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"It is a dream that brings us here tonight..."

Mount Mary University President Eileen Schwalbach, Ph.D. greeted guests at the Centennial Scholarship Dinner with an enthusiastic welcome.
A Centennial is a reason to celebrate, and Mount Mary University did so with style and purpose on September 19, 2013 when 400 guests came together to enjoy a twilight dinner under a tent on the front lawn of the campus. **Keynote speaker Billye Aaron and her baseball legend husband Hank Aaron** were gracious special guests at the Centennial Dinner as they greeted attendees and took photos with sponsors, helping Mount Mary raise $140,000 in a single evening. Proceeds from the dinner were earmarked for a Centennial Scholarship Fund.

While Hank Aaron was setting records on the baseball field, his future wife was building her own accomplished career to include breaking through a television color barrier in the South. In June 1968, Billye Aaron debuted on “Today in Georgia” on WSB-TV in Atlanta, becoming the first African-American woman in the Southeast to co-host a daily, regularly scheduled talk show. Simultaneous to her media career, Billye Aaron taught at the high school and college level for 12 years before marrying Hank Aaron in 1973. Billye Aaron has been committed to higher education throughout her career and was a prolific fundraiser for the United Negro College.
To be in attendance at the Centennial dinner was an amazing opportunity and hearing Billye Aaron’s speech was an added thrill. It was phenomenal! She had pursued her dream of becoming a broadcast journalist and became the first African American woman to co-host a TV show in the south. This was very inspirational to me because I major in communications and one day hope to become a personality in TV and/or radio. She is a strong black woman who I can surely connect myself with and follow in her footsteps.

I remember that night she had the undivided attention of everyone in the room as she shared different historical events that involved strong woman leaders. One example that intrigues me is how she compared the drive for social justice of the School Sisters to Dr. Martin Luther King. She also pointed out the number of other women who shared Dr. King’s passion for social justice. The School Sisters fought for the rights of women too. They worked very hard to keep Mount Mary established (even during the Great Depression) to promote and instill the values of leadership in the girls at the time and for those to come.

Another message that I received from Mrs. Aaron’s speech is that all women have and will always overcome hardships, particularly when they work together. It kind of makes me think of Mount Mary today. We are a diverse school and each and every one of us is working towards our dreams. We all are joined in a sisterhood in some way. As Billye left out the door, I shook her hand and thanked her for coming. Billye Aaron reminded us that women are important, beautiful people who DO make things happen!

[Billy Aaron’s] final reference to the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. speech came with a long-held glance at the entire audience and the words, “Tell ’em about the dream, Mount Mary. Tell ’em about the dream.”

Student reflection
Brenda Reasby ’15

Among audience members at the Centennial Scholarship Dinner were current Mount Mary students. Their student reflections convey their thoughts on Billye Aaron’s keynote speech, particularly in terms of how it relates to their own dreams for the future.

In addition, the Aarons co-founded the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation to help children with limited opportunities and financial barriers develop their special talents and pursue their dreams.

The topic of dreams also became the focal point of Billye Aaron’s keynote remarks. Referring to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s “I Had a Dream” speech during the march on Washington, D.C in 1963, Aaron made references to the dreams women have had throughout history, some fulfilled and some not. She emphasized that the very act of dreaming is significant and can change lives and cited several examples, including the ambitious dreams of the School Sisters of Notre Dame. “You eat from fields you did not plant; you drink from wells you did not dig. It is a dream that brings us here tonight,” offered Aaron in reference to the SSNDs and their dedication to the dreams of women.

Commenting also on those who followed the School Sisters and continue to embrace their legacy today, she remarked, “You have made this city and
Carissa Ihm ’13

Thundering booms, sharp cracks of lightning, and howling wind describe the weather during the Centennial Celebration at Mount Mary University. While some might have had cause to be concerned over the imposing flood of water threatening to wash away the campus, instead all eyes and ears focused on the keynote speaker, Mrs. Billye Aaron, when she took the stage.

She spoke with a quiet, resonating tone that, despite the raging storm, carried over the thunderclaps. Her smooth, gentle cadence carried the message of dreams perfectly. For example, she spoke of the actions of Mahalia Jackson, a popular gospel singer from the late 1950s, who urged Martin Luther King Jr. to “tell them about the dream.”

Mrs. Aaron said, “On that day in 1963, his dream for every man, for every child, and for every WO-man reverberated around the world.” To this day, examples such as King and the Aarons encourage people to follow their dreams. One of their dreams is the organization she co-founded with her husband, Hank Aaron, the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation.

Earlier in the evening, guests enjoyed a reception at Helfaer Hall, where they viewed a four-paneled wall-to-wall canvas created by faculty and students depicting the University’s 100-year history. Guests included a who’s who from all walks of the community including Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, Wauwatosa Mayor Kathy Ehley, Mount Mary Trustee/Board Chair Gary Jorgensen and his wife Judy, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Editor Marty Kaiser and his wife Claudia, and Sister Mary Anne Owens, Leader of the Central Pacific Province of the School Sisters of Notre Dame.

Many current and former SSNDs were special guests at the Centennial Dinner, some of whom participated in a dinner video tribute which acknowledged the Sisters’ significant contributions to the legacy of Mount Mary College and their tremendous support for its transformation to Mount Mary University.

As a future educator, I likewise have a dream to encourage students to exceed their limits and to go beyond the negatives people might think about them. I want to inspire students to think the best of themselves and their talents, and to clutch that dream to their hearts and follow it, despite negativity that may threaten them.
A new scholarship fund created in honor of Billye Aaron was announced at September’s Centennial Dinner.

Guests included a who’s who from the community as well as current and former SSND faculty.

SSND Provincial Leader Sister Mary Anne Owens led the assembly in prayer.
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Samon Williams ’14

I was so captivated by the words that Billye Aaron spoke that night of the Centennial Dinner. She spoke so passionately about dreams, and how we should keep holding on because the dreams that the Sisters had for us have yet to fully be discovered.

This reminds me every day of the dreams that I have, and how that was made possible. I always wanted to go to college, but I really had no idea how I was going to pay for it all. I stumbled upon an amazing program, The Midtown Scholarship program funded by the Burke Foundation. After I received this scholarship I did not have to think about the stressors of paying for college.

I can focus on my dreams, on what I hope to achieve. I knew that whatever activities I am involved in that I want to help people and Mount Mary has given me that chance.

There is no greater feeling than being one of many people that helps shape someone for the rest of their life. All in all I want to be a part of that, I want to help change lives, and I want to make a difference. My Journey is only beginning.

Celebration Offers Another Photo Op

English faculty member, Kristi Siegel, played the “good mom” at the Centennial Scholarship Dinner by adding to her son’s collection of Hank Aaron photos. Dr. Siegel’s son, Aaron, had idolized his namesake since he was a little boy and the opportunity for Dr. Siegel to share a long-ago memory with the baseball legend couldn’t be resisted.

In April of 1991 when Aaron Siegel was just nine years old he convinced his mom to take him to a book signing at the downtown Harry Schwartz Booksellers location. Hank was there autographing copies of his newly released book. The Journal Sentinel, following the story of this much loved Milwaukee Braves star and MLB home run record holder, covered the signing and ran a picture on the front page of the paper for the April 4th edition. The picture shows young Aaron Siegel waiting patiently to meet the man for whom he was named.

The passing of 22 years hasn’t dimmed Aaron’s interest in “Hammering Hank” and Dr. Siegel was able to arrange for an updated image of her son’s hero. Bringing the 1991 newspaper picture with her to show Hank Aaron, Dr. Siegel commented that he was more than happy to oblige the request and talked about the amazing fan support he always felt during his years in Milwaukee. Aaron Siegel was certainly among those fans. Dr. Siegel also commented that today’s technology will probably allow her son to photoshop her out of the picture and replace it with an image of himself. This is the kind of creativity one can expect from a Mount Mary graduate. Aaron attended Mount Mary for two and a half years and earned a post baccalaureate certificate in Broadfield Science, Secondary Education.

Student Government Association President, introduced Billye Aaron.

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New Year will introduce New Leadership Partnership at Mount Mary

The Women’s Leadership Institute is advancing its agenda of creating a broader based approach to development of leadership skills by facilitating Mount Mary’s collaboration with the nationally recognized Center for Creative Leadership. The CCL® is a forty-three-year-old not-for-profit consulting, training and research organization which, through its Leadership Beyond Boundaries program, will be partnering with Mount Mary’s WLI to create an integrated leadership program. The goal is to develop students who are more self-aware, creative, collaborative and prepared to approach problem solving for the broad range of societal challenges. The Leadership Beyond Boundaries effort uses a research-based technique to build capacity to lead self, lead others, work in teams and cross boundaries toward resolution of challenges and exploration of new opportunities.

The collaboration with the CCL has been arranged by Beth Wnuk, Executive Director of Mount Mary’s Women’s Leadership Institute. Phase I (Alignment) took place in September when the CCL team made a four-day visit to campus to begin mapping out an action plan. Initial tasks included defining roles, defining the target audience and creating a work schedule.

Phase II (Discovery) seeks to identify the outcomes expected to be achieved, referring to the leadership capacities essential to leading self, leading others and leading an organization. The discovery phase allows a fuller picture to be drawn, a picture that reveals the challenges women leaders face, what their own developmental needs and aspirations are and what Mount Mary’s aspirations are for them.

The resulting Leadership Beyond Boundaries program that is ultimately created will add curriculum for leadership development, design and creative thinking, along with training for faculty and staff. The leadership curriculum will be initiated in fall of 2014 and is expected to raise the student profile for Mount Mary University students, providing them with a richer and deeper leadership education.

