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Remember the first time you were told you couldn't do something because you were a girl? You knew better, and you found your way to Mount Mary.

To extend our legacy of bravery and conviction, we are introducing a new campaign directly aimed at potential students. We challenge them to embrace our can-do spirit. Now is the time for the next generation of bold, brilliant women to learn that together, there's nothing we can't do.



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On the cover: Wearing the medallion bearing the names of all 12 Mount Mary presidents, Christine Pharr, Ph.D., presents her inaugural speech during the April 20 ceremony.



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FROM *the* PRESIDENT

Christine Pharr, Ph.D., President, Mount Mary University

Dear Mount Mary Alumnae and Friends,

As I write this message, it is only days since my inauguration and to say my heart is full is a tremendous understatement. The messages of support, the blessings and the sense of community that the inauguration encompassed are what I continue to find so invigorating at Mount Mary.

I have discovered over this year that our greatest strength is our people: the faculty, staff and students who each day help each other discover our greatest gifts. Perhaps it is also important to note our greatest challenge, increasing our visibility and number of new undergraduate students.

Nevertheless, this great group of people has truly stepped up to the plate to address these needs:

- We hosted four lunches with regional community colleges to develop and update articulation agreements that will make transferring to Mount Mary seamless.
- We signed a partnership with Waukesha County Technical College for our Nursing 1-2-1 program. This joins our already formed partnership with Milwaukee Area Technical College for the same program and we are seeing enrollments grow for both partnerships (see page 24).
- We selected a new marketing firm out of Madison, Wisconsin who will be launching a marketing campaign in May and again in the fall (see inside front cover).
- We purchased an apartment near the university that will offer alternative housing for graduate students (see page 25).

- We changed our summer leadership academy to a high school girls' event to get more prospective students on campus.
- Our new food lab has been host to many high school students and we just hosted a major Food and Beverage event on campus for nearly 300 students (see page 26).

Dollars donated are up, new-student spring enrollment was up and summer enrollment is looking promising.

As I pause to consider this past year, I am overwhelmed by the goodness of the people of this university and the generosity of our alumnae and friends. Please know that if you choose to invest your time, talent and treasure in Mount Mary that every minute and every dollar is well spent.

As I said in my inaugural speech, my pledge to you, as leader of this longstanding institution, is that we will brighten our light, shine it in places it has not penetrated before and sustain a community of learning that transforms lives. It doesn't get any better than this!

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MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY

Awards NIGHT

Thursday, June 7, 2018

CONGRATULATIONS to the 2018 awardees

**MADONNA MEDAL
FOR PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE**

Janet M. Powell '60

**MADONNA MEDAL
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Roberta Hanks Olshansky '63

**MADONNA MEDAL
FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Mary A. Greisch-Monday '89

TOWER AWARD

Cynthia C. Delgado Galvan '09



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◀ Naturalization record of Mother Caroline Friess. Before Blessed Theresa departed from New York for Europe in 1848, she placed Sister Mary Caroline Friess, who was only 26 years old, in charge of the schools in America. Pictured here is her naturalization record. Mother Caroline continued to direct and guide the congregation in North America until her death on July 22, 1892.

Mount Mary MAKES ROOM FOR HISTORY

SCHOOL SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME OPEN NORTH AMERICAN ARCHIVES AT MOUNT MARY



Visit the archives during the Alumnae Association breakfast from 9 to 11:30 a.m. June 16. mtmary.edu/alumnae/events

A newly remodeled space in the lower level of Bergstrom Hall now houses the documents that detail the legacy of courage, leadership and vision of the SSNDs in North America.

The SSNDs have chosen Mount Mary University as the location to store 185 years of archival history. The School Sisters of Notre Dame North American Archives stretch over 2,000 linear feet (a length equivalent to five and a half football fields) of materials from collections across the United States and Canada that detail the lives and works of the School Sisters, including the records of 9,000 deceased sisters.



In early fall SSND archivists from the eight SSND campuses in North America consolidated their important documents into packing boxes, loaded enormous moving trucks, blessed them and sent them on the cross-country trek to Mount Mary.

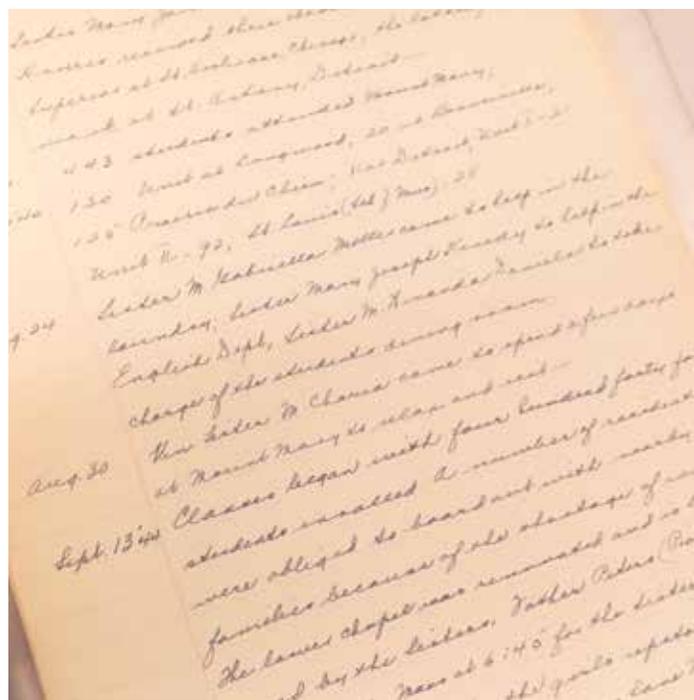
Now that the documents are settled here at Mount Mary, new SSND archivist Michele Levandoski manages the collection and provides the research and guidance in finding primary documents. Anyone interested can learn about the history of the SSNDs, Catholic education and the lives of people touched by the Sisters and their mission.

Among the most-requested items in the archives are records of sisters who worked in schools, she said. In fact, there are so many requests that the archive's staff developed an online form called "Search a Sister." Often, this data request could lead to an obituary record, photo and other details that helps its seeker see the full life of a School Sister of Notre Dame.

The collection continues to grow as the two SSND provinces in North America, Atlantic-Midwest and Central Pacific, continue to provide documents and artifacts that capture their history.

The formal opening of the archives is set for June. ♦

For more information or to search for a School Sister of Notre Dame, visit ssnd.org/archives. Check out our multimedia gallery, with links to slideshows and an article by Milwaukee newspaper columnist Jim Stengl, who visited the archives to learn more about the SSNDs who taught him in the 1970s.



DID YOU KNOW?

- The archives hold records from 11 locations across North America and include records from SSND schools and institutions, records for 9,000 deceased sisters, along with books, photographs and other materials.
- Some of the largest collections come from St. Louis and Milwaukee.
- The growth and history of the congregation could be traced through the languages found in its documents, which include German (the official language of the congregation until well into the twentieth century), Polish, Hungarian, Italian, Czech and Slovenian, followed by Spanish and Portuguese as spoken in South and Central America. A limited number of documents in languages such as Chamorro, Japanese, Nepalese and Ghanaian are evidence of the sisters' response to the call to serve God's people in ever more distant lands.
- At the closing of the archive in Mankato, Minn. in late 2017, sisters there lit three candles during a prayer ceremony, one for the past, the present and the future.

DRIVEN TO SUCCEED

ENTREPRENEUR, CHAMPION RACECAR DRIVER AND STEM ADVOCATE JULIA LANDAUER'S PRESENTATION IGNITES CAMPUS LEARNING



◀ Even at an early age, NASCAR driver Julia Landauer explained that she embraced the idea of winning and being competitive, and encourages the girls of today to do the same.



▼ What fuels an endurance athlete? As a special project, dietetics students provided Landauer with diet recommendations for maximum performance.



▲ Wauwatosa Mayor Kathy Ehley (above) listens intently as Julia Landauer explains her beliefs on motivation and drive during the event, held March 14.



Graduate art therapy students Debbie Omondi (left) and Laura Housel (center) created artwork around the themes of passion, authenticity and purpose, as did visual arts students, who created table centerpieces (right).



As mentor relationship matures, the learning goes both ways

BY ANN ANGEL '75



Educators don't set out to be mentors. We teach. But there are times a surprising connection is made between teacher and student. Sometimes that turns into a decade, or even a lifetime, of friendship and support, encouragement and life stories. There may be shared Christmas cards or social media posts — a quick note celebrating a life passage, perhaps a Ph.D., a career change. Before long, that teaching relationship has shifted and we've fallen into a mentoring relationship that feels an awful lot like friendship.

Mentoring isn't something we choose; rather, the mentor/mentee relationship chooses us. In the case of Malynnnda Johnson '06 Ph.D., an assistant professor at Indiana State University and my former student, mentoring has gone to the next level as she becomes a mentor to others.

When Malynnnda (who I still fall into calling "Mindy" from those days when I served as Arches advisor and she served as page designer) asked me to be her guest mentor for a panel on mentoring, I was honored.

The panel, entitled "Made a Difference to Me: The Importance of Mentoring in Undergraduate

Education," was a rare opportunity to celebrate the mentoring relationship. But it was also a chance to talk about how these relationships form and shift and change.

