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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcoming our alums back to Marygrove for Alumni Reunion Weekend this fall was a true delight. Congratulations to the Class of '66, who became members of the 50-Year Club. They don't believe how fast the years have flown either! One of the magical things about Marygrove is how it takes us back to youthful times, recalling friendships, our favorite study spot in the dorms or library, our special professors and much more. That's what I noticed among all the classes who came back to visit. Marygrove continues to make memories for our current students, a couple of whom you'll meet in this edition of *Tower Times*.

In this season of thanks, you will be pleased to know of the great generosity of the campus community for the annual Thanksgiving Basket Donation! We exceeded our goal of 24 baskets and donated 31 baskets for needy families in the

boundaries of Detroit's St. Charles Lwanga Catholic Church [formerly St. Leo and St. Cecilia parishes]. These 31 families enjoyed a festive meal on Thanksgiving and the entire week that followed.

And to those who answered our two recent appeals, I deliver the gratitude of our students and faculty. The Annual Scholarship Appeal introduced you to Camryn Washington, the 2016 Distinguished Alumna of Tomorrow, and how scholarships have made it possible to get a college education. During our recent #GivingTuesday online giving campaign, you also met Marygrove senior Ka'Ron Cooper, a criminal justice major, who appealed to you on behalf of other seniors who need help to get to the Finish Line because they don't have the money to finish their degree. I can't say enough about the importance of your donations to Marygrove! Just as you and I have had the good fortune of a Marygrove education, we can make that a reality for today's aspiring physicians, dancers, scientists, police chiefs and teachers.

If you'd like to donate to your Marygrove, you can do so conveniently and securely at <https://www.marygrove.edu/alumni-donors/giving-to-mg/give-to-mg-now.html>. Thanks to all of you who believe in Marygrove's mission and respond so generously.

Looking forward, with the Winter '17 semester Marygrove launches three brand new online programs in Business: the Bachelor of Business Administration, the Bachelor of Arts in Business with a concentration in Management and the Bachelor of Arts in General Business.

The campus celebrated Christmas just as you'd want us to ... by sharing with others who have less. For more than 10 years, the Marygrove Community has stepped up and supported local children with a parent in prison. Once again, led by Mission Integration and Campus Ministry and the Women's Center, Marygrove faculty and staff donated toys and other gifts to the Angel Tree Foundation.

On behalf of Marygrove's board of trustees, faculty, staff and students, I wish you and your families a health and happy New Year.

Warmest regards,
Elizabeth A. Burns, MD, MA '72

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HELP US HELP THE ENVIRONMENT

So many alumni today are on the go and have little time to read the printed copy of *Tower Times*. Some still prefer the hard copy.

In an effort to help the environment and help Marygrove contain costs, we wish to offer our alums an opportunity to receive *Tower Times* by e-mail or to read the publication online at www.marygrove.edu/home/news/tower-times.html.

Please let us know your preference by sending an e-mail to towertimes@marygrove.edu and specifying whether you'd like to receive *Tower Times* by U.S. mail, by e-mail or prefer to read it online when it is posted to the Marygrove website. Thank you!

GOT NEWS?

Have you moved, changed your phone number or e-mail address, or do you have new and exciting updates to share with us? Simply fill out the form below, scan it and e-mail it to towertimes@marygrove.edu or cut it out and mail it to Alumni Relations, Marygrove College, 8425 W. McNichols, Detroit, MI 48221.

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Name _____ Class of _____

New Name? _____

Marital Status Change? _____

New Address? _____

New E-mail Address? _____

New Home Phone Number? _____ New Cell Number? _____

New Professional Title or New Occupation? _____

New Credentials? _____

Other News (Awards, Births, Deaths): _____



Alumni Association President
Vanessa Howell Gbant,
D.Min '92

NEWS FROM THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Alumni Friends,

It was good to see so many of you on campus for 2016 Alumni Reunion Weekend. We're hoping that you will spread the word to your friends from other Marygrove classes about how much fun you had and that you'll encourage them to attend the 2017 Alumni Reunion Weekend, September 15, 16 and 17.

Recently, your Alumni Board has met with various senior officers to find ways alumni can be more helpful to our alma mater. Specifically, alumni are the best ambassadors for our school and that was brought into clear focus by Dr. Elizabeth Burns, our president, and Dr. Denise Williams Mallett, vice president for enrollment. We all have benefitted from our Marygrove education in immeasurable ways, professionally and personally. We have the opportunity to share that experience with others...our children who are on their way to college for the first time, our co-workers who want to advance their careers, our relatives, friends and neighbors. There are several ways our alumni can help our Marygrove. You'll find out more on Page 13.

Through publications like *Tower Times* and the recently revived *Marygrove Minute*, you can learn about the exciting things happening at this special place so you can share them with others. If you know of a possible student, for example, Sharon Toles, our director of Admissions, would be more than pleased to help you recruit. Contact her at stoles@marygrove.edu. If you need more information about the Marygrove of 2017 and beyond, e-mail towertimes@marygrove.edu.

