



# CLASS LETTER 2019

## Dear Class of 1974,

Happy New Year to you and your families from your class delegates, Beth and Christy. We hope you had a wonderful and blessed Christmas season. We wanted to update you about news and events at the University. We would love to hear how you are doing and what you are up to concerning your family, with your grandchildren, activities during retirement, recent travels, in your community or with your church. This could be included in our future letters or in the Mount Mary Magazine.

We thought we would start by sharing a few things going on with us. Christy retired this summer after 24 years of teaching at Concordia University in Mequon, WI. She and her husband have already travelled to Canada and New Mexico. Christy is loving retirement so far and also has enjoyed spending more time with her grandchildren. In October, Christy received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from the Wisconsin Occupational Therapy Association. She was humbled to receive this prestigious award for her many contributions and dedication to the field of Occupational Therapy. And Beth has been busy being the primary caregiver for her mother. Many of you may also be loving caregivers to aging parents or family members and know the up's and down's of caregiving. Beth also continues volunteering with several community groups and of course with the Mount Mary Alumnae Association. At the summer Alumnae Association General Assembly Meeting, she was surprised to receive an award for "Outstanding Alumnae Volunteer for 2018." Most of us who volunteer don't do it for the accolades, but it was a special day. Many other alums put in countless volunteer hours to keep the Alumnae Association vibrant and active so we all work together for the common cause of giving back to the University.

Can you believe that this year we will be celebrating our 45th anniversary? Forty five years since we were going to classes in Notre Dame Hall, walking through the tunnel in rainy or snowy days, studying in the library or Smoker, rushing to get our mail, living in the dorms, eating in the cafeteria, shooting hoops or playing volleyball in the old gym. Reunion 2019 will be this fall and as the date gets closer, you will be receiving more details from the Office of Alumnae Relations. We would love to have you visit campus, see what is new, and reminisce about our days together.

## 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 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 or joining the LinkedIn Alumnae 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 life-long friendships and gained knowledge and learned lessons that have sustained throughout our lives. Remember as you are considering giving a gift to Mount Mary, it doesn't matter the size of your contribution. What is most important is the percentage of alums that give back to the University. So no matter what amount you feel comfortable donating, let's help increase that percentage from our class. It would be a great benefit to the students. Will you join me in making a gift to Mount Mary?

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 have enjoyed getting this update on us and the University. We look forward to hearing from you, our fellow classmates. Wishing you and your families a healthy and blessed New Year. Let us continue to pray for peace, harmony, and kindness towards each other in this world.

In peace, faith, and prayer your class delegates,  
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