Mindy recalled that our mentor relationship began while she was studying to become a graphic designer. She was questioning her major and I convinced her she could design for the newspaper. She was a magnificent designer but also an amazing writer.

She discovered she loved to communicate and do research, and entered UWM as a graduate student to pursue her Ph.D. in communication (despite my best efforts to convince her to go into journalism). I can happily say that I'm thrilled Mindy refused my suggestion because she admits her life has taken her beyond her wildest dreams, passing on her energy, knowledge, and community engagement to other students.

While awaiting publication of her first text on health communication, specifically on health narrative of HIV on television, Mindy has produced multiple book chapters and journal articles. For the past ten years her research has remained bifurcated into the areas of difficult conversations between doctors and patients (including HIV and

STD testing, mental health, and death) as well as media portrayals of health. If you ask what drives her, she'll probably tell you she's "seeking a world where people are not stigmatized for wanting to protect and value their bodies!"

Mindy is a teacher, advocate and health communication scholar, and she's making a positive and socially just difference in the world.

Have I mentioned that I've learned a lot from her as well? ♦

Ann Angel '75 is an author and professor in Mount Mary's graduate English program. She and Malynnnda spoke about their mentoring relationship at the Central States Communication Association Conference this spring. To read Malynnnda's reflection about her role as Ann's mentee, visit

magazine.mtmary.edu.

▼ Malynnnda Johnson '06 (left) maintains a professional relationship with her onetime professor Ann Angel '75.



THE CASE FOR COMMON GROUND

MOUNT MARY'S CORE TEAM CONTRIBUTES PEOPLE POWER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE



When 750 people packed inside a church on Milwaukee's South Side to hold a structured, respectful exchange with the city's chief of police, they not only proposed safety solutions for the neighborhood, they displayed the power of coordinated action.

The issues ranged from increasing the number of bilingual responders to the need to report crimes without fear.

Common Ground, the non-partisan organization that organized the event, believes that social change takes place through community mobilization, what the group calls "people power."

For almost a decade, Mount Mary University has an active core team on campus that contributes people power to Common Ground campaigns, which involve 40,000 citizens throughout Southeastern Wisconsin.

The unique power of Common Ground is its ability to organize around a single cause, said Sister Joanne Poehlman '65,

associate professor of anthropology and a founding member of Mount Mary's core team.

The group identifies a social issue, researches and collaborates with all stakeholders, and then organizes hundreds, if not thousands, around this cause. Their past successes include:

- Raising \$5.8 million in commitments from local banks to rehab and clean up foreclosed properties in the Sherman Park neighborhood.
- Lobbying the City of Milwaukee to increase the number of summer youth jobs and provide a quarter of a million dollars to fund the programs.
- Working with Milwaukee Public Schools to revamp its after-school tutoring program.
- Encouraging tax money through the Fair Play initiative to upgrade school athletic fields.

Asked why she is involved with this group, Poehlman simply replies, "Because I'm Mount Mary. I'm a School Sister of Notre Dame." Poehlman is always looking for ways to acknowledge her roles and fulfill her mission of promoting community and unity.

"It's never one person. Social change comes through transformation when individuals come together." ♦

Common Ground celebrated its tenth anniversary in April. Alumnae can find their local chapter of Common Ground in Wisconsin to participate as an extension of their Mount Mary experience. commongroundwi.org/



Sister Joanne Poehlman

NEW FOOD SCIENCE PROGRAM BEARS FIRST FRUIT

Three years ago, Anne Vravick '05 was part of a group proposing the idea of a food science program to Mount Mary's leadership team.

It's been a whirlwind ever since for Vravick, the primary faculty member in the program, teaching Food Science Nutrition, Food Regulatory Standards Food Chemistry I and II, Intro to Food Engineering and Food Processing.

In between this classload, she is a tireless supporter of the program, advising students and creating relationships with industry partners.

This hard work has a significant payoff this month, as Vravick's first student in the program graduates with a degree in food science.

"To see her go from day one to graduation, I feel a sense of accomplishment for her and for the University," Vravick said. "We've produced an excellent student who is industry-ready."

The program gained momentum right out of the gates. She said that because the program had the right people in

place and a core group of interested students, the program grew organically and fast, it exploded on its own.

"The support for this program has been incredible, the equipment is up-to-date with everything the students need," she said. "It is important for me to get the students job-ready. I want them to be confident and competitive with other food scientists."

Vravick holds a Ph.D. in toxicology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a master's in education from Mount Mary. For a number of years she worked within the food industry as a food toxicologist for companies including S.C. Johnson, assessing the safety of ingredients used in consumer products.

Because of her strong industry training, Vravick feels strongly that students must leave the classroom and laboratory environment to see food science in action. Throughout the course of a semester students participate in multiple field trips to observe and learn food processing in proper context. During a trip to Kerry Ingredients, students observed how cheese is sprayed through a nozzle and heated to the drying point. The particles dry mid-air and become a powdery substance like the dried cheese found in a box of macaroni and cheese.

These types of experiences familiarized students with the food industry, she said. "Most students grasp what happens in a lab kitchen, but become apprehensive when they see it in action. This has made them much more excited about the scale of manufacturing."

Vravick said developing the program has benefitted the students, the University and also herself.

"In three years my brain has tripled in size," she said. ♦





A world of insight

JEANNETTE INGABIRE OF RWANDA POSSESSES A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE INFLUENCED BY THE CULTURE OF HER HOME AND MOUNT MARY.

Jeannette's background, combined with her Mount Mary education, has shaped her understanding of community service.

As a Caroline Scholar majoring in biology and math, Jeannette has taken every opportunity for service learning. She has volunteered over 900 hours for local organizations such as the Hunger Task Force, Luther Manor, SEA literacy, and Inner Beauty Milwaukee. Over winter break, Ingabire returned home to do wildlife conservation work with national wildlife parks across Rwanda.

As her involvement in the Milwaukee community has grown, she has gained a deeper understanding of the issues communities face, both here and in Africa.

She has received numerous accolades, including a 2018 Newman Civic Fellowship and recognition at the American Mock World Health Organization's international conference and competition at Emory University.

Here are some of her reflections on how these experiences are influencing the direction of her future work.

➤ What insights have you gained from being a Caroline Scholar?

Though I think most people know what empathy is, very few of us get the privilege to practice empathy. In my volunteer work, I must practice empathy to better understand and serve others.

I have also come to understand that social justice issues are quite universal. I have seen similar aspects of social injustice in Rwanda, Milwaukee, Belgium and other places I have been. This is not something I had truly put into consideration before.

The Caroline Scholarship is an opportunity for me to not only make an impact in the Milwaukee community, but also globally.



➤ How does being from a different culture add to your experience here at Mount Mary?

Before when I spoke about global issues, I was looking at world problems from the outside. Now I feel that I can speak more about these kind of things because I know them on an intellectual level through the experiences I have had here.

I also get to try different foods, like tea and chocolate, which I love!

➤ What about being a student at Mount Mary inspires you?

Being surrounded by other intellectual, inspired, bold women and seeing my classmates work hard to achieve their dreams is always inspiring. We call ourselves the "science sisters," and when you see one of them succeed, you feel like you can, too.

Also, the art here is very inspiring. Honestly, I'm not very artistic, but I love seeing the artistic energy.

➤ How have you contributed to the cultural atmosphere at Mount Mary?

I definitely bring a different perspective to Mount Mary, especially in the classes that have vocal participation.

In my Search for Meaning class, when we talk about certain philosophies or aspects of religion, I can bring my perspective. I mean, my culture is very different, my way of eating is different, my view on mental health is different, and I think that really adds a lot to any discussion. Even in my science classes, I feel like I am able to bring a different cultural perspective to the class conversation.

➤ How are you going to carry your Mount Mary values with you as you pursue your career?

Mount Mary's vision is to educate women to transform the world, and I think that as a Caroline Scholar and an international student I will fulfill that vision in trying to reach my goal of making health better for all children of the world. ♦



Technology keeps Mount Mary's fashion program on the cutting edge

In today's world of fashion, it takes more than technical skills and creativity to become a designer. Students need a high degree of technological proficiency to work, create and operate the industry tools of today.

More than ever, technology informs and enables the creative vision of students.

"We prepare our students to take their creativity and filter it through the realities of the industry," said Jessica Frantal '08, a tech enthusiast and Mount Mary's newest member of the fashion faculty.

For example, when junior Ashley Duncan created a concept for a neckline and shoulder

foundation of interconnected, dimensional rings, 3D printing was required to turn her idea into a unified textile pattern.

"I'm always impressed with our students – how creative, smart and savvy they are," Frantal said. "It's exciting to give them the tools they need to exercise their creativity."

On the other end of the production cycle, Merchandise Management students are using technology to address the consumer experience, using virtual reality and augmented reality to enhance the shopping experience.

"Mount Mary is small but we're innovative," said Trish Kuehnl of the department's Fashion Merchandise Management program.

TECHNOLOGY BRINGS NEW DIRECTION TO INDUSTRY

There's an upheaval in the way clothes are designed, produced and sold, creating opportunities for new ideas, said Frantal, who was a technical designer for Harley-Davidson before turning to teaching.

At the center of these changes is technology, which is an integral part of fashion in ways the average consumer doesn't realize," she said. "Right now is a very exciting time for the fashion industry."

