte, Sr. School of Business.

“Our father inspired us in our business to be committed to our people and to higher education,” said Frank Bolte. “Our company’s culture emphasized community service and had a family feel, just like being at the Mount.”

“Mount St. Mary’s deeply appreciates the Bolte family’s devotion to their father’s legacy and investment in the Mount,” Trainor said. “The Mount is experiencing student enrollment growth and academic program expansion, and this gift will assist us in creating additional classrooms, conference rooms and faculty offices as well as a laboratory space. The addition and renovation will also allow the Mount to develop more partnerships in areas such as logistics and forensic accounting to further our mission of creating ethical leaders who lead lives of significance.”

The $7.5 million Knott Academic Center expansion and renovation project, designed by Marotta/Main Architects, is also supported by a more than $2.9 million capital grant from the state of Maryland. The project includes construction of an approximately 12,140 square foot addition and renovation of the 49,074 square foot existing building. Work will commence this summer and is anticipated to be completed by fall 2021. The upgrade will include enhancing the learning environment and building new classrooms, a Bloomberg Classroom Laboratory and faculty offices.
WHEN ASKED WHAT MAKES A MEANINGFUL LIFE, George B. Delaplaine explains it like this: “I’ll tell you. It’s to do as much for the community as you possibly can. Loving others—it’s in my religion. Every time I give the blessing, I say ‘Make us always mindful of the needs of others.’” Wisdom and humor are in his blue eyes and warm smile.

Delaplaine, president of Great Southern Enterprises, Inc. and chair of the board of the Delaplaine Foundation, Inc. is seated at a large conference table on the second floor inside the Delaplaine Foundation building at 244 West Patrick Street in Frederick, Maryland. There’s a painting of a printing press hanging on the wall; a closer inspection reveals men working as oversized sheets of paper run through the machine. Awards and certificates of appreciation hang on another wall. A bouquet of lavender blue and purple hydrangeas bloom atop a chest of drawers underneath a framed woodblock. Delaplaine proudly wears a Maryland state flag tie and a Mount pin on his sports coat; he has a significant connection to both—having been rooted and established in loving service to these communities for nearly a century.

The Delaplaine family has a long history of philanthropy and entrepreneurship. Their ancestor was among the first settlers in Frederick. George Delaplaine’s grandfather, William T. Delaplaine, opened a print shop and started a daily newspaper—now the Frederick News-Post. A young George and his older sister started a monthly neighborhood newspaper when he was 12 years old. He remembers the placement of every letter and piece of type, recollecting a time when typesetting for letterpress was a signature of authenticity and an important job.

George Delaplaine later took another important job serving in the United States Navy during World War II. After returning home, he graduated from Johns Hopkins University and took post-graduate classes at Rutgers University before joining his family’s newspaper business in 1949—taking on various roles including writer, editor and publisher, and president. By 1964 he’d seen the importance of Frederick’s connection to Washington, D.C. With the completion of the I-270 superhighway, he saw the possibility for cable television to provide a source of news and entertainment to a new metropolitan audience. In 1966 Delaplaine formed Frederick Cablevision and three years later parent company Great Southern Printing & Mfg. Co. became the sole owner. The business thrived and expanded to Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Virginia. In 2001 the cable company, now owned by Comcast, was sold and ranked 25th nationally in the number of cable system subscribers.
As the afternoon comes to a close, Delaplaine speaks about the history of Frederick and its infrastructure, the state of journalism today and his interest in continuous learning. “You can’t rewrite history,” he says. “That’s why I work so hard on studying it and why it’s so important to remember.” He tells the story of Barbara Frietchie, born Barbara Hauer in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, in 1766, quoting the famous poem by John Greenleaf Whittier: “Up from the meadows rich with corn,” he begins. “Clear in the cool September morn, / The clustered spires of Frederick stand / Green-walled by the hills of Maryland.” His lines spill forth like ink to the page. “Peace and order and beauty draw / Round thy symbol of light and law / And ever the stars above look down / On thy stars below in Frederick town!”

As he finishes reciting the last stanza, he glances up and out the window, seated above the city he loves. He straightens his glasses and pauses a moment. “The blood of the soil is in my veins,” he says. He’s planted a lifetime of kindness in the places he loves most—and from his second-floor window he continues to watch them bloom. He stands from his chair, straightens his red and gold tie, takes a deep breath and then smiles. This is how he’s chosen to live his life; the way to walk therein. From the abundance of his gratitude, history speaks. We march forward.

Delaplaine

Recommendations

Restaurants in Frederick:
Le Parc Bistro & Mexicali Cantina

Museums:
The National Museum of Civil War Medicine
It’s the building where his mother was born and where his maternal grandfather C.C. Carty operated a furniture making/undertaking business.

Poem:
Barbara Frietchie by John Greenleaf Whittier

Exercise:
He swims half a mile (39 laps) every day. Bettie used to call the pool George’s bathtub.

Church:
Grace Episcopal Church in New Market
Clearing the Bar
Mount alumni John and Patrick Rooney give back to move forward!

By Donna Klinger and Joe Paciella, C’03, MBA’11

JOHN J. AND PATRICK (PAT) J. ROONEY, BOTH C’60, and legendary track & field coach Jim Deegan arrived at Mount St. Mary’s about the same time when track was “a minor sport still in its infant stages,” according to the 1957 Pridwin yearbook. The young coach and his student-athletes, including John Rooney, a pole vaulter, high jumper and hurdler, did everything themselves. As the program cleared the bar and achieved major sport status within John and Pat Rooney’s four years at the Mount, Deegan and John Rooney even built the field’s runway and landing pit. More than 60 years later, Deegan continues to coach as a volunteer, and the Rooney's are still ensuring that the athletic program has the resources needed to succeed.

John and his wife JoAnn and Patrick and his wife Sandy recently generously funded a centerpiece of the Forward! campaign: an athletic performance center with each couple contributing $3 million. Located within the PNC Sports Complex, the Rooney Performance Center will be part of a project that includes a new campus recreation space, renovated Dillon Field House, new tennis courts, expanded sports medicine area and new Legends Concourse at the entrance to the ARCC.

“My college years were one of the high spots of my life. I was a young kid from Pittsburgh, and the Mount helped form me into the man I am,” John Rooney says. “I’d like the current Mount athletes to have outstanding facilities that help them perform to the best of their abilities.”

“I look back at my years at the Mount and have to say that those were the best years of my life!” exclaims Pat Rooney. “The camaraderie with tennis teammates and friendships developed lasted a lifetime. I am happy to see the tennis team doing well and continue to support the team.”

“We’re so thankful to John and JoAnn and Pat and Sandy Rooney for their generosity, investing in the Mount to provide our students with this incredible facility,” says Mount St. Mary’s University President Timothy E. Trainor, Ph.D.
“These upgrades and enhancements will be instrumental in helping all our students meet or even exceed their athletic and fitness goals.

This new 26-30,000 square foot campus recreation space will feature four multipurpose courts for basketball, volleyball and tennis, expanding athletic opportunities for not only Division I student-athletes, but also for club and intramural sports, as well as unaffiliated student use.

These facilities would have been used by the Rooneys in their days at the Mount. Pat was a top contributor to the tennis team, showing steady improvement in his game each year. Both Pat and John sought exercise beyond their athletic teams by participating in intramural sports.