One of the ways you can keep in touch with your Marygrove friends is to get the 2017 Alumni Directory. However, the information that goes into it depends on getting updates from you! We'd like to insure that we can reach you with news of college happenings, programs and, of course, the Annual Appeal. We haven't had an Alumni Directory since 2002 and it's high time we changed that. Marygrove has partnered with Publishing Concepts (PCI), formerly Harris Connect, to update our alumni database. By this time, you should have received their buff-colored postcard and/or emails encouraging you to call. PLEASE PARTICIPATE! Help us connect! The deadline to update your information and place our order for this great memory jogger is February 9th. Your edition will be delivered in July 2017. Read more about this process on Page 8.

Be sure to read through this issue of *Tower Times* carefully so you can find the activities and programs that appeal to you. Go Mustangs!

Vanessa Howell Gbant, D.Min '92

In Memoriam



Elsa V. Holderried '38

Virginia Lauri Palazzola '45

Pauline "Paula" Dengel Wimsatt '48

Jacquelyn McCastle Kubik '48

Rosemary Elizabeth Reilly Harm '49

Mary Jane Heberer Garske '50

Dorothy Rennell McDonald '50

Jane Amidon O'Donnell '51

June Rose Boyke Bucknell '51

Nancy McCourtie VanAntwerp '51

Sarah (Sally) O'Connor Peck '52

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Shirley Buckman McLaughlin '54

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Theresa Y. Lavallee Fifelski '54

Ruth Markey Willett '54

Patricia O'Connor Perry '54

Alice McCarrey Weiman '55

Suzanne (Mary Albert) Fleming, IHM '57

Shirley M. Mellow Lachs '57

Mary O'Halloran McCready '57

Helen (Marie Vianney) Williams, IHM '58

Geraldine (Rose Philip) Demech, IHM '60

Joanne M. Klebba '62

Kathryn J. "Jackie" Simmer Brake '63

Mary E. Love Kalvaitis '65

Dandra Colosimo Kasischke '65

Marilyn Hoffman Reidy '65

Mary Ellen O'Halloran Soma '65

Mary Lapham Wendell '66

Mary Lynne Ward St. Jacques '67

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Lisa VanAntwerp Porter '81

Michael John Steinhelper '97

MOTHER-in-LAW OF:

Jack Shay,
Former President of Marygrove (dec.)

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Dorothy Vince Bishop '55

Virginia Simmer Finger '64

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Marilyn McQuillan Markey '57

BROTHER OF:

Terry A. Nelson Krueger '63

BROTHER-in-LAW OF:

Marilyn McQuillan Markey '57

HUSBAND OF:

Ruth Markey Willett '54

DAUGHTER OF:

Mary Elizabeth O'Hara Dietz '60

Kathleen Ducey Leopard '66

SON OF:

Jeanne Smith Nelson '33 (dec.)

FORMER STAFFER:

Joan M. Connell, Interim VPAA 2002-2004



VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS *Calendar*

January 2017

DANCE

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 2017 – FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2017

Roger C. Jeffrey - Artist-in-Residence

Roger C. Jeffrey was born and raised in New York City where he began his training at Bernice Johnson Cultural Arts Center in Jamaica, Queens. A graduate of Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School of Music & Art and the Performing Arts, he received his B.F.A. from The Juilliard School under the direction of Benjamin Harkavy. Mr. Jeffrey has performed in the companies of Bernice Johnson, Kevin Iega Jeff, Twyla Tharp, Metropolitan Opera Ballet and with Mikhail Baryshnikov's White Oak Dance Project.

Contact: Jonathon Cash • (313) 927-1838
jcash5001@marygrove.edu

MUSIC

JANUARY 31, 2017

“Chamber Music at the Scarab Club” Concert

Sunday, 3 p.m. • Denk Chapman Hall

Reception: Immediately following the concert

Admission: Marygrove students, faculty & staff free with I.D.

For other ticket information please visit www.scarabclub.org/chambermusic/

“Chamber Music at the Scarab Club” will present a vibrant chamber concert featuring violinist Velda Kelley and cellist Nadine Deleury with other performers.

Contact: Ellen Duncan • (313) 927-1254
eduncan@marygrove.edu

ART

JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 17, 2017

Virinder Chaudhery: Photography and Paintings

Reception: Friday, January 20, 2017
5 – 8 p.m. • The Gallery

Area artist and father of Marygrove faculty member Matili Chaudhery, Virinder Chaudhery was a long-time educator in the humanities and the arts. Also a benevolent donor to the Art Department, Virinder's work includes a variety of photographs and paintings.

Contact: Mary Lou Greene • (313) 927-1853
mgreene@marygrove.edu

ART

JANUARY 20 – FEBRUARY 24, 2017

Alumni Show

Reception: Friday, January 20, 2017
5 – 8 p.m. • The Gallery

Beyond Words Gallery

Works by Alumni of the Marygrove College Visual Arts Department.