▲ New faculty member Jessica Frantal incorporates technology into her own fashion designs (above and at far right.)

Technological advances influence every step of fashion development, from pattern design and concepting to production and functionality, and Frantal has been putting her technical knowledge to work for the students. More and more, design students are learning to code and to use CAD drafting software for pattern designs.

“They’ll need to understand and speak the language of tech to do their jobs as designers,” Frantal said.

New technology, coupled with an upheaval in conventional retailing, means that retailers are faced with the task of reinventing themselves – “most likely through technology,” Kuehnl said. Some of those technologies include virtual reality and augmented reality designed to facilitate online shopping.

“My hopes for the merchandise management program is to bring in more exposure to these different formats, especially with IKEA coming into the area. They are on

the forefront of using virtual reality and augmented reality in their shopping experiences.”

SOFTWARE: VIRTUAL MODELING

A growing use of software in fashion design is 3D rendering, which lets students test out different fabrics and patterns before even sewing. This involves using Optitex software with built-in algorithms for different textile characteristics such as stretch coefficient and draping. The system virtually sews together a garment design, creating a virtual, rotatable model to highlight design issues.

“There’s a huge move in the industry to 3D render first samples instead of actually sewing them,” Frantal said. “Retailers like Target now make decisions on clothing lines based on computer renderings. Using tech like this in the classroom is giving students the advantage they need to get into rewarding fashion careers.”

▼ New faculty member Jessica Frantal helped senior fashion designer Ashley Duncan to produce 3D printouts of some of her design elements.



Fashion merchandising students use CAD to design virtual 3D retail environments from the floor up. “You can ‘walk’ through these models, they’re very realistic,” Kuehnl said.

EQUIPMENT: 3D PRINTING

By 3D printing textile concepts instead of making them by hand from fabric, students can make adjustments to their concepts and work out problems before even bringing out a bolt of material.

It gives students the chance to fine-tune their designs without wasting time and costs.

Frantal is investigating potential grants for building a maker space with 3D printing capabilities on campus, which would also be useful for Mount Mary’s interior design, food science and art departments.

“3D printing is the way the industry is going, so we want our students to be proficient,” Frantal said.

TREND: WEARABLE TECH

The hottest new trend in fashion is wearable technology, which most people think of as the Apple Watch or the Fitbit. The next step in wearable tech is transitioning to the softer side, by inserting technology into textiles and soft materials.

The fashion industry is testing many new concepts, such as a denim jacket woven from conductive fibers that connects to Bluetooth and GPS functions. Solar-energy absorbing material on a backpack or friction panels on jeans may someday capture power for charging devices on the go.



DESIGNING WOMEN: Sewing runs in the family for Jess Frantal

Assistant Professor Jessica Frantal '08 has spent a lifetime sewing. Her mother, Suzanne Cristan '74, worked in the industry, eventually becoming the first female VP of design for Amity Leather, a local leather goods company. Frantal was interested in costume making, sewing and crafting from a young age.

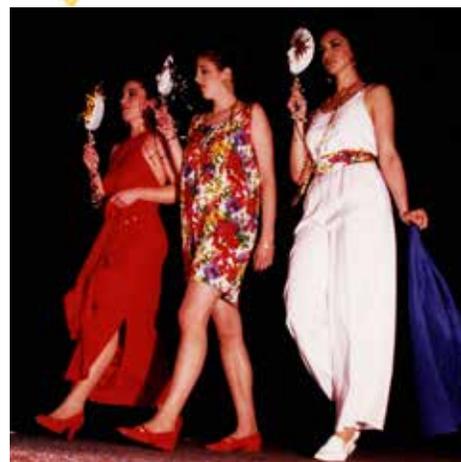
“I grew up sewing, starting with an apron I made for my grandma when I was 5,” Frantal said. “I was always making costumes, crafting and sewing because of my mother’s influence. Plus, my dad was a woodworker, so creativity was a big thing in my family.”

After working in the field of marketing for a few years, Frantal returned to sewing, her first love. She attended Mount Mary for her fashion certificate and won the Best in Show at the 2015 CREO fashion show with a collection inspired by Japanese street style.

Frantal worked as a technical designer in Harley-Davidson’s apparel department before returning to Mount Mary to teach. Now a full-time member of the faculty, she teaches Junior Collections, Draping, Design 1, Design & Concepting, Optitex and Advanced Techniques courses.

View Frantal’s tech-inspired designs at [jessicافرantal.com](https://www.jessicافرantal.com).

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THEN & NOW



The year was 1968 and Mount Mary’s fashion program was only three years old when the growing department staged the first student designer fashion show.

This month, Mount Mary celebrated that first show — and all the years in between — at CREO 2018, held May 11.

After eight years of being staged at various locations off-campus, the show returned to campus for this milestone 50th anniversary.

Students transformed the Bloechl Center, turning the athletic center into a style runway. “I think people were very surprised coming into the Bloechl Center,” said Trish Kuehnl, Mount Mary University’s associate professor in Fashion Merchandise Management and acting chair of the fashion department. “They were expecting to come into a basketball court with basketballs and scoreboards and all the lines painted on the floor. But with a dramatic backdrops and rock-concert lighting, “It was very different,” she said.

Kuehnl has been involved in Mount Mary’s fashion program, first as a fashion merchandise student helping to put on the show, to the director of the show and a faculty member for 16 years.

“Teaching this class has been invigorating and exhausting all together, but it is so worth it.”

For full coverage of CREO 2018 visit [visit !\[\]\(7bc6f9cdb9e101d1aad2c1e88d0164fc_img.jpg\) mtmary.edu/magazine.](https://www.mtmary.edu/magazine)

Entrepreneur translates her love of languages into business success



▲ Brita Kuhrmeier Schumacher '99

When Brita Kuhrmeier Schumacher '99 went to Korea to teach English to kindergarteners, she made an astonishing discovery herself: Students there could speak Korean, Chinese and English perfectly, because most elementary schools incorporated foreign language in the curriculum.

She returned home a year later, determined to bring this same experience to elementary school children in the United States.

She started small, opening a little school in Wauwatosa for children to learn Spanish. Within a few years, she started going out to schools for hourlong Spanish lessons after school. These classes became very popular and 17 years later her company, Futura Language Professionals, employs 70 teachers in Wisconsin and 50 teachers in Minnesota.

Brita graduated from Mount Mary University in 1999 with a student-designed major and a Spanish minor. As an undergrad, she spent a year in Mexico as an undergraduate and arranged an independent study project that involved backpacking through Guatemala and Honduras.

“I really loved Mount Mary because the classes were so small and so specialized,” she said.

Through her business, she proudly points out that students display excitement about the language of Spanish and have an increased appreciation for its culture. Many of them have studied abroad or traveled to other countries.

“I do think that the more that people travel and the more that they’re exposed to other cultures, the more that they have an understanding and appreciation for diversity.”

Over the years, Brita has employed Mount Mary students and graduates. She feels that she can provide them with opportunities and advice to help prepare them for the next steps in their careers.

“I have a good vision of ways to apply a foreign degree that goes beyond teaching,” she said. “You can use

Spanish in government positions like the State Department or you can use Spanish in running a manufacturing company,” Brita said.

Brita continues to improve her business by expanding her outreach into more diverse communities and increasing the number of

partnerships with private schools. She would also love to work with more companies to train them on how to do business in Mexico from a cultural perspective.

“What I love about Spanish more than anything is all the culture that it represents, the door that it opens.”◆

“ONLY TWO PERCENT OF WOMEN BUSINESS OWNERS EVER REACH A MILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE. WE HAVE EXCEEDED THAT. THAT DEFINITELY FEELS LIKE A SOURCE OF PRIDE.”

Brita Kuhrmeier Schumacher '99



SEPTEMBER

9 **Starving Artists' Show**
10 a.m. - 5 p.m. West Lawn
of Mount Mary



OCTOBER

5-7 **Alumnae Reunion Weekend**
mtmary.edu/reunion

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

JUNE 2018

7 **Mount Mary Awards Night**

16 **Alumnae Association Breakfast and Volunteer Appreciation Celebration**
exclusive SSND Archive Open House
9 - 11:30 a.m.

18-22 **Fashion Boot Camp**
Grades 7-12, mtmary.edu/bootcamp

19-21 **Summer Leadership Academy**
Grades 11-12
mtmary.edu/sla

JULY 2018

9-14 **Private College Week**
Admissions: (414) 930-3024

SEPTEMBER 2018

9 **Starving Artists' Show**
10 a.m. - 5 p.m., West Lawn of Mount Mary

17 **Writers on Writing with Dasha Kelly Hamilton**
6:30 p.m., mtmary.edu/wow

19 **Wisconsin Education Fair**
9 - 11 a.m., Contact Admissions: (414) 930-3024

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2 **Writers on Writing with Kelly O'Connor McNees**
6:30 p.m., mtmary.edu/wow

5-7 **Alumnae Reunion Weekend**
mtmary.edu/reunion

20 **Archdiocese of Milwaukee**
"Soles for Catholic Education"
10 a.m., Fundraiser Walk on Mount Mary campus

*Alumnae are always welcome to attend weekly Masses.
For a schedule, visit mtmary.edu.*

Weekly Masses are generously sponsored by Therese Campos '66.