Commenting on the significance of this partnership, President Eileen Schwalbach said, “The Center for Creative Leadership is one of the premier centers for leadership development in the world. Fortune 500 companies pay tens of thousands of dollars to send their employees there for training. We have a mutual interest in ensuring that leadership is democratized, and Mount Mary’s Women’s Leadership Institute is working to make this happen through this exciting partnership.”

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Lauren Bush Lauren, Founder and CEO of FEED Projects, will be featured at Voices of Leadership on March 5, 2014.

“Fashioning Change”

The Women’s Leadership Institute’s Voices of Leadership series offers two presentations a year, giving members of the Milwaukee community and Mount Mary students the opportunity to share in a conversation with nationally recognized speakers and leaders whose experience(s) or work has made an impact in the world. The intent of the stage series is to generate and share ideas and develop fresh thinking about innovation and leadership.

The next Voices of Leadership stage series will be held March 5, 2014 at Mount Mary University, featuring model, activist, social innovator and entrepreneur, Lauren Bush Lauren, Founder and CEO of FEED Projects.

More and more creative women are using entrepreneurship to help make a positive impact on people and the planet. Lauren is one such entrepreneur who is shaping the world for the better by leveraging the power of everyday purchases to help feed the world. Lauren designs a range of stylish, FEED USA branded lifestyle products with a set donation built into the price and a number that is stenciled on it which represents the impact of the purchase. So far, customer purchases of FEED products have provided over 60 million meals to children around the world via Feeding America. Lauren will share her evolving role from model to designer to entrepreneur and how her company’s business model works to do good in the world by fighting hunger – how she is fashioning change.

For more information contact Shannon Gross at grosss@mtmary.edu or 414-258-4810 x 390.
For its 4th Fall Transforum Luncheon on October 11, 2013, Mount Mary welcomed more than 200 guests to Discovery World for a presentation by Milwaukee native Mona Sutphen.

Sutphen, a diplomat, author, business executive and mother of two, has distinguished herself in government and business. Her lengthy credentials include serving two U.S. Presidents in diplomatic and advisory positions. From 2009-2011, she was Deputy Chief of Staff for Policy for President Obama and was the first African American in that position. During the Clinton administration, she was on the staff of the National Security Council and earlier in her career was a United States Foreign Service Officer.

During her remarks, Mona Sutphen shared her perspective on where the U.S. economy is headed, helped connect the dots on a career that has taken her from Milwaukee’s westside to Washington and around the world, and underscored the Fall Transforum’s theme of how one woman can change the world.

Now a Managing Director at UBS AG, she covers geopolitical and macro-policy trends and is a member of the President’s Intelligence Advisory Board. A graduate of Milwaukee’s John Marshall High School, Mount Holyoke College and the London School of Economics, Sutphen is also an adjunct professor at the Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs at Princeton University and has co-authored a book titled *The Next American Century: How the U.S. Can Thrive as Other Powers Rise.*

I felt the country was at a crossroads. We could start tackling profound problems that have been brewing for years, like our inability to educate our kids, a dysfunctional health-care system, our addiction to foreign oil. These problems tear at our ability to have a prosperous future.

— Mona Sutphen, on the attraction to working with the Obama Administration, *Working Mother Magazine*

President Eileen Schwalbach emphasized the alignment Ms. Sutphen’s accomplishments have with the goals put forth by the Women’s Leadership Institute by remarking, “Mona’s career and the impact she’s had exemplify the power of difference through creative leadership.”

A video recap of the presentation can be found on the Mount Mary University website at: www.mtmary.edu/business-community/womens-leadership-institute/transforum.html
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Calendar: Our powerful new calendar is searchable — that means you’ll always be able to find your favorite event. Access the calendar directly from our home page or from an aggregate page specially designed for areas such as Alumnae and Admissions. We know our students, faculty and staff are involved in some pretty spectacular events held on campus every year. So share those with the rest of us at mmu-marketing@mtmary.edu or submit to a specific department closest to you.

Responsive Design: The best part about our new site? It knows that you are looking at it from your phone...or your desktop...or your iPad. That means the information shifts to accommodate different screen sizes and orientations — no pinching the screen or scrolling. Just click and go!

Profiles and stories: There is lots of room to highlight our great students, faculty and alumnae. So, if you know of someone associated with Mount Mary that has a great story, let us in on it. Contact our Office of Communications directly at mmu-marketing@mtmary.edu or submit a story idea on our MyMountMary portal.
Athletics: Visit “fan central” and see the super cool Blue Angels branding at http://mtmaryathletics.com. Then join us in the bleachers for some competitive NCAA Division III action.

Map: We have 80 beautiful acres to show off! Our new interactive map will help you find a building, parking, dining and more. We’ve even hidden a few facts from our 100-year history in the map descriptions.
The fall semester has already flown by and it got off to a great start for all new and returning students. For the second year, the Programming and Student Engagement Office coordinated a wide range of activities at the beginning of the semester. The two Weeks of Welcome (WOW) were filled with fun and engaging events geared towards getting all students involved and starting school with some fun and creative energy. Games, pep rallies, sporting events, and getting to know how much fun the Milwaukee scene provides year-round were all included in the busy agenda that welcomed everyone to the start of a new year.

The Welcoming Community Campaign, which was initiated last spring to encourage an atmosphere of respect among all students, was also an integral part of early semester activities, including presentations at new student orientation, a Leadership & Respect Summit in late September and the Student Government Association WAICU Conference in November.

Weeks of Welcome

Open Semester

English Graduate Program’s 2013-2014 Author Series

Writers on Writing about social justice issues kicked off the English Graduate Program’s 2013-2014 Author Series with two readers from Untold Stories workshops reading from their work on trauma writing. The powerful readings, one on a child’s perspective of her mother’s death and the second focusing on childhood experiences of bullying were followed with a reading by R. Clifton Spargo from his critically acclaimed novel Beautiful Fools: The Last Affair of Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald. The novel centers on the last months of the famed couple’s tumultuous love. Spargo, who teaches at the Iowa Writers’ Workshop created and now regularly teaches “The Stories We Tell,” a first-of-its-kind testimonial writing workshop for survivors of sexual violence and trafficking for the award-winning non profit The Voices and Faces Project. Spargo spoke of the intense love and protection Scott and Zelda shared even as they suffered through mental illness and addiction.

The author series turned toward Fantasy and Science Fiction with a panel on World and Language Building. The panel featured science fiction and fantasy writers Matt Forbeck, an award-winning writer of games and fiction since 1989, and Chris Tomlinson, whose work has appeared in anthologies and science fiction journals and whose first novel, The Wererats Tale: The Color of Perdition, was recently published. The authors discussed the use of world-building and language-building techniques as they apply to all writers whether they’re creating a fantasy world, or historic and contemporary worlds.

Author series events are free and open to the public but reservations are recommended because space is limited. For more information, contact Karen Murray in the English department at 414-258-4810 ext. 395 or murrayk@mtmary.edu. Additional author events will be announced for spring 2014.

Chris Tomlinson
Matt Forbeck
R. Clifton Spargo
Milwaukee Achiever Program

A Dream Unfolding

Cristina De La Torre knew even as a high school student in Chino, California that she wanted her college experience to be a bit of an adventure, something that would take her far away from home. She also knew that she had thrived in a smaller school setting and looked for that feature in her search, hoping that her choice would have the added attraction of being a woman’s college. The stars were apparently aligned when Cristina discovered Mount Mary and traded the warm, sunny skies of southern California for the adventurous climate of Wisconsin.

Scheduled to graduate this spring, Cristina, an English major, spent the fall semester as an intern with the Milwaukee Achiever Program. Milwaukee Achiever is an adult literacy program celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. A collaboration between Mount Mary, Alverno and Cardinal Stritch, the program has grown to offer a wide range of adult education services, helping participants to reach both personal and career goals.

Cristina’s role is to assist with marketing these programs, specifically through her management of the social media sites. She also is involved in Milwaukee Achievers’ 30th anniversary planning and is helping to identify 30 clients whose stories illustrate how the services impacted their lives. The hours she spends at the agency often extend beyond the 10 hour per week requirement, but she describes this as just one of the many opportunities that Mount Mary has offered her.

Cristina smiles as she remembers her first year at Mount Mary, and describes her reticence to step into new situations, but adds that her confidence grew quickly as she was surrounded by people telling her how capable she was. Cristina stated “I can’t say enough about how many doors have been opened for me,” as she talked about her studies and her work as a Caroline Scholar.

Cristina originally imagined herself working in a foreign country after graduation, but now she sees abundant possibilities much closer to home. In addition to Milwaukee Achiever Cristina has also done volunteer work at Goodwill Day Services and a tutoring program, Empowering Latino Parents. These activities have introduced her to the expansive work of non profits, and she feels that there will be similar opportunities when she returns home to California after graduation. The professional writing emphasis of her major has prepared her for many possibilities. She is honing her writing skills on the staff of the Arches, Mount Mary’s award-winning student newspaper. A recent exposure to broadcast journalism in one of her communications classes has also sparked an interest in broadcasting as a career option.

Whichever of her dreams unfold, Cristina has made the most of her experiences at Mount Mary and is destined to create a life that proves just how very capable she is.
Along with the change of name from “college to university,” Mount Mary began the fall term with a change in academic structure. The former academic divisions now comprise various schools: School of Humanities; School of Social Sciences, Business and Education; School of Arts and Design; and School of Natural and Health Sciences. Two of the dean positions have been filled, while searches continue for the others.

Dr. Kathleen Dougherty and Dr. Chioma Ugochukwu arrived at Mount Mary in late summer to assume their new roles. Dr. Dougherty came from another SSND institution, Notre Dame of Maryland University, and Dr. Ugochukwu from another Milwaukee institution, Marquette. In the early days of the semester they both took time out to talk about their dreams and aspirations for themselves and Mount Mary University.