Contact: Mary Lou Greene • (313) 927-1853
mgreene@marygrove.edu

February 2017

MUSIC

FEBRUARY 12 & 13, 2017

Contemporary/World Music Concert and Master Class with Louis Simão

Concert • Sunday, 7 p.m.
Marygrove College Theatre

Admission: \$10

Master Classes • Monday, 12:30 & 3:30 p.m. • LOCATION TBD

Toronto-based musician, Louis Simão has been composing, performing, and recording as a multi-instrumentalist in a variety of genres for twenty years. 2016 marked his much-anticipated solo album “A Luz” (The Light) – a collection of Simão's own compositions and arrangements.

Contact: Zen Zdravec • (313) 927-1394
zzdrave@marygrove.edu

DANCE

FEBRUARY 24 & 25, 2017

Soaring to...

Friday, 7:30 p.m. • Saturday, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
Marygrove College Theatre

Admission: \$15 general / \$10 students & seniors

Annual dance department concert performed by Company₂, featuring works created by Marygrove College dance faculty and Marygrove College Dance Company repertoire.

Contact: Jonathon Cash • (313) 927-1838
jcash5001@marygrove.edu

March 2017

MUSIC

MARCH 2, 2017

MgMusic Chamber Recital

Thursday, 7 p.m. • Denk Chapman Hall

Donations Accepted & Appreciated

Marygrove music students will perform in a variety of styles and genres, ranging from Broadway to R&B to classical.

Contact: Tara Sievers-Hunt • (313) 927-1312
tsievers7525@marygrove.edu

ART

MARCH 3 – 31, 2017

Marygrove Art Department Playground Reclamation Documentary

Beyond Words Gallery

Marygrove College students taking a summer art course with Professor Sarah Nesbitt completed a “playground reclamation” project that contributes to the growth of our neighborhood, and to honor Nathan P. Lollo's legacy to the community.

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ART

MARCH 2 – MARCH 24, 2017

The Student Show

Reception & Award Ceremony: Thursday, March 2, 2017 • Noon – 2 p.m. • The Gallery

Featuring the work of current Marygrove art students. Awards from local galleries and the president's office will be given to outstanding work as well as cash prizes.

Contact: Mary Lou Greene • (313) 927-1853
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ART

MARCH 31 – MAY 13, 2017

Senior Show

Reception: Friday, March 31, 2017

5 – 8 p.m. • The Gallery

Senior Art exhibition featuring art work by graduating BA/BFA students.

Contact: Mary Lou Greene • (313) 927-1853
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MUSIC

MARCH 30, 2017

MgMusic Songwriters' Workshop and Coffeehouse

Thursday, 7 p.m. • Alumnae Hall

Admission: \$5 general / \$3 students & seniors

This special Songwriters' Workshop edition of the MgMusic Coffeehouse features student musicians performing a variety of contemporary songs with a live band, including compositions written for this event by the students.

Styles range from R&B, Jazz, Funk, Pop, and Neo-Soul.

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tsievers7525@marygrove.edu

April 2017

ENGLISH

APRIL 7, 2017

Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series, featuring Mat Johnson

Friday, 8 p.m. • Alumni Hall

The 29th annual Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series will feature fiction writer & graphic novelist Mat Johnson for the Lillian and Don Bauder Lecture. Johnson is author of *Drop*, *Hunting in Harlem*, *Incognegro*, *Pym*, and *Loving Day*, among other works, and has received numerous honors, including the United States Artists James Baldwin Fellowship, The Hurston/Wright Legacy Award, and the John Dos Passos Prize for Literature.

Contact: Laurie LePain Kopack
(313) 927-1383 • lkopack@marygrove.edu

MUSIC

APRIL 22, 2017

Music at the Movies:

A Spring Concert

Saturday, 7 p.m. • Alumnae Hall

Admission: \$10 general / \$5 students and seniors

Concert for movie fans of all ages—promising a wide variety of blockbuster soundtracks performed by the students of the Marygrove music department.

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DANCE

APRIL 28, 29, 30, 2017

New Heights

Friday, 7:30 p.m. • Saturday, 2 & 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, 4 p.m. • Marygrove College Theatre

Admission: \$15 general / \$10 students & seniors

Annual dance department concert performed by the Marygrove College Dance Company, featuring works created by Levi Phillip Marsman, Roger C. Jeffrey, Marygrove College dance faculty and from Marygrove College Dance Company repertoire.

Contact: Jonathon Cash • (313) 927-1838
jcash5001@marygrove.edu

• All performances, classes and exhibitions are free unless otherwise noted.

MUSIC

OCTOBER 6, 2016

NOVEMBER 17, 2016

FEBRUARY 16, 2017

MgMusic Coffeehouse

Thursday, 7 p.m. • Alumnae Hall

Admission: \$5 general / \$3 student

MgMusic Coffeehouse features student musicians performing a variety of contemporary songs with a live band. Styles that will be explored range from R&B, Jazz, Funk, Pop, and Neo-Soul.

Contact: Zen Zdravec • (313) 927-1394
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You're invited to all of these amazing events!



ALUMNI EVENTS



WILLIAM INGE'S "BUS STOP" AT THE MARLENE BOLL THEATRE

Sunday, February 12, 2017
Play begins at 3:00 p.m. with a
post-show talkback discussion

Open seating tickets: \$25/person

This classic play explores what happens when a bus full of strangers gets stranded in a howling snowstorm. The relationships formed by total strangers turns into an uproarious comedy that never strays from the romantic truth.