“On behalf of the Mount St. Mary’s University Athletic Department, I want to express my profound gratitude to the Rooneys,” says Mount St. Mary’s Director of Athletics Lynne Robinson, C’79. “Thanks to their transformational gift, our student-athletes will be able to practice and compete with pride in a state-of-the-art facility. This gift is a real game-changer for Mount St. Mary’s and will have a tremendous impact on all our programs for many years to come.”

The track & field team, now with 120 student-athletes, will move into Dillon Field House, as the space will be transformed into the team’s dedicated indoor practice facility with a resurfaced floor and new pits.

The Mount’s Cross Country and Track & Field Head Coach Jay Phillips, C’05, S’08, expressed his appreciation. “I’ve been blessed to get to know John over the past few years, and his support for the program has been unprecedented,” says Phillips. “We’ve won a couple titles recently, the first ones in two decades, and we simply don’t make these kinds of jumps in our program without his generosity. I can’t express enough the gratitude of our student-athletes, alumni and staff for the impact he’s made.”

As a token of the track & field program’s gratitude for John Rooney’s support, Phillips this winter presented him with a ring from the 2018 men’s Northeast Conference championship. Rooney quipped that the ring is as big as a Super Bowl ring. He is easily able to make that comparison because he also possesses six Super Bowl rings from the success of his family’s Pittsburgh Steelers.

As the Mount has attracted more student-athletes—300 in 2015 to 453 today and increasing to 600 at the project’s completion—the need for improved sports medicine and athletic training capabilities has become a top priority in improving the athletic experience.

A new sports medicine and strength and conditioning facility will more than double the current space, expanding from 1,900 to 4,300 square feet. The university has also invested in additional staff, bringing the number of trainers from one to seven and strength and conditioning coaches from one to four.

Finally, to honor the greats in Mount athletics history, the ARCC will receive an upgrade to its entrance. The space will become the new Legends Concourse, where the university will honor members of the Athletic Hall of Fame, as well as display photos and memorabilia from unforgettable moments in Mount sports history.

Last spring, John Rooney attended a Mount track & field meet and came away impressed with the team’s student-athletes and coaches. He recalls watching the “incredibly athletic” pole vaulters and muses on how superior the fiberglass poles are to the Swedish steel ones he used. “I could have been a contender,” he quips. John, JoAnn, Pat and Sandy Rooney have made it possible for countless Mount student-athletes to be contenders for years to come.
A LACK OF EQUIPMENT, funding and playing experience didn’t stop Jerry Middlemiss, Ed.D., C’70, and a group of about 30 students from organizing what’s now the Mount St. Mary’s men’s lacrosse program in the late 1960s.

Middlemiss, a cross country and outdoor track student-athlete, and several others simply wanted something else to do. Before they could get on the field, though, the fledgling group needed to acquire gear.

“We didn’t have any equipment, nothing,” says Middlemiss. Short on funds, team members wrote to other programs such as Army, Navy, Johns Hopkins and Maryland asking for help. “They sent bins of old equipment, some of which was worn in the ‘30s,” Middlemiss recalls.

Working with Mount administration, the student-built team started playing in the spring of 1968 and officially became a varsity sport for the 1969-70 season.

The pieces were falling into place, but the program still needed a permanent coach. The first couple coaches only stayed for brief stints and the team had to rely on help from a few players, but finally the Mount hired Randy Kilgore, its first long-term coach.

“They asked Kilgore if he would coach for three days a week and on game days for $300,” Middlemiss explains. “He ended up spending five or six days a week for the next 22 years and was making $3,000 when he left.”

The program didn’t have much of a budget, so team members went to the student government to request available funding. They were told, however, that there was another proposal competing for the funds. “The request was $500,” recalls Middlemiss. “They debated whether to give it to the team or get a piano.” Fortunately, they had lobbied the correct people and were awarded the $500.

While wins were hard to come by in the team’s first few years, with practice they improved. The Mount’s location, about an hour from Baltimore, a hotbed of lacrosse, offered a great opportunity for recruiting. Once word spread about the Mount’s program, more experienced players started to arrive.

The efforts soon paid off. In 1973, Kilgore led the Mount to a 10-2 record for the program’s first double-digit win season.

Two more 10-win seasons came in 1982 and 1984, led in part by DJ Stevenson, C’85. The Mount Athletics Hall of Famer and first Mountaineer to participate in the USILA North-South All-Star game recalls his time with the team. “The lacrosse program, Coach Kilgore and my fellow teammates shaped the person I am today,” says Stevenson. “It still provides the backdrop to many of my stories to kids I coached, to discussions with clients and family get-togethers.”

The program’s growth spurred discussions about moving to Division I. Once the transition to DI happened, it helped attract even more talent.

“I knew I was going to the Mount, so when I heard it was going DI, I was pumped,” says Mount Athletics Hall of Famer Charlie Horning, C’92, whose 75 points and 37 assists in 1991 still rank as the third- and second-highest single-season totals, respectively, in Mount history. “I went and watched them play University of Maryland (No. 1 in the country at the time). It was a great game and the Mount played tough. I knew the school had made the right decision.”
On March 14, 1989, the Mount again took on the University of Maryland, this time in its first competition as a DI program. They closed that season as winners of four straight games, including one against Georgetown. Kilgore stepped away after the first DI season and was inducted into the Mount Athletics Hall of Fame in 1994, having won 120 career games.

It didn’t take long for the Mount to find its next long-term coach, as Tom Gravante took the helm in 1995 as the fourth head coach in program history. About a quarter century later, he’s now the longest tenured men’s lacrosse coach in university history and with more than 150 wins, holds the Mount record for most in a career by a head coach.

Gravante came to the Mount in January 1993 as a part-time assistant, as well as to pursue an MBA in marketing. He never intended to stay for long, wanting to go into pharmaceutical sales following the completion of his degree. “Twenty-seven seasons later, I’m humbled to say, I’m still coaching the young men we recruit to Mount St. Mary’s University through their education, athletics and into the next journey of life professionally,” says Gravante.

From 1996 until 2010, the Mount competed as a member of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC). Winning the MAAC Tournament in 2001, 2003 and 2010, the team also qualified for the NCAA Tournament in those last two championship years.

“The first thing I think about when reflecting on my time playing at the Mount is the progression the program itself made during my short time there,” says Nick DeFelice, C’01, who was inducted into the Mount Athletics Hall of Fame in 2018. “We went from no conference tournament to a two-time conference winner in three short years.”

And while the Mount was investing in the program, the sense of community remained. “Everything from the equipment to the facilities were updated, but the family feel of the staff and the program in general did not change,” says DeFelice.

In 2011, the program left the MAAC to move to the Northeast Conference, capturing the title in its inaugural year in the NEC. Gravante’s success as a coach spanned both conferences, as he was named MAAC Coach of the Year four times (1997, 1999, 2003, 2010), and NEC Coach of the Year three times to date (2010, 2011 and 2019). (Interestingly, while the NEC wouldn’t officially have men’s lacrosse within its conference until 2011, it still selected 2010 all-conference teams and named a coach of the year from the incoming teams, allowing Gravante to earn Coach of the Year honors from two different conferences in the same year.)

Are the championships or awards the best part of Gravante’s job? “You may think winning is the most rewarding part of coaching, but it’s not,” the veteran coach says. “It’s the privilege of helping young men learn about the process to work hard every day in the classroom and on the field; to inspire them to employ passionate energy in a relentless pursuit of greatness.”

