

CLASS LETTER 2018



Dear Class of 1969,



Happy New Year! I hope each of you are enjoying a blessed holiday season. Due to major street construction, which limited access to my home and finally completed earlier this month, many of my holiday celebrations are just now in full swing. My favorite holiday cookie is the spritz cookie, and I have had to refill the cookie jar a number of times already.

In 2017, my mom celebrated her 100th birthday, and we are looking forward to celebrating 101 this year. I'm also still the director of the Teacher Resource Center at Mount Mary.

Next year is our 50th ANNIVERSARY celebration. At our 45th, we said we should start early to make sure we reach as many of our classmates as possible. So double check your contact list and reach out to those classmates you haven't seen or talked with in a bit. And everyone please be sure the Alumnae Office has your updated contact info.

We need your ideas for our 50th celebration. One idea submitted already is to meet at Mama Mia's. Now, the one on Burleigh is no longer with the original owner, but they have a location in Brookfield with the original owner's family, menu favorites, and also a party room. At our 45th, many of you remembered that just before our class picture on the steps of Notre Dame Hall, we burst into our Alma Mater song. Unfortunately, none of us thought to pull out our phones and record it. This time we need to record ourselves. So let's get our thinking caps on, the more ideas we have, we can pick and choose from to celebrate next year or even this year.

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 or [by mail to the Alumnae Office](#).

- **Marilyn Bertoldi Swiontek**, retired Milwaukee Public Schools teacher and current substitute teacher at South Division High School, was recognized as Leader of the Year for 2017 by the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She has previously earned national recognition as a top-ten FCS teacher of the year and was inducted into the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America National Leadership Hall of Fame.

IN MEMORIAM

Here, we will celebrate the lives of our classmates and remember them. These classmates will be listed in each **Mount Mary Magazine** and on the **In Memoriam tab on the website: magazine.mtmary.edu**.

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.

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

- 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.
- CREO Art & Design Show Opening | Friday, April 27
- CREO Fashion Show | Friday, May 11
- Mount Mary Awards Night | Thursday, June 7
- Association Breakfast & Volunteer Appreciation | Saturday, June 16
- Starving Artists' Show (Alumnae Association Scholarship Fundraiser) | Sunday, 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.



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.

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

Sincerely,

Isabel Maria Piana '69
Class Delegate

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.