The Marlene Boll Theatre is located inside The Boll Family YMCA at 1401 Broadway, Detroit, MI 48226.

Send your check, payable to Marygrove College, no later than Wednesday, February 1, 2017, to: Marygrove Alumni Office, Attn: Jan Machusak, 8425 W. McNichols Road, Detroit, MI 48221.

For more information, contact Frances Simmons at (248) 546-2876 or francesimmmons@prodigy.net.



A DAY AT THE DIA FOR MARYGROVE COLLEGE ALUMNI

Saturday, March 4, 2017

11:45 a.m. arrival - Please use the
John R Group Entrance

(Individual parking \$7.00 per vehicle across
from Group Entrance)

Noon - Highlights Tour begins

1:00 p.m. - Lunch in the Cafe DIA

Cafe Patio will be reserved for our group.
You are responsible for your own expenses.

(Please do not take food from Kresge Court
to Cafe.)

2:30 p.m. - Self-Guided Tour of the
Permanent Collection

RSVP by February 24, 2017, to Program
Coordinator Rita Whitley at (248) 565-8275
or whitleyrita@hotmail.com.



A DAY OF SERVICE WITH HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Saturday, April 29, 2017

8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Location: TBD

Join your fellow Marygrove alums in serving the community with Habitat for Humanity. The scope of the work will be confirmed in early 2017.

To participate in this day of service, please contact Frances Simmons at (248) 546-2876 or francesimmmons@prodigy.net no later than Friday, April 7, 2017.



SAVE THE DATE! TAKE THE MARYGROVE COLLEGE CAMPUS TOUR

extreme

Saturday, June 3, 2017

10:00 a.m. – Noon

No fee!

Wednesday, November 23

9:00 a.m. to noon

The Marygrove Alumni Association will offer a guided tour of some of familiar and not-so-well-known spots across Marygrove's Campus. Following the tour, there will be an optional gathering at Lou's Deli for lunch.

Questions? Contact Mark Bartnik, (586) 306-4090, bartnikmark@hotmail.com, or Jan Machusak, Alumni Relations, at (313) 927-1443, jmachusak@marygrove.edu.

CAALS 2017

29th Annual Marygrove Contemporary American Authors Lecture

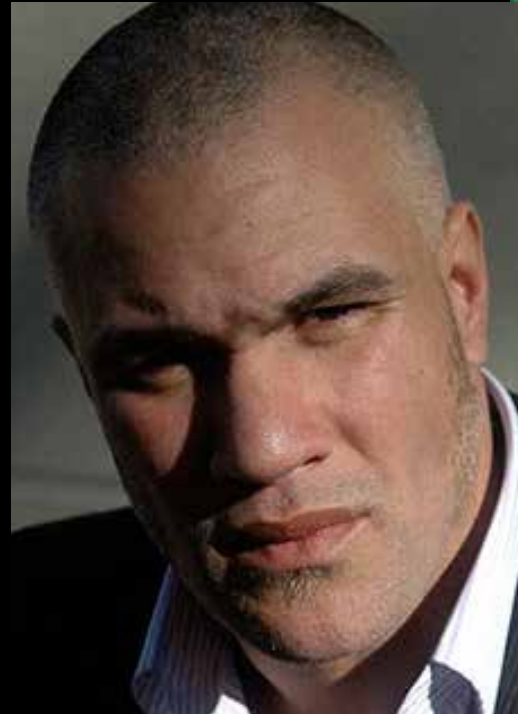
FEATURED SPEAKER

Mat Johnson

Author and Graphic Novelist

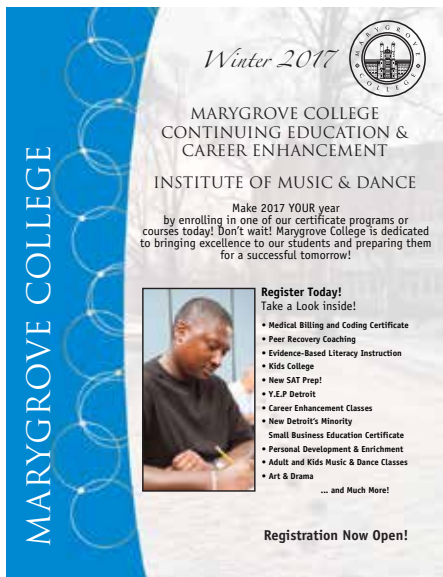
Friday, April 7, 2017

MARYGROVE COLLEGE, MADAME CADILLAC BUILDING
8425 WEST MCNICHOLS ROAD, DETROIT, MI 48221



We are pleased to announce award-winning author and graphic novelist Mat Johnson as the featured guest at the 2017 Contemporary American Authors Lecture Series (CAALS) on Friday, April 7. Since 1989, Marygrove has brought nationally-known authors to its campus for a public lecture and seminar. The 8:00 p.m. Lillian and Don Bauder Lecture and book signing are free of charge and open to the public. In addition to the public reading, Mr. Johnson will teach a class for high school students on April 7 at 10:00 a.m.

