

# Help Us Keep The Marycrest Family Connected!

It's been five years now since we said good-bye to the Marycrest we all knew as students, faculty and staff. But a small, deeply devoted corps of volunteers has not let the Marycrest spirit die.

Since the college closed its doors in 2002, the Marycrest Alumni Association has maintained an unending presence with a Web site, its newsletter and most importantly, an annual Homecoming back on the campus, on the crest of the hill. But we no longer have a college staff or resources to lean on and that is where we need the help of all who consider themselves the Marycrest family.

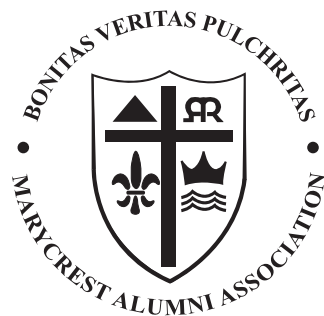
We need alums to keep in touch with the board, to share your milestones with us, join us for Homecoming and help us keep the Marycrest family connected. And with an all volunteer board, we also need your financial support. With your contributions, the board hopes to return to producing a regular newsletter. We also need a budget to help maintain the Web site and host Homecoming to keep drawing alums together. So whether you can give your time to assist us in a project or offer a financial gift, your help is appreciated greatly.

Membership to the association includes all graduates of Marycrest, but also all honorary alums, former students, faculty, staff, administration and friends of Marycrest. There is no financial requirement to be a member of the alumni association. However, to help us defray costs, we are asking each member to send a yearly donation of \$15. Larger gifts also will help us expand our efforts and will earn you a special designation among donors. Other gifts are:

- Memorial, In memory of... \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Alumni Member, \$15
- Sustaining Member, \$25-\$49
- Marycrest Spirit, \$50-\$99
- Patron, \$100-\$249
- The Crest Gift, \$250 and up

Gifts of any level will be accepted. To donate to the Alumni Association, make checks payable to the Marycrest Alumni Association and send to Bob Merchie, Marycrest Treasurer, 2410 40th Street, Rock Island, IL 61201.

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# Marycrest Alumni News

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## "The True and The Beautiful"

I'm a 1984 graduate of Marycrest College and worked on the campus until it closed in 2002. Now I work at the Marycrest Senior Campus for Petersen Commons Assisted Living. I am the Activity Coordinator and I love being back on campus!

When I first stepped on the Marycrest campus in 1980, I felt like it was home. It became home for so many of us through the years. And it continues to be home for some very special people. The property is now called Marycrest Senior Campus. Our campus has been converted into a spacious senior living residence.

To date, we have a total of approximately 160 apartments on campus. Rohlman Hall, Lawlor Hall, and Walsh Hall have been made into affordable housing for seniors; West Hall and Upham Hall are market rate apartments for seniors. Petersen Hall is now Petersen Commons Assisted Living, with 51 affordable housing apartments.

The Cone Library and the Nursing Building are still under construction. The library will eventually have four apartments in the lower level, and a Community Center with a large kitchen on the main floor. The Nursing Building has recently been renamed Henderson Hall, in honor of Sr. Sabina Mary Henderson, Marycrest's second president. It will be home to 16 apartments, storage units, and the existing auditorium.

Petersen Mansion serves as the current community center for the residents, and houses the offices of many Signature Management employees. The Activity Center was recently sold to a coach from Assumption High School, where various athletic events are held. In addition to concerts for the residents, Upham Auditorium is home to the Classic Film Society, which presents classic films once a month for the residents and public to enjoy.

I think you would be proud of what our beloved school has trans-

formed into. Chris Ales, the owner of Signature Management, has done a fine job in taking care of our campus (we all know it's not ours, but it still feels like it!).

Marycrest has always been more than just a few buildings on a piece of property. It was so much about the sisters and the people that studied and worked there. And I believe somehow the sisters put their hearts and souls in these beautiful old buildings, along with the brick and mortar. The grounds and the buildings have been beautifully restored, and even more important, the spirit of Marycrest lives on. Our residents love the campus and their apartments; they have made friends with one another and enjoy doing many activities together. The people that work at Marycrest care about their residents and work hard at making them feel comfortable and at home. They put forth that extra energy, just like the CHMs and our faculty and staff. The residents enjoy our staff, and feel lucky to be on campus.