Dr. Ugochukwu, originally a journalist in Nigeria, worked as a political reporter, columnist and features editor for several newspapers before moving to the United States to undertake her doctoral studies at the University of Texas at Austin. After completing the program she accepted a position at the University of South Carolina Upstate where she coordinated the Department of Fine Arts and Communication Studies. At Marquette she served as assistant dean in the J. William and Mary Diederich College of Communications for the last three years.

Dr. Dougherty’s eventual arrival at Mount Mary began with her growing-up years in central Ohio. Initially considering a career in performing arts, she began her undergraduate work at Indiana University School of Music. Trained in both classical ballet and as a violinist, Dr. Dougherty maintains those passions but, after her first year, chose to pursue studies in philosophy at St. Olaf College where she completed her undergraduate degree before earning both her master’s and doctoral degrees at the University of Oklahoma.

Both women seem very much at ease in their new surroundings and talk enthusiastically about what attracted them to Mount Mary. Dr. Dougherty comments on the excitement she felt in composing her letter of interest. “The letter was a long thought out process,” because she felt so strongly that this was “the right job.” Her visit to campus in May confirmed those feelings and they have continued to grow since she and her daughter made the move. Asked if anything surprised her about Mount Mary or the Milwaukee community, she did say that she and her daughter didn’t know quite what to make of the Harley-Davidson festivities that coincided with their arrival. They learned quickly that this was a special event, taking place every five years, and not reflective of day-to-day living in Milwaukee.

Dr. Ugochukwu, already familiar with Milwaukee, didn’t have to deal with the same culture shock but shared similar sentiments about how welcoming Mount Mary has been. She describes her adjustment as “being wonderful” and that all her expectations have been met. She adds “a new position is challenging, but also an exciting opportunity.” She looks forward to helping the faculty create an educational experience that results in students who bring a sense of ethics to the workplace.

Both women admit to having a love of teaching and a wish to add that component to their job description, but...
Dr. Ugochukwu, believing strongly that women need advocates and mentors, imagines Mount Mary as an environment where students “feel they are capable of anything.” A mother to two daughters, who Dr. Ugochukwu refers to as “her inspiration,” it’s clear how comfortable it has been for her to move to a women’s institution. Her experiences in Nigeria have created an obvious sensitivity to the global issues related to the treatment of women, and she will undoubtedly bring this sensitivity to her role at Mount Mary as well.

Dr. Dougherty’s vision of what she can accomplish in the role of dean involves getting to really know the faculty, learning what their goals are and giving them the kind of support that “makes their lives easier.” There are some similarities between Notre Dame of Maryland University and Mount Mary University, making the transition a smooth one for her. Dr. Dougherty, a self-described bookworm, finds time away from campus filled with the to-do list of chores that comes with moving into a new home. Keeping up with a middle-school daughter who shares her mother’s love and talent for the violin also contributes to her long but satisfying days.

As Mount Mary begins a new era, committed to transforming the learning environment into a “Creative Campus,” Drs. Ugochukwu and Dougherty are prepared to support and direct those efforts. In Dr. Dougherty’s words, “creativity can empower us,” words that clearly reflect this new direction.

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**MBA Program Offers New Track in 2014**

The MBA in health systems leadership is 39 credits and combines a strong traditional core with healthcare-specific courses. After five years since the start of the Mount Mary MBA program, a new track in health systems leadership has been introduced. Through collaboration with administration and the board of trustees, it was decided that a focus in healthcare administration would be a strategic and natural fit for the university and our student population. This new track is designed for healthcare professionals, with or without a clinical background, who are interested in healthcare administration. The MBA in health systems leadership is 39 credits (13 courses) and combines a strong traditional core with healthcare-specific courses in policy and law, service and clinical quality, economics, informatics, operations, and finance. In addition, Mount Mary offers a graduate certificate comprised of 15 credits (5 courses). All classes are offered in an accelerated format — 8-week terms that meet one night a week. Mount Mary is currently accepting applications for this new track and students can start the program in January 2014.
The Mount Mary University Centennial Mural project was initially inspired by Sister Ellen Lorenz when she suggested that a mural be painted to adorn the walls of the tunnel adjoining Notre Dame Hall and Caroline Hall. A special topics course, taught by Art Professor Brad Bernard, was approved to begin at midterm and continue through the early summer session. Enrolled Mount Mary students, middle and high school students, community artists, and some members of the School Sisters of Notre Dame, while attending their Centennial picnic on campus, contributed to the project. Sister Joan Penzenstadler gave students a historical presentation, which not only informed them about the rich campus history, but also let them take pride in this opportunity to document that history. Students worked with campus archivist Ann McIntyre in selecting historical images. Four 4ft x 8ft panels depict the chosen images, each panel representing a quarter century. (Two panels are shown below.) The mural was featured in progress at the Centennial Dinner reception, and a completed panel was part of the Centennial Exhibition in the Marian Gallery.

The Department of Art was proud to implement this project, which has raised student interest, encouraged cross-generational participation, and demonstrated the “creative campus” model — using art to educate and inspire scholarship and creativity across the liberal arts disciplines.

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Mural Project Participants:

**Enrolled Students**
- Grace Bedoian, Occupational Therapy
- Telena Nash, Justice
- Catherine Wilkinson, Fine Art Certificate
- Elizabeth Stahle
- Julie Nichols, Communications
- Tara A. Reiser, Nursing

**Volunteer Students**
- Samantha Lonergan, Fine Art
- Harsimran Kaur, MS Community Counseling

**Community Artist Volunteers**
- Mutope Johnson
- Tia Richardson
- Melissa Janda
- Maurice Marshall

**Youth Volunteers**
- Dane Sell, 9th Grade, Wauwatosa East High School
- Grace Pelisek, 11th Grade, Shorewood High School

**Creative Connections Participants**
- Cecelia Hocker, 8th Grade - St. Dominic
- Bethany Richards, 7th Grade, Longfellow Middle School
Voices Waiting to be Heard

“The ‘Untold Stories’ workshop was an experience of a lifetime. I was once silenced by the pain from abuse. This workshop gave me the permission slip to revisit the darkest moments of my past and be provoked to healing in a powerful way. I was moved to tears inspired by the women’s stories who participated with me. I reached into them and their momentous journey gave me a robust sound and clarity in my voice. My personal story adds meaning and value to the cause.”

“I’m always perplexed how the near weightless sheets of paper can carry the weight of my heart. Such freedom to go anywhere, to be authentically me and fly with no bounds. Yet, human bodies consisting of 100+ pounds can barely carry a fraction of who I am. The workshop reconnected me again to myself through writing, but in a process with others which I have never done before. In many ways through the sharing, I became more whole than I thought possible. Perhaps it’s that their scenery wasn’t so different from mine and although they had varying faces, I heard my voice through theirs.”

These words are from two participants of the recent “We Are the Stories We Tell” testimonial writing workshop, held as part of the Untold Stories program through the Mount Mary University Justice Department.

The workshop brings together 15 survivors and witnesses of trauma and sexual violence. Together, in a two-day intensive format, using writing exercises, reading literature, and sharing their work, the group makes a shift to finding the power in their own creative voice as a tool for changing our culture.

On October 5th and 6th, Untold Stories brought together the most diverse group to date for the workshop. African voices and Hmong; daughters, grandmothers, sisters, and mothers; children witnessing the unspeakable; and adults demanding justice for injustices long kept too quiet—all of these found the thread of a shared story during the time together. Lead instructor R. Clifton Spargo, social justice writer and acclaimed novelist, led the workshop along with Professor Rachel Monaco-Wilcox of Mount Mary’s Justice Department. Monaco-Wilcox says that this work is “the lynchpin to transforming our justice system so it honors the survivor-informed perspective.”

Writer’s work is used—always with attribution to the author and permission—by community prosecutors, to train law enforcement about victim’s rights, and to inform and inspire the public. Many participants of the workshop from last year have gone on to be keynote speakers, published playwrights and authors, and to create art and design displays that speak to the need to break the silence on issues of sexual violence. Monaco-Wilcox also attributes the recent creation of the LOTUS legal clinic for trafficked and underserved survivors of crime to the strong reputation that Mount Mary has gained in this field through word about the workshop. “Innovative, highly-demanded programs like the workshop make Mount Mary stand out in the community as having key expertise and accountability for the pressing but complex issues like trafficking,” said Monaco-Wilcox.

As an introduction to R. Clifton Spargo’s appearance for the English Graduate Program’s Author’s series, two of last year’s writers gave a reading from their work.

To make a gift for sponsoring a writer for next year’s workshop, or to make a gift in honor of a loved one, please contact the Office of University Advancement at 414-258-4810, ext. 646.
On November 2nd Mount Mary hosted Soles for Education, a Milwaukee Archdiocesan event to celebrate Catholic education and to provide financial support through a two mile walk in the surrounding Mount Mary neighborhood. Participants numbered over six thousand and included school parents, students, teachers, alumni and friends from throughout the Archdiocese.

Joining the walk were Mount Mary President Eileen Schwalbach and Milwaukee Archbishop Jerome Listecki. The event was unique in that it brought a wide range of participants working and walking together, and provided support for the individual schools based on the number of walkers from those schools.

The damp and gray day did not deter the enthusiasm of the walkers and over $300,000 was raised in support of Catholic Education.

Synergy/Peacebuilding

Demonstrating its institutional commitment to social justice and creativity, Mount Mary University presented “Synergy, Women, Creativity & Peacebuilding” on campus November 21-22. The two-day event began with a free screening of Acting Together on the World Stage. The documentary illustrates how performance art is being used for ground-breaking reconciliation efforts in divided communities around the globe.