The way Gravante has helped shape young men and their enthusiasm about their playing days is evident. “Being a part of the Mount lacrosse program has been one of the greatest blessings I have had in my life,” says Andrew Scalley, C’13, MBA’15, who is second on the Mount’s all-time points list. “For four years, I was surrounded by teammates and coaches who pushed me to be the best version of myself as a player, teammate and person. This is an invaluable experience that I cherish to this day.”

Stevenson, who played Mount lacrosse nearly two decades before Scalley, agrees. “I am still actively engaged with many of the guys I played ball with and when we get together it is as if we were still actively playing lacrosse at the Mount,” he says. “The memories are great but the friendships are eternal.”

The 2019 season marks the 50th of Mount St. Mary’s men’s lacrosse. The program has come a long way from the games on Echo Field, this year taking down No. 14 Richmond on the road and winning the NEC regular season championship. “To see the kids play now, they are amazing players and athletes,” says Horning. “None of us would have envisioned having a stadium or DI scholarships,” says Middlemiss, who sees the success of men’s lacrosse as a testament to the early players who persisted in urging administrative support for the program.

What’s in store for the program in the next 50 years and beyond? “I see all our sports programs evolving to higher success levels through the approach of our president, Dr. Tim Trainor,” says Gravante. “Dr. Trainor has a vision in process that will increase athletic support and resources to help all our coaches and student-athletes compete at higher levels in the classroom and on the field. The future is very promising here at the Mount, and I’m excited to witness its coming.”

Celebrate with us!

Join us this fall as we celebrate 50 years of men’s lacrosse at the Mount! The 50th celebration will occur during the annual lacrosse alumni weekend and will feature the alumni lacrosse game, lacrosse golf tournament fundraiser and a 50th celebration dinner.

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Happy 90th Birthday
Coach Phelan

By Joe Paciella, C'03, MBA'11

On March 19, 2019, Coach Jim Phelan turned 90 years young. Here’s a look back through the decades at some of the moments surrounding his milestone birthdays.

1949: On his 20th birthday, Jim Phelan was a student-athlete on the basketball team at La Salle College in Philadelphia, where he would go on to be named All-Philadelphia three times as well as receive an All-American honorable mention. Serving his country in the Korean War with the Marine Corps following graduation, he also played with their basketball team, earning MVP honors in 1952. After the war, he was drafted by the NBA's Philadelphia Warriors but decided coaching, rather than playing, would be a better career choice.

1959: By 30, Phelan, despite being only five years into his head coaching tenure at Mount St. Mary’s, had just collected his 100th career victory. Shortly after, he led the Mount to capture the 1962 NCAA College Division National Championship against Sacramento State, while also earning NCAA College Division Coach of the Year honors. He was only 33 years old.
**1969:** Just weeks before his 40th birthday, Phelan beat arch-rival Loyola for his 300th career victory. He had also been named the Mount’s athletic director a few years earlier, and would hold that position until 1989.

**1979:** After Phelan turned 50, the program saw even more sustained success. In his next decade, he was named NCAA District 2 Coach of the Year three times, and led the 1981 team to the NCAA Division II title game, earning Coach of the Year honors that same year. His win total also climbed to more than 600 during that span.

**1989:** At 60, Phelan had just orchestrated the Mount’s move to NCAA Division I as a member of the Northeast Conference, elevating athletics and paving the way for the program to now play against the likes of Kentucky and Michigan State in the NCAA Tournament.

**1999:** By his 70th birthday, Phelan had earned Northeast Conference Coach and Co-Coach of the Year honors, and captured two NEC Tournaments along with an NIT bid. The two NEC Championships earned the team automatic bids to the NCAA Tournament—the second being Phelan’s 800th career victory.

**2009:** By 80, Phelan had recently been inducted into the College Basketball Hall of Fame and was five years removed from his final collegiate game. That contest, his 1,354th game coached, stood at the time as the most ever in college basketball history. As he concluded his career, it was time to settle into a well-earned retirement with his wife, Dottie, his children and grandchildren.

**2019:** Now, as Phelan turns 90, we see the results of a life of achievements and accolades. The living room at the home he and Dottie share, less than a mile from the Mount’s main campus, is an understated archive full of trophies, awards, photos and commemorative basketballs, each marking a moment in competition or recognizing his consistency of character.

And while the wins and championships are a large part of what make Coach Phelan a giant in the world of college basketball, how he’s improved the lives of hundreds, maybe thousands he’s coached and worked with is what make him a legend to those who know him. For 65 years, the Mount St. Mary’s community has been fortunate to call Jim Phelan a coach, administrator, mentor and friend.

**Thank you Coach Phelan!**

From all of us at the Mount, we say happy birthday, Coach, and thank you for all you’ve done for us.
The Way Forward

"THE WAY"

Preserving our holy grounds and upholding the serenity of our beloved national shrine by restoring "The Way," the path between Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and the National Shrine Grotto.

The National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes is in the midst of an invigorating process of dreaming, exploring innovative ideas and planning. The National Shrine Grotto seeks to utilize both time and resources in an efficient manner to preserve our holy grounds, uphold its serenity and nurture the site as a place of prayer and consolation through restoration and growth.

One particular area of focus is a very special path between Mount St. Mary’s Seminary and the National Shrine Grotto, trodden by hundreds of thousands of individuals over more than 200 years, known as “The Way” to Mother Mary’s grotto on the hill.

Today, we can hike up an overgrown, stony path among the trees on a mountain behind Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, to a natural setting formed more than 200 years ago, a place dedicated to the devotion of the Blessed Virgin Mary. For hundreds of years, this path has been a pilgrimage of reflection and prayer for many, including the first native-born American to be canonized a saint, Elizabeth Ann Seton, who prayed and celebrated Mass with the Rev. John DuBois, founder of Mount St. Mary’s College and Seminary, and much later the first U.S.-born martyr, Blessed Stanley Rother, S’63, who along with hundreds of seminarians assisted in the care of the National Shrine Grotto and its holy grounds after it became a national shrine.

An objective of preserving and restoring The Way is to create a stronger, geographical connection between Mount St. Mary’s University, the seminary and the National Shrine Grotto. This pathway is in need of care and sponsorship to facilitate a more prayerful journey from the seminary to the National Shrine Grotto. As seminarians, students and pilgrims climb up the stairs seeking peace and inspiration at our beloved national shrine, we aim to offer places of reflection with benches and saint memorials to help them experience Christ along the way.

By helping with The Way, you are assuring the National Shrine Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes will move forward and continue to draw pilgrims of future generations by giving them the same opportunity you experienced—the unique intercessory power of prayer on these holy grounds.

For more information

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Bringing the Seminary’s Iconic Buildings into the 21st Century

The seminary prepares men for the priesthood, forming them to have an integrated core of human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral virtues modeled by Jesus Christ. The passion instilled in our seminarians during their priestly formation allows them to become devoted shepherds of the Catholic Church. The seminary community sees their many sacrifices from living and studying in aging buildings. While the seminarians rarely complain, their historic home needs many upgrades and repairs.

The main seminary building, McSweeney Hall, was built in 1906. Over the years, as the seminary continued to grow, the Mulcahy, Gallagher and Keating buildings were added to accommodate the need for housing and classroom space. Today, our iconic buildings serve as home to 152 seminarians, as well as several priests. Their ability to stand the test of time has been a symbol of strength for all who have called the seminary home.