We play croquet on the quad, we take walks on campus and talk about the history of the school. We talk about who planted what tree for what reason! We had a Beach Party to celebrate the coming of warm weather. There was an outdoor concert on the quad this summer. Several "Marycresters" have volunteered for activities in my building. The campus is alive and well. So I'm hoping you can be happy with what Marycrest has become. We have sadly lost our school. But, part of the mission of the school was to meet the needs of the time. The campus is being used for that - meeting the needs of our time.

I once read in a 1945 Marycrest Quarterly, "May blessings rest on Marycrest hill, encompassing it ever with the good, the true and the beautiful." I think we should celebrate, knowing that the campus is blessed with new residents on the hill who truly want to be there.

*-Linda VanHese is now a member of the Marycrest Alumni Board.*



Alums Left to Right: Patty (Bragdon) Quaintance, Mary Jo (Auld) Walter, and Doris (Naab) Flaherty

## Board Member Bios

### Name: Jennifer (Waddell) DeWitt

**Marycrest connection:** 1987 graduate, B.A. in communications/print journalism.

**Alumni board involvement:** Immediate past president. I have served on the board almost continuously since 1985, when I was first selected as a student representative. Have served as president, vice president, secretary and archivist.

**Professional experience:** I have been a newspaper reporter in the Quad-Cities for the past 20 years, the last 17 at the Quad-City Times, Davenport, where I currently am a business reporter. I also have covered cops and courts, city government and county government, and been a business editor and Sunday city editor.

**Family:** Husband, John; daughter, Emily 24; sons, Casey, 11, and Alex, 7.

I stayed involved with the Alumni Board because: I never want to let go of the great memories and experiences I had at the Crest. By keeping the board and alumni association alive, I hope we can help hold the Marycrest family together in some way - even if the Marycrest we knew no longer exists.

**Favorite Marycrest memory:** It's too hard to pick just one, but the late nights of laying out The Crest Newspaper, the parties in the Pub, the night Lawlor Hall was put up for sale and most importantly, the wonderful lifelong friends I made would top the list.

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### Name: Lynne Schiffke

**Marycrest Connection:** Attended 1977 thru fall of 1981. Received Bachelor of Arts in Home Economics and Biology with an emphasis in education. Also, assisted my husband, Dave Hebbeln, when he was the assistant and head softball coach for about 10 years before the college closed.

**Alumni board involvement:** I have been on the board for about two and a half years. I am currently secretary and vice president.

**Professional experience:** I worked as a substitute teacher for about two years after I graduated. Then I worked as an Income Maintenance worker for four years and an Income Maintenance Supervisor for five years for the State of Iowa Department of Human Services. For the last 15 years, I have worked for the R&B Receivables Management, where I worked my way up and currently am a partner in the business and Senior Vice President.

**Family:** I have two stepdaughters and six granddaughters ranging in age from 6 to 18.

**I stay involved with the Alumni Board because:** I loved my time at Marycrest, and I have developed some real friendships with the people there. The people at Marycrest were dedicated to the school and the people who went there.

**Favorite Marycrest memory:** The Almost Anything Goes contest we had my senior year was a blast. So were all the sports events while I attended and while I was "Coaches helper".

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### Name: Linda VanHese

**Marycrest connection:** 1984 Graduate, B.A. Elementary Education, Minor in Art. Employee of Marycrest, 1980-2002.

**Alumni board involvement:** New board member

**Professional experience:** Assistant Director Admin Computer Center at Marycrest for 12 years; Director of Financial Aid at Marycrest for 7 years; Debt Management Specialist at Eastern Iowa Community College for 3 years; currently the Activity Coordinator at Marycrest Senior Campus (Petersen Commons Assisted Living).

**I stayed involved with the Alumni Board because:** I loved Marycrest. I loved the people, and the educational experience, and the CHMs. Our old Marycrest is gone, but the students, faculty and staff are still around. I think it is more than just holding onto the past. I want to continue to honor what was. It is a part of our history.