Also offered that day was a keynote panel featuring two national peacebuilding leaders – Cynthia Cohen, Ph.D., from Brandeis University and Jennifer Freeman, M.A., from the University of San Diego. Cohen, who is Director of the Program in Peacebuilding and the Arts, and Freeman, who is Director of the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace & Justice, Women PeaceMakers Program, shared their insight and experience.

The second day offered a workshop conducted by Cynthia Cohen for community leaders, educators, and other professionals interested and engaged in peacebuilding and conflict resolution. “Transforming Violent Conflict Using the Creative Arts” explored the topic in greater depth including the role creative arts have in post-violence healing and restorative justice.

The event represented weeks of student inquiry and exploration into peacebuilding strategies across the curriculum and was led by the University’s faculty Peacebuilding Affiliate Group. Significant funding was provided by the United States Institute of Peace. The USIP is the independent, nonpartisan conflict management center created by Congress to prevent and mitigate international conflict without resorting to violence. Other supporters of the event included the Giger Foundation, Annette J. Roberts and Joan R. Robertson Fund for World Peace, World Law and Peace Education, Marian R. Scheibe Foundation and Mount Mary’s Women’s Leadership Institute.
Art Departments Collaborate to Serve Capitol West

The Art, Art Education, Art Therapy and Fashion Departments worked together to coordinate a creative project for the annual Vocabulary Day Celebration at Capital West Academy this fall. Capitol West is a public school for grades K4–8, chartered by the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. The academy is recognized for its rigorous academics that create college and career readiness. Weekly visits to the school by 12 student volunteers from the various Mount Mary University Art majors involved hands-on workshops aimed at creating wearable art that represented vocabulary words chosen by the young students. The creations were showcased at a culminating runway event held at a school assembly in November.

Mount Mary Contributes to State Historical Society Madison Exhibit

The Wisconsin Historical Society is presenting an exhibit at its Madison Capital Square location, coming in January and running through the end of March 2014.

The exhibition, Wisconsin Women of Style, depicts Wisconsin women participating in global fashion movements as well as the social, political and artistic movements of their times. Their fashions were a visual statement of their awareness; they were not just clotheshorses. This exhibit presents garments worn by Wisconsin women from the middle of the 19th century to the present.

The rotating exhibition will be in three parts: in January 2014 “The Political Woman;” in February “The Red Dress;” and in March “French Designers.”

Fashions from Mount Mary University’s Historic Costume Collection will include:

- **1947** black strapless evening gown by the French designer Brûyère worn by the cabaret singer and pianist Hildegarde. The exhibit also includes a lifesize poster of Hildegarde in the gown for a performance in a French night club.
- **1965** red silk taffeta evening gown worn by Aileen Ryan. Miss Ryan was the “Women’s Section” editor of the Milwaukee Journal newspaper. The gown was designed for her by the New York designer Rosalie Macrini. The fabric was designed and printed by Mount Mary University art professor Sister Remy Revor. Miss Ryan wore the gown to receive the Pro Urbe award from Mount Mary University for her civic contributions.
- **1965** yellow lace coat and jumpsuit worn by Mrs. Knowles for the Inaugural Ball of her husband Warren Knowles as governor of Wisconsin.

Further information is available from Mount Mary’s Historic Costume Collection Curator, Elizabeth Gaston, at 414-258-4810 or gastone@mtmary.edu.
Mount Mary Creates Partnerships

Corporate & Foundation Relations

As Mount Mary embarks on its next 100 years, the university is excited about creating new partnerships with foundations and corporations as a way to engage with our community and to further its mission of transforming lives.

To lead the charge, Corporate & Foundation Relations (CFR) has been added to facilitate engagement with foundations and business entities, to develop partnerships with Mount Mary University and build customized, long-term, mutually beneficial collaborations that result in investment in the advancement of our students.

Coming from a corporate background, Anne Kahl, the new Director of CFR for Mount Mary University and a Mount Mary graduate school alum stated, “Mutually beneficial collaborations simply mean that funding should be a strategic partnership that provides a return on investment for the company or foundation.” Kahl went on to say there is excitement about building new relationships and nurturing current ones while generating visibility for Mount Mary.

Curious about the partnership benefits for corporations and foundations? Here’s a general list:

- Strengthen ties with Mount Mary University, the Greater Milwaukee Area’s most diverse institution of higher education fostering a unique accessibility to higher education for those who desire it.
- Support for and access to a developing workforce—our students—of creative leaders who are shaped and empowered as change agents for their communities and for the world.

- Contribute to the betterment of the Greater Milwaukee community through support of Mount Mary student volunteer efforts, as well as through scholarships that provide college educations for low-income Milwaukee women and serve to break the current cycle of poverty for their families.
- Opportunity to align your brand with Mount Mary University, a diverse learning community that works in partnership with local, national and global organizations to educate women to transform the world.

Companies are invited to partner with Mount Mary University in a number of ways:

- Matching gift programs
- Employee recruitment
- Visits/lectures by employees
- Student scholarships
- Support for building and campus renovations
- Academic or student support program partnerships
- Event sponsorships
- In-kind donations

CFR welcomes your suggestions.

If your employer, your business or a business you know is interested in creating a partnership with Mount Mary University, please contact Anne Kahl at kahla@mtmary.edu or 414-256-1209.

Women’s Leadership Challenge

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

Mount Mary University will be holding its second annual Women’s Leadership Challenge, a 24-hour online giving event designed to raise awareness and programmatic support for its Women’s Leadership Institute, on Wednesday, March 26th. Funds raised will support leadership programs and events such as the Summer Leadership Institute, a program aimed at strengthening women’s leadership and empowering women to transform our communities and the world. The first Women’s Leadership Challenge, held in May of 2013, was a great success, raising close to $80,000. We look to build upon that success!

The Women’s Leadership Challenge will begin on Wednesday, March 26th, 2014 at midnight and will run for 24 hours. Each gift made online will be proportionately matched by a generous pool of donors.

Well-run online giving days are not fads. When smart strategy, experienced personnel, innovative technology, and enthusiastic ambassadors come together, online giving days become tradition. Websites, online giving pages, Facebook apps, and embeddable widgets all give donors easy-to-use tools that allow them to participate in the Women’s Leadership Challenge.

Save the date... and stay tuned for more details!
The Werra family is well known throughout Mount Mary University. The Werra’s’ long association with Mount Mary began in 1910 when Gertrude Werra Watry, Jude Werra’s aunt, entered St. Mary’s Academy in Prairie du Chien. The Werra’s were living in Manitowoc at that time, where Gertrude’s mother, Julia Kappes had wed Conrad Werra, a pioneer in the aluminum industry in the U.S. who founded the Aluminum Casting Company.

In 1913 the Werra family moved to Waukesha, where Conrad founded the Werra Aluminum Foundry Co., and the Werra family legacy at Mount Mary continued. There were four of Gertrude’s sisters who followed her to Prairie du Chien during that time but there would be many more relatives to follow, including several cousins, sisters and aunts.

St. Mary’s move to Milwaukee in 1929 to become Mount Mary College proved to be an asset to the Werra family, as more extended family members would attend Mount Mary. Not only did the Werra sisters benefit from Mount Mary College, two of the Werra boys, Julius and Bernard, married Mount Mary College graduates, one of whom, Harriet Kroner, was in the class of 1925.

Harriet Kroner Werra was born March 30, 1906 and she and her brother and sister were orphaned in their early teens when her parents passed away six months apart. Harriet attended Mount Mary, then known as St. Mary’s Academy in Prairie du Chien, along with her sister Lucille. Harriet graduated in 1925 with a degree in classical music. She was forever grateful to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, who helped raise her, remaining close friends with many of them until the end of her life.

Harriet used her piano skills, honed at St. Mary’s, as an accompanist and soloist in varying settings, including for silent films and on the radio. She viewed herself first as a child of God, a wife and mother, a modest, self-effacing pianist, whether as an accompanist or a musical therapist. Harriet would play the piano most Wednesday afternoons at St. Anne’s Assisted Living facility and on Fridays in the theatre at Wood Veterans’ Hospital for all of the veterans.

On May 3, 1964 Mount Mary College honored the members of the Werra family as its “Golden Jubilee Family,” due to the Werras’ long association with Mount Mary College beginning in 1910.

In 1967, Harriet Kroner Werra was awarded the Madonna Medal for her loyal years of service to the College. Her friends had commented, “She was the most thoughtful and giving person and in her gracious way, she has made life more pleasant for those around her.”

In Harriet’s last three years of her life she had limited vocal expression, but her musical expression substituted for her voice, as she communicated from the piano for residents and family in her final days. In 1986, one week prior to her passing, she again entertained her family at the piano as the grandchildren danced in tune, celebrating her 80th birthday.

Harriet Kroner Werra was always thankful to her SSND supporters, spending her life trying to pay them back for what they shared with her, in preparing her for a life of service. Because of this, Harriet’s son and daughter-in-law, Jude and Nora Werra, have created an endowed scholarship in her name, the “Harriet Kroner Werra” Scholarship. They express their gratitude to the SSND for finishing Harriet’s upbringing and remaining her lifelong friend. Jude and Nora Werra have chosen to support future Mount Mary University students that embrace the same values, generosity and kindness as Harriet, and who have an appreciation of the value of music in the world, whether it be taking music classes at MMU or volunteering within the community sharing their musical talents to better and enrich the lives of others.

Mount Mary University is honored to be able to continue the legacy of the Werra family with this generous scholarship and we are thrilled to carry on the spirit of Harriet Kroner Werra’s love of music.

If you are interested in learning more about starting your own Mount Mary University scholarship, please contact the Advancement office at 414-256-1218.
Please Consider an IRA Charitable Rollover

This special opportunity ends December 31, 2013.

A gift of your retirement assets — IRA, 401k, 403b pension or other tax deferred plan — is an excellent way to create bright futures at Mount Mary.