Johnson is the author of "The Great Negro Plot," a work of nonfiction, and four novels including "Drop," which was listed among the Best Novels of the Year by Progressive Magazine and included in Barnes & Noble's Great New Writers selection. In addition to winning the Zora Neale Hurston and Richard Wright Legacy Award for Novel of the Year for "Hunting in Harlem," Johnson has also authored four graphic novels including the five-issue limited series "Hellblazer Special: Papa Midnite." For information about sponsorship opportunities for the 2017 event, contact Susan Smith, 313-927-1594 or ssmith16@marygrove.edu. For more information or to schedule an interview with Mat Johnson, contact Renée Ahee, 313-927-1438 or rahee@marygrove.edu. You may also visit: <http://english.marygrove.edu/caals.html>.



NEW CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES TO DEBUT IN JANUARY

In January, Marygrove will again offer a number of continuing education courses, workshops, and certificate programs in:

- Peer Recovery
- ESL and ELL
- Basic American Sign Language
- Professional Readiness Writing and Math for Educators
- Grant Writing
- Entrepreneurship, Literacy, Math, and SAT Preparation for Students

We will also debut our New Detroit Small Business and Medical Coding and Billing certificate programs. For more information, please pick up a brochure on campus in MC 125, contact Theresa A. Jordan at (313) 927-1261 or tjordan@marygrove.edu, or visit <https://www.marygrove.edu/academics/continuing-education/continuing-education-overview.html>.

LAST CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE 2017 ALUMNI DIRECTORY!

As many of you know, Publishing Concepts Inc. (PCI) is putting the final touches on the first official Marygrove alumni directory since 2002! We want to ensure that you stay connected with your alma mater and each other, so if you would like to participate in this project—or you have already chosen to participate, but need to make changes to your contact information—please know that the last date for updates will be February 9, 2017!

To request changes, please call 1-877-509-5323.

If you have any questions about your existing orders or have already called to update and simply wish to place an order, you can contact Publishing Concepts Inc.'s customer service department by calling 1-800-982-1590 or emailing customerservice@publishingconcepts.com.

HELP US CONTINUE TO BUILD THE MARYGROVE LEGACY

Our alumni contribute to the Marygrove legacy in a variety of ways. Some of you support our community by serving on committees, mentoring students, or lending a hand to maintain the beauty of our campus. Others of you, like the Washingtons (See Page 15), do your part to increase enrollment simply by spreading the word about the merits of a Marygrove education.

We want to thank you for your contributions and remind you that in addition to volunteering your time at Marygrove, we also welcome your monetary donations. Every gift is important. Please help us continue to build the Marygrove legacy by contacting Janice Machusak, director of Alumni Relations/Alumni Annual Giving, at (313) 927-1443 or jmachusak@marygrove.edu, or visit marygrove.edu/giving.





Source: Heather Johnson

Volunteer-Dads Like Marygrove's **William Pugh** *Make a Difference in the Lives of Students*

At Detroit's Chrysler Elementary School, excellence is measured as much by its focus on safety and relationships as it is by academic success. Pass by 1445 E. Lafayette just before 8:00 a.m. on any given weekday morning and you will see living proof of this.

Chrysler Elementary is tucked into a compact area and Lafayette is a busy street. Yet thanks to the vigilance of volunteer-dads like Marygrove Assistant Athletic Director William Pugh '15, students are not only ensured safe passage to school, they're also guaranteed to start their day off with the reassurance of warm smiles, handshakes, a few words of encouragement, and perhaps the occasional instruction to look sharp by tucking in a loose shirt tail. When work allows, some dads even take their lunch breaks at Chrysler Elementary so that they can monitor recess and give teachers a break.

D.A.D.S., an acronym for Dedicated Actively Involved Dads who Support successful learning opportunities for all students, currently has seven volunteers. Some of them are police officers and truck drivers, others are social workers, mechanics, and personnel at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Regardless of their profession, these men all share a common goal, says Pugh: "to not only guarantee the safety of every Chrysler student, but to also uplift, inspire, and build meaningful relationships with them."

" The interactions and the relationships volunteer-fathers build with students is critical," says Pugh, who is president of the Chrysler Elementary D.A.D.S. Club and has dutifully kept an eye on students every morning for the last seven years. "Every volunteer-father has his own reason for participating in the program, but all of us share the belief that too many public schools lack male involvement. "



“Au Revoir, Not Good-bye”

HONORING FACULTY MEMBERS KWASEK, IVANOV-ERICSON, GODBOLDO, LUTOMSKI



Patricia Kwasek retired from the Psychology Department after serving as a half-time instructor since 1991, teaching courses ranging from introductory psychology to the senior seminar. In addition, she was program coordinator for the Social Science major and minor and a member and chair of the College’s Institutional Review Board.

Professor Kwasek was instrumental in developing the Ethnic and Cultural Studies minor and the certificates in African American Studies and Women’s Studies. With others, she developed and taught Psychology of Women and Global Women’s Issues, an interdisciplinary social justice seminar.