Last year, seminary and university leadership identified initial high-priority projects, with an estimated cost of $1.25 million. The projects include a new HVAC system, water heaters, showers, partial window replacement and repairs to the front porch of McSweeny Hall. However, there are many additional projects that have been identified as needing attention for the safety and comfort of the seminarians, faculty and staff. Some of the additional projects include: replace steam heating to natural gas, extensive bathroom upgrades and repairs, exterior and interior painting, and general upgrades in St. Bernard’s Chapel and throughout the seminary complex. The additional upgrades and repairs bring the total cost to $4.5 million.

To date, the seminary has received more than $1 million, allowing us to begin some of the projects identified as top priority. The seminarians are very appreciative of these improvements to their home and want to assure the donors they are included in their daily prayers.

As we continue to raise funds for the Forward! campaign, it is our sincere hope that we can count on your support to help upgrade our historic home.

How you can help

To help support our seminarians or for additional information, please contact Diane L. Favret, director of seminary development and alumni engagement at 301-447-5017 or d.l.favret@msmary.edu.
Mount Alumni Create Nonprofit to Serve Veterans

By Nicole Patterson

How it all began

OCTOBER 2012
Ranchin’ Vets, a veteran service organization whose mission is to serve post-9/11 veterans during their transition from military to civilian life through a variety of programs offered within the agricultural industry, is incorporated.

MAY 2014
Ranchin’ Vets receives the official title of 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.

“Ranching requires sacrifice, love, faith and an uncompromising work ethic. Nobody better understands what has been sacrificed for this great land than a veteran—and nobody is better suited to care for it,” say Corey and Kevin Downs, both from the Mount’s Class of 2013. The husband and wife team founded Ranchin’ Vets seven years ago around one of America’s oldest traditions, one they say embodies spirit, pride and perseverance. Ranchin’ Vets is a nonprofit organization that assists with the reintegration of veterans from military to civilian life through a variety of programs offered within the ranching and agricultural industries. While studying business during their final year at the Mount, the couple, who both come from military families, had an idea. They would create an organization designed to serve others while simultaneously marrying their passions of agriculture and veterans.
They didn't have to look far to see many challenges veterans faced when returning to civilian life from military action. Kevin's brother, Captain Phil Downs, is a Marine who served multiple deployments in Iraq, post-9/11. Kevin saw the first-hand effects on his brother and remembered his experience working as a seasonal ranch hand at Stemple Creek Ranch near Tomales in West Marin County, California. Whether welding metal or saddling horses, working outdoors brought him a sense of accomplishment, peace and tranquility.

“I spent my summer breaks from the Mount working on a ranch. At the end of every day when the sun was going down and the fog was rolling in, I would drive my four-wheeler to the top of the hill, turn off the engine and just listen,” he says. “All I could hear was the sound of the crops ripping the grass from the earth. It was incredibly peaceful. We want to share an experience like that with our veterans.”

Today, Corey and Kevin have successfully shared that experience with 30 veterans who registered and completed the Operation Hire a Vet Program. Designed to connect veterans to a network of agricultural employers, participants are then eligible to receive funds to assist with the cost of housing, clothing and transportation. A bi-weekly stipend goes directly to the veteran and is made possible through sustaining efforts of donors and generous supporters.

“The goal,” Corey says, “is to serve our post-9/11 veterans who are interested in exploring opportunities within the agricultural industry until they reintegrate.” The measure of success is different for each veteran but may include enrolling in a trade school, college or university; fulfilling their responsibilities to their employer; benefiting physically and emotionally while exploring a career interest or opportunity; or seeking guidance and support from other members and veterans serving on Ranchin Vets' board of directors. That sense of community can be life-changing. Kevin adds, “Sometimes being outdoors and working with animals who don’t judge you or care who you are is healing.”

The job of an American cowboy, much like a soldier, is often depicted through a hard romanticism. The lifestyle of both involves a shared, sacred service. Like 30 veterans who have already learned from Ranchin’ Vets, the fullness of a person includes the well-being of their mind, body and spirit. In the duty and beauty of service to God and country, they continue redeeming their pledges to be always faithful, always ready and always strong.

“The Mount has helped us live significantly by reinforcing the values of leadership and community,” Corey says. “These values have helped shape us as professionals in the career paths we have chosen both for Ranchin’ Vets and law enforcement (Kevin is a police officer) because they are at the core of our work.”

Last summer the two humbly received a Jefferson Award for the public service Ranchin’ Vets provided to their community. “When we started this whole thing, we always said that if we help one vet, we’re a success. But we have been able to do much more than that.”

COREY THANKS: “Professor Mary Beth Graham who taught marketing classes on how to best communicate with our target audience. These are skills I use daily with Ranchin’ Vets.”

KEVIN THANKS: “Dr. Patrice Flynn who supported and encouraged me when I wanted to work on a cattle operation for my internship. She helped me get the necessary requirements to earn credit for my internship—which was foundational to the creation and inspiration of Ranchin’ Vets.”

Learn more!
Visit ranchinvets.org to learn how Corey and Kevin are making a difference by serving selflessly.
THE FIVE MOUNT STUDENTS WHO VOLUNTEER AT VIGILANT HOSE COMPANY (VHC) in Emmitsburg as firefighters and emergency medical technicians (EMT) live by the advice of Mahatma Gandhi: “The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.”

EMT John Bradley, C’20, talks eloquently about the rewards of holding the responsibility of “giving aid to fellow students and staff at some of the most intimate and scary times of their lives.”

Ingrid Hazbon, C’21, an EMT and firefighter, speaks about the meaning and strength that volunteering at VHC has brought to her life. Firefighter Charlie Rustigian, C’22, shares his volunteer experiences with his classmates, bringing him closer to his fellow students and enlarging his community.

Bradley, Hazbon and Rustigian, as well as Alexis Manning, C’20, and Patrick O’Hanlon, C’21, spend parts of their weekdays at the station studying and being available for calls that volunteers who work far from Emmitsburg are unable to take. Vigilant is well aware of the Mount’s academic calendar. The five students are such an integral part of Vigilant that the fire company sometimes is short staffed when students are on break.

“When they are home, they are missed,” says VHC President Frank Davis. “We find it challenging at times to fill in for them. We are hoping some stay around for the summer and work on campus.”

The station is exploring a student live-in program for fall 2019. Students would receive free housing in exchange for covering night shifts for both fire and emergency medical response.

“My day is much better when I have already been to a working fire before my first class of the day,” says Hazbon, C’21, who loves serving the local community. One morning the emergency didn’t come early enough, and Hazbon, dressed in sweatpants and slippers, had to leave class and respond to the call from a bad accident with somewhat inappropriate footwear.

Hazbon, a biology major who received her EMT training in high school in Bethesda, Maryland, went straight from her high school tour of the Mount to the fire station, where she was welcomed by the captain and asked to fill out an application. “The Mount wouldn’t be the same without the station,” she says. “Volunteering gives more meaning to my time at the Mount. It’s a family. I consider everyone from this fire department my brothers and sisters.”
As a future physician assistant who seeks a career in emergency medicine, Hazbon is also receiving valuable experience in working with patients on her EMT calls. “The majority of calls that we respond to on campus are medical emergencies,” says Davis. “Having the students respond to these calls is getting lifesaving help to the patients in just minutes. They can do an initial evaluation of patients, ask for additional resources and start treatment while the ambulance is still responding.”