The IRA Charitable Rollover allows individuals age 70 ½ and older to make direct transfers to Mount Mary University. Up to $100,000 per year can be transferred without having to count the transfers as income for federal income tax purposes. (Transfers must come directly from your IRA provider to the University.) Please call Sister Marilyn Kesler, SSND, in the Office of University Advancement at 414-443-3638 for more information.

Thank you for supporting Mount Mary University.

Have you remembered Mount Mary University in your will?

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Achievements & Accolades

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

Faculty and Staff

**Ann Angel, English,** had her most recent book *Adopted Like Me – My book of Adopted Heroes* published in September by Jessica Kingsley Publishers. Angel was motivated to write the book for her own family created by adoption. Angel is a part of the speakers bureau, Winding Oak, which featured an author essay about the book on a blog originated by the Children’s Literature Network the week of the book’s release.

**Megan Baumler, Dietetics,** presented research conducted with Dr. Lisa Stark, Dietetics on the analysis of food quality at two local food pantries in October at the annual Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo in Houston, TX, the largest annual nutrition conference in the world.

**Carmen Bond, Art,** offered her ceramics students an opportunity to use their newly developing skill sets with clay in a community outreach project. Bond and her ceramics students contributed over 100 bowls to the *Empty Bowls* event in Milwaukee. Through the sale of artist-made bowls, *Empty Bowls* raised over $40,000 for the Hunger Task Force!

**Nicole Gahagan, Acting Dean for Student Affairs,** presented a session at the annual Council for Opportunity in Education conference on September 8th in Chicago, IL titled *Evidence-based Practices for College Success in Student Retention Programs.* Gahagan also served as a panelist for an event titled *Your Career Plan: Optimize the Next Phase,* hosted by the Women’s Initiative Network at Direct Supply. Other panelists included female professionals from Brady, Johnson Controls, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, and Direct Supply. Panelists shared career stories and career advice with an audience of approximately 200 men and women.

**Jessie Garcia, Communications,** chronicled her 20 years of sportscasting in her newly released book, *My Life with the Green and Gold.*

**Deb Heermans, Art,** coordinated an art lesson that engaged the entire student body of 600+ children (grades K-5) at German Immersion school in the spring. After the school’s art program was suspended due to budget cuts, Heermans was approached by the PTA of German Immersion to bring an educational art experience to the school. Seven of Heermans’ Mount Mary students, enrolled in “ART 323, Elementary Art Methods,” taught the children various interdisciplinary projects that were combined to create over 60 life size characters that were on display to welcome visitors to German Immersion’s annual Kinderfest spring celebration.

**Jennifer Hockenbery Dragseth, Philosophy,** published an article titled: “Soren Kierkegaard: Poet, Aesthete, and Seducer” in *Lutheran Forum* (Fall 2013). Dr. Hockenbery will be chairing the Martin Luther and Global Lutheranism / Augustine and Augustinian Joint Session at the annual meeting of the AAR on the topic of “Augustine, Luther and Post Modern Philosophy.”

Dr. Shawnee Daniels-Sykes, SSND, Theology, published a book review on Karen Teel’s *Racism and the Image of God* in the September 2013 issue of *Theological Studies.* Daniels-Sykes participated in a panel discussion on “Shifts in the Margins” at the Black Catholic Theological Symposium at Bellarmine University in Louisville, KY in October and that same month presented “The Gospel in Action: Pope Francis and Catholic Social Teaching” at the House of Peace, Milwaukee. She also delivered the keynote address at the Medical College of Wisconsin for its *Bioethics and Medical Humanities Program* in December. The title of the address was: “Challenges to Empathy: When Conflict Overrides Care.”

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Achievements & Accolades Continued

Kari C. Inda, Jane Olson, Susan LaCroix, Kristin Mungovan, and Stephanie Beisbier, Occupational Therapy, presented at the American Occupational Therapy Association Education Summit in Atlanta, GA, October 4-5. Inda and Olson presented a poster session entitled: Teaching for the Test: Strategies to Enhance Certification Exam Performance in Occupational Therapy Students. Mungovan and LaCroix presented a poster session entitled: Social Networking and E-Professionalism: An Emerging Discussion of Ethical Implications for Students and Practitioners. Beisbier presented a platform session entitled: The Impact of Collaborative Fieldwork Models on Student Experience, Professionalism, and Clinical Capacity.

Leona Knobloch-Nelson, Interior Design, is currently engaged in her action research study entitled “Stewards of Humanity,” which is being prepared as a part of the requirements for her masters in education. This study is based around assisting design students in gaining empathy for their clientele, through a variety of teaching techniques. Additionally, the study includes ways in which to express this empathy in their design decisions and solutions. This study will be completed in April/May 2014 and is being scheduled for a peer juried presentation at a national conference.

Melissa Kraemer Smothers, Graduate Program in Counseling, presented a paper “Pretherapy Intervention and Men: A Role Induction for Working with the Masculine Mystique” at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association, Honolulu, HI in August. Along with Tammy Scheidegger, Ph.D., Counseling, she also presented at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association, Oconomowoc, WI, in October “Understanding Indirect Trauma: Selfcare and Wellness for Occupational Therapists.” In addition, Kraemer Smothers and Scheidegger offered a three-hour workshop geared for mental health counselors on the same subject, at the annual Ohio Mental Health Conference, Columbus, OH in November. Scheidegger was also an invited presenter at the 9th Annual Wisconsin Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service Providers Conference, on this topic. Kraemer Smothers also presented with Terri Jashinsky, Ph.D., Counseling at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Counseling Association, Madison, WI, in November a paper entitled, “Addiction and trauma-related disorders: Understanding changes from the DSM-IV-TR to the DSM 5.”

Susan Loesl, Art Therapy, wrote a white paper on the role of the Adaptive Art Specialist, which was published online by The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and is currently on its website. Loesl also presented in a panel discussion and a workshop at the Forum on the Intersection of Arts Education and Special Education this summer in Washington, D.C.

Ann McIntyre, University Archivist, coordinated the exhibition The Mount Mary College Story: A Centennial Celebration Exhibit which was made possible by the generous financial support of the Mount Mary University Alumnae Association. Invaluable collaborators on this project were the staff of the Alumnae and Parent Engagement Office, Brad Bernard, Assistant Professor of Art, S. Linda Marie Bos, SSND, Chairperson, History, Elizabeth Gaston, Curator, Historic Costume Collection and Assistant Professor, Fashion, Debra Heermans, Assistant Professor of Art and Creative Connections Director, Linda Barrington, Faculty, English, S. Joan Penzenstadler, SSND, Vice President for Mission and Identity and students from the Student Programming and Activities Council. The graphic artist for the exhibit was Jennifer Foster, a 2012 Mount Mary graduate. The exhibit was held in the Marian Gallery October 10 through November 23rd. One of the displays was the “Get in the Picture” mosaic (see related story at left.)

Get in the Picture

One of the displays in the The Mount Mary College Story: A Centennial Celebration Exhibit was “Get in the Picture,” a composite piece assembling 100 individual squares created by alumnae. The resulting image is a collective interpretation of an iconic campus view.
Nan Metzger, Director, International Studies & English, presented at the Midwestern Modern Language Association Conference on November 9 on the topic “Down the River and Through the Woods” on the challenges of teaching a literature core course in Costa Rica and framing ecotourism with nature writing texts. Other Mount Mary faculty participating on the panel were Wendy Weaver and Paula Reiter, English and Mary Ellen Kohn-Buday, World Languages.

Kristen K. Roche, MBA Program, published “An active-learning exercise on learning negotiation as a way to mitigate the gender wage gap for introductory microeconomics” in the International Review of Economics Education. Roche, who serves on the Board of the Women’s Center in Waukesha, also co-chaired a fundraiser, “Futures Free From Violence” in October at the Lakefront Brewery. Mount Mary was a sponsor of the event. The fundraiser shed light on violence prevention and therapies for children affected by family violence. Art Therapy faculty members Chris Belkofer and Bruce Moon provided live music for the event.


Andrea Skyberg, English recently had two children’s picture books published, Squircle and CommuniTree. The former won a gold Mom’s Choice Award and the latter won a gold Moonbeam Spirit Award.

Lisa Terasa, English, presented on “Reading Cookbooks as Literature” and “Food Memoir Writing” at the Southeast Wisconsin Festival of Books at the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha, September 20-22. Terasa also served on the Festival Program Planning Committee.

Elise Thomm, Guest Artist in Residence, in conjunction with the Art Department, and supported by the Office of the President, accepted a six-week residency to create a site-specific text-based artwork on the chain-link fences on campus. Enlisting the help of multiple classes Thomm oversaw the weaving of construction flagging tape into the fence creating meaningful phrases to express Mount Mary’s institutional character and interest in conceptual art.

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First-of-Its-Kind, Digital Billboard Project

A new creative initiative by IN:SITE, Milwaukee, featured the work of artists from 18 City of Milwaukee nonprofit visual art groups on billboards throughout the Milwaukee area from October 2-10. With the generosity of Clear Channel Outdoor and Lamar Outdoor Advertising of Milwaukee, IN:SITE organized a first-of-its-kind-in-the-nation digital billboard art initiative. The work of Mount Mary art major, Maria Birck, was juried into this event and was featured on a billboard located on the corner of Bluemound Road and Mayfair Road. For more information, see IN:SITE website at http://insitemilwaukee.org/dbam/ for pictures of Maria’s and four other students’ work.

Women’s Leadership Institute student advocates Traci Singleton, Ana Teran, Yvonne Samuel, Margaret Martinez, Evone Harris, Michelle Roberts Cunningham, Ostassia Jackson, Rebecca Kalous and Katie Roell (left to right below), are working on events, activities and projects around campus and in the WLI to enhance visibility and promote its student programming to all students at Mount Mary University.