As a teacher, scholar, and activist, Professor Kwasek participated in Social Justice Master’s program. She was loved by the social justice students, and her contributions put an important mark on the program.

Pat Kwasek always has done more than was required of her. She threw herself into the academic and social life of the College, demonstrating intense commitment to its mission and dedication to its students.

She plans to continue to teach as an adjunct professor at Marygrove.





Jordeen Ivanov-Ericson, associate professor of Dance and chair of the Visual and Performing Arts Division, retired from Marygrove College after nineteen years including twelve years as the chair of the Dance Department and artistic director of the Marygrove College Dance Company (MCDC).

She came to Marygrove after a career as principal dancer with the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre under Nicolas Petrov and the Chicago Ballet, performing lead roles in the major works of the classical repertoire and original roles in contemporary works. She also appeared on Mister Rogers' Neighborhood.

At Marygrove, Professor Ivanov-Ericson reinvented the dance program, insisting on a conservatory-based program with courses and rehearsal schedules that prepare students for the challenging expectations of the professional dance arena. Her experience as a Premiere Danseuse (diva ballerina) inspired students as artists and professionals.

Devoting countless hours to rehearsals, off-campus performances, events, concerts, conferences, fundraising, and every dimension of the program, she transformed MCDC into a major force on the Detroit dance scene. It would be difficult to overstate her impact on our students, the dance faculty and staff, and the entire College.



Penny Godboldo, associate professor of Dance at Marygrove and former chair of the Dance Department, retired after thirty-six years at the College.

She received undergraduate and graduate degrees from Wayne State University and the University of Detroit respectively and trained at the Alvin Ailey American Dance School, the Broadway Dance Center, Steps Dance Studio, and the Martha Graham School in New York City. She mentored under Katherine Dunham and is Michigan's only certified instructor in the Dunham Technique.

Having researched traditional and religious dance in Brazil, Cuba, Haiti, Benin, and West Africa, Professor Godboldo led the dance program's expansion into ethnic, modern, and jazz idioms. She taught seventeen different courses including modern and jazz, art and spirituality, and dance and politics and arranged exchange visits between Marygrove's dance company and a company from Toyota, Japan.

Professor Godboldo organized the visits of master artists to Marygrove, among them Katherine Dunham, Arthur Mitchell, Ruby Dee, and Motown choreographer Cholly Atkins. She is heavily engaged in dance programs throughout the Detroit community. She has added breadth and depth to dance at Marygrove and throughout Detroit.



James Lutomski, associate professor of Art, retired from Marygrove after forty-two years, first as an adjunct instructor of art and eventually as a tenured full time faculty member, serving as chair of the Art Department. He also taught at several other Detroit area institutions.

After receiving BFA and MFA degrees, in sculpture and ceramics respectively, from Wayne State University, Professor Lutomski became a well-known ceramic artist, with work appearing in local and national exhibitions and in South Korea and Mexico. He also developed expertise in Japanese, Korean and Native-American ceramic techniques and in the use of environmentally-friendly glazes, often giving presentations on these topics around the state and nation.

At Marygrove, Jim was a popular teacher of ceramics, crafts, 3-D design, painting, drawing, and sculpture. Informal yet rigorous, his ceramics courses were perennial favorites among our students. Marygrove art major, Leo Kopack, considers him "an amazing guy. . . full of great stories, advice, and knowledge. He pushed me to better my work and continuously inspired me."

Jim is retiring in Colorado where he will continue to produce amazing art.

2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

AWARD CRITERIA



Celebrating 15 Years of Honoring Our Alums

The Marygrove College Distinguished Alumni Awards are honors bestowed by Marygrove College and the Marygrove College Alumni Association.

These awards have been established to recognize and honor alumni who have distinguished themselves and their alma mater.

Marygrove will mark the 15th anniversary of the Distinguished Alumni Awards in 2017! To date, 84 amazing alumni have been recognized for how they've lived out the Marygrove ideals of competence, compassion and commitment. There'll be a few more if YOU nominate them. And 2017 also marks the 90th anniversary of Marygrove in Detroit. These are pretty wonderful milestones. Let's celebrate them together.

As one of the more than 40,000 Marygrove alumni, you, too, know of friends and classmates who are also deserving of this award. That's why we've provided the nomination form for the 2017 Distinguished Alumni Awards. All living Marygrove College alumni who have earned undergraduate or graduate degrees are eligible for this award. Anyone is welcome to submit nominations and self-nominations are also accepted. The Alumni Association Advisory Council will review nominations and select the award recipients.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards celebrate the ideals of **competence** (the ability to understand and participate effectively in the promise of our evolving world), **compassion** (the capacity to care about and respect

the worth and dignity of people), and **commitment** (the will to act responsibly based upon one's beliefs and to contribute to the building of a more just and humane world), qualities that Marygrove has always tried to instill in its graduates.

These awards honor graduates who have made significant contributions and demonstrated leadership in any of the following areas:

- Professional, educational, or artistic endeavors
- The community through government service and/or civic organizations (such as Lions Club, City Planning Commissions, government committees, etc.)
- Political action, social justice or volunteer activities in schools, hospitals, etc.
- Marygrove College

Based on the number of qualified applicants, up to four awards will be given annually. For one of these awards, special consideration will be given to alumni who graduated within the last 15 years. All nominations will remain on file and will be reconsidered for two consecutive years.