For all of Mount Mary's upcoming events visit  mtmary.edu.



Inauguration Day

“THE MAJESTIC TOWER OF NOTRE DAME HALL STANDS AS A BEACON OF HOPE, A TOWER OF LIGHT FOR OUR REGION. MY PLEDGE TO YOU IS THAT WE WILL BRIGHTEN OUR LIGHT ...”

FROM THE INAUGURAL ADDRESS OF
CHRISTINE PHARR, PH.D.,
MOUNT MARY'S TWELFTH PRESIDENT

In a ceremony that drew strongly upon themes of community, Mount Mary University officially installed its 12th president, Christine Pharr, Ph.D., on April 20.

The day brought together the Mount Mary community, along with professional and personal connections Pharr has made throughout her life. Having friends, family and professional colleagues from around the country celebrate the day amid her new community at Mount Mary demonstrated her commitment to leading a multi-faceted, connected life.

In her inaugural address, “A Community of Our Making,” Pharr explained the empowerment that comes from networks of support - “it takes a community to build a meaningful life,” she said. “No one is successful on their own.”

Mount Mary, she said, provides these bonds of community for women who set forth to create lives of meaning and purpose.

Academic institutions from near and far sent delegates to participate in the event, including all-women’s institutions such



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THE DAY IN PHOTOS

The inauguration of Christine Pharr, Ph.D., began with a Mass, held at nearby Christ King Parish in Wauwatosa (opposite page). Concelebrants included Rev. Kenneth Augustine of St. Luke's Parish in Brookfield, the Very Rev. Timothy Kitzke, Vicar General for Urban Ministries for the Archdiocese of Milwaukee (3), as well as the Most Rev. Jerome Listecki, Archbishop of Milwaukee (2) and the Very Rev. Phillip Bogacki of Christ King Parish (not pictured).

One especially moving moment occurred when former Mount Mary presidents Eileen Schwalbach (left), S. Ellen Lorenz (in back) and Pat O'Donoghue (right) assisted the Archbishop in conferring a blessing upon Pharr during the Mass celebration (1).

During the Mass, Pharr was surrounded by her family (4). Her daughter, Melissa, served as cantor during the Mass (5). After the Mass, Pharr, her other daughter, Caroline, and husband, Steve, retreated to Pharr's office to don their academic regalia prior to the ceremony, as both hold doctoral degrees (6). At the Inauguration, Mount Mary delegates included faculty members (7).



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INAUGURATION DAY

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as Alverno College, Smith College, Wellesley College, St. Catherine University and the College of Saint Mary, in Omaha, Neb., Pharr's prior institution, where she served as academic vice president followed by two years as vice president for alumni and donor relations.

The inauguration came 10 months after Pharr assumed leadership at Mount Mary. She is preceded by Eileen Schwalbach, Ph.D., who retired from the position in June 2017. Schwalbach, Pat O'Donoghue, president from 1997-2006 and S. Ellen Lorenz, SSND, president from 1979-1987, took active roles in the Mass and inauguration ceremony.

The day's celebration included prayer, music and academic pageantry. Mass was held at Christ King Parish, a short walk from campus. Most attendees took advantage of the sunny spring weather to walk from church to the ceremony, held in the Alumnae Dining Room.

Prior to the ceremony, Mount Mary's faculty, leadership, student representatives and delegates from other institutions donned academic regalia and processed across the front of campus and into Caroline and



Bergstrom Halls. The bell rang in the tower, mingling with the sounds of the Gospel Choir.

In reflecting on the events afterwards, Pharr said the day was "meaningful beyond words and a memory that will remain with me forever."

Celebrating the official installation of a new president is a milestone achievement for the institution itself, said S. Joan Penzenstader SSND, Mount Mary's Vice President for Mission and Identity.

"We recognize that new beginnings are a blessing," Penzenstadler said. "When a person who embodies the mission and spirit of Mount Mary assumes a position of leadership, we lift them up, not only in our prayers, but for the world to see."





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IN HER OWN WORDS

The inaugural address of Christine Pharr, Ph.D., provided insight into how she plans to integrate the pioneering spirit of the past with her plans for the future.

“Reading the history of the college over the early years is like reading an epic adventure story with challenge after challenge followed by miracle after miracle. While some of the early challenges faced by Mount Mary have passed, today, more than ever, there are problems in our society in which women’s leadership is becoming increasingly necessary.

“As we consider issues of sex trafficking and domestic abuse, health care costs, immigration, gun control, gender and racial equality and a myriad of other issues, women’s voices are needed ...

“Mount Mary graduates will take their rightful place at the forefront of addressing the most demanding concerns of our city, our state and our nation knowing that one person of conviction can make a tremendous difference ...

“As I look into the future, I believe that Mount Mary is now positioned to develop women in ways that will prepare them to take on the many challenges ahead. To do so in the coming months we will be advancing our investment in physical and mental health care programs, in our already well-known fashion design and fashion merchandizing programs and re-invigorating our dedication to women pursuing scientific disciplines, particularly our new Food Science major.”

Dr. Pharr’s full inauguration speech can be found at [mtmary.edu/magazine](https://www.mtmary.edu/magazine).

MEANINGFUL MOMENTS:

The day was brisk and clear for the processional around the front of campus, despite lingering snow from a late-spring snowfall (1).

In moments large and small, Pharr’s supporters were able to extend their well-wishes, including S. Mary Ann Owens, SSND (2); Pharr’s longtime mentor Dene Kay Thomas, President of Fort Lewis College (3); delegates representing 18 institutions and higher education societies from around the country (4); and the campus community at large (5). Members representing Pharr’s various communities came together in a blessing circle (6) to extend prayers for her success.



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Consider three fresh strategies for giving without affecting your cash flow

Mount Mary alumnae and friends consistently describe how their Mount Mary experience changed their lives. Many alums say they wish they could do more to support the students of today, but they aren't sure if they can, or know how to give more while staying within their budget.

While many gifts to Mount Mary University are made with cash, there are other ways you can maximize your giving without affecting your current cash flow. Here are three simple ways for you to consider.

GIFT OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES

Make your gift using appreciated stock or mutual funds. With the market hitting an all-time high recently, the assets that you may have purchased years or decades ago have rarely been worth more. By gifting a portion of these appreciated securities directly to Mount Mary (and not liquidating them), you:

- Can avoid paying capital gains tax.
- Can lower your income tax bill.
- Can preserve your cash for current or future needs.

GIFT OF YOUR IRA

If you are age 70½ or older, you can use your IRA to make a tax-free gift to Mount Mary. Simply direct your IRA administrator to send all or a part of your Required Minimum Distribution directly to Mount Mary instead of you. That transfer of IRA funds will:

- Change the lives of our students.
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution.
- Reduce your taxable income.
- (Also note: You are also allowed to gift any portion of your IRA Required Minimum Distribution up to \$100,000 annually.)

GIFT FROM YOUR WILL OR TRUST

Include a gift in your will or trust to Mount Mary. Such a gift will enable you to make your largest gift ever, without affecting your current cash flow. This gift can be made in several ways:

- Percentage of your estate.
- Remainder of your estate.
- Specific asset.

This is a great way to take care of your loved ones while also paying tribute to an organization that influenced your life and continues to do so today.

When making these decisions, it is important to share your wishes with your family and to consult your tax representative to ensure maximum benefits.



For more information on how to use one of these three strategies or to discuss other ways to create a life-changing gift, contact Anna Franklin at (414) 930-3626 or franklia@mtmary.edu. Read more of Mary Gramins' reflections on giving at [mtmary.edu/magazine](https://www.mtmary.edu/magazine).



Debra Hintz '77

"Forty years after graduating, I am still very grateful for the education and opportunities I received through Mount Mary. I was blessed, too, to receive financial assistance during those years. I would like young women to be able to have those same opportunities for years to come.

"While I have made a contribution each year for many years, and will continue to do so, naming Mount Mary as a beneficiary in my will allows me to make an even greater impact."



Catherine Starck '73

"My company, Assurant Health, had a program that matched my giving dollar-for-dollar and I gave what I could to Mount Mary. Now that I am retired and comfortably set financially, I decided that Mount Mary is still a good investment.

"If you are working and your employer has a matching program, please consider donating to Mount Mary. It does not have to be a lot; every little bit helps. Retired? It pays to review the beneficiaries in your will, investments, etc. and consider Mount Mary."



Mary Gramins '62

"I was looking for a way to help facilitate that colossal shift from poverty to prosperity in the lives of young women. Then I read about the programs that Mount Mary offers to deserving young women.

"My husband, who is a CPA, pointed out that if I have money from my IRA (Individual Retirement Account) sent directly from the IRA to Mount Mary as a charitable contribution, no taxes are levied on it. The same amount of money becomes more effective, generating a larger contribution for the school.

"Knowing the power that teachers have to inspire and transform young student's lives and futures, funding a scholarship for an enthusiastic future teacher sounded ideal."

Alumnae endowment meets food needs of students

Sally Stanton Graff '66 created an endowment fund with a \$100,000 gift to Mount Mary University. The annual distribution from this endowment will provide nutritional fare to students while on campus.