Lauren Nitka (far right, above) & Nury Plascencia (middle), first-year Caroline Scholars, organized the selling of “Red Threads” to combat human trafficking during the fall semester. The Red Thread Movement supports girls in Nepal who were victims of human trafficking. These girls weave red bracelets which are sold around the world to raise funds for the girls’ care. Lauren and Nury have organized Caroline Scholars to speak in classes about the issue, as well as work with campus groups. The bracelets were sold at several campus location and the sale continued throughout the fall semester. For more information, go to www.redthreadmovement.org.
A note from the Alumnae Association President

What a whirlwind fall it has been! As we wrap up the celebration of our Centennial year, we hope that each of you has taken some time to reflect upon the legacy of Mount Mary University. For the past 100 years, Mount Mary has encouraged women to transform their communities, asking them to provide creative solutions to society’s problems through a socially just perspective. What a great legacy for each of us to carry forward into the next 100 years!

We want you to know that you will always have a special place at Mount Mary—whether you are a recent alumna or one who just celebrated her 65th anniversary. We want you to know that your voice is important to Mount Mary and our Alumnae Association! Our Alumnae Association depends on the commitment of our wonderful alumnae and we hope you will join us at our upcoming meeting.

We invite each of you to attend the next Alumnae Association Board Meeting on Saturday, February 1, 2014, beginning at 9:00 a.m. At the meeting, we will discuss ways to get involved in current Mount Mary activities and you will find out additional information about the Alumnae Scholarship, upcoming events, and current University news. If interested in attending, please call the Office of Alumnae and Parent Engagement at 414-256-1254.

Rosemary Dillett Schwantes ’71
Alumnae Association President

Upcoming Alumnae Events

December 2013
7 Chicago Christmas Shopping Trip, Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, 7:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.; Cost $30.
11 Christmas Luncheon with the Sisters, School Sisters of Notre Dame, Elm Grove Campus; 11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.; Cost $10.

January 2014
14 HOPE: Hints to Optimize Potential Employment, Mount Mary campus; 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (More info on page 34.)

February 2014
1 Alumnae Association Board Meeting, Mount Mary campus, 9:00 a.m.
6 Alumnae Networking Breakfast, Blue’s Egg, Wauwatosa, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
28 NEW THIS YEAR: Young Alumnae Event, in honor of Founder’s Day; Lakefront Brewery Tour and Fish Fry, Lakefront Brewery, Milwaukee; Tour starting at 5:30 p.m.; dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.; Cost: Brewery Tour $7.00, Fish Fry prices starting at $10.95.

March 2014
8 NEW THIS YEAR: Lenten Retreat: Faithful Women in a Busy World; TYME Out Center, Nashotah, WI; Cost: Day-long retreat, including lunch $26.

April 2014
3 Alumnae Networking Breakfast; Sheridan’s, Cudahy, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

May 2014
6 Marian Club Mass and Luncheon, Mount Mary campus, Mass at 10:30 a.m.; luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m.
31 NEW THIS YEAR: Young Alumnae Event: Milwaukee Food Tour, Historic Third Ward, Milwaukee, Beginning at 1:30 p.m. Cost: Dessert tour $25.

June 2014
5 Alumnae Networking Breakfast, Stone Creek Coffee, Milwaukee, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.

Check out the full calendar of campus events on the inside back cover.
Centennial Alumnae Weekend

October 11-13, 2013 Mount Mary welcomed all alumnae back to campus to celebrate reunion in this Centennial year.

The Class of 1963 celebrated a successful fund raising year with a toast in the study rooms, newly named for their class.

The Class of 1963 honored a new Madonna Medalist from their class, Winifred Gardner Ligda.

The Class of 1963 reunions were heartwarming.

Everyone received a special gift at Alumnae Weekend – a centennial celebration poster!

The Marian Club Luncheon was a perfect setting to induct the class of 1963.

The class of 1963 in Our Lady Chapel celebrated 50 years since graduation.
Next Alumnae Weekend is October 10-12, 2014
Gold Needle Award, Fashion Department

Sister Mary Aloyse Hessburg, SSND, Class of 1953

Sister Aloyse is a treasure to Mount Mary, the fashion industry, and all who meet her. For over 50 years, she has dedicated her professional and personal self to building a fashion program that set Mount Mary and the Milwaukee community on a new course. After graduating from Mount Mary, Sister Aloyse received her master’s degree in textiles from Drexel Institute of Technology. She was instrumental in establishing the nation’s first four-year fashion program at Mount Mary, and served for many years as the Chair of the Department. Although Sister Aloyse retired from her full-time position in 2008, she continues to serve the Mount Mary community through her role as the Executive Director of Friends of Fashion, which supports Mount Mary’s 9,000 piece Historic Costume Collection.

Throughout her years of dedication to the fashion industry and educational excellence, Sister Aloyse has been honored with countless awards for her accomplishments. However, she feels that her greatest personal accomplishment has been the development of close relationships with each of her students and with members of the fashion community. Sister Aloyse takes a personal interest in each and every person she meets, and thanks God for these blessings through the following sentiment: “I thank You for all the moments that You surprised me with, God, allowing me to meet people or putting me into situations that I did not expect or plan for; I realize that You put these people into my path for a reason.” Many people who have had the honor of meeting and knowing Sister Aloyse in the Mount Mary and fashion communities echo this sentiment. They find her a blessing in their lives and have been guided to their fullest potential through her.

In honor of her dedication to fashion excellence, and her over 60 years of dedication to the School Sisters of Notre Dame, Sister Aloyse has been selected as a 2013 recipient of the Gold Needle Award. The Gold Needle Award was established by the Mount Mary University Fashion Department to recognize professional excellence and academic contributions to the field of fashion design. Sister Aloyse joins a list of prestigious recipients of this award: Ronald Amey (1966), Bianchini-Ferier (1967), Bonnie Cashin (1970), Charles Kleibacker (1971), and Florence Eiseman (1980).

In continued recognition of her notable fashion influence, tireless dedication, and professional excellence, the Sister Aloyse Hessburg Scholarship Fund has been established to award aid to Mount Mary fashion and design majors who excel in design and construction.

The Gold Needle jewelry presented to Sister Aloyse for this honor was created by Mount Mary alumna Kathleen Harney, Class of 1972.
Madonna Medal for Professional Excellence

Linda Steel Barrington, Class of 1970

Since earning her degree from Mount Mary in 1970, Linda has dedicated her life to service through education. Linda taught as an English and journalism instructor at Wauwatosa East High School for 32 years, where she advised the student newspaper. During this time, Linda also earned her master’s degree in English literature from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. After her retirement as a high school teacher, Linda began work as an adjunct instructor in the Education Department at Mount Mary, and serves as a design advisor to Arches, the Mount Mary student newspaper, which has received several regional and national awards under her leadership.

Linda has displayed a long-standing dedication to her students, community, and career, and is selfless in acts of kindness and guidance. Linda’s passion for and commitment to journalism is evident through her work at Mount Mary and the regional and national organizations she serves.

Linda has held several volunteer positions for a number of journalism associations, including serving as the Executive Director of the Kettle Moraine Press Association, a Co-Chair for the Mentor Program for the Journalism Education Association, an Update Editor for the Wisconsin Council of Teachers of English, and a member of the Partners Committee for the Wisconsin Newspaper Association.

Linda has also been recognized with several prestigious awards. These awards include the 2000 Newspaper Adviser of the Year from the Kettle Moraine Press Association, a 2001 Special Recognition Adviser from the Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, a 2001 and 2004 School Bell Award from the Wisconsin Education Association Council, entry into the 2005 Hall of Fame for the Kettle Moraine Press Association, a 2007 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Journalism Education Association, a 2010 Gold Key Award presented by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association, and a 2010 Pioneer Award from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association.

For her outstanding service to students and journalism education, Linda is recognized by the Alumnae Association with the Madonna Medal for Professional Excellence.

Madonna Medal for Professional Excellence

Jana Janesko Champion, Class of 1984

Jana has excelled in her profession and is nationally respected for her work in forensics, laboratory accreditation, and grant assessments. She holds a degree in chemistry from Mount Mary and is a Certified Public Manager through the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Jana quickly began making a name for herself following graduation with a position at the Drug Enforcement Agency in Chicago, IL. She then became the first female analyst hired in the DEA-North Central regional laboratory, and later earned her position as the Laboratory Director for the Wisconsin State Crime Laboratory in 2006. Jana is the first woman to hold the position of Laboratory Director in the State of Wisconsin, a title which she earned through her efforts, intelligence, and commitment to excellence.

Jana’s leadership and organizational skills have been heralded by the Attorney General of Wisconsin as a tremendous asset to the Crime Lab Bureau and the Wisconsin Department of Justice. She has successfully blended her knowledge of science, law, and justice on behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin. Jana is a dedicated professional and has been recognized by her peers across the country for her invaluable contributions and leadership in various forensic organizations. She supports the lifelong learning and development of her staff, and often takes on an important mentoring role for those with whom she works. Jana continues to pave the way for women leaders within the field of forensics, and is a pioneer in this typically male-dominated field.

Jana is a member of several professional organizations, including the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors, the Wisconsin Society of Certified Public Managers, the National Association of Professional Women, and is the past-President of the Association of Forensic Quality Assurance Managers.

Additionally, Jana has given back to Mount Mary in several ways, including serving as a professional mentor to students, providing internships to current students at the crime lab, and speaking on the Leadership Institute Panel at The Faces of Success — Ethical Courage and Leadership spring forum.

