



# CLASS LETTER 2019

## Dear Class of 1966,

Once again, Celine and I send you our warmest greetings on behalf of Mount Mary University. We hope everyone is well, moving a lot (exercising), and taking in some good books or movies in your spare time.

The young ones in our extended families wonder if we were ever young, energetic, lively, and noteworthy. Let's show them with memories and photos from our past, the era of post World War II; bobby socks and saddle shoes, felt skirts, head scarves, and our uncomfortable nights of sleeping in rollers. Do you remember those days?

Invite our grandchildren or grand nieces and nephews to see our younger selves when phones were connected to walls, milk was delivered daily to the house, coal was shoveled into furnaces, TV signed off at midnight, greeting cards, bills, and catalogs arrived daily with the mailman, and gasoline was 20 cents a gallon. We're all historians with an obligation of educating the young ones with tales from the past. Try it - the children will wonder how we ever got along minus all of today's gadgets! Survivors, we were and are today!

This past summer, a Maryknoll sister who served at Celine's high school in Hong Kong was welcomed at a lunch with colleagues and friends at Peony's Chinese Restaurant. Remember where we had our reunion dinner hosted by Celine two years ago? Several of our classmates were present to greet Sister, among them Joann Ruffolo Aiman, who had just suffered a serious stroke several weeks before. We all exchanged health concerns with Joann, in addition to discussing the development of new or alternative brain pathways, Coumadin doses, managing a cup of coffee or a plate of food without incident, balancing checkbooks, reading maps and recipes, and general thought processes when the executive function is not as it had been before the stroke. We wish Joann the very best in her continued recovery.

A special note of interest: Sister Georgeann, class of '66, has retired. She moved to Elm Grove, the SSND retirement home where the Notre Dame leadership has already assigned her a job for one cannot just rest during retirement but must keep busy and alert with new experiences and JOBS. Sister Georgeann can be reached at Notre Dame of Elm Grove, 13105 Watertown Plank Road, Elm Grove, WI 53122.

"We thank you for your years of service to Mount May and wish you the very best in your well-deserved (semi) retirement, Sister Georgeann!"

## STAYING CONNECTED

Do you know what exciting things are happening at Mount Mary? When the next alum event is? If you would like to continue to receive news, invitations, e-communications, and more from Mount Mary, please update your contact info with the Office of Alumnae Relation by calling [\(414\) 930-3025](tel:4149303025) or emailing [mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu).

By keeping your contact info current, you stay informed about our classmates through class letters and the Mount Mary Magazine. In each magazine, we celebrate and remember the lives of our classmates and their families in the [In Memoriam](#) listing, and we learn about their professional and personal accomplishments, weddings, births and more in [Class Notes](#). Please submit any class notes or

in-memoriam notices at [mtmary.edu/alumnae/update](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae/update).

Another great way to stay connected is by liking the Alumnae Association Facebook page. Here, you will find the most up-to-date information, event reminders and news from your fellow alums.

## GETTING TOGETHER

Alumnae Weekend and Reunion is a fun, festive time for us to reconnect with old friends and come back to Mount Mary. Each class is invited to participate with special recognition to the milestone anniversary years. In the past few years, there have been class programs, lunches, entertainment, presentations and so much more. What would you like to see at this year's Alumnae Weekend and Reunion? Let's talk with our classmates and brainstorm some ideas to send to the Office of Alumnae Relations.

**More information about Alumnae Weekend and Reunion will be available in summer.**

### MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNAE EVENTS FOR 2019

- [Mount Mary Week Celebration](#) | Feb.18-22 | Including "Show the Love" Giving Day on Feb. 20
- [Women's Leadership Institute: Voices of Leadership featuring Jessica Shortall](#) | Mar. 21
- [CREO Fashion Show](#) | Friday, May 10
- [50th Starving Artists' Show \(Alumnae Association Scholarship Fundraiser\)](#) | Sunday, Sept. 8
- [Alumnae Weekend and Reunion](#) | The Weekend of October 5
- [Alumnae Christmas Luncheon](#) | MILWAUKEE: Tuesday, Dec. 3 | CHICAGO: Tuesday, Dec. 10

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS IN 2019!

For full event descriptions and registration, visit [mtmary.edu/alumnae/events](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae/events).

## Personal Message from Mount Mary President, Dr. Christine Pharr

These days when I think of generosity, I often think of our alums. Whether you graduated 5 years ago or 50 years ago, I'm continuously inspired by your ongoing gifts of time, talent and treasure.

Some of you have volunteered tirelessly for decades. I see you at the Starving Artists' Show or making popcorn for students. I know some classes have set up endowments for student scholarships, and individuals make donations to all sorts of things including the unrestricted fund, which allows Mount Mary to use the funds where they're needed most. You might be interested to know that during the last fiscal year, alums donated nearly \$1.7 million, largely for student scholarships. And I know you pray for us because I can feel it and see it in the transformation of lives happening on campus.

What I want to tell you is that whether you give \$50 a year or an estate gift, whether you have volunteered for years or only once, whether you share your expertise with us, recruit for us or pray for us....whatever you give... we are extremely grateful. You are paying it forward to the next generation of women who are now attending Mount Mary as they seek to find their way, their calling, and their vocation in life.

*I look forward to seeing you soon!*

Christine

## ANNUAL CLASS GIVING & MOUNT MARY GIVING DAY

Mount Mary shaped us into the people we are today. It was the place where we built lifelong friendships and gained knowledge and learned lessons that have sustained throughout our lives. I want to ensure that the future remains bright and full of potential for today's students. Will you join me in making a gift to Mount Mary this year?

The best time to give is during Mount Mary's 2nd annual **Giving Day on February 20** from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. You don't want to miss this opportunity. **All gifts will be matched dollar-for-dollar through the federal Title III Grant** that Mount Mary received in fall 2018. It doesn't matter whether you give \$10 or \$1,000 because every gift makes a difference in continuing the Mount Mary tradition.

Throughout the day, there will be special challenges that unlock additional money including the opportunity to make a gift in honor of your favorite program and a virtual scavenger of Mount Mary. Let's show the love and ensure that all students have opportunities to discover their passions and become world changers. Visit [app.mobilecause.com/vf/MMULove](http://app.mobilecause.com/vf/MMULove) to learn more.

If you have any questions about giving to Mount Mary, please call 414-930-3034 or email [mmu-dev@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-dev@mtmary.edu).

We hope you enjoyed reading about news and updates from our class and Mount Mary. Wishing you and your family a blessed, joyous, and healthy new year.

Sincerely,  
Therese Lehner Campos and Celine Yu Wong  
Class Delegates



### Mount Mary, Here's to You!

Mount Mary, here's to you. We are your daughters loyal and true.  
We pledge you our song and devotion life long.  
We cheer and revere just you, Mount Mary.  
Years may pass away, with you our hearts will always stay.  
Our Mount Mary name will ever be the same,  
We'll love you as we do today.