EMT training requires 165 hours of classes, which Hazbon followed up on with 317 hours of training courses such as firefighter 1 and 2, international trauma life support, ice rescue and hazmat operations. She is currently taking a 54-hour rope rescue technician class to be followed by a course on vehicle machinery extrication and others.

Like Hazbon, O’Hanlon, a political science major, got his initial training in high school. Bradley, a cybersecurity major, has worked closely with the first responder community for years as well, volunteering as a search and rescue technician in his home state of California and serving as a military police officer in the Army Reserve. He recently completed the EMT course as did Manning. A criminal justice major with a cybersecurity minor, Rustigian spent the fall completing both his first semester of college and firefighter 1 training, which included hazmat operations and a medical course. Soon he plans to take the vehicle and machinery extrication course and possibly accelerated EMT training over the summer.

“Being able to go ride firetrucks and operate on emergency incidents before and after classes and homework makes my everyday life more exciting,” says Hazbon, who loves small-town life and misses Emmitsburg during school breaks. The town and its people miss these students when they are away as well.

Learn more!
Visit msmary.edu/beinspired to read more stories about current students pursuing their passions.
AS A CORNELL UNIVERSITY GRADUATE, education was the cornerstone of Pete Plamondon Sr.’s personal and professional success. It’s also the place where he met the love of his life and his wife of 63 years, Lorrie. She studied economics and graduated from Cornell at a time when Pete says the ratio of men to women was four to one. “It was wonderful!” Lorrie adds. The pair first met early one Saturday morning at his fraternity during a house party weekend. He was seated at the bar looking over a college newspaper. She walked through the door with her sorority sister. He immediately noticed her. Soon he enlisted the help of his fraternity brother who knew Lorrie from a shared geology course. Recounting the challenge and the thrill of obtaining her phone number—Pete recalls their origin story with joy.

Together, the couple pursued opportunities and a successful partnership on the basis of shared values including hard work, family and their Catholic identity. Pete was involved in many trustee roles at Catholic institutions—the first at Marymount College (now Marymount University) in Arlington, Virginia. For a decade he served faithfully. Then he joined the board of trustees at Georgetown Preparatory School, a meaningful place where his father, sons and grandsons all attended. That’s where he met his first Mountie, Richard “Dick” Ridgway, C’58. The real estate lawyer and business owner was a prominent Catholic fundraiser and the two quickly became friends as they served alongside one another. Dick suggested Pete would be a good candidate to help guide the Mount through some challenging times. “[The Mount] wanted to know if I would be willing to serve. I said that I would because I like to stretch my own responsibility and I had just started a small business in Frederick.”

That small business was one the Plamondon family nurtured and grew. His service mindset was instilled in him by his father who owned a hotel in Vero Beach, Florida. Following in his footsteps, after graduation,
Pete became the executive vice president of Marriott’s restaurant division and oversaw the Roy Rogers brand for many years. In 1979 he left Marriott to become a Roy Rogers franchisee. At that time he sat down with Lorrie, their daughter Anne (McNamara), and two sons Pete Jr. and Jim, and together envisioned their family’s values—exploring what truths were in their hearts and minds and how to live and practice ethical leadership in their business. In 1980 Pete and Lorrie opened the first Roy Rogers franchise in Frederick, Maryland. In 1998, guided by a deep understanding of the original family-owned vision of Roy Rogers, Pete and Lorrie sold the business to their two sons. Over the years, Plamondon Enterprises evolved to Plamondon Hospitality Partners. In alignment with their mission statement and values, the Plamondon family aimed to develop one-of-a-kind hospitality experiences and have achieved long-term growth, sustainability and profitability.

Today Pete and Lorrie are actively involved in their local community. Pete started a hospitality, culinary and tourism institute for Frederick Community College which focuses, primarily, on general management. He’s also invested in the growth of Hospice of Frederick County and is impressed with what the organization has become through a combination of strong community effort and great leadership. His son Jim is the president of the board of trustees at St. John’s Catholic Prep. “Catholic education is not easy anywhere,” Pete says. “I’m amazed at the success of the seminary at the Mount. I was helpful to Msgr. Phillips in getting the grotto more organized and growing in the right direction.” From 2001 until 2010 Pete served on the Seminary Rector’s Council. Additionally, Pete and Lorrie served on the National Shrine Grotto Committee and helped develop its strategic plan.

When asked how their marriage has strengthened and enriched nearly every aspect of their lives in business and in faith, Lorrie says, “In this day and age, everybody wants to know what the formula is.” She believes it’s a process. While they were on the journey together and they shared each other’s goals, she says she doesn’t believe in 50/50; sometimes it’s 80/20 or 90/10. “When you do something for the other person, hopefully you get the same in return. Because when you draw a line, then all of a sudden you’re measuring everything.” In essence, the secret to their love and kindness is an echo of God’s instruction to us: Give and it will be given to you, a good measure, pressed down, shaken together and overflowing. The blessing is in the giving. And just like that—from the micro to the macro—education will change our world.

Thank you to the Plamondon Family

We are thankful to the Plamondon family for graciously including the Mount in their estate plans and for their devoted and enduring service to the university, the seminary and the National Shrine Grotto.

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Learn more

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DEAR MOUNT ALUMNI,

What an honor and privilege it is to serve as the president of the National Alumni Association and get to know so many of you. I am excited to be writing to you as I begin my second term as the NAA president. I hope we can continue to come together as alumni and share the love of our mountain home!

Over the past two years, we’ve increased our alumni chapter presence by recognizing Central Jersey/Jersey Shore as an official chapter and focusing expansion efforts in the Carolinas. I encourage you to get involved in your chapter and meet fellow Mounties in your area. Please reach out to the NAA or the Office of Alumni Engagement if you are not in an existing chapter area.

The 2019 NAA elections ended May 7, and I want to personally thank everyone who voted for the next group of council leaders who are the alumni’s representatives to the Mount. I encourage you to get to know your council representatives and learn more about the goals and mission of the NAA. Visit msmary.edu/naa to learn more.

It was great to see so many of our Mount alumni at Winter Homecoming. The energy in Knott Arena was electric as hundreds of Mounties gathered to cheer on both the men’s and women’s basketball teams. It was an honor to induct six new Athletic Hall of Fame members, who traveled from across the country, and present Peter DeCandia, C’13, with the Distinguished Young Alumni Award.

I look forward to updating you about Reunion 2019 in my next letter. Please continue to contact me with your ideas and questions for how to get involved. My contact information is in the signature line below. I hope to see many of you at upcoming Mount events. Go Mount!

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Pete DeCandia, C’13, with his parents

Distinguished Young Alumni Award

The Distinguished Young Alumni Award recognizes an alumnus/a who, through hard work, perseverance and education, reached a high level of achievement in his or her chosen profession within 10 years of graduation. The award also honors young graduates who brought honor and distinction to their alma mater by their success, interest in and support of the Mount through the National Alumni Association.

This year’s award was given to Pete DeCandia, C’13, at Winter Homecoming. Upon graduating from the Mount, DeCandia joined Teach for America, where he was placed in Baltimore and taught math at Woodlawn High School. In 2015, he graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Education with a master’s in educational studies. DeCandia left the classroom in 2017 to take a newly created position as program director of student-athlete development between Baltimore City Public Schools, the Fund for Educational Excellence and Under Armour’s philanthropy team. He manages Under Armour’s multi-year commitment to Baltimore City Schools, a project that was nominated in 2018 for the Corporate Community Impact Award at the ESPN Sports Humanitarian Awards.
Alumni Sponsored Scholarship: 
Baltimore Chapter Paul F. Herb Memorial Scholarship Recipients

The Paul F. Herb Memorial Scholarship recognizes rising sophomores through seniors who are from the Baltimore Chapter area. This award is based on academic achievement, campus activities and financial need.