Jana is inspired by a Winston Churchill quote that states “Courage is what it takes to stand up and speak; courage is also what it takes to sit down and listen.” Jana’s ability to listen to the needs of others and to mentor new professionals within her field and her commitment to success are especially noteworthy. The Alumnae Association is proud to honor Jana with the Madonna Medal for Professional Excellence.
Madonna Medal for Community Service

Winifred Gardner Ligda, Class of 1963

For more than 35 years, Winnie served the Chicago Board of Education as a teacher and a librarian. Her longevity within the Chicago Public Schools is worthy of acknowledgment, as are her educational achievements following her time at Mount Mary. Winnie holds a graduate degree from Chicago State University, and has taken further coursework through Saint Xavier University, showing her personal commitment to lifelong learning.

However, it is Winnie’s dedication and service to her community that warrants her recognition with this special award. Winnie has modeled her faith by her many contributions to church and community in the Chicago area. She is heralded as a marvelous example of faith in energy and a tireless spirit. Winnie and her husband have shared their faith in extraordinary ways within their family and community.

For countless years, Winnie has served her parish, the Most Holy Redeemer, in various capacities, including work as a lector, Eucharistic minister, RCIA catechist, and a member of the liturgy team. She is a member of the Most Holy Redeemer School’s Religion Advisory Board, and has participated in several programs within her parish. Additionally, Winnie was a participant of the Called and Gifted Lay Ministry program, through the Archdiocese of Chicago, which allowed her to explore lay ministry and spirituality throughout the program.

Winnie is the recipient of several honors, including the 1998 Woman of the Year and the 2005 Parish Service Awards from Most Holy Redeemer Parish, the 2005 Christifideles Award from the Archdiocese of Chicago, and the 2008 Catherine McAuley Leadership Award from Mother McAuley Liberal Arts High School.

Winnie considers her volunteer work to be a part of her calling from God, and feels blessed to have shared her gifts and talents with the community surrounding her. An inspiring quote that guides her actions is from St. Therese, stating that what matters in life is “not great deeds, but great love.” Others consistently describe her love, strength, and commitment as being a gift to others, and share that Winnie uses her gifts to enhance the faith of all who know her. For these reasons and more, Winnie is recognized by the Alumnae Association with the Madonna Medal for Community Service.

Madonna Medal for Professional Excellence

Sister Edna Lonergan, OSF, Class of 1975

Sister Edna guides her daily work with a quote from Sister Miriam Cecile Ross, SSND, which says, “We have a right to ask God for the impossible.” Following her graduation from Mount Mary, Sister Edna envisioned a concept of adult care in the Milwaukee-area for people of all backgrounds and experiences, and in 1983, Sister Edna had her seemingly-impossible vision realized. The St. Ann Adult Day Care Center opened, offering a broad variety of services to its clients. Sister Edna has been a leader for this community since it opened in 1983, and currently serves as the President of the St. Ann Center.

To complement her presidency at the St. Ann Center, Sister Edna has served the Milwaukee community in a variety of ways. She is a member of the Rotary Club of Milwaukee, where she has served as the chair of the “Done in a Day” program.

Centennial Alumnae Weekend

Winifred Gardner Ligda, Class of 1963

Sister Edna Lonergan, OSF, Class of 1975

Jacqueline Lichter, Ph.D., Certificate 2003,
Throughout her time as an educator, Jacqueline has demonstrated herself to be competent, personable, and committed to success. Jacqueline has presented several education workshops, including those for the Milwaukee Archdiocese, Pius IX, and the Sally Ride Academy. Jacqueline has also served in several leadership capacities, including the coordination of curriculum-based committees and student development activities. Several of these experiences included the implementation of mission-based work, with the incorporation of religious and guiding principles for the schools.

Jacqueline received her undergraduate degree from Cardinal Stritch University, a Certificate in Religious Education and Master of Arts in Education from Mount Mary University, and her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership for the Advancement of Learning and Service from Cardinal Stritch University.

Jacqueline has clearly and visibly demonstrated excellence in the Four C’s of Mount Mary: competence, community, compassion, and commitment. Jacqueline describes herself as a “woman of faith” with many commitments, and sees her role as an educator as a gift that she shares within her community. For these reasons and more, Jacqueline is recognized by the Alumnae Association with the Tower Award of Excellence.
Ready for a CHANGE in Your Profession?

Do you have:
- a desire to teach
- a bachelor’s degree (in any major)
- a commitment to the community
- potential for instructional leadership

Then check out the Urban Education Fellows Program!

As an Urban Education Fellow you will:
- work as a paid teacher in an independent, parochial or charter school
- take courses at Mount Mary University and Alverno College
- be an AmeriCorps Member and receive funding to assist with tuition
- earn your teaching certification and a master’s degree in education

UEFP is sponsored in part by Mount Mary University, Alverno College, the Burke Foundation and AmeriCorps.

Application deadline is January 31. Program begins the following June. The UEFP is open to all qualified applicants regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or marital or parental status.

Find out more about the program and how to apply at www.mtmary.edu or www.alverno.edu/uefp.

HOPE: Hints to Optimize Potential Employment

A Career Development Workshop

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

FREE to alumnae — A $350 value • On the Mount Mary Campus

Attendance is limited and the workshop fills quickly.
To register call Jessica Pelnar at 414-256-1254, or e-mail pelnarj@mtmary.edu.

As a participant you will:
- Gain encouragement and skills to survive the emotional rollercoaster of the job search.
- Explore job searching strategies and how to implement them in your own job hunt.
- Discover more about yourself in relation to a career.
- Learn tips for writing an effective resume and cover letter.
- Develop your personal resume to be more strategic.

Presented collaboratively by the Offices of Alumnae and Parent Engagement and Career Development.
Pennant Project

There isn’t anything more fun than walking into a guidance office or classroom and seeing a pennant of the teacher or counselor’s alma mater. It’s even more fun when it’s a Mount Mary in your classroom or office!

We’d like to invite you to be part of the Mount Mary Pennant Project. Please hang your pennant in your classroom, take a picture and send it to us. We’ll post it on Facebook for all Mount Mary fans to see. We encourage you to be creative and have fun getting involved with us on this project.

How to participate in the Pennant Project:

1. Request your pennant! Call (414) 256-1254 or email mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu
2. Hang it proudly when it arrives
3. Take a picture with co-workers, students or other alumnae at your school
4. Send the picture to the Alumnae Office and we will put it up on Facebook, tag you (if you’d like) and share your story with all the Mount Mary fans
5. We’ll choose the best picture each quarter to put in the Alumnae Magazine

How else can I get involved?

- Invite us to you! Our enthusiastic Admissions team would love to visit your classroom to talk with your students about college planning, the admission process, financial aid and scholarships, or specific Mount Mary program information.
- Refer a student! If you know of any students who may be a good fit for Mount Mary, we strongly encourage you to refer them to the University by filling out the quick online form at mtmary.edu/refer

Other Opportunities:

Renew your education certificate or obtain your master’s degree in Education by contacting the Admission Office to get you on the right steps to achieving that next step in your professional career.
Janet Weiler Powell, CFCS, '60 was honored with a national award during the conference of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in Houston June 26-29. Janet, a former teacher and learning coordinator for the Madison, WI School District, was awarded the national Leader Award. The Leader Award was established by AAFCS in 1984 to identify and honor family and consumer sciences professionals who have made significant contributions to the field through their involvement with AAFCS. Janet was nominated for this award by the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Science.

Sister Maria Vinton '73, ‘96 has been elected as Assistant Provincial Superior for The Congregation of the Sisters of the Sorrowful Mother (SSM), Third Order Regular of St. Francis of Assisi. Sister Maria is an art psychotherapist working with inpatients at St. Mary’s Hospital, Rhinelander, Wis., and St. Michael’s Hospital and Ministry Behavioral Health (Residential AODA and Intensive Outpatient Program), Stevens Point, Wis. She holds a master’s degree in art therapy and a bachelor degree in art education from Mount Mary University.

Janine M. LaPorte Bamberger, MS, RDN, CD, ’81 has been the consultant RD for a new healthy fast food restaurant called All Good in Waukesha, WI. Janine also has been named the Vice President of Operations.

Lisa Runge Horzewski B.A. ’05, M.A. ’11 recently was promoted by Assurant Health as the new training designer.

Marianne Huebner ’07 is the current president of Wisconsin Art Therapy Association. Marianne has also recently joined Mount Mary faculty as an adjunct instructor.

Sarah Cecelia Ann Mueller '09 disability advocate, nationally recognized thanatologist and Christopher & Dana Reeve Foundation mentor, debuts her first book, Ability Therapy — the most recent addition to Abbey Press’ popular Elf-Help series.

Research by Cassandra Sova '09, '12 entitled “Systematic Review of Nutrient Intake and Growth in Children with Multiple IgE-Mediated Food Allergies” will be published in the December issue of the peer-reviewed journal Nutrition in Clinical Practice.

Lauren Boyd ’11 received the Education Deans of Greater Milwaukee (EDGM) Early Career in Teaching Award. Boyd is a second-grade teacher at Milwaukee College Preparatory School where her students show outstanding growth in math and reading. Student’s reading scores showed 134.6% growth while math scores showed an impressive 155.8% growth. Boyd’s students also tested above the national average in both of these subjects. The Early Career Award is presented as part of EDGM’s Celebration of Teachers and Teaching event. Boyd earned her teaching certificate through the Urban Education Fellows’ Program as well as her master’s in education from Mount Mary University.

Maggie Nettlesheim Hoffman ’11 graduated with a masters in history at Marquette University in May 2012 and began a Ph.D. program at Marquette this fall. She is studying the history of American philanthropy. Maggie was also selected this summer to attend a Lumen Christi seminar for Catholic scholars discussing social justice.

Jennifer Crouse ’12 will be publishing a paper on her research, entitled “Glycemic Index, Glycemic Load, and Blood Glucose Outcomes in Adolescents with Type 1 Diabetes Mellitus” in the peer-reviewed journal Infant, Child, and Adolescent Nutrition.