The Distinguished Alumni Awards will be presented on Friday, September 15, 2017, at a special recognition event during Alumni Reunion Weekend.

Please make your nomination using the form below and include the required documentation.

You can also read about past award recipients at www.marygrove.edu. **Nominations are due by March 31, 2017.**

MARYGROVE COLLEGE 2017 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS

Three letters of recommendation. In addition to the nomination form, a letter from the nominator and two additional letters must be included. Letters of support may be written by the nominee, fellow alumni, family, friends, faculty, staff, students, or co-workers. **Please advise those writing letters to be as specific as possible as to why this person is being nominated and how he/she meets the criteria for the award. Be specific.** Name the organizations the person is or was involved with; state how his/her involvement has impacted the organization; describe how the nominee's involvement exemplifies Marygrove's ideals of competence, compassion, and commitment.

Supplemental documentation is strongly encouraged, e.g., vita, newspaper articles. Please return nomination form and letters of support no later than **March 31, 2017**, to:

Marygrove College
Distinguished Alumni Awards
8425 West McNichols Road
Detroit, Michigan 48221-2599

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name _____

Year of Graduation _____

Major _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____

Business Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

If you have any questions or need more information, contact Jan Machusak, director of Alumni Relations, at (313) 927-1443 or jmachusak@marygrove.edu

NOMINATOR INFORMATION

Submitted by _____

Street Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone () _____

Business Phone () _____

E-mail Address _____

If you are a Marygrove College alumna/us:

Graduation year and major _____

I have contacted the nominee to inform him/her of this nomination.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

The Marygrove Alumni Association has several opportunities to volunteer your time and talent to move our college forward. Join a committee! For example, you can write personal notes to new Marygrove students, help recruit new students or plan alumni programs and events. Find out what suits your fancy by reading about the committees and how you can make a difference. Then contact Jan Machusak, director of Alumni Relations, at jmachusak@marygrove.edu or (313) 927-1443 to sign up or to learn more.

ADMISSIONS/RETENTION COMMITTEE

In conjunction with the Office of Admissions, the Admissions/Retention Committee develops and implements strategies that utilize alumni in promoting and marketing Marygrove College to prospective and accepted students. This committee also works with the Student Affairs Department to implement strategies designed to increase student retention.

AFFINITY COMMITTEE

The Affinity Committee is responsible for assisting the Director of Alumni Relations/Annual Giving in cultivating donor relationships; coordinating fundraising efforts for the Alumni Association; assisting with college-wide fundraising initiatives; recognizing the accomplishments and/or significant events in the life of the alums; and in developing innovative strategies to bond alums with the College, with each other and with current students.

CAREER COMMITTEE

The Career Committee works closely with Career Services and the Alumni Director to provide support services, programs, and events for current Marygrove students and alumni that enhance market readiness, career development, and career networking for alumni of all ages.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

The Program Committee is responsible for developing and implementing programs designed to meet the needs of Marygrove's diverse alumni population. Activities may include community service, academic programming, social events and career mentoring.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

This committee is responsible for a proactive effort to source talented Marygrove Alumni to serve on the Board and its committees. The committee is responsible for presenting a slate of candidates annually for the Board of the Alumni Association, as well as focusing on the vibrancy of the Board over the long term.



ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Alumni Reunion Weekend 2017

celebrates the graduating classes of 1937, 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1982, 1987, 1992, 1997, 2002, 2007, and 2012; however, everyone, regardless of graduation year is invited and encouraged to attend.

Friday, September 15

Distinguished Alumni Awards Ceremony and Reception
7:00 - 10:30 p.m.
Marygrove College Theatre and Denk Chapman Hall

All alumni are invited to attend the award ceremony in the theatre and then enjoy refreshments and conversation at the reception that follows in Denk Chapman Hall.

Saturday, September 16

Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.
Madame Cadillac Building

Mass

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Chapel
Liberal Arts Building

Saturday, September 16 (continued)

Class/Group Pictures
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Liberal Arts Building Front Steps
Pictures will be taken of classes whose graduation year ends in 2 or 7 (1952, 1957, 1962 etc.) and of groups from the 80s through the present.

Lunch

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Alumnae Hall

Campus Showcase
2:15 - 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 17

Golden Jubilee Celebration Mass honoring the Class of 1967
11:00 a.m. - Noon
Sacred Heart Chapel
Liberal Arts Building

Brunch and Induction of the Class of 1967 into the Fifty Year Club and recognition of those who graduated prior to 1967
Noon - 2:00 p.m.
Main Dining Room
Madame Cadillac Building

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Mustang Report



Alumni and Friends, the Marygrove Mustangs are galloping into a new season of excitement. Below we've printed the game schedule of our Women's and Men's Basketball teams. It would mean a great deal to our student athletes to see have you out there rooting for them. Please know that you're all invited.

Go Mustangs!