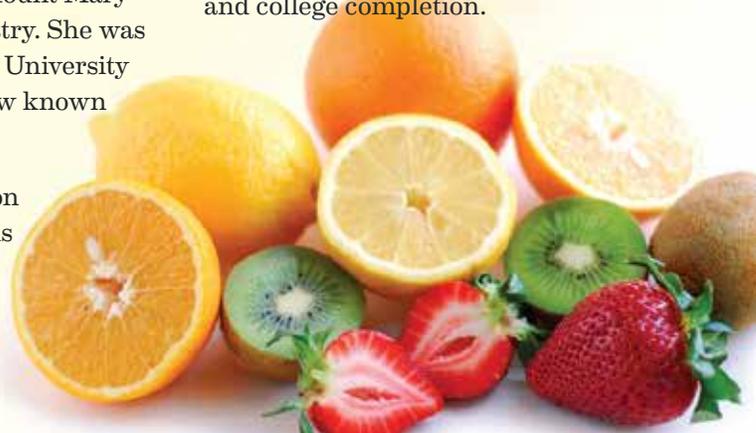
She acknowledges many college students are overcoming barriers including food shortages and a variety of other issues that require additional support for these students who are working to change the cycle of

poverty for them and their families, and that Mount Mary students are no exception.

Graff graduated from Mount Mary with a degree in chemistry. She was employed by Marquette University School of Medicine (now known as MCW).

Sally's generous donation will not only provide this important nutritional

benefit to our student but will also enable these women to engage more deeply in additional support programs to ensure their success and college completion.



CAMPUS NEWS



Nursing 1-2-1 program expands to Waukesha

Mount Mary has added Waukesha County Technical College (WCTC) to the list of partner institutions for the Nursing 1-2-1 program.

This innovative new program allows students to obtain an Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN), licensure as a Registered Nurse, and seamlessly move to complete a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN), all within four years. Students take prerequisite and general education courses in year one of the program at Mount Mary; spend two years studying at the partner institution and one final year at Mount Mary to complete the bachelor of science in nursing degree. The program is open to high school graduates and transfer students (women only).

The program initially launched with Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) last year and some students will be starting their second year at MATC this fall. With the addition of WCTC, this opens up another option to complete coursework and clinical rotations through the community colleges. This partnership gives students the opportunity to study at both schools, while living in the residence halls and enjoying the campus life of Mount Mary for all four years.

The pricing for the Nursing 1-2-1 program is extremely competitive and meets the community's pressing need for BSN-trained nurses in Milwaukee and the surrounding region.

PILOT PROJECT CREATES DIGITAL ACCESS TO HISTORIC COLLECTION

The Stella B. Jones Foundation has funded a pilot project to digitize Mount Mary's Historic Costume Collection using three-dimensional photography.

The digitization of the Historic Costume Collection allows for unprecedented access to individual items, enabling students and others to easily search through thousands of records by topic and relevance.

Additionally, this cataloging project also enhances teaching in various disciplines, including art, history and creative writing. Each digital image can reveal information about the era, as well as the people who made it and wore it.

Learn how you can contribute to this or other projects within Mount Mary's Fashion Department by contacting Anna Franklin at (414) 930-3626 or franklia@mtmary.edu.



Mount Mary launches pre-pharmacy program

Mount Mary recently launched a new pre-pharmacy program in collaboration with the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) that provides early assurance admission into the doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program at the Medical College of Wisconsin's School of Pharmacy.

Qualified students who earn their undergraduate degree in the field of their choosing such as biology or chemistry in four years at Mount Mary may be directly admitted into MCW's School of Pharmacy. Students apply for this guaranteed admission after they have completed their freshman year.

For the remainder of their undergraduate studies at Mount Mary, they are matched with a mentor from the Medical College of Wisconsin for ongoing support and have the opportunity to participate in MCW events and programming. They are also the first to learn about pharmacy assistant and tech opportunities for earning practical experience.

The MCW Pharmacy School is the only three-year Pharm.D. program in the Midwest located at an academic medical center, providing access to the world-renowned resources at Froedter Hospital, Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, and the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center.



MOUNT MARY TO OFFER GRADUATE AND FAMILY HOUSING

The University has recently purchased a four-unit apartment building specifically for graduate students which is set for occupancy June 1, according to Erich Zeimantz, director of residence life.

The building has been named the Mary John Place, in memory of S. Mary John Van Vonderen, SSND. She directed the buildings and grounds for 58 years since its beginnings in 1929 until 1987.

Mary John Place is located on 92nd Street, just southeast of campus. Each of the four units contains two bedrooms. Individual students may share a unit with a roommate, or a couple or family may rent out the entire unit.

"This is an exciting development to be able to offer graduate and family housing to students," Zeimantz said. "We definitely get inquiries about this type of housing."

A dedication ceremony is set for late May. At the ceremony, the small house located on the southeast corner of campus, nicknamed the "Corner House," will officially be renamed the Lorenz House, after S. Ellen Lorenz, SSND, the sixth president of Mount Mary (1979-1986).

Meet our new CFO



Robert O'Keefe, CPA, has been named the Vice President for Finance and Administration and Chief Financial Officer.

O'Keefe will oversee the University's finance, information technology, risk management and facilities divisions. Additionally he will serve as a member of the President's Council, which, among other things, manages all facets of long-range strategic planning for the University.

"Robert O'Keefe is an excellent addition to the leadership team at Mount Mary University and I am extremely pleased

he has chosen to join us," said President Christine Pharr, Ph.D. "His extensive expertise and experience in the financial and health care environments will greatly complement our growing expansion into the physical and mental health care disciplines."

Most recently, O'Keefe has served as interim CFO for Operation Mobilization, an Atlanta-based nonprofit organization. He served as Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer for UW Hospitals and Clinics from 2012 to 2016 and as Vice President of Finance at Aurora Health Care from 1991 to 2010. He currently serves as Chair of the Philanthropy Committee for City on a Hill, a faith-based nonprofit organization in Milwaukee's central city.

FOOD INDUSTRY CAREER FAIR HELD ON CAMPUS

Last month, Mount Mary hosted a career discovery day in collaboration with Food and Beverage (FaB) Wisconsin, a statewide food industry professional organization.

At this event, known as Farm-Factory-Fork, high school students from 15 different high schools met prospective employers and participated in career-based learning experiences to show how companies are creating products, processes and services together to better feed the world.

With the introduction of the new food science degree program, Mount Mary was a natural fit to host this event.

Panelists included local CEOs from Palermo's Pizza, Milwaukee Pretzel Company, Sargento Cheese and Kerry Americas. Students also participated in science experiments in Mount Mary's new food lab, located on the third floor of Notre Dame Hall.



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Technology and Fashion

Perhaps the day will come when a bra can automatically open air flaps when the wearer gets too hot, or electro-luminescent clothing will light up in the dark.

"I want Mount Mary students to be phenomenally well prepared at graduation with foundational disciplinary expertise, as well as cutting-edge technology skills within their discipline," said Mount Mary President Christine Pharr, Ph.D.

"The current technological innovations within the fashion program at Mount Mary, plus those yet to come will place our program among the most creative and innovative fashion programs in the nation."

In a new Wearable Tech course in Spring 2019, Frantal will be teaching 3D printing, digital on-demand textile printing and laser-cutting textiles, as well as the surprisingly important skill of coding.

"Retailers want to hire fashion designers who know how to code," Frantal said, not because the designers are necessarily coding but because they will work closely with engineers and coders.

Frantal enjoys sharing her knowledge and industry perspective with the next generation of professionals who, like her, have been trained in the Mount Mary tradition. "It's exciting to give them the tools they need to exercise their creativity," she said. ♦

ACHIEVEMENTS *and* ACCOLADES

This section highlights recent noteworthy accomplishments and awards of the Mount Mary University faculty, staff and students.



▲ The high-quality weather data Mount Mary University provides to the National Weather Service is used for natural resource education and research.

FAITHFUL FORECAST: SSNDS HAVE REPORTED 50 YEARS OF SUN, RAIN AND SNOW

In 1968, the National Weather Service set up two weather stations on campus — one for measuring high and low temperatures and one for measuring rain and snowfall. Ever since then, a School Sister of Notre Dame at Mount Mary has measured the temperature and precipitation between 6 and 7 a.m. and provided data to the weather station in Sullivan, WI.



This year, the National Weather Service has recognized Mount Mary University for its dedicated service by providing temperature and precipitation level measurements for the past 50 years.



The first SSND to start this tradition was Sister Mary Felice Vaudreuil, a professor and chairperson in the math department and a volunteer weather observer of 20 years for the US Weather Bureau. After Vaudreuil, the responsibility shifted to other sisters until the role of taking weather measurements was handed down to **S. Georgeann Krzyzanowski '66**, which she continues today.

The weather stations are placed in specific locations on campus to minimize any effects from the wind. Krzyzanowski says she uses the two thermometers to gauge a maximum and minimum temperature, a bucket-like system to measure the rain, as well as a flat board to measure snowfall.

FACULTY AND STAFF



◀ **Jordan Acker Anderson, Chair of Art and Graphic Design Departments**, joined the board of MATA (Milwaukee Area Teachers of Art) and now holds the role of co-chair for membership.