## Calendar of Events

The CHMs held their 2007 Jubilee Anniversary and Mass in June. The event celebrated the Sisters of Humility's years of commitment to religious life: This year's honorees: Sr. Veronica McAndrews, 75 years; Sr. Anita Rose Grimes, 75 years; Sr. Ruth Morris, 70 years; Sr. Rita Shepherd, 70 years, Sr. Frances Comito, 70 years; Sr. RoseMary Eich, 70 years; Sr. Eleanor Neuroth, 70 years; Sr. Mary Durbala, 60 years; Sr. Camille Clark, 60 years; Sr. Donna Schmitt, 60 years; Sr. Marilyn Schierbrock, 50 years, Sr. Catherine Burns, 50 years; Sr. Mary Ann Aman, 50 years; Sr. Catherine Talarico, 50 years; Sr. Joanne Mauro, 50 years; Sr. Elaine Hagedorn, 50 years; Sr. Micheline Curtis, 50 years; Sr. Luz Maria Orozco, 50 years.

Marycrest Alumni Association Homecoming, Oct. 5-7, Marycrest Campus.

Quad-City Earth Charter Summit, 8:30 a.m., Oct 13, 2007, Putnam Museum of Natural History, Davenport, hosted by the Congregation of the Humility of Mary.

The Earth Charter is a declaration of fundamental principles for building a just, sustainable and peaceful global society in the 21st Century. Through music, arts, speakers, workshops, and panel and discussion groups, the summit will bring people together to identify creative and realistic actions to implement Earth Charter principles in their families, work places, faith communities and organizations. Visit [www.quadcityearthchartersummit.org](http://www.quadcityearthchartersummit.org) for more information.



*Alums from the early classes of Marycrest*

Left to Right: Gabby (Kennedy) Rafferty, Mary Gwyn (McDonald) Fusselman, and Janice (Fitch) Christenson

## Where Are They Now?

**-Shannon Ryan Lewis, C' 01**, has been married for almost four years to alum L.C. Lewis, C' 02. They have a 3-year-old son L.C. Lewis III, "Trey", and expecting another child in October. Shannon works at Fort Des Moines Dental as an assistant office manager and is training to be the office manager. L.C. is a branch manager at Wells Fargo Financial. The couple lives in Des Moines but hopes to move back to the Quad-Cities.

**-Sonali Mody, '99**, B.S. Biology. is working with pharmaceutical company Amgen in the Quality Assurance Investigations department.

**-Tara Bartosh Moffit, '99**, is an attorney at Pastrnak Law Firm, Davenport. After Marycrest, she graduated from Drake Law School in May 2002. She married Jim Moffit on July 29, 2000, and they have two children Ainé, born March 4, 2004, and Kyna, born November 28, 2006.

**-Chris Currie** is a vice president for nMetric LLC, a software company in southern California, and living in Algonquin, Ill.

**-Alaina Lindsey** is attending the University of Dubuque, Dubuque, Ia., and will graduate in August with a degree in business. She is also expecting her second son. Her oldest son, Deyon Christopher Moore, will turn 2 on June 21.

**-Ati Mannathoko, '01**, moved from Gaborone, Botswana, to Johannesburg, South Africa, to join the Alexander Forbes Asset Consultants.

**-Dino Hayz**, has expanded his Center for Living, a performance and wellness center, to a larger site in downtown Rock Island. He first opened the center in September 2006. The building has studio space and a black-box theatre, which can seat 200. In the fall, he will add more studio space, classrooms and dressing rooms. It will host high school musical theater campus this summer. He offers acting classes for children and adults as well as ballroom dancing, drumming, yoga and laughter yoga programs.

**-Deb Buttleman Malcom, '88**, received the Journalism Medal of Merit award from the Iowa High School Press Association on Oct. 11, 2006. She is the newspaper adviser at Davenport Central High School and the vice president for special projects for the press association. In addition, she has served as the yearbook advisor and is program director of the Summer Journalism Academy for elementary and junior high school students.

**-Rita McAllister Callahan**, alum, was the Irish Mother of the Year at the 2007 St. Patrick's Day Grand Parade XXII, hosted by the St. Patrick Society of the Quad-Cities.

**-Kim Findlay, BA, '81**, was named the new director of the Putnam Museum, Davenport, in April. She had spent 15 years with the United Way of the Quad-Cities. She is married to Rick Brackey and has three adult stepchildren and four grandchildren.

**-Claire Kuttler**, Daughter of Steven (BA, '75) and Barb (Mullen) Kuttler (BA, '81), was the featured soprano soloist at the spring Concert of the Handel Oratorio Society at Augustana College. Claire is currently studying vocal performance at the University of Maryland

### Faculty/Staff:

**-Dr. James Lawrence**, former Marycrest dean, is now retired and living in Albuquerque, NM.

**-Dr. Ali Arshad**, former Marycrest faculty, is now the Professor of Business Administration at the College of Santa Fe, NM.