COURTNEY VARLEY, C’20
“I love the Mount’s atmosphere, community and strong Catholic identity. Receiving the Baltimore Chapter Scholarship will help me to fund my education and pursue my goal of becoming a special education teacher.”

MATENYEH KABA, C’21
“I appreciate that the Mount provides opportunities like this to acknowledge student achievement in a meaningful way. In the short two years I have been at this university I can honestly say that I’ve grown as a person and in my faith.”

BROOKE DOTSON, C’21
“To me, receiving the Baltimore Chapter scholarship means an opportunity to grow into the person I’ve always meant to be. Here at Mount St. Mary’s University, I’ve met so many amazing people. A lot of them, like myself, are heading toward a common goal of a brighter future. The Mount has made that goal possible for us, and with each struggling class we keep pushing through because we know it will be worth it in the end.”

ABEL AMDETSYN, C’21
“This scholarship is an exciting award that is a benchmark in a successful college career thus far. I express gratitude to the Baltimore Chapter for awarding me this scholarship. The Mount experience to me means being academically engaged and deeply involved in my community. The Mount’s commitment to making faculty members available to students has been a big plus for me in both my academic and career exploration.”

Athletic Hall of Fame

Established by the National Alumni Association, the Mount St. Mary’s Athletic Hall of Fame recognizes former student-athletes who exhibited athletic prowess of an outstanding nature in an intercollegiate sport. Six individuals were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame on January 26, 2019, at the Hall of Fame brunch during the Winter Homecoming celebration. Photographed from left to right:

- HARRY MARRA JR., C’69 
  Fr. John “Spike” Cogan Award

- AARON PRICE, C’98
  Track & Field and Cross Country

- JOSH VITTEK, C’08
  Baseball

- MYCHAL KEARSE, C’07
  Men’s Basketball

- BETH FOSTER, C’04
  Women’s Basketball

- BRYAN COLE, C’01
  Men’s Lacrosse

Bishop Walsh Award

ROBERT WEED, C’93

Named in honor and memory of the Most Reverend James E. Walsh, Prep Class of 1906 and College Class of 1910, this award was established in 1999 and presented by the National Alumni Association to an alumnus/a who has rendered outstanding service to Mount St. Mary’s University and Seminary and his or her community. The award is presented in conjunction with a chapter or regional alumni event. The 2018 recipient, Robert Weed, C’93, received the award on November 17, 2018, at the Philadelphia Chapter’s Boathouse Row event.

- TOM LOONEY, C’81
- TRISH (BIER) LOONEY, C’82

Tom Looney, C’81, and Trish (Bier) Looney, C’82, received the Bishop Walsh Award at the Cape Fear Chapter Kickoff in Wilmington, North Carolina, on April 27, 2019.
A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL at the 2018 Mount Reunion. Classes ending in 3 and 8 were invited back to catch up with classmates. We thank all who attended and look forward to seeing you again in June!
Reunion 2019
June 7-9

Classes ending in 4 and 9 celebrated their milestones!
Check out photos at alumni.msmary.edu/photos.

Featured Events of the weekend

**FRIDAY**

- 43rd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament to benefit the Father Fives Scholarship
  *Since established, more than $550,000 has been awarded in scholarships to deserving Mount seniors.*

- Bruté Medal Presentation at the Alumni Banquet on Friday evening

**SATURDAY**

- In the morning, the 10th anniversary of the Elizabeth DiNunzio Memorial 5K

- Town hall with President Trainor

- Special president & first lady re-enactment by William, C’69, and Sue Wills

**ALL WEEKEND**

- Entertainment at the Terrace, including Sean Kelly from The Samples on Friday night

- Dueling Pianos and Renzi’s Pizza truck on Saturday night
DENIS SMYTHE, C’69
Denis Smythe, C’69, competed in the Gran Fondo New York on May 20, 2018. The GFNY is a 100-mile bicycle race starting on the George Washington Bridge, going north to Bear Mountain State Park in New Jersey, then returning to Fort Lee, New Jersey. The ride includes 8600’ of elevation gain. Smythe placed second in his age group and 1,206 of 2,783 of all ages.

LAWRENCE OTTER, C’70
Lawrence Otter, C’70, gathered with classmates at McSorley’s Old Ale House in Greenwich Village, NYC.

KEVIN KELLY, C’73
Kevin Kelly, C’73, celebrated being inducted into the Delaware Track & Field Hall of Fame, with a 40-plus-year coaching career in several states. Kelly returned to Delaware after coaching at the Universities of Kentucky (1984-86) and Florida (1986-88). At William Penn High School (1989-98), he was State Outdoor Boys Track & Field Coach of the Year in 1992 and 1996 when the Colonials were state Division I champions. His team member, Alonzo Wiggins, was the state and national hurdles champion. Kelly assisted at the University of Delaware with sprinters, hurdlers and pole vaulters before coaching at Wilmington Charter (2001-09); cross country in 2004 and Coach of the Year in boys cross country and started the cross country program at Penn State Brandywine. He also chaired the DIAA State Track & Field Committee from 2006-16.
AGNUS BERENATO, C’80

The Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) awarded Agnus Berenato, C’80, head coach at Kennesaw State University, the Carol Eckman Integrity in Coaching Award on February 6, 2019. The WBCA Carol Eckman Integrity in Coaching Award, first presented in 1985, was named to honor the late Carol Eckman, who is considered the “Mother of the Women’s Collegiate Basketball Championship.”

Berenato previously coached at the University of Pittsburgh, Georgia Institute of Technology and Rider University. Berenato belongs to numerous halls of fame, including Rider University, Camden County Sports, Mount St. Mary’s and the Basketball Club of South Jersey. She was tabbed the Dapper Dan Sportswoman of the Year in 2005 and 2007. The third-year Kansas State University coach also claims a pair of honorary doctorate degrees from Mount St. Mary’s and Seton Hill University.

CHUCK QUACKENBUSH, C’83

Chuck Quackenbush, C’83, has been promoted to deputy counsel with the New York State Department of Corrections and Community Supervision (DOCCS), where he has served as associate counsel/director of litigation since 2014. Before joining DOCCS he served with the New York State Office of the Attorney General (OAG) (Albany Litigation Bureau) from 1998 to 2014. Prior to joining the OAG, he prosecuted homicides and other major crimes with the Manhattan district attorney’s office from 1987 to 1998.

He and his wife Jeni have been married 21 years. They are raising their three children in Slingerlands, New York. Tom is a junior at SUNY Plattsburgh, Emily is a freshman at Kenne State College and Will is a high school junior.

ROBERT PLECZKOWSKI, S’85

Chaplain Brig. Gen. Robert Pleczowski, S’85, is assigned as deputy chief of chaplains-Army Reserve at the Pentagon and as director, U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

JIM BRANIFF, C’91

Jim Braniff, C’91, successfully completed the NYC Marathon, a lifelong dream, on November 4, 2018, with a time of 4 hours and 46 minutes. Braniff ran to support the New York Road Runners Team for Kids charity.