Josh Anderson, Studio Art, was a co-juror for the Cedarburg Artist Guild's annual juried members' exhibition at the Cedarburg Cultural Center in September 2017. Anderson was awarded three blue ribbons and five red ribbons for noteworthy work and gave a public lecture during the reception.



◀ **Ann Angel '75, English**, chaired and presented at two panels for the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference in March. Her panels included "Be Brave: Writing for Young

Adults in an Angry World," and "The Value of Redemption When Writing YA Literature About Protest and Violence." In February, she wrote a guest post for the Write now! blog entitled "Let's Send Love Letters to the World, Self-care tips for Writers, Artists and Other Sensitive Folks."



◀ **Megan Baumler, Dietetics Acting Graduate Program Director**, is serving as Evidence Analyst for the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Evidence Analysis Library.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

Mount Mary welcomes three new assistant professors to the faculty



EDUCATION

Kristin Whyte holds a Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction with an emphasis in early childhood education from UW-Madison. Kristin has also just completed a post-doctoral fellowship at Northwestern University.



ENGLISH

Jennifer Kontny has received myriad awards for her teaching, advising and scholarship. Jennifer holds a Ph.D. in Rhetoric and Composition from UW-Milwaukee.



PHILOSOPHY

Catherine Homan holds a Ph.D. from Emory University and has been a Fulbright Scholar (2007), an Andrew Mellon Pre-Dissertation Fellow (2011) and an Andrew Mellon Teaching Fellow (2014).

◀ **FUN FACT:** In her spare time, Homan is an avid baker who shares photos of her gourmet-worthy pastries on Instagram @pihilism.



Stephanie Beisbier '90 and '01, Occupational Therapy, is a consultant to two area Catholic grade schools, St. Rose and St. Sebastian's, and provides recommendations for students with special needs. She is also launching a research study on the effectiveness of alternative classroom seating in grade school children.

Debra Brenegan, English Graduate Program Director, participated in "The Value of Redemption When Writing YA Literature About Protest and Violence" panel at the Association of Writers and Writing Programs Conference held March 7-11.



◀ **Joe Dooley, Social Work**, presented "The Role of the Client in the Training of Social Workers" at the European SWK conference in Paris, France in June 2017 with French colleague Thierry Chartrin.

Kathleen Dougherty, Dean of the School of Humanities, Social Sciences and Education; Paula Reiter, English; and Julie Tatlock, History, attended the second conference of the Council of Independent College's Online Humanities Consortium II. As part of the Consortium, Mount Mary's team is fully supported in the development of new online courses in English and History.



◀ **Sarah Eichhorn, Fashion**, exhibited her naturally dyed, handwoven shibori tapestries at Wild Haven Fiber Company for Bay View Gallery Night in June and in a juried show at the Urban Ecology Center Riverside Park that ran from July-September 2017. She also led a natural bundle-dye workshop at One One Thousand studios in Madison, Wisconsin.

Laurel End '11, Chair of Psychology Department, and S. Joanne Poehlman '65, Anthropology, SSND, represented the Mount Mary University Common Ground core team at a Core Team Leaders assembly at Invisible Reality Ministry in Milwaukee. They are working with other core team members (including Mary Lonergan Cullum) to recruit members of the Mount Mary community to attend Community Actions on the south and north sides of Milwaukee to work toward social justice for those communities.



◀ **Barbara Henry, Chair of Music, Movement and Dance Department**, wrote a piano book, "First 15 Lessons — Piano" as part of a new series launched by Hal Leonard Music publications which was released in January.

Jennifer Hockenbery Dragseth, Philosophy, and Ann Angel '75, English, taught a novel-writing workshop at the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators Annual Wisconsin Conference in September 2017.



Mount Mary's music program took third place for Best Music Program in Higher Education category in the Best of Milwaukee issue of the Shepherd Express in January 2018.

A new look for South Milwaukee



Terri Jashinsky, Counseling, is a Prevent Suicide Greater Milwaukee Coalition partner and belongs to the Means Reduction Task Force.

Pilar Joseph, Assistant Director of Graduate Admissions and **Rebecca Surges, Director of Undergraduate Admissions** presented during Women's Leadership Summer Institute 2017. Their topics included networking and negotiation for young women.



▶ **Lynn Kapitan, Art Therapy**, taught as a visiting professor for a doctoral class at Notre Dame de Namur University, Burlingame, CA on the topic of art therapy and research as a community of practice. She also wrote the foreword

to *The Art Therapist's Guide to Social Media: Connection, Community, and Creativity* by G. Miller (Routledge, 2018), published a second edition of her textbook: *Introduction to Art Therapy Research*, and served as editor for a peer-reviewed manuscript written on the subject of introducing art therapy into mental health services in Bogota, Colombia.

Pat Kempen '79, MS, RDN, CD, Dietetics; **Lynne Kurz '82, MS, RD;** and current student, **Sarah Stapelmann** will present at the poster session on acute care dietitian staffing models during the annual conference of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Melinda Kiltz '99, Social Work, serves as an executive committee member on the advisory board of directors for Aurora Family Services in Milwaukee. She also completed a professional development training for Life Navigators, a local nonprofit organization serving individuals with disabilities and their loved ones.

Carrie King, Counseling, serves on two academic and career planning advisory boards for Milwaukee Public and the Wauwatosa School Districts.

Mary Ellen Kohn-Buday, World Languages, presented a paper, "Factors in Achieving True Bilingualism," at the conference of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish & Portuguese (AATSP) in Chicago in July 2017. She has another paper accepted for presentation at the association's 2018 conference in Salamanca, Spain in June.

What could South Milwaukee's main street look like? This spring, **11 senior level interior design students** studied Milwaukee Avenue in the heart of the community and re-envisioned vacant buildings to create a new, vibrant district.

The students worked with Project ReStore in South Milwaukee to create the exterior graphics and interior designs for the new businesses, along with 3D renderings of what the completed streetscape would look like. They held a poster session and also held a formal presentation for city leaders.

"I say it often — we will reinvigorate downtown South Milwaukee one business, one building at a time," Mayor Erik Brooks said in his community blog. "I'm excited to say we're getting some help with that."



▶ **Maureen Leonard, Biology**, had a case study presented in the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science called "Everybody knows girls are bad at math." The case study explores the biology and culture of sex and gender and focuses on the science and pseudoscience that surrounds this topic.

Wes Manko, adjunct faculty in Music, Movement and Dance, wrote a book, "Your Best Defense: Smart Strategies for Staying Safe," published by Henschel Haus Publishing, Inc.

Jason Meyler, Chair of World Languages Department, participated in the Advanced Placement Readings for Spanish Language in Cincinnati, Ohio in June 2017.

Emily Nolan '14, Art Therapy, and **Catherine Ventura '14**, presented at the Expressive Therapies Summit in New York City on Caring for the Caregiver: Yoga, Art Therapy and Intention in October 2017. Additionally, Nolan collaborated with Timothy Jessick, M.D., at the Aurora West Allis Medical Center to research and create a model for art therapy in hospital palliative care. These efforts led to a new graduate art therapy intern placement within this division of the hospital.

S. Joanne Poehlman '65, Anthropology, and **Lynne Woehrle, Sociology**, both attended the Wisconsin Sociology Association meetings at Marquette University on October 20, 2017. Lynne presented a paper there titled: "Demystifying Racial Dialogue: Undergraduate Assignments that Facilitate Discussing Racial Injustice."

ACHIEVEMENTS AND ACCOLADES

Austin Reece, Philosophy, received a full tuition scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. in philosophy at Dublin City University (All Hallows College), Ireland, under the supervision of Ian Leask.



▶ **Tammy Scheidegger, Counseling**, assumed a board position for the Leadership Council for the Family Therapy Training Institute at Aurora Family Service.

Melissa Smothers, Counseling, presented a full-day workshop at the Wisconsin Association of Family & Children's Agencies (WAFCA) Continuing Education Program in fall. The presentation was entitled, "The Ties That Bind: Understanding Attachment Theory as a Path to Connection."

Lisa Stark '90, Dietetics, and **Dana Schuenemann, Dietetics** collaborated with the Racine Food Bank, Food Pantry of Waukesha County, and UW-Extension to create a survey addressing transportation, food and service needs of food pantry clients. This survey will be conducted by Mount Mary undergraduate dietetics students and interns.

Rebecca Surges, Director of Undergraduate Admissions, serves as President of the American Association of University Women West Suburban Branch. She was appointed an Auxiliary Board member of the Notre Dame School of Milwaukee in 2018 and was also elected as the Chair of the National Association for College Admission Counseling Women's Colleges Special Interest Group in 2018.



▶ **Genevieve Szeklinski, Chair of Interior Design Department**, recently completed the design and construction on her residence and was able to use the construction as a learning laboratory for students in the Construction class



▶ **Dr. Lynne Woerhle, Sociology**, published an article in the Journal of Peace Education. She continues to serve as the elected Executive Director of the Wisconsin Institute for Peace and Conflict Studies.