Men's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Jan. 4	Concordia University	8 p.m.	Ann Arbor, MI
Jan. 7	Siena Heights University	5:30 p.m.	Adrian, MI
Jan. 11	Lawrence Technological University	3 p.m.	NWAC
Jan. 14	University of Northwestern Ohio	3 p.m.	Lima, OH
Jan. 18	Cornerstone University	8 p.m.	NWAC
Jan. 21	Lourdes University	3 p.m.	Sylvania, OH
Jan. 23	Washtenaw Community College	7 p.m.	NWAC
Jan. 25	Davenport University	8 p.m.	Grand Rapids, MI
Jan. 28	Aquinas College	3 p.m.	Grand Rapids, MI
Jan. 30	Rochester College	7 p.m.	Rochester, MI

Women's Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	Location
Jan. 4	Concordia University	6 p.m.	Ann Arbor, MI
Jan. 7	Siena Heights University	5 p.m.	Adrian, MI
Jan. 11	Lawrence Technological University	1 p.m.	NWAC
Jan. 14	University of Northwestern Ohio	1 p.m.	Lima, OH
Jan. 18	Cornerstone University	6 p.m.	NWAC
Jan. 21	Lourdes University	1 p.m.	Sylvania, OH
Jan. 25	Davenport University	6 p.m.	Grand Rapids, MI
Jan 28	Aquinas College	1 p.m.	NWAC

Dates and times are subject to change without notice. Home games, in **BOLD**, will feature a live stream at www.MarygroveMustangs.com/LIVE. Indoor sports take place at the Northwest Activities Center (NWAC) at 18100 Meyers, Detroit, MI.

HONORING ONE OF MARYGROVE COLLEGE'S "LEGACY FAMILIES"



Faith, Denzel, and Nina



Barbara and Denzel



Hope

What does it take to build a legacy? Marygrove has been building one for over 90 years and we can say without a doubt that much of our success in the city of Detroit can be attributed to "legacy families" like the Washingtons.

Denzel Washington, a junior and political science and business major, comes from a long line of Marygrove graduates. His mother Barbara Ann Washington ('76, '84), who began the family legacy, earned her bachelor's and master's degrees at Marygrove and still recalls with pride that began her educational journey at a time when African-Americans were severely underrepresented at many other institutions of higher education. The Washington-Marygrove tradition continued with Denzel's sisters Faith, Hope, and Nina—then with three of his cousins and two of his sisters-in-law.

"Mom earned two degrees at Marygrove College and after that, she became an educator," says Denzel, "so as you can imagine, education was extremely important to her—and it became just as important to our family."

Detroit and the surrounding area have no shortage of colleges and universities to choose from, yet the Washingtons continue to build their legacy here in northwest Detroit. Why? According to Denzel, "Marygrove has that extra 'thing'—something that, unlike other colleges, makes campus feel like a home away from home."

The "thing" that makes Marygrove feel like home for so many of us is often elusive and hard to articulate. Perhaps that is because what makes Marygrove special cannot be whittled down to a single thing. When you speak to Denzel, however, it is immediately apparent that his mentors, professors like Dr. Frank Rashid, have much to do with his love for Marygrove. "Dr. Rashid isn't just a professor," says Denzel, "he's a friend, the kind of guy that always has his office door open to students...someone who pushes me intellectually and never accepts anything but my best."

The big question: Will the Washington-Marygrove tradition continue after Denzel and his sisters walk across the stage and accept their diplomas? "Absolutely," says Denzel. "Our family's bond with Marygrove is strong and I don't ever see that changing."

Tell us about your legacy family – contact towertimes@marygrove.edu.



MARYGROVE DEBUTS THREE ONLINE BUSINESS DEGREES

With the Winter '17 semester, Marygrove began offering three new online degrees: a Bachelor in Business Administration with a concentration in Management; Bachelor of Arts in General Business and Bachelor of Arts in Business with a concentration in Marketing.

These new programs are offered completely online and have been designed for those interested in breaking into business, management or marketing, or advancing in their current business careers.

To learn more about Marygrove College's online BBA or BA in Business degrees, visit www.marygrove.edu, call (313) 927-1240, or email admissions@marygrove.edu.

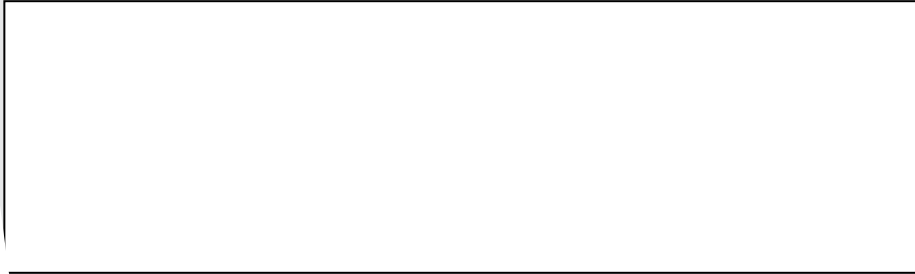




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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH 31

Deadline for Distinguished Alumni Nominations

APRIL 7

Contemporary American Authors Lecture

SEPTEMBER 15-17

2017 Alumni Reunion Weekend