REGINA (MCFADDEN) DILUIGI, C’92, AND DAVE DILUIGI, C’92

Members of the Class of 1992 celebrated their 25th class reunion at the home of Dave and Regina (McFadden) DiLuigi, C’92, in Ashburn, Virginia.

In attendance: Mike and Carol (Malachowski) Mercer, C’92, Pat and Christy (Mylotte) Cunningham, C’92, Bob and Amy Dean, C’92, Will and Anslie Milligan, C’92, Dave and Regina (McFadden) DiLuigi, C’92, and Jeff and Gretchen (Baum) Cannon, C’92.
COL. SAMUEL M. GALVAGNO, M.D., C’96
Col. Samuel M. Galvagno, M.D., C’96, recently served an active duty tour as the surgeon general for medical operations, Office of the Command Surgeon, United States Air Force Reserve Command. In this capacity, he provided medical oversight for more than 6,000 physicians and medical specialists providing care for 70,000-plus reservists. Galvagno has more than 20 years of service in the United States Air Force, both active duty and reserve, having served as a senior flight surgeon, intensivist and anesthesiologist. Galvagno works as an anesthesiologist-intensivist at the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center / University of Maryland School of Medicine where he serves as the associate chief medical officer for the Maryland Critical Care Network and associate director of critical care. He resides in Pasadena, Maryland, with his wife, Karol, and their two daughters.

JOSEPH “JOE” BUNTING, RPH, PHARM.D., C’98
Joe Bunting, RPh, Pharm.D., C’98, was recognized in Glory Days Magazine for his generous donation to the Mainland High baseball program during their Coaches vs. Cancer tournament. He also helped send the Atlantic Shore Babe Ruth 14-year-old all-star team to Texas for the World Series.

CHRISTINA (MAY) CONNELLY, C’05, MBA’08
Christina (May) Connelly, C’05, MBA’08, a President’s Medal honoree for business, is the managing partner of Illumine8 Marketing & PR in Frederick, Maryland. She recently completed the Goldman Sachs 10,000 Small Businesses Program.

KAISHA S. HUGULEY, C’12
Kaisha S. Huguley, C’12, made her off-Broadway debut on May 9 in New York City in Revelation: The Musical! She was a featured performer in the show at the Players Theatre in New York City.

CAROLYN SHIELDS, C’13
Carolyn Shields, C’13, published a book titled Visio Divina: Praying With Sacred Art, a compilation of nearly 100 paintings with corresponding scripture passages and reflections to guide oneself into deeper prayer through focused meditation. Visio Divina is similar to Lectio Divina, but rather than immersing oneself into scripture, one immerses in sacred art with the guidance of both scripture and meditation.
LINA GUERRERO, C’17
Lina Guerrero, C’17, was featured in the New Wine Press and wrote about her service experience as a Precious Blood Volunteer. She was a former CORE leader in the Mount’s Office of Social Justice.

GINA HACKETT, C’18
Gina Hackett, C’18, is currently dedicating 10 months of her life to service, community and spirituality as an Augustinian Volunteer. The Augustinian Volunteers are recent college graduates who feel called to spend a year in service to others while living in an intentional community and committing to personal and spiritual development. This year, Hackett is one of 12 Augustinian Volunteers from across the United States who are serving with local community partners in Lawrence, Massachusetts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and San Diego and Ventura, California.

Weddings

TRACY (HOWSE) BOYD, C’16, AND TYLER BOYD, C’15, MBA’17
Tracy (Howse) Boyd, C’16, and Tyler Boyd, C’15, MBA’17, were married on December 1, 2018, at Mount St. Mary’s University and Liberty Mountain Resort.}

GUESTS PICTURED: Kyle Harnish, C’17, Mike Herlihey, C’16, Charles Brothman, C’14, Bremen Clark, C’16, Louis Florenzo, C’17, Jenny Carey, C’17, Steve Sternik, C’16, Michael Nachtrab, C’17, Kait Fletcher, C’18, Timothy Price, C’15, Dani Snyder, Justin Cox, C’15, Morgan Credito, C’17, EJ Sullivan, C’17, Zachary Fergusson, C’15, Danielle Cummings, C’15, Brian Wells, C’15, Heather Juhring, C’15, Maurice Oldham, C’14, Jessica Whitmore, C’16, Kevin Selby, C’15, Morgan Cawley, C’15, Dan Yen, C’14, Kevin Villafana, C’15, MBA’17, Nick Cline, C’16, Dan Shannon, C’16, Emily Howse, C’12, MBA’14, Kaitlyn Troxel, C’16.
MINDY (BOND) JASPER, C’05, AND BRIAN JASPER

Mindy (Bond) Jasper, C’05, was married to Brian Jasper on February 9, 2019, in Cave Creek, Arizona, at Frontiertown. They were joined by their children William, Megan, Matthew, Benjamin, Adam and Alice.

KATELYN (CANTANESE) GILL, C’09, AND TIMOTHY P. GILL

Katelyn (Cantanese) Gill, C’09, and Timothy P. Gill were married May 5, 2018, in Garden City, New York.

Pictured alumni include: From left to right: Jason Kymingham, C’11, Caitlin (Wilson) Fracalvieri, C’10, Mallory (Kymingham) Longfield, C’09, Nicholas Jackson, C’07, Kristen Scheitrum, C’10, Caroline Kenwell, C’10, Ashley Johnson, C’10, Jacqui (Jackson) Ricca, C’07, Katie Bollinger, C’10, Breana Waraksa, C’09, Sydney Sykes, C’10, Brianna (Griffin) Gauthier, C’09, Kathleen (Plumb) Rossetti, C’09, Brian Taylor, C’11, Lucy Pompa, C’11, Melanie (Betz) Schwer, C’09, and Robert Plumb, C’09.

AMANDA (SADOWL) MURRAY, C’12, AND ADAM MURRAY

Amanda (Sadowl) Murray, C’12, and Adam Murray were married September 22, 2018, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

TERESA FABREGAS, C’17, AND TODD ZUECH, C’17

Teresa Fabregas, C’17, and husband Todd Zuech, C’17, were married by Rev. Brian Nolan on May 19, 2018, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception. The pair met at the Mount during the first week of orientation.
Weddings continued

**AMANDA (KRUEGER) DUFFY, C’18, AND KYLE DUFFY, C’16**

Amanda (Krueger) Duffy, C’18, and Kyle Duffy, C’16, were married October 27, 2018, in Emmitsburg, Maryland, at the Chapel of the Immaculate Conception.

**MOLLY (GERWIG) SCHWEMLER, C’16, AND TIMOTHY SCHWEMLER, C’16**

Molly (Gerwig) Schwemler, C’16, and Timothy Schwemler, C’16, were married August 24, 2018, in St. Michaels, Maryland, at Inn of the Perry Cabin.

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Jenna (Glassman) Gunn, C’15, and Sean Gunn, C’15, were married November 3, 2018, at the Chapel of Immaculate Conception in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

Engagements

**ALEXIS WATSON, C’18, AND JOSH POOLE, C’17**

Alexis Watson, C’18, and Josh Poole, C’17, became engaged on December 19, 2017.

**PATRICK DECKER, C’13, AND ROBERT TONNESEN, C’16**

Patrick Decker, C’13, and Robert Tonesen, C’16, became engaged on August 6, 2018, while on a canoe trip in the Boundary Waters of Minnesota. The two met as CRUX leaders at the Mount.