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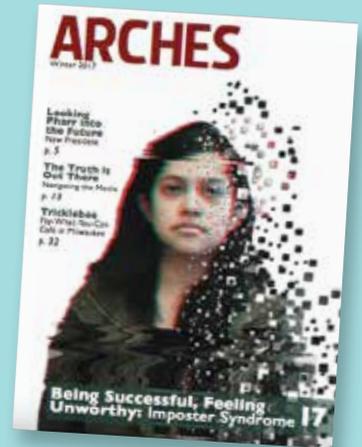
Arches recognized as top national magazine

Arches has been named among the top five percent of all college magazines, according to the Associated Collegiate Press.

While Arches has consistently placed among the first-class publications by the organization, this year Arches received the All-American Award, the highest-ranking award from the ACP.

Additionally, at the Associated Collegiate Press Best of the Midwest College Journalism Convention held in February, the Arches staff took home eight awards including two first place Best of Show awards.

Keep up with these award-winning journalists at archesnews.com.



STUDENTS

Science students **Avonlea Brannon, Erica Marion, Asia Mian** and **Jeannette Ingabire** participated in the Program for Undergraduate Research Experiences (PURE) internship at the Medical College of Wisconsin during the fall 2017 semester.

Art Therapy graduate students **Blanche Brown, Melissa Badertscher, Emily Drenovksy, Nikki Kutil, Brittany Mahlberg** and **Ciara Sauer** traveled to Managua, Nicaragua in the summer of 2017 with **Lynn Kapitan, Art Therapy**, to offer cross-cultural art therapy for Cantera, a community development agency that serves impoverished urban and rural communities.



▶ **Erica Browne, Art Therapy**, completed a semester long commitment to facilitating a community art therapy studio on campus to promote creative expression and wellness within the Mount Mary community once a week.



◀ **Huma Durrani**, a doctoral student in art therapy, was interviewed in the Singaporean newspaper Straits Times about Coloured Canvas, the art therapy center she set up in Bukit Timah, Singapore.

Dietetics students **Ana Feenstra** and **Emily Richter** are participating in Wisconsin Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Professional Education Planning, Marketing, and Communication Committee Meetings. They will be facilitating student-specific sessions at future meetings.



◀ **Lauren Harris**, an Interior Design major, was awarded a scholarship from the Milwaukee NARI (National Association of Remodeling Industry) Foundation for her exceptional effort on the NARI Student Design Competition.

Laura Housel, an Art Therapy major, completed a graduate art therapy internship at Bloom Center for Art and Integrated Therapies with Dr. Emily Nolan. They held open art therapy studios in the community at Bloom, Repairers of the Breach, and Mount Mary University.

Congratulations

Sophomore **Cheri Khimani** is a finalist in a national design contest sponsored by Denali Home Collection for her Valentine's Day-inspired blanket design. The winner of this contest will be announced later in spring and will have his or her work produced and added to the Denali Home Collection.



Haley Jacquez and **Alicia Oliver** under the direction of Laurel End '11, Chair of the Psychology Department, presented their research entitled "Math Anxiety in Undergraduate and Graduate Women" at the Association for Psychological Science Conference on May 27, 2017.

Jeana Prudhomme, Graduate English, received the English Graduate Program New Writer scholarship for spring 2018.



Try this taste of COSTA RICA



OVER WINTER BREAK I WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO TRAVEL TO COSTA RICA WITH MOUNT MARY'S STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM.

OF COURSE I WAS THRILLED TO ESCAPE THE COLD WEATHER, BUT I WAS EVEN MORE EXCITED TO LEARN ABOUT ANOTHER COUNTRY'S FOOD CULTURE.

I WAS AMAZED BY HOW DELICIOUS, YET SIMPLE, EACH MEAL WE ENJOYED WAS.



— AMELIA FLINT IS A BLOGGER FOR ARCHES AND A DIETETICS MAJOR

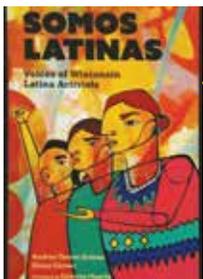
Find Amelia's recipe for Costa Rican black bean soup, *sopa negra*, at mtmary.edu/magazine.

CLASS NOTES

1960-1979



Kathi Gosz '61 published "House of Johann," a historical novel set in Germany in the 1800s. This story is based on the life of her German great-great grandmother who lived in a small village in the Rhineland.



Eloisa Gomez '77 co-wrote a book called "Somos Latinas: Voices of WI Latina Activists," which will be released later this year.

1980-1999

Linda Weatherspoon Haithcox Taylor '82 was included in the Marquis Who's Who for her work in the field of organizational management. She has been the executive director of the National Policy Alliance in Washington DC since 2005.

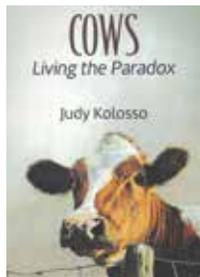
Christine Pozorski Cotton '83 operates her own business, Cotton and Silk, in Brookfield, Wisconsin where she has specialized in bridal and formal wear alterations for over 30 years.



Valerie Henning Piedmonte '85 was presented with a proclamation by Senator Terrence Murphy for her years of work as an educator and administrator. Currently, Valerie serves as the superintendent of the Brewster School District in Brewster, New York. In 2017, she was awarded the Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES Administrator of the Year.

Peggy Kelsey '86 has been named Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary for WEC Energy Group, an energy company in Milwaukee.

Monique Minkens '91 was named a 2018 Woman to Watch by BRAVA Magazine, a Madison-area monthly women's magazine.



Judy Rickert Kolosso '93 published a book of poetry called "Cows: Living the Paradox."

Jodi Hanoski '97 began a new position as the Senior Schools and Seminars Coordinator at Northwestern Mutual in Milwaukee.

Mary Plunkett Evangelista '99 facilitated an event called Joy of Community at Amaranth Bakery in Milwaukee in February. She has also started her own mindfulness business called Just Joy Now.

2000-PRESENT

Kelly Aisbet Hilgart '02 opened the Ryloo Boutique, which carries high quality women's clothing, in Cedarburg, Wisconsin. In fall 2017, she expanded her boutique to include Mini Ryloo, which carries high-quality children's clothing.

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ALUMNAE DESIGNERS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Michelle Lopez and **Andrea Dotzauer '06** of the MINiclassy used Mount Mary's campus as the backdrop to launch their collection last fall. The YUNG RULER collection was inspired by collegiate themes.

“WE KNEW THE SCHOOL WOULD BE THE PERFECT BACKDROP FOR 'YUNG RULER' VISUALLY, BUT ALSO BECAUSE IT EMBODIES THE VALUES THAT WE WERE TAUGHT WHILE IN SCHOOL THERE—TO BE BOLD, BE CONFIDENT, AND TO BE A LEADER.”

— ANDREA DOTZAUER '06



◀ **Carolyn Redman '02** wrote a memoir about her experience with breast cancer, published by Written Dreams Publishing. The piece was called “News from Lake Boobegone,” and was released in April 2017. The memoir ranked number one by Amazon in hot new releases for nursing oncology. Copies are available directly from the publisher, any online retailer or a favorite independent bookstore.



◀ **Tracy Milkowski '03** was named vice president of advancement and external relations at Silver Lake College in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

Kristina Mullenix '04 had a poem, “Home Song,” published in The Blue Heron Review.

Tiffany Watts Buell '10 accepted the position of Senior Administrative Assistant at the Medical College of Wisconsin in October 2017.

Moira Sennett '10 had a poem included in a social justice chapbook published by the organizers of 200 Nights of Freedom, commemorating the 50th anniversary of Milwaukee's open housing marches. She is the English department chair at St. Joan Antida High School in Milwaukee.

Michelle Bond '12 works as an associate counselor with an engineering focus in the Mental Health Clinic at University Health Services in the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Kerri Lukasavitz '12 had her debut middle grade novel, *Mystery Horse* at Oak Lane Stable, released in October 2017 by Orange Hat Publishing.



◀ **Betsy Brannen Ryan '12** had an article, “How to Survive Your Significant Other's MBA,” published in Poets and Quants Magazine in October 2017. She is the Assistant Director of Registration and Advising for the MBA Program at the Carlson School of Management in Minneapolis.

Taylor Gurley McGann '14 accepted a position at the University of Indianapolis in fall 2017 as an assistant professor in the School of Occupational Therapy.



◀ **Kristin Poehls Speerschneider '14** has operated Crimson Star Emporium, an online business specializing in scale maille armor and various other accessories since 2012. She recently started a

second online business, *It Starts From Nothing*, specializing in costume, cosplay and alternative design.



◀ **Lauren Haska '15, MS RD**, was the 2017 recipient of the Mary Abbott Hess Award for Recognition of an Innovative Food and Culinary Effort from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation.

Karlee Schneiss '17 became a fashion sales representative for Joseph Ribkoff in fall 2017.



◀ **Marianne Xiong '17** completed an internship at JLM Couture, a bridal house in New York City, where she worked directly with fashion designer Alison Webb.

Brianna Elliott '17 has her own blog, *Fresh Fit Flourish*, where her goal is to “inspire health, wellness and balance to help you live your best nourished life.”

Marriage of Alumna

- 2014 Kristin Poehls Speerschneider married Joseph Speerschneider on October 13, 2016
- 2015 Catherine Dulan Petrie married Kollin Petrie on January 2, 2016

Births of Alumna

- 2001, 2003 Kate DeCleene Huber and her husband, Dan, welcomed their second son, Otto Alexander Charles Huber, on September 25, 2017
- 2010 Tiffany Watts Buell gave birth to her second child in November 2016.



