

# CLASS LETTER 2018



Dear Class of 2015,

Happy New Year! I hope each of you had a wonderful holiday season. My name is Kathleen Bloechl. I'm from the Class of 1980 and the Class Delegate Chair and a Board Member for our Alumnae Association. I'm writing to make sure all alumnae receive a class letter. We do not currently show a Delegate for your class. As your "fill-in" delegate, I'm excited to bring you timely communication in a new class letter format.

As the chairperson, I'll be working to help fill vacant Class Delegate positions. I NEED YOUR HELP! Would you like to help keep your class informed? Can you recommend a classmate? (Recommendations can remain anonymous.) Several classes have two delegates, so maybe you and a friend?

What does a Class Delegate do?

- Attend the Alumnae Association General Assembly Meeting. There are two per year.
- Write 1-3 paragraphs to personalize your class's letter. One letter per year. Two letters may go out on anniversary years, every 5, 10 years from graduation. You will be given a template letter.

If you are interested, please contact me at [kathleensue18@gmail.com](mailto:kathleensue18@gmail.com) and the Alumnae Office at [mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu) or 414-930-3034.

Below, you will find information about exciting alumnae and university events happening in 2018. These events are great ways to stay connected with your classmates and Mount Mary. I encourage you to join in on the fun.

## CLASS NOTES

In each of our communications, we would like to share news from our classmates. We will highlight personal accomplishments, weddings, birth announcements and more. Please submit any class notes at [mtmary.edu/alumnae](http://mtmary.edu/alumnae).

- **Deidre Carr** and Dawn Verstegen Lyons, '10, became the leaders of the first WINGS affinity group, which are professionally based groups that focus on networking, continuing personal education and civic events. Together, they gathered alums from some of the largest health care systems in Milwaukee.
- **Debra "Leea" Glasheen** released a new book in summer 2017 through Montag Press. "Backbiters" is a young adult dystopian novel available at a number of independent booksellers in Wisconsin and Minnesota, on Amazon and at [debraleeglasheen.com](http://debraleeglasheen.com).
- **Elizabeth "Liz" Macken Lemke** accepted the position of executive assistant to the president of Mount Mary University. Liz was previously the alumnae specialist in the Office of Alumnae Relations.
- **Catherine Dulan Petrie** married Kollin Petrie on January 2, 2016.
- **Emily Ristow** was one of the designers for Milwaukee Fashion Week 2017.
- **Ashleigh Momberg Spitz, RD**, writes for the Children's Hospital of Wisconsin blog and is a frequent contributor to the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel's food section.
- **Maralee Syers**, an art therapist at the Frederick County Health Department, was featured in the American Art Therapy Association October 2016 newsletter. She also is the 2017-2019 membership chairperson for the state of Maryland.
- **Kalina Sturm Ziller, '15 and '16**, joined the staff of The Playroom as a pediatric occupational therapist.

## STAYING IN TOUCH

We would like you to continue to receive invitations, e-communications, magazines and more from the university. The best way to do this is to make sure that your contact information is up to date.

You can update your info with a quick call to the Alumnae Office at (414) 930-3034 or by emailing [mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-alumnae@mtmary.edu).

We would also like for you to connect with us on Facebook and LinkedIn. There, you can receive the most up-to-date information and event reminders and also continue to interact with your classmates.

In each Mount Mary Magazine, we celebrate the lives of our classmates and remember them and their families. These classmates will also be listed on the [In Memoriam tab](#) at [magazine.mtmary.edu](http://magazine.mtmary.edu).

## GETTING TOGETHER

The Office of Alumnae Relations and the Alumnae Association have collaborated to create a fun and festive time for us to reunite each fall, going beyond reunions every 5 years. Each class is invited to participate with special recognition to the milestone anniversary years. In 2017, the university hosted a shopping night in Wauwatosa, brought in a Beatles cover band for a dance party and made us laugh with local celebrity John McGivern. These are the kinds of events we can all look forward to every year. **All we need is YOU!**

Save the date for Alumnae Weekend and Reunion: Oct. 5-7, 2018.



## MOUNT MARY UNIVERSITY AND ALUMNAE EVENTS FOR 2018

- Power Lunch Free Career Webinar: Love yourself, projecting the best 'you' forward | Thursday, Feb. 8
- Mount Mary Week Celebration | Feb.19-23 | Including "Show the Love" Giving Day on Feb. 21
- Association Breakfast, Class Delegate Gathering & Networking | Saturday, Feb. 24 • 9-11 a.m.
- Voices of Leadership Stage Series presents Julia Landauer | Wednesday, March 14
- Power Lunch Free Career Webinar: Stop chasing, attract the right job | Wednesday, April 11
- CREO Art & Design Show Opening | Friday, April 27
- CREO Fashion Show | Friday, May 11
- Mount Mary Awards Night | Thursday, June 7
- Association Assembly Breakfast & Volunteer Appreciation | Saturday, June 16
- Starving Artists' Show (Alumnae Association Scholarship Fundraiser) | Sept. 9 • 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- Alumnae Weekend and Reunion | Friday-Sunday, Oct. 5-7
- Alumnae Christmas Luncheon | MILWAUKEE: Tuesday, Dec. 4 | CHICAGO: Tuesday, Dec. 11

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR ADDITIONAL SUMMER AND HOLIDAY EVENTS IN 2018!

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

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



I'm happy to be a part of your class communication this year. As I was introduced to the various activities hosted by the University and the Alumnae Association, I realized the tremendous impact that our alums make, collectively through their generous support and volunteerism. This year, I was able to roll up my sleeves and help set up the 2017 Starving Artists' Show, danced the night away at Alumnae Reunion Weekend and celebrated the holidays with many of you at alumnae Christmas events. If you haven't been active with Mount Mary in a while, I encourage you to consider coming back to campus for a gathering or sharing your stories with us. Our alumnae keep our traditions alive and thriving, paving the way for future Mount Mary alums (our current students) to uphold what you hold dear.

*I look forward to seeing you soon!*

Christine

## STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS & ANNUAL CLASS GIVING

As you know, Mount Mary is a life-changing opportunity for a student, as well as a wonderful education, an exciting experience and a place to build lifelong friendships. Wouldn't you want to share your good fortune with a young woman just beginning her journey?

Scholarships are an important component to the viability of an education today. Today's tuition is \$28,370 and without a scholarship, many young women could not afford an education. Her opportunities to learn, grow and experience a lifelong career would be but a dream. Your support can make all the difference to one or more students. Give what you are able. *Together, we have a great impact!*

### There are many ways to give:

- Single gift (cash, check and credit card)
- True Blue Monthly Giving
- Securities (ex. appreciated stock)
- Gifts in kind
- Shop online with Amazon Smile (select Mount Mary University)
- Matching gift through your or your spouse's employer
- Life insurance or retirement fund (name Mount Mary University as beneficiary)

If you have any questions about setting up your giving plan, contact [mmu-dev@mtmary.edu](mailto:mmu-dev@mtmary.edu).

I hope you've enjoyed reading about the updates at Mount Mary. Wishing everyone a blessed New Year. Looking forward to seeing many of you at the upcoming association breakfast in February. Don't forget to register!

*Sincerely,*

Kathy Bloechl '80  
Class Delegate Chair