**MEGAN NORMAN AND PETER DECANDIA, C’13**

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**CATCH UP WITH CLASSMATES AT MOUNT EVENTS!**

Spend time with old friends and meet more Mounties! Check the event calendar on page 46 for upcoming events at the Mount and throughout our alumni chapters.
Births

ERICA CAMPOREALE, C’06, AND TRENT GODARD
Erica Camporeale, C’06, and Trent Godard welcomed a healthy baby girl into the world! Riley Elizabeth Godard was born February 23, 2016, at 8:24 p.m. She weighed eight pounds, two ounces, and measured 21 inches long.

TERESA FABREGAS, C’17, AND TODD ZUECH, C’17
Teresa Fabregas, C’17, and Todd Zuech, C’17, welcomed their daughter Annie Louise Zuech on December 15, 2017.

MARY MCKERNAN, C’11, AND BRENDAN MCKERNAN, C’13
Mary McKernan, C’11, and Brendan McKernan, C’13, welcomed a baby boy, Nolan Thomas McKernan to their family on May 10, 2018. Nolan is photographed throwing the first pitch at an IronBirds game.

Teresa Fabregas, C’17, and Todd Zuech, C’17, welcomed their daughter Annie Louise Zuech on December 15, 2017.

NIKI (PRESTI) GERRITY, C’15, AND COLIN GERRITY, C’15
Niki (Presti) Gerrity, C’15, and Colin Gerrity, C’15, welcomed their first child, Emmitt Charles Gerrity on Christmas Day 2018! Baby Emmitt is lovingly named after the Mount’s mascot, Emmitt S. Burg. “The Mount holds a special place in our hearts as we got married there. I was a student at the Mount when Emmitt S. Burg was created and I remember voting for his name,” Niki said.

JENNIFER MCMAMHON, C’04, AND BRENDAN MCMAMHON, C’03
Jennifer McMahon, C’04, and Brendan McMahon, C’03, welcomed their third child on April 4, 2018. Sean Matthew McMahon weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and was 20 inches long. Sean was proudly welcomed by his big sisters, Abigail and Olivia. All three children have proudly worn this Mount shirt.

ANDREA (CONSAVLO) REED, C’04, AND BRAD REED
Andrea (Consalvo) Reed, C’04, and husband Brad Reed welcomed a baby girl, Kendall Rose Reed, on May 8, 2018.

KATIE WIDDOSS, C’07, AND BRENNAN MCDENVIT, C’03
Katie Widdoss, C’07, and Brennan McDevitt, C’03, celebrated the birth of their son Dylan McDevitt in August 2018.
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In Memoriam
SEPTEMBER 1, 2018, TO FEBRUARY 28, 2019

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.

LEA M. FARAOE, C’13
July 7, 1990 - December 13, 2018

Lea Faraone, C'13, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, to Henry Faraone and Laura Ellen O’Donnell-Faraone. She graduated from the Mount with a bachelor’s degree in biology and completed her nursing degree from Johns Hopkins University in 2014. Lea’s sister, Leeza Nicole Faraone, C’16, is also a Mountie.

Lea’s unflinching honesty about living with cystic fibrosis (CF) was a gift. Diagnosed with cystic fibrosis at the age of 3, Lea used her platform to raise awareness. She provided a safe space for others with the chronic illness to share their experiences and support one another.

Actively involved with the CF Foundation in many capacities, she served as a 2017 national Great Strides ambassador, co-chaired her local chapter’s Great Strides walk and shared her heart through the CF community blog. Lea was active on social media and co-hosted a podcast “Breathe In: A Cystic Fibrosis Podcast” with fellow CF community members. Her Great Strides team, the Salty Cysters, touched many lives—and has mobilized in her honor. The Lea Marie Faraone Foundation has been established in her memory to continue making a lasting impact on those she loved.
October 10, 1939 - January 8, 2019

Damian DuFour, C’63, was born on October 10, 1939, in Washington, D.C. A graduate of Blessed Sacrament grade school, St. John’s College High School, Damian originally went to Notre Dame to play football but things didn’t work out and he joined the United States Marine Corps. At the end of his Marine Corps enlistment, he joined his younger brother Maurice in Emmitsburg and enrolled at Mount St. Mary’s College. While he was at the Mount, Damian became the head trainer for the basketball team and was part of the 1962 team that won the College Division National Title, alongside assistant trainer Tom O’Hara, C’64.

Damian began his career in the insurance industry in 1974, specializing in all aspects of life, health, retirement and pension programs. A leader in the industry, Damian was a member of the Leading Producers Roundtable and inducted in the Hall of Fame for the Maryland Association of Health Underwriters in 2005.

Damian’s life was marked by his devotion to the Catholic Church and Catholic education. At various points, he served on the board of directors for Columbia Country Club and St. John’s College High School, as well as on the Executive Committee for the CYO of the Archdiocese of Washington and the Parish Council for the Church of the Little Flower. In 1993, Damian was inducted as a Knight of Malta, and in 2002, he founded the Monsignor Kenneth Roeltgen Foundation. A lifelong racer, fisherman, boater, fixer-upper of houses, cars, boats, bikes and anything that needed repair, Damian brought great joy to all those who encountered him.

A full listing of deceased alumni is available online at msmary.edu/alumni. Deaths listed in order by class year.

Mr. Thomas B. Grasberger, C’49
December 27, 2018

Mr. Robert N. Kripaitis, C’49
February 4, 2019

Mr. Gerard P. Mandry, C’51
January 8, 2019

Dr. Frank R. Collier Sr., M.D., C’52
September 27, 2018

Mr. Robert L. McLaughlin, C’54
February 12, 2019

Mr. William E. Lawler Jr., C’55
December 17, 2018

Mr. John J. Toslosky, C’57
September 16, 2018

Mr. James H. White, C’59
November 15, 2018

Mr. Kenneth G. Mulcahy, C’60
September 27, 2018

Hon. John A. Connor II, C’62
December 4, 2018

Mr. Michael E. Donoho, CPA, C’63
September 25, 2018

Dr. Jose M. Rodriguez-Gomez, C’63
December 12, 2018

Mr. John N. Fink, C’65
December 29, 2018

Mr. Richard P. Reitmeyer, C’65
November 19, 2018

Mr. John F. Toale, C’66
February 8, 2019

Mr. Joseph A. Walz, C’66
September 12, 2018

Mr. John N. Kidwell, C’67
February 4, 2019

Mr. Samuel C. Whitt, C’68
September 4, 2018

Mr. Robert J. Dunlevy, C’70
September 21, 2018

Mr. John C. McCauley, C’70
September 9, 2018

Mr. Robert A. Massi, C’73
February 6, 2019

Mr. Donald E. Walter, C’80
September 20, 2018

Mr. Gregory S. Haymans, C’84
September 13, 2018

Ms. Tracey A. O’Keefe, C’02
September 22, 2018
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Athletics

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Events

JUNE 7-9
Reunion Weekend

JUNE 7
43rd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

JUNE 8
Elizabeth DiNunzio Memorial 5K Fun Run & Walk

JUNE 22
3rd Annual Jersey Shore Beach Ball at Bar Anticipation in Belmar, NJ
Washington, D.C. Alumni Chapter Day with Calleva Outdoors

AUGUST 17
Carolinas Alumni Chapter Charlotte Knights Game

AUGUST 18
46th Annual Baltimore Chapter Alumni Crab Feast

SEPTEMBER 13-15
Family Weekend and Alumni Athletic Events

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