From Left to Right: Johnna Kay, Tina Wujek, Kara Rupp (Stark), Brandy Cope, and Pippa Glenn

## Class Notes

### Births

**-Greg and Dr. Denise Mueller** had a baby girl, Sophie, on Sept. 26, 2006, in Baltimore, Md. She is the second grandchild of Mary Kessler Mueller, '68.

**-Mary Sass Huesmann, '01**, and her husband Kyle had a son Charles "Charlie" in December, 2005. Mary received her master in nursing from the University of Illinois at Chicago in May 2006. She is a nurse practitioner in Rock Island, Ill.

### Engagements

**Pippa Glenn '02 and Ben Harris** will be married May 31, 2008.

**Jeaneen Cadwell '02 and Rodney Buckles**, alumns are getting married Sept. 15, 2007, in Minnesota.

### Weddings

**Dave Rupp '02 and Kara Stark '02**, alumns, were married on July 7, 2007 and had a mini-reception in Davenport July 13. They live in Chuglack, Alaska, where they bought a house two years ago. Kara is a real estate agent with Northern Trust and Dave is a financial advisor with New York Life. Kara continues to play softball and women's fast pitch and now has taken up snowboarding. Dave still plays soccer, but also loves to hunt - he got his first moose last year.

**Matt Jennings, C '01**, and Sarah Schinkel, C '02, were married Nov. 13, 2006.

**Marguerite Fiore**, alum of Eldridge, Iowa, was engaged to Michael Ford, of Davenport. The couple were married April 28 at First Baptist Church, Bettendorf. Marguerite earned a Bachelor of Science degree from MIU. She is employed by Genesis Medical Center. Her husband is employed by the Rock Island Arsenal Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center. **Kelly Telsrow '01** and Ben Fredricks were married Sept. 9, 2007, in Las Vegas. Kelly works as a wholesale account executive in the mortgage business and owns a property investment company and travel company with Ben, [www.benkeltravel.com](http://www.benkeltravel.com).

### Deaths - In Memory

**Danielle Perkins**, daughter of Michele Rafferty, '78, died March 29, 2007, in Florida. She also is the granddaughter of Genevieve "Gabby" Rafferty, C'42.

**Frances Loftus Cannon, C'** (BA Education), of Clinton, Iowa, died March 21, 2007. She also is the mother of Connie Cannon Bracey, '85.

**Geraldine Mapes Frew**, age 84, died on March 3, 2007, in Rock Island. She received her teaching degree from Marycrest.

**Mark Hartung**, brother of Suzanne Hartung, '68, died in Louisville, Ky.

**James Resnick**, former teacher, and husband of Joan Marie McNamara Resnick, BA '56 & MA '84) died Feb. 9, 2007, in Davenport.

**Dorothy Wood Angerer**, age 86, died Jan. 24, 2007, in Johnston, Iowa. She taught anatomy and physiology at Marycrest in the 1950s.

**Margaret Thiel McDermott '78** died Dec. 23, 2006, in Dubuque, Iowa. She received her education training at Marycrest.

**Karen Sternberg**, age 68, '59, died Dec. 5, 2006 in Moline.

**Elaine Fitzsimmons**, age 79, C' 61, died Nov. 12, 2006, in Davenport.

**Loyle Mueller**, husband of Mary Kessler Mueller, '68, died Nov. 10, 2006, in Iowa City, Iowa. He had helped sponsor leadership schools at Marycrest in his role as Davenport chamber executive.

**Lonnie "Otis" Dickerson**, age 59, '95 died Nov. 4, 2006. Otis was a resident of the Marycrest Senior Campus at the time of his death.

**Betty Sparks '83**, died Oct. 19, 2006, in Rock Island. After graduation, Betty joined the staff at Marycrest until her retirement in 1990. She is the mother of Alums Andrew Sparks '88 and Jim Sparks.

**Alice McGuire Fellers**, age 93, '50 died Sept. 16, 2006, in Davenport.

**Gladys McGlaughlin Hitchings**, died Sept. 16, 2006, in Davenport.

**Velma Kramer**, mother of LeeAnn Kramer Gentry, '87, died June 17, 2006.