IN MEMORIAM

- 1940 Margaret Schouten on Aug. 12, 2010
- 1941 Sister Mary Honora Elsen, SSND on Dec. 29, 2017
- 1941 Audrey Heine on Jan. 28, 2018
- 1942 Carol Bernauer O'Connor on May 14, 2013
- 1943 Lenore Jeannotte Deerr on Dec. 16, 2016
- 1944 Alice Mulhern on Jan. 4, 2012
- 1944 Mary Celeste Schenkel Rooks on Nov. 20, 2017
- 1945 June Waldschmidt Wieland on Jan. 9, 2018
- 1945 Sister Margareta Bertrand, SSND on Jan. 29, 2018
- 1946 Shirley Hageman Gyzinski on May 1, 2014
- 1946 Mary Thorpe Madison on Dec. 31, 2016
- 1946 Sister Mary Karen Anderson, SSND on May 28, 2017
- 1946 Marjorie Bratz Remiker on Aug. 20, 2017
- 1947 Sister Germaine Vandenberg, SDS on Oct. 8, 2014
- 1947 Marifrances Roth Joha on June 17, 2014
- 1947 Nancy Botsch Kahnt on Jan. 8, 2017
- 1947 Sister Mary Louise Van Straten, SSND on June 28, 2017
- 1947 Donna Schowalter Sposato on Nov. 28, 2017
- 1947 Mary Gerhardt Sword on March 2, 2018
- 1948 Joyce Marheine Strey on Sept. 5, 2013
- 1948 Elizabeth Molthen Murray on May 21, 2017
- 1948 Mary Field Smeaton on May 21, 2017
- 1948 Sister Mary Elsa Msetternich, SSND on Aug. 4, 2017
- 1948 Marjorie Huckbody Grant on April 9, 2018
- 1949 Joan Walton Berg on Nov. 11, 2014
- 1949 Mary Brockschlager Conrardy on Dec. 9, 2014
- 1949 Joyce Dwyer Farrell on Oct. 3, 2016
- 1949 Rita Novak Sheridan on Jan. 5, 2017
- 1949 Barbara Nordloh Stratman on March 14, 2017
- 1949 Sister Dorothy Merth, SSND on Oct. 28, 2017
- 1949 Sister Rose M. Ernst, SSND on Nov. 16, 2017
- 1949 Sister Mary Yvonne Nohava, SSND on Jan. 6, 2018
- 1950 Eileen Kelly Krueger on May 20, 2012



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BUT UPWARD IN A SPIRIT OF FAITH AND HOPE.** ”

— MOTHER CAROLINE FRIESS, SSND

- 1950 Mary McDonald on March 3, 2017
- 1950 Sister Mary Denis O'Reilly, SSND on Oct. 30, 2017
- 1950 Audrey Zarnow Brennan on Nov. 8, 2017
- 1951 Ann Sanfelippo Probst on March 1, 2015
- 1952 Pauline Briody Opelka on June 19, 2016
- 1952 Patricia Thompson Brennan on June 28, 2017
- 1953 Elizabeth Beck Windorff on Sept. 25, 2016
- 1953 Mary Lou Daley Koenig on April 18, 2018
- 1953 Nancy Inbusch McHugh on April 28, 2018
- 1954 Sister Mary Leonelle Schiferl, SSND on May 5, 2017
- 1954 Betty Jeske Halaska on March 17, 2018
- 1955 Sister Mary Naomi Curtin, SSND on Dec. 13, 2017
- 1956 Sister Virginia Rose Dickrell, SSND on July 13, 1999
- 1956 Carol Ann Hogan Gibson on Jan. 2, 2016
- 1956 Frances Lawler Meyer on Jan. 14, 2018
- 1957 Maureen Kadletz Lunney on Oct. 6, 2017
- 1957 Barbara Bohmann Gresser on Nov. 18, 2017
- 1959 Sister Julie Wiegard, SSND on Dec. 28, 2017
- 1960 Karolyn Bodak Deleon on July 9, 2012
- 1960 Stell Keinrath on Nov. 23, 2015
- 1960 Sister Mary Roman Adam, SSND on Sept. 8, 2017
- 1960 Sister Mary Neff, CSA on April 9, 2018
- 1961 Genevieve Dolan Jurkowski on May 8, 2013
- 1961 Sister Alexis Lucas, SDS on Sept. 8, 2014
- 1961 Margaret Paulin Last on Dec. 2, 2017
- 1961 Maureen McGovern Koch on Jan. 18, 2018
- 1961 Sister Esther Smith, SSND on March 11, 2018
- 1962 Mary Ann Eifert Garewal on Nov. 4, 2014
- 1962 Sister Susan Staff, SDS on May 25, 2016
- 1962 Sister Margaret Karas, SSND on Sept. 29, 2017
- 1962 Mary Ann Heckel Reinders on Jan. 8, 2018
- 1963 Sister Mary Paul Therese Saiko, SSND on April 17, 2017
- 1963 Sister Constance Pytlik, SSND on Oct. 20, 2017
- 1963 Roselele Hartrich Zack on April 12, 2018
- 1964 Sister Lucita Allen, SSND on Jan. 12, 2017
- 1964 Mary Porchetta Orlando on August 17, 2017
- 1965 Virginia Lehmann Wilcox on May 6, 2016
- 1965 Sister Mary Ernest Gibson, SSND on Feb. 27, 2018
- 1965 Sister Imelda Marie Mulloy, SSND on May 3, 2017
- 1966 Sister Lenore Feider, SSND on July 12, 2017
- 1966 Ruth Gruning Kubinski on Oct. 5, 2017
- 1966 Sandra Mertes on Oct. 8, 2017
- 1967 Alice Kramschuster on Jan. 9, 2016
- 1968 Ivette Estrada on June 26, 2016
- 1968 Sister Mary Brenda Penning, SSND on Dec. 28, 2017
- 1969 Elizabeth Beaudoin Kuemmel on Dec. 19, 2014
- 1969 Florence Demers on Oct. 27, 2011
- 1971 Catherine Kurasch Schwager on Nov. 30, 2006
- 1971 Marjorie Wilbur on Dec. 1, 2017
- 1972 Ann Camacho Trautwein on March 17, 2017
- 1974 Carol Conway Goggin on Dec. 21, 2016
- 1975 Mary Smigelski on May 9, 2017
- 1976 Grace Maurer Hicken on March 2, 2013
- 1976 Kathleen O'Riordan Duckhorn on Dec. 4, 2015
- 1977 Lindy Weiss Block on Nov. 1, 2013
- 1982 Mary Schuetz on Jan. 23, 2017
- 1982 Mary Ryan Tett on Sept. 1, 2017
- 1985 | 2002 Caryl Gormly Gurski on April 2, 2018
- 1987 Cynthia Nelson Blaker on March 5, 2017
- 1987 Karen Muth on Dec. 29, 2017
- 1996 Barbara Buehner on June 20, 2007
- 1998 Richard Buttina on Dec. 25, 2011
- 1999 Ellen Pyter Walter on Aug. 12, 2015
- 2002 Caryl Gormly Gurk on April 2, 2018
- 2008 Jolene Siewert Nabedian on Sept. 21, 2010
- Janice Braun Hand on March 22, 2016
- Marian Byerly Jochem on April 13, 2017

Deaths of Mount Mary Faculty, Staff and Trustees

- Marion Fellenz Jablonski on Dec. 29, 2017 (Faculty/Staff)
- Laurence Eiseman on Dec. 1, 2017 (Trustee)
- Sister Karen Anderson, SSND on May 28, 2017 (Faculty)



REFLECTION

By Sister Joan Penzenstadler, SSND,
Vice President for Mission and Identity

“ IN COMMUNITY WE COME TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHO WE ARE; WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND RECEIVE THE GIFTS OF OTHERS; WE CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF TRUST SO THAT OPTIMAL LEARNING CAN HAPPEN. ”

The inauguration of Mount Mary’s new president was a significant opportunity to raise up the life and spirit of the University in the present, and to celebrate its deep roots in the charism of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Dr. Christine Pharr publically proclaimed her “yes” to nurturing the present, to committing to the future and also to honoring the values and spirit upon which we build.

One of these values at the heart of who we are is community, the theme that Dr. Pharr chose to highlight at her inauguration. In community we come to an understanding of who we are; we offer our gifts and receive the gifts of others; we create

MISSION:
To help students realize that the development of their gifts is meant to serve a purpose beyond the self.



an environment of trust so that optimal learning can happen.

Has not a college campus traditionally been described as a community of scholars? This is what our new president strives to build. In this 21st century, we expand the sense of a community of scholars to partners in the broader community. We continually search out ways to collaborate and to see from a different perspective as we listen deeply to the other.

The call to service, special blessings, the sending forth — these rituals were key moments in last month’s inauguration ceremony. These moments reverberated with the spirit of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, whose very Constitution is titled, “You Are Sent.”

As SSNDs have been sent to make Christ’s mission visible, so they, in turn, call and send Dr. Christine Pharr to help make manifest the kind of community that can be an agent of transformation for our world.

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