Marsha Thrall ’12 is presenting, “To Whore or Not to Whore? The Question of Gender-Specific Moral Identity within the Language of Revelation” at the Society Biblical Literature/American Academy of Religion’s Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD. Marsha is also a current student at Garrett Theological Seminary.
Deaths

Death of Alumna:

1932  Beatrice Nier Linzmeyer on September 5, 2007
1938  Marie Anne Vaudreuil Mowell on September 30, 2013
1939  Mary Patricia Mack Fischer on August 21, 2013
1940  Eugenie Fenlon Faure on August 23, 2013
1945  Sister Mary Eugenia Frankowska, SSND on October 5, 2013
1945  Jeanne (McCormick) Taggett on October 30, 2013
1946  Marion Naze Thielke on August 22, 2013
1947  Lorraine Hastrich Cleary on February 15, 2013
1947  Winifred Walterlin Peters on May 15, 2013
1949  Joan Gallagher Padden on August 10, 2013
1949  Gloria Gilsinger Keehan on April 28, 2012
1949  Jeanette (B. Steinberg) Tessier on May 5, 2013
1950  Frances Alteri Gehring on June 5, 2013
1950  Carol Graser on October 26, 2013
1950  Lois T. Sato on January 7, 2013
1951  Barbara Buckley Zirbes Poshepny on December 15, 2011
1956  Marion Becker Dana on May 13, 2013
1958  Kathleen Harty Jones on October 22, 2013
1958  Susan Federer Milloy on March 22, 2013
1958  Sister Jean Raymond McBride, SSND on September 13, 2013
1962  Helen Hoberg Murray on August 31, 2013
1963  Sister Mary Roseann Koskie, SSND on October 24, 2013
1976  Margaret Poellmann Frankiewicz on March 12, 2013
1977  Cynthia Susan Puissant on March 22, 2013
1980  Kay Jashinsky on September 6, 2012
1982  Nancy J. Topp on October 18, 2013
1983  Norma AuBuchon Minogue on April 5, 2013
1998  Elaine McAllister Winkelman on August 24, 2013
       Mary B. Wendt Riedl on May 2, 2013

Deaths CONTINUED

Death of Alumna’s Husband:

1952  Bernadine Steller Stobba (Raymond Stobba) on July 31, 2013
1955  Diana Borowiak Gundrum (James Gundrum) on July 21, 2013
1962  Eleanor Joyce Knoblauch Korta (Lawrence “Larry” Korta) on September 6, 2013
1963  Katherine Kasseckert Truog (William Truog) on April 11, 2013
1963  Denyce Dorn Simone (John T. Simone Jr.) on April 11, 2013

Death of Alumna’s Father:

1981  Diana Schlidt Susa (Robert A. Schlidt) on June 24, 2013

Marriages

Marriage of Alumna:

2001, 2003  Kate Elizabeth DeCleene married Mark Daniel Huber II on June 21, 2013

Births

Birth of Alumna’s grandchild:

1992  Joan Randolph, grandson Daniel Grant born December 26, 2013

Please let us know what YOU are doing today.

We are interested in career, business and education and volunteer updates.
Family news is welcome too!
Alumnae-mm@mtmary.edu or 414-256-1254.
Reflecting on dreams and the fulfillment of dreams, I wonder at the dream in Mother Caroline’s heart when she rode with Hon. John Lawler across the windswept bluffs of the Mississippi River. It was 1872, and they were searching for land on which to build St. Mary’s Institute. When they passed the ruins of old Fort Crawford, Mother Caroline simply remarked, “This is the place,” and the dream began to take on a new dimension.

The dream of Mother Caroline, and the School Sisters of Notre Dame who succeeded her, reflected the same dream that Jeremiah spoke about. It was (and is) a reflection of God’s dream for the world, which draws out the best in the human spirit and opens to what yet can be. The Institute dedicated to Mary, which eventually became St. Mary’s College and then Mount Mary, was (and is) a channel through which the dream was (and is) able to take form through the education of the whole person.

During Alumnae Weekend, some of us were reflecting on the rich display of the spirit of Mount Mary in the Marian Gallery. One alumna asked, “How did the School Sisters of Notre Dame become such great educators? What is that all about?” I responded by referring to a booklet titled Love & Learning by Miriam Jansen, SSND. It is located on the Mount Mary website. Click on About Mount Mary, and then select Mission, Vision, and Values. The link to the booklet is at the bottom of that page. Love & Learning is one way of translating virtus et scientia, the motto of all SSND educators. It evokes, not only a philosophy of education but also, as Sister Miriam claims, “a theology of education” where the energy comes from God’s creative Love. “We are signs, symbols, and servants of a kind of unity that affirms peace through justice. We witness and work at bringing people together and teaching to this end.”

As the complexities of the 21st century dare us to continue living our dream, we SSNDs have crafted fresh wording that expresses our resolve. Following is part of the directional statement that calls us to stay true to the dream:

We, the School Sisters of Notre Dame, are profoundly affected and challenged by the many divisions in our world and church today and by the social, economic and ecological crises of our times.

As an international congregation of apostolic women religious, we are called and sent to address these divisions and crises with audacity and hope. In fidelity to our charism of unity in diversity, we commit...to direct our resources and ministries toward education that transforms and calls all to eliminate the root causes of injustice.

May the dream you have been given, and that Mount Mary has helped to shape, offer a legacy of hope to those who need it most.
New and exciting happenings took place during the last fiscal year, July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. We prepared to change our name to Mount Mary University and launched our creative campus initiatives. Throughout all of these changes, one thing remained the same: our unwavering commitment to our students. Because of you—our alumnae, friends, and organizational contributors—the mission of our founding School Sisters of Notre Dame will continue to offer a transformational experience and to inspire new generations to change the world.

**Giving Trends**

Corporations, Foundations and Organizations led the way once again this year in new commitments (pledges and cash gifts) attributable to renewable grants for scholarship programs. Individual giving from alumnae and friends represents a smaller segment of annual support for the year, due primarily to fewer realized bequests.

**Gift and grant highlights from the 2012-2013 fiscal year:**

- Generous support from an estate totaling $375,000.
- Gifts of $42,740 to the “Hope Fund,” which supports student needs posing barriers to continued progress toward degree completion.
- An individual gift of $55,650 to a scholarship fund.

**Thank you!**
Financial Statement

Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For The Year Ending June 30, 2013

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Gifts recorded from July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2013

Through the Honor Roll of Donors, Mount Mary University gratefully acknowledges the support of alumnae and friends for their generosity, commitment, and belief in the vision of the University to “educate women to transform the world.”

President’s Circle

The President’s Circle of Donors was created to recognize the philanthropic support of Mount Mary University’s most generous donors. We acknowledge with gratitude the investment these individuals have made in advancing the University’s mission.

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Julianne Paschen James ’70
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14 HOPE: Hints to Optimize Potential Employment, Mount Mary campus; 8:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
18 Block Kids, Alumnae Dining Room 9 a.m. – 12 Noon, sponsored by the National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC). Contact Sister Georgeann Krzyzanowski 414-258-4810.
19 thru Feb. 21 Wisconsin Visual Artists SE Chapter Juried Membership Exhibit, Marian Art Gallery in Caroline Hall, Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 1-4 p.m. Contact Josh Anderson at 414-258-4810, ext. 365.

February 2014
1 Alumnae Association Board Meeting, Mount Mary campus, 9:00 a.m.
6 Alumnae Networking Breakfast, Blue’s Egg, Wauwatosa, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
27 Mount Mary University Founders Day, Alumnae Dining Room at 11:30 to 1:00 pm. Contact Sister Joan Penzenstadler at 414-258-4810, ext. 226.
28 Young Alumnae Event, in honor of Founder’s Day: Lakefront Brewery Tour and Fish Fry, Lakefront Brewery, Milwaukee; Tour starting at 5:30 p.m.; dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m.; Cost: Brewery Tour $7.00, Fish Fry prices starting at $10.95.

March 2014
1–29 Wisconsin Designer Crafts Council Exhibition, Marian Art Gallery in Caroline Hall. Gallery Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Saturday & Sunday 1-4 p.m. Contact Josh Anderson at 414-258-4810, ext. 365.
5 Women’s Leadership Institute, Voices of Leadership Workshop, Alumnae Dining Room, 7 a.m. -12:00 noon. Contact Natalie Fuerst Strade at 414-443-3606.
8 Lenten Retreat: Faithful Women in a Busy World; TYME Out Center, Nashotah, WI; Cost: Day-long retreat, including lunch $26. Contact Jessica Pelnar at pelnarj@mtmary.edu.
30 Mount Mary Faculty Concert, Stiemke Memorial Hall, 2nd floor of Notre Dame Hall, 2:00 pm. Contact Peggy Otwell at 414-258-4810, ext 389.

April 2014
15 National Poetry Month Presentation; Featuring poet Paulette Beete; Helfaer Hall; 6:30 p.m. For more information contact Ann Angel, 414-258-4810, ext. 296.
3 Alumnae Networking Breakfast; Sheridan’s, Cudahy, 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
11 Art Therapy Spring Symposium; Alumnae Dining Room and other classrooms, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Contact Dr. Bruce Moon 414-258-4810, ext. 302.

May 2014
2 Gospel Choir Spring Concert, Our Lady Chapel, 7:00 pm; $5/person. Contact Deb Duff, 414-256-1257.
2 & 3 Spring Formal Dance Concert “Reflections,” Global Little Theater – Caroline Hall Gym, 8 p.m. Contact Jackie Luedtke, 414-258-4810, ext. 325.

June 2014
5 Alumnae Networking Breakfast, Stone Creek Coffee, Milwaukee, 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
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A tent on the front lawn of the Mount Mary campus was the scene of an unforgettable Centennial